

**NEXT BAPTISM
PREPARATION MEETING**

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



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MASS INTENTIONS

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| Vigil | 6.00 pm | Peggy Cooke (1st Anniv.) |
| Sun. | 8.30 am | Health Intentions |
| | 10.00am | Fr. Liam Hickey (Rec. Dec.) |
| | 11.30am | Marie Shalloo (Anniv.) Alice Farrell (Anniv.) |
| Mon. | 10.00am | Sean Clancy (Rec Dec.) |
| Tues. | 10.00am | Dermot Lavelle (Rec Dec.) |
| Wed. | 10.00am | Health Intentions |
| Thur | 10.00am | John Cunnion (Anniv.) |
| Fri. | 10.00am | Health Intentions |

TWO LIVES: ONE LOVE - Irish Bishops' Conference

Pope Francis (just like Pope St John Paul II) recently wrote: *I wish to re-state as firmly as I can that abortion is a grave sin since it puts an end to an innocent life.* He went on to say: *However, I must state that there is no sin that God's mercy cannot reach and wipe away, when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled with the Father.* Our hope is for a Church and indeed wider society which, while rejecting abortion, reaches out to women who have had an abortion with a listening ear and an understanding heart. We believe that the common good is best served by the Church and wider society which, while rejecting abortion, continues to offer women real alternatives and real support.

Article 40.3.3 of *Bunreacht na h-Eireann* has a particular vision which is based on respect for the life of every human from the moment of conception. We believe that the deletion of this article from our Constitution could have no other affect than to expose the unborn to greater risk and that it would not bring about any benefit at all for the lives, or health, of women in Ireland.

In *Our Common Humanity*, the bishops say that making abortion freely available de-sensitises people to the value of every human life. They point out that the scientific evidence has never been clearer about the beginning of human life. It is, therefore, a great irony that in Ireland we are, for the first time in our history in danger of losing that clarity - the clarity about the inalienable right to life of the unborn. We invite people of faith to pray earnestly that Ireland will choose LIFE.

General Data Protection Regulation

A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), is being introduced on 25 May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish, that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place. If you have any questions about this please contact the parish office.

Hour of Prayer for Life in our Parish Church

An Hour of **Prayer for Life** followed by benediction takes place on the following days / times in our church:
 Sunday 20th May: 7p.m. - 8p.m.
 Tues 22nd May & Thurs 24th May: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 Eucharistic Adoration takes place on Fri 25th May 3-6 p.m.
 Eucharist Adoration continues after 10am Mass, Mon-Fri, with Rosary and prayer for unborn children.
 Night Vigil in St John the Evangelist Church, Kilbarrack on Thurs 24th May - starting with Mass at 7.30pm, continuing until Mass at 3am.

*Mass Cards are available in the parish office.

Raheny Folk Group, Cameron Singers & Dolce present a concert "Thank you for the Music", on Tuesday 22nd May, at 7 p.m. in St Gabriel's Church Clontarf. Admission free and all welcome. A charity collection will be taken during the concert.

Church gate collection this Sunday, 20th May is in aid of Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

We pray for the boys and girls who received First Holy Communion yesterday, Saturday 19th (Scoil Aine and Springdale) and those who are due to receive First Holy Communion next Saturday, 26th (Scoil Assaim).

"May they always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of His life within them."

READINGS Next Sunday
The Most Holy Trinity

Deut 4:32-34. 39-40
Ps 32
Rm 8:14-17
Mt 28: 16-20



World Meeting of Families: Weds 22nd - Sun 26th August

The World Meeting of Families and Papal visit will take place in August. If you would like to attend the World Meeting of Families as part of a Parish Group, please contact the parish office on 01-8313232. Bookings can also be made on line at: www.worldmeeting2018
 Note: With limited capacity in Croke Park (venue on Sat 25th for the Festival of Families), free tickets (for Sat 25th) will be subject to availability. The only guaranteed way to ensure a ticket for the Festival is by purchasing a three-day Congress (Weds - Fri) ticket (€68/adult, under 18 free).