



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of Elizabeth Doyle, Joan Murray and Sr Mary Catherine Leonard,, who died this week and for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur : Charles Hulgraine, Joan Gannon, Hugh James Moore and Annie Kane. We pray also for Breda Ryan 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.

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CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are:

DATE	GREEN BASKET	WHITE BASKET
Easter Sunday	€ 985	€ 525

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

In March the 'Tap to Donate' button at the back of the Church raised € 2,112 from 182 transactions, 60% going to the Common Fund and 40% to Share. A button donation of € 164.50 on the weekend of March 26th/27th went to the special collection for Ukraine.

We are grateful for the Easter Donations already received and for all donations to the various collections in the parish community. Thank you.



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Doubtful Thomas

On this second Sunday of Easter, every year, we read the Gospel story of Thomas' journey to faith through a time of doubt and questioning. 'Doubt no longer, Thomas, but believe', the risen Jesus told him.

It seems that Thomas would be quite at home in this present century with his attitude of 'seeing is believing'. Unless he himself could put his hand into the wounds of Jesus he could not bring himself to believe that the crucified Lord had risen and had appeared to friends. Their witness was not enough for him. How often today do we not meet with people who'll hold back from faith in the Risen Lord to articulate instead that their faith is in 'Science' or in 'Human Reason'? The focus on science and on the empirical facts of a situation remains important but in mathematical language one might say it is 'necessary but not sufficient.'

'You know the way to the place where I am going', said Jesus to them.

'We don't know where you're going, so how can we know the way?' asked Thomas.

'I am the way, the truth and the life. Nobody comes to the Father except by me', said Jesus to him.

'Doubtful Thomas' continued

The 'Way' of the Risen Lord is the way of Love; love of God and love of people. All our knowledge, scientific and otherwise, is called into the service of Love and enables us to love more deeply. Of course, scientific and technological knowledge can also be put to a use opposite to love, as in Hiroshima or now in the Ukraine. We are also more than capable of not facing up to scientific truth, as in the threat to the Earth's wellbeing and the reality that is climate change. Amid all our scientific progress, it is love and only love will lead us to the Father. The Risen Lord is the champion of Love.

A week later, the Risen Lord, meets Thomas- exactly where he was at. He is like that with all of us. He shows him his wounds and invites him to touch them, with telling words of reassurance. 'Doubt no longer, Thomas, but believe'.

Synod Pathway Update

Responses given to the synodal questions at our two meetings and in yellow form and individual submissions are posted on display boards beside the sacristy and also on the website. We thank all who engaged in the important listening exercise.

Archdiocese' Statement of Mission (cont'd)

Last week we printed the Mission Statement recently formulated by Archbishop Farrell following extensive consultation by his appointed team. We continue here with the related Vision Statement.

Vision

Across the Archdiocese we build up together:

- Communities that are faith-filled
- Communities of co-responsibility through servant leadership
- Communities active in social justice
- and Communities of welcome and inclusion

We are called to develop new ways to accompany the people of our time. This will require new thinking and a shift of mind-set in everyone. Within the reality of our cultural, social and church context, we must create new possibilities for mission:

- Supporting people to deepen their faith and relationship with God
- Creating the structures that support vibrant communities of faith, and
- Advocating for those who are on the margins.

Aware of the need for responsible stewardship, and of the diminishing resources available of time,

talent and treasure, we are invited into an ongoing process of prayerful dialogue, discernment and decision making, concerning our missionary priorities.

Next week we'll look at the Values inherent in the Diocesan Mission Statement

Easter : Thanks

As we come to the end of this Easter Week, we thank all who came to the ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter, including all who joined us on the internet. Our special thanks to the choir members and to Deirdre, their director, and Seamus, their accompanist. For two years we missed their vital part in our liturgical celebrations and it was wonderful to hear them in full voice again. Our thanks also to Elena and Claire who played instrumental music, as they did through Covid times for us. Jimmy O'Doherty and his team have again created a lovely Easter Garden for us while Carol Reid, Catherine Brandon and Catherine Allen did wonderful work in the Easter floral arrangements of the altar. In thanking them for Easter arrangements, we extend our thanks to all the flower arranging team who take turns, month by month, to adorn the altar area. Our sacristans, Anne McSweeney, Bob Harewood and Jimmy McGlynn couldn't have been more helpful in meeting the variety of tasks called for in the ceremonies. A particular 'thank you' goes to all who helped deliver the Easter card to homes in the parish before Holy Week. We rely on one another to become a parish community. Thank you all for the help you give so generously.

Wishing Katherine Priode Meier God's blessing :

This Sunday afternoon, Rev Katherine Priode Meier will lead her final service as minister to the Joint Presbyterian-Methodist Community in Sandymount. We wish her God's blessing into the future, grateful for her inspiring work with the Explorers Ecumenical Scripture Group and for her kind, friendship to many in our parish.

Golf Classic is on Friday May 20th. Brochures at the church entrance table.