

Mass Intentions

Sunday:

6.00 pm Liam O'Brien (Anniv)
10.00 am Sean & Beatrice May (Anniv)
Also Sheila Masterson (Anniv)
Also Susie Carolan (Anniv)
12.00 pm Maeve O'Hanlon (Anniv)
Also Baby Fintan Nolan (M/Mind)

Weekdays

Monday

Altar List of the Dead

Tuesday

Special Intention

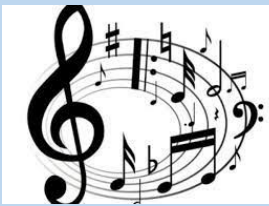
Wednesday

Anna Forde (Rec Dec)

Thursday

The first collection for the priests last weekend came to €530 and the second collection for SHARE came to €245

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 4 September 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

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Season of Creation Prayers

Morning

O Lord, open my lips
And my mouth will proclaim your praise.
As morning dawns I praise you, for
you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that
exists.

As I walk the journey of this day,
pour out on me the power of your love.
Fill me with peace, that I may protect life
and beauty.

May I act this day in solidarity with the
forgotten of this earth,
And sow beauty, not pollution and
destruction.

In Jesus' name, Amen

Evening

God, come to my assistance.
Lord, make haste to help me.
You are the God of the poor,
You heal all who exist.
May my prayer in the calm of the evening
Unite me with every creature,
as all living families of the earth journey
towards your infinite light.

Loving God, I thank you for being with me
this day.

Encourage us all, we pray, in our struggle
for
justice.

Through the night I lift up to you
My hopes for your reign of peace on earth.

In Jesus' name, Amen



This year's theme is To hope and act with Creation. In the letter of Paul the apostle to the Romans, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Cantic of Creatures. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used. And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather groaning, crying, and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life springs forth.