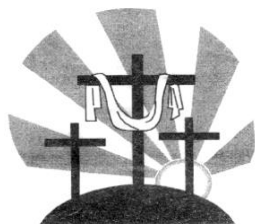


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of Mary Fahy and Irene O'Meara who died this week.

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

Catherine & Patrick Mason; Stephen & Christy Murphy; Irene Cribbin; Jane & Joseph Linnane; Sr. Frances Teresa Dunne; Maria & Peter Evers; Maura Kiersey;

And for Angela McGlynn whose Month's Mind occurs.

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
15 th November 2020	€255	€174

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 22nd November 2020

The Feast of Christ the King

Pope Pius XI inaugurated this Feast in 1925. At the time the Blackshirts under Mussolini were in power in Italy, a rabble rouser named Adolf Hitler had just become leader of the Nazi party in Germany. The world was in the Great Depression and atheism was on the rise. What Pius XI was about in creating this feast was to say to the world that despite all its troubles with dictatorships, economic collapse and false values, Jesus was still King of the Universe.

Originally the Feast was celebrated on the last Sunday of October. Then in 1969 Pope Paul VI moved its celebration to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, immediately before Advent. Fittingly at the end of the liturgical year, the Feast is like a great summary statement – Christ's spiritual dominion is key to our human journey. It turns upside down all the pre-conceived ideas we have about hierarchy, kings and what it means to be in authority. His kingship is a kingship of service. Those who belong to him are those who share his care for the hungry, the naked, the lost, the crippled and the strays of this world. 'In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me' (today's Gospel).

Today in a global pandemic, the world's economy seriously affected and political leadership in a troubled state – this feast known since 1969 as the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – speaks powerfully to our challenged lives. He doesn't deny that he is a king but its not the word he would use. The only thing that matters to him is the truth

and that truth is God. His kingdom is not about control or power but love and service. As we are strained in this pandemic journey keep Christ in your mind and heart. He is with us to give us hope, to build us up rather than diminish us. He is always with us in that loving way.

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Standing Order Donation Towards the Mass Collections

As you know the funds that are supported by the two collections at the Sunday Mass, the Common Fund and the Share Fund, have suffered greatly in the last 8 months and will continue to do so while we are obliged to follow the government restrictions.

The diocesan finance office in meeting this situation has suggested the use of a monthly standing order towards both of these collections. The standing order amount will be divided into 60% towards the Common Fund and 40% towards the Share Fund.

We appreciate that many parishioners already have an existing standing order for the Family Offering for our Parish. Indeed it's because of that that our Parish funds have not been adversely affected during this Covid crises. We thank parishioners who have been so generous in maintaining the well-being of the Parish.

We are placing standing order forms for the Mass collections funds at the back of the church. You may wish to avail of one or share with your friends and fellow parishioners. Health considerations alone will likely mean that when public Masses resume cash collections will have to be curtailed as a matter of public health policy. The introduction of paperless donation either by this second standing order possibility or by donation on line, as some are already doing, may be the only way we can systematically support these two funds, vital to the life of the diocese.

Some parishioners also have very kindly chosen to avail of the two small envelopes, one for the Common Fund donation and one for the Share Fund donation, also left at the back of the church. Their return can be made safely through the letter box of the parish office or presbyteries. Thank you for whatever way you choose to maintain support of these funds.

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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.

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.

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Fratelli Tutti – Dark Clouds, Moral decline

The third factor in today's world which Pope Francis identifies as hindering universal fraternity is a moral deterioration that influences international action and a weakening of spiritual values and responsibility. In this he is repeating a documented shared observation made with the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb in Abu Dhabi in February 2019. They both agreed that while great advances have been made in developed countries especially, in the areas of science, technology, medicine, industry and welfare there exists this significant moral and spiritual decline.

Amid the world's tensions, conflicts and problems, that result in millions of children – emaciated from poverty and hunger - there is an unacceptable silence on the international level. What reigns is a "cool, comfortable and globalised indifference." 'We think we're all powerful but fail to realise we are all in the same boat' – a deceptive illusion. The culture of encounter rather than of closure is badly needed.

The sense of belonging to a single human family is fading in our world and 'the gap between concern for one's personal well-being and the prosperity of the larger human family is stretching to the point of division between individuals and human community.'

'How wonderful it would be, even as we discover faraway planets, to rediscover the needs of the brothers and sisters who orbit around us.'

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Advent Services

On the four Sundays of Advent we will celebrate an Advent Prayer Services at 4.00pm, relayed by webcam. It begins next Sunday and we'd love if you can join us in prayer.

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Trócaire Gift of Love

Give some hope for a better world this Christmas with a Trócaire Gift of Love. There are 17 Trócaire gifts to choose from, such as chicks, water and solar lamps, ranging in price from €5 to €1000. The gifts can be purchased at <https://trocaire.org/gifts> or by calling 1850 408 408.

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Changed times for Webcam Mass

Please note that until further notice our Sunday Masses relayed on the webcam will be at 10.am and 11.30am. We continue to have unreliable internet delivery around 12.20pm each day and we don't know why it is so. The time change is necessary to avoid further difficulties.

Sunday Masses on Webcam

10.00am

and

11.30am

until further notice.