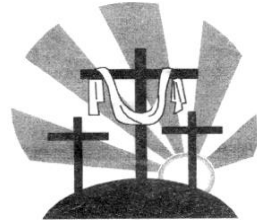


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of Fr Philip Corcoran, a priest of the diocese , who died this week and for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur:

Tom Morgan, Frankie Rigley, Joseph and Evelyn Duffy, Michael and Mark Rafferty, Doreen Reynolds, Kathleen Houlihan, Angela O'Reilly, Phyllis Cronin, James Goulding and Leo Healy

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 (WHITE BASKET)
6 th Feb '22	€ 645	€420

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

We thank you for your contributions to the Church collections and for your continuing support of all the collections

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

Sunday 13th February '22
ACCORD Sunday

The Annual Collection for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses this weekend. Throughout the Diocese, ACCORD Dublin continues to offer:

- Marriage Preparation courses-online, small groups
- Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone
- A Relationship and Sexuality programme for schools

ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever. Please give generously.

‘We have been living through a very testing time. Sickness and death from the Covid-19 virus have taken a heavy toll. The necessary restrictions on everyday life have at times been very hard to bear. The continuing pressure on healthcare staff and other vital workers has increased our admiration for their commitment and care. The commitment of ACCORD Dublin has continued throughout the pandemic, finding new ways of working and meeting people wherever and whenever they need us.’ *Bishop Dermot Farrell.*

Synodal Pathway

This week in our journey towards the listening events asked of us in the preparation for an important Synod in 2023, we are inviting parishioners to help us in a necessary step of organisation. We seek to estimate the numbers of parishioners willing to participate in our two gatherings.

If you intend to participate please indicate that by putting either a yellow or a green slip of paper (provided) into the Synodal Pathway box placed on the table at the back of the Church.

The green slip of paper is to indicate your preference to attend meetings on a Sunday afternoon at 4pm and the yellow slip your preference to attend on a weekday evening at 7.30pm. The meetings will be held in the hall of Scoil Mhuire, Lakelands, at dates to be set in light of your response. We will leave the box in place for a week, beginning this Sunday. Covid remains a reality and your help will be very valuable in planning meetings appropriately.



Lectio Divina

Parishioners might be interested in a Lectio Divina on Zoom planned for Tuesday evenings 8pm to 9pm during Lent. A local man who trained in Lectio Divina at All Hallows College leads the group. If interested let us know at 6683316.

Classes for Sacramental Preparation

This Tuesday, at 2.45pm, classes begin towards First Communion for children not attending Catholic Schools. Initially we are inviting children, now in 2nd and 3rd classes. We hope to enable celebration for the children in 3rd class by October next.

Report of the Building Hope Task Force

In April last, Archbishop Dermot Farrell established a Task Force called 'Building Hope'. The Task Force was asked to assess the needs of the people of the Archdiocese emerging from Covid-19 and to work to support parish communities as they undertake a radical renewal, looking to the future with creativity. 3,000 people, mostly lay faithful, responded to the invitation to share their views. The Task Force report is now available on the Dublin Diocesan website where you only have to click on an image to enable you access and read the report

Meeting of New Parish Council

The first meeting of the new Parish Pastoral Council will take place at the Church Meeting Room this Monday, Feb 14th, at 7.30pm. The election of a new Chairperson and secretary will be our first step. We thank Joe McNamara for his chairmanship during the past three years, two of which were during the difficulties of Covid-19. We want also thank Fiona O'Brien who was secretary to the Council in those years.

St Valentine's Day

People are usually surprised to learn that on St Valentine's Day there is no mention of Valentine in the Liturgy of the Church. Feb 14th is in fact a major Feast Day of two extraordinary brothers, Cyril and Methodius, Patrons of Europe. They were from Thessalonica in Greece and lived in the 9th century, Cyril, a monk, and Methodius, bishop. They preached the Gospel in Moravia using their own translation of the Scriptures and the liturgy of the local language. These translations into Slavonic were in an alphabet they devised, known today as the Cyrillic alphabet. They were named Patrons of Europe in 1980.

Of course it doesn't deny us the opportunity to ask God's blessing on all couples in love and to appreciate the beauty of the vocation that is sacramental marriage. Happy Val Day!