# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, CLONTARF, PARISH NEWSLETTER 31st August 2025



Our Biblical text for this year is Isaiah 32:14-18. The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between God and humankind. This description of devastated cities and wastelands eloquently stresses the fact that human destructive behaviours have a negative impact on the Earth.

# Our hope

Creation will find peace when justice is restored. There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth.

To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, metanoia (repentance), and solidarity.

# Mass Intentions

#### **Saturday:**

6.00 pm Angela Bedford (Anniv) **Sunday:** 

10.00 am Sheila Masterson (Anniv) Also Susie Carolan (Anniv) 12.00 pm Phyllis Bergin (Anniv) Also Maeve O'Hanlon (Anniv)

# Weekdays

Monday: Altar list of the Dead Tuesday: Kathleen & Seamus

Conneely (RIP)

Wed: Kathleen & Seamus

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Thurs: Vera Murphy (RD)

Also Special Intention

: Thomas McGrath (An) Sat

#### St Gabriel's Seniors Club

Tuesday 9th September 2025 - The Club reopens Tea/Coffee morning - 10.30am to 12 noon. Our morning is hosted by Meals on Wheels & assisted by Councillor Kevin Breen

Annual membership envelopes available for collection. Membership fee September 2025/June 2026: €30 pp Short Holiday Break - Mon 20th Oct to Thurs 23rd Oct The Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Rate: €375 pps. Single Room supplement €30 per night Enquiries: Eleanor Kelly 087-8182833

Names will be taken at club on Tuesday 9th but no payment due. We look forward to welcoming all our members back and extend a warm welcome to new members to "give the club a try".

# St John's Ladies & Gents Social Group

The Ladies & Gents Social & Music Group meets every Wednesday from 10-30am to 12-30pm in our Parish Centre.



Loads of chit chat, refreshments and usually a singsong with our music group. New members are especially welcome. Come along and enjoy Ceol, Caint agus Craic

The first collection for the priests last weekend came to €740 and the figure for SHARE was €410.

#### MANRESA RETREATS

Looking to pause and reconnect with God? Manresa M'ANRESA Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (Clontarf, Dublin) is offering IESUIT CENTRE OF SPIRITUALITY the following retreats:

What Star Wars Teaches Us About Our Spiritual Journeys. Friday-Sunday, 5-7 September. Join Eric A. Clayton – author of My Life with the Jedi: The Spirituality of Star Wars – for a unique weekend retreat exploring how the beloved saga can illuminate our own spiritual path.