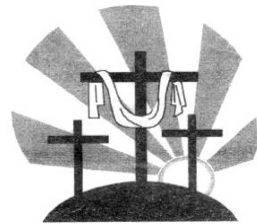


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the repose of the soul of Des McMahon who died this weekend and for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time: Carmel Sheridan, Laurence Mulligan, Eileen Dunne, Willie O'Connor and Jim Maguire.
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
August 14 th	€915	€600
August 15 th	€240	€160

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.

On June 3rd the Diocesan Synthesis of Parish Synodal meetings was published and posted in the church alongside reports of our parish meetings. This week, the National Synthesis was published and forwarded to Rome, and a copy of it is posted, as before, on the wall close to the sacristy door, where it may be read.

WEEKLY
BULLETIN



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

Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30
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Sunday August 21st'22

The readings at Mass on this 21st Sunday of Year C, have a strong note of inclusivity and universality. Isaiah expresses God's desire as one of 'coming to gather the nations of every language', and he adds, 'as an offering to the Lord, they will bring all your brothers from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem'. At the same time this universality can disguise its challenge. The Gospel is a call to all to follow a different way and is not a form of cheap grace. 'Men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. And yes, there are those now last who will be first and those now first who will be last.'

You may have seen reports in the newspapers this week of the publication of the national synthesis document following parish consultation earlier this year on the Synodal Pathway , a process in which we engaged as a parish. Among other points of submission, there was a clear call for a more inclusive embrace of people's lives in the Church. Dr Nicola Brady, chair of the Steering Committee for the Irish Synodal Pathway, said: "The strong sense of shared responsibility that has guided our synodal process so far, from the local to the national level, has been a great encouragement. It is hoped that this will continue to motivate us to develop our skills of deep listening and discernment, as we reflect on the significance of our national synthesis, and the different voices of the church around the world, asking what God wants of us in light of what we have heard."

PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AND MINISTRY Application is now open for the next intake of participants for Pathways. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year on Thursday, September 29, in DCU St Patrick's Campus. Places are limited so early application is advisable

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week course, for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year, with breaks for Christmas, Easter and mid-terms. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. The cost is €400 per year which may be paid in instalments throughout the year.

For more information visit www.missionministry.ie or contact Pathways director Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie.

If a parishioner has interest in this programme, please let Fr John or Fr Cormac know.

WORLD YOUTH DAY – LISBON 2023

Parishes and Individuals are now invited to register their interest in either attending WYD Lisbon or organising a parish group to participate. Over the past year many parishes and people have noted in submissions for the Task Force and also preparatory meetings on Synod the importance of reaching out to younger people.

World Youth Day will take place August 1 to 6 in Lisbon 2023. Package options and costs are still being determined and the registration system will open in September. At present it is intended to have the option for teenagers aged 16-18 to participate as well as those aged 18-29.

The Archdiocese of Dublin has a great tradition in participation at World Youth Day. This is a great opportunity to reach out to young people and connect them to young people in many parishes that will participate at WYD. A full pastoral programme for all pilgrims will also commence later in the year, with opportunities for leadership roles as well.

Get in touch and keep in touch

We would like to hear from you between before September so that we can focus and fine tune the various package options that will be proposed.

- Parishes are now invited to register their interest – providing information if possible on numbers and maybe local leaders also
- Individuals can also use this system to register their interest
- Groups (Schools, Third Level Chaplaincy, Faith groups) – can also use this system

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, SEPTEMBER 7th to 12th

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place this year from Sept 7th to the 12th. There are still a number of places available and last minute bookings can still be made by groups or individuals by contacting the Joe Walsh Tours Office. More information is on their website www.joewalstours.ie. The Pilgrimage Office is at 8376820. We are grateful to all who enlisted as Associate Members of the Pilgrimage last weekend and may do so again this weekend and our thanks to Fergus who volunteered to look after proceedings. Lists of associate members names will be placed on the altar at the pilgrimage Masses in Lourdes and their intentions held in prayer.