



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the repose of

Olive Corcoran,

who died recently and also for the souls of the following
whose anniversaries occur at this time:

*Treasa Gavin, Teresa Connolly, Aidan Murphy, Bridie Gorevan,
Maureen Tighe, Nadia Nicholls, Patrick, Annie & Mollie Ryder,
Rebecca Kane, Hannah Mordaunt, Patrick Irwin, John Boyne,
Harry Howell, Joan Roche, Mary Creggan, Frances Fearon,*

**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

We thank you for your contributions to the Church collections.
The amounts collected last weekend are

| DATE | GREEN BASKET | SHARE |
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| 5 th August, 2012 | €1,665.00 | €1,194.00 |

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese.
The white basket is the collection for Share, which meets the needs both of poorer
parishes and of central agencies of the Diocese. We thank you for your continuing
support of all the collections.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30

Sunday 12th August 2012

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The Race Goes On

The Olympic Games come to a close and the athletes from more than 200 countries return home. Heros and heroines receive the hero's welcome and the record books are re-written. Nobody in recorded history has run the 800 meters faster, the Jamaican sprinter remains outstanding and dreams come true for those who achieved a personal best or the special few who took the gold, silver or bronze prizes. We rejoice in the achievement of our own Irish athletes.

St. Paul in writing to the Corinthians could reflect on such an event and write: "All the runners at the stadium are trying to win, but only one of them gets the prize. You must run in the same way, meaning to win. All the fighters at the games go into strict training; they do this just to win a wreath that will wither away, but we do it for a wreath that will never wither. That is how I run, intent on winning; that is how I fight, not beating the air. I treat my body hard and make it obey me, for, having been an announcer myself, I should not want to be disqualified."

1Cor 9:24-27.

"With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race that we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus. Think of the way he stood such opposition and then you will not give up for want of courage."

Hebrews, 92:1-3.

Kolbe. Maximilian was a priest journalist both in his native Poland and in Japan. Imprisoned in Auschwitz he died in the gas chambers in 1941 when he volunteered to take the place of a family man who had been selected for execution.+++++

Edith Stein, Patron Saint of Europe

On Thursday last we celebrated St. Teresa Benedicta of the Holy Cross, a Carmelite nun, who died in the gas chamber of Auschwitz on August 9th 1942.

She was born, Edith Stein, the youngest of seven children of a Jewish family in 1891 at Breslaw, now Wroclaw, Poland. She lost interest and faith in Judaism at the age of 13. A brilliant student and philosopher, with a particular interest in phenomenology – she gained her Ph.D. in philosophy at the age of 25.

Witnessing the strength of faith of Catholic friends at the University of Cologne, led her to an interest in Catholicism. It led in turn to her studying a catechism on her own and subsequently to what she described as “reading herself into” the Faith. She was baptised a Catholic at Cologne in 1922. She became a Carmelite nun and is recognised as a profound spiritual writer. Both Jewish and Catholic, she fled to Holland when the Nazis came to power. Along with her sister Rosa, she was captured and sent to Auschwitz.

She was canonised on October 11th, 1998, by St. John Paul 11, who also declared her a patroness of Europe.

Here’s a little paragraph from her writing:

“Whatever did not fit in with my plan did lie within the plan of God. I have an even deeper and firmer belief that nothing is merely an accident when seen in the light of God, that my whole life down to the smallest details has been marked out for me in the plan of Divine Providence and has a completely coherent meaning in God’s all-seeing eyes. And so I am beginning to rejoice in the light of glory wherein this meaning will be revealed to me.”

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BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

Amy Rosella Lamont

Leo James Coonan

Max Griffin

Adam Marcus O’Leary

who were baptised last Sunday

‘May you live always as members of the Body of Christ, sharing everlasting life’

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The members of the Society would like to thank parishioners for their generous contributions to the collection last weekend which amounted to 1,690 Euro.

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

If any of our parishioners who are ill or infirm would like to travel as invalid pilgrims with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, we would be happy to facilitate their doing so. The Pilgrimage takes place from September 7th to September 12th 2018. Application forms are available from the Parish office or from the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road. The invalids travelling with the Pilgrimage will be accommodated in the Accueil Notre Dame which is a residence close to the Grotto. To meet the requirements of the Medical Bureau in Lourdes a form, available in the Parish office, must be completed.

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Lourdes Invalid Fund

The Lourdes Invalid Fund collection will continue until August 18th / 19th. So look out for Imelda at her table, in her usual spot at the back of the church. All those who donate will be enrolled as Associate members of the Pilgrimage whose Intentions are prayed for at the Grotto.

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Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in September will be held on Monday, 27th August, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in September will be on Sunday September 2nd and 16th, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 27th August and to attend the preparatory meeting.

Because it occasionally arises as a question, we confirm that godmother and godfather should be of each gender and that godparents must be over 16 and practising Catholics, at home in their faith. While normally we have two godparents, it is sufficient to have just one. Another may act as a witness rather than a godparent in that situation.

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General Data Protection Regulation

A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”), was introduced on 25th May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people’s personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place.

After our last Parish Pastoral Council meeting we posted our GDPR Policy Statement on our website.

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There will be no 12 Noon Mass on Sunday 26th August due to the Pope’s Mass. We’ll have further details next Sunday.