

Mass Intentions

Saturday:
6.00 pm Philomena Cummins (Anniv)
Sunday:
 10.00 am Annluan Blake (Anniv)
 Also Detta Walsh (Anniv)
 12.00 pm Anna Forde (Months Mind)

Weekdays

Monday
 Carmel Kenny (Rec Dec)
Tuesday
 Vincent Allen & Jack Lavin (RD)
Wednesday
 Bernadette Brangan (Anniv)
Thursday
 Tim Crowley (Anniv)
 Also Mary Caffrey (M/Mind)
Saturday
 Donors Intentions

To mark the Season of Creation
 And the
 Feast of St Francis of Assisi



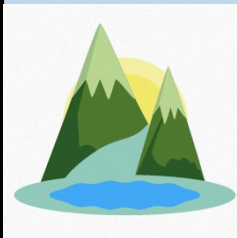
There will be a blessing of animals in the
 Church grounds
 on
 Saturday 28th September
 at
 12 noon.

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Prayer for water

Creator, we turn our attention to acknowledge and give thanks for Your gift of water. The mighty seas, the calm lakes, the rivers, the streams, and the rain that falls to refresh our sister mother earth. At the beginning of creation You sanctified the waters. Your gift is indispensable to all life on earth. It grows our food, it sustains all living things physically. When we are in need of spiritual strength You instructed us to go down to the water and wash our spirits clean. Awaken the heart of those who exploit Your gift for profit. And forgive those of us who take Your gift for granted. Help us to remember the preciousness of Your gift and give us the wisdom to use Your gift wisely and to share it equitably.

A:Ho6 b A:Ho is a form of "amen," meaning something like "since it was uttered, it is so".



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 Rochester, New York, United States of America.
 Virginia is from Akwesausne, a Mohawk
 reservation that straddles the U.S. and Canada.
 The Mohawk tribe is part of the Haudenosaune
 (Iroquois) Confederacy.*

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 Canticle 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.



Safeguarding Day – This Sunday
 It has come to that time of year again where we make arrangements for Safeguarding Sunday. Safeguarding Sunday will take place on September 22 throughout the diocese. The theme for this year's Sunday is A Safe and Welcoming Church for Children and Vulnerable Adults. Please take a copy of Archbishop Dermot Farrell's letter from the Church porch.

The first collection for the priests last weekend came to €525 and the second collection for Crosscare came to €1135

LIGHT A CANDLE FOR PEACE

Peace
 Come, light a candle, and join us in a
 Taizé Hour for Peace in the World

WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 8PM – 9PM
ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH, DOLLYMOUNT

"Can you not watch one hour with me?"