

Mass Intentions

Saturday:

6.00 pm Sheila O'Rourke (Anniv)
Also Michael Higgins (An), Áine Seoige (An), Mary Seoige (RD), Doris Ward (An)

Sunday:

10.00 am Christopher & Isobella Mullally & Deceased members of the Carolan Fam
12.00 pm Seamus & Marita McMahon (A)
Also Michael Murran (Anniv)
Also Nan Hamill (Anniv)

Monday:

Geraldine Fitzpatrick (RIP)

Tuesday:

James & Alice O'Reilly (Anniv)

Wednesday:

Gerald Kelly & Family (Annivs)

Thursday

Tim & Maureen Loftus (Rec Dec)

Friday:

Donors Intentions

Saturday:

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Christmas Card and Dues

The Parish Christmas Cards and Dues Envelopes are now available in the Sacristy to be delivered to homes. We would be delighted if parishioners could take a bundle for their road. Many thanks in advance.



Belgrove Infant Girls' School will be accepting applications for Junior Infants for September 2023 between 9th and 27th January

2023. Application forms and information are available on the school website www.belgrove.ie or from the school office.

Advent reflection

The Spirit of the LORD is upon me,
Because he has anointed me
To bring glad tidings to the poor. (Isa 61:1 cited in Luke 4:18)



The above gospel exclamation is a powerful faith claim, one that all who have been baptised and confirmed can make. The spirit of the risen Christ is not only upon us but within us. That anointing has within it a mission, that we bring the good news of God's love and mercy, God's glory and splendour, God's compassion and concern to all we meet.

Isaiah was spirit-filled. As a prophet he proclaimed the nearness of God as well as God's marvellous works-the blind will see, the deaf will hear, the lame will walk, the mute will sing. Through grace the blindness of racism is cured, we begin to hear the cry of the poor for the very first time, we leave our comfort zone and walk into the margins of life, we go tell it on the mountains that the Lord of nature and history continues to shape our minds and hearts. Isaiah's strong voice brought confidence and joy to so many over the years.

And then there is John the Baptist, the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth. Early on John experienced the Spirit of God-really early on in the womb. He leapt for joy when the pregnant Mary greeted Elizabeth. Now in prison, John would need the Spirit of faith to sustain him in those dark hours.

The Spirit that we received in baptism and confirmation continues to be operative. Our Advent challenge is to be open and to respond with courage to what God asks of us. We can take consolation in knowing the Isaiah, St. James, and that John the Baptist intercede for us and the church this day.

Sacrament of Reconciliation.



During the Advent Season, Confessions will be heard on Saturdays after the 10am mass and from 5.15pm till 5.45pm before the vigil mass. Also, on Sundays after the 10am and 12 midday masses. (Weekends of 26 th-27th Nov., 3rd-4th Dec., 9th-10th Dec and 7 th-18th Dec.) Saturday, 24th December, 10.30am - 11.30am and from 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

Seniors Christmas Party

The First Seniors Christmas Party since the pandemic will take place on Thursday 15th December from 2.30 pm—5.00 pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.



First and Second Sunday Mass Collection, 3/4 December 2022

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was € 445 and the second collection for Share was €245 Many thanks for your continued contribution to both collections in these financially demanding times. You can avail of the Donate button on the Parish Website.

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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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