

Mass Intentions

Saturday:
6.00 pm Philomena Cummins (Anniv)
Also Rory McDyer (Anniv)

Sunday:
10.00 am Annluan Blake (Anniv)
12.00 pm Phyllis Quinn (Anniv)

Monday
Bernadette Brangan (Anniv)

Tuesday
Tim Crowley (Anniv)

Wednesday
Marjorie Peat (Rec Dec)

Thursday
Dermot Lawson (Rec Dec)

Friday
Pat McCormack (Rec Dec)

Saturday
Nuala Finn (Rec Dec)

First and Second Sunday Mass Collection,

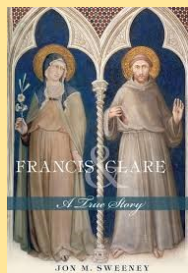
The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €655 and the second collection for the Crosscare came to €1790. Many thanks for your continued contribution to both collections. This does not include contributions through the Tap and Go Machine or the Donate button on the Parish Website, for which we are equally grateful.

A group of young adults from the Partnership Parishes have got together to organise an opportunity for young adults to come together to discuss faith and provide fellowship in an informal environment starting on Thursday, September from 7.30pm in St. Anthony's Centre. More information is on the flyers on the tables in the church. Please spread the word.



Child Protection

An information session for all 4 parishes on child protection and vulnerable adult protection will take place in St. Johns Church on 28th September at 7.30pm. All volunteers are asked to come, whether they work with children and vulnerable adults or not. Garry Kehoe of the Dublin Diocesan office will conduct the session.



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

But they also showed how it is possible to look up at the skies and all around at the creatures of creation, praising and blessing God as a Creator who nevertheless does not value only humans. The human being shares the universe with other created beings in the early Franciscan worldview.

We rarely see either Francis or Clare doing typical religious things in traditional religious places. Valleys and hilltops became Francis's field of faith. He found God in the woods and in creatures as often as he did in churches. Sacred and profane were designations of geography and location before their lives and teachings brought them much closer together.

By the official teachings of the day, an altar was supposed to be present in order for prayer and sacraments to take place. The late Middle Ages was the era of only religion, not spirituality. Local bishops would sanction a new religious space by blessing the altar inside a church or chapel. The laity-other than the very rich-did not own personal prayer books. Even private devotions were said in church, usually before or after Mass or Matins. For many people, singing or saying the Latin liturgical hours or Paternosters ("Our Fathers") was possible only when led by the clergy or a monastic community. A sacred place in and of itself, a church was the primary space for experiencing God. Many medieval chronicles detail how pilgrims would sometimes travel to a church only to find its doors closed. Rather than go elsewhere, they would pray while kneeling outside or while touching the outside with a hand or head.

Early Franciscanism brought changes to all of this. By preaching to the people in piazzas and other public places, Francis signalled that God's Word was active outside of Church.

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.

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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.



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