



Mass Intentions

Sat : 6.00 pm Eileen McCormack (Anniv)
 Sun: 10.00 am Maura & Ernie Tracey (An)
 12.00 pm Eamon Woods (Anniv)
 Mon: 10.00 am Bridie Ryan (Rec Dec)
 Tues: 10.00 am Helen Nuding (Rec Dec)
 Wed: 10.00 am Fr Connla O Dulaine (Rec Dec)
 Thur: 10.00 am Letty Perez (Anniv)
 Fri: 10.00 am ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD
 Sat: 10.00 am Mick Mahoney (Rec Dec)

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

'Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another. Each area is responsible for the care of this family.' (Par. 42).



Lenten Talks

Following on from the much appreciated talks after 10.00 am Mass in May/June and in October/November, there will be a series of seven Lenten talks on Wednesdays after the 10.00 am Mass. The first two talks will be given by Fr Dermot Mansfield SJ, who gave us an inspiring series of talks on John Henry Newman last May. His first talk is on Wednesday, 10th February and is entitled, 'Beauty as a way to God', and his second talk is on Ash Wednesday, 17th February and is entitled, 'Goodness and Truth as ways to God'. All the talks will begin at about 10.45 a.m. and conclude at 11.20 a.m.

YCD Connected – Bringing Young People Together

The Young Church Dublin invites young people to join their connected group for Young Adults (20's to 30's). They meet online every Wednesday, from 8.00 to 9.00 p.m., for some time of fellowship, reflection on Scripture and prayer together. The meeting provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. please email: kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie

Accord Dublin's Annual Collection

This collection will take place on the weekend of 13th/14th February. With counselling agencies of all sorts anticipating a 'tsunami of demand' and Garda sources reporting a large increase in domestic violence ('violence has gone home'), it is clear that there is a great need for Accord's services in our communities. To enable Accord's services to meet the demand, your support is needed. Parishioners can contribute online at www.accorddublin.ie or by post to Accord Dublin, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3 or by bank transfer to ACCORD Dublin Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG, Bank of Ireland, 88 Lower Camden Street, Dublin 2. IBAN: IE27 BOFI 9001 1357 0742 03; BIC: BOFIE2D.

Lenten Zoom Prayer Group

We hope to have a gathering of a Prayer Group for the Thursdays of Lent via Zoom, beginning on Thursday, 18th February and concluding on Thursday, 25th March. The meetings will begin at 7.30 p.m. and conclude by 8.30 p.m. We will base our prayer on passages of Scripture appropriate to the season of Lent, such as the gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent. You will need to download the Zoom App to participate. If you would like to join this group, please email Anne Curtis, a member of the Parish Pastoral Council, at annecurtis234@gmail.com before Thursday, 11th February.

New Mobile Camera

If you go to 'Watch us Live' on our Website, there is a new option underneath the screen, called 'Mobile Camera'. This enables me to broadcast live to the Webcam from the presbytery or anywhere there is a Wi-Fi connection. Morning/Evening Prayer will continue to be prayed in the parish church at 9.30 a.m./5.30 p.m. for now. These prayers will also be live on Facebook at these times. However, Night Prayer from the presbytery will now also be live on the Parish Webcam on the Mobile Camera, as well as on Facebook. Fr Martin

Sunday Mass Collection, Jan 23/24 The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €390. and the second collection for Share was €305.

Do this in Memory Programme

The *Do this in Memory Programme* is a Parish based programme that supports parents and their children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion. There is a monthly Mass with a special focus on the first Holy Communion children. The 10.00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, 7th February, will be the first of these Masses in our own parish church. A couple of children and their parents will be present to represent the larger group

In need of a listening ear?

Many parishioners are finding this third lockdown the most difficult of all. We are all feeling weary of the restrictions at this stage. We are worried about the greater transmissibility of the new strain of the virus. The light at the end of the tunnel seems to recede at times as the Vaccine isn't happening as quickly as people would like. If you feel like a chat over the phone (as most people prefer not to meet up at present), don't hesitate to phone me at 8338575 or 0879721213. Also members of the Parish Bethany Support Group would be happy to hear from you. You can phone Bernadette at 0876445309, Fr Martin

Feast of the Week: Presentation of the Lord

Tuesday, 2nd February, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. On this feast, we recall the gospel passage from Luke where the young married couple, Mary and Joseph, present their young child to the Lord in the Temple of Jerusalem. There they met the elderly Simeon who proclaimed their child to be a 'light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel'. In recognition of Jesus as God's 'kindly light' (John Henry Newman), we traditionally bless candles on this day.

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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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