

Mass Intentions

Sat: 6.00 pm Tony Connolly (Anniv)
Sun: 12.00 pm Kay Guiney (Anniv)

First and Second Sunday Mass Collection, 7th/8th May

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

'If someone has not learned to stop and admire something beautiful, we should not be surprised if he or she treats everything as an object to be used and abused without scruple' (Par. 215)

Parish Holy Hour

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



First Holy Communion

The children who are in Belgrove Schools and the other schools in the area, including the CRC School, will be celebrating their First Holy Communion in the **three parish churches** on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 26th, 27th and 28th of May, at 2.00 pm. Please remember the young people and children in your prayers.

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 14th/15th May. He will speak briefly at the all the Masses

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The dates of the pilgrimage are from Friday, 21st October, to Saturday, 29th 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 in the next few days.** 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.



Language Skills for refugees

The Third Age charity's 'Failte Isteach' service is now available in most counties across the State in order to facilitate, in an informal setting, improved English language skills for refugees. This service is free and run by local volunteers. In order to locate the nearest English language class in your location, please see <https://www.thirdageireland.ie/failte-isteach/locations/>.



Lay Ministry Collection this weekend

The Diocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection takes place this **Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15**. The Lay Ministry Collection will support the development of a variety of lay ministries, providing for more women and men to work alongside the priests and deacons. Our hope is that lay ministry will make a significant contribution to pastoral life into the future.

Graduation Mass

The graduation Mass for the sixth year pupils of Holy Faith School will be celebrated in our parish church this Friday, 20th May, at 2.00 pm. We wish all these young women every blessing and grace as they move on to a new phase of their life journey.



Parish Gathering, Tuesday, 17th May, 7.30 pm, Holy Faith Hall
The first phase of the *Building Hope*

Implementation is taking place in parishes from Easter Sunday to the feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord. This will involve holding a Parish Gathering to explore 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.** Our Parish Gathering is on this Tuesday, 17th May, in the Holy Faith Hall. In preparation for this meeting, each parish has been provided with parish profile material, which you are asked to look over. It is available on the table in the front porch of the church in the form of two sides of an A4 sheet.

Finance Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place this Wednesday, 18th May, at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. This will be the last meeting at which Eugene Gallagher will be the chair. Eugene has been chair of the Finance Committee for the last ten years. He has given wonderful service to the parish during that time. He has overseen the extensive work on our parish church with great skill and attentiveness. We all owe him a great debt of gratitude for his dedicated service. Under his stewardship, the parish finances have been extremely well managed. Even after the completion of the restoration and conservation work on the church, the parish finances are in a very healthy state. We wish him every blessing as he moves on from this role. I would also like to thank Brian Terry, a member of the Finance Committee, for agreeing to take on the role of chair. 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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