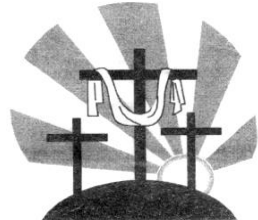


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of

June Ashmore and Aileen Hargaden who died this week

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

Noreen Moriarty, Kathleen, Patrick and Sarah Moran, Fr. Tim Hurley, Nancy, Jack, David & John Doran, Laurence Dunne, Michael Ryan, Patty Nelson & deceased family members, Philip Murphy, Frank Healy, Christina & George Humphries and their son, George, May & Alan Harold, Grace & Pat Doonan, Joseph Jones, Tony Harnett, Michael & Glenda Kelley,

And for Richard (Dick) Martin 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
18 th November 2018	€1,420	€945

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese. The white basket collection 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 25th November 2018

Red Wednesday

On Wednesday next, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has organised an initiative to highlight the persecution of millions of Christians in our world today. The Irish Bishop Conference encourages our participation in this event by praying the Angelus and wearing an item of red clothing. Knock Basilica, cathedrals and parish churches are to be lit up red in solidarity with persecuted Christians worldwide and to raise awareness of their plight.

Christians constitute 80% of all religious persecution worldwide. Up to 200 million Christians live in conditions hostile to the Faith and to the existence of Christians, where the simple act of blessing oneself or saying a prayer can constitute a death sentence. The staggering number of Christian martyrs is estimated at over one million since the year 2000. One of the few attempts to highlight this reality was in Rubert Shortt's book 'Christianophobia', published in 2012. Worth reading.

'There has been an appalling lack of protest about the ongoing and severe persecution being faced by Christian communities in certain parts of the world, particularly in the Middle East and North Africa', Archbishop Neary of Tuam reported this week. 'It is essential that we support our fellow Christians through prayer and that we seek to raise awareness of their plight in our national media and in other ways such as the Red Wednesday initiative. The aim must be to prompt political action to bring this persecution to a halt.'

