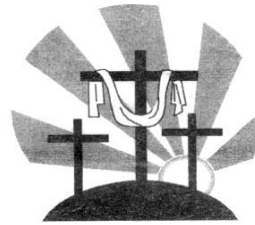


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of Marjorie Gray whose month's mind occurs and for the following whose anniversaries occur: Phil Keogan, Patrick Connolly and Sean Boyd.

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
Sept 11 th '22	€1,140	€765

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

In August the total of donations online was €1760. There were five donors in 12 transactions and the distribution of donations was Common Fund €405, Share €225, Parish €630, Summer Dues €500. The total Fees that accrued in 12 transactions was €52.50

We thank parishioners for their generosity to the parish in all parish collections

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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25TH Sunday of the Year

Sept 18th'22

CROSSCARE ANNUAL APPEAL

The annual Crosscare collection will take place at all Masses **this weekend, September 17 and 18**. This year, Crosscare is looking for help for its Homeless Prevention and Food Poverty Support Services – both of which are coming under increasing demand from people struggling to find accommodation and families coping with increases in fuel prices and the cost of living. We ask for your support for Crosscare in this weekend's second collection or by donating online at www.crosscare.ie.

In his letter to us, the Archbishop relates that 'every day, people in need of support are welcomed by Crosscare in a spirit of respect, dignity and love. They are met as equals with the belief that everyone is created in the image and likeness of God.'

Just as we admire the work of Trócaire, working, on behalf of us all in the Irish Church, to meet the needs of people around the world, Crosscare is the agency working on our behalf to meet the needs of people on our own doorstep in what are now very difficult economic times. Crosscare needs our support to do its great and important work.

This Sunday's Volunteer Drive

As Anne Bacon, our parish pastoral council chairperson highlighted for us two weeks ago, we're hoping to bring fresh life to most aspects of parish life that have been affected significantly and understandably by the Covid crisis. There's a planned drive to find volunteers in several areas of parish life in the school hall **this Sunday, 11 am to 1.30pm**, with refreshments available for all-comers. Please come along and consider helping in one or other of several areas of parish life where we count on parishioners help. We need help in such areas as Ministry of the Eucharist, Ministry of the Word (Readers), Communications (generally), the Parish Bookshop, Church Collectors, Choir members as well as pastoral areas to be developed in Baptism Preparation Teams and Funeral Teams. Let's seek to recover as a parish from the effects of Covid.

Season of Creation

We continue this week, the third of the five Sundays of the Season of Creation, with suggestions of practical steps we can take in caring for creation.

- Consider installing water butts in your garden
- Participate in the Think before you Flush campaign (www.thinkbeforeyouflush.org) and display the 'Dirty Dozen' posters in toilets.
- Offer a welcome to newcomers where you live.
- Explore Trócaire's 100 ways for Parishes to implement 'Laudato 'Si, the Pope's encyclical.
- Become an Eco Parish. See www.ecocongregationireland.com
- Discuss with/write to your local TD to express your concern on Ireland's record on addressing the climate crisis. Check out www.onefuture.ie for some ideas.

Enrolment of Children for First Communion and Confirmation

We invited parents of children attending non-Catholic Schools to enrol children with the parish on Thurs or Friday Sept 8th/9th last, if they wished that they prepare to receive the sacraments. There may be families, living in the parish who wish that their child, attending a non-faith school, might be helped to prepare to receive the sacraments. They, too, were invited to register on Sept 8th or 9th. We are still accepting a late application. If living outside the parish we refer you to your own parish when a child is attending a non-faith school.

Sion Hill Open Day

Dominican College, Sion Hill, is holding an Open Evening on Thursday 29th September from 4:30pm – 7:00PM. The Open Evening is an opportunity for children and their parents to come in and see the school's range of activities and facilities at first hand. Sion Hill is a non-fee-paying secondary school for girls located in Blackrock.

Oil and Water: Today's Gospel

The boys and girls in secondary school learn about viscous and non-viscous liquids in their chemistry class. At the Offertory of the Mass we mix the wine and water and pray that 'we may come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity'. They are viscous liquids; the wine and water mix easily. God's life is in us and our life is in God.

Today's Gospel (Luke 16:1-13) suggests something that doesn't mix, non-viscous, just like oil sitting on top of water and not mixing. You cannot live a life that's preoccupied with oneself and at the same time a life devoted to the love of God. They don't mix and we need to be astute to recognise that.

Safeguarding Sunday

Next Sunday is safeguarding Sunday and the theme chosen for this year's celebration is 'Safeguarding-a Gospel Value'

We thank everyone who came to the Safeguard training evening on Thursday last.

A Prayer for the Earth (Pope Francis-Laudato Si')

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,

so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it,

that we may sow beauty and not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us we pray in our struggle for justice, love and peace.