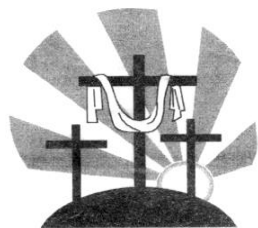


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of

Gerry (Gerard) Fitzpatrick, Eileen Purcell and Leo Behan, who died recently.

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

Kitty O'Leary, Jimmy Kane, Maureen O'Sullivan, Mary Lynch, Eric Memery, Betty (Elizabeth) Dunne, Gertie O'Rourke, Micheál Ó Cillín,

*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 |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| 15 th August 2018 | €425 | €200 |
| 19 th August 2018 | €1,335 | €845 |

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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Back to School

When the boys return to Star of the Sea School they will have a new Principal teacher to welcome them. Mr. Niall Walsh has been appointed Principal. We welcome him to this new position of responsibility in the Parish, rejoice in his appointment and wish him every blessing in his work with his fellow teachers, the boys in the school and their parents and families.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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Sunday 26th August 2018

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Welcome Pope Francis!

We welcome Pope Francis on his visit to our city this weekend. His warm greeting on Tuesday at the opening event in the World Meeting of Families invited our prayers for him. We pray too for the success of his visit to us at such a critical time for the Church in Ireland and for the success of this international gathering with focus on the significance of family life.

At 81 years of age his pastoral schedule is immense. Already this year he has gone to Chile and Peru in March, to Geneva and its World Council of Churches in June and later in September he'll visit Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia. In October (3rd to 28th), the Synod of Bishops in Rome will address the issue of 'young people, the faith and vocational discernment'.

We are grateful for his coming to us at a time of brokenness in the light of scandals that have shocked us all, a time of significant crisis of faith for many and of challenging living out of the vision of faith at a time of increasing secular influence.

Pakistani Pilgrims

Our planned celebration with Pakistani pilgrims (250 registered) scheduled for Friday evening this week (August 24th) was necessarily cancelled when it transpired on Tuesday that visas had been granted to only a handful of pilgrims. We thank our parishioners who kindly offered their help to welcome and celebrate with them.

We had felt honoured when chosen to host pilgrims from a country where Christians have suffered much in recent years under a wave of fundamentalist terror groups. We hold them in our thoughts and prayers, aware that whatever prompted this visa refusal, there were doubtless genuine pilgrims among them, disappointed by the visa refusal.

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OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father, We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, One family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,

Especially those for whom we now pray:

[We pause and remember family members and others by name].

Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope, Keep us safe in your love, Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord,

Amen

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us. Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us. Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.

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A Joy for all the Earth – WMOF 2018 Official Hymn

Intro

Love bears all things, endures all things
Love longs for all things good, love never ends

Love is patient, and love is kind.
Love is not resentful; it is not rude.
Love is not arrogant, nor boastful, nor jealous,
but love rejoices, rejoices in the truth

Refrain

**The joy, of love, a joy for all God's family,
The joy of love transcending time and space.
Our Love for each other mirrors God the Father's**

love.

The joy of love: a joy for all the earth.

Here in Gods family all find their home.
All can find salvation troubled souls find peace.
Here is found tenderness, compassion and justice
Here God reaches down to us and touches us with grace.

Refrain

Love is our origin, our constant calling.
Love is our fulfilment, in God's dwelling place.
Love is the mystery of Father, Son and Spirit,
Love is communion of blessed Trinity.

Refrain

This is what God asks of us, to act with justice,
to love with tenderness, to walk humbly with God,
to give our lives in service to others.
The joy of the Gospel is the joyful love of Christ!

Refrain

Love bears all things, endures all things
love longs for all things good, love never ends.

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LOURDES INVALID FUND

Imelda would like to thank parishioners for their great generosity to the Lourdes Invalid Fund which amounted to €4,340. All those who donated are enrolled as Associate members of the Pilgrimage whose Intentions are prayed for at the Grotto.

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CELEBRATING BAPTISM

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in September will be held on **this Monday, 27th August, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.**

The celebrations of Baptism in September will be on Sunday September 2nd and 16th, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 27th August 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.

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A Family Prayer

God of love
You risked your life through the womb of a teenager,
And shared the nurture of your Son with a village carpenter,
You understand families, communities, relationships –
Mixes all of beauty and brokenness.
Bless all those who raise children
And care for the vulnerable
And through your grace
Gather them into the life of your kingdom,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.