

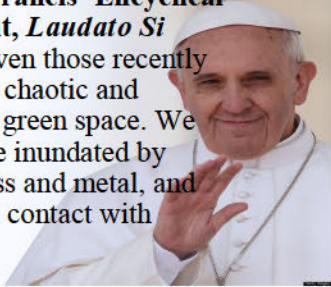


Mass Intentions

Sat : 6.00 pm Frank Linehan (Anniv)
 Sun: 10.00 am Liam Balfe (Anniv)
 12.00 pm Hugh Bermingham (Anniv)
 Mon: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Tues: 10.00 am May Ennis (Rec Dec)
 Wed: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Thur: 10.00 am Ciaran Meany (Rec Dec)
 Fri: 10.00 am Edward Rice (Anniv)
 Sat: 10.00 am Teresa Rice (Anniv)

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

'Neighbourhoods, even those recently built, are congested, chaotic and lacking in sufficient green space. We were not meant to be inundated by cement, asphalt, glass and metal, and deprived of physical contact with nature.' (Par. 43).



Feast of the Week

Next Thursday, 11th February is World Day of the Sick and the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. On this day in 1858, Our Lady first appeared to the fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubiros. Later, Bernadette was to hear that the mysterious lady was the Blessed Virgin and to hear from her lips, 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick to be held on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next meeting of the PPC takes place on Monday, 15th February, at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom. 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.



Accord Dublin's Annual Collection

This collection will take place next weekend of 13th/14th February. With counselling agencies of all sorts anticipating a 'tsunami of demand' and a large increase in domestic violence, there is a great need for Accord's services. 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 form a Prayer Group for the Thursdays of Lent via Zoom, beginning on Thursday, 18th February. The meetings will begin at 7.30 p.m. and conclude by 8.30 p.m. We will base our prayer on Scripture passages appropriate to 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 this 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 us to broadcast live to the Webcam from outside the Parish Church. Morning/Evening Prayer will continue to be prayed in the parish church at 9.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. for now and will also be live on Facebook. Night Prayer from the presbytery will now also be live on the Parish Webcam via the Mobile Camera, as well as on Facebook. Fr Martin

Sunday Mass Collection, Jan 30/31

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €360 and the second collection for Share was €180.

Do this in Memory Programme

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

SeniorLine

SeniorLine is Ireland's national confidential listening service for older people provided by trained older volunteers. This peer-to-peer aspect of the service is greatly appreciated by callers who know they are speaking to another older person who will understand. Seniorline is modelled on an Italian project where older people began befriending older city neighbours. It offers a similar support service by telephone. It is open every day from 10.00 am to 10.00 pm. Freephone 1800804591

Lenten Talks

There will be a series of seven Lenten talks on Wednesdays after the 10.00 am Mass, beginning this Wednesday, 10th February, and concluding 25th March. The first two talks will be given by Fr Dermot Mansfield SJ, who ministers in Saint Gabriel's Parish. His first talk is entitled, 'Beauty as a way to God', and his second talk on Ash Wednesday, 17th February, 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.

Parish Book Club

The next meeting of the Parish Book Club is on Thursday, 18th February, via Zoom from 4.00 to 5.00 pm. We are reading *Irish Jesuits in Penal Times, 1695-1811*, by Thomas J. Morrissey SJ, an Irish Jesuit priest, who is an educationalist, historian and author. If you would like to attend, please let me know and I will forward the Zoom link,

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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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