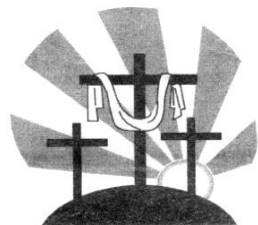


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend

For the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Josephine Bryan, Carmel & Christopher Hayden, Patrick Aiken, Catherine & Paddy Mason, Pat & Tommy Forry, Jim Daly,

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
14 th October 2018	€1,415	€875

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.

Mass at Iris Charles Centre

Fr. John McDonagh will celebrate Mass at Iris Charles Centre, Newbridge Avenue, on Tuesday next, 23rd October at 2.30pm. All welcome.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Sunday 21st October 2018

World Mission Sunday

Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year it coincides with an important Synod in Rome which is addressing the question of ‘Young people, faith and vocational discernment’. Pope Francis has chosen a theme for this year’s Mission Sunday which echoes the work of the Synod. It is that ‘together with young people, let us bring the Gospel to all’. It is a message addressed specifically to young people but that speaks at the same time to all. He begins-

“Dear young people, I would like to reflect with you on the mission that we have received from Christ. In speaking to you, I also address all Christians who live out in the Church the adventure of their life as children of God. What leads me to speak to everyone through this conversation with you is the certainty that the Christian faith remains ever young when it is open to the mission that Christ entrusts to us. ‘Mission revitalizes faith’ (*in the words of St. John Paul II*)”.

He ends with words of encouragement he first shared with young people in Chile: “Never think that you have nothing to offer, or that nobody needs you. Many people need you. Think about it! Each of you, think in your heart: ‘many people need me’.”

He adds that no one is so poor as to be unable to give what they have, but first and foremost what they are.

The collection for the missions we make today is a worldwide collection. The poorest parish in the world, wherever it is, will hold a Mission Day collection

today because we are all part of the mission of Christ through Baptism. We can all give of what we are. World Mission Day has been celebrated annually on the third Sunday of October since its establishment in 1926. No harm to remember that when it was inaugurated it was largely the fruit of the inspiring work of young people like Pauline Jaricot, who in her early 20s in Lyons around 1822 initiated organised support of missionaries that led to the Pontifical Mission Societies and World Mission Day.

World Mission Sunday is vital for the growth of the Church. It helps spread hope and love by supporting the work of missionaries in impoverished and remote communities. Funds raised also help build much-needed infrastructure - from chapels and clinics, to nurseries and schools. You're helping create hubs so that young churches can flourish, spreading the Good News, ministering to the faithful and delivering essential health and education programmes. World Mission Sunday means that you are ultimately helping to transform lives. It invites a generous heart from all of us.

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Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in November will be held on Monday, 29th October, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in November will be on Sunday November 4th and 18th, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 29th October and to attend the preparatory meeting.

Because of our experience that sees large numbers choosing a particular day for Baptism, we feel it is in everybody's best interest that we set a maximum number of 6 children to be baptised in each celebration. We encourage parents to get in touch with us early so as not to be disappointed.

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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Sacramental Preparation for First Communion

We welcome all the children and parents who are preparing for First Communion in 2019 to their 'Do this in Memory' Mass this Sunday and thank them also for coming to the enrolment ceremony on Thursday last. Our next special Mass with them will be on Nov 25th at 10.30. In the meantime they might continue the sharing of faith at home by working on pages 10 to 13 of Thumb along with pages 40 to 43, Kidstuff 1 and 2, also in Thumb. Having received Grapevine 1 on Thursday last, we will distribute Grapevine 2 through the schools early this week. Don't forget to nominate two parents from each school's First Communion class(es) to form the Planning Group whose first meeting will be on Saturday Nov 17th at 9am in the church meeting room (entry by parish office door).

The second collection today is for the Missions and takes the place of the Share collection. The people of Sandymount have shown enormous support in the past to the work of missionaries and we encourage your kind generosity again this year.

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Confirmation Commitment Ceremony

The Confirmation Commitment Ceremony for all Confirmation Candidates and their parents will be this Monday evening, October 22nd, at 7.30pm in the church.

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Parish Pastoral Council Seeking New Members

Our Parish Pastoral Council has several members who will be completing their 3 Year Term and we are seeking new members to replace them. The commitment of the Council members to the Parish community, and the community at large, is inspiring. Perhaps you would like to consider giving your time and talent for the enrichment and betterment of our Parish community.

All parishioners over the age of 18 years are eligible for election. We would welcome your prayerful consideration of the possibility that yourself or someone you know might be willing to serve the Parish on a three year term with the Parish Pastoral Council. We meet once a month. Nomination forms need to be submitted to the Parish office by November 5th. The forms are available at the back of the Church and can also be downloaded from our Parish Website.

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Legion of Mary Notices

The Patrician meeting will take place on Thursday, 25th October at 8 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room, Star of the Sea Church. Topic for discussion : 'The Healing Light of the Rosary' Refreshments served - All welcome

The Frank Duff prayer group will meet on Tuesday, 23rd September from 3-4 pm in the Parish meeting room, Star of the Sea church. All welcome.

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Mass times for Feast of All Saints Thursday November 1st

Masses at 7.30am, 10.00am and 6.00pm

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Annual Mass for Deceased in our Parish

The Annual Mass in memory of all our dear relatives, neighbours and friends who have died during the past year will take place on **Friday 2nd November at 7.00pm**. Letters will go out to all families concerned this coming week.

Any parishioner whose loved one died outside the parish and who would like to have their names included in this Mass is invited to contact the parish office before October 30th.

During the Mass a candle will be lit for each one, called by name, as we journey in prayer for them. We invite families and friends and fellow parishioners to come to a significant annual gathering in the life of our parish.