



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Eamonn Collins; Christopher Betson; Baby Oisín Bree; John McGrath, Patricia Byrne,

and for Barbara Lowe and Angela Brady whose Month's Minds occur.

MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are

DATE	GREEN BASKET	SHARE
8th May 2016	€1,815	€1,215

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.

Legion of Mary

The Patrician meeting will take place on Thursday, 19th May at 8 pm in the Parish Meeting Room, Topic for discussion : 'The Wisdom of Solomon' Spiritual Director : Fr. Philip Crowe C.S.Sp. All welcome, Refreshments served.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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Sunday 15th May 2016

Celebrating Pentecost

Since 2005 a Festival of Peoples has taken place in the Pro-Cathedral on the evening of Pentecost Day to mark the rich contribution that people from many different nations make to the life of the Church in Dublin. Again this Sunday, at the 6.30pm in the Pro-Cathedral, Archbishop Martin celebrates the Mass of Pentecost with people from many nations who have come to live among us, celebrating the unity the Spirit brings across a great variety of cultures.

The Feast of Pentecost, also known in Jewish culture as the Feast of Weeks, was celebrated seven weeks or 50 days after Passover. It was a pilgrimage Feast when devout Jews came to the Temple in Jerusalem to celebrate an agricultural festival of thanksgiving in May or June. It also coincided with, and allowed them recall, the giving of the covenant to Israel at Mount Sinai (and with it the 10 commandments) some six weeks into the escape from Egypt of Moses and his people. So the original Pentecost celebrated the Old Covenant of God and his people at Sinai.

The first Pentecost after Jesus' death and resurrection was an extraordinary day in Jerusalem. The apostles were energised to reach out to people of many nationalities with the message of Jesus, the Saviour of all the nations. Reaction to the Spirit filled disciples speaking in tongues-ecstatic behaviour that looked like drunkenness to observers-prompted Peter's first sermon. He interpreted what was happening as a fulfilment of the signs of the last days as foretold by the prophet Joel.

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We're told that 3,000 were converted to Christ that day and the listing of the nationalities involved stretched from the eastern part of the Roman Empire, Parthians, Medes and Elamites, all the way to Rome itself. The scene anticipates what was to become a reality. The broad reach of evangelisation has begun and will embrace all the nations. Even the Gentiles will become God's own people. It's a Pentecost far more momentous and wider reaching than the first Pentecost at Sinai.

Here in Star of the Sea, this Pentecost, we welcome Marie and her family at the 12noon Mass when the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on her. It is a day of blessing for us and a day to appreciate the significance of the Holy Spirit for all our lives. We are individually and together drawn and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as Jesus has asked us to live.

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CROSS CARE - Youth Work

The Annual Collection for Crosscare Youth Services— Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin, will take place at all Masses this weekend (14th & 15th May). It will replace the normal Share collection.

Crosscare provide a wide range of focused supports and programmes aimed at empowering people to achieve their own potential. Their work is person centred, rights based and supports peer led initiatives that give people the power to make changes in their own lives. They are asking for your support at all Masses this weekend.

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Sacramental Preparation

On Tuesday next, May 17th, at 7.30pm there will be a short meeting in the Church to assist parents with preparation for our celebrations of First Communion with the girls at 11.00am on Saturday, May 21st, and with the boys at 11.00am on Saturday, May 28th.

On both of those Saturdays, the morning Mass will be at 9.30am instead of 10.00am.

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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. Application forms are available from the Parish office or from the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road.

Child Safeguarding Training for Parish Volunteers

We invite all the parish groups and volunteers including Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Parents of children in the Children's choir, Sacristans, Choir members, Gospel Choir members, Flower arrangers, Church cleaners and Basket collectors to attend a training session on Child Safeguarding on Tuesday 31 May, time 7.30 pm. The training will be presented by Garry Kehoe, Training and Development Coordinator in the Diocesan Child Safeguarding Office and will take about two hours. The Diocesan Child Safeguarding Office is providing training for volunteers in all parishes of the Dioceses and we anticipate that all will attend. Thank you.

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BAPTISMS IN JUNE

Baptisms will be celebrated on June 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. Baptism Application forms are available in the parish office Monday – Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm. Applications, giving 1 month's notice, must be made in advance of the preparatory meeting for each month's celebrations. The preparation meeting for May baptisms will be held on Monday 30th May at 8.00pm. Parents are advised that godparents must be practicing Catholics who are at least 16 years of age and that godparents should be one of each gender, godfather and godmother.

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Ecumenical Bible Week 2016:

Sunday May 15th - Sunday May 22nd (Pentecost to Trinity Sunday). The theme for 2016 Christian attitude to the environment and global warming. The week will feature 45 events across 13 locations in Dublin, Kildare and Wicklow. For detailed information follow the links - www.bibleweek.ie OR www.facebook.com/bibleweek

Among the many items listed for the week the following two might be of particular interest:

Thinking Allowed Archbishop Diarmuid Martin and Archbishop Michael Jackson will be joined by other Church leaders for a Panel Discussion with Open Forum on the topics - *What Bible passages inform and challenge my response to climate change* on the 19th May 7.30-9.00pm in St. Paul's Church Arran Quay.

Symposium 2016 "Climate change: what can we as Christians do?" The Symposium will consist of a series of workshops on Thursday 19th 2:30-5pm St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay, covering the following topics: Science, Biblical Resources, Orthodox Teaching, and Theology