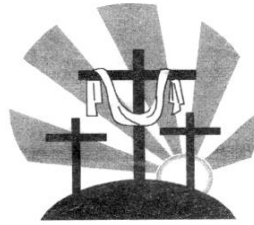


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for Regina Sheehan who died this week and for the following whose anniversaries occur: Conor Coghlan, Billy and Mary Stamp, Barbara Diskin, Margaret O'Reilly, Mark and Annie Foley, Brian Uiterwall, Mary Lennon and Séan Allen.

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 | WHITE BASKET |
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| 11 th June 2023 | €1,025 | €630 |

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese, known as the Common Fund.

The white basket is the collection for Share, which meets the needs both of poorer parishes and of central agencies of the Diocese.



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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DAY FOR LIFE 2023

Sunday 18th June 2023

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day for Life is celebrated this Sunday 18 June. The theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on the experience of one Catholic woman in the aftermath of abortion. It tells of her journey towards healing. The hope is that this will help people to listen, to understand and to respond with compassion.

Pope Francis has kindly sent a message of encouragement for all who participate in the Day for Life. The message is as follows:

The Holy Father Francis was informed of the celebration of the 2023 Day for Life in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales under the theme "Listen to Her" and sends his greetings and good wishes to all the participants.

In listening to Mary, our Mother, and following her example, he invites us to discover our personal call from God who is the source of our existence, reminding us that, "Each human being is called by God to enjoy the fullness of life; and, is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Every threat to human dignity and life cannot but have an effect on her heart, on her maternal 'womb'. To defend life is not an ideology for the Church. It is a reality; a human reality which involves all Christians, precisely because they are Christian and because they are human". (General Audience, 25 March 2020).

With these sentiments in mind, I assure all who participate in this year's Day for Life of Pope Francis' prayers, particularly for all expectant mothers and their families. Through the intercession of the Mother of God, the Holy Father cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing to all participants and invokes an abundance of Divine graces.

Day for Life

The theme is this year is 'Listen to Her' and as mentioned overpage it focuses on the experience of one Catholic woman in the aftermath of abortion. It tells of her journey towards healing. The hope is that this will help people to listen, to understand and to respond with compassion. You can read the message in full on www.councilforlife.ie Have you or someone you know been affected by abortion? There are some wonderful organisations that can help you including rachelsvineyard.ie, giannacare.ie and archtrust.org.uk

Happy Days Ahead

We wish the children and teachers from our local primary schools all the best as they wind down this week towards the end of term in 10 days time. For those graduating to secondary school in September we also wish every success in the future. We look forward to the graduation Mass and ceremony next Friday of boys graduating from Star of the Sea and to the girls of Scoil Mhuire graduating on Tuesday week

Parish Pastoral Council

On this coming Tuesday June 20th at 8pm, the Parish Partnership Council which includes representatives from 3 parish councils (Ringsend and Haddington Rd and ourselves) will meet here in our parish.

Summer Dues

The **Summer Dues** collection for the support of priests is ongoing. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Parishioners can also donate Dues online. Your support is very much appreciated. Our thanks to all who have submitted Summer Dues envelopes. Remember to put names and addresses on envelopes to assist traceability and possible qualification for the tax rebate.

Online Summer School

"The one who saw it has borne witness" (John 19:35) Johannine characters and their voices in the Fourth Gospel. The Priory Institute two week online Summer School on the Gospel of John will run from 14-28 August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and two on-line zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register visit www.prioryinstitute.com

Welcome for New Nuncio

"I welcome you to Dublin – to the place, and to the Church called into life in this place. We are very glad that you have come to be with us." Archbishop Farrell's words of welcome for Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Apostolic Nuncio, can be read online at

dublindiocese.ie/words-of-welcome-for-archbishop-montemayor/

Reading Group

The next meeting of the Philosophy of Edith Stein Reading Group will take place on Sunday June 25, from 1pm to 3pm. The venue is the Edith Stein Room, St Teresa's Priory, St Teresa's Carmelite Church, Clarendon Street, Dublin 2. Visitors and new members welcome. Contact 087 1384367 or 087 2206092

Summer Tea Dance

Ballsbridge Lions Club present a Summer Tea Dance on 25th June at 5.30pm in the Parish Hall at St Mary's Church on Haddington Rd. This is a free community event and everyone is most welcome for an evening of live music, drinks, BBQ and dancing. Prizes for best dressed and other spot prizes. contact info@ballsbridgelions.ie with any questions.

Know your Faith, Exploring Faith & Ministry

Applications are now open for the next intake of participants for Pathways. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year in DCU St Patrick's Campus, Upper Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9, on Thursday, September 28 (7pm – 9.30pm). Places are limited so early application is advised. Pathways is a two-year, one-evening-a-week course for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available from the parish so if you are interested in participating, please contact Fr John. www.missionministry.ie or pathways@dublindiocese.ie

Deansgrange Cemetery Mass

Deansgrange Cemetery Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, July 2, at 3pm.**

Bishops' Meeting in Maynooth

Among the items discussed by the national conference of bishops meeting in Maynooth this week was the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, Turkey and Syria. They thanked the Irish people for their generous response to church-funded humanitarian appeals. A total of almost €9.4 million (€5.79M to Ukraine and €3.58M to Turkey and Syria) was raised through Trocaire. Meanwhile, by mid May there were almost 23,000 casualties in Ukraine, including over 8,500 deaths and 17.7 million people in particular need.

In Turkey, the death toll is over 50,000 and in Syria around 6,000 in the recent earthquake.