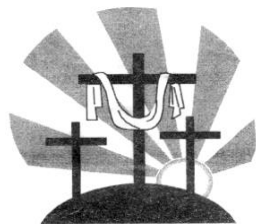


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for Patricia ‘Patsy’ Hancock and Mary Seaver who died this week and for the following whose anniversaries occur: Tony Ryan and her daughter Mary Ryan, Mark Foley and David Kiersey

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

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We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting us this weekend.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are:

DATE	GREEN BASKET	WHITE BASKET
16 th July 2023	€1020	€780

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese, known as the Common Fund.

The white basket is the collection for Share, which meets the needs both of poorer parishes and of central agencies of the Diocese.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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The Wheat and the Darnel

The darnel weed referred to in this parable of Jesus is one the Palestinian farmer was very familiar with. Like farmers the world over, they too tried to keep weeds at bay in their fields but this one had to be treated differently and its treatment becomes for Jesus an image of how the Kingdom of God unfolds in a world where good and bad live alongside each other daily.

The weed was known as ‘the tares’; they were called ‘bearded darnel’ (*Lolium temulentum* – its botanical name). In their early stages of growth, they resembled wheat so closely that they couldn’t be distinguished in the wheat field. When the heads appeared on both the wheat and the tares it became quite easy to distinguish them but by now the roots of the tares and wheat had become intertwined and the tares couldn’t be weeded out without pulling the wheat as well. There was no choice for the farmer but to leave it grow together until harvest time and then separate out the wheat and the bearded darnel. It was important to do so because the bearded darnel is slightly poisonous. It causes dizziness and sickness and is narcotic in its effects besides having a bitter and unpleasant taste. It was separated by hand in Jesus’ day. It was a laborious separation process usually undertaken by hired labour where grain was spread out on a large tray and the workers

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hand picked the bearded darnel that was identified only by its slate-grey colour. Its size and shape were similar to the wheat.

When Jesus said that the Kingdom of God unfolded, much as the process used by farmers to grow wheat that was vulnerable to the tares or bearded darnel, what lessons might we learn from that? About the world around us? About judgement?

Summer Mass Times

Please note that in two weeks time when August begins there will only be two Masses, one at 6pm on Saturday and the other at 10.30am on Sunday. The 12 noon masses, suspended for four weeks in August, will resume in September. .

Welcome

Today, (Sunday) , we welcome the St Matthew's Church of Ireland parishioners as they gather with their rector, Rev Canon Leonard Ruddock, for their Sunday celebration at 2.30pm.

Mary Seaver RIP.

We send deepest sympathies to Deirdre Seaver (our Music Director) and her family on the recent death of her mother Mary. May she rest in peace.

Celebrating Baptism

The celebrations of baptism in August will be on Sunday 13th and 27th August after the 12 noon Mass. Parents are asked to please register with the parish office in advance and to attend the preparatory meeting. Because it is 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 with their faith. While normally we have two godparents, it is sufficient to have just one. Another may act as a witness rather than a godparent in that situation.

Camino 2024

Plans are currently being made to host a Young Adult Camino in Summer 2024 for the Archdiocese of Dublin. It will be the final stage, walking the

110kms from Sarria to Santiago, with a day trip to Finisterre. Upon reaching the Cathedral in Santiago, those walking will get their Compostela. Three preparation sessions will be held in March, April and May. Register your interest at www.dublindiocese.ie . All queries can be sent to natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

“His mercy is from age to age” (Luke 1:50) is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the 3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The **National Grandparents’ Pilgrimage** will take place in Knock this Sunday, July 23. Today we invite our Grandparents and Grandchildren to a Mass of Thanksgiving in celebration this Sunday at 10.30 am and for refreshments afterwards in the hall.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI’s Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the
fruits
of their mature human and spiritual experience.
Lord Jesus,
help families and society
to value the presence and role of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which you give them.
Mary, Mother of all the living,

Summer Tea Dance date change

Please note that the summer tea dance event in Margaretholme will take place on Wednesday 9th August and not on Tuesday 8th as previously advised. Music from the Golden Era with tea and coffee, scones and pastries, dancing from 5pm – 7pm. €10 entry,
Please phone 01 6689257 to book your place on the dance floor !