

Mass Intentions

Sat: 6.00 pm Paul O'Rourke (Anniv)
Also David Fitzgerald (Anniv)
Sun: 10.00 am Phyllis Yeates (Anniv)
12.00 pm Phillip Gates (Anniv)
Also Eithne Greenan (M/Mind)
Mon: 10.00 am Ned O'Flaherty (Anniv)
Also Mary McAdams (Anniv)
Tues: 10.00 am Stephanie Boylan (Anniv)
Wed: 10.00 am Hannah O'Connell (Rec Dec)
Thurs: 10.00 am Joan Kane (Anniv)
Fri: 10.00 am Michael McHale (Anniv)

First and Second Sunday Mass Collection, 16th/17th April

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €790 and the second collection for Share came to €405. 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'*

'Ecological education can take place in a variety of settings: at school, in families, in the media, in catechesis and elsewhere.

Good education plants seeds when we are young, and these continue to bear fruit throughout life' (Par. 213)

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.



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

A sufficient number of people in the three Clontarf parishes expressed an interest in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land for us to now make concrete plans. The dates of the pilgrimage are from Friday, 21st October, to Saturday, 29th October. We will initially 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 throughout, 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 11th 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 on the Notice Board in the front porch of the church.



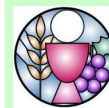
Extract from letter of Fr Gareth Byrne, chairperson of the Building Hope Pastoral Strategy implementation group

'The first phase of the Building Hope implementation will take place in parishes of the Diocese this Easter through Pentecost to Corpus Christi, a nine week period of parish reflection and dialogue... In each parish, the parish team, the parish pastoral council and the parish finance committee are asked to come together as one 'Parish Building Hope Leadership Group'. The chair of the Parish Pastoral Council or another person chosen in their place for this role should chair the Building Hope Leadership Group... This process will continue over the coming year in the Synodal style with which we have become familiar'. The letter goes on to state that this process will involve a Parish Gathering in May.

Trócaire Boxes: Out of the media spotlight this Lent, loving families are suffering in forgotten crises from Covid to poverty and climate change. 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

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. 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.

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.



From the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter for Easter

'I am asking each parish community as part of our Building Hope strategy to begin to reflect on how best to respond to the pastoral situation in which we find ourselves... I ask parish teams, parish pastoral councils and parish finance committees to lead their parish in a discussion of the gifts and talents available to them, the education and formation they need, and the parish partnerships that make most sense in their locality'.

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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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