

## Mass Intentions



### Saturday:

**6.00 pm** John Cummins (Anniv)

Also Kitty Blacoe (B/Day Rem)

### Sunday:

10.00 am Fintan Doran (Anniv)

12.00 pm Daniel Devine (Anniv)

### Weekdays

**Monday:** Tom Callaly (Rec Dec)

**Tuesday:** Kay Lonergan (Rec Dec)

**Wed** : Nicholas Byrne (Rec Dec)

**Thurs** : Seamus O'Rourke (Rec Dec)

## CLONTARF HISTORICAL SOCIETY -(Final Talk Until September)



Our next meeting will take place on  
Monday 9th June 2025 at 7.30pm  
In St. John the Baptist Parish Centre,  
Clontarf Road.

A talk will be given by Ann Louise  
Mulhall, entitled:-

“The History of Clontarf Bowling Club  
1925 - 2025”

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### Upcoming Retreats at Manresa - June & July 2025

*Seeking rest and renewal in a sacred  
space this summer?*



**Oasis Day** (Saturday, 21 June)

A peaceful, one-day retreat offering quiet  
space for rest, prayer, and reflection.



**8-day Directed Retreat**  
(Tues, 24 June - Thurs, 3 July)

A residential retreat with one-on-one  
spiritual direction, offering a silent space  
to be in deeper prayer and reconnect.



**Poetry Retreat: “Who Do You Say  
That I Am?”**

(Friday-Sunday, 11-13 July)

A contemplative weekend retreat using  
poetry and prayerful reflection to explore  
Jesus' question, ‘Who do you say that I  
am?’

**The first collection for the priests  
last weekend came to €680 and the  
figure for SHARE was €320**

### Pray and Fast for Gaza

The Bishops of Ireland have asked that during June “we in Ireland pray for a change of heart. Throughout the month of June -the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus- we call on everyone to pray for an outpouring of the compassion of God on a heartless world. To see the relentless bombardment of civilian areas, the deliberate withholding of food from the starving, as well as the callous holding of hostages, it appears that humanity has lost its hear. In the face of these horrors we invite everyone to turn to the heart of Jesus by praying for the renewal of heart that our world so desperately needs. We call on all Catholics to make the First Friday, June 6th a day of prayer and fasting in solidarity with our sisters and brothers who are suffering at this time in the Holy Land.” Also Pope Leo has said that it is the children, elderly and the sick who are paying the price of the hostilities. If this is the first that you have heard about the day of fasting, you can fast and pray on any day.

### A Prayer for peace in Gaza and for the Starving Children

A Copy of this prayer is  
available in the Church Porch.  
Please feel free to take one for  
yourself or others who could  
not make it to Mass.

#### A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN GAZA AND FOR THE STARVING CHILDREN

Heavenly Father,  
Source of all life and love,  
We lift our hearts to You with sorrow and hope,  
As we remember Your children in Gaza--  
Innocent souls who hunger not only for bread,  
But for safety, for kindness, and for peace.

Lord Jesus,  
Who said, “Let the little children come to me,”  
Hold close in Your tender arms  
Every child who suffers from the pains of hunger,  
Who sleeps beneath the echo of bombs,  
Who cries with no one to comfort them,  
May their tears stir the hearts of the world.

Holy Spirit,  
Breath of peace and justice,  
Move through the hardened places of this earth.  
Inspire leaders with compassion,  
Break the chains of hatred and revenge,  
And guide us all to be instruments of Your mercy.

Bless the peacemakers, Lord,  
Give courage to those who deliver aid,  
Wisdom to those who speak for justice,  
And strength to those who care for the broken.

Mother Mary, Queen of Peace,  
Wrap Gaza in your mantle,  
Intercede for every child who goes to sleep hungry,  
And every parent who feels helpless.

Bring comfort, healing, and above all, peace.

AMEN

