

Mass Intentions

Sat : 6.00 pm Helen and Fran O'Dea (An)
Also Beatrice Nesbitt (M/M)
Sun: 10.00 am Laurence Nolan (Snr & Jnr)
12.00 pm Mary Finegan (Anniv)
Also Marie Brennan (RIP)
Mon: 10.00 am Special Intention
Tues: 10.00 am Breda & Seamus Kirwan (An)
Wed: 10.00 am Clodagh Rossi (Rem)
Thur: 10.00 am Matthew Kavanagh (An)
Fri 10.00 am Catherine Mullen (Rec Dec)
Sat: 10.00 am Special Intention

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

'Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us' (Par. 84).

First Holy Communions and Confirmations

We hope to celebrate this year's First Holy Communion and Confirmation and last year's First Holy Communion on the weekends of September 10/12, 17/19 and 24/26 in all three churches. The ceremonies will be celebrated on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 2.00 pm. Please keep the children in your prayers (and the priests!)



Clontarf Bereavement Support Group

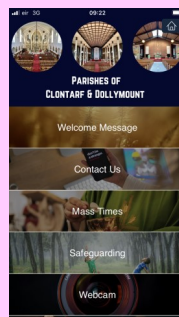
The Clontarf Bereavement Support Group is a voluntary ministry which aims to help the bereaved and grieving. We are a

small group of volunteers all trained to listen and to help. We are back on Saturday 18 September at 10.30am in St John the Baptist Parish Centre, Clontarf Rd to provide to those bereaved in our community. Bernadette on 087 6445309

Launch of Clontarf /Dollymount Parish App,

The Parish Pastoral Councils of the three parishes of Clontarf/Dollymount are delighted to announce that the Clontarf and Dollymount Parish App will be live from the weekend of 4th/5th September. It can be downloaded through both the Apple Store and Google Play Store.

The app will provide an easy link to the Parish Webcams for Masses and other Services. Contact details and Mass times for all three parishes will be in one place. There will be regular notices on events and activities in the parishes, as well as information on all the Sacraments. There will be details regarding the many parish groups that make up our three parishes.



Sunday Mass Collection, 14th/15th August

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €660 and the second collection for Share was €400. Many thanks for your continued contribution to both collections in these financially demanding times. You can make use of the special envelopes in the church porch or you can avail of the Donate button on the Parish Website

Feast of the Week: Saint Monica, 27th August

Next Friday, 27th August, is the feast of Saint Monica, the mother of St Augustine. She was born in North Africa in the year 332. Her husband lived a very immoral life. However, Monica's persistent witness to her faith eventually won him over and he was baptized a year before he died. Her son, Augustine, was an even bigger challenge. She turned to prayer and fasting on his behalf, hoping that they might succeed where arguments had failed. Augustine's spiritual search led him to Rome and then on to Milan. Monica followed her son, and it was in Milan that he announced to her that he wanted to become a Christian. After Augustine's baptism, Monica set out with him on the journey back to North Africa, but she died on the way, at Ostia, the port of Rome.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and Season of Creation

Wednesday, 1st September, is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*. He calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to reaffirm our personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation. It is the first day of the **Season of Creation** which continues until the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on the 4th October. This is an ecumenical season, shared by all the Christian traditions, dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

How to respond to the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

There are many ways to respond to Pope Francis' call to care for the gift of God's creation. Why not take some time out of your day on 1st September to walk in your local park or take a few moments to thank God for the flowers growing in your garden?

Clontarf Men's Social Group

This group for men meets in the Parish Centre every Wednesday morning from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. They meet over tea/coffee and various edibles. Every week they have a lively music session. They very clearly enjoy them themselves. All are welcome to join them.

'Crafty' Group returns

This group of women will be meeting every Monday morning from 6th September onwards. They gather from 10.30 am to 12.00 pm in the Parish Centre over a cup of tea and some scones. They engage in various forms of creative work, such as knitting and crafts work of various kinds. All are welcome.



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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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