

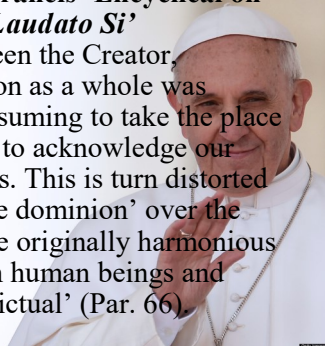


Mass Intentions

Sat : 6.00 pm Colette Curran (Anniv)
 Sun: 10.00 am Maura Maunsell (Rec Dec)
 12.00 pm Denis Bates (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 ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD
 Sat: 10.00 am Special Intention

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

'The harmony between the Creator, humanity and creation as a whole was disrupted by our presuming to take the place of God and refusing to acknowledge our creaturely limitations. This in turn distorted our mandate to 'have dominion' over the earth. As a result, the originally harmonious relationship between human beings and nature became conflictual' (Par. 66)

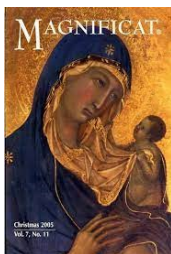


Ministry of stewarding

Many thanks to all our stewards who have continued their ministry. We need some new stewards at Sunday Masses. If you are willing to help the occasional Sunday in this vital ministry, please contact the parish office or Fr Martin or Fr John.

Catholic Literature

The Catholic literature has been moved from the back of the church to the side chapel. The Catholic Truth Society stand is full of booklets that help us to reflect on our faith. The second stand contains other literature, including the monthly Magnificat booklet which has all the Mass readings for the month. Catholic newspapers and periodicals like the Irish Catholic and the Tablet are to be found on the table between these two stands.



Building Hope

The Archbishop has established a taskforce, entitled 'Building hope', of people drawn from a wide variety of backgrounds. The task force seeks to engage with the whole Diocesan family as together we try to discern a pastoral strategy appropriate to our times. An online form has been sent to Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Committees inviting them to contribute ideas regarding the pastoral future of the Diocese. Priests of the Diocese have been consulted separately. There will soon be an opportunity for all parishioners to submit their own ideas through an online form, having discussed the questions on the form with other family members and friends. Everyone is invited to express their views.

Numbers at mass

Regrettably, we have had to turn away some people from Sunday Mass because we reached our maximum capacity. None of us want to do this. Yet, we are restricted by government guidelines to no more than 50 people in the church or in each section if the church can be divided into sections. We have one large section which can hold 50 and two smaller sections (the front block of seats and the gallery). Maximizing those two smaller spaces allows for about another 40 people, or 90 in all, which is smaller than our usual congregation. Hopefully, we will soon be allowed to accommodate more people.

Call for church cleaners

We need some more people to give the tops of the benches in the church a quick clean with a sanitized cloth after the Sunday Masses. If you are willing to join the team of cleaners please let Clare or Bernadette or know.

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

Sunday Mass Collection, 22nd/23rd May

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €654 and the second collection for Share was €280. 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 final Mass with a focus on the first Holy Communion children will be celebrated at 10.00 a.m. next Sunday, 6th June, the feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord. Several families of children and their parents will be present to represent the larger group. Many thanks to Deirdre Ward, our Sacramental Co-ordinator for her great work in organizing these Masses.



Feast of the Week

Monday, 31st May is the feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast recalls Mary's visit to Elizabeth in Luke's gospel.

The meeting of these two pregnant women was a moment of grace for both of them. Elizabeth was graced because Mary was carrying the Lord in her womb. Mary was graced by Elizabeth declaring Mary blessed because of her child and because of her faith.

Parish Podcasts

The most recent podcast to go up on our website and on the various podcast platforms is an interview about the Parish Film Club. Click on the 'Our Parish' link on the Parish Website and then on the 'Parish Podcast' link. Many thanks to Jack, Robin, Giulia and Teresa for all their work in producing these podcasts. It is an exciting parish initiative.

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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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