

Mass Intentions

Sat: 6.00 pm Mary Hoey (Anniv)
 Sun: 10.00 am Eileen Griffiths (Anniv)
 12.00 pm Michael Murran (Anniv)
 Mon: 10.00 am Special Intention
 Tues: 10.00 am Eileen Nangle (Rec Dec)
 Wed: 10.00 am Bridie Ryan (Anni)

First and Second Sunday Mass Envelope Collection, 1st/2nd January

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend through the special envelopes was €430 and the second collection for Share was €165. 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'*

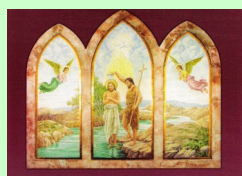
‘When we speak of the “environment”, what we really mean is a relationship between nature and the society which lives in it. Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it’ (Par. 139).

Do this in Memory programme

The next Mass relating to the ‘Do this in Memory’ programme for the first holy communion children will be celebrated at 10.00 am next Sunday, 16th January, in our parish church.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from 18th to 25th January. The theme for the week is ‘We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him’ (Matthew 2:1-12). It is a call to unity of those from North and South, from East and West, old and young, men and women. The Middle East Council of Churches, based in Beirut, Lebanon, have been invited to provide prayer services and reflections on the theme.



Reflection on today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord

The people were searching and John the Baptist pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life's journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction? *Fr. John Byrne OSA, Intercom Magazine*

Sea Scouts Calendar

Congratulations to the 5th Port Dollymount Sea Scouts on producing a very lovely calendar with striking photographs of Bull Island. It can be purchased for €10 from a member of the Sea Scouts and will help to raise funds for their valuable work with young people in the area.



Parish Holy Hour

The next Holy Hour will take place on Sunday, 16th January, at 7.00 pm. **Note the change of time from 7.30 to 7.00 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.



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

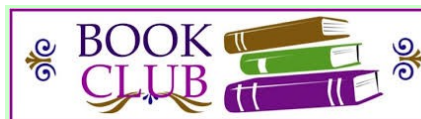
The next meeting of the PPC takes place at 7.30 pm on Monday, 24th January in the Parish Centre. If any parishioner would like to place an item on the Agenda, please mention it to Fr. Martin, Fr. John, Liam Nolan, the chairperson, or to any other member of the PPC.

Feast of the Week

Saturday, 15th January, is the memorial of Saint Ita. We have a beautiful stained glass panel of Saint Ita in our sanctuary. Take a look and see if you can identify it! Born in County Waterford of noble and Christian parents, she founded a monastery in Killeedy, County Limerick, which attracted a great variety of young people. She died in 570.

Lighting of Statue of Our Lady at end of Bull Wall

Congratulations to one of our Ministers of the Eucharist, Roisín Kelly, for her successful efforts over the Covid pandemic to have the lighting repaired on the statue of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, at the end of the Bull Wall. The statue was sculpted by Wicklow artist Cecil King and erected in 1972. Soaring 70ft into the air, it faces unusually towards the port, whose workers paid for it. The globe on which she stands rests on three pillars made of white cement and crushed Connemara marble. Our Lady's halo, added six years later, is made of 12 stars provided by Waterford Glass and was manufactured by John Paul & Co Ltd free of charge. Her next mission is to get the stars lighting again!



Parish Book Club
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next meeting of the Parish Book Club is on Thursday, 20th January in the Parish Centre. We are reading *Midnight in London: The Anglo-Irish Treaty Crisis 1921*, by Colm Kenny, Professor Emeritus of Dublin City University and a barrister. We meet once a month and would welcome new members. If you are interested you might let Fr Martin or Fr John know.

Confirmation programme

The next Mass relating to the Confirmation programme will be celebrated at 10.00 am on Sunday, 23rd January, in our parish church. The candidates for Confirmation will be taking their pledge at this Mass.



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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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