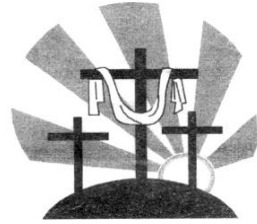


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of Vincent Stanley who died this week and for the following whose anniversaries occur: William Woods, Bernard Whelan, John and Frank Dalton, Allie Pigot, Maureen and Tom Wall, Eugene Brett and Josephine Ryan.

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	CROSSCARE
Sept 18th	€1,100	€3,390

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

You may recall that priests in the diocese took a necessary reduction of 25% in their income when Covid came along in 2020. Thanks to the Easter Dues collection in the past two years finances have recovered to enable their payment at the pre-Covid level again. Our thanks to all our parishioners who raised €18,890 in this year's Summer Dues collection.

In August the Tap to Donate device raised € 2,661 in August, shared between the Common Fund (60%) and share (40%). Thanks to all our donors.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30
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Safeguarding Sunday

Safeguarding Sunday takes place **this Sunday, September 25**. A short video has been produced ahead of the day. In it, Archbishop Farrell, Natalie Doherty, Fr Michael Casey SDB, Frances Stephenson and Deirdre Donnelly speak about the importance of safeguarding and this year's theme, *Safeguarding – A Gospel Value*. You can **share or retweet the video** from the Archdiocese's Facebook and Twitter pages, or by using this link: https://youtu.be/QYvtq_Lc2E8/.

We renew our thanks and appreciation of Elma Houlihan and Cathy Etchingham, our two safeguarding representatives in Star of the Sea Parish, and of all our parishioners who remain vigilant and observant of the Parish safeguarding policy and its directives.

Creating an environment where children and vulnerable adults are at home and are safe and cared for is indeed a Gospel Value to be cherished

A message for Host Families

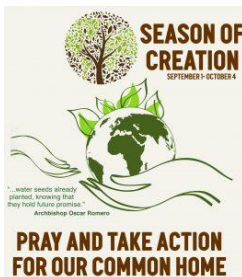
We commend those families in our parish who have become host families to Ukrainian refugees. Offering to host or support a refugee family or individual is one of the most generous and practical things we can do to provide those fleeing Ukraine with an opportunity to find employment, education and to begin to rebuild their lives.

Accord will present a webinar this Tuesday September 27th **on trauma management and self-care support for those hosting and supporting Ukrainian refugees.** The Webinar will be from 7.30pm to 9.00pm, facilitated by Dr Mary Goss. **The booking deadline is Monday 26th September.** The link is given on the notice at the back of the church and on the ACCORD website.

Season of Creation

We continue this week, the fourth of the five Sundays of the Season of Creation, with further suggestions of practical steps we can take in caring for creation.

- Can we help to conserve and protect water in our area. Water is the source for all living things. Can we restore a holy well? Take a pilgrimage to a holy well. Celebrate National Holy Wells Day in June each year.
- Can we get in touch with local Environmental Action Groups such as Tidy Towns or Men's Sheds and/ or organisations such as Trócaire, Friends of the Earth, World Health Organisation, Medecin sans Frontiere etc.
- Can we spread hope across the world by twinning with a village in a drought stricken area?
- Refuse single use plastics such as cling film, straws, plastic cutlery.
- Switch to reusable water bottle/travel cup.
- Use cloth bags for shopping; Bring/Use your own containers when possible.
- Check for and then avoid microbeads in products



This week check out the Creation Walk on the pillars of Star of the Sea Church.

Blessing of Animals-Oct 4th

The Season of Creation begins on September 1, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on October 4, the feast day of St. Francis, the patron saint of ecology in many traditions. We will have the ceremony of the Blessing of animals again this year on Tuesday week, the feast day of St Francis, at 5pm

Spirituality Course at Marino Institute of Education

Are you looking for food for the mind and oxygen for the soul in the company of fellow travellers? Join the Adult Education Certificate in Spirituality and Human Development Programme. It is open for applications now. For more information, please look at the webpage at: www.mie.ie/spirituality.

If you are interested, please contact Mary at mary.gao@mie.ie or 087 450 8549.

Thanks to Volunteers

We are very grateful to all who came to the hall last weekend when the Parish Pastoral Council organised a Volunteers' Drive. Our thanks to those who have volunteered their service. It brings home to us all how vitally important voluntary service of one's parish becomes when we learn that there are no clergy available to follow the priests presently with us, who are both in retirement age. It was a very sobering thought the Archbishop shared with us when in his visit in July he related that there were no seminarians at all studying for the priesthood in our diocese. We must pray that our church will have priests to serve us and that there will be no shortage of commitment to the life of the parish among our parishioners.

A special thanks to Anne Bacon and members of the Pastoral Council who organised last weekend's Volunteer Drive.

Do this in Memory Masses

We will resume this year the monthly Mass for children and parents who are preparing for First Communion in 2023. Children in 3rd and 4th class of St Matthew's School celebrate First Communion on October 15th and Confirmation will be on Oct 22nd for children in last year's 6th, now in secondary school.

