

Mass Intentions

Saturday:

6.00 pm Steven Cunningham (Anniv)
Also Con Cusack (Anniv)

Sunday:

10.00 am Bridget Murray (Anniv)
12.00 pm Patrick and Alice Macken (An)
Also Mary & Sean May (Rem)

Weekdays

Monday

Fiona Harrington and Conor O'Callaghan
(Rec Dec)
Also Alexander T Elliott (Anniv)

Tuesday

Siobhan Wynne and Freddie Curtis (RD)

Wednesday

Alan Kavanagh (B/day Rem)

Thursday

Sarah Mescall (RD)
Also Cecelia Collins (RD)

Friday

Altar List of the Dead

Saturday

Declan Daly (Anniv)
Also Donors Intentions

First and Second Sunday Mass Collection,

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

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will meet in the Parish Centre after 10.00 a.m. Mass on Friday the 17th of November. New members welcome.

Clontarf Historical Society

Clontarf Historical Society November talk Monday, 13th November at 7.30pm in St. Johns Parish Centre. "1853 North Dublin Watercolour Album of E. McFarland" by Mary O'Callaghan. This is an artist's journey from Marino to Howth, and back to Clontarf Castle. Learn about Dubliners' clothes, jobs, hobbies and modes of transport.

A Christmas Craft and gift Fair

A Christmas Craft and Gift Fair will be held in the Scots Hall, Clontarf and Scots Presbyterian Church, corner of Clontarf and Howth Roads on the following dates:

Friday 17th November 4.00 pm—8.00 pm
Saturday 18th November 11.00 am—5.00 pm
Free Admission



The Seafield Singers

The Seafield Singers will host an evening of Christmas carols on Friday 15th December.

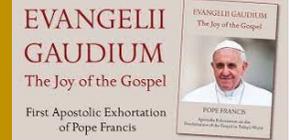
The choir is led by musical director, Elizabeth Hilliard. The compere for the concert will be the wonderful Eilís O'Brien. You will be treated to the amazing soloists Róisín O'Grady (Soprano), Mick O'Brien (Uilleann pipes) and David Bremner (accompanist).

The concert will be at 8.00pm in St. John the Baptist Church of Ireland, Seafield Road West, Clontarf. Tickets can be bought from the treasurer at 085 7224219 or at the door for €20.

An excerpt from

Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium of the Holy Father, Francis

5. The Gospel, radiant with the glory of Christ's cross, constantly invites us to rejoice. A few examples will suffice. "Rejoice!" is the angel's greeting to Mary (*Lk* 1:28). Mary's visit to Elizabeth makes John leap for joy in his mother's womb (cf. *Lk* 1:41). In her song of praise, Mary proclaims: "My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour" (*Lk* 1:47). When Jesus begins his ministry, John cries out: "For this reason, my joy has been fulfilled" (*Jn* 3:29). Jesus himself "rejoiced in the Holy Spirit" (*Lk* 10:21). His message brings us joy: "I have said these things to you, so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete" (*Jn* 15:11). Our Christian joy drinks of the wellspring of his brimming heart. He promises his disciples: "You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy" (*Jn* 16:20). He then goes on to say: "But I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" (*Jn* 16:22). The disciples "rejoiced" (*Jn* 20:20) at the sight of the risen Christ. In the Acts of the Apostles we read that the first Christians "ate their food with glad and generous hearts" (2:46). Wherever the disciples went, "there was great joy" (8:8); even amid persecution they continued to be "filled with joy" (13:52). The newly baptized eunuch "went on his way rejoicing" (8:39), while Paul's jailer "and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God" (16:34). Why should we not also enter into this great stream of joy?



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The Confirmation & First Holy Communion Preparation Masses are as follows:



Confirmation

Saturday 18th November at 6.00 pm

First Holy Communion

Enrolment Mass, Saturday 25th November at 6.00 pm
Preparation Mass, Saturday 16th December at 6.00 pm