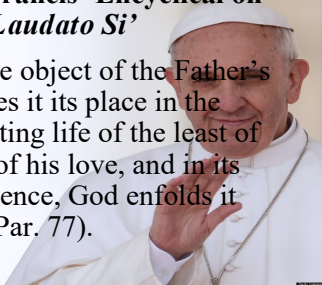


Mass Intentions

Sat : 6.00 pm John and Monica Clinton (An)
 Sun: 10.00 am Gretta & Sean Perdisatt (An)
 Also Jim & Pauline Bourke (A)
 12.00 pm Brigid Stack (Anniv)
 Mon: 10.00 am Beatrice Nesbitt (Rec Dec)
 Tues: 10.00 am Dermot O'Mahony (Anniv)
 Wed: 10.00 am Lolie Byrne (Rec Dec)
 Thur: 10.00 am Brendan Burke (Rec Dec)
 Fri : 10.00 am Kay Kearns (Rec Dec)
 Sat: 10.00 am Special Intention

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

'Every creature is the object of the Father's tenderness, who gives it its place in the world. Even the fleeting life of the least of beings is the object of his love, and in its few seconds of existence, God enfolds it with his affection' (Par. 77).



Celebration of First Holy Communions

First Holy Communion for last year's children were postponed again and are now scheduled for the weekend of 18th

September. We have invited parents to bring their child for his or her First Holy Communion to any of the weekday or weekend Masses in the three parish churches. We congratulate the children who are to make their First Holy Communion this weekend, Conon, Patrick, Robbie, Lydia, Eve and Etain.

Pathways: Exploring Faith and Ministry

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, Drumcondra 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 Eileen Houlahan at 018087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie

New World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis has introduced World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on next Sunday, 25th July, the Sunday closest to the feast of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, parents of Mary, grandparents of Jesus. We are invited to celebrate grandparents, elders, older priests and religious, who have given lives of dedicated service to their families and communities.

Extract from Pope's message on World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

'Even at the darkest moments, as in these months of pandemic, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us: "I am with you always". He says this to you, and he says it to me. That is the meaning of this Day, which I wanted to celebrate for the first time in this particular year, as a long period of isolation ends and social life slowly resumes. May every grandfather, every grandmother, every older person, especially those among us who are most alone, receive the visit of an angel!'

Prayer for Grandparents

'Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience'. (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)



Holy Communion to the housebound

If you know of anyone who is housebound and who would like someone to bring them Holy Communion on a regular basis, please contact Fr Martin or the Parish Office.

Sunday Mass Collection,

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €640 and the second collection for Share was €470.

Parish Rose Garden

The Rose Garden in St Anne's Park is rightly acclaimed as very beautiful. Yet, we have our own wonderful Rose Garden to the front of our church, thanks to the faithful and meticulous work of our gardener Tony Towell. We are all very grateful to him as we savour the many scents that grace the air to the front of the church.

I see his blood upon the rose, And in the stars the glory of his eyes, His body gleams amid eternal snows, His tears fall from the skies. (Joseph Mary Plunket)



Feast of the Week, Saint Mary Magdalene, 22 July

In the long tradition of the church, Mary Magdalene has been portrayed as the repentant sinner. This is largely due to her being mistakenly identified with the sinful woman who washed the feet of Jesus with her tears and dried them with her hair. There is no evidence to suggest that she was any more a sinner than the other disciples. According to the gospels, she stood by the cross of Jesus and with two other women discovered the empty tomb of Jesus. According to John's gospel, she was the first disciple to whom the risen Lord appeared and the first he commissioned to bring the Easter good news to other disciples. This led to her being given the title, 'apostle to the apostles'.

Summer Dues

We are very grateful to all our parishioners who have responded to the Summer Dues appeal that has come from the Archbishop. To date, over €5,000 has been contributed, which we have sent into the Diocese. It will go into the depleted Common Fund.

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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 and 3rd Saturday of each month at 12 noon.

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