

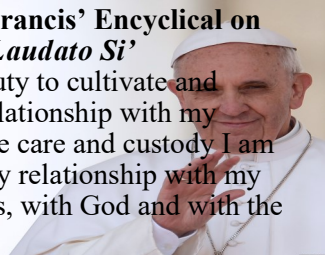


## Mass Intentions

Sat : 6.00 pm Bob Reid (Anniv)  
 Sun: 10.00 am Mary McCormack (Rec Dec)  
 12.00 pm Áine Elliott (Anniv)  
 Mon: 10.00 am Special Intention  
 Tues: 10.00 am Mella Canney (Rec Dec)  
 Wed: 10.00 am Special Intention  
 Thur: 10.00 am Special Intention  
 Fri 10.00 am Mella Canney (Rec Dec)  
 Sat: 10.00 am John Sullivan (Rec Dec)

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

'Disregard for the duty to cultivate and maintain a proper relationship with my neighbour, for whose care and custody I am responsible, ruins my relationship with my own self, with others, with God and with the earth' (Par. 70).



### Celebration of First Holy Communion

Parishes will be able to celebrate First Holy Communion from 5<sup>th</sup> July under new Government guidelines. We will be celebrating First Holy Communion on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> July,

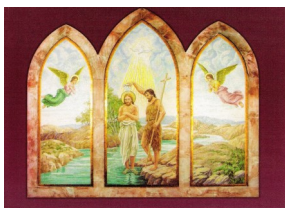
Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July in the three parish churches at 12.30 pm for the children who should have celebrated their First Holy Communion in May 2020. Please remember these children in your prayers.

### Extract from Archbishop's Homily on Feast of Saint Kevin (3<sup>rd</sup> June)

'The current parish system is not sustainable. The way we are Church in Dublin needs to evolve as the resources available no longer allow me to appoint priests, deacons and other pastoral ministers to meet the pastoral needs of every faith community. Moreover, the decreasing number of priests cannot limit themselves to an ever increasing number of sacramental celebrations. This situation requires decision and discernment to know what we bring with us from the past into the future'.

### Clothing Appeal for Fr William Stuart in Lebanon

Fr William Stuart, a native of Clontarf, has set up a school for Syrian refugee children living in Southern Lebanon. He is hoping that the three Clontarf parishes will contribute to a clothing collection for the children. He is looking for clothing for boys and girls aged between 3 and 16 including shoes (tied together with a label indicating size); hats and scarfs; towels and underwear. Personal toiletries are also very welcome, such as soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, hair brushes, sponges, sanitary towels and other personal hygiene materials. It would be very helpful if the items could be labelled according to item, age and gender (e.g. trousers, age 6/7, boys). Items can be left in Saint John the Baptist Parish Centre next Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> June, between 9.30 and 11.30 am.



### Saint of the Week

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, is the feast of the Nativity of the Birth of St John the Baptist, our parish feast. John the Baptist is the only saint whose *birth* the church celebrates with a solemn feast. Just as the light of the sun begins to make a comeback after darkness has reached its peak, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the light of the world. Just as the light of the sun begins to decrease, after reaching its peak, we celebrate the birth of the one who said, Jesus 'must increase, but I must decrease'.

### Parish Holy Hour

The next hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will take place this Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, at 7.30 pm. As next Friday is the feast of the birth of Saint John the Baptist, we will be reflecting on two gospel passages relating to his ministry.



### Sunday Mass Collection, 12th/13th June

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €710 and the second collection for Share was €300.

### Pareach: Parish Podcasts

Pareach is a podcast brought to you by the Parish Pastoral Council Communication Sub Committee. We reach out to share with our listeners some of our life and activities, as we celebrate our faith and strive to encounter with the Lord. We invite you to discover with us how faith is very much alive in our community. Thank you for joining us. You can listen to our podcasts by clicking on 'Our Parish' on the home page of the parish website and then on 'Parish Podcast'. You can also listen on Spotify, and hopefully very soon, on other Podcast platforms. New episodes will be released fortnightly. Please join us on this new initiative.

### Parish Pastoral Council meeting

The next meeting of the PPC is on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, via Zoom. It is a special meeting to address the questions on the online form that has been sent to all Parish Pastoral Councils inviting them to contribute ideas regarding the pastoral future of the Diocese.

### Summer Dues/Offering

The Common Fund of the Diocese, which is funded by the first collection at Sunday Mass and by the Christmas and Easter dues, is at an all-time low. The Archbishop feels that we need to build it up for the future. Parishes have been asked to introduce a 'Summer Dues' to help with this. Because parishioners have given so generously to the Christmas and Easter Dues, we are very reluctant to send a third Dues envelope to people's homes. However, if you are willing to contribute to this extra collection in support of the priests of the Diocese, you will find envelopes in the front porch of the church. 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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