

REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Kathleen & James Gilson, Maureen Birmingham, Denis Brazil, Moira Oliver, Kathleen & Phillip McCartney, John Kane, Agnes, Marie & Joe O'Connor, Rose Ryan, Emily Carroll, Joseph & Josephine Jones, Frank & Rosie O'Neill,

and for Peggy Smith 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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for:
Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist,
Altar Servers, Families to help with the
Family Mass — please contact either of the
priests or the parish office.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Loving Father, bless the gifts we present to you today and we thank you for your many gifts to us: for life and light and health, for family and friends, for our talents and our joys and for our harvest. Continue to protect us from all harm and teach us to be generous with others as you are unlimited in your love for us.

Penitential Act of Pope Francis – Phoenix Park, Dublin, Sunday 26th August 2018" Yesterday I met with eight persons who are survivors of the abuse of power, the abuse of conscience and sexual abuse. In reflecting on what they told me, I wish to implore the Lord's mercy for these crimes and to ask forgiveness for them. We ask forgiveness for the cases of abuse in Ireland, the abuse of power, the abuse of conscience and sexual abuse on the part of representatives of the Church. In a special way, we ask forgiveness for all those abuses that took place in different kinds of institutions directed by men and women religious and other members of the Church. We also ask forgiveness for cases in which many minors were exploited for their labour.

We ask forgiveness for all those times when, as a Church, we did not offer to the survivors of any type of abuse compassion and the pursuit of justice and truth by concrete actions. We ask forgiveness.

We ask forgiveness for some members of the hierarchy who took no responsibility for these painful situations and kept silent. We ask forgiveness.

We ask forgiveness those children who were taken away from their mothers and for all those times when so many single mothers who tried to find their children that had been taken away, or those children who tried to find their mothers, were told that this was a mortal sin. It is not a mortal sin; it is the fourth commandment! We ask forgiveness. May the Lord preserve and increase this sense of shame and repentance, and grant us the strength to ensure that it never happens again and that justice is done. Amen."

Legion of Mary

The Frank Duff prayer group will meet on Tuesday, 25th September from 3-4 pm in the Parish meeting room, Star of the Sea church. All welcome.

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Baptism Certificate request

Under our GDPR Policy a request for Baptism certificates must be accompanied by a completed form either by the adult person requesting his or her own Baptism certificate or by the parent requesting a son or daughter's Baptism certificate. Parents of children preparing for First Communion and for Confirmation will accordingly need to complete that form when seeking , as is required, their child's certification of Baptism. This applies to every parish in the Diocese.

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Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in October will be held on Monday, 1st October, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in October will be on Sunday October 7th and 21st, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 1st October 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.

Archbishop Martin, following the visit of Pope Francis, rejoiced in the success of the World Meeting of Families. Rather than specify a particular way forward to build on the Pope's visit in renewal, he has asked all parishes to hold an assembly around the Feast of St. Laurence O'Toole (Nov. 14th) to consider that question and to submit ideas and suggestions to him.

Our Parish Council met last Monday and nominated Wednesday, Nov. 7th, as an assembly date for our parish. Meanwhile, we invite you to reflect and pray about how the Church in Dublin can build on the experience of Pope Francis' visit.

Organising these classes hinges on our establishing clear numbers in each class. So far 6 students have registered for 1st class, 9 for 2nd class, 5 for 5th class and 6 for 6th class. Classes will begin on Thursday October 4th. If other parents besides those already registered intend their children to celebrate the sacraments in 2019 or 2020 we'd ask them to contact us urgently.

Parents whose children attend other schools but live in our parish and would like their children to celebrate the sacraments in our parish are asked to contact us in the Parish office.