

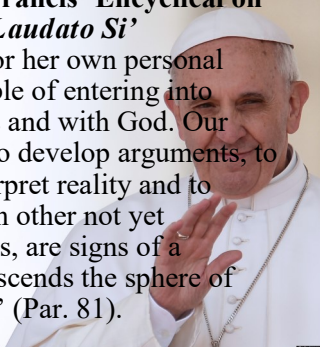


## Mass Intentions

Sat : 6.00 pm Gerard Fitzgerald (M/M)  
 Sun: 10.00 am Eleanor Loscher (Anniv)  
 12.00 pm Mick Dunne (Anniv)  
 Also Michael Smith (M/M)  
 Mon: 10.00 am Frances Fulham (Rec Dec)  
 Tues: 10.00 am Niamh Watters (Anniv)  
 Wed: 10.00 am Sharon Daul (Rec Dec)  
 Thur: 10.00 am Colm Henry (Rec Dec)  
 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'*

'Each of us has his or her own personal identity and is capable of entering into dialogue with others and with God. Our capacity to reason, to develop arguments, to be inventive, to interpret reality and to create art, along with other not yet discovered capacities, are signs of a uniqueness that transcends the sphere of physics and biology' (Par. 81).



### Meeting of Clontarf Men's Social Group

This group met in the Parish Centre on 20th July for the first time since before March 2020. It was lovely to see a group of eight men sitting around a table drinking tea and eating various scones and cakes and having a lively chat. They have already taken up their music sessions again. They always welcome new members. They will be gathering every Tuesday morning in the Parish Centre from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm, Fr. Martin



### May they rest in peace

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of those who were buried from our parish church in the month of July: Gerard Fitzgerald, Michael Smith, Beatrice Nesbitt Phil Dunlea, Mossie Donovan.

### Baptisms

We welcome into the Christian community the children who are to be baptized in our parish church this month of August: Darcey Mae, Cara Helena, Thomas Joseph, Luke Donall, Indie, Amelia Eileen and Luke Richard.

### Message from the local conference of Saint Vincent de Paul Society

The Society of St Vincent De Paul in Clontarf would like to remind people who have been affected by unemployment or any other issues associated with the current Covid pandemic that they are available to assist people. Please phone Kieran or Padraic at 0830275054 to discuss in confidence how they can help with domestic expenses. Contributions to the work of the Society can be dropped into the presbytery at 186 Clontarf Road.

### 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, Drumcondra Road. It begins on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (7.00 pm to 9.30 pm). Places are limited, so early application is advised. For more information, contact Pathways Director, Eileen Houlihan at 018087594 or [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie) Web: [www.evangelisation.ie](http://www.evangelisation.ie)

### 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.

### Pope's Prayer Intention for August

Each year, Pope Francis asks us to pray for a specific intention each month. His prayer intention for August is as follows: *Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.*

### Remaining work on our parish church to begin soon

Because of a loan from Saint Anthony's Parish and St Gabriel's Parish, the work on the church will resume in the next few weeks and be completed by Christmas. This includes work on the inside of the stained glass windows in the sanctuary, as well as the removal of the external cement render from the Sacristy/Parish Office extension. There were five phases to the work and we have completed three phases and most of phase four. It is great news that we are in a position to complete all five phases thanks to the generosity of our neighbouring parishes and individual parishioners. Fr Martin

### Feast of the Week, The Transfiguration of the Lord, 6<sup>th</sup> August

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> August, is the feast of the **Transfiguration of the Lord**. Jesus revealed his full identity to his disciples, opening their eyes to seeing him as they had never seen him before. In the gospels this extraordinary experience is located just prior to that final journey to the city of Jerusalem, where Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead. As the disciples began to travel with Jesus the way to the cross, they were being shown that beyond death Jesus would enter into his glory.



### Reflection on this Sunday's gospel reading

Jesus distinguishes between food that gives quick satisfaction and food that gives lasting nourishment. It is a mark of wisdom to be able to say 'no' to enticing but delusory attractions in order to choose things of lasting value. From your life experience what advice would you give to another about where things of lasting value are to be found? *John Byrne OSA Intercom Magazine*

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH PARISH NEWSLETTER 1st August 2021

### 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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