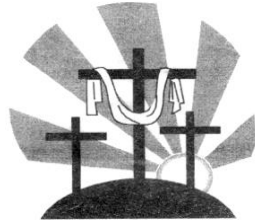


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for Margaret Hopkins, Marie Smith, Mary Kenny and Peter Byrne who died recently and for the following whose anniversaries occur; Elizabeth Shaw, Dermot McGale, Paddy and Ita Butler, Michael Ryan, James and Winifred Finnegan, John Owens, Mary White, May Kane, Dermot Bateman, Patrick Bateman, Liam O’Sullivan,

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
March 12 th 2023	€1,385	€880

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.

Many thanks to all our parishioners for your ongoing support and generosity.

During the month of February 2023 the Tap and Go machines in Sandymount Parish collected €3,557.00 from 197 transactions. This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share.

The Share collection over the weekend of 11 and 12 February was for the ACCORD collection and €192.90 from the above went there. The Share collection over the weekend of 25 and 26 February was for the Turkey and Syria emergency collection and €216.55 from the above also went there.

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March 19th 2023

Mother’s Day

Happy Mother’s Day to all the mothers of our parish.

The young Irishman living in America thought he was on the ball phoning his mother to wish her a Happy Mother’s Day. ‘You’re two months late’, she replied. In America since 1914, the people celebrate Mother’s Day on the second Sunday of May. It was the anniversary date of the death of the mother of Anna Jarvis, who was a leader in the ‘women’s movement’.

However in Ireland, as in Britain, we celebrate Mothers Day on the fourth Sunday of lent, Laetare Sunday. It was in the past a Feast day of our Lady. On that day the young women working in the Great Houses of Ireland and England were allowed to go home and visit their mothers, half way through lent because they couldn’t do so at Easter when festivities at these Houses called for their busy services. It was also part of this custom that the young ladies brought a simnel cake to their mothers.

It is still today a rejoicing day, ‘**laetare**’ is Latin for ‘rejoice’, as you’ll see from the first words of the opening antiphon of the Mass.

It’s a verse from the prophet, Isaiah.

‘Rejoice Jerusalem, and all who love her.

Be joyful, all who are in mourning;
exhult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Confirmation Day: Thursday 23rd March

Next Thursday will see the Confirmation celebration in our parish. We commend the 79 candidates to your prayers. Because of the Confirmation ceremony at 11am, the earlier Mass will be at 9.30am, rather than 10am.

Building Hope Project

Representatives of our Parish Pastoral Council will attend a meeting in Foxrock Parish this Monday evening to address the ongoing stages of the Building Hope Project.

Prayer and Meditation – time change

In order to accommodate people who would like to attend the Ecumenical Evening Prayer, which will be held next Tuesday in St. Matthew's Church, Irishtown at 7.30, Pat Talbot has kindly agreed to begin the Group Prayer and Meditation hour at the earlier time of 6.15 p.m. It's an opportunity to be introduced to a way of praying with a Scripture passage. This takes place in the Parish Meeting Room at the back of the Church and all are welcome.

Explorers

The next meeting of Explorers, the inter church scripture study will be held on this Monday, March 20th, at 7.30pm in the small meeting room at the entrance to Christ Church Hall, on the Green. The focus this month, again led by Sean Goan, will be on the Book of Proverbs.

Inter-Church Prayer in Lent

On this Tuesday, March 21st, St Matthews, Church of Ireland, will host a time of ecumenical prayer at 7.30pm. All welcome. Star of the Sea will host a further gathering on March 28th.

Thursday Evening Prayer in Lent

Evening prayer is celebrated each Thursday evening the Lent at 5.30pm each evening.

Golf Classic – Date for your diary

Our annual parish Golf Classic will take place on Friday 19th May in Elm Park GC. Booking forms will be available from next weekend. We have always depended on the fund raising efforts of the Golf Classic to help us

keep our heads above water but our needs are much greater now and your help is all the more appreciated. Thanks to Martin Coonan and the committee for their great commitment and organisation of the day.

Home from Home

Sandymount Community Centre, formally the Irish Charles Centre, on Newbridge Ave is very excited to announce their new Home from Home initiative. Every Thursday from 10-12 the centre will be open to the community offering a warm cuppa, newspapers, cards and games as well as loads of chats!

Sallynoggin Talks

Series of Lenten talks entitled 'Come and See' at Our Lady of Victories, Glenageary.

16/03 'The moral life of the Disciple' speaker: Gerard Casey; 23/03 'Sharing the Gospel' speaker Gerard Hanley; 30/03 'Sacramental Life' speaker Fr Conor McDonagh. It is necessary to register with the Sallynoggin parish office at 01 2854667.

Palestrina Choir celebrating 120 years

In celebration of their 120th anniversary Palestrina choir will sing Vespers on the Feast of The Annunciation, Sunday 25th March at 3pm. Music by Bruckner, Guerrero, Victoria and Lassus. All welcome.

Lenten reflection

Vox Hiberniae will facilitate a two-part Lenten reflection in two Dublin parishes this Lent. St Michael's Church, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Sunday, April 2, 4 to 5pm. For more details contact voxhiberniae@gmail.com.

Women talking faith and forging change

To mark International Women's Day in the Pastoral Area of Greystones and Kilquade, the Parish Council launched a testimonial video entitled 'Women talking faith and forging change'. This is an interesting insight into how ordinary women look at faith and its meaning for them in today's world. Women's lives have always been busy and today even more so with

juggling parenting, career, grand-parenting, mental and physical health, social justice, education, and environmental concerns!

How does faith support them in their hectic daily life, how does it develop their mission and lead to change? Women share their life's experiences, talk about the simplicity of hope, of forging change in the Church, and how faith is a journey not a destination. Watch it at

gkpastoralarea.ie/notices/international-womens-day-video-testimonial-launch/.