WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

Sunday 18th July 2021

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEKEND

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

Ann Berney; Larry & Gretta Berney and Mark Trehy; Thomas McCann; Itha O'Neill; Bernard Kelly; Joseph & Ellen Donnelly; Joseph McLoughlin; John Heneghan; Thomas Ryan and his daughter, Mary.

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 week 11th July:

1st collection €800 (Common Fund).

2nd collection €620 (Share Fund).

Tap and Go

We learned this week that it is the intention of the diocese to roll out 'Tap and Go' devices in parish churches and that we're likely to see one installed in Star of the Sea Church this August.

The pandemic has witnessed a significant move to the use of plastic bank cards in financial transactions and a corresponding move away from cash payments. It has been largely because of fears of transmitting the virus that this move has been encouraged. As people's habits change in this respect it is important that fund raising, to facilitate and support the life of the church, remains open to the changing patterns of payment and expenditure.

At the same time many will still rely on the use of cash. Not everyone has a bank account nor adjusts easily to card transactions. The poor person, reliant on cash donations, will be at a loss in a card only world. Hopefully the human face of parish life won't suffer in a transition that smacks of a commercial and business world and that parish life remains warmly personal and communal.

Volunteers to sanitise the church

In order to maintain everyone's safety, the benches and common touch points are sanitised after every Mass in this church. We depend on generous volunteers to carry out this task.

If there are not enough people available to assist after your Mass, please be ready to step in and help-particularly during the summer months when many of our "regulars" are on holidays.

Many thanks and have a happy & safe summer.

The members of St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank parishioners for their generosity to the Gate Collection last weekend which amounted to €1,390.