

REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested this weekend

For the souls of Mary Patricia Killeen and Con Glynn, who died recently.

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

Colm O'Briain, Kit Ashmore, Christina & John Heneghan, Imelda Keogh, Brendan & Valerie Doyle, Mary Hickland, Diarmuid Murphy, Peter & Kathleen Bennett, Anna West and her daughter, Mary West,

And for Fred Jones 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	Ministry Sunday
19 th May 2019	€1,580	€2,260

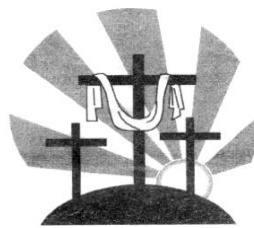
The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese.

The white basket last weekend was for the new Ministry Sunday Collection.

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

Thank You

Dear Parents and Guardians we would like to remind you that all children and vulnerable people should be accompanied by a parent or guardian when using the bathroom facilities in our church.



WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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Sunday 26th May 2019

Mary's Month

May is traditionally devoted to Mary.

Between 1883 and 1889 Pope Leo X111 wrote a series of encyclical and apostolic letters on the Rosary. He was building on the work of a Jesuit in Rome named Fr. Latomia, who had the idea of devoting the entire month of May to Mary.

In Greek culture May was dedicated to the goddess Artemis and associated with new birth and new life. Roman culture linked May to Flora, the goddess of bloom and blossoms.

May is also seen in our culture as a season of motherhood in which mother earth brings out the full beauty of the blossom. The Spirit moves in us so that we can pray Mary's own prayer, The Magnificat, with love and joy in our hearts. Like Mary, we too rejoice and delight in God our Saviour:

‘My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.’

Our celebrations of First Communion these May weeks bring to many of us the memories of May processions led by First Communicants and our bringing garden flowers to school for the teacher's May altar.

Bring flowers of the fairest,
Bring blossoms the rarest,
from garden and woodland
and hillside and dale.
Our full hearts are swelling
Our glad voices telling
the Praise of the loveliest
flower of the May.

This weekend we rejoice with 44 girls who this Saturday have celebrated First Holy Communion. We congratulate them, along with their parents and their teachers.

On June 23rd, the feast of Corpus Christi, we invite all the children who celebrated First Communion this year to the 12 noon Mass. It will be followed by a short procession onto the lawn, led by the First Communion children, where Benediction will be celebrated. It would be great to see 108 First Communicants leading the way.

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Ascension Thursday

Next Thursday is what we used to call 'Ascension Thursday.' While still celebrated as a solemn feast in many countries on that day, in Ireland its celebration was moved some years ago to the following Sunday, that's next Sunday. However, Ascension Thursday to Pentecost is a novena time, matching the gathering in prayer of Mary and the apostles in anticipation of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps you can make those ten days special in your prayer! 'Come Holy Spirit.'

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BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

Liam Matthew Neary

who was baptised last Sunday

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

Baptisms in June

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in June will be held on **this Monday 27th May 2019, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.**

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

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 27th May 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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Trócaire boxes and envelopes may be left into the Sacristy for collection on Tuesday morning. **The Parish office** will be open for 1 hour after 10.00am Mass on Monday and Tuesday.

Child Safeguarding Parish Training evening, Tuesday 28th May 2019

We would like to invite all parish volunteers to a Child Safeguarding training evening on Tuesday 28th May at 7.30 pm. Garry Kehoe, the Diocesan Training and Development co-ordinator, will provide the training. It is important that all parish volunteers attend. We also ask that parents of the Children's Choir would also attend as Child Safeguarding is an integral part of ministry in the parish and we greatly value the participation of children in parish life. Thank you.

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Church Bookshop

Our Bookshop has books, medals and rosaries for children preparing for First Communion. Parents and grandparents will hopefully find the colourful books helpful when talking to children about this big event.

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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 4th to September 9th 2019. 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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SAVE THE DATE!

Next Friday 31st May

Star of the Sea Annual Golf Classic 2019

Elm Park Golf Club



To book a place or sponsor an Ad or Tee Box please fill in a Booking Form, available on the table at the back of the Church, and return it, as soon as possible, to the Parish office, Star of the Sea Church Tel: 01 6683316.

OR send it by email to stargolfclassic@gmail.com

OR CONTACT: Martin Coonan: 087 2304042

Charlotte O'Neill: 086 2162348

Maxine Pilkington: 087 8445992

We invite you to read the Booking Form and to note also the variety of ways in which you can assist us. Even if you are not a golfer, you may wish to join us for the dinner and in doing so, know you will be most welcome.

The Golf Classic represents not only a helpful fundraising event but a great social occasion in the life of the parish.

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The usual monthly church gate collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place next weekend.