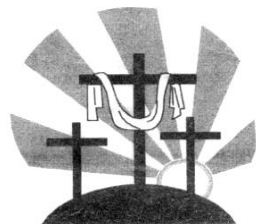


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of

Helen, mother of Fr. John McDonagh, who died this week.
For Josephine Rhattigan and Christina Sweeney who died recently,

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

Michael Herity, Terry & Denis Brazil, Raymond Murdiff, Frank Smith,
Mary & George Smyth, Thomas & Mary Harding and their son, Thomas,
Liam, Eileen, Miriam and Laurence Lynch,

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

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are

DATE	GREEN BASKET	SHARE
13 th January 2019	€1,460	€1,055

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



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Sunday 20th January 2019

The Year of Luke

Every three years we read the Gospel of St. Luke at our Sunday Masses, as we do this year. It is helpful to think of St. Luke's Gospel as the first of two volumes, the second being The Acts of the Apostles. It is often recommended that we read the Gospel and Acts straight through, as though it were a novel. It gives insight into Luke's message. Whereas the other evangelists think of two periods in the history of salvation; that of the promise and that of Jesus with his Church, writing two volumes, Luke distinguishes the times in a better way: that of the promise, that of Jesus, and that of the Church.

1. The time of the promise: This is the time of the Old Testament and, for Luke, it comes to an end only with the 'Today' in the sermon at Nazareth (ch 4, v21), an account we read at next Sunday's Mass.
2. The time of Jesus: Luke uses material he receives from the tradition; the Gospel of Mark and source material of 'sayings of Jesus' which he shares with St. Matthew. However he arranges these skilfully by adding to them traditions peculiar to himself in order to present us with the divine plan as he sees it. Leaving aside the Nativity stories and the time of preparation and growing up, the itinerary of Jesus has three main stages:
 - (a) The proclamation in Galilee of his paschal mystery (ch 4, 14 to 9.50).
 - (b) The journey of Jesus up to Jerusalem towards his paschal mystery (ch 9.51 to 19.28). This is the most original part of Luke's Gospel, and
 - (c) Jesus fulfils the paschal mystery (ch. 19.29-24.53). On Easter Day Jesus shows himself alive to his disciples and ascends to heaven.

(d) The time of the church: Acts

The disciples are to be Jesus' witnesses in Jerusalem, Judaea and Samaria and to the ends of the world. The main figures in this development are Peter, the Greek speaking Hellenists, Paul but above all the Spirit and the Word of God.

Dante rightly called St. Luke, 'the evangelist of God's tenderness'.

You'll find interesting books on St. Luke's Gospel in our parish book shop.

Luke, Gracious Theologian: The Jesus of Luke, by Wilfrid J. Harrington, O.P..

Navigating the Gospels: Luke: by Philip Fogarty, S.J.
The Gospel of Luke: A Reflective Commentary, by Denis McBride, C.Ss.R.

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Baptisms in February

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in February will be held on Monday 28th January 2019, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in February will be on Sunday February 3rd and 17th, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 28th January and to attend the preparatory meeting.

Because it occasionally arises as a question, we confirm that godmother and godfather should be of each gender and that godparents must be over 16 and practising Catholics, at home in their faith.

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Confirmation Candidates

Now that March 14th approaches fast we ask all Confirmation Candidates to attend Mass every weekend. We welcome as many as possible to attend the 6.00pm Mass next Saturday.

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First Communion Preparation

Next Sunday we invite the children preparing for First Communion to come with their parents to the fourth 'Do this in Memory Mass' at 10.30am. In the meantime, we ask children and parents to prepare by reading and completing exercises in the Thumbs Book and in the newsletter Grapevine 4 issued in December. The relevant pages in the Thumbs book are pages 16, 17, and 46 to 53, if they haven't been completed already.

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World Day of the Sick 2019

will take place on 9th February 2019 in All Hallows, Drumcondra (9:30am to 1.00pm) on the topic *Community struggle with addiction - A Pastoral response* Mass for World Day of the Sick will be held on 10th February 2019 in Corpus Christi at 3.00pm.

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Christmas Dues Donations

Fr. John and Fr. Cormac would like to thank parishioners who have already sent in their Christmas Dues. Envelopes may be handed into the Sacristy/Parish office or put in the letter-box in the Parish office door.

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan. 18th – 25th

.Prayer for Church Unity will be said at the Masses during the Church Unity Octave which began on Friday 18th January.

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Explorers

The Explorers, an inter-church scripture reading group, will gather for their first meeting in 2019 on Monday, 21 January between 7.30 - 9 pm. in Mount Tabor next to Christ Church on Sandymount Green. We shall focus on the Book of Ruth in the Old Testament.

The evening will be led by Glen Jordan, who is the Project Manager for Public Theology in Corrymeela, an ecumenical organisation in Northern Ireland. All are welcome. Read the short book. Bring your bible. Previous attendance not necessary.

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Legion of Mary

The Frank Duff prayer group will meet on Tuesday, 22nd January from 3-4 pm in the Parish meeting room, Star of the Sea church. All welcome.

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WYD Panama in Dublin 2019

Some of our young people in the parish might be interested in an event organised by the diocese to co-inside with the Pope's journey to Panama for World Youth Day.

Date: January 26th & 27th, 2019

Time: 26th January 5 pm until 27th January 5 pm

Where: The Emmaus Centre, Swords, Co. Dublin

€15 per person (incl.: evening meal, breakfast, lunch Tea + Coffee) To book, please access:

www.emmauscentre.ie/programme/wyd

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday 27th January, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2019. The purpose of the week is to highlight and celebrate the wonderful contribution that Catholic schools make to our local communities and society in general. This year's theme is "Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools".

Laudate 2019

50 Primary Schools are gearing up for the 3rd Laudate Festival of Liturgical Music which will take place during Catholic Schools Week. The festival nights are: Mon. 28th Jan. at 7.pm in St. Pius X, Templeogue; Tue. 29th Jan. at 7.pm in Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road,; Wed. 30th Jan. at 7.pm in Church of St. Therese, Mount Merrion. All welcome.