

Mass Intentions

Saturday:

6.00 pm Sheila Doyle (Rec Dec)
Also Malachy Geraghty (Months Mind)

Sunday:

10.00 am Patricia Blake (Anniv)
Also Susie Carolan (Anniv)
12.00 pm Maeve O'Hanlon (Anniv)
Also Angela Bedford (Anniv)

Monday

Teresa and John O'Reilly (B/day Rem)

Tuesday

Tony Weldon (Anniv)

Wednesday

Special Intention

Thursday

Beatrice May (Rec Dec)

Friday

Joseph Lawlor (Anniv)

Saturday

Special Intention

First and Second Sunday Mass Collection,

The first collection for the priests of the Diocese last weekend was €700 and the second collection for the SHARE came to €390. 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.

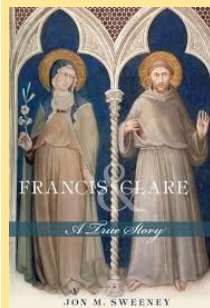
Thank You

The Little Sisters of the poor would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to their Church Gate Collection last weekend. The total came to €1100.



St John's Men's Social Group

The Men's Social and Music Group meets every Wednesday from 10-30am to 12-30pm in our Parish Centre. After our summer break, we are starting again from 13 September. The Men's Group is a venue for men to meet, relax, have fun and discuss the issues of the day over a tea/coffee. Men of all ages and musicians of every level are very welcome. Ceol, Ol agus Craic.



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

In the first fifteen centuries of Christian faith, mystics and reformers were always at pains to see the universe as something more than simply rotten. Experiencing God up close led mystics to see a radical separation of the spiritual from the material. And the reformers, frustrated at their inability to change the course and corruption of human events and mistakes, felt helpless in the face of evil. Francis and Clare were both mystics and reformers, and they struggled in both of these directions. They overcame some of their predecessors, such as the leaders of the Cather and Albigensian movements, were overcome by them.

The earth was viewed by other mystics as inherently evil, and all of its creatures, including human beings, hopelessly fallen. The soul was all that could be saved. For this reason, the medieval mind saw physical deformities and diseases such as leprosy as the result of some sort of previous sin. The human body was seen to be rotting rapidly; saints meditated on skulls and other symbols of mortality, hoping to focus their minds on what was heavenly instead.

What sets Francis and Clare apart from the other prophets of their age-and what, in fact, turns any prophet into a saint- is their ability to know God intimately as mystics, and to fight for justice as reformers, yet still to view the created universe as good rather than rotten. If it is created, redeemed, and sustained by God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, then it is good. Their love for the Creator was one with their love for the creation.

To be Continued.....

Speech and Drama Classes

Tuesday Speech and Drama classes starting in the parish centre for children on September 12th. Classes for children age 5 years and up. 5-10years 4pm -5pm, 10 years and over 5-6pm. Contact Sarah on 0860772944 or go to www.sarahspeechanddrama.com



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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 Saturday of each month at 12 noon.

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