

# REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of

Itha O'Neill who died recently

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

*Christopher & Carmel Hayden, Ailbhe Mac Shamhrain,  
Patricia O'Doherty, Christina & Patrick Nevins, Nora Ennis,  
Kevin Woods, Jim & Helen Cahill,*

*And for Mary Lennon 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	WMOF 2018
17 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	€1,240	€2,180

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese.

The white basket last weekend was the special collection for the World Meeting of Families 2018.

We thank you for your contributions to the Church collections and for your continuing support of all the collections.

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## Congratulations

We know you will all join with us in sending our warmest congratulations to Mabel and Bob Harewood who celebrated their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last Wednesday.

# WEEKLY BULLETIN



## St. Mary's, Star of the Sea, Sandymount

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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

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## GRADUATION TIME

*As the boys and girls of 6<sup>th</sup> class in 'Star of the Sea' and 'Scoil Mhuire', Lakelands, prepare for their Graduation Masses this week, we extend to them the congratulations and best wishes of the parish. Others, too, having just completed the Leaving Cert or completed College courses know the feeling of stepping out into the world. We wish them all well.*

*Those who learned Latin in their school days will recall that 'gradus' means 'step'. It's a good way to look at graduation time – as another step in life's journey. There's an understandable anxiety in our lives when change comes but the road of life invites us to journey onwards, rejoicing in what has been achieved and looking forward to the ongoing steps of adventure.*

*At the ceremony of Baptism we prayed that God would 'strengthen' our young people "with the grace of Christ and watch over them at every step of life's journey" and that "Christ might bring them out of the power of darkness into his own wonderful light". That prayer resonates again as we see our young people taking the step to the next chapter.*

*We rejoice in what has been achieved. Our young people are blessed not only in the love of parents but also in the caring company of dedicated teachers. They give themselves generously to the work of education. We thank them.*

*"Never fear. We may let the scaffolds fall  
Confident that we have built our wall" Seamus Heaney*

The girls' graduation Mass is on Tuesday night at the school  
The boys' is on Thursday night in the church.

## The Deep End – Nativity of John the Baptist

Today we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist and listen to Luke's account of his nativity. John's story is one of sacrifice and humility. His parents know there will be something very special about this child. The circumstances surrounding his birth already have people amazed.

Jewish historians account that John was a preacher around the time of Pontius Pilate who went around calling people to renewal! He spent a lot of time in wilderness, eating wild things and wearing sackcloth. He must have been a very interesting and attractive figure as we are told in the gospels that people flocked to the River Jordan to be baptised by him; a sign of their repentance or renewal of relationship with God. John gathered so many followers around him that he was considered a threat to Herod Antipas who feared he might begin a rebellion.

John was a preacher, a prophet, a signpost pointing people in the right direction: towards Jesus of Nazareth.

We can pray today for all those people who acted as signposts in our lives and brought us closer to God in some way, those who guided us and pointed us in the right direction when we needed it. We too are also called to be signposts for others. Intercom, June 2018

*'Lord, we thank you for people who guided us, but did not try to possess us: parents, teachers, spiritual guides, friends. For a time we stood with them. Very simply, like John the Baptist, they said to us, "Look, there is the one you should follow," and hearing this we followed that person.'*

*Michel de Verteuil*

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### Deacon Greg Pepper

Newly ordained permanent deacon, Greg Pepper, is a parishioner here in Star of the Sea parish. We're delighted to welcome Deacon Greg to celebrate with us at the 12 o'clock Mass this weekend. We pray God's blessing on his work of service to the Lord and to our diocese in the years ahead and blessing too on his wife, Gillian, and their family who support and assist him in this great undertaking of service to the faith community.

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### BAPTISM

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

**Liam Patrick Aherne**

**Ella-Sophia Cimerman**

**Jack Austin Smyth**

**Louis John Weldon**

who were baptised last Sunday

'May you live always as members of the Body of Christ, sharing everlasting life'

## Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in July will be held on **next Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.**

The celebrations of Baptism in July will be on Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 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. 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.

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### General Data Protection Regulation

A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), was introduced on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place.

After our last Parish Pastoral Council meeting we posted our GDPR Policy Statement on our website.

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### Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

If any of our parishioners who are ill or infirm would like to travel as invalid pilgrims with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, we would be happy to facilitate their doing so. The Pilgrimage takes place from September 7th to September 12<sup>th</sup> 2018. Application forms are available from the Parish office or from the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road. The invalids travelling with the Pilgrimage will be accommodated in the Accueil Notre Dame which is a residence close to the Grotto. To meet the requirements of the Medical Bureau in Lourdes a form, available in the Parish office, must be completed.

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### STAR OF THE SEA B.N.S.

*Down Syndrome Ireland:*

In support of Down Syndrome Ireland the Parents Association will be selling ice-cream for €2 in the school yard on Prize Giving Day ( Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June).

*School closes for summer holidays at 12 noon on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June.*