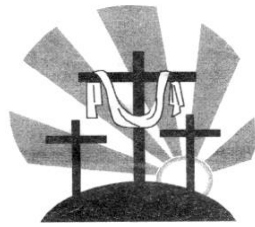


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested for Catherine Ryan, Una Henry, Vincent Ryan and Paddy Holohan who have died and the following whose anniversaries occur: Elizabeth ‘Betty’ Dent, Sheila Allen, Ellen McEvoy, Frank Hollingsworth, Tom and Mary Hollingsworth, Brendan Byrne and Maeve Coll and for Pauline Smith whose month’s 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 22 nd 2023	€1000	€1,575*

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. This week’s report is in respect of the *Mission Sunday Collection last Sunday.

The Archbishop has issued a pastoral letter on funeral ministry which will be posted as a link on our website in coming days. It looks to the future of funeral ministry with clear reliance on a parish funeral team.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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29th October 2023

Statement by Ireland’s four Catholic archbishops on the conflict in the Holy Land

Over the past days we have watched with shock and dismay the events that have unfolded in the land of the birth of Our Lord. The ongoing situation has caused great suffering to many innocent people on all sides in the present conflict. The loss of innocent lives together with the large numbers of innocent people injured in the Holy Land is a great affront to a lasting peace. Unfortunately, the present crisis does not augur well for the immediate future as many more may endure destruction and death. We re-echo the words of Pope Francis when he said at last Sunday’s audience in Saint Peter’s Square, ‘May the attacks and weaponry cease. Please! And let it be understood that terrorism and war do not lead to any resolutions, but only to the death and suffering of so many innocent people. We, who love the Holy Land as the 5th Gospel, urge all people of goodwill to work towards a cessation of violence, ensuring that civilian populations be respected and that all hostages are released without harm’.

We join with Pope Francis, and the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pizzaballa, in calling for prayers for peace, and praying for the families and individuals suffering through these events at this time. ‘Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace; teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: ‘Never again war! Amen.’ Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Archbishop Eamon Martin, Archbishop Dermot Farrell, Archbishop Kieran O’Reilly Archbishop Francis Duffy,

Synod

As the Synod draws to a close in Rome, the participants have issued a letter giving thanks for their experience, detailing the work of the past few weeks, and expressing hope that in the coming months, everyone will be able to 'concretely participate in the dynamism of missionary communication indicated by the word 'synod'.' The letter adds 'to progress in its discernment, the Church absolutely needs to listen to everyone starting with the poorest.'

'Above all, the Church of our time has the duty to listen, in a spirit of conversion, to those who have been victims of abuse committed by members of the ecclesial body, and to commit herself concretely and structurally to ensuring that this does not happen again'. You can read the full letter at www.dublindiocese.ie You can also follow the Synod news on FB, Instagram and Twitter/X visit www.dublindiocese.ie/synod2023

Feast of All Saints Day Masses on Wednesday

We celebrate All Saints Day Wednesday 1st November with Mass at **7.30am, 10am and 6pm**. All Souls Day is on Thursday 2nd November when we remember our faithful departed. Mass will be at **7.30am and 10am** with the Bethany Mass at **7pm**.

Share Appeal Sunday

SHARE appeal Sunday takes place on the weekend of November 11/12, highlighting the important work that is funded by the weekly collection.

St Vincent DePaul Collection

The monthly St Vincent de Paul will take place on next Sunday 3rd November.

Clocks go back!

A gentle reminder that the clocks go back this weekend at 2am on Sunday 29th, which will bring darker evenings. Please be careful of pedestrians in and around the Church especially at the time of 6pm Sat evening Mass.

Do this in Memory

We thank all the boys and girls and their parents/guardians who came to last Sunday's Mass at 10.30am and those who came to the Confirmation Commitment Ceremony on Tuesday night. Our next Do This In Memory Mass is on 26th November. Before the next Mass parents are asked to help

the children with pages 10 to 13 and 40 to 43. The team meeting in preparation for that Mass will be on Saturday 18th November at 9am in the meeting room.

Crosscare Thank You !

Crosscare would like to thank all our parishioners for your most generous contribution to the Annual collection which took place on 16th and 17th September and which raised €1900. It is with your help and support that Crosscare can continue to reach out to those in need in the diocese.

Lectio Divina on Tuesday Evening

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

Bethany Mass

Our annual Mass for deceased members of our parish during the past year will take place on Thursday next, Nov 2nd, at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome to come along to this Memorial Mass and to support each other at what is for the bereaved, a very sad time. If you know of someone in the parish or a close relative who has died during the past year and whose funeral may have taken place elsewhere and you would like to have them included, please contact the parish office.

AGM on Wednesday Nov 29th

The Parish AGM will be held on the last Wednesday in November in Star of the Sea School Hall at 8pm. All are invited as the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee make annual reports and new members are elected to the Pastoral Council. Nomination forms are at the back of the church inviting nominations. Please give thought to the possibility of serving on the Council for a term of three years or of suggesting to someone you know, with care for the parish, to do so.

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 throughout the country 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

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

Open Evening

Glenstal Abbey School, a boys secondary boarding school, is holding an open information evening at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th November in the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan. For more details contact Ms Kelly Ryan or 061 621011.

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