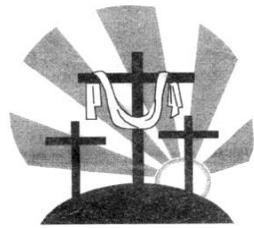


# REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the repose of the soul

Yolande Galligan who died this week

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

Baby Lily James, Tim Hurley, Michael Kelley, Damian Reade, Jack, Nancy, David & John Doran, Patty Nelson, Mary Kirwan, Tony Harnett, Hugh O'Regan, Noreen Moriarty, Maura Kiersey, Micheál & Bertha Horan,

and for Gary Scaife 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	SHARE
19 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	€1,275	€905

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

The white basket 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.

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### Church Bookshop

Christmas cards, small cribs, 2018 Calendars & Diaries, Mass cards, rosary beads, statues & holy pictures as well as the Irish Catholic, Reality etc. available.

# WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

*Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30*

*Fr. John McDonagh, P.P., Tel: 6684265*

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## *Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017*

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### **Dublin Diocesan Food Appeal**

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin is seeking support for a Parish Food Appeal on December 2nd and 3rd to support the Crosscare Foodbanks.

Crosscare work with many individuals and families throughout the Archdiocese who are struggling to make ends meet. The Food Banks provide support with essential food and household items.

This year we are asking that collections be held on one weekend only. This will allow us to distribute hampers in good time for Christmas to hundreds of families.

We have identified items that are most needed at this time:

- Shampoo & Hygiene Products
- Soups
- Tinned meats
- Seasonal Biscuits
- Cleaning Products.

Foodbanks are operating in the following areas:

- Brackenstown
- Darndale
- Glasnevin
- Blanchardstown
- Dundrum
- Jobstown
- Dun
- Laoghaire.

**BAPTISMS**

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

- John Gerard Gannon*
- Jane Emer McKittrick*
- Jonathan Brian Merry*
- Regan Anne Merry*
- Claudia Mary Spencer*

who were baptised last Sunday

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

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**Celebrating Baptism**

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in December will be held on **this Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.**

The celebrations of Baptism in December will be on Sundays December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, after the 12 noon Mass. Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of this Monday 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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**‘Do This in Memory Mass’**

**Sacramental Preparation for First Communion**

We welcome the First Communion classes and parents to this Sunday’s second of eight special Masses as we prepare for First Communion celebrations next May.

Our next Mass with the children and their parents will be on December 17<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime the Grapevine 3 will be delivered to you and we’d ask you to work on pages 14 and 15, 44, 45, 46 and 47 with your child.

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and the children are encouraged to colour in the Advent calendar on pages 46 and 47, day by day.

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**Guided Tour of our Church**

An entertaining exploration of the fascinating architectural and historical features of our church, St. Mary’s. Star of the Sea. Hear its story from the 1850’s to the present day.

Meet Rodney Devitt inside the church, *this* Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, at 3.00pm.

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**November List of the Dead**

Lists and envelopes are available at the entrances to the church. Completed lists can be put in the collection baskets at Sunday Masses, handed in to the Parish office or put in the letter box in the Parish office door.

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**Explorers**

Sandymount Inter-Church Scripture Reading Group

Due to the cancellation of the Explorers meeting on the night of the recent big storm we are now holding two meetings in consecutive weeks. That is to say that our next meeting will be held this Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2017, 7.30 - 9 pm in the Community Room of the Mount Tabor Care Centre, Sandymount Green. Father Kieran O’Mahony, OSA, will talk on the topic of ‘The Samaritan Woman. (John 4)’. All are welcome. Previous attendance not necessary.

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**Legion of Mary**

The Frank Duff prayer meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November in Parish meeting room at 3.00pm. All welcome.

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**World Meeting of Families - Update**

A Parish in Crotone in southern Italy have sent an interesting proposition. There are a few families there who would like to travel and attend the World Meeting of Families in Dublin next August. But the overall cost of flight and accommodation is discouraging many of them.

Their proposition is one of hospitality exchange. There may be families in Dublin interested in an exchange / twinning to accommodate an Italian family during the meeting and then be hosted by the same family at some other time in Crotone. It’s a small city on the Ionian sea. Further information in the Parish office.

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**Volunteers needed**

We will soon be calling on parishioners help in a very practical way when Christmas cards and schedule are to be delivered. If you are willing to help with the work of preparation and delivery to your neighbours please contact the Parish office.

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**A Thought for November’s end**

In *The Joy of Love*, Pope Francis says of those from our families who have died, ‘we continue to love them now that they are elsewhere. They can no longer be physically present to us, yet for all death’s power, “love is as strong as death” (Song 8:6).’ Life is changed, not ended, they are with us in a different way.