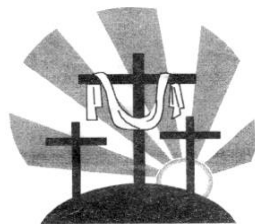


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for Michael Costello and Regina Sheahan who died this week and for the following whose anniversaries occur: Nell Fitzsimons, May, Mikey and Enda Hogan and Barbara Diskin and for Ann O'Dowd who's 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.

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CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are:

DATE	GREEN BASKET	WHITE BASKET
4 th June 2023	€1,025	€630

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.

The St Vincent De Paul gate collection last weekend realised €1,340.00, for which the local conference of the Society is very grateful.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Feast of Corpus Christi

Some years ago now a great controversy arose in America when its Navy named a new nuclear submarine 'The Corpus Christi'. The Church took umbrage that a war weapon should be called 'The Body of Christ'. It was eventually resolved when the navy agreed to name the ship, the 'City of Corpus Christi'. Corpus Christi is the name of a maritime city in Texas. It also holds a variety of meanings in a Christian context

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Eucharist, the Body of Christ, renewing what was also celebrated on Holy Thursday. It's as if so much is to be celebrated that day from a variety of perspectives that we return again to focus specifically on Christ present in the Eucharist.

The Latin words 'Corpus Christi' can also refer to the actual body of Jesus, born of Mary, and in time crucified. It refers also to the glorified body of the risen Lord that was experienced by many after the Resurrection

Finally, 'Corpus Christi' refers also to the Church itself, the Body of baptised believers. At your baptism we prayed that 'you may live always as a member of Christ's Body sharing everlasting life'. When Saul (later Paul), on his way to arrest Christians, was thrown from his horse, he heard a voice say 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me'. It brought home to him that in persecuting Christians he was persecuting the Body of Christ, the Corpus Christi.

'Corpus Christi' has layers of meaning and today's feast rejoices specifically in the gift of the Eucharist-Corpus Christi- the Body of Christ.

Feast of Corpus Christi this weekend

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. For many of us it holds great memories of processions through the streets of parishes around the country. Here in our parish this year we are inviting 70 children who made their First Communion with us this year to come to the 10.30 Mass after which we will have a short procession to the lawn and celebrate Benediction. All are welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council

Our next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is this Monday at 7.30pm in the meeting room. On Tuesday week, June 20th at 8pm, the Parish Partnership Council which includes representatives from 3 parish councils (Ringsend and Haddington Rd and ourselves) will meet here in our parish for their first meeting..

Summer Dues

The **Summer Dues** collection for the support of priests begins this weekend. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Your support is appreciated.

In a letter to mark the significant help of the Summer Dues Initiative in restoring the priests' stipend to its pre-Covid level, the Archbishop has thanked all who contributed to Summer Dues in the past two years and

(a) with prayer for a new beginning of the Church in the Archdiocese, he invites renewed and active participation of all parishioners and their support for their priests in ordinary ways and through this Summer Dues collection. (b) he mentions the importance to parish income of availing of the tax rebate and (c) now that the emergency phase of the pandemic is over he encourages us to recognise the importance of coming together as a Christian community to celebrate Sunday as the Lord's Day.

Exams

We wish all of our students sitting Leaving and Junior cert exams the best of luck in the week ahead. May God keep you in good health, your nerves steady and enable you to do your best.

Tea Dance!

Haddington Rd. parish would like to invite all of our parishioners to join them for their summer tea dance on Thursday 25th June at 5.30pm. An evening of live music, BBQ and dancing. Prize for best dressed and other spot prizes. Free event - all welcome.

Re-joyce with the Palestrina Choir

A unique celebration of sacred music from Ulysses and other works by James Joyce, with the Palestrina Choir. This Bloomsday, **Friday, June 16**, at 7:30pm. Coinciding with the celebration of the Palestrina Choir's 120th year anniversary, this special concert will explore the musical life of Joyce's Dublin as well as Joycean links with both the Palestrina Choir and the Pro-Cathedral itself. The music includes Palestrina's Missa Papae Marcelli, Mozart's Twelfth Mass, and Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, presented by Darina Gallagher, Director of the James Joyce Centre, and Blánaid Murphy, Director of the Palestrina Choir of St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Tickets are €15. Booking is essential.

Rejoice locally too

Rodney Devitt and friends will again this year host a Joycean breakfast with entertainment and a subsequent **Bloomsday** walk led by Rodney at the **Sandymount Community Centre**, (formerly Iris Charles Centre) on Newbridge Ave. 11am onwards on Friday.

New from the Office of Mission & Ministry

Starting this September the Office of Mission and Ministry will offer a **Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis**. This is a modular course over seven Saturdays in St Paul's, Arran Quay.

Part One of the course explores Foundations in Catechesis with four modules:

Module One: The Vocation of the Catechist – Called to Share Faith
Module Two: Catechesis and the RCIA
Module Three: Catechesis, Method and Content
Module Four: Catechesis, Prayer and Liturgy

Part Two of the course explores Catechesis in Practice with three modules

Module Five: Accompanying Families for Baptism
Module Six: Accompanying Families for Holy Communion
Module Seven: Accompanying Families for Confirmation

On completion of the course participants will receive the Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis. Assessment will be done through journaling. To register or for more information please contact patricia.carroll@dublindiocese.ie.

Parish Office

Caitriona, our secretary is back at her desk this week and normal hours resume, 9.30am to 12.30pm, Mon to Fri.

