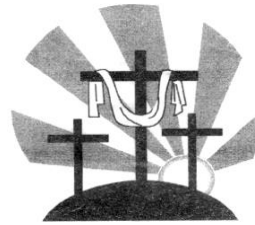


## ***REST IN PEACE***



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur: Patrick Nevins, Christina Nevins, Margaret O'Reilly, Brendan O'Reilly, Brian Uiterwaal, Mark and Annie Foley, Joseph Finlay, Liz Mc Donnell, John Mc Grath, Mary Lennon and Nell Fitzsimons. We pray also at time of month's mind for John Fitzsimons and for Marcella Jackman

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:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>GREEN BASKET</b>	<b>Share</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> June	€855	€ 445

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

The Parish Finance Committee meets this Monday at 7.30pm

## **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) RCN20016166

### ***Corpus Christi***

In former times we would be busy organising a Corpus Christi procession around the streets of the parish. Carrying the Eucharist in a monstrance, stopping here and there for Benediction, erecting speakers and seeing the streets decorated with bunting and banners. That was then and this is now. Carrying the Blessed Sacrament through the streets, singing our praises of the precious gift was an image of bringing Christ to the world amid all its cares and challenges. While considerations of traffic and indeed of a new pluralism in our society have to be acknowledged and thereby the propriety of processions, the bringing of Christ to the world is carried perhaps in an even more telling way when men and women, who keep faith with Christ, carry his values into boardrooms, offices and factory floors. Ultimately the real 'monstrance' is in the living witness of each Christian person.

### **Corpus Christi Benediction on Lawn**

Weather permitting, this Sunday's 12 noon Mass will end with a short procession to the Church Garden where Benediction will take place. If weather doesn't permit, we'll have the procession and Benediction in the Church. Boys and girls who celebrated First Communion this year along with children from St Matthew's School preparing for First Communion in October are invited to lead the procession, two by two.

### **DCU BA in Theology and Religious Studies - Scholarships Available**

Interested in studying theology, but need a flexible programme to suit your needs? The DCU BA in Theology and Religious Studies might suit you! This part-time, flexible programme is designed for mature students, and holds lectures on Thursday evenings and a handful of Saturdays throughout the year. Classes are small and academic support is provided for all students. Scholarships are available for new incoming students. More info online at [www.dcu.ie/dc300](http://www.dcu.ie/dc300) and <https://www.dcu.ie/registry/batrs-c-2>; or contact John Murray: [john.murray@dcu.ie](mailto:john.murray@dcu.ie) or 086-0783438.

### **First Reconciliation this Tuesday**

Boys and girls from St Matthew's 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> classes who are preparing for First Communion later this year will celebrate First Reconciliation this Tuesday evening at 6pm. We are grateful to the children and their parents for their regular attendance at classes after school in spite of all the Covid difficulties of recent years and to Amy Mc Guirk their teacher.

### **Graduation Evenings**

Our two parish schools, Star of the Sea and Scoil Mhuire, will have graduation celebrations this week for the boys and girls in 6<sup>th</sup> class at the close of their Primary School years. The boys' celebration begins with Mass at 7pm on Thursday in the Church, while the girls' will likewise begin with their graduation Mass in the School Hall at 7pm on Friday. We're very proud of them and wish them every blessing as they move to their Secondary School experience.

### **Summer Dues Collection**

This week we hope to see the Summer Dues Envelopes delivered to homes in the parish with the help of volunteers. We'll be very grateful for help received to do so. Envelopes are ready for collection at the parish office. To avoid duplication in delivery we'll appreciate the keeping of a reliable record of houses to which envelopes are delivered, kept and updated beside the store of envelopes in the parish meeting room in the office area..

### **Confirmation Process and Resource Evening**

The 'Grow in Love' Programme for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class is the official preparation programme for Confirmation, currently taught in Catholic Schools and the basis for out of school classes as well. It's the only programme sanctioned by the Bishops' Conference. However, the diocese is also supplementing the school programme with a package of resources. You can learn more about these new resources by joining a Zoom session on Tuesday week, June 28<sup>th</sup> between 7pm and 8.30pm. To register, email [gerard.hanley@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:gerard.hanley@dublindiocese.ie)

The Laudato Si Award information evening, mentioned last week, for 13 to 17 year olds, is another diocesan project in support of parish youth activity. To find out how to run the award in a parish, you might register at the same [gerard.hanley@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:gerard.hanley@dublindiocese.ie), to join a zoom session from 7pm to 8.30pm on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. We'd be delighted to hear from parishioners who may wish to foster these developments for our teenagers and to enable their participation.

### **Pathways**

Pathways is a course run by the Archdiocese that begins on Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup> at DCU, St Patrick's Campus in Drumcondra. It's a two year course, costing €400 per year. One evening a week, with no exams or written work involved, just an openness to listen to others and to participate. The focus is on exploring faith and ministry. There are limited places on the course and early registration is advised. We'd welcome young adult participation with an open mind to offering financial support where appropriate. Let us know if you're interested.