

Mass Intentions

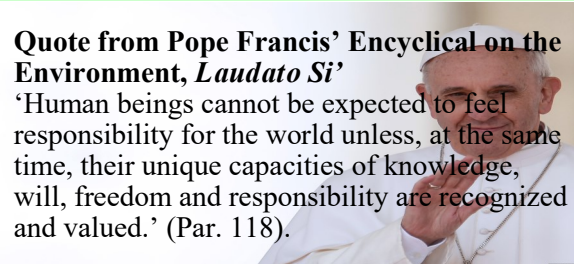
Sat : 6.00 pm Michael McKenna (Anniv)
Also Breige McGuinn (Months Mind)
Sun: 10.00 am Maureen White (Anniv)
Also Jean Treleavan (anniv)
12.00 pm Margaret Hogan (An)
Also Harry Caffrey (Anniv)
Also Tom Hughes (Months Mind)
Mon: 10.00 am Kevin Lynch (Anniv)
Tues: 10.00 am Special Intention
Wed: 10.00 am Des Brennan (Rem)
Thur: 10.00 am Cyril Bennett (Anniv)

First and Second Sunday Mass Envelope Collection, 11th/12th December

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend through the special envelopes was €680. 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.

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

'Human beings cannot be expected to feel responsibility for the world unless, at the same time, their unique capacities of knowledge, will, freedom and responsibility are recognized and valued.' (Par. 118).



Peter McVerry Trust

There will be an outdoor collection this 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.

Masses for Sunday, the feast of the Holy Family, 26th December

There will be two morning Masses on Sunday, 26th December, for this feast, at 10.00 am and 12.00 pm. *Please note, there will be no Vigil Mass on the night of Saturday, 25th December.*



Tap and go machine

The Diocese has arranged for a tap and go machine to be placed in our church. It is just to the right inside the church door. This allows parishioners to contribute to the two indoor Sunday collections using a credit/debit card. You make one contribution 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 also continue using the envelopes for these two collections or the Donate button on the Website.

Christmas Penitential Service

There will be a Penitential Service in our own parish church this Tuesday, 21st December, at 7.30 pm. Four priests will be present to hear confessions. It is a very good opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas.



Christmas Cards and Dues Envelopes

The Parish Christmas Cards and Dues Envelopes have now been delivered to homes. We are very grateful to parishioners who collected envelopes for their own road. Many thanks also to the Transition Year pupils in Holy Faith who delivered many of the envelopes.



Christmas thanks

I would like to thank all our parishioners for supporting us so generously in these Covid times, not only financially but morally and spiritually. Many thanks to all who have continued in their various parish ministries in these anxious times. A special thanks to all our stewards and to Clare Quinn for drawing up the roster for the stewards. Fr Martin

Tickets for Christmas Masses

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 Masses this. I would like to thank Clare Quinn for her great work in organizing and distributing the tickets.



Parish Crib

We have placed our crib just in front of the altar again this year. We need the space in St Anthony's chapel for the Christmas Masses.

The placing of the crib before the altar allows everyone to see it and visit it safely. It can also be seen by those watching from home. A smaller crib has been placed in the Reconciliation room.

Zoom Prayer Meeting

We continue to have a Zoom prayer meeting every Thursday from 7.30 to 8.30 pm, where we reflect together on the gospel reading for the following Sunday. To join us, please contact the parish office at clontarfstjohns@gmail.com and a link for the Zoom meeting will be sent.



Holy Communion to the housebound

If you know of anyone who is housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion for Christmas, please contact the parish office at clontarfstjohns@gmail.com or 8334606, or let Fr Martin or Fr John know.



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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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