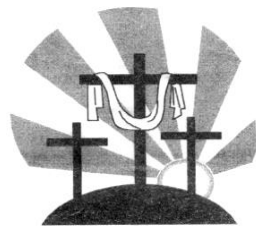


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of

Eileen O'Callaghan and Michael Rafferty who died this week

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

Brenda Masterson, Frank & Jimmy Rigley, Annie Mary Murphy, Doreen Reynolds, Leo Healy, Dolores Winstanley, Phyllis Cronin, Nora Lincoln, Peter Cunningham, Edward Lennon,

And for Helen McDonagh and James (Jim) Durham 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
10 th February 2019	€1,550	€960

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, 21st February 2019 at 8 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room, Star of the Sea Church. Topic for discussion : 'The benefits of prayer & fasting' Refreshments served - All welcome

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

*Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30
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Sunday 17th February 2019

ACCORD Dublin

Letter from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

“Dear Friends,

In the diocese of Dublin, at the time of the feast of St. Valentine, we traditionally remember the work of ACCORD Dublin, the diocesan agency that supports marriage and family life.

Almost 90% of couples marrying in the churches of the diocese of Dublin in 2018 attended an ACCORD Dublin marriage preparation course. Experienced facilitators work with couples to equip them to create a solid foundation for their life together, the well-being of their family and their understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage.

The ACCORD Dublin schools programme, delivered within Department of Education guidelines, gives young people tools for discernment to enable them to build strong and positive relationships within the family, with friends, and eventually with spouses. In 2018, 27,725 primary and secondary school students benefitted from this programme in 344 schools.

ACCORD Dublin was an active and valued participant in the World Meeting of Families this year, with 14 members actively participating in workshops, and 30 more assisting on a stand.

In 2018 ACCORD Dublin's marriage and relationship counselling services cared for more than 2,000 people. These services are provided free where necessary. No one is turned away because they cannot pay.

The Report of the Synod of Bishops on Marriage and the Family noted “When a husband and wife are having trouble in their relationship, they must be able to count on the help and guidance of the Church. Experience shows that with proper help and reconciliation, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, a large percentage of marriage crises are satisfactorily overcome.”

This is the vital ministry of ACCORD. It can only be carried out through your generosity. I ask you to be generous in your response.

Yours very sincerely,
+Diarmuid Martin
Archbishop of Dublin”

The Annual Collection of ACCORD, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses this weekend. The collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection.

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Baptisms in March

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in March will be held on Monday 25th February 2019, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in March will be on Sunday March 3rd and 24th, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 25th February 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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Clothing Collection for St. Vincent de Paul

The Society is seeking your help in its Annual Clothing Appeal in this Parish. The Appeal is for clean, good-quality clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc. Bags will be collected outside the church this weekend, 16th and 17th February at the Vigil Mass and Sunday morning Masses.

The Society is very conscious of the tremendous support given by the parishioners of this Parish for their charitable works over the years. They would like to thank you all most sincerely on behalf of those you have helped.

Survey on the Sacraments

The Archbishop has issued a general invitation to take part in an Archdiocesan sacraments survey. The link for the survey is <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/survey-on-sacraments/>

The Archbishop is anxious that no one feels left out in their ability to respond.

The Explorers

The next meeting of the Explorers, an inter-church scripture reading group, will be held on next Monday, 18 February, from 7.30 to 9.00 pm. in the Community Room of the Mount Tabor Care Centre next to Christ Church on Sandymount Green. We shall be led again by Glenn Jordan from Corrymeela, the oldest peace and reconciliation centre in Northern Ireland. We shall continue with the reading of the Book of Ruth and focus on the issues of borders and identity. Bring your bible. Previous attendance not necessary.

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Eucharistic Ministers

We are extremely grateful to all our Eucharistic Ministers for their dedicated service in our liturgical celebrations.

There may be some in a position to respond to an invitation received from St. Vincent’s University Hospital chaplaincy. The chaplaincy is seeking volunteers from local parishes who might extend their Eucharistic ministry to the hospital. It involves a commitment for a year to come either once a week (Tuesday / Thursday or Sunday) or twice a month. Volunteer Eucharistic Ministers will be allocated a specific area of the hospital and the ministry will take about an hour.

Please get in touch with the Parish office if you are interested in following up. An information meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th February at 7.00pm in the hospital chapel

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A Timely Reminder?

At the beginning of a new Financial Year in the Parish it may be a timely exercise to check if your traceable donations to the Parish exceed €250 a year (it’s the equivalent of €21 per month).

It could be composed of the summation of Christmas and Easter Dues along with such monthly / annual donations as would render the cumulative amount to be €250 or greater. The Charities Act meets a €250 donation with a 31% rebate in benefit of the Charity. It means in effect that your €250 increases to a total donation of €362. What a pity if someone donates €247. Worth checking!

Renewed thanks to all who donate generously to the Parish in a weekly envelope or in standing orders or direct donations to the Parish.

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SAVE THE DATE! 
Friday 31st May
Star of the Sea Annual Golf Classic 2019
Elm Park Golf Club
Pray, Pay, Play!