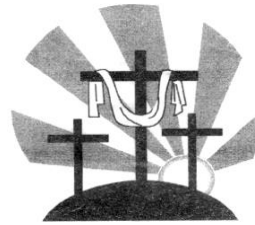


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of Christina D'Alton and Deacon Steve Maher who died this week and for the following whose anniversaries occur: Gus Ryan, Maureen Rigley, Michael and Mary Lucey and Jeremiah Lincoln

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	Share
September 4 th '22	€1,215	€810

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

Free Course at the Iris Charles Centre

There will be a five day course at the centre on Newbridge Ave, Oct 5th to Oct 11th, 10am to 12 noon. It will cover the basics of using a smart phone or Tablet. Room for 10 people only on this free course. Registration is essential. Further detail at 086-1806106 or asia@dscp.ie

WEEKLY BULLETIN



St. Mary's, Star of the Sea, Sandymount

Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30
Fr. John McDonagh, Tel: 6684265 – Fr. Cormac McIlraith, Tel: 6686845
www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com RCN20016166

24th Sunday of the Year

Sept 11th'22

The Prodigal Father

Perhaps more than we realise, we look for a God we can see, touch and feel. Small wonder then that weary travellers in the desert turned to the golden calf in their effort to praise a deity. Small wonder too that our God was upset. Perhaps a greater wonder that Moses' prayer was answered generously and God extended gracious mercy.

We have all known the frustration of losing things, a key, a cheque or an important document. What relief and joy when it's found. How much greater is our joy when a human person is found, a touch of God's joy when a lost one is brought back to life'.

Our God is that Prodigal Father, reaching out to gather sons and daughters into the embrace of his love, even when God's patience is tested by our waywardness. The younger son tells him 'I'm taking my inheritance from you and treating you like you were dead'. Is that not the voice of modern Western culture? And the older boy, always doing the right thing but somehow lacking in heart. Could he possibly be a reflection of our experience of church? The Prodigal Father gathers us all in love. 'All that I have is yours'. 'This son of mine was dead and has come to life, rejoice.'

Crosscare Annual Appeal 2022

The Annual Crosscare Collection will take place at all Masses **next weekend, September 17th and 18th**, taking the place of the Share Collection.

This year, Crosscare are looking for help for their Homeless Prevention and Food Poverty Support Services-both of which are coming under increasing demand from people struggling to find accommodation and families coping with increases in fuel prices and the cost of living.

We ask for your support for Crosscare in next weekend's second collection. One may also donate online at www.crosscare.ie

Season of Creation

On this second Sunday of our 5 week Season of Creation, we share with you some more options set before us towards care of the earth in the list of practical suggestions for families and parishes:

- Avoid or reduce the use of chemicals in your home or parish garden
- use vinegar, baking soda and buy eco-friendly cleaners. See www.ecoverdirect.com
- Plant pollinator friendly plants in your window box or garden at home and in the parish grounds www.biodiversityireland.ie
- Shop wisely. Buy Fairtrade and buy locally made/grown products.
- Avoid waste. Reduce, re-use, recycle, recover, treat
- Learn how to read your energy bills and make your home/parish more energy efficient.
- Explore the use of renewable energy in your home, business, school and parish buildings (www.seai.ie). Be aware of available grants.
- Consider installing water butts in your gardens.

Some more suggestions next week

Knock Pilgrimage on Sept 25th

Members of the Legion of Mary will be available to finalise bookings & supply tickets for the upcoming pilgrimage **after 12 pm Mass this Sunday, 11th September.**

Next Sunday's Volunteer Drive

As Anne Bacon, our parish pastoral council chairperson highlighted for us last week, we're hoping to bring fresh life to most aspects of parish life that have been affected significantly and understandably by the Covid crisis. There's a planned drive to find volunteers in several areas of parish life in the school hall **next Sunday, 11 am to 1.30pm**, with refreshments available for all-comers.

An important safe-guarding evening

We welcome parishioners to come along to the Church **next Thursday, Sept 15th**, from 7.00pm until 8.30pm, when there will be a short Child Safeguarding Training meeting, given by Garry Kehoe from the Diocesan Safeguarding Office. We particularly welcome the parents of children who participate in the family Mass choir or in the pre-sacrament special classes for children. But know that all are welcome. We are very grateful to Elma Holohan and Cathy Etchingham our two safeguarding representatives in the parish and to all who support and uphold guidelines in this important aspect of parish life.

Viatores Christi

A Volunteers' Training Course Starts Saturday 24th September 2022 - Open to all!
Viatores Christi, a faith-based development organisation has specialised in the recruitment, training and deployment of overseas volunteers since 1960. If you want to know more, visit the News section of the website www.vcvolunteers.ie or email: venture@viatoreschristi.com

Explorers Meeting this Monday evening

The inter-church scripture study group, 'Explorers', meets this Monday evening in the Hall at the back of Christ Church, Sandymount, close to the Green. Dr Julie Mc Kinley will lead four evenings on the Psalms between now and Christmas. This first evening is on Psalm 23 under the title 'Who is my Shepherd'? It's from 7.30pm to 9pm. All welcome.

An important and timely March for Life

Next **Saturday Sept 17th**: Starts at 2.30pm from St. Stephen's Green to Leinster House.