

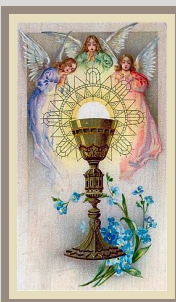


Mass Intentions

Sat : 6.00 pm Lorna Dowling (Anniv)
 Sun: 10.00 am John Long (Rec Dec)
 Also Elizabeth and Fred Tucker
 12.00 pm Michael O'Hanlon (Anniv)
 Mon: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Tues: 10.00 am Brigid Cardiff (Anniv)
 Wed: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Thur: 10.00 am Jim Carroll (Anniv)
 Fri 10.00 am Michael Quinlivan (Anniv)
 Sat: 10.00 am Jennifer O'Connor (Anniv)

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

'In the Judaeo-Christian tradition, the word "creation" has a broader meaning than "nature", for it has to do with God's loving plan in which every creature has its own value and significance. Nature is usually seen as a system which can be studied, understood and controlled, whereas creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand from of Father of all, and as a reality illumined by the love which calls us together into universal communion' (Par. 76).



Postponement of First Holy Communion

For the fourth time, children who were to make their first Holy Communion in May 2020 have had their special day postponed. Our hearts go out to them and to their parents, godparents and family. We have no choice but to cancel the planned first Holy

Communion Masses for this coming week. Government guidelines permitting, we hope to celebrate first Holy Communion for this group of children on the weekend of 18th September. Parents are also welcome to bring their child to make his or her first Holy Communion to any of the weekday or Sunday Masses. Just let the parish office or Fr Martin know in advance.

Building Hope Task Force: Invitation to Parishioners

Archbishop Farrell has set up a Task Force under the title of *Building Hope*. The Task Force is intended to support parish communities to undertake a radical renewal, looking to the future with creativity, enabling the Archdiocese of Dublin to act now, so as to give effective witness and service in the years ahead. You are invited to take part in this consultation. There is a video, a prayer and a form on the Dublin Diocese website - www.dublindiocese.ie

The Task Force Prayer

*Pilgrim God, We seek your way of loving kindness, to walk together as one family.
 Stay with us as we aim to follow in the footsteps of your Son.
 May your Spirit sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us as we journey. Amen.*



Peter's Pence Collection

The annual Peter's Pence collection takes place this weekend. It provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. It will replace the second collection for Share. You are aware of the growing needs, especially in mission countries, and the requests for aid that come from peoples, individuals and families in precarious conditions. Many expect Pope Francis to give them the support they often fail to find elsewhere. It replaces the Share collection.

End of Year Parish Accounts

A statement of the Parish Accounts to the year ending last December is now available in the front porch of the church. I would like to thank the members of the Finance Committee who have drawn up this statement and made it available to parishioners. You are welcome to take a copy home with you.

Mass for Frank Keely There will be a Mass in our parish church next Friday for Frank Keely, formerly of Vernon Avenue, at 7.00 pm, to facilitate those who were unable to attend his funeral in Peterswell, County Galway last May.

Sunday Mass Collection,

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €685 and the second collection for Share was €315.

New World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

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

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, Dúnmcondra 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 Houlihan at 018087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie Web: www.evangelisation.ie

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. 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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