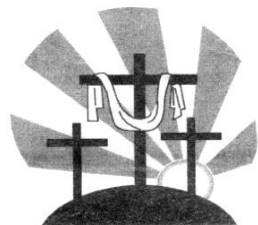


# REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of

Gus (Augustine) Ryan and Aidan Walsh who died recently,

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

*Cathal Hayes, Jeremiah Lincoln, Frank and John Dalton, Hugh Galvin, Marie Corr, Baby Lucy Tiernan, Thomas and Nellie Hayes, Eileen Bateman,*

*And for Eamonn Kane 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
9 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	€1,380	€810

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.

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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  
Fr. John McDonagh, Tel: 6684265 – Fr. Cormac McIlraith, Tel: 6686845*

[www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com](http://www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com)

## *Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018*

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### *Crosscare Sunday*

Crosscare is the social support agency of the Dublin Diocese and provides a wide range of programmes aimed at empowering people to achieve their potential. It began during the years of the Second World War as the Catholic Social Service Conference reaching out to specific needs of that time. In recent decades its name was changed to Crosscare.

Each year a Sunday is set aside to invite the support of parish communities for Crosscare's work. It's an opportunity afforded us to be linked with so much important work of care conducted in the name of us all and reaching out to the vulnerable in our society. Today we welcome Edel Gannon who works for Crosscare and we're grateful to her for sharing an update of Crosscare's work with us.

In an overview, Crosscare serves:

- Children, families and young people through services that include residential care, aftercare support, counselling, developmental youth work, drug prevention, education, creative activities – drama, adventure sports, art, writing, youth justice diversion projects, youth clubs and volunteers support and training.
- Adult services include – information and advocacy services, drug and alcohol supports and counselling, homeless accommodation and settlement services, mental health supports, drop-in and outreach.
- Older people have services provided by Crosscare in Befriending services, information advice and support and social activities.

Community services include – Food banks, community cafes, shared community facilities, respite, education and training, supports for groups such as carers, people with disabilities, refugees, migrants, Travellers and Roma. Crosscare’s work is person centred, rights based and supportive of peer led initiatives that give people the power to make changes in their own lives.

It’s very important work in the life of our diocese. Please be generous in its support today.

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### **Celebrating Baptism**

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in October will be held on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in October will be on Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 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.

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### **Garda Vetting**

As we begin September and the holiday season comes to a close we invite any members of the different teams serving the community as Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors, Catechists or Choir members over 18 years, to avail of a Garda Vetting form in the Parish office or Sacristy, if they haven’t already done so. This applies to every volunteer who has not been vetted within the past 3 years. Diocesan policy asks us as volunteers, staff and priests to be Garda Vetted every three years.

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### **Baptism Certificate request**

Under our GDPR Policy a request for Baptism certificates must be accompanied by a completed form either by the adult person requesting his or her own Baptism certificate or by the parent requesting a son or daughter’s Baptism certificate. Parents of children preparing for First Communion and for Confirmation will accordingly need to complete that form when seeking, as is required, their child’s certification of Baptism. This applies to every parish in the Diocese.

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### **Legion of Mary**

The Patrician meeting resumes on Thursday, 20th September at 8pm in the Parish meeting room, Star of the Sea church. Topic for discussion : 'Knock apparition-it's significance'. All welcome- refreshments served.

### **Archbishop’s Invitation**

Archbishop Martin, following the visit of Pope Francis, rejoiced in the success of the World Meeting of Families. Rather than specify a particular way forward to build on the Pope’s visit in renewal, he has asked all parishes to hold an assembly around the Feast of St. Laurence O’Toole (Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>) to consider that question and to submit ideas and suggestions to him.

Our Parish Council met last Monday and nominated Wednesday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, as an assembly date for our parish. Meanwhile, we invite you to reflect and pray about how the Church in Dublin can build on the experience of Pope Francis’ visit.

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### **Sacramental Preparation**

We thank the parents from St. Matthew’s School who came to the meeting in relation to Registration for pre-sacrament classes last Tuesday. Organising these classes hinges on our establishing clear numbers in each class. So far only 3 students registered for 5<sup>th</sup> class and it raises the question whether or not it calls for a special teacher, with so few coming forward. If other parents besides those already registered intend their children to celebrate the sacraments in 2019 or 2020 we’d ask them to contact us urgently.

Parents whose children attend other schools but live in our parish and would like their children to celebrate the sacraments in our parish are asked to contact us in the Parish office.

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### **Legion of Mary**

Annual Knock Pilgrimage, Sunday, September, 30<sup>th</sup>.

Coach departs from Star of the Sea Church at 8.30 a.m.

Cost : €35 Adults, €10 Children, includes morning Coffee & evening meal.

Contact : Anne 087 8374837 or call into bookshop on Saturday from 5,30 p.m.

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### **Explorers**

The Explorers are an inter-church scripture reading group. All are welcome. Bring your bible. Our first session will be held this Monday, 17th September at 7.30 - 9 p.m. in the Community Room of the Mount Tabor Day Centre next to Christ Church on Sandymount Green. For the first four sessions we shall focus on 'The Letter of St Paul to the Galatians'. Our guide will be Professor Seamus O’Connell (Maynooth). Bring a friend.

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This week we celebrate St. Robert Bellarmine on Monday, the Korean Martyrs on Thursday and the apostle, Matthew, on Friday.

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