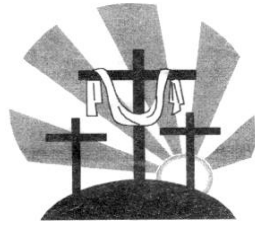


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for Ken Hession and Sean Ralph who have died and for the following whose anniversaries occur; Samuel Clarke, deceased members of the Kennedy Family , John Kenny, Michael O’Mahony, Marie Whelan, David Walsh, Ciaran Harte, Clare and Charlie Kelly, Sadie Corcoran We also remember Fina Murphy and David Crowe at the time of their month’s mind.

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

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CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are:

DATE	GREEN BASKET	WHITE BASKET
Dec 25 th	€5,125	€3,835

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 our parishioners for your ongoing support and generosity.

WEEKLY
BULLETIN



St. Mary’s, Star of the Sea
Sandymount

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January 1st 2023

And is it true, This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained-glass windows hue,
A Baby in an Ox’s stall?
The maker of the stars and sea
become a Child on earth for me?

And is it true? For if it is,
No loving fingers tying strings
Around those tissued fripperies,
The sweet and silly Christmas things,
Bath salts and inexpensive scent,
And hideous tier so kindly meant,

no love that in a family dwells,
No carolling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeppl-shaking bells
Can with this single Truth compare –
That God was man in Palestine
And lives today in Bread and Wine.

John Betjeman.

Happy New Year

We wish all of our parishioners a Healthy and Happy New Year. Our Mass for early risers will resume at 7.30am on January 6th.

The Feast of Epiphany

Friday next, January 6th, is the beautiful feast of Epiphany. Masses that day will be at 7.30am, 10.00am and 6pm. We would love to see a Good attendance at our Masses to mark one of the most important feasts of the year.

Church Unity Octave

The theme for this year's week of prayer for Christian Unity is 'Do good; seek justice (Isaiah 1:17)'. The Dublin Ecumenical Opening Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place at Christ Church on January 18th at 8pm, with guest preacher Paul Canon O'Driscoll. The Church Unity Octave is celebrated every year between Jan 18th and Jan 25th. All most welcome.

We appreciate very much the effort made by parishioners to attend the four nights on Advent Evening Prayer held during the weeks of Advent across the local Christian traditions.

Frank Duff Prayer group

The monthly meeting will be on next Tuesday, at 4.15 pm in the Parish meeting room. The Rosary is recited & all intentions prayed for. New members most welcome.

Building Hope in Parish Partnership

The Parish Partnerships of the Archdiocese were shared with parishes in the first week of Advent, along with a Timeline and Pastoral Aids which will be used in the next stage of Building Hope. These can be found at www.dublindiocese.ie/parish-partnerships. Star of the Sea Parish is to be in partnership with St Mary's, Haddington Rd and St Patrick's, Ringsend, parishes.

Synodal Pathway Update

Some of us in the parish have already been receiving emails with updates and information in relation to the Synod on Synodality (Universal Synod 2021-2024) along with resources that were prepared by the Task Group for the Synodal Pathway here in Ireland. The latest newsletter – with information on how to subscribe to updates – can be found on www.dublindiocese.ie

Bereavement Support

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1 800 807077 www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.

University Church, St Stephens Green

Were you married in University Church, Stephen's Green?. If so you might be interested in the following information.

University Church on St Stephens Green is collecting couples' photos from their wedding at their church to display beginning just before St Valentine's Day and ending around St Patrick's Day. To be included in the display, please submit your photo by February 1 by filling out the form online. www.newman.nd.edu

Mass at a time to suit young people?

A number of parents, small at the moment, are conscious of the difficulty presented for families when local sports clubs are actively engaging young people on Sunday mornings, which was traditionally, over centuries, reserved for families attending church services. We all notice how few children attend Mass now. They have hope of creating a family opportunity, embracing parents and children at 6pm on Saturday evenings. If you are interested in linking up with them and their ideas please phone the office and we will in turn put you in touch with the parents involved. They are hoping to begin next Saturday, Jan 7th, at 6pm.

AWARE – Support and self care groups

AWARE offers phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit www.aware.ie.

BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community *Margot Louise Quinn and Frank Paul Elliott Conway* who were received into the Church this week.

'May you live always as members of the Body of Christ, sharing everlasting life'.

Our celebrations of Baptism in January will be on January 8th and January 22nd. Parents must register in advance of a preparation meeting for each celebration.

First Friday

This coming Friday is the First Friday of the month. In keeping with our custom, the priests are happy to visit the homes of the sick and housebound with the sacraments. Out of respect for people's personal wishes at a time of infection in the community, we rely on people to let us know if they desire a visit. Please contact the parish office if you'd like a visit from the priest in your area. There will also be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour after the 10am Mass, unless there is a funeral that day.

Office re-opens on Tuesday after Monday's Bank Holiday and the 7.30 am daily Mass resumes on Epiphany Day, Thursday.

Happy New Year to all in the Parish