

## Mass Intentions

Sun: 10.00 am Deceased members of the Brady and Cooney families  
12.00 pm Fintan Lawlor (An)  
Also Susan Lee (Anniv)  
Mon: 10.00 am Special Intention  
Tues: 10.00 am Special Intention  
Wed: 10.00 am Jack Keegan (Anniv)  
Thur: 10.00 am Special Intention  
Fri: 10.00 am Special Intention  
Sat: 10.00 am Special Intention

### First and Second Collection, 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> December

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend through the special envelopes was €620 and the second collection for Share was €340. 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'*

‘Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion. How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties?’ (Par. 118).



### Living for others:

“Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you.” Pope Francis

### A new Christmas release by our cantor, Róisín O'Reilly

This song is being released to continue fundraising to provide primary education to Syrian Refugee Children displaced by war. It is entitled, ‘HUSH, BE STILL, A Christmas Lullaby’ (Brendan Graham/Róisín O’ Reilly) (c) peermusic UK Ltd 2021 To hear click on the link roisinoreilly.com

### 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.

### 1<sup>st</sup> January, Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Next Saturday is New Year’s Day and is the feast of Mary the Mother of God. At the message of the angel, the Virgin Mary received the word of God in her heart and in her body, and gave life to the world. Hence, she is acknowledged and honoured as being truly the Mother of God and the Mother of the Redeemer. This is also World Day of Peace. We pray that through the intercession of Mary, Queen of Peace, peacemakers would be raised up to work courageously for peace based on justice in our often broken world.

### Holy Hour

The next Holy Hour will take place on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> January, at 7.30 pm. We will be reflecting on the story of the marriage feast of Cana in John’s gospel which is the gospel reading for that Sunday, as well as on an adjoining passage of John’s gospel.

### Christmas thanks

I would like to thank all our parishioners for supporting us so generously in these Covid times, not only financially but 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

### Feast of the Epiphany

The feast of the Epiphany, 6<sup>th</sup> January, falls on a Thursday this year. As well as the usual 10.00 am Mass, there will also be a 6.00 pm Mass on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January. Epiphany means ‘showing forth’ and this feast celebrates the showing forth of Emmanuel, God-with-us, to all of humanity, represented by the magi from the East.

### COVID-19 Support Line for older people

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

### 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](mailto: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 during the Christmas period, please contact the parish office at [clontarfstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:clontarfstjohns@gmail.com) or 8334606, or let Fr Martin or Fr John know.



## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH PARISH NEWSLETTER 26th December 2021

### 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.

### CONTACTS

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#### Parish Office Opening Hours

9.00 am—1.00 pm  
Monday to Friday