

Mass Intentions

Sunday:

6.00 pm Eileen & Dermot O'Mahony (A)
Also Kathleen McKenna (Anniv)
10.00 am Joan Murray (Rec Dec)
12.00 pm Malachy Geraghty (Anniv)
Also Louise Fogarty (Anniv)

Weekdays

Monday

John Berry (Rec Dec) & Donors Int

Wednesday

Dolores Higgins & Linda Dowling (RD)

Saturday

Emmett O'Cleirigh (Rec Dec)

The first collection for the priests last weekend came to €730 and the second collection for SHARE came to €360

Liturgy of the Word



From Friday 21st June and until further notice we will be have a Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion on Fridays at 10.00 am. There will no Mass on those mornings. Exposition will take place as usual after the service until 11.30 am.

The Day for Life message is available at <https://councilforlife.ie/day-for-life-2024/>.



Annual Cemetery Masses

July 7th at 3.00 pm Dardistown Cemetery

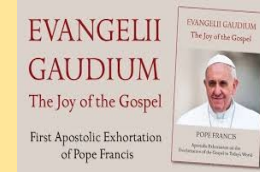
July 14th at 1.00 pm Balgriffin Cemetery

An Excerpt from *Evangelii Gaudium* newness

II. Pastoral activity and conversion

Paul VI invited us to deepen the call to renewal and to make it clear that renewal does not only concern individuals but the entire Church. Let us return to a memorable text which continues to challenge us. “The Church must look with penetrating eyes within herself, ponder the mystery of her own being... This vivid and lively self-awareness inevitably leads to a comparison between the ideal image of the Church as Christ envisaged her and loved her as his holy and spotless bride (cf. *Eph 5:27*), and the actual image which the Church presents to the world today... This is the source of the Church’s heroic and impatient struggle for renewal: the struggle to correct those flaws introduced by her members which her own self-examination, mirroring her exemplar, Christ, points out to her and condemns”. The Second Vatican Council presented ecclesial conversion as openness to a constant self-renewal born of fidelity to Jesus Christ: “Every renewal of the Church essentially consists in an increase of fidelity to her own calling... Christ summons the Church as she goes her pilgrim way... to that continual reformation of which she always has need, in so far as she is a human institution here on earth”.

There are ecclesial structures which can hamper efforts at evangelization, yet even good structures are only helpful when there is a life constantly driving, sustaining and assessing them. Without new life and an authentic evangelical spirit, without the Church’s “fidelity to her own calling”, any new structure will soon prove ineffective.



Message from Archbishop Farrell about the Summer Dues initiative

Our Gospel reading at Mass today talks about sowing seed on the land. Priests and other parish leaders and ministers are being asked to find new and creative ways of sowing the word of God, seeking to build up partnerships of parishes in the times that are upon us. Night and day, while we are asleep, when we are awake, the seed is spouting and growing; how we do not know (Mark 4:26-34). The mustard tree emerges from the tiniest of seeds. We do not yet know what will emerge for the Church locally, but ‘we are always full of confidence’ (2 Corinthians 5:6). We are full of prayer too – it is the Lord’s work, the work of the Holy Spirit who calls us to mission. Please support your priests through the Summer Dues collection. The generosity that people show towards their priests is indispensable. Please play your part, too, in a renewed and active involvement of all parishioners as together we sow seeds for a future harvest, trusting always in God’s plans for us.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH

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Summer Dues.

Please contribute to the Summer Dues. It is part of the income of your priests. To appreciate its importance, please read the message about the collection from Archbishop Farrell. The message and envelopes are on the tables

Peters Pence Collection.

The Peters Pence collection replaces the usual Share Collection this weekend. This collection is to support Pope Francis's Charities.