

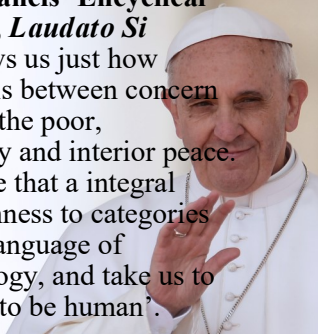


Mass Intentions

Sat : 6.00 pm Sean Lynch (Anniv)
 Sun: 10.00 am Sr Breege Boyle (Rec Dec)
 12.00 pm Paricia Andrews, Ann
 O'Mahony Clarke (Annivs)
 Mon: 10.00 am Detta Walsh (RIP)
 Tues: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Wed: 10.00 am Michael Clyne (Rec Dec)
 Thur: 10.00 am Des Cole (Rec Dec)
 Fri: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Sat: 10.00 am Special Intention

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

'Saint Francis... shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society and interior peace. Francis helps us to see that a integral ecology calls for openness to categories which transcend the language of mathematics and biology, and take us to the heart of what it is to be human'.



Parish Holy Hour

The first Holy Hour after the summer will be celebrated next Sunday, 20th September, at 7.30 pm. Some changes will have to be made in the light of Government Guidelines relating to Covid. There will be no lighting of calendars on the steps of the altar. There will be no participation sheets and no refreshments served afterwards. However, it will remain a time of prayerful reflection for all.

Tax Refunds on Parish Donations

For every donation of €250 or more we receive annually from parishioners, we get back from Revenue a further third of the donation. For this to happen, parishioners need to fill in a CHY3 form every five years and return it to us. Many thanks to all who have already returned these forms. The money received from this source is a vital source of income for the parish.

Celebration of First Holy Communion

We will be celebrating First Holy Communion for the children Belgrove Schools on Saturday/Sunday, 26th/27th Sept at 2.00 pm in each of the three parish churches and for the children of Howth Road/Green Lanes Schools next Saturday, 19th Sept, at 2.00 pm in our parish church. Please keep these children in your prayers.



Family Mass

The 10.00 am Family Mass resumes will resume next Sunday, 20th Sunday. To comply with Government Guidelines relating to Covid, the children will remain in their seats for the homily and the Lord's Prayer. There will be no children's choir or offertory procession. All readings and prayers will be done from the Lectern. All children doing a reading or prayer will need to sit with their families in the front section of the church and enter by the side door. We are grateful to the Family Mass team who will continue to ensure the children are involved in this Mass

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

If you wish to contribute to Vincent de Paul Society, you can leave an offering in the letterbox of 186 Clontarf Road. If you need the assistance of the Society, please contact Kieran or Padraic at 083-3843741.



First and Second Sunday Mass Collection, Sept 5/6

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend came to €660 and the second collection for Share came to €390. Many thanks for your continued contribution to both of these collections.

Film Club

We are holding off on starting back the film club for the moment, due to Government restrictions on the numbers who can gather indoors. However, we will review the situation after the next Government announcement for the way forward, which is due shortly.

Work on our Parish Church

I think you will agree that the east side of the church, facing Vernon Avenue, is looking very well (Phase 3). Work has now commenced on Phase 4, which is the back of the church. However, in this phase, our funds only allow us to do the outside work on the walls and windows. We will also have to forego Phase 5, which is the sacristy/parish office area. The total cost for the work was higher than envisaged, because of unforeseen problems. As a result, we have had to borrow money from our neighbouring parishes. I would like to express my gratitude to Fr. Larry and the Finance Committee of Saint Anthony's parish for an interest free loan of €250,000. We will pay back the capital sum at a rate of €1,000 per month, beginning this month. Saint Gabriel's parish are selling a presbytery, and Fr Pat and his Finance Committee have promised us an interest free loan of €300,000 from the sale. They are not requiring us to pay back the capital sum. Without these considerable funds from our sister parishes, we would not have been able to complete Phase 3 or to do the outside work in Phase 4. It is an expression of inter parish co-operation at its best.

Fr Martin

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next meeting of the PPC takes place on Monday, 21st September, at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. If any parishioner would like to place an item on the Agenda, please mention it to Fr. Martin, Fr. John, Liam Nolan, the chairperson, or to any other member of the PPC. Depending on Government guidelines, it may take place in reality or be a Zoom meeting.

Missalettes

We would be grateful if those who use Missalettes could take them home with them after Mass, rather than leaving them behind for others.

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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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