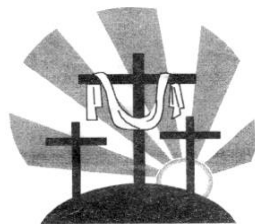


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested for Pat Corcoran who has died and the following whose anniversaries occur: John Mc Cormack, Tommy Bolger, Augustine and Patricia Glynn, Ailís Hanna, Carmel Handy, Patrick Mulvaney, Patrick and Christina Nevins and for Teresa Devlin and Pat McCormack 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.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are:

DATE	GREEN BASKET	WHITE BASKET
Oct 1 st 2023	€1,095	€660

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.

Many thanks to all for your generosity towards last weekend's monthly collection for **St Vincent de Paul** which raised €1, 620.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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8th October 2023

The Synod on Synodality

As we enter the second week of the Synod Assembly in Rome we invite your prayers. At the ecumenical prayer vigil on Tuesday night, the eve of the General Assembly of the Synod, Pope Francis said that the truth ‘does not need loud cries to reach people’s hearts’. Pope Francis addressed thousands of pilgrims gathered in St Peter’s Square for the vigil. The attendance, including the heads of many Christian churches, gathered to entrust the General Assembly of the Synod to the Holy Spirit.

In his address, delivered toward the end of the vigil, Pope Francis meditated on the topic of silence, stressing in particular three values it holds for Christians today. He said ‘Silence lies at the beginning and end of Christ’s earthly existence. The Word, the Word of the Father, became silence in the manger and on the cross, on the night of the Nativity and on the night of his Passion.’

He noted that God seems to prefer silence to ‘shouting, gossiping and noise’. When he appears to the Prophet Elijah, God does not appear in the wind, earthquake or fire but in a small still voice’.

The 2nd issue of the Synod newsletter is available at the back of church this weekend.

First Communion

Thanks to all the children and parents who attended Thursday's enrolment ceremony for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Our first 'Do This in Memory' Mass will be on Sunday Oct 22nd at 1.30am and the planning meeting for that celebration will be at 9am on Saturday Oct 14th. We ask that two parents from each school and from the Wednesday evening class might form the planning team.

PPC meeting

The next meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Monday 16th October.

Explorers

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

Harvest Ecumenical Service

St Matthews Church celebrates Harvest Festival this Monday, Oct 9th in Star of the Sea at 7pm. All are most welcome to attend.

Season of Creation Art Exhibition

Many thanks to all who entered our Art competition in celebration of the Season of Creation, "*Let Justice and Peace Flow*". The exhibition of entries opens this Saturday at 6.30pm and viewing will continue from 10.30 on Sunday until after 12 noon Mass. Siobhan Cuffe from our sister parish Haddington Rd., will present the awards. Refreshments will be available. Everyone is most welcome to come along.

Irish Nuns Abroad

Irish Nuns abroad: Shapers of a Transnational Imagined Community is part of the Patrick Finn Lectures for 2023. Presented by Dr Sophie Cooper, a lecturer in Liberal Arts at Queen's University of Belfast, the talk will take place on Thursday 19th October at 7pm in St Mary's Church, Haddington Rd. Dr Cooper is a social and cultural historian of Ireland and she will explore the imagined communities that Irish women religious encouraged,

consciously and subconsciously, among themselves and the generations of children who attended their schools.

Lectio Divina on Tuesday Evening

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

Missio ; Children Helping Children

Children's Day of Mission prayer is celebrated on the 2nd Friday of October each year. Its purpose is to enhance the prayer lives of children, encouraging them to pray for each other and for overseas missionaries on mission with children. This special day fosters and awareness of mission and the need to help and serve others and to share hope and solidarity with the world's poorest children. As the Holy Father official charity for overseas mission, Missio Ireland's *Children helping Children* supports the physical, spiritual and emotional well being of children around the world. For more about Children's Day of Mission Prayer email info@missio.ie or call 01 4972035

Minding the Mind

St John of God Hospital's public lecture series 2023 continues this week on Monday 8th October with the topic of '*What to do when you worry too much*' from Carol Keegan, clinical nurse specialist, 'Adm. is free and talks begin at 7.30pm until 9.20pm. See poster at the back of the church.

Edith Stein Reading Group

The autumn term of the Philosophy of Edith Stein Reading Group is commencing on Sunday, October 15, from 13.30 to 15.00. The venue is the Edith Stein Room, St Teresa's Priory, St Teresa's Carmelite Church, Clarendon Street, Dublin 2.

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