

**NEXT BAPTISM  
PREPARATION MEETING**

- will be at 8pm, on Tuesday, 29th August, for the celebration of Baptism on Sunday, September 3rd.



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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Vigil	6.00 pm	Delores Whelan-Clarke (M.M.) Jack, May & Brian McEneff (Anniv.)
Sun.	8.30 am	Claire Ruttledge ( Rec.Dec.)
	10.00am	Patrick & Betty Larkin (Anniv.)
	11.30am	George & Marie Fields (Anniv.) Brendan O'Reilly (Anniv.) Henry & Kathleen Foley (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Catherine Bennett (Anniv.)
Tues.	10.00am	Health intention
Wed.	10.00am	Health intention
Thur	10.00am	Conor Grogan (Rec.Dec.)
Fri.	10.00am	Altar List of the Dead

**THE DEEP END: Treasures and pearls**

In the immediate aftermath of the horrific bomb attack in Manchester on 22 May this year, the hashtag #roomformanchester began to trend on social media. In the midst of the chaos and terror, locals were opening up their homes and hearts to anyone who had been affected by the incident and was in need of help. People who lived nearby offered food or a cuppa, a place to charge phones, or a bed for the night. Hotels took in dozens of children and teenagers who had been separated from their parents. Taxi drivers offered free lifts, and others offered to drive those who had been stranded home to surrounding areas. People began to queue up at donor banks to give blood to help those injured in the attack. In the face of an evil and senseless act that inflicted so much pain, kindness and goodness shone through.

Difficult times often bring out the best in people. We see it in the way friends rally around a bereaved family, or communities raise money to help a sick child. There are treasures in our people and our communities that we could never put a price on. Jesus talks today about hidden treasures and fine pearls, and prompts the question – what is most important to us, and what are we willing to sacrifice for it? Sometimes treasures like compassion and love are there for all to see, and other times they are hidden or buried and we have to go in search of them, and to remember to bring them to others. The kingdom of God is always close at hand and within each of us.

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Many thanks to all who contributed to the Trocaire special appeal last Sunday - €7,860 was raised to help those in need in East Africa.

Church gate collection today is for:  
**LOURDES INVALID FUND**

Please pray for David Meehan, who died recently. R.I.P.

**READINGS Next Sunday**

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

Ps. 96

2 Pt 1:16-19

Matt. 17:1-9



**One Year to World Meeting of Families 2018:**

You and your family are invited to come along to the launch of the one-year programme of preparation for World Meeting of Families 2018, which will take place at the Knock Shrine on Monday, 21st August 2017, the Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady. This day of celebration will include the celebration of the Eucharist, workshops and faith and fun activities for all the family.

The *WMOF2018 Icon* will be presented at Mass in the Basilica at 3pm and then begin its journey around the Dioceses of Ireland

**YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL**, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary; Thurs 17th - Sun 20th Aug. For young people aged 16 - 35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet new people, with over 1,400 young people from all over Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses travelling from all around Ireland. For more info / to book online: ph. 01 6753690 or see [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

Some interesting websites to use as sources of prayer / reflection: [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie)  
[www.livingspace.sacredspace.ie](http://www.livingspace.sacredspace.ie)  
[www.prayasyougo.org](http://www.prayasyougo.org) [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

**Light Out of Darkness:** This year's programme begins with an Information Meeting in the Capuchin Friary, Raheny at 8pm on Tues. 8th Aug. continuing on Tuesdays (for an hour) up to Dec. 5th. The book *Light Out of Darkness* costs €10. Otherwise the course is free. What are you looking for in life? What are your goals? Does the Church play a part in what you are seeking? As a Catholic, are you searching for God? This course may answer some, or all, of these questions. Enrolments only on first night.

Novena to St. John Vianney takes place from Fri., 4th to Sat., 12th Aug in St. John Vianney Church in Ardilea Road, Artane