

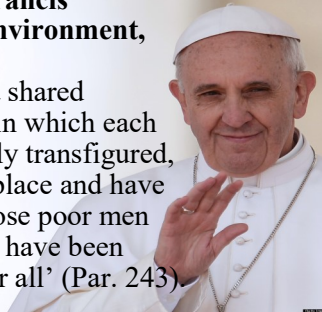


Mass Intentions

Sun: 10.00 am Maria O'Connor (Anniv)
 12.00 pm May Nichol (Anniv)
 Wed: 10.00 am Estelle Hogan and Peg
 Harrison (Anniv)
 Thur: 10.00 am Special Intention

Quote from Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment, Laudato Si

'Eternal life will be a shared experienced of awe, in which each creature, resplendently transfigured, will take its rightful place and have something to give those poor men and women who will have been liberated once and for all' (Par. 243)



Distribution of Holy Communion

We would ask the four people seated in the two seats against the back wall of the church to remain in their places for Holy Communion. The Minister of the Eucharist will bring you Holy Communion first. We would like everyone in the main body of the church to come to priest or Minister of the Eucharist seat by seat and side by side, beginning with Our Lady's side of the church. If you are in the Gallery, please remain in your place and Holy Communion will be brought to you.

Leaving the church after Mass

When Mass is finished, people in the Gallery are asked to leave the church first by the front door, before those in the main body of the church leave by the front door. People are also welcome to leave the church by the side door in Saint Anthony's chapel at their convenience.

Holy Communion to the Housebound

If you know of anyone who would like the Eucharist brought to them, please let Fr Martin know (8338575) or contact the Parish Office (8334606).



Call for more Stewards

Many thanks to all who responded to our call for stewards, a vitally important ministry at this time. We would welcome more stewards.

There is a sheet in the front porch after all the Masses on Sunday where you can leave your contact details. The commitment is to one Mass, one Sunday in three or four. Please consider volunteering for this important parish ministry.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Collection



The Society of SVP hope to take up their outdoor collection again after all the Masses on the first weekend of September. In the meantime, if you wish to contribute to their work, you are welcome to leave your offering in the letterbox of Fr Martin, 186 Clontarf Road. Alongside their other work, the local conference is now attending to some people who are living in tents on the promenade not far from our parish church. They are always available to assist people who have been affected by unemployment or any other issues associated with the current Covid 19 pandemic. Please phone Kieran or Padraic at 083-3843741 to discuss in confidence how they can help with domestic expenses.

May they rest in peace

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of those who were buried from our parish church in the month of July. May the Lord grant them eternal rest and peace: Eileen O'Mahoney, Lorna Dowling and Anna Collins.

Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady

Saturday, 15th August, is the feast of the Assumption of our Lady. Masses for the feast in Saint John the Baptist church are at 6.00 pm on Friday, 14th August, and 10.00 am on Saturday, 15th August. This feast celebrates Mary's sharing in the risen life of her Son in a way that is unique to her among the human race. The church has always believed that just as Jesus' earthly body did not remain in the tomb after he rose to new life but was transformed in a glorious way, so too Mary's body underwent the same glorious transformation at death. In the words of the

Numbers at Mass

Following government guidelines, we can only accommodate 50 people in the main body of the church. We can also place 12 people in the gallery, or a little more if there are family units. Having less than 70 at Mass is only a third of our usual congregation. Inevitably, we will be turning people away, especially at the 12.00 pm Mass where the numbers tend to be bigger. Apologies to all who do not access to Sunday Mass. It is one of the unfortunate consequences of the present pandemic. Holy Communion will be distributed at 1.00 pm.

Coronavirus
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Baptisms

We welcome into the Christian community the children who are to be baptized in our parish church this month of August: Ellen Browne, Rian Mac Aodhagáin, Ben Browne, Ben Farrell, Lauren Gallagher,

Use of Missalettes

Some parishes have abandoned the use of Missalettes in these Covid times. We are continuing to make them available at Mass. However, we would ask parishioners who have used Missalettes during Mass to take them home with them, rather than leaving them in the church for others.

First and Second Sunday Mass Collection, August 1/2

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend came to €790 and the second collection for Share came to €350. I am very grateful for your continued contribution to both of these collections in these uncertain times. Fr Martin

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MASSES

St John the Baptist

Mon - Sat : 10.00 am, 6.00 pm (V),
 Sundays: 10.00 am., 12.00 pm
St Gabriel's: Sat (Vigil) 5.00pm
 Sunday 10.30 am and 6.00 pm
St Anthony's: Sat 5.30 pm (Vigil)
 Sunday 10.00 am, 11.30 am

CONFESSIONS

After the 10 a.m. Mass on Sat and after the 10 a.m Mass on the Thurs before the First Friday

BAPTISMS

On the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11.00 am and the 3rd Saturday of each month at 12 noon

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Parish Office Opening Hours

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