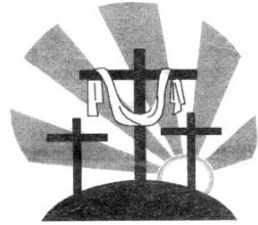


**REST IN PEACE**



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of

Linda Lackey who died recently

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

Bill O’Sullivan, Bride O’Shea, Dan O’Kane, Austin Pickering,  
 Terry & Joe Gavin and their son, Jody, Stephen & Christy Murphy,  
 Harry & Nancy Manley, John Browne, Frank Waters, Mary Ryan,  
 Joseph & Sarah Kane, Joseph Jones, Maura Kiersey, Emma Rigley,  
 John Charles Cowley, Deceased members of the Ryan family,  
 Thomas Ryan, Coleman & Carmel Murphy, Laurence Dunne,

And for Maureen O’Neill 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	WMOF2018
11 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	€1,330	€2,805

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese. The white basket collection last weekend was the national collection to help defray a shortfall of €4 million in the overall cost of hosting the World Meeting of Families and the visit of Pope Francis in August.

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 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018***

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**End Times**

Next Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, is the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. Then the following Sunday marks the beginning of Advent and of a new cycle in the Liturgy. Each year at this time the Church invites us to reflect on the “last things” – Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell – as they apply to us.

Today’s readings at Mass give us the assurance that our God will be with us all the days of our lives and that we will have the ongoing help and presence of the Holy Spirit to guide, protect and strengthen us in spite of our necessary human uncertainty concerning the end time when “Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.” So, the Church advises us to entrust the unknown and unknowable future to God’s loving care.

Modern science identifies several possible ways in which the world could come to an end. “End time phobia” can, today be a source of all kinds of anxiety. Science, whose work is so valuable in what Pope Paul VI called the “charity of knowledge,” can in its knowledge give positive service to those who rarely benefit from the world’s knowledge. Speaking to the Pontifical Academy of Science this week, Pope Francis named as possible fruits of the service of science such areas as climate change, nuclear arms, fossil fuels and deforestation. Science has identified the risks in these areas, the Pope said, so that they can also propose convincing solutions to the world’s leaders. Pope Francis also focused on the scourges confronting society, Human trafficking and the elimination of hunger and thirst were two issues he identified, as inviting the creative response of scientists. When “eight million persons are needy and excluded in our world”, “a change in our way of living” is called for. The lack of political will and determination to halt the arms race and end wars was crippling efforts to move towards developing sources of renewable energy and ensuring water, food and health for all, he added.

## Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in December will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in December will be on Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November and to attend the preparatory meeting.

Because of our experience that sees large numbers choosing a particular day for Baptism, we feel it is in everybody's best interest that we set a maximum number of 6 children to be baptised in each celebration. We encourage parents to get in touch with us early so as not to be disappointed.

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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### BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

*Oisín Padraig Jeremiah Flanagan Harvey*  
*Fiachra Rua Connolly*  
*Isla Mary-Anne Eivers*  
*Rose Grace Murphy*

who were baptised recently

'May you live always as members of the Body of Christ, sharing everlasting life'

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## Do this in Memory Mass next Sunday

The children preparing for First Communion in 2019 are all invited with their parents to next Sunday's special Mass with them. It will be at 10.30am and we ask them to bring their candle and their Thumb book also. Make sure you have written your name on your book so that we can get it to you if it's lost. In November we remember our loved ones who have died and for our Mass next week each child in the Communion classes is asked to bring along a fallen leaf, as a symbol of those who died in our families and for whom we pray.

In the meantime, parents are asked to prepare their boy or girl by working with them through pages 12 and 13 of Thumb along with the two exercises on pages 42 and 43, 'kidstuff 2'. The copy of Grapevine 2 delivered after our last Mass together is also intended as a helpful preparation for next Sunday's Mass. We ask you to save each copy of Grapevine from month to month until all 8 copies have been gathered.

Some children and parents have yet to submit their registration form and others have not yet collected their copy of Thumb. Please let us know if you haven't your copy. It's hard to enter the programme of preparation without it.

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## Parish Pastoral Council AGM on Wednesday

We had a great attendance at the Assembly in the Church on Tuesday week last. It would be a further joy to see a good attendance also at the AGM to be held in the school hall, beginning at 7.30pm next Wednesday. Reports will be made from the Council and its sub-committees as well as from the Parish Finance Committee. We particularly thank those whose term of service on the Council is coming to a close. Janet Daly (chairperson), Mark Cunningham, Ronald Long, Sr Felicia, Sr Joan, and Tom Moran have been wonderful members of the Council and have worked hard to progress the life of the parish. We are very grateful for their committed service to us all. We are delighted too that five persons have been nominated towards membership of the Pastoral Council: Helen Byrne, Fiona O'Brien, Triona Long, Valerie Sweeney and Joe McNamara. We ask God's blessing on the ongoing work of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee.

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## The Explorers

The next meeting of the Explorers, an inter-church scripture reading group, will be held on Monday 19 November between 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Mount Tabor Care Centre next to Christ Church on Sandymount Green. Professor Seamus O'Connell (Maynooth) will continue the discussion on the Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians. Bring your bible. All are welcome, no previous attendance necessary.

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## Community events at the Iris Charles Centre

At our recent parish assembly calls were made for greater attention to building the social life of the parish community. Now here are opportunities to respond to that call.

There will be A Coffee Morning in aid of the Centre on Friday next, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, from 10.30am to 1.30pm. Raffles and Lucky Dips! All Welcome-bring a friend! and

On this Sunday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, in the Iris Charles Centre there's a fundraiser for Sandymount and Merrion Residents Association (SAMRA):

'Daunting and Daring-Women of the Gael'  
with Glynis Casson and Claire Roche  
Tickets €20-includes Show, light supper and wine  
Booking 0863731420

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Marian College Musical Society & Muckross College presents

**School of Rock – The Musical!**  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
at 7.30pm nightly  
in Marian College Hall  
Tickets: students €10; adults €12;  
Family Ticket adults €40  
Phone: (01) 668 4036 for tickets.