

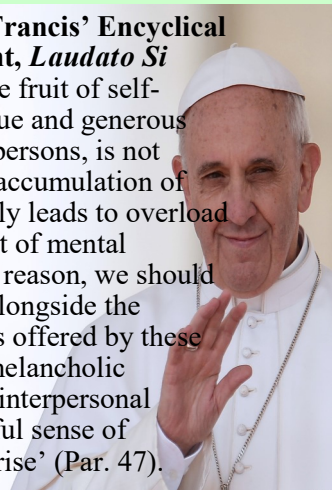


Mass Intentions

Sat : 6.00 pm Elizabeth Dolphin (Anniv)
 Sun: 10.00 am Jim & Maureen Barrett (An)
 12.00 pm Austin Stack (Anniv)
 Mon: 10.00 am Dick Barrett (Anniv)
 Tues: 10.00 am Sr Fatima & Sr Mary Coleman
 Wed: 10.00 am Annie & Tom Byrne (Anniv)
 Thur: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Fri: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Sat: 10.00 am Special Intention

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

'True wisdom, as the fruit of self-examination, dialogue and generous encounter between persons, is not acquired by a mere accumulation of data which eventually leads to overload and confusion, a sort of mental pollution... For this reason, we should be concerned that, alongside the exciting possibilities offered by these media, a deep and melancholic dissatisfaction with interpersonal relations, or a harmful sense of isolation, can also arise' (Par. 47).



Third Lenten talk, Wednesday, 24th February

The third in our series of seven Lenten talks will take place this Wednesday, 24th February after the 10.00 am Mass. Fr Con Casey C.Ss.R, will speak on 'Hope at the heart of Christian identity'. Dr Con Casey is the Associate Director of the Loyola Institute. His theological studies have taken him from Galway to Bangalore (India), to Rome and to Oxford.

Lenten Garden

You may have noticed that there is a Lenten Garden in front of the Altar where the crib was at Christmas. I would like to thank Clare and Pauline for their work in conceiving and creating the garden. We hope that it will become an Easter Garden during the Easter season. Fr Martin.

Lenten Programme in the three parishes

This Lent there are a number of offerings from the three parishes. In Saint Anthony's Church, every Tuesday a time of Prayer and Reflection will be led by Joe McDonagh and Ian Murphy, and every Friday there will be Stations of the Cross. Both are at 7.30 pm and accessible via their Parish Webcam. In our own parish, we have our series of Lenten talks every Wednesday after 10.00 am Mass and our Zoom Prayer Meeting every Thursday at 7.30 pm (email clontarfstjohns@gmail.com for the link). There will also be an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Sundays 21st February and 21st March at 7.30 pm. In Saint Gabriel's parish there will be a Reconciliation Service at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 24th March.



Parish Holy Hour

An hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will take place this Sunday, 21st February, at 7.30 pm, and will be accessible via the Parish Web Cam. We will be reflecting on

two passages from the gospel of Mark, one of which is the gospel for next Sunday, the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. This is a moment for quiet, meditative, prayer at the beginning of our week.

Mass for Confirmation children

Next Sunday in all three parishes, there will be a special focus on the candidates for Confirmation at the various family Masses. At our own 10.00 am Mass, two children and their parents will be present to represent the candidates for Confirmation in both of the Belgrove schools. Please remember to keep our Confirmation children in your prayers



Sunday Mass Collection, Feb 13/14: The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €135 and the second collection for Share was €90.

Message from Archbishop Dermot Farrell

The Archbishop has issued a recorded message to the parents of children due to receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. It expresses to them and to parish communities the broad approach that is being taken. There is no pressure to celebrate the sacraments by any given deadline. The Diocese is creating supports and resources for parishes to draw on in their accompaniment of families. The Archbishop's recorded message can be viewed at <https://youtube/XhHjlc23UWA>

TROCAIRE Trocaire Lenten Campaign

This year Trocaire's Lenten Campaign will focus on exploring the impact of conflict on families in South Sudan. This Lent, we are invited to reflect on the suffering of people who have lost their homes and loved ones to war, and how they are rebuilding their lives through love, friendship and solidarity. Parish resources are available at trocaire.org

Keeping in touch with people living alone

Lent is a time when we reach beyond ourselves to others. There may be someone living alone you could check in on in some way during these weeks of Lent. If you know of anyone living on their own who needs support you might contact Fr Martin at martghogan@gmail.com or the parish office at clontarfstjohns@gmail.com Some of the housebound may like to receive Holy Communion and Fr Martin is happy to visit them with the Eucharist. Others may need help with social media devices to enable them to connect with the parish webcam and website. A support person could be arranged for this. There may be others who would just appreciate a phone call. Please let us know if you think we can help in any way.

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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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