

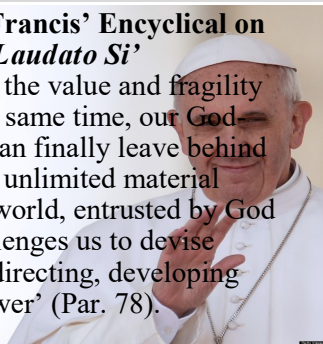


Mass Intentions

Sat : 6.00 pm Paddy Daly (Anniv)
 Sun: 10.00 am Joan Manning & Owen Cullen
 12.00 pm Catherine McAdams (Anniv)
 Mon: 10.00 am Attracta & Oliver McKeon (A)
 Tues: 10.00 am Mick Deans (Rec Dec)
 Wed: 10.00 am Frances Fulham (Rec Dec)
 Thur: 10.00 am Danny McCormack (Anniv)
 Fri 10.00 am Mary McCabe (Anniv)
 Sat: 10.00 am Teresa Byrne (Rec Dec)

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

'If we acknowledge the value and fragility of nature and, at the same time, our God-given abilities, we can finally leave behind the modern myth of unlimited material progress. A fragile world, entrusted by God to human care, challenges us to devise intelligent ways of directing, developing and limiting our power' (Par. 78).



Celebration of First Holy Communion this weekend

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

September. Meanwhile, 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, Harriet, Anna, Laura and Olivia.

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

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
 Pope Francis has declared this Sunday to be World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. It is the Sunday closest to the feast of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, parents of Mary, grandparents of Jesus, which is celebrated this Monday, 26th July. 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

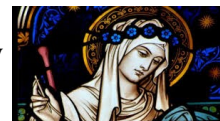
If you know of anyone who is housebound and who would like someone to bring them Holy Communion on a regular basis, please contact Fr Martin or the Parish Office.

Completion of work on our parish church

Because of a loan from Saint Anthony's Parish and St Gabriel's Parish, and a very generous bequest, we will soon be in a position to complete the work on the church. This includes work on the inside stone work and glass work 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.

Feast of the Week, Saint Martha, 29th July

Thursday is the Feast of Saint Martha. In the gospel of John, she is portrayed as the one to whom Jesus made that wonderful promise that has always sustained believers who have lost a loved one, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die'. In Luke's gospel, Jesus addresses her affectionately for being overly anxious in response to his arrival, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing'. Those words of Jesus can also speak to us when we allow ourselves to be weighed down unduly by the cares of life and fail to attend to his sustaining presence.



Return of Pilgrims to the Holy Land

The Patriarch of Jerusalem, Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa, has welcomed the first group of pilgrims to the Holy Land in over a year and a half, since Covid-19 restrictions were put in place, and he has renewed his invitation to return to the places of Jesus.

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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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