



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of Pauline Farrell who died this week.

For the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Gus Ryan; Cathal Hayes; Maureen Rigley; Annie & Patrick Ryder; Mícháel & Mary Lucey; Jeremiah Lincoln; Eileen & Paddy Bateman;

And for Vourneen Henegan whose month's mind occurs.

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
5 th September 2021	€800	€515

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 contributions to the Church collections and for your continuing support of all the collections.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The members of the Society would like to thank parishioners who contributed to their monthly collection last weekend which amounted to €1,385.

WEEKLY **BULLETIN**



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

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Sunday 12th September 2021

Frank Duff and the 'Legion'

On September 7th, last Tuesday, the centenary of the foundation of the Legion of Mary was celebrated. Its founder, Frank Duff, a man of great ideal was prophetic, sensitive to God's call and committed to God's will. He withstood opposition from Church authorities especially in Dublin, to see his commitment to the lay apostolate of the Church develop the Legion of Mary as a worldwide movement. Indeed, while known in Ireland as an apostolic association of Catholics serving the Church and their neighbour in a voluntary basis, we might be surprised to know that it is established in about 170 countries with a membership of several millions. It's not unusual to hear missionaries report on how significant and helpful the presence of Legion of Mary members has been in their life and work.

Frank Duff was born on June 7th 1889 and after attending Blackrock College he entered the Civil Service in 1908 at the age of 18. He joined the St. Vincent de Paul Society when he was 24 and entered a time of deeper commitment to his Catholic faith. He also grew in his sensitivity to the poor and underprivileged of Dublin, of whom there were many.

On September 7th 1921 along with a group of Catholic women and Fr. Michael Toher, a priest of the diocese, he formed the first praesidium of the Legion of Mary at St. Nicholas of Myra Church in Francis Street.

He retired from the Civil Service in 1934 to devote all of his time to the Legion of Mary and its worldwide extension until his death in 1980. He prayed for up to 4 hours daily and with particular devotion to the Rosary.

At the Second Vatican Council he was invited to attend as a lay observer, where his championing of an active lay apostolate formed a great fulfilment in the Council's documents and vision.

We are grateful for the willing support of members of the local praesidium over the years in the life of our parish. Today, the call of the Church is one of evangelisation. It's a call to all of us, that is nurtured by Scripture Study, openness to the Spirit of God in prayer and the sacraments and joy in the communication and living out of the Gospel message.

Ceremony of Light

We look forward this coming Thursday evening at 7.30pm to the Ceremony of Light with the young people to be confirmed on September 21st, 23rd, 27th, 28th and 30th and their parents.

There will be a small group of the young people and their parents taking part in a ceremony to be relayed by webcam from the Church. The heart of the celebration will be home based in two focal points.

The first looks back to the Baptism of the young person and to the trust placed in parents and godparents to share their faith with their child, a trust symbolised by the Baptism candle. It is formally handed to the young person, soon to be confirmed, as a sign that he/she are also entrusted with responsibility to grow in faith.

In the second focal point of this short ceremony, the young person is invited to express to their parents their promise to avoid the use of alcohol until a specified age and to avoid the use of illegal drugs. Their doing so is intended to indicate their desire to work with and not frustrate the life of the Holy Spirit.

Crosscare Annual Collection 2021

The Annual Collection for Crosscare, the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin will be taken up at all Masses in the Diocese next weekend 18th and 19th September. It will replace the usual Share collection.

Through their services for Homeless, Youth, Migrants and Refugees, Crosscare focuses on helping people and families when they need it most or when they can't find support anywhere else.

In their Community Foodbanks and Cafes, they provide food parcels and nutritious meals every day.

Demand for their services continues to increase as the pandemic has impacted the most vulnerable in our parishes and communities.

Please give generously in the second collection at all Masses on 18th and 19th September next or on line at www.crosscare.ie

Explorers

The Explorers are an informal ecumenical group with the aim of reading scriptures together. All are welcome. This year all presentations will again take place on zoom. Rev. Dr Katie Heffelfinger, a bible scholar, will lead our four autumn sessions on 'Poetry and imagination in the Hebrew Bible'. The dates are: 20 September, 18 October, 15 November and 13 or 20 December, 2021.

Those who are interested to participate and are not yet on our address list, please, send your e-mail address or postal address and telephone number to Anngret Simms at her e-mail address: Anngret.Simms@ucd.ie.

GOLF CLASSIC DETAILS

Date: Friday 24th September 2021 - Venue: Elm Park Golf Club

PRICES:

Team of Four (includes Golf, Dinner <u>or</u> Lunch)	€400	Single Golfer (includes Golf, Dinner <u>or</u> Lunch)	€100
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Sponsor a Tee Box	€100	Full Page Ad in Brochure	€100
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Half Page Ad in Brochure	€ 50	Dinner Only	€ 40
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To book a place or sponsor an Ad or Tee Box or make a Donation please fill in the attached Booking Form and return it as soon as possible to:

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Booking Forms are available at the main entrance to the church.