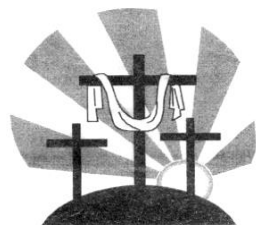


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of

Constance Cowley who died recently and also for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Carmel Mangan, Sadie Corcoran, Neil Travers, Doreen & Paddy Brown, Maeve & Paddy McDonnell, Peter Clancy, Joe Sadlier, David McCurtain, Daniel Hickland, Sister Mary Dolorina, Kathleen McLoughlin, Jean Lejeune, Helen & Catherine Cowley, Anna Radford,

and for Thomas Hayden and Mary Conalty whose Month's Minds occur.

*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
20 th January 2019	€1,400	€920

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.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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Sunday 27th January 2019

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week 2019 runs from this Sunday, January 27th, to next Sunday, February 3rd. The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is:
Catholic Schools : Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools.

This year you're invited to celebrate the unique contribution and work of our Catholic schools in our parish: Star of the Sea Boys School, Scoil Mhuire in Lakelands for our girls as well as Marian College Secondary school for boys.

Irish society may change but it is important that we reflect on the unique contribution of Catholic schools to our collective goal of education. Each school works towards a vision of each student as made in the image and likeness of God. This means that we work towards helping each child, irrespective of background, ethnicity or creed; reach their full potential academically, spiritually and socially. To be in the likeness and image of God means that we can truly care for ourselves, for one another and for the environment around us.

The Themes for the individual days of this coming week very much describe the faith life of a Catholic school.

- Day 1: Our Catholic School : Living Tradition
- Day 2: Our Catholic School : Welcoming Diversity
- Day 3: Our Catholic School : Intergenerational
- Day 4 : Our Catholic School : In Service of our Community
- Day 5 : Our Catholic School : Supporting Faith.

Celebrating Catholic Schools' Week

There are lovely opportunities for school celebrations this week. In Marian College there will be a special prayer service with 6th years on Tuesday morning and Fr. John will celebrate Mass with 1st years on Friday; At Lakelands Scoil Mhuire there's a lovely opportunity in Tuesday's Open Day which will be of particular interest I'm sure, to 'prospective' school parents, (see details elsewhere in Bulletin).

At Star of the Sea Boys' School, grandparents will be welcomed on Wednesday. Many of the same grandparents will be among those invited to Scoil Mhuire on Friday for its grandparents' day. With such a busy schedule ahead this week the monthly Mass with the boys in Star of the Sea will be celebrated on Friday week, February 8th. Be proud of our local Catholic schools; appreciate and support them.

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**Scoil Mhuire GNS
Open Day
Tuesday 29th January 2019
9.30am to 12.30pm**

Visit our school to see the superb facilities we have to offer for girls aged 4-12 years.

Gilford Road, Sandymount, Dublin 4. Tel: 01 2695273.

email: scoil.mhuire@hotmail.com

www.scoilmhuiregns.ie

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Baptisms in February

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in February will be held **next Monday 28th January 2019, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.**

The celebrations of Baptism in February will be on Sunday February 3rd and 17th, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 28th January 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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'Do This in Memory'

This Sunday we welcome boys and girls and their parents who are preparing for First Communion and First Reconciliation to the 10.30am 'Do This in Memory' Mass.

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World Day of the Sick 2019

will take place on 9th February 2019 in All Hallows, Drumcondra (9:30am to 1.00pm) on the topic *Community struggle with addiction - A Pastoral response* Mass for World Day of the Sick will be held on 10th February 2019 in Corpus Christi at 3.00pm.

**Feast of the Presentation in the Temple
Saturday 2nd February**

Saturday next the Feast of the Presentation is also known as Candlemas. We bless the candles to be used in the church and welcome anyone who may wish to have candles blessed for use in their homes. Candles will be available for purchase at €2 each. Mass will begin at the back of the church from where, after the lighting and blessing of candles, the congregation will process to the front of the altar where the Gloria is recited. Then after the Opening Prayer, parishioners extinguish candles and return to their seats for the Liturgy of the Word.

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Blessing of Throats

We will bless throats after the Masses next Sunday.

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First Friday

Friday 1st February is the First Friday of the month. We remember the Faithful Departed at the 7.30am and 10.00am Masses. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10.00am Mass until 11.30am unless there is a funeral.

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A Timely Reminder?

At the beginning of a new Financial Year in the Parish it may be a timely exercise to check if your traceable donations to the Parish exceed €250 a year (it's the equivalent of €21 per month).

It could be composed of the summation of Christmas and Easter Dues along with such monthly / annual donations as would render the cumulative amount to be €250 or greater. The Charities Act meets a €250 donation with a 31% rebate in benefit of the Charity. It means in effect that your €250 increases to a total donation of €362. What a pity if someone donates €247. Worth checking!

Renewed thanks to all who donate generously to the Parish in a weekly envelope or in standing orders or direct donations to the Parish.

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Christmas Dues Donations

Fr. John and Fr. Cormac would like to thank parishioners who have already sent in their Christmas Dues. Envelopes may be handed into the Sacristy/Parish office or put in the letter-box in the Parish office door.

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take up their usual monthly church gate collection after all Masses next weekend.

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