

## Mass Intentions

Sat: 6.00 pm Seamus Keegan (B/Day)  
 Sun: 10.00 am Robert McKenna (Anniv)  
 Also Carmel Brennan (MMind)  
 12.00 pm Michael McHale (Anniv)  
 Also Phyllis Houlihan (Anniv)  
 Also Dorothy L'Estrange (Anniv)  
 Mon: 10.00 am Rose Coen (Rec Dec)  
 Fri: 10.00 am Altar List of the DeaD  
 Sat: 10.00 am John Kavanagh (Anniv)

### First and Second Sunday Mass Collection, 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> April

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €417 and the second collection for Share came to €215. 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'*

'In the family we learn to ask without demanding, to say "thank you" as an expression of genuine gratitude for what we have been given, to control

our aggressivity and greed, and to ask forgiveness when we have caused harm. These simple gestures of heartfelt courtesy help to create a culture of shared life and respect for our surroundings' (Par. 213)

### Parish Holy Hour

The next Parish Holy Hour will be at 7.00 pm on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May. We will be reflecting upon two readings from the Easter story according to the gospel of Saint John.



**Collection for Fr William Stuart** There will be an outdoor collection for Fr William Stuart's work with Syrian refugee children in Lebanon on the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> May. He will speak briefly at the all the Masses

### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

A sufficient number of people in the three Clontarf parishes have expressed an interest in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The dates of the pilgrimage are from Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October, to Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October. We spend four nights in Jerusalem and then four nights in Galilee. The flights are Dublin to Tel Aviv via Istanbul. The price is €1945 per person sharing, which includes Dinner, Bed and Breakfast, transfers and coaching, services of an English speaking Christian guide and entrance fees. **To secure a place you will need to send a deposit of €350 with a booking form to GTI Travel before 11<sup>th</sup> May.** Payment can be made by debit or credit card or cheque made payable to **GTI Travel**. Booking forms are available on the GTI website or in the front porch of the church. Further information is available in the front porch.



### The Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the **three parish churches** on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, at 2.00 pm and on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00 pm, as well as on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00 pm in **St John the Baptist Church** only. 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, 26<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00 pm and on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00 pm. Please remember the young people and children in your prayers.

### Trócaire Boxes: Help families in forgotten crises

Out of the media spotlight this Lent, loving families are suffering in forgotten crises from Covid to poverty and climate change. Thousands of miles from Ukraine in Zimbabwe, Thandekile and her family are enduring a forgotten crisis. Please help them if you can by filling your Trócaire Box and returning it to the parish office, or give what you are able on [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) or 1800408408.

### First phase of the implementation of the Building Hope Task Force Report

Last Summer the new Archbishop set up a Task Force to look at the pastoral needs in the Diocese of Dublin in the coming years and how best to respond to them. Having consulted widely, with members of Parish Pastoral Councils, Finance Committees, and many others, the Task Force produced a report, entitled *Building Hope*, which outlined a pastoral strategy for the Diocese into the future. The Archbishop then set up a *Building Hope* Pastoral Strategy Implementation Group, with Fr Gareth Byrne as chair, to implement the recommendations of the report. The first phase of the *Building Hope* Implementation will take place in parishes during the nine week period from Easter Sunday to the feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord. This will involve holding a Parish Gathering to explore under four headings (Faith, Servant Leadership, Social Justice and Welcome) what is working well in our parish and what needs to be improved, and also to look at **which three, four or five parishes would make good sense for us as a parish to be in local partnership with.** To plan for this gathering in each parish, the parish team along with members from the parish pastoral council and the parish finance committee are to come together to form a 'Parish *Building Hope* Leadership Group'. We aim to have our Parish Gathering on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, in the Holy Faith Hall. We hope a good number of our parishioners will attend. In preparation for this meeting, each parish has been provided with parish profile material, which you are asked to look over, even if you can't come to the meeting. This material is available on the table in the front porch of the church in the form of two sides of an A4 sheet.

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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.

### CONTACTS

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#### Parish Office Opening Hours

9.00 am—1.00 pm  
 Monday to Friday