

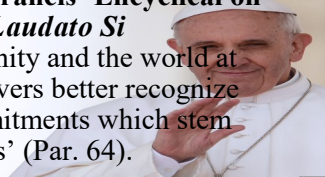


Mass Intentions

Sat : 6.00 pm John Hughes (Anniv)
 Sun: 10.00 am Special Intention
 12.00 pm Brendan Nichol (Anniv)
 Mon: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Tues: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Wed: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Thur: 10.00 am Peggy Doyle (Anniv)
 Fri 10.00 am Special Intention
 Sat: 10.00 am Margaret Kavanagh (M/Mind)

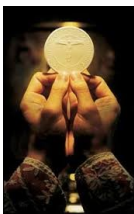
Quote from Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment, *Laudato Si*

'It is good for humanity and the world at large when we believers better recognize the ecological commitments which stem from our convictions' (Par. 64).



Welcome back!

We are delighted to welcome back our parishioners to public Mass from this Monday, 10th May. Myself and Fr John have greatly missed your presence in church. As we return, we will continue to try and keep each other safe. Please remember to wear a mask at all times while in church, and observe the need for two metres distance from others. Be sure to sanitize your hands as you enter the church. At Communion time, you will be asked to approach the priest or Eucharistic Minister one side of the church at a time, always coming up the centre aisle and returning by the side aisles. The Minister will go to those in the gallery.



Calling our Ministers of the Eucharist

Now that our churches will be open for public worship from this Monday, 10th May, we will need our Eucharistic Ministers. I hope some Eucharistic Ministers will be available to serve again at weekday and Sunday Masses. Please let Mary Costello know of your availability as soon as you can, so she can organize a roster. Many thanks, Fr Martin

The numbers who can come to Sunday Mass

As happened in December, we are allowed to divide the church into three sections. Each section has to have its own entrance and exit and there can be no movement between sections. We are treating the block of seats at the top of the church nearest the altar as a separate section to the rest of the main body of the church. Entrance to and exit from this section is only through the side door in St. Anthony's chapel. The remainder of the main body of the church is another section, with the front door as entrance and exit. We are also treating the Gallery as a section. This now gives us a minimum capacity of 80 to 90 people.

Calling our Stewards

Our first public Sunday Masses will be next weekend of May 15th/16th. We have been allowed to divide the church into sections, which means we can accommodate at least 80 to 90 people at Sunday Mass. If we are to do this safely, we will need a large team of stewards. Clare will be in touch with our stewards and we hope you will be available again. We will need some new stewards as well. If you are willing to help out the occasional Sunday in this important ministry, please contact the parish office or Fr Martin or Fr John. Without a sufficient number of stewards we won't be able to open up for public worship.

Celebrating First Holy Communion and Confirmation

The government has advised against celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation at this time. In response, the Archbishop has asked that First Confessions and First Holy Communion for this year be postponed until the Autumn. Ongoing engagement with the public authorities may make possible the celebration of First Holy Communion from last year and Confirmation for this year in the coming months.

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, 2/3 May

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €525 and the second collection for Share was €165. 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.

New Notice Board

We have a new notice board at the back of the church, which is reserved for notices and images relating to the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The table holding the Irish Catholic and other booklets is now in Saint Anthony's chapel, as is the Catholic Truth Society stand. We are getting a second stand to hold the little booklets that were usually placed in the central section of the old notice board.

Parish Holy Hour

The next hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will take place next Sunday, 16th May, at 7.30 pm. As we come towards the end of the Easter Season, we will be reflecting on the story of the appearance of the risen Lord to his disciples in chapter 20 of the Gospel of John.



Prayer for humility for Cantors, Soloists and Choristers

Lord, let me sing for you and not for

me; Lord, help me to be humble. Lord, let me lead others to sing for you and not for me; Lord, teach me to be humble. Lord, let me sing in the lowliest place in your heavenly choir; Lord, humble me. My voice, your gift, your servant, Lord. Amen. Thanks to Bryan Hoey, who sings at our 6.00 pm Vigil Mass, for sharing his prayer with us, Fr Martin

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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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