

Mass Intentions

Saturday:

6.00 pm Fintan Lawlor (Anniv)
Also Michael McKenna (Anniv)

Sunday:

10.00 am Des Brennan (Rem)
Also Tom O'Malley (Anniv)
12.00 pm Maureen White (Anniv)
Also Sinead Harahan (Anniv)
Also Margaret Hogan (Anniv)
Also Nancy McCullagh (Anniv)

Weekdays

Monday

Michael Campbell (Rec Dec)
Also Eoin Gleeson (Rec Dec)

Tuesday

Micahel Hosey (Rec Dec)
Also Harry Caffrey (Anniv)

Wednesday

Deceased members of the McHale Family

Thursday

Special Intention

Friday

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Saturday

Cyril Bennett (Anniv)
Also Eoin Gleeson (Rec Dec)

Parish Office

The parish office will close on Friday 22nd December and will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.



Funeral Team.

As Archbishop Farrell has said, one of the very important ministries in the parish is to help those who are bereaved. To help the bereaved is to help Jesus himself. The assistance provided to those who lose a member of their family through illness or sudden death is much appreciated by a family at the time of a funeral. So the existence of a Funeral Team is a sign of a vibrant parish and one which takes its obligations as a community of Christians very seriously. Our Funeral Team is in need of new recruits. We ask you to consider joining the Funeral Team. Even if you are not available Monday to

Friday, we have funerals on a Saturday also. If you would like to know more, without any obligation to join, please contact Fr. O'Brien by leaving your contact details into the Office or in, 186, Clontarf Rd. As, Jesus himself said: "Whatever you do to the least of these, you do it to me."

**Celebration of the Sacrament of
Reconciliation
Advent 2023**

Confessions in Advent.

Saturday, 23rd December:

10.30am-11.30am.

5.15pm-5.45pm.

Mass of Celebration



For all children baptised during 2023

On

Saturday 6th January 2024 @ 6pm

An excerpt from

Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium of the Holy Father, Francis

II. The delightful and comforting joy of evangelizing

10. The Gospel offers us the chance to live life on a higher plane, but with no less intensity: "Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others".^[4] When the Church summons Christians to take up the task of evangelization, she is simply pointing to the source of authentic personal fulfilment. For "here we discover a profound law of reality: that life is attained and matures in the measure that it is offered up in order to give life to others. This is certainly what mission means".^[5] Consequently, an evangelizer must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral! Let us recover and deepen our enthusiasm, that "delightful and comforting joy of evangelizing, even when it is in tears that we must sow... And may the world of our time, which is searching, sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope, be enabled to receive the good news not from evangelizers who are dejected, discouraged, impatient or anxious, but from ministers of the Gospel whose lives glow with fervour, who have first received the joy of Christ".^[6]

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
PARISH NEWSLETTER
10th December 2023**

**To all Children.
(or those who feel
young)**

Decorations can be brought to the church next weekend to decorate the tree OUTSIDE the Church near the main door. If you can't make it to the church, then you can place it on the tree during the weeks leading up to Christmas.



Sacrament of the Sick

If there is no funeral the Sacrament of the Sick will be given at the 10.00 am Mass on Monday 18th

December 2023. All are welcome to attend.

