

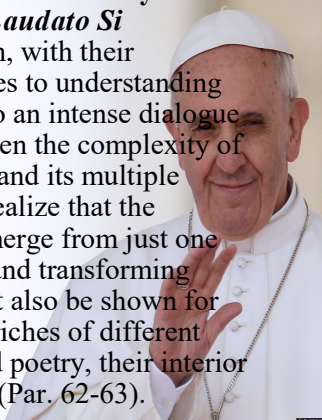


Mass Intentions

Sat : 6.00 pm Celia Hogan (Anniv)
 Sun: 10.00 am Mary McAdams (Anniv)
 12.00 pm Ned O'Flaherty (Anniv)
 Mon: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Tues: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Wed: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Thur: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Fri 10.00 am Special Intention
 Sat: 10.00 am Eileen Behan (Rec Dec)

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

'Science and religion, with their distinctive approaches to understanding reality, can enter into an intense dialogue fruitful for both. Given the complexity of the ecological crisis and its multiple causes, we need to realize that the solutions will not emerge from just one way of interpreting and transforming reality. Respect must also be shown for the various cultural riches of different peoples, their art and poetry, their interior life and spirituality' (Par. 62-63).



Parish Podcasts: We have three young people on our PPC, Jack, Robin and Giulia. Together with another member of the Council, Teresa, they have formed a Communications sub-committee. At the recent meeting of the PPC they reported on Podcasts they have been making. These are audio interviews relating to various aspects of Parish life. Four Podcasts are almost ready with more in the pipeline, an interview with the First Holy Communion children, one with some members of the parish Peace and Justice group, another with a member of the Parish Film Club and one with a member of the Parish Bethany Bereavement Group. They will all be worth listening to and will soon be accessible on our Parish Website.

Holy Communion to the Housebound

If you know of any parishioner who is confined to their home and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office (8334606) or Fr Martin (8338575).

Vocations Sunday

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, speak to your local priest or Diocesan Vocations Director, or email the National Vocations Office: email: info@vocations.ie

Zoom Prayer Meeting

The Zoom prayer meeting continues every Thursday at 7.30 pm. It is an hour of prayer, based on the gospel reading for the following Sunday. If you would like to attend, please email the parish office and we will send you on the Zoom link.

Pope's message for Vocations Sunday, 25th April

In his message for Vocations, Pope Francis offers Saint Joseph as a model for all members of the clergy and religious. He says, 'Saint Joseph is an extraordinary figure, not because of any astonishing charism or special status, but because he accomplished extraordinary acts of service in his daily life'. 'God looks on the heart,' he said, 'and in Saint Joseph God recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines... Vocations have the same goal of begetting and renewing the lives of others'.

Using the Webcam to keep in touch: Important notes:

You can view the webcam via our parish website www.stjohnsclontarf.ie Alternatively go to www.churchmedia.tv You can view the webcam on any mobile device. Should you have issues on devices such as iPad/Tablet please use Google Chrome as your browser to view the web camera as Safari is not supported. On Laptop or PC use either www.stjohnsclontarf.ie or alternatively go to www.churchmedia.tv If you continue to experience issues please contact churchmedia directly via email on info@churchmedia.tv or Tel: +44 28 8773 8494

Sunday Mass Collection

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €415 and the second collection for Share was €150. Many thanks for your continued contribution to both collections in these financially demanding times. You can make use of the special envelopes in the church porch or you can avail of the Donate button on the Parish Website.

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 this Sunday will be the fourth of these Masses in our own parish church. A couple of children and their parents will be present to represent the larger group.

Feast of the Week, Saint Catherine of Siena, Thursday, 29th April

Catherine was one of the great mystics of the church. She was born in 1347 and died in 1380, at the age of thirty three. At a young age, she decided to give herself to the Lord. Rather than joining a religious order, she became a Dominican tertiary. After a three year period of prayer and seclusion she set about serving her neighbours, distributing alms to the poor, ministering to the sick and to prisoners. After a profound mystical experience she had a sense of Christ calling her to serve the wider world and universal church. Catherine's mysticism did not withdraw her from the world; she was deeply involved in what was happening in Europe and in the church in her time. She persuaded Pope Gregory XI to return to Rome from Avignon, insisting that the Pope's place was beside the bones of the martyrs.

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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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