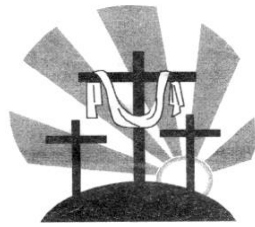


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested for Rosa McAuliffe who has died and the following whose anniversaries occur: James and Jane Rigley, Josephine Bryan, Teresa Timoney, Harry and Nancy Manley and Joan Goulding and Pauline Smith whose months mind occurs at this time.

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.

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CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are:

DATE	GREEN BASKET	WHITE BASKET
Oct 15 th 2023	€960	€490

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.

During the month of September the Tap and Go machines in Sandymount Parish collected €1,250.26 from 144 transactions. This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share. The Share collection over the weekend of 16th and 17th September was for the Crosscare Homeless Services and €187.71 from the above went there.

This Sunday we celebrate **Mission Sunday** and the collection will take the place of the SHARE collection at all Masses this weekend.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. The theme for this year's celebration of Mission Sunday is: "**Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move**" (Luke 24: 13-35).

Throughout 2023, Catholic Mission aims to encourage everyone to engage in both a physical and spiritual journey, to share the message of love and hope not only through their words, but also through their actions, building up momentum for the celebration of World Mission month in October.

In his message, Pope Francis reflects on the resilience that everyday missionaries demonstrate in their life-giving work and the burning passion for God and people that inspires their hearts. Dedicating their lives to others, in partnership with communities, missionaries aim to create a positive change through spiritual care and the implementation of grassroots projects, such as healthcare and education, reaching far beyond Catholic communities. Today we know that 16,000 displaced children are living in hotel accommodation in Ireland. It brings home to us that we can be on mission without having to travel to other lands. Mission is meeting people where they are at with the hope that the Gospel gives us.

This year's theme of "**Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move**" can be read not only in terms of Irish men and women going abroad as missionaries but also as meeting the feet on the move coming to Ireland with hearts of compassion and care.

Synod

As the Synod continues in Rome, entering its 5th week, the focus last week was on women and co-responsibility. Mother Maria Ignazia Angelini from Milan said *‘it is not about recognition and promotion in a secular sense but about the welfare of the church. It is not about rights but about the gifts received. It means understanding the mission of women in the church.’*. Sister Gloria Liliana said *‘it is a right to participation and equal responsibility in discernment and decision-making, but fundamentally it is a desire to live consciously and in coherence with the common dignity that baptism bestows on all.’*

On Saturday, synod participants held a minute’s silence remembering the tragic events in the Holy Land and the world’s forgotten wars. The 340 members present renewed their prayer for peace.

You can follow the progress of the Synod on FB, Instagram and Twitter/X. For links to these articles visit www.dublindiocese.ie/synod2023

Do this in Memory

We warmly welcome all of the children preparing for First Communion in 2024 to the first ‘Do this in Memory’ Mass this Sunday at 10.30am. The Grapevine newsletter will be distributed in our schools on Monday and children from the Wednesday afternoon class may collect their copies after Mass today. Before the next Mass parents are asked to help the children with pages 10 to 13 and 40 to 43. Our next Do This In memory mass is 26th November. Our thanks to those parents who have already sent in the €10 towards the cost of materials for the programme.

Confirmation Commitment

We also welcome all of the children preparing for Confirmation next year to their Commitment Ceremony in the church on Tuesday night at 7am.

Altar list of the Dead

November Altar Lists and envelopes are available at the back of the church this weekend. Please fill out the names of those you would like included in the Masses for the Dead during November and return to the parish office or sacristy

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.

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 concludes this Monday evening 23rd Oct with the final talk. The theme is *‘Minding my mental health’* with Cairtriona Lynch, senior occupational therapist. Adm. is free and talks begin at 7.30pm until 9.20pm. See poster at the back of the church.

Newman University Church

Wednesday, November 1, Newman University Church has an evening at 7pm exploring Irish folklore, myth and music from Samhain to today by Rhona Fogarty with Mick O’Brien and Newman Vocare Ensemble. Rhona will speak about the history of Samhain, the turning of seasons, laments, folk practices and more, while incorporating live music featuring Uilleann piper Mick O’Brien and voices of the Newman Vocare Ensemble. This lecture experience is not to be missed! Adm is free and all are welcome.

Talks on the Mystics

The Church of St Francis Xavier (Gardiner Street Parish) invite you to join them for *‘Talks on the Mystics’*. This is a series of seven talks by Fr Brendan Comerford SJ on seven different Christian mystics. Learn about their intimate experiences of God and their growth in the Christian life. **Saturday mornings from November 4 to December 16**, 10am to 12.15pm, in the John Sullivan Room. No registration needed, simply join in and be inspired by the lives of St Catherine of Siena, Julian of Norwich, St Teresa of Avila, St John of the Cross, St Pierre Favre, St Edith Stein and Pope St John XXIII. Listen to Fr Brendan introducing the Talks on the Mystics:<https://youtu.be/vwMxxuZ0Gck/>. **attached.**

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.

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. DOMINICAN RETREAT CENTRE

Go Down to the Potter's House, Fr Donagh O'Shea, this Saturday, October 21. Working with clay as an alternative path to meditation. No previous experience of pottery required. Optional Eucharist 4.30pm. Cost: €65.00 including lunch. Booking essential at dominicanretreats@gmail.com or 01 4048189.

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

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