

## Mass Intentions

Sat: 6.00 pm Joan Byrne ( Anniv)  
 Sun: 12.00 pm Clodagh Rossi Anniv)  
 Also Ann Burke, Paul Brennan, Orla  
 Ranson Anniv)  
 Mon: 10.00 am James McGrath (Jr & Sr)  
 Wed: 10.00am Eileen Harnedy (Anniv)  
 Fri: 10.00 am May Hayden (Anniv)

### First and Second Sunday Mass Collection, 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> February

We are now in a position to return to passing around the red and blue pouches for the first two collections at Sunday Mass. The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €420 and the second collection for Share was €185. Many thanks for your continued contribution to both collections. This does not include contributions through the Tap and Go Machine or the Donate button on the Parish Website.



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

'Believers must constantly feel challenged to live in a way consonant with their faith and not to contradict it by their actions. They need to be encouraged to be ever open to God's grace and to draw constantly from their deepest convictions about love, justice and peace' (Par. 200)

### First Confessions

The children who are to make their first holy communion in our three parish churches this May will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in Saint Gabriel's church on the evenings of Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March. Please pray for them at this special time.



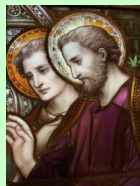
### Return of Parish Choir

The Parish Choir plan to sing again at our 12.00 pm Sunday Mass after Easter. We look forward to having

them back with us. Some choir members will not be returning and new members, men and women, sopranos, altos, tenors and basses, are all needed. Please consider joining the parish choir or encouraging someone you know to do so. This is an opportunity for the choir to make a new beginning. They practice every Tuesday at 7.30 pm, beginning this coming Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### Funerals this past month

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of those who were buried from our parish church in the month of February: Jim Lavery, Gary Weadick and Vivienne Byrne Conheady.



### 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 7<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Lenten Garden

Many thanks to Clare and Pauline for putting together a small Lenten Garden in front of the altar. This sandy space reminds us of the call to find a 'desert space', a quiet time, to listen to the Lord in prayer during Lent. The Trócaire boxes and poster in the garden remind us that our prayer is to flow over into the loving service of those in greatest need.

### 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, 13<sup>th</sup> March, in our parish church. Please remember the children in your prayers.



### Second Lenten Talk, Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March

Fr Brian Grogan SJ will give the second of his two talks for

Lent this coming Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, in the Parish Centre, from 7.30 to 9.00 pm. It is entitled *To catch on to God's project for us all, we need to see with Easter eyes*. If you cannot come on the night, the talk is live on the Parish Webcam through the Mobile Camera and will be recorded.

### Parish Gatherings

Our first gathering, in preparation for the National and Universal Synod, is Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. We will look at the two questions, 'When you think of your experience of church, what brings joy?' and 'What brings sorrow?' Our two synodal animator, Paul and Teresa, will speak briefly at the end of Masses next weekend. Please keep this important moment in the life of our parish in your prayers. We would love to see you and hear from you on the two evenings, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March.



### Baptisms this coming month

We welcome into the Christian community the children who are to be baptized in our parish church this month of March: Kate, Katie, Caragh, Wolf, Leo, Daniel and Tadhg



### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 21<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October

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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### Parish Office Opening Hours

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 Monday to Friday