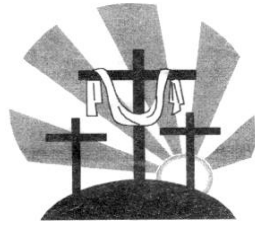


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested for Mary Kinsella and Bronwen Casson. who have died and the following whose anniversaries occur: Patrick Mulvaney, Carmel Handy, Vivian Collins, Gerry Costello, Philip Manzor and Emer Leonard.

MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting us this weekend.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are:

DATE	GREEN BASKET	WHITE BASKET
Oct 8 th 2023	€1,260	€700

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese, known as the Common Fund.

The white basket is the collection for Share, which meets the needs both of poorer parishes and of central agencies of the Diocese.

Next Sunday we celebrate **Mission Sunday** and the collection will take the place of the SHARE collection at all Masses

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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15th October 2023

The Abyss of Evil in War

The horrors in the Middle East this week and the ongoing war in Ukraine prompt our prayers for peace. Pope and Saint John XXIII wrote sixty years ago: ‘it no longer makes sense to maintain that war is a fit instrument with which to repair the violation of justice’. Pope Francis deepened that message in his 2020 Encyclical on Fraternity and Social Friendship: ‘It is very difficult to invoke the rational criteria elaborated in earlier centuries to speak of the possibility of a ‘just war’.

‘Never again war’, he wrote.

‘Every war leaves our world worse than it was before. War is a failure of politics and of humanity, a shameful capitulation, a stinging defeat before the forces of evil. Let us not remain mired in theoretical discussions but touch the wounded flesh of victims. Let us look once more at all these civilians whose killing was considered collateral damage. Let us ask the victims themselves. Let us think of the refugees and displaced, those who suffer the effects of atomic radiation or chemical attacks, the mothers who lost children, and the boys and girls maimed or deprived of their childhood. Let us hear the true stories of these victims of violence, look at reality through their eyes and listen with an open heart to their stories. In this way we will be able to grasp the abyss of evil at the heart of war. Nor will it trouble us to be deemed naive for choosing peace’.

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, 2020; par 261.

Do this in Memory

The first of our Do this in Memory Masses will be held next Sunday at 10.30am. Children and parents preparing for First Communion are specially invited.

Season of Creation Art Exhibition

Thanks to all who submitted artwork for our Season of Creation art exhibition. The exhibits ranged from recycled materials sculpture, ceramics, watercolour, oils, mixed media and poetry. Huge thanks go to our generous sponsors, in particular to Barbara O'Rourke www.papercuts.com for the main exhibition prize of a beautiful laser-cut map of Sandymount. Sarah Bacon curated the exhibition and artist/architect, Siobhán Cuffe who judged the entries and very kindly contributed three copies of her children's book, "Oh, We're Lost", to the prizes. Thanks also to Scoil Mhuire and Star of the Sea Schools who, between them, entered 100 of the 158 exhibits! Thanks also to those who visited the exhibition and who were so appreciative of the creativity on view. Already plans are being made to make this an annual event. Look out for photos on the Parish website shortly.

Harvest Festival Thank you

A special thanks to Jimmy O'Doherty who for last weekend's harvest festival display. It was admired and appreciated by so many parishioners and visitors. We would like to thank him for his generosity in donating the fruit and vegetables and for his hard work in designing and building the work; a lovely piece of art !

Christ Church Sandymount celebrate their annual Harvest Service this Sunday at 3pm, followed by light refreshments in the Church hall. All are welcome.

PPC meeting

The next meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council will take place this Monday 16th Oct. at 7.30pm. Next month the AGM of the parish will be held. At this meeting new membership of the PPC will be proposed and elected. Please give thought to the possibility of becoming a member of the pastoral council or of encouraging someone you know to do so. If you would like to learn more about what is involved, contact the parish office a call. Nomination forms will be available soon.

Synod Newsletter

The 3rd issue of the Synod newsletter is available at the back of church this weekend.

Altar list of the Dead

November Altar Lists and envelopes are available at the back of the church this weekend.

Bethany Mass

Our annual Mass for deceased members of our parish during the past year will take place on Nov 2nd at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along to this special service of remembrance and to support each other at what is for the bereaved, a very sad time.

Explorers

'Explorers' inter-church Scripture group recommences on Monday 16th October at 7.30pm in Christ Church Hall on the green.

Lectio Divina on Tuesday Evening

Lectio Divina continues this Tuesday at 6.30 to 7.30, in the church meeting room.

Minding the Mind

St John of God Hospital's public lecture series 2023 continues this week on Monday 16th October with the topic of The Role of the Natural Environment in Promoting Positive Mental with Shirley Gleeson, senior social worker. 'Adm. is free and talks begin at 7.30pm until 9.20pm. See poster at the back of the church.

Prayers for Peace and Bells

On Saturday 11 November, at 11.00 am, coinciding with the end of the First World War, cathedrals and parish churches are invited to ring church bells as a call for peace and an end to war. We plan to do so here in our own parish.

Blessed are the Peacemakers

We pray to You O Lord, through the intercession of Your Most Pure

Mother

Mary,

Give to the people suffering war and conflict the gift of peace, for you have given us all else:

A peace that all of us share in the passion and wisdom that is the Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of the Sabbath, and the peace that knows no evening.

Stir up in the hearts and the minds of our leaders and politicians a longing for peace,

That brings real joy and our hearts will be restless no more.

Amen

The Dream of Gerontius

Our Lady's Choral Society presents John Henry Newman's poem 'The Dream of Gerontius' set to music by Edward Elgar, on October 29 in the National Concert Hall. This timely presentation leads us into the month of November, which is traditionally the time during which we remember and reflect on the lives of our loved ones who have died. Choir and soloists accompanied by the RTE Concert Orchestra under the baton of maestro Proinnsias O Duinn. 29th oct, 7.30pm in NCH, tickets from www.nch.ie or 01 4170000

Men's Breakfast

Johnstown/Killiney Parish invite you to the next Men's Breakfast on Sat. Nov 11, from 8am to 9.30 in Johnstown Centre, Killiney, A96 AY24. This is a great opportunity for men to have a relaxing chat, a good breakfast and hear a passionate speaker share their faith journey. Guest speaker is JP Johnson from Loughlinstown. Starts 8am and ends 9.30am. RSVP by emailing your details to johnstownmensbreakfast@gmail.com. or call 087 2382941.

Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather in Your name.
with You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us
down the wrong path nor partiality
influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together
to eternal life and not stray from
the way of truth and what is right.
All we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son forever and ever. Amen