

Mass Intentions

Sat : 6.00 pm Thomas McGrath (Anniv)
 Sun: 10.00 am Christina Caldit (Rec Dec)
 12.00 pm Mary & Vincent Hand (An)
 Mon: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Tues: 10.00 am Patrick & Peg Morrison (An)
 Wed: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Thur: 10.00 am Joseph McKeown (Anniv)
 Fri: 10.00 am Mary Clarke (Months Mind)
 Sat: 10.00 am Margaret Mary Crotty (RD)

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

'Whether believers or not, we are agreed today that the earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone. For believers, this becomes a question of fidelity to the Creator, since God created the world for everyone' (Par. 93).



Blessing of Pets, Sunday, 3rd October

Tomorrow, Monday, 4th October is the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi and the concluding day

of the Season of Creation in the universal church. Saint Francis had a special rapport with animals and to mark his feast we are having a blessing of animals pets this Sunday, 3rd October, at 2.30 pm in the grounds of the church. The ceremony can be viewed on the mobile camera on the webcam and it will be recorded.

First and Second Sunday Mass Collection, 25th/26th September

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €625 and the second collection for Share was €405. Many thanks for your continued contribution to both collections. You can make use of the special envelopes in the church porch or you can avail of the Donate button on the Parish Website.

Baptisms

We have had lots of baptisms in September! Many parents who couldn't have their children baptized during the pandemic are now making bookings. We welcome into the family of the church the following children baptized in September: Olivia Anne Bourke, Súin McEvoy, Aidan Tomás Kenny, Michael Grant, Lucy Mary Kearney, Kate Margaret McLoughlin, Ivy Nolan, Alan Christopher Farrelly and Winter Jasmine O'Dwyer Genockey.

Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Barbara Bresnan who was buried from our parish church in September.

Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation

We are now up to date with First Holy Communion and Confirmations. We are beginning to look ahead to the First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes for 2021/2022. I would like to give a very heartfelt and warm thanks to our Sacramental Co-ordinator, Deirdre Ward. She did wonderful work in ensuring the children were prepared for the Sacraments, in spite of all the cancelations, and in attending to the details of all the various liturgies for both sacraments (20 in all across the three parishes over three weekends!). Many thanks also to Clare who stewarded all the liturgies in our parish church with such care and attention to detail, and to Bernadette who was sacristan for many of the liturgies.

Autumn Talks, change of time

Because the work on the sanctuary is finishing sooner than expected the Autumn talks can now take place after Mass at 10.45 am, rather than at 7.30 pm. The talks will be recorded, so people can listen to them in the evening if that suits better. On the homepage of the Website, click on 'Watch us Live' and scroll down to see the recording.

Kincora Active Age Association will resume its gatherings in the parish centre on Friday, 29th October, from 3.00 to 5.00 pm. New members would be very welcome.

'What is Pope Francis trying to tell us in his recent Encyclical about a Loving World?'

The first of our Autumn series of talks is being given this Wednesday, 6th October, at 10.45 in the Parish Church by Fr Brian Grogan SJ. It is on Pope Francis' recent Encyclical about a Loving World. Please take away a copy of the programme of talks which you will find in the front porch of the church.

New Podcast uploaded

The most recent podcast has now been uploaded on the Parish Website (click on 'Our Parish' and then click on 'Parish Podcast'). It is also available on the Parish App under 'Social Media'. This Podcast is an interview with a member of the *Lectio Divina* Prayer Group which meets on Zoom every Thursday evening at 7.30 pm. *Lectio Divina* means 'Sacred Reading' and it is an ancient form of prayer in the church's tradition. It consists of a slow, meditative, reading of a passage of Scripture. The group always chooses the gospel reading for the following Sunday. Many thanks to Teresa Menendez who conducted the interview and to Paul Kavanagh for agreeing to be interviewed.

Help with downloading the Three Parish App

People are continuing to download the App for the three Clontarf/Dollymount parishes. The weekly Newsletter and the Parish Webcam can be accessed on it. You will also find information about Mass times, the celebration of the Sacraments and much else. Also, if you tick the notifications box, we will send you news about upcoming events. There will be someone in the Parish Centre after the 10.00 am and 12.00 pm Masses on Sunday to help people to download the app.

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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 and 3rd Saturday of each month at 12 noon.

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