World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.
Pope Francis has established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place for the first time on Sunday 25 July.

Pope Francis’ Message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:

Dear Elderly Friends, “I am with you always” (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. “I am with you always” are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone”.

(To read the full message from the Pope please visit the Diocesan website at dublindiocese.ie)

Finance Corner
1st Collection last week : €805
Shrine : €645
Thank you for your continued support.
We are currently in the process of posting out acknowledgement letters and the financial statement for 2020 to those who contributed financially to the parish.
Many thanks to all those who contributed to the Summer Dues collection. Envelopes are available at the back of the church if you wish to contribute.

Eucharistic Adoration
It is hoped that we can return to Eucharistic Adoration in September.
We will keep you updated.

When entering the Church:
Please wear face masks, social distance, and use the hand sanitizers. The Church is cleaned at regular intervals to make it a safer environment for all.
Thank You

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Parish Office Opening hours:
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Mass Times
Monday - Friday: 10am
Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 10am
Mass Intentions 24th July — 31st July

Saturday: Special Intention Tom & Ann Hickey
Sunday: Tony O’Toole (A)  Paddy Murphy (A)  Kevin O’Donohoe (A)
John Naughton (Special Intention)
Monday: Patrick Keenan (R.I.P.)
Tuesday: Deceased members of the Byrne & Keenan Families
Wednesday: Dolly Ring (R.I.P.)
Thursday: Eileen Halpin (R.I.P.)
Friday: Adam Clarke (R.I.P.)

Gospel Reflection:
Fr. Michael Murtagh

Food is the first necessity of life. Without food no life is possible. Do we have too much food in the developed world – Our focus is to cut down on food with a view to Losing weight.

In third world countries their problem is how to get anything to eat at all. Over 700 million people have not enough to eat. How many African children are under nourished this day.

Final question: Are many people starving spiritually? Rarely coming to the Lord’s table to be Soul fed. Undeniably Bread will keep us alive for awhile, but the bread of life will keep us alive forever.

Mass Cards - Anniversary Masses
Mass association cards for the Deceased and the Living are available at the back of the church. Anniversary Mass cards are available in the office. Anniversary Masses can only be booked through the office. Thank you.

Recent Bereavement
We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of Brid Naessens and Audrey Hewitt whose funeral took place recently. May they R.I.P.

CDPA Notice
The cat and dog protection association of Ireland (CDPA) are looking for volunteers and fosters to help them with kitten season, as the charity has no shelter we rely on the help of our volunteers and Fosters to help get as many cats off the street as possible. We mainly work with cats who live on the streets around Dublin. We aim to re-home as many of these cats and kittens as we can. So we are also looking for good forever homes too. If you would like to help you can look up our website or Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/CDPA.IE). Useful inks: https://www.cdpa.ie/how-you-can-help/volunteer/ & https://www.cdpa.ie/rehome-animals/cats/

Publications
Copies of the Irish Catholic newspaper and The Messenger are available for sale at the back of the church.

Saints of the Day 24th Jul—31st Jul
Saturday: St. Declan
Sunday: Of the Day
Monday: St. Joachim and St Anne
Tuesday: Of the Day
Wednesday: Of the Day
Thursday: St. Martha
Friday: St. Peter Chrysologus

Security
CCTV please be aware cameras are in operation in the Church and throughout the grounds.