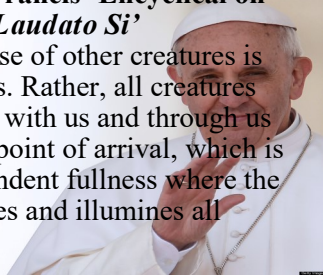


Mass Intentions

Sat : 6.00 pm Ciara Finnerann (Rec Dec)
Sun: 10.00 am Tony Weldon (Anniv)
12.00 pm Tom Whelan (Anniv)
Mon: 10.00 am Thomas & Beatrice Nesbitt
Tues: 10.00 am Matt Boylan (Rec Dec)
Wed: 10.00 am Maria O'Connor (Anniv)
Thur: 10.00 am Frances Fulham (Rec Dec)
Fri 10.00 am Pat O'Brien (Rec Dec)
Sat: 10.00 am Special Intention

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

'The ultimate purpose of other creatures is not to be found in us. Rather, all creatures are moving forward with us and through us towards a common point of arrival, which is God, in that transcendent fullness where the risen Christ embraces and illumines all things' (Par. 81).



Wednesday Meeting of Clontarf Men's Social Group

This group meets every Wednesday in the parish centre from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm. They meet for a cuppa and a chat and a music session. New arrivals get a warm welcome.

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.

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.

Feast of the Assumption, 15th August

This year the feast of the Assumption falls on a Sunday, next Sunday. It replaces the twentieth Sunday of the Year. This feast celebrates Mary's sharing in the risen life of her Son in a way that is unique to her among the human race. The church has always believed that just as Jesus' earthly body did not remain in the tomb after he rose to new life but was transformed in a glorious way, so too Mary's body underwent the same glorious transformation at death. In the words of the Preface of today's Mass, 'rightly you would not allow her to see the corruption of the tomb'.

Prayer of Saint John Vianney

Last Wednesday, we celebrated the feast of the Curé of Ars, Saint John Vianney. He wrote the following lovely prayer: *I love you, O my God, and my only desire is to love you until the last breath of my life. I love you, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving you, than live without loving you. I love you, Lord and the only grace I ask is to love you eternally. My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love you, I want my heart to repeat it to you as often as I draw breath.*

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, 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 Houlahan at 018087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie

New Diocesan Office for Mission and Ministry

Archbishop Farrell has appointed Patricia Carroll of the Office of Evangelisation and Ecumenism, as Director of the **Office for Mission and Ministry**. We congratulate Patricia on her appointment. We pray God's blessing upon her as she takes on this key leadership role at an interesting time of change and new possibilities in the life of the Church in Dublin.

Remaining work on our parish church now beginning

You may have noticed a new arrival in the church grounds, the large container where the workmen gather and store their gear. It is a sign that the remaining work on the church is about to commence. There will be scaffolding in the sanctuary area which will be a bit unsightly. However, it is hoped that the work will be completed by November.

First and Second Sunday Mass Collection, 31st July/1st August

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €680 and the second collection for Share was €320. 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

Feast of the Week

Monday, 9th August, is the feast of **St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**. She was born in Poland in 1891, the youngest of seven children of a Jewish family. A brilliant student, she gained her doctorate in philosophy at twenty-five. She became a Catholic in 1922 and later a Carmelite nun. Both Jewish and Catholic, she fled to Holland when the Nazis came to power. She was captured and sent to Auschwitz where she died in its gas chamber, 9th August 1942.

One day Photography Retreat, Online, Manresa, Jesuit Centre of Spirituality

Join Steve Radley for an online retreat day beginning at 9.30 am, Saturday next, 14th August. Steve uses his background as a priest and his training as a photographer to consider how light is a metaphor for life. The retreat will explore ways of using the camera or smartphone in a contemplative way so as to see the light of life in new ways. Email reception@manresa.ie or phone (01) 8331352 to make a booking.

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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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