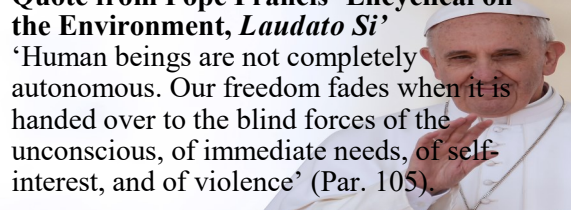


Mass Intentions

Sat : 6.00 pm Karen McDonald-Hudson (A)
Also Elizabeth O'Brien (Anniv)
Sun: 10.00 am Patricia Carroll (Anniv)
Also Maureen Donohoe (Anniv)
Also Deborah Bredican (Anniv)
12.00 pm Billy & John Beehan, Danny Byrne (Anniv)
Also Seams & Kathleen Dunne (Anniv)
Also John Greenan (Anniv)
Mon: 10.00 am Mary T Burke (Rec Dec)
Tues: 10.00 am Special Intention
Wed: 10.00 am Special Intention
Thur: 10.00 am Polly Cullen (Anniv)
Fri 10.00 am ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD
Sat: 10.00 am Mary Toland (Rec Dec)

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

'Human beings are not completely autonomous. Our freedom fades when it is handed over to the blind forces of the unconscious, of immediate needs, of self-interest, and of violence' (Par. 105).



Autumn Talks, Wednesday, 1st December, 7.30 pm

This week's talk is being given by Fr Adrian Egan, who is parish priest of Our Lady of the Assumption, Ballyfermot, and who is a member of the Redemptorist order. He is addressing the topic which is very live for many families, 'Being Catholic and LGBT+'. You are welcome to come along to the church at 7.30 pm or to watch live on our webcam. The talk will also be recorded.

Enrolment Masses.

The children for first holy communion in 2022 will be enrolled at the family Masses in the three parishes next weekend, 4th/5th December (10.00 am Mass on 5th December in St John the Baptist). The children for confirmation in 2022 will be enrolled at the family Masses in the three parishes the following weekend, 11th/12th December.



Feast of the Week

Tuesday, 30th November, is the feast of Saint Andrew. According to the fourth gospel, he was from Bethsaida in Galilee and was a disciple of John the Baptist when he was called by Jesus. Having spent time with Jesus, he then went and brought his brother Simon Peter to Jesus. He is said to have suffered martyrdom by crucifixion. He is patron saint of Scotland, Russia and of those who fish on the seas.

Confirmation Parents Meeting

There will be a meeting of parents of Confirmation children in St Anthony's Church this Monday, 29th November, at 7.30 pm. The meeting will explain the Confirmation programme to be followed by the children in the parishes and how it will be conducted. A representative group of parents will be present and the majority of parents are asked to participate via the Webcam.



Support for Palestinian Christians

The Corona Virus has badly affected Palestinian Christians in Bethlehem who have had no work nor Government aid since March 2020. Some are considering emigration. To support them Mary Murphy, a member of the Justice and Peace groups, has purchased small cribs made of olive wood as well as some tree ornaments. She will be selling them to parishioners after all the Masses this weekend. There are ten men in their 30s and 40s, with their families, who will be benefitting from your support. They all send their messages of appreciation and prayers.

Clontarf Parishes Justice and Peace Group Christmas Appeal

This year we are appealing for toiletries & hygiene products of all types for poor & homeless men, women & children to be distributed by the Hygiene Bank to charities such as Crosscare, Simon Community, Merchant's Quay etc. Please leave in porch at 50 Kincora Grove or 29 Seafeld Avenue. Thank you for your support. Deadline is Sunday 12th December.



Blessing of an Advent Wreath.

If you make a small advent wreath at home you might like to use the following prayer of blessing over it, 'We ask you, God, our Creator, to bless our Advent wreath. May it remind us that Jesus is in our midst and that we are surrounded by his love and care. Bless these candles on our wreath. May they remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World. Bless these evergreens on our wreath. May they remind us that Jesus' love for us is everlasting and that nothing can come between us and his love. May this wreath remind us to prepare well for Christmas, each and every day of the Advent season. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen'

First and Second Sunday Mass Collection, 20th/21st November

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €635 and the second collection for Share was €255. 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.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday week, 8th December, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, which celebrates Mary's complete openness to God's presence and call from the first moment of her earthly existence. As well as the usual 10.00 am Mass on Wednesday, there is a Vigil Mass on Tuesday, 7th December, at 6.00 pm.

Be Still – Daily Advent Reflections

The Office for Mission and Ministry are offering daily reflections for the Advent Journey. The theme of these reflections is 'Be Still'. This is a great opportunity for everyone to take time during advent to be still. The reflections will be posted each morning on their Facebook page



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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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