

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday:

**6.00 pm** Michael Venebles (Anniv)

Also Kevin Lynch (Anniv)

### Sunday:

10.00 am Patrick & John Crowe (Rec Dec)

12.00 pm Paul Quinn (Anniv)

### Monday:

Gerry McCaffrey (Anniv)

### Tuesday:

Paddy & Frances Kavanagh (Anniv)

### Wednesday:

Special Intention

### Thursday

Heather Skinner, Paula Prates, Catriona

Foley (Rec Dec)

### Friday:

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### Saturday:

Angelita Zaforteza (Rec Dec)

## Belgrove Junior Infant Girls' School



Belgrove Junior Infant girls will now 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](http://www.belgrove.ie) or from the school office.

## First and Second Sunday Mass Collection, Christmas 2022

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €2215 and the second collection €1405. 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.

Quote from Pope Francis' Laudato Si'

[142](#). If everything is related, then the health of a society's institutions has consequences for the environment and the quality of human life. "Every violation of solidarity and civic friendship harms the environment". [\[116\]](#) In this sense, social ecology is necessarily institutional, and gradually extends to the whole of society, from the primary social group, the family, to the wider local, national and international communities. Within each social stratum, and between them, institutions develop to regulate human relationships. Anything which weakens those institutions has negative consequences, such as injustice, violence and loss of freedom. A number of countries have a relatively low level of institutional effectiveness, which results in greater problems for their people while benefiting those who profit from this situation. Whether in the administration of the state, the various levels of civil society, or relationships between individuals themselves, lack of respect for the law is becoming more common. Laws may be well framed yet remain a dead letter. Can we hope, then, that in such cases, legislation and regulations dealing with the environment will really prove effective? We know, for example, that countries which have clear legislation about the protection of forests continue to keep silent as they watch laws repeatedly being broken. Moreover, what takes place in any one area can have a direct or indirect influence on other areas. Thus, for example, drug use in affluent societies creates a continual and growing demand for products imported from poorer regions, where behaviour is corrupted, lives are destroyed, and the environment continues to deteriorate.



## Feast of the Epiphany, 6<sup>th</sup> January

The feast of the Epiphany is celebrated next Friday. As well as the usual 10.00 am Mass, there will also be a Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> January. Epiphany means 'showing forth' and this feast celebrates the showing forth of Emmanuel, God-with-us, to all humanity, represented by the magi from the East.

## January 1 is the World Day of Peace!

Every year on January 1, the Holy Father marks the World Day of Peace with a special message inviting all people to reflect on the important work of building peace. This year's message is the latest in a long tradition of messages for this day that began with St. Paul VI in 1967 and continued with St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis. Read more about how to pray, learn, and act [World Day of Peace Handout.pdf \(usccb.org\)](http://WorldDayofPeaceHandout.pdf(usccb.org))



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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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**Parish Office Opening Hours**