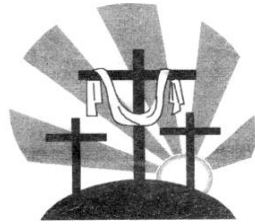


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested for the following whose anniversaries occur: .
Desmond Sheridan, Carmel Guiney, Laurence Mulligan, Kathleen
Corcoran, and for Joseph Curley, Imelda Hanlon and baby Darci Fitzgerald
whose months mind occurs at this time

MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE.
AMEN.

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting us this weekend.

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CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are:

DATE	GREEN BASKET	WHITE BASKET
Sept 24th 2023	€835	€590

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.



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1st October 2023

The Synod on Synodality

It is 18 months from the time when, as a parish, we engaged in sharing our
experience of the Church in its joys and sorrows, its fears and its hopes. We
recall the great contribution of Deirdre Seaver in leading the exercise in the
parish and, after collating responses, in writing our parish summary report
and forwarding it to the diocese. We appreciate also how Deirdre displayed
our work and kept us informed of ongoing developments towards the Synod
on Synodality that meets in Rome during this month.

Every parish in the diocese engaged in a similar exercise, as parishes
throughout the world were invited to do at the time. The collated parish
reports led first to a diocesan report, then to a national report and to a
continental report

This in turn led to the working document that will engage synod members
this month, beginning this Wednesday October 4th.

A further meeting of the Synod on this ongoing work will also be held in
Rome in October '24, after which the pope will respond, as is the practice
after every synod.

It has been a significant work of consultation and some commentators
anticipate that this Synod will have as significant an impact on the life of
the Church as the Second Vatican Council had over sixty years ago.

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Two Irish bishops, Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick Diocese and Bishop Alan McGuckian of Raphoe Diocese will represent the Irish Church. Some 56 laymen and women will participate as voting members of the Synodal Assembly. The aim of the Synodal Process is to provide an opportunity for the entire People of God to discern together how to move forward towards being a more synodal Church in the long term.

Archbishop Farrell has written a letter to mark the Synod in Rome this week, copies of which are available in the Church. We are all invited to pray earnestly for the success of the Synod: Community, Participation and Mission, hallmarks of Synodality.

First Communion Enrolment Ceremony

This Thursday October 5th at 7pm we welcome parents and children preparing for First Communion celebration in 2024. It is an important ceremony of commitment.

Harvest Ecumenical Service

On Monday 9th Oct. we will celebrate Harvest festival with our neighbours from St Matthews's church here in in Star of the Sea. All welcome.

Blessing of Pets

We celebrate the Feast of St Francis, this Sunday afternoon at 1.30pm with our annual Blessing of Pets. In Laudato Si Pope Francis writes that 'we are called to recognize that other living beings have a value of their own in God's eyes...by their mere existence they bless him and give him glory...'. Quoting the Catechism, he reminds us that "Each creature possesses its own particular goodness and perfection... Each of the various creatures, willed in its own being, reflects in its own way a ray of God's infinite wisdom and goodness.". Lots of treats for owners and pets!

PPC meeting

The next meeting of our PPC takes place on Monday 16th October.

St Vincent de Paul

Our monthly St Vincent de Paul collection will take place after all Masses this weekend, 30th Sept and 1st Oct.

Lectio Divina on Tuesday Evening

Lectio Divina continues this Tuesday at 6.30 to 7.30, in the church meeting room.

Season of Creation Art Exhibition

The closing date for receipt of entries for our Art competition is this Monday 2nd October. The theme "Let Justice and Peace Flow". This week we will be collecting entries in the church on Thursday and Friday for exhibiting on Sat 7th Oct in St. Mary's Star of the Sea BNS after 6 p.m. Mass. The awards ceremony will take place after 12 noon Mass on Sun. 8th Oct.

Creation Walk (1st Sept. to 4th Oct.)

The Creation Walk, devised by Brian Grogan S.J., provides a graphic trip through the science of creation. This magnificent journey, now displayed on the pillars in our church is best explored one pillar at a time until the end of this Season. Take some time to explore this exhibition which will come to an end on Wednesday next.

Newman University Church

Weekly Taizé at Newman University Church is on every Tuesday at 6pm. Taizé Prayer is named for the ecumenical Christian community formed in Taizé, France. The church is dimly lit and the Taizé cross is brought out as a focal point for prayer. There is meditative song, silence, readings, and prayer. During the procession of light each person brings up their lit candle to the cross to pray.

Monastic Vocations Weekend

Do you feel called to seek God in prayer and contemplation, monastic work and community life? The Cistercian community at St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn, invite single women, aged 19 to 40, to their upcoming monastic vocations weekend on October 27 to 29. Please contact vocations director Sister Sarah at vocations@glencairnabbey.org. Visit www.glencairnabbey.org for more details.

Minding the Mind

St John of God Hospital's public lecture series 2023 returns on Monday 2nd October for 4 consecutive weeks. Topics include: 'You are not alone' by Dr Amy Watchorn on 2nd Oct, 'What to do when you worry too much' from Carol Keegan, clinical nurse specialist, 'The role of the natural environment in promoting positive mental health' with Shirley Gleeson, senior social worker and finally on Monday 23rd Oct, 'Minding my Mental Health' with Caitríona Lynch, senior occupational therapist. Adm. is free and talks begin at 7.30pm until 9.20pm. See poster at the back of the church. All most welcome.

Bereavement Support

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free national Bereavement Support Line, available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday. Just call 1800 807077. Visit www.hospicefoundation.ie for more information.