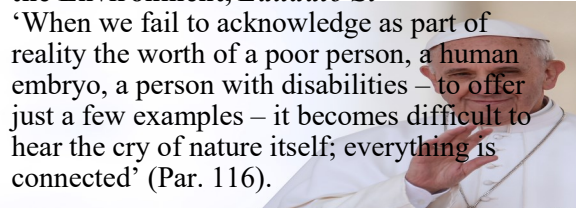


Mass Intentions

Sat : 6.00 pm Sheila O'Rourke (Anniv)
 Sun: 10.00 am Seamus & Marita McMahon
 12.00 pm Nan & Bob Hamill (An)
 Mon: 10.00 am Gerald Kelly (Anniv)
 Tues: 10.00 am Mary Dolan (Rec Dec)
 Wed: 10.00 am John McCarthy & Audrey Keating Joyce (Annivs)
 Thur: 10.00 am Michael & Sarah McCaffrey
 Fri 10.00 am Dec members of Legion of Mary

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

'When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples – it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected' (Par. 116).



Christmas Penitential Service

There will be a Penitential Service in our own parish church on Tuesday, 21st December, at 7.30 pm. It is not intended as a three parish service as in previous years. However, four priests will be present to hear confessions, including Fr Martin and Fr John. It is a very good opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas.

Enrolment Mass for confirmation children

The children for confirmation in 2022 will be enrolled at the family Masses in the three parishes this weekend, 11th/12th December (10.00 am Mass on 12th December in St John the Baptist). Please remember them in your prayers.

The admission process for Belgrove Infant Girls' School for Junior Infants September 2022 will take place from 10th to 28th January 2022. Application forms and information are available on the school website www.belgrove.ie or from the school office."

Tap and go machine

The Diocese has arranged for a tap and go machine to be placed in our church. You will see it close to the statue of Saint Joseph just to the right inside the church door. This allows parishioners to contribute to the two collections taken up at Sunday Mass using a credit/debit card. You make one contribution of your choice and the Diocese puts 60% of your contribution towards the first collection, the Common Fund, out of which the salaries of priests are paid, and 40% towards the Share collection. You can continue using the envelopes for these two collections or the Donate button on the Website if you prefer. *Neither of these collections go towards the parish. The primary source of income for the parish is the Family Offering collection, to which parishioners contribute by means of standing orders, cheques made out to the parish and weekly/monthly envelopes. The other sources of income for the parish are the returns from Revenue on parishioners' contributions to the parish of €250 or more a year, individual bequests and the church shrines.*

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 Seafield Avenue. Thank you for your support. Deadline is this Sunday 12th December.



Christmas Cards and Dues Envelopes

The Parish Christmas Cards and Dues Envelopes are available in the porch to be delivered to homes. We would be grateful if parishioners could collect some envelopes for their own road. We appreciate this important service to the parish at this time of the year.



Tickets for Christmas Masses

We are trying to keep everyone who gathers in our parish church as safe. To ensure this, we are introducing ticketing for all Christmas Masses again this Christmas. There will be six Christmas Masses, 4.00 pm, 6.00 pm and 9.00 pm on Christmas Eve, and 8.30 am, 10.00 am and 12.00 pm on Christmas Day. Tickets for all these Masses are available for collection from the side chapel in our church after all the Masses this Saturday/Sunday, 11th/12th December and next Sat/Sun, 18th/19th December.

Collection for Peter McVerry Trust

There will be an outdoor collection next weekend (18th/19th December) after all the Masses in aid of the Peter McVerry Trust. This Trust is a charity set up by Fr Peter McVerry to reduce homelessness and the harm caused by drug misuse and social disadvantage.

Carol Service

The parish Christmas Carol Service will be celebrated next Sunday, 19th December, at 4.00 pm. We won't have our parish choir again but Tanya and Nicola, who often serve as cantors at the 12.00 pm Mass, will sing for us. Thanks to Marisol, who is presently in Brazil but will be returning to Clontarf in February, our cantors will be joined by some musicians. The accompanist will be our parish organist Marie who has helped to put the service together.

First and Second Sunday Mass Envelope Collection, 4th/5th December

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend through the special envelopes was €610 and the second collection for Share was €180. Many thanks for your continued contribution to both collections. This does **not** include contributions made using the new Tap and Go Machine or the Donate button on the Parish Website.

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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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