

Mass Intentions

Sat: 6.00 pm Vincent J McGrath(Anniv)
 Sun: 12.00 pm Austin Stack (Anniv)
 Also Jean Fitzgerald (M/Mind)
 Mon: 10.00 am Irene Boylan (Rec Dec)
 Tues: 10.00 am Mabel Duffy (Rec Dec)
 Fri: 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead

First and Second Sunday Mass Envelope Collection, 19th/20th February

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €405 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.



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

'Our inability to think seriously about future generations is linked to our inability to broaden the scope of our present interests and to give

consideration to those who remain excluded from development. Let us not only keep the poor of the future in mind, but also today's poor, whose life on this earth is brief and who cannot keep on waiting' (Par. 162).

Prayer Group on Zoom: Why not join for Lent?

The Parish *Lectio Divina* (Sacred Reading) Prayer Group meets on Zoom every Thursday from 7.30 to 8.30 pm. We reflect together on the gospel reading for the following Sunday. The reading is read three times, with a period of silence and some sharing after each reading. You might join us for Lent. Email the parish office at clontarfstjohns@gmail.com and the Zoom link will be sent to you.



Wearing of face masks in church

The government announced during the week that the wearing of facemasks indoors was no longer a legal requirement. We would continue to encourage parishioners to wear a face mask in church for their own protection and that of other worshippers, Fr Martin

Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. It is a day of fast and abstinence. During Lent we are called to deepen our relationship with the Lord and to give fuller expression to it in our daily lives, so that on Easter Sunday we can renew our baptismal promises with enthusiasm and joy. There will be Mass at 8.00 am, 10.00 am and 6.00 pm. Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses. There will also be ashes available in small bags to take home, if you are not comfortable with someone placing ashes on your forehead. There is enough in a bag for one family, so please only take one per household.

Work on church windows

The family stained-glass firm from Germany who are restoring and conserving the stained and coloured glass windows of the church return to complete their work from 7th - 18th March. The work has been delayed because of Covid travel restrictions. You will notice a scaffolding tower around the church for the next couple of weeks.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign

Envelopes containing Trócaire boxes and information about Trócaire's Lenten campaign are available to take away in the front porch of the church.



Let Us Dream

This is an online programme with Sr. Siobhan Larkin CHF, hosted by the Margaret Aylward Centre, Glasnevin. It is an exploration of Pope Francis' reflections on the global pandemic in his book "Let Us Dream". Wednesdays from 7-9pm beginning 9th March for 5 weeks. Cost €25. To book please visit www.margaretaylwardcentre.ie/events or call 01 7979364



First Lenten Talk
 Fr Brian Grogan SJ, a highly regarded spiritual writer, is returning to give two talks during

Lent, the first is this coming Wednesday in the Parish Centre, from 7.30 to 9.00 pm and is entitled *Is God alive and well, but working on a less ambitious project?* If you cannot come on the night, the talk is live on the Parish Webcam and will be recorded.

Synodal Pathway in our parish

In preparing for the Universal and National Synod we will have two parish gatherings on March 22 and 30 in Holy Faith School Hall. The meetings will be an exercise in listening and discernment. At our first gathering, we will look at the two questions, 'When you think of your experience of church, what brings joy?' and 'What brings sorrow?' At the second gathering, we will look at the two questions, 'When you think of your experience of church, what brings hope?' and 'what brings fear or anxiety?' *Please take some invitation leaflets from the front porch and pass them on to those who do not usually come to church. We want to hear from all.*



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 21st to 29th October

Our planned parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land for October 2020 was cancelled because of Covid. We are looking for expressions of interest from parishioners for a pilgrimage this October. If interested, could you leave your name on the sheet in the porch of the church? If there is sufficient interest we will make more detailed planning. Fr Martin



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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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