

6.00 pm Essie Dillon (Anniv) Sat:

Also Tom Nesbitt (M/Mind)

Sun: 10.00 am Special Intention

12.00 pm Agnes & Colm Murphy (An)

Mon: 10.00 am Kevin Brasil (Anniv) Tues: 10.00 am Eileen O'Mahony (Anniv)

Wed: 10.00 am Special Intention Thur: 10.00 am Anne Owens (Anniv)

10.00 am ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

Sat: 10.00 am Special Intention

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

'A spirituality which forgets God as allpowerful and Creator is not acceptable. This is how we end up worshipping earthly power, or ourselves usurping the place of God, even to the point of claiming an unlimited right to trample his creation underfoot. The best way to restore men and women to their rightful place, putting an end to their claim to absolute dominion over the earth, is to speak once more of the figure of a Father who creates and who alone owns the world' (Par. 75).



Celebration of First Holy Communion

Parishes will be able to celebrate First Holy Communion from 5th July under new Government guidelines. We will be celebrating First Holy Communion on Monday, 5th July, Tuesday, 6th July and Wednesday, 7th 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. There will be an alternate date on the weekend of 18th September for parents and children who will be away at that time.

Saint of the Week, Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

Tuesday, 29th June, is the feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Peter, a fisherman from Bethsaida by the shore of the Sea of Galilee, was the leading member of the group of twelve that Jesus formed about himself. Paul, the zealous Pharisee and persecutor of the young church, became the great apostle to the Gentiles after the risen Lord appeared to him near Damascus. Both Peter and Paul gave their lives for their faith in the city of Rome. Their tombs immediately became places of pilgrimage and remain so to this day.

Finance Committee

The next meeting of the Finance Committee takes place this Wednesday, 30th June, at 7.30 pm via Zoom. Again, I would like to thank the Committee, under the able chairmanship of Eugene Gallagher, for overseeing the financial management of the parish in these challenging times for the parish's finances,

Death of Fr Gabriel Slattery

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Fr Gabriel Slattery who died recently. He was Parish Priest of Saint John the Baptist parish from 2001 to 2007. When I came to the parish, I found him a great support during my first four months here. May the Lord make his face to shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Fr Martin

Pathways: Exploring Faith and Ministry **Programme**

Pathways is a two year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course on Thursday evenings, run by the Diocese of Dublin in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Durmcondra Road. It begins on Thursday, 30th September 2021 (7.00 pm to 9.30 pm). Places are limited, so early application is advised. For more information, contact Pathways Director, Eileen Houlahan at 018087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie

Pareach: Parish Podcasts

The most recent parish podcast, available on the website, is an interview with Maura O'Looney about the work of the Legion of Mary in the parish and surrounding area.

Sunday Mass Collection, 26/27 June The first collection for the priests of the

Diocese last weekend was €715 and the second collection for Share was €315.



Fr Gareth Byrne moves on from our grouping of parishes. We wish Fr Gareth Byrne every blessing as he moves on from Saint Gabriel's

Parish, where he has given such great service for many years. He is also retiring from his role as the Director of the Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education in DCU. He has been appointed Moderator of the Curia in Archbishop's House. As the Archbishop settles into his new role, he will have a wise advisor at his side. Fr Gareth won't be replaced in St Gabriel's

Clothing Appeal for Fr William Stuart in Lebanon

Many thanks for the wonderful response to the clothing appeal from Fr William Stuart on behalf of Syrian refugee children in south Lebanon. Arrangements are being made to get them transported to Lebanon in early September.

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 decided not 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 : $10.\bar{0}0$ 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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