

Mass Intentions

Saturday:

6.00 pm Mary Hoey (Anniv)

Also Geoffrey Kelly (Anniv)

Sunday:

10.00 am Monica Cusack (Anniv)

12.00 pm Gerry McCaffrey (Anniv)

Also A.J., Eithne & Sr Mary Sliney (An)

Also Michael Heffernan (Anniv)

Weekdays

Monday

John Conway (Anniv)

Tuesday

Joan Cooke (Rec Dec)

Wednesday

Jack Shiel and Nora Moran (RD)

Thursday

Ciara Cummins and Martin Morris (RD)

Friday

Cillian Murray and Eamon Keane (RD)

Saturday

Ciaran Crimmins & James Devlin (RD)

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 Christmas break, we are starting again from 17 January 2024. 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.



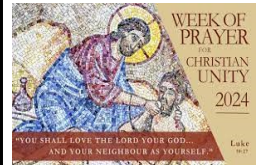
World Day of Peace

Archbishop Farrell's homily at the World Day of Peace Mass on Monday can be read at <https://dublindiocese.ie/world-day-of-peace-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."



Week of Guided Prayer for Christian Unity

The week of Guided prayer for Christian Unity will take place between Thursday 18th January 2024 and Thursday January 25th 2024. This years theme is The theme of the 2024 Week of Prayer is based on a text from the Gospel of St Luke: "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" (Luke 10:27).

Eternal newness

11. A renewal of preaching can offer believers, as well as the lukewarm and the non-practising, new joy in the faith and fruitfulness in the work of evangelization. The heart of its message will always be the same: the God who revealed his immense love in the crucified and risen Christ. God constantly renews his faithful ones, whatever their age: "They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not be faint" (*Is* 40:31). Christ is the "eternal Gospel" (*Rev* 14:6); he "is the same yesterday and today and forever" (*Heb* 13:8), yet his riches and beauty are inexhaustible. He is for ever young and a constant source of newness. The Church never fails to be amazed at "the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God" (*Rom* 11:33). Saint John of the Cross says that "the thicket of God's wisdom and knowledge is so deep and so broad that the soul, however much it has come to know of it, can always penetrate deeper within it".^[7] Or as Saint Irenaeus writes: "By his coming, Christ brought with him all newness".^[8] With this newness he is always able to renew our lives and our communities, and even if the Christian message has known periods of darkness and ecclesial weakness, it will never grow old. Jesus can also break through the dull categories with which we would enclose him and he constantly amazes us by his divine creativity. Whenever we make the effort to return to the source and to recover the original freshness of the Gospel, new avenues arise, new paths of creativity open up, with different forms of expression, more eloquent signs and words with new meaning for today's world. Every form of authentic evangelization is always "new".

