



## ***REST IN PEACE***

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of Colm Keating, Olive Lewis, Maeve Coll; Eileen Lynch; Bernie Dowling and Alma Nowlan, who died this week and also for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Brian Siggins; Louis O’Neill; Joyce & Derek Green; Rose Clancy; Bill O’Sullivan; Bride O’Shea; Con O’Rourke; Fr. Martin O’Doherty; Terry & Joe Gavin and their son, Jody; Mary Fahy; Ramon Dionaldo; Gerard McLoughlin; Joseph Kane.

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:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>GREEN BASKET</b>	<b>TROCAIRE</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	€865	€4,685

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese.

The white basket collection last weekend was to assist Trocaire in meeting the crisis food situation in east Africa.

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

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

The usual monthly church gate collection for the Society will take place after all Masses this weekend.

### **Chair Exercises in Iris Charles Centre**

Re-opening on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 12am to 1.00pm in Iris Charles Centre. Please bring your Covid certs, hand sanitizer and please wear a face mask.

## **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](http://www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com)

***Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021***

### ***St. Laurence O’Toole***

This Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast Day of St. Laurence O’Toole, the Patron Saint of the Dublin Archdiocese. In our Archdiocese the celebration of our saint takes precedence over the Mass of the 33<sup>rd</sup> week of the year, celebrated elsewhere.

Laurence was born in Castledermot in 1128 and died at the monastery of Eu in Normandy in 1180. He lived through violent times in Ireland. The year 1145, when he was 17, was described in the ancient annals with memorable words ‘great war in this year, so that Ireland was a trembling sod.’ Any year in his early life could be so described. At birth, his father Maurice, the king of Hy Murray fostered his son out to the king of Offaly, a frequent step in those days to cement alliances.

Later when about 10, Laurence was given as a hostage to Dermot McMurrugh, king of Leinster, in Dermot’s efforts to subjugate Maurice and other local kings in Dermot’s efforts to become High King of Ireland. The boy is said too have been held harshly, in the Glen of Imaal in Wicklow until his father secured his release two years later.

Laurence’s life story was told by the French monks at Eu, without which we would have little or no knowledge of him today. Written in Latin and circulated widely throughout Europe these works represented their intensive gathering of knowledge about the great man who died among them. They brought their material to Rome, where in 1225 St. Laurence O’Toole was canonised.

The late Fr. Des Forristal wrote a popular and very readable book entitled “The Man in the Middle” about Laurence O’Toole, who became a Glendalough monk, Dublin’s Archbishop, advocate of the poor, man of prayer and of faith, and in a violent age – a tireless champion of peace, in spite of all kinds of difficulties.

He is a man of faith to be proud of, though all too often now people might have difficulty knowing who our patron saint might be or very much detail of his amazing life.

God of all holiness,  
who called Saint Laurence O’Toole  
from a life of quiet and solitude  
to be a shepherd of your people,  
a teacher of the clergy and friend of the poor;  
grant, we pray, that we may  
follow his example of perseverance  
and through his intercession  
arrive at the peace of your kingdom.

#### Vacancy for a Parish Secretary – Star of the Sea Parish, Sandymount

Star of the Sea Parish has a vacancy for a part-time Parish Secretary (15 hours per week). If you are interested in this position, please post your letter of application and current CV to Fr. John McDonagh, 15 Oswald Road, Sandymount or by email to [johnmcdonagh68@gmail.com](mailto:johnmcdonagh68@gmail.com). Closing date 5.00pm on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 2021.

See webpage for further details of job description.

#### 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 their four autumn sessions on ‘Poetry and imagination in the Hebrew Bible’. The next monthly meetings are set for 15<sup>th</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 (to be decided).

Those who are interested to participate and are not yet on the Explorers address list, please, send your e-mail address or postal address and telephone number to Annagret Simms at her e-mail address: [Annagret.Simms@ucd.ie](mailto:Annagret.Simms@ucd.ie).

#### Bishops concelebrate Mass today for all who died during the pandemic

The Covid-19 pandemic has been a particularly difficult time for those who have lost loved ones and have often had to cope with their grief without many of the usual spiritual and community supports.

To pastorally support everyone who has suffered the pain of bereavement during the pandemic, and in the context of the month of November as the traditional time when we remember our dead, this *Sunday, 14 November, at 3.00pm*, the Bishops of Ireland will undertake a pilgrimage to the International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine in Knock. The bishops will concelebrate Mass for all those who have died in our country during the pandemic, and for their families. At the Mass the bishops will also offer prayers of thanksgiving for all those who so selflessly sacrificed so much during the pandemic.

This Mass will be live-streamed on [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) and broadcast on the RTÉ News Now digital television channel and online.

The bishops invite everyone to join with them in prayer on this solemn occasion

#### Congratulations

We congratulate the boys and girls from St Matthew's school who on this Thursday celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. It was a celebration postponed from March 2020 because of the corona virus pandemic and brings to a close our celebrations of all the sacraments postponed from 2020. Our thanks to their teacher in 2019/2020, Amy McGuirk.

#### Registration for sacraments in 2022

Between now and the end of November we ask all parents preparing for the celebration of a child’s Confirmation or First Communion in 2022 to register with us formally in the parish. Application forms will be available from next week. Until preparation classes are up and running for children attending non-Catholic schools we cannot be sure as yet of the date(s) of Confirmation.

#### Trocaire collection

It is a wonderful reflection of the generosity of our parishioners that in the course of four celebrations of Mass last weekend €4,635.00 was raised to assist Trocaire in meeting the crisis food situation in east Africa.

#### St. Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December the special Annual Appeal for the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be made at all Masses in the diocese.

