

Mass Intentions

Sat: 6.00 pm Mary Daly (Anniv)
Also Sylvia Byrne (Anniv)
Also Nuala Brophy (M/Mind)
Sun: 10.00 Ruth Shanahan and Sylvia Byrne
12.00 pm Brendan Nichol (Anniv)
Also Bernadette Daly (Anniv)
Also Deirdre Tobin (Anniv)
Sat: 10.00 am John Kavanagh (Anniv)
Thur: 10.00 am Petre Kochorashvili (RD)
Fri: 10.00 am Dec Members of Cardiff Fam

First and Second Sunday Mass Collection, 30th April/1st 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'*

'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, 22nd 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 14th/15th 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, 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 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 in the front porch.



The Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the **three parish churches** this Thursday, 12th May, at 2.00 pm and Friday, 13th May at 2.00 pm, as well as on Saturday, 14th May at 3.00 pm in **St John the Baptist** only. Please remember the children in prayer.



Lay Ministry Collection

The Diocese of Dublin Lay Ministry Collection takes place on **Saturday and Sunday next, 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.

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

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. The Task Force produced a report, entitled *Building Hope*, which outlined a pastoral strategy for the Diocese into the future. 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 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.

Parish Gatherings in March

Our parish is in the Deanery of Fingal SE. I had the opportunity to look at the feedback from all fifteen parishes in this Deanery regarding the Parish Gatherings in March. Our parish had the highest attendance of any of the parishes in the Deanery. So, take a bow everyone! I hope we can keep up that standard at our next Parish Gathering on 17th May. 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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