Mass Intentions

Saturday:

Ignatius Rossi (Anniv)

Also Geoffrey Kelly (Anniv)

Sunday:

6.00 pm

10.00 am Marie Brangan (Anniv)

Also Maura & Ernie Treacy (Anniv)

Also Eithne Blake (Anniv)

12.00 pm Jean Fitzgerald (Anniv)

Also Tom Mulhall (Anniv)

Also Joan McCullogh and Marie

Brassington (Anniv)

Also Mary O'Sullivan (Anniv)

Weekdays

Monday

Sheila O'Mahony (Anniv)

Also Maureen McGirr (Anniv)

Tuesday

John Joe Lyons (Rec Dec)

Wednesday

John Guy (Rec Dec)

Thursday

David O'Flaherty & Betty Lee (RD)"

Saturday

Jack McCullagh (Anniv)

The first collection for the priests last weekend came to €795 and the figure for SHARE was €395.

Parents who intend sending their sons to St. John the Baptist (Belgrove) Junior Boys' School this September should make application immediately if they haven't done so already. Closing date 31st January 2025.

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Church Unity Week.



There will be a service to mark Church Unity Week in Clontarf/ Killester in St. Anthony's Church next Thursday, 23rd at 7.30pm. All are welcome to pray for unity.

An Excerpt from Homily of Archbishop Dermot Farrell in Malahide (Jan 14 2025)

You know as well as I, how we are confronted by a Church that is increasingly poor: we grow poorer in terms of numbers, finance, or impact on public policy. We wonder about the viability of certain parishes, or indeed of the pastoral models that guide our planning and action. While it makes us uncertain, such poverty is not to be feared. Rather, it is to be named, and looked at in the eye, but we fool ourselves if we think that it can be addressed solely in terms of rationalisation, greater efficiencies, or new technologies. We are called to hear what "the Spirit is saying to the churches." (see Revelation 3:22)

Leadership in the Church today is a call to discover these other ways of being church that were hidden behind structures and dynamics of power. While it is easy to blame to the past, we have to acknowledge that the temptation to control is deeply written into our human nature. Learning to embrace another future can only happen if there is leadership which is committed to such a future. Such leadership is not something infused; it is something born of a coming to see Church and our mission in a different way—less us and them, more us together: "the one that is not against us is for us," to use the words of Jesus. It is also born of a *closeness* to Jesus and to the journey that was his—a journey that moves from a valuing of prominence, to a valuing of compassion, and of the capacity to travel with people where they find themselves. We do this already, but to what extent do we value it as a characteristic of leadership? Leadership in this poorer Church that is being given to us, involves above all being inspired by person of Christ, being inspired by his gospel, and by the great witnesses—women and men—to his way, the way of "him who though he was rich became poor for our sakes" (see 2 Cor 8:9) —not just materially poor, but poor in terms of status, of possibilities, of culture, of attractiveness.