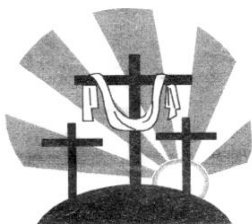


## REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of Sr. Frances Helen Haran who died this week.

And also for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

*Peter & Rita Price; David Kirwan; Christine Cooney; Louis & Vera O'Neill; Frank Hollingsworth and his parents, Tom & Mary Hollingsworth; Eve Sheehan; Mark Spellman; Donald Keogan; John O'Connor;*

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	SHARE
25 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	€40	€65

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese.

The white basket is the collection for Share, which meets the needs both of poorer parishes and of central agencies of the Diocese.

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

## WEEKLY BULLETIN



### *St. Mary's, Star of the Sea, Sandymount*

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### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020

Today's feast of November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Feast of all the Saints marks a very positive entry into the month when we remember and pray for the dead. Saints are people who showed love for God and love for others during their lives on earth. We learn from their example how to live and how to love. We can pray to the saints and ask for their help to live as Jesus taught us.

Tomorrow, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, is the Feast of all Souls, a day of prayer for the faithful departed. We believe that by our prayers we can help them in their journey to their eternal destiny just as we hope that their prayers for us may help us in our journeys.

Each year we celebrate a Mass in November at which we remember by name all who have died in the past year and we invite you to join us by webcam this Monday at 7.00pm when we pray for fellow parishioners who died this year.

The children will be learning in school this month about the various ways in which our parish family remembers and prays for those who have died. At home, parents may wish to share with their children the November exercise of drawing up the list of the dead for their family. November dead list envelopes are available at the back of the church and can be returned through the parish office door. On First Fridays during the year and at Masses during November we pray for all the names on the parish lists of the dead.

We believe in the resurrection and that in death our faithful lives are changed and not ended. November nurtures our Christian hope and invites us to come closer to God and to God's grace to prepare for death as the gateway to eternal life. In this vision we believe that the faithful who have gone before us are with us now in a different way. In what we call 'the Communion of Saints,' we believe we can help them by our prayers and that they too can help us. As the coffin is closed on our earthly existence we pray

"We will pray for you,  
May you pray for us,  
May God and Mary be with you."

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### **Saints of this week**

Among the saints remembered this week are St. Malachy (Tuesday), St. Charles Borromeo (Wednesday), St. Martin de Porres (Thursday) and Friday brings the important feast day of All the Saints of Ireland.

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### **A Prayer for November**

Lord God,  
whose days are without end  
and whose mercies beyond counting,  
keep us mindful  
that life is short and the hour of death unknown.  
Let your Spirit guide our days on earth  
in the ways of holiness and justice,  
that we may serve you  
in union with the whole Church,  
sure in faith, strong in hope, perfect in love.  
And when our earthly journey is ended,  
lead us rejoicing into your kingdom,  
where you live for ever and ever.  
Amen.

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### **Boys School Enrolments 2021/2022**

Admissions for enrolment to Star of the Sea Boys National School for the 2021/2022 school year are now open. For the first time, the school is receiving applications online via the school website: [www.starofthesea.ie](http://www.starofthesea.ie).

If you have any enquiries about the school, please ask to speak to the principal, Mr Niall Walsh, by phoning (01) 668 6394 or emailing [office@starofthesea.ie](mailto:office@starofthesea.ie).

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### **Celebration of Baptism**

We regret that for the time being under Government direction we are unable to hold Baptism celebrations in the Church. As you know in recent months we have celebrated Baptism with families one at a time and within HSE guidelines. We thank all who were so cooperative in doing so and hope that it won't be long before the celebration of Baptism may resume.

### **Did God act according to a plan when he created the world and us?**

Yes, God created the whole world according to his idea and plan. Just as a human being can devise a game, for instance draughts or chess, and with the rules for playing it creates the entire logic of the game, so God created the world and mankind. The red thread running through God's creation is love. God's plan, therefore, is that human beings should love and respond to God's love and thus, think, speak and act in love themselves.

Taken from DOCAT, part of the YOUCAT series for young people. With its focus on the social teaching of the Catholic Church, DOCAT shows young people how to work towards building a "civilisation of love."

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### **Enrolment for Sacraments 2022**

At this time we invite parents who wish their child to be enrolled in preparation for Confirmation in 2022 and are presently attending fifth class in a non-Catholic school to register their intention with us by phoning the parish office, Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

We similarly invite parents of children attending 1<sup>st</sup> class in a non-Catholic school who wish their child to prepare for first Communion in 2022 to register their intention by phoning the parish office.

We thank those parents who have contacted us in regard to their children's Confirmation and First Communion in 2022. Because of Covid-19 restrictions we are currently unable to begin the preparation classes. However, we would appreciate if parents teach their children the basic prayers like the 'Our Father' the 'Hail Mary' and the 'Glory be to the Father' and try and connect with the web cam Mass at 10.30am on Sundays.

This coming week is the last week of our accepting candidates for the sacraments in 2022.

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### **COVID-19 Support Lines for Older People**

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open **seven days a week, 8.00am – 8.00pm, by calling 0818 222 024.**

### **Senior Line**

If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning **SeniorLine**. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. Freefone 1800 80 45 91