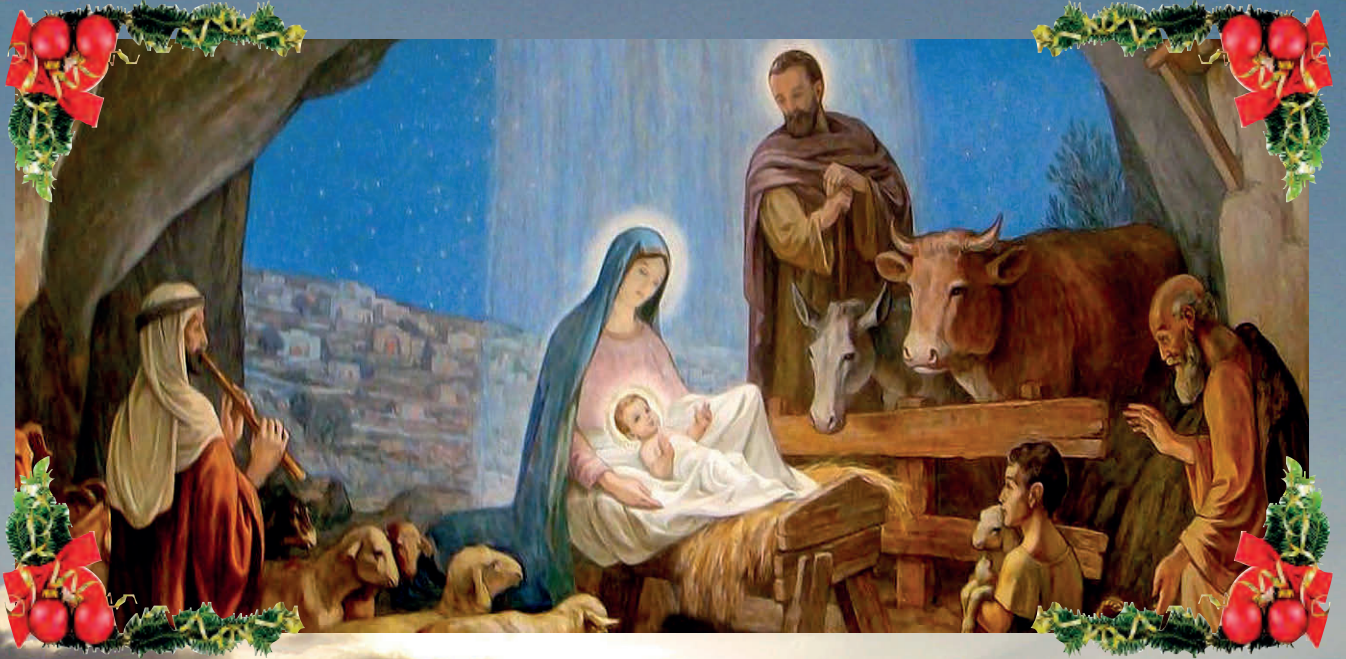


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SAINT ANTHONY'S PARISH

We invite you to join St Anthony's Parish Community over Christmas, whether as a visitor, a passer by, home on holidays, a non believer or a member of the community. It is a time to come together to remember the true meaning of Christmas which can enrich our celebration. It is people that matter. Don't forget the elderly neighbour or relative who maybe on their own. A visit can make a difference. Remember the homeless or those who are sad this Christmas. It could make your Christmas

A BLESSING FOR CHRISTMAS The Christmas symbols of the Crib, Christmas Tree and a lighted Candle remind us of the true meaning of the birth of Jesus. Perhaps you would like to bless your traditional Christmas symbols at home! (Maybe you would gather as a family at an appropriate time)

CHRISTMAS TREE

Lord,. WE thank you for the light of creation, the sun, the moon and the stars. We thank you for Jesus Christ, your Son.

May your blessing come upon our home as we illuminate our family tree. May the light and cheer it gives, be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to know the joy of the Christmas gift of salvation and



BLESSING OF THE CRIB

God of all people from the very beginning you made known your

love. When our need for a Saviour was great, you sent your Son, Jesus, to our lives to bring joy, peace, justice, mercy and love. Lord bless our Crib, may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, who is God with us and Saviour of all. Amen



LIGHTED CANDLE

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world. You come to dispel the darkness of sin and death.

Bring peace and harmony to our lives. Be with those who are alone or suffering and light our journey into the New year. Amen



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE 10.00am
7.00pm Family Mass
9.00pm
CHRISTMAS DAY 10.00am (Family Mass)
11.30pm

NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Clontarf Parishes Reconciliation Service with Confessions - Tuesday 20th December 7.30pm
St Gabriel's Church Dollymount

CHRISTMAS EVE ST ANTHONY'S

10.30-11.30 am 1.30pm - 2.30pm

PARISH DETAILS

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A FLAVOUR OF PARISH LIFE

MALAWI PROJECT

The parish donated €4,000 to the "Wells for Zoe"

Project in Malawi



REMEMBRANCE TREE

We remembered all who have died and especially those from the Parish in the past year.

May they rest in peace



Harvest Mass



Commemorating 1916 Rising



MISSION SUNDAY We celebrated the contribution made by local Religious Sisters to Missions over many years



Strawberry Fair



CELEBRATING OCCASIONS



St. Gabriel's parish



I Love Christmas !



There is a buzz around the Parish, people smile and greet one another. Then there is Santa and the innocence and joy of children. This year I hope to enjoy the "Messiah" in St. John the Baptist Church, Seafield Road and invite you all to join the Carol Service for our three parishes in St. John the Baptist Church, Clontarf Road.



Of course Christmas will be sad for those who lost loved ones during the year - we had **48** funerals in our Church and many lost dear ones in other parishes. I hope that the coming of the Saviour will bring some consolation to you and that you will be comforted by friends and neighbours. Your loved ones will be in my thoughts and prayers as I celebrate my Christmas Masses.

On a more joyful note we welcomed into our community at St. Gabriel's **83** newly baptised babies (and their names are all on our Baptism Board).



May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and encouragement during the year, as I wish you and yours every joy and blessing that the coming of the Saviour brings and invite you to join us in the many events that make Christmas so special in our Church.

Fr. Pat

Our Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

6pm Youth

9pm Music Group

Christmas Day

9am (Senior Choir)

10.30 (Family)

12 noon (Cantor)



No Evening Mass

Penitential Service

for all three Clontarf Churches
in St. Gabriel's Church
Tuesday

20th December at
7.30pm

Individual Confessions

Christmas Eve
11am-12 noon; 2.30-3.30



Sunday 11th December

Sat 6pm † Brian Malone (13th A)
 † Decd Members of the
 O'Donoghue & Sugrue Families
 Sun10.30 † Frank Reddin (26thA)
 † Allyson Ussher Horgan (2ndA)
 6.00 pm † Peggy Hickey (A)
 † ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD
 Mon 10am MASS FOR THE SICK
 Tue10am
 Wed10am † Áine Ring (6thA)
 Thu 10am Special Intention
 Fri. 10am † Maureen Foley (4thA)
 Sat 10.30

Sunday 18th December

Sat 6.00 † Kevin Carleton (14th A)
 † Paddy O'Callaghan (2ndA)
 Sun10.30 † Dermot Kavanagh
 † Janice Richardson (32ndA)
 & her Dad John Richardson
 † Dick Green, Cis Greene &
 Anne Owens (As)
 6.00 pm



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TOY SUNDAY



On Sunday 18th Dec.
 Children are invited to bring a
NEW toy to Mass to be given to
 a poor family

Carol Services in St. Gabriel's

Children Singing in the Church

Belgrove Senior Boys Thurs 15th Dec. at 7.30pm
 Belgrove Senior Girls Tues 20th Dec. at 11.30am
 Belgrove Junior Boys Wed 21st Dec. at 11.30am

Singing under the Lampposts

The Monday Night Men's group
 and our Choirs will bring back an old
 tradition of singing on the roads on
 Wednesday 14th December after
 7.30pm. This year they hope you will
 welcome them on Dollymount Grove,
 Seapark Road, & Mt. Prospect Park, Drive & Grove.



St. Vincent de Paul Sunday

10th / 11th December

The second collection today
 will be the annual appeal for
 the Society of St. Vincent de
 Paul. Your usual great
 generosity is requested.
 Thank You!

World Day of the Sick

*On Sunday 12th February
 next at 3pm we will be proud
 to host the Diocesan World
 Day of the Sick Mass and
 Blessing of the Sick, with chief
 celebrant Archbishop
 Diarmuid Martin.*



**St. Gabriel's Parish Centre will be open from 7pm—8.30pm
 every evening from Christmas Eve until New Year's Day.
 All welcome to drop in for a warm cuppa and a friendly chat
 — and invite someone who's on their own to come with you**

Decorate our Christmas Trees

Help us to decorate our
 Christmas Trees with prayers -
 Cards are available at our
 two Christmas Trees.
 All the intentions on the trees
 will be included in our
 Christmas Masses



Room at the Inn

The first Christmas there was no room for Jesus at the Inn. People were too busy to notice a young mother who was about to give birth.

Today's world is a hectic one with many having no time for Jesus or other people. But perhaps a baby seeking love can stop us in our tracks! This is the Christmas message - God in the form of a helpless child reaching out to love and be loved.

He wants to reach out to you!

The Angels brought a message of joy to poor shepherds in the darkness of a Judean hillside:

*"Today a Saviour has been born to you.
He is Christ the Lord".*

Our darkened world could do with some news of a great joy.

We know that some of you don't come regularly to our Churches or may even have lost touch. We would love you to join us this Christmas even if only for the day.

*You may be sure that there will be room at the inn for
YOU in all our Churches*





ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH CLONTARF



Christmas Carol Service

Our annual Christmas Carol Service takes place next Sunday, 18th

December, at 4.00 pm in the parish church. The parish choir have been working hard to prepare for this time of reflection and song. It will be a lovely way of celebrating together the mystery of the great feast of Christmas. This year the invitation is extended to parishioners of all three Clontarf parishes.

Annual Vincent de Paul Collection

This weekend the second indoor collection will be for the Vincent de Paul Society. It replaces the usual Share collection. A speaker from the Vincent de Paul Society will speak at all the Masses. This collection is the Society's main source of income for the year.

We welcome into the family of the church the following children who were baptized during the month of November :

Hannah Bennett, Alzbeta and Lucia Pivarci



Seniors Christmas Party

The Christmas Party for the senior members of the parish will take place this Wednesday, 14th December, from 2.00 pm onwards in the Parish Centre. It is always a great afternoon, with plenty of eats and drinks. Santa will make his usual appearance with a present for everyone in the audience. 'Senior' is interpreted very broadly so do come along and join in the fun.

We are looking for children to take part in the Christmas pageant which takes place during the Christmas Night 6.00 pm Family Mass and the Christmas morning 10.00 am Family Mass.

It is a wonderful way for children to enact the Christmas story on Christmas Night/Day. There is a practice on Wednesday, 21st December, at 2.30 pm in the parish church.

Christmas Pageant



Penitential Service

Our Penitential Service in preparation for Christmas will be celebrated on Tuesday, 20th December, at 7.30 pm in Saint Gabriel's parish church. This will be a very good opportunity to go to Confession for Christmas. Priests from the three Clontarf parishes will be in attendance to hear Confessions.



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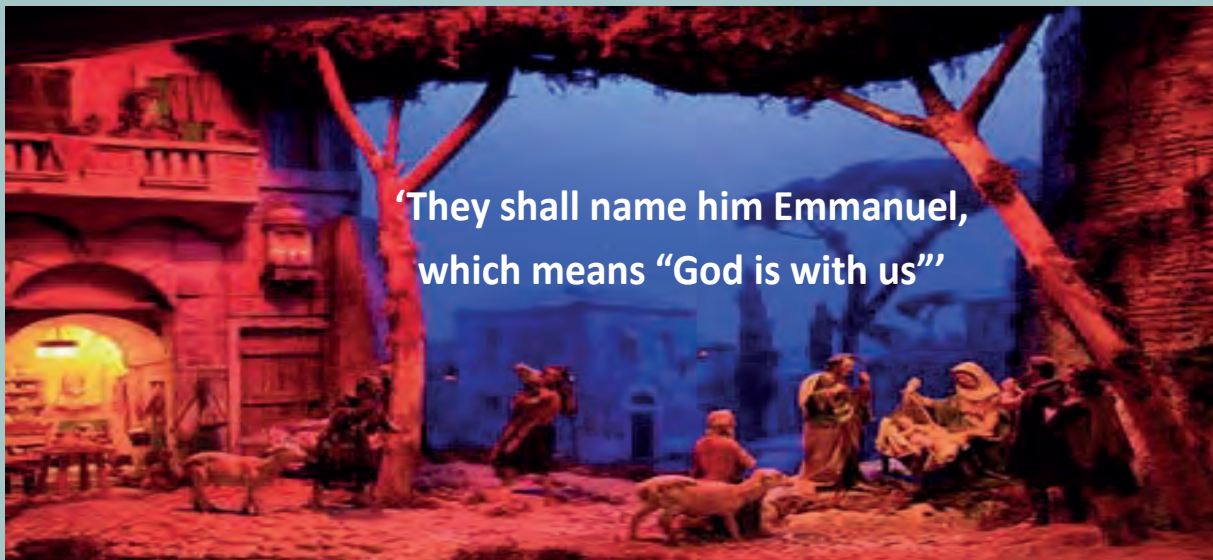
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Christmas thanks

I will like to thank all who have contributed to the life of the parish over the course of the past year. The recent publication of the booklet of parish groups by the Parish Pastoral Council brings home to us just how many people are involved in the life of the parish in a whole variety of ways. Thanks to all who support us financially and to everyone who builds up the parish spiritually just by your presence in the church at our liturgies or at quiet moments of your own. I pray that you will all experience the peace and love of the child of Bethlehem this Christmas time, **Fr Martin**

CLONTARF HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Talk on "Articles about Clontarf & Raheny from the Newspapers of 1916" by Noel Carolan. Monday 12th December 8.15pm in Paish Center, Visitors

Mass Intentions

Sunday

6.00 pm: Sheila O'Rourke (Anniv)
10.00 am: Hannah Maguire (Anniv)
11.15 am: Jim Teeling (Anniv)
12.30 pm: Nan Hamill (Anniv)

We also remember

Michael Clarke, Michael Toomey, Alex and Kitty Wyvar, Frances Flynn, deceased members of the Flynn family, Tom and Mary Fitzgerald.

Weekdays

Breda Kelly, Gerald Kelly, Kathleen and Mary McGrath, Gerry Corr, Grellan Murray

Parish Book Club

The next meeting of the parish book club is this Thursday, 15th Dec at 7.30 pm. This month we are reading is 'My Life with the Saints' by James Martin SJ.



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Christmas Service Arrangements:

Sunday 18th December

Holy Communion 8.30am; Carol Service 10.30am

Thursday 22nd December

Greenlanes National School Christmas Service 11am

Christmas Eve

Holy Communion 11pm

Christmas Day

Holy Communion 8.30am & 10.30am.

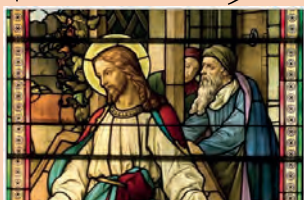
Sunday 1st January

Holy Communion 10.30am



Handel's

Messiah



Saturday 17th December

8pm

Dun Laoighre Choral Society with orchestral ensemble

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Soloists Nicole Robinson, Soprano, Rachel Manning,
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Regular Events/Services

Sunday Worship:

8.30am & 10.30am

Evening Praise, 6pm (second Sunday of the month only)

Senior's Coffee Morning: 10.30am every first Monday (except Bank Holidays)

Healer Prayer Service: 7.30 pm every first Tuesday

Whist Drives: 7.30pm every first Thursday

Senior's Movie Night: 7.30pm every third Thursday

Teenage Youth Club: 4.30pm every second Sunday of the month, or as announced

Weekly prayer groups 7.30pm each Tuesday & 8.30am each Thursday in the Parish Centre.

Highlights of our 150th Anniversary Celebrations in 2016

Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Valentine's Breakfast; Diocesan 'Come & C' Service; Phil Coulter in Concert; Flower Festival; Cara O'Sullivan in Concert; Service of Thanksgiving; Parish Picnic & Beetle Drive; Pet Blessing; Bangers 'n' Bingo; Fun Table Quiz, Autumn Fair, Opera by the Bay, Handel's Messiah

Phew... what a busy year! Blessings to everyone for 2017



Clontarf & Scots Presbyterian Church

Our Services

- 4 December 11 am Family Service
- 11 December 11 am Family Service 7pm Christmas Reflection and Communion Service
- 18 December 11 am Family Service 7 pm Carol Service followed by refreshments
- 25 December 10:30 am Family Service

Christmas greetings for 2016

This was a busy year for us as a congregation. Both within our community as well as the marking of all this year means to the Irish Nation.

In the midst of all the commemorations as well as the normal ebb and flow of church life, we got to welcome two new Elders to our leadership team. They join a wonderful group of men and women who have sought to serve this congregation and honour the Lord.

We have also started our coffee concerts which are held once a month, usually in The Scots Halls and are wonderfully lead by our organist Seho Lee. A selection of training soloists come along to entertain with song, or instruments. A wide variety of styles and eras of music, mean they are both enjoyable and an education.

In September the rebuild for our school began. We are so pleased it is all happening as the school will finally be updated in its facilities. The original building will still of course be kept, with the new parts added to the side and back of the structure. We are grateful to all in our community who supported our request for this much needed work.

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