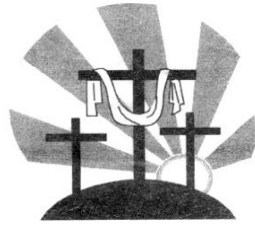


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the following whose anniversaries occur: Bernadette Seagrave, Dolph and May Brennan, Joseph and Sarah Kane, June Ashmore, Emma and Sammy Rigney, Tony and Maisie Harnett, Justin McEntaggart, John Dowling, Damian Read, Johnny Dunne, Anne Sweeney, Hugh O'Regan, Vera Ward, Dij Rajakumar, Kathleen Moran, Bernard O'Brien, Angela McGlynn, Brigid McGlynn.

We also remember Teresa Timoney at the time of her month's mind and Kathleen Corcoran recently deceased.

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	WHITE BASKET
Nov 20 th	€1,425	€1,095

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.

During the month of October 2022 the Tap and Go machines in Sandymount Parish collected €2,624.00 from 195 transactions. This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share.

Many thanks to all our parishioners for your ongoing support and generosity.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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First Sunday of Advent

This Sunday we begin a new year in the life of the church. Advent marks the beginning of the Liturgical Year, just as September marks the new School Year or January the Calendar Year.



Advent is the season when we pay special attention to the mystery of waiting. We have a problem here because most of us don't like waiting. We don't see it as a matter for celebration. Perhaps this accounts for the fact that Advent nowadays is not well understood as a spiritual season. On the other hand, failure to appreciate Advent may well have led us all into a culture where waiting is intolerable for us. We are easily bored and frustrated when life asks us to wait.

The Word of God in the Scriptures teaches us that if we approach it in the right spirit, waiting affords us a creative moment when we may grow spiritually. When we wait we are in touch with an important aspect of human experience, which is that we are dependent on God and on one another. When we wait, there is an act of love involved by our showing respect for others, waiting for them, letting them be free. Cultivate the virtues we link with waiting – hope, patience, endurance, courage, faith ... during these special weeks of Advent.

Parents Group meeting

Our parents group will meet next Saturday at 9am, to plan our next **Do This In Memory** Mass which will be held on Dec 11th.

Ecumenical Prayer

Everyone is most welcome to a series of ecumenical prayer evenings in Advent. The catholic parishes of Sandymount and Ringsend along with the Methodist Church in Sandymount and the Church of Ireland in Irishtown are celebrating evening prayer in each other's churches during Advent; on **Thursday 1st December at 7pm** in St Patrick's Church in Ringsend, **Thursday 8th December at 7pm** here in Star of the Sea, **Thursday 15th December at 7pm** in Christ Church in Sandymount green and finally on **Tuesday 20th December at 7pm** in St Matthews in Irishtown. Each gathering will be about 25 minutes and will include prayer, scripture reading, music and silence. This is an event for all the family and everyone is welcome.

First Friday

We visit the housebound with Holy Communion on the first Friday of every month. If there are any people who would appreciate a visit please let us know. After the 10am Mass on this Friday there will be Adoration of the Blessed sacrament until 11.30. All are most welcome.

Christmas Cards

Our church shop will open to sell Christmas Cards before 6pm Mass on Saturday and before and after 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon Masses between now and Christmas. Many thanks to Jimmy, Ann and Bob for facilitating this service. If you would like to volunteer to help in the shop please contact Triona Long via the parish office. Christmas Cards and Christmas Mass Bouquets will also be available in the parish office.

Legion of Mary

The LEGION of MARY praesidium meeting has changed to Mondays at 2 pm. Our thanks to the Legion of Mary who have kindly changed their meeting day from Wednesday to Monday to facilitate the sacramental preparation classes. Visitors to their meeting are most welcome.

Guided Tour this Sunday!

Please join us on an entertaining exploration of the fascinating architectural and historical features of our parish church, St Mary's Star of the Sea. Hear its story from the 1850's to the present. Meet Rodney Devitt inside the church, Sunday 27th November, at 3pm. All most welcome.

Crosscare Food Poverty Appeal

2022 has been very difficult for families coming to Crosscare needing help. For the first time in many years, they have seen a rise in the number of working families struggling with ongoing increases in the cost of living. The demands of Christmas put even more pressure on people already finding it hard to make ends meet. This Christmas, they are asking for help for the Food Poverty Service, where Crosscare supports families who find it hard to provide nutritious food. Sadly, almost 800 families and individuals, including 1,000 children, have needed help from the Service this year and demand is likely to increase in the coming months. Crosscare ensures they have a good supply of food while at the same time looking at all the issues that may have brought them into food poverty. If you can, you can donate online at www.crosscare.ie or call 01 8360011 or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 Saint Mary's Place North, Dublin D07 Y768. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Star of the Sea Christmas Fair

The parents association will be hosting their annual Christmas Fair in Star of the Sea School Hall on Sunday 4th December at 11am - 1:30pm. Entrance fee €5 for Families and €2 for individual. Lots of fun including Christmas tree lighting, Jungle Dave, Planetarium, Christmas crafts, homemade decorations, festive refreshments, Tombola and lots more. Come along and enjoy the fun.

Palestrina Choir

The Palestrina Choir Christmas Concert takes place in the National Concert Hall on **Saturday, December 10**, at 8pm. www.nch.ie

Online Advent Retreat

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer an online retreat WORD BECOMES FLESH: AN ADVENT RETREAT "Oh that you would tear apart the heavens and come down !" (Isaiah 64:1) Visit our website prioryinstitute.com or click on this link <https://bit.ly/3DWrTkk> to register/find out more.

Hard Berries

*Everything has a purpose,
the old monk said:
that mountain ash
see there, loaded with berries.
Note, though red, how hard those berries are.
As autumn dies the thrushes will descend
same day each year.
Come morning all the berries will be gone.
Everything has its uses, the old monk said.*

Fr. Brian Power.

