

WEEKLY BULLETIN 19th July 2020



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEKEND

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of
Mary O'Briain and Marie Wallace who died this week.

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

Joseph McLoughlan; Pat Ryan; Mark Foley; Ann Berney;
Larry & Gretta Berney; Anne Kinsella; Edward Winstanley;
Doreen Dunne; Brendan O'Reilly, his wife Margaret & son, Brendan;
Thomas Ryan & his daughter, Mary;

And for Fr. Jim Gavigan whose Month's Mind occurs.

May they share in the joy of heaven.

Church collections last week 10th July

1st Collection €830 and Share €550.

We thank you for your contributions to the Church
collections and for your continuing support of all the
collections.

Trocaire Boxes

We thank those who have returned
their Lenten Trocaire Boxes and will
be glad to receive any more which may
be awaiting collection. Call to the
parish office during opening hours
(Mon. to Fri, 9.30am to 12.30pm).

Confessions

Confessions will be heard in the
"Confession Room" to the right of the
main door on Saturday at 11.00am and
at 5.00pm.

Generosity in the Financial Storm

We are extremely grateful to parishioners who gave substantial donations during these Covid-19 months. Some did so completely anonymously. Where donors stipulated the particular fund towards which a donation was intended we followed their direction and where no such indication was given the parish fund was the beneficiary.

With no public Masses celebrated for three months, both the incomes of the Common Fund and the Share fund, the two funds supported by collections at Mass time suffered significantly. The Common Fund further suffered when the Easter Dues offerings were significantly affected. Understandably priest's incomes have been cut 25% at a time when many have lost employment and businesses are in a time of great uncertainty. The impact of the decline in the Share fund has implications for the positions of diocesan employees.

In May, like many other parishes, we introduced an opportunity on our website for button payments to four funds – the Parish, the Common Fund, Share and Easter Dues. By the end of June the following level of funding was received by button donations:

Parish	€2,550
Common Fund	€830
Share	€550
Easter Dues	€1,260

Currently we are celebrating baptism with individual children rather than group situations out of concern to uphold the Covid-19 virus restrictions. It might be an occasion to remember that donations made in celebrating of the sacraments, customarily at baptisms, weddings and funerals are shared between the parish fund, the Common Fund and the priest of the parish. We are grateful for donations received on these special occasions. Thank you again for your generosity.