

Mass Intentions

Sat: 9.00 pm Rita Wall (Months Mind)
Also Noel Costello (Anniv)
Sun: 10.00 am James McCormack (Anniv)
12.00 pm Nora Fox (Anniv)
Mon: 10.00 am Agnes Murphy (Anniv)
Tues: 10.00 am Patrick Nolan (Anniv)
Wed: 10.00 am Paul Clohissey (Anniv)
Thurs: 10.00 am Sean O'Donnell (Rec Dec)
Fri: 10.00 am Carmel Murphy (Rec Dec)
Sat: 10.00 am Timothy & Rita O'Looney

First and Second Sunday Mass Collection, 9th/10th April

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €430 and the second collection for Share came to €125. 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, for which we are equally grateful.



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

'Education in environmental responsibility can encourage ways of acting which directly and significantly affect the world

around us, such as avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed showing care for other living beings, using public transport or car-pooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, or any number of other practices' (Par. 211)

Parish Holy Hour

The next Parish Holy Hour will be at 7.00 pm on Sunday, 22nd May. This is actually the fourth Sunday of the month, rather than the usual third Sunday. We will be reflecting upon two readings from the Easter story according to the gospel of Saint John.

Easter Greetings

We would like to wish all our parishioners a very blessed and peaceful Easter. Many thanks for all your support in recent months, financially and in other ways. I would like to thank in particular all who helped us to celebrate the Holy Week ceremonies, especially our hard-working sacristans, but also our Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, our cantors, organists and all who generously gave some of their time.



Work on Church Windows

The German firm who have yet to complete the work on the stained glass and coloured glass windows of the church will finally do so from 24th to 29th of April and from the 8th to 13th of May. This should be the final element of the conservation and restoration work on the church. They have been delayed because of Covid and other circumstances beyond their control.

.Date for your diary: 'Is religion bad for your mental health?'

Dr Patricia Casey will give a talk on the above topic in our parish church on **Tuesday, 10th May, at 7.30 pm.** Dr Casey is Professor of Psychiatry at University College Dublin and consultant psychiatrist at the Mater Hospital, Dublin. Her most recent book is *Fears, Phobias and Fantasies: Understanding Mental Health and Mental Illness*, published by Columba Press.



Prayers for Ukraine

There will be a 'drop in' evening of prayer ('come when you can....leave when you need to') focusing on the whole Ukraine situation, on Friday, 22nd April from 7.00 to 8.30 pm, at Fairview Hall, Annesley Bridge. Inviting other Christians to an evening of prayer is a response to the dreadful situation in Ukraine on the part of the Christian community who gather for worship there.



The Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the **three parish churches** on Thursday, 12th May, at 2.00 pm and on Friday, 13th May at 2.00 pm, as well as on Saturday, 14th May at 3.00 pm in **St John the Baptist Church** only. The Service of Light in preparation for Confirmation will be celebrated at the Family Masses in the three parishes on the weekend of 7th/8th May. Please remember the candidates for Confirmation in your prayers at this time.



First Holy Communion

The children who are in Belgrove Schools and the other schools in the area will be celebrating their First Holy Communion in the **three parish churches** on Thursday, 26th May at 2.00 pm and on Friday, 27th May at 2.00 pm. Please remember the children in your prayers.

Earth Day

Earth Day is happening next Friday. It is an annual event on 22nd April to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by EarthDay.org



Parish Book Club

The next meeting of the Parish Book Club is on Thursday, 28th April in the Parish Centre at 4.00 pm. We are reading *Dom Eugene Boylan: Trappist Monk, Scientist and Writer* by Thomas J. Morrissey SJ. The author tells the untold story of this Irish prize-winner student, music lover and physicist who became the great spiritual writer of groundbreaking titles like *This Tremendous Lover*. We meet once a month and would welcome new members

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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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