

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday:**  
**6.00 pm** Mary Venables (Anniv)  
Also Ann Horan (Months Mind)

**Sunday:**  
10.00 am Nuala Finn (Rec Dec)  
12.00 pm Detta Walsh (Anniv)

**Monday**  
Des Brennan (B/day Rem)

**Tuesday**  
Eamonn O'Brien (Anniv)  
Also Deirdre McDonnell (Anniv)

**Wednesday**  
Special Intention

**Thursday**  
Nuala Finn (Rec Dec)

**Friday**  
Imelda McDonnell (Rec Dec)

**Saturday**  
Nuala Finn (Rec Dec)

## First and Second Sunday Mass Collection,

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €570 and the second collection for the SHARE came to €380. 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.



**Film in St Anthony's**  
As part of the celebration of Creation Time, September 1st-October 4th, Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, a film will be shown in St. Anthony's Church on 4th October at 7.30pm. A panel will be present for a questions and answers session.

## Child Protection

An Information Session on Child and Vulnerable Adults protection organised for the volunteers of the Partnership Parishes will take place in St. Johns Church on Thursday, 28th September from 7.30pm till 9 pm. All volunteers, whether they are involved with children and vulnerable adults or not are asked to attend. Garry Kehoe of the Dublin Diocese will conduct the session.

There are very few young families at masses Saturday/Sunday in St. Johns. Yet without them the Church has no future. So, as an experiment, the Parish Pastoral Council has decided to issue an invite to the young families in the parish to get involved in the vigil mass at 6pm on Saturday evenings. A team of parents will help. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit for the success of this initiative."



**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
**17th September 2023**

## 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

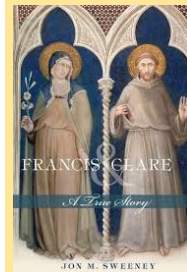
On the 2nd Saturday of each month at 12 noon.

## CONTACTS

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**Parish Office Opening Hours**  
9.00 am—1.00 pm  
Monday to Friday



## An extract from the book Francis & Clare, A true story by John M Sweeney: Renewing the Bonds of Creation

In one of his most beautiful paragraphs in The Golden Legend, Jacobus of Voragine explains the following about St Francis:

*The saint would not handle lanterns and candles because he did not want to dim their brightness with his hands. He walked reverently on stones out of respect for him who was called Peter, which means stone. He lifted worms from the road for safety for fear they might be trampled underfoot by passersby. Bees might perish in the cold of winter, so he had honey and fine wines set out for them. He called all animals brothers and sisters. When he looked at the sun, the moon, and the stars, he was filled with inexpressible joy by his love of the Creator and invited them all to love their Creator.*

The earthiness of early Franciscan love was rooted in the earth itself. Francis and Clare shared a pre-Copernican view of the universe (Nicolaus Copernicus, d. 1543). The pre-Copernican view imagined earth at the center of the universe and humankind at the center of everything. This perspective permeates much of Christian tradition, including the Psalms and the translators of the King James Bible. But you wouldn't know that Francis and Clare looked at the created world with this lens by reading their writings or the stories of their lives. They brought new life to the psalms that were loved and prayed by Jesus himself, such as this passage from Psalm 8:

“When I consider thy heavens the work of thy fingers/the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;/What is man, that thou art mindful of him?/and the son of man, that thou visitest him?” (kjv)

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