

Mass Intentions

Saturday:

6.00 pm Kieran Brophy (Anniv)
Also Sr Margaret Murtagh (Anniv)

Sunday:

10.00 am Donors Intentions
12.00 pm Mary & Vincent Hand (Anniv)
Also Sean Clinton (Anniv)

Monday

Marie Caulfield and Beatrice May (RD)

Tuesday

Dermot Lawson (Rec Dec)

Wednesday

Peter O'Dowd (Rec Dec)

Thursday

Ed O'Dea (Rec Dec)

Friday

Altar list of the Dead

Saturday

Aisling & Joe Nolan (Rec Dec)

Partnership Pastoral Council

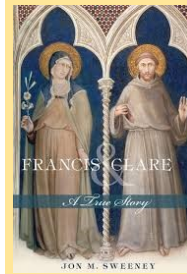
The Partnership Pastoral Council for the Clontarf and Killester Parishes is now up and running! It is part of the Building Hope project launched by Archbishop Dermot. Members include the four chairpersons of the Parish Pastoral Councils plus another representative from each, together with the priests of the Parishes. It will meet 5/6 times a year.

Its focus is to prayerfully discern, promote and develop joint pastoral action.

This could include liturgical, spiritual and social aspects to create new possibilities for renewal, including the revision of Mass scheduling. We will work alongside each other, guided by the Building Hope advice and in close collaboration with the four Pastoral Councils.

First and Second Sunday Mass Collection,

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €535 and the second collection for the SHARE came to €320. 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.



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

There was a sense in which the words of prayer, piety, and preaching were seen to partake sacramentally of the Word itself, and creativity entered into one's experience of God. In song and poetry sung in the vernacular, they made spirituality seem possible to those who were untrained in formal religion. Spirituality at home began to be possible. The distinctions between a theologically literate clergy class and an obedient, pious laity class began to break down. Franciscans led the way, through the creation of what was called the "Third Order" of Franciscans (in 1221), in finding ways for laypeople to live vowed lives of spiritual significance, but without leaving behind the world of family, jobs, or other responsibilities. It was also at this time that letter writing became an important vehicle for spiritual encouragement, personal Bible reading and study grew, and discussion of theological issues in the workplace originated. In the decades and centuries immediately after Francis and Clare, home altars became common in Italy. These were places set aside in the home, still common in some Catholic homes today, where a person would replicate the setting of a church for purposes of personal prayer, adding images, icons, rosary beads, and mementos of various kinds. Before Francis and Clare, we have little evidence of this. Similarly vernacular spiritual writing was almost nonexistent before Francis and Clare. But in the century after their deaths, the lives of Francis penned by Thomas of Celano were among the most popular choices for daily reading, and the vernacular Italian works of spirituality became almost too many to count. The connection between Francis of Assisi and animals is the single fact about him that most people know. We have tales of his encounters with animals, fish, invertebrates, and plants. In all of these ways, Franciscans emphasized that creation includes more than humankind. Just as they redefined what it means to be family, they further widened the fraternity to link human's and creatures in the same relationship with God. To be Continued.....

Ministers of the Eucharist

Clontarf Orthopaedic Hospital needs the help of Ministers of the Eucharist



at weekends to distribute Holy Communion to the patients. If you would like to volunteer please give details to Fr. O'Brien, into the Sacristy or the Parish Office as soon as possible.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH PARISH NEWSLETTER 1st October 2023



You will have noticed that on Saturdays and Sundays very few young families are in our church. Yet without these young families

there is no future for our church. So, as an experiment, the Parish Pastoral Council has decided to issue a warm invite to young families to come and get involved in the vigil mass at 6pm on Saturdays. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit for the success of this initiative. A team of parents will on hand to help.

Film in St Anthony's

As part of the Celebration of Creation time, which continues to the 4th October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, a film called the Letter will be shown. This film is linked with Pope Francis's document Laudato Si. The showing of the film will be in St. Anthony's Church on the feast of St. Francis, 4th October at 7.30pm. The film is of interest to all generations and all are welcome.

