

Mass Intentions

Saturday:

6.00 pm Kitty Blacoe (Anniv)
Also Helen Gallagher (M/Mind)

Sunday:

10.00 am Nora Moran (Anniv)
Also Kathleen McGrath (Anniv)
12.00 pm George Murray (Anniv)
also Paul Robinson (Anniv)

Monday:

Phyllis Madden
Altar List of the Dead

Tuesday:

Maurice Keating

Wednesday:

Michael Heffernan
Donors Intentions

Thursday:

Alan Kavanagh

Friday:

Altar list of the Dead
Special Intention

Saturday:

Grellan Murray

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.

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.

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.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, 8th December, is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, which celebrates Mary's complete openness to God's presence and call from the first moment of her earthly existence. As well as the usual 10.00 am Mass on Thursday, there is a Vigil Mass on Wednesday, 7th December, at 6.00 pm.

First and Second Sunday Mass Collection, 1st, 19/20 November

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was € and the second collection for Share was € Many thanks for your continued contribution to both collections in these financially demanding times. You can make use of the special envelopes in the church porch or you can avail of the Donate button on the Parish Website.

Advent reflection

Preoccupation with oneself (narcissism), having too many things to do (activism,) or simply insensitivity lead to a narrow existence. John the Baptist challenges us to wake up, as do all prophets and poets.



What is this kingdom of heaven? Isaiah the prophet describes certain attributes that indicate the God's reign is at hand, indeed, present in the here and now. God's rule is manifest in righteousness and fidelity, in those who have wisdom and understanding, in the women and men who have knowledge and fear of the Lord. When peace replaces hostility, when trust drives out anxiety, when hope displaces despair, the kingdom of God is present.

By contrast, John Cassian, a Christian monk and theologian, describes the kingdom of the devil as one of unrighteousness and discord, death-dealing gloom and lifelessness in our culture, the need for repentance is urgent.

Our hope in the Advent season is grounded in St. Paul's reminder that our God is a God of steadfastness and encouragement. In the call to repentance and conversion, God does not want us to become discouraged. Rather, we are to trust that Jesus, the faithful Son, has been given to us. We are not alone in our striving to be faithful to our baptism call. Saint Paul would have us rejoice always in the Lord.

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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

9.00 am—1.00 pm
Monday to Friday