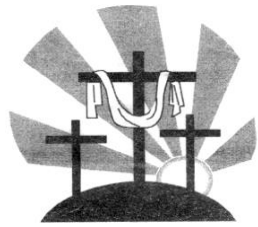


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for Emer Leonard and Rosemary Cannon (nee O'Mahony-Gilford Pk) who died this week, for Denis Mee and Kurt Kullman, whose month's minds occur and for the following whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sarah and Charles Ingle, Margaret O'Leary, Larry Norton, James Carroll, Eileen and Michael Hickey and Frank, Tom and Mary Hollingsworth.

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	MISSIONS
20 th October 2019	€1,400	€3,615

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 continued support of all the collections.

St Vincent De Paul monthly gate collection will be next weekend; Nov 2nd and 3rd, after Masses.

WEEKLY
BULLETIN



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

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Sunday 27th October 2019

A Cherished Association

When Mary Aikenhead, now Venerable, moved with four of her Sisters of Charity into a house on Sandymount Ave in 1831 they began an association with our parish that has continued until today. The sisters' heroic work in the care of cholera victims in Irishtown in the early 1830s is well recorded. Mother Mary died in 1858 and later, in 1876, the Sisters exchanged convents with the Carmelites in Lakelands. The Carmelites subsequently moved to Roebuck while the Lakelands Convent has continued to this day, a place of quiet effective ministry in care for the poor and in devoted dedication to work of education. Generations of girls are indebted to the sisters and lay teachers for their education while parishioners hold warm memories of Sr Agnes and Sr Sheila working in their own quiet way among us. We appreciate also the commitment many sisters have given to the parish choir. In recent years, Lakelands has become also the place of care for retired and aging sisters and importantly also, at Caritas House, the residence of the Congregation's Leadership Team attending to the care of the Sisters and their work worldwide.

For the past 12 years, Sr Mary Christian has been the Congregational Leader with her Leadership teams. She is stepping down from that role this week. We wish her every blessing, aware of how challenging

(continued) religious leadership has become and how generous her service. We also wish Sr Patricia Lenihan, the new congregational leader, and her team, every blessing as they assume the leadership of her congregation into the future years.

Registration for Confirmation

We are currently inviting all candidates who wish to prepare for Confirmation in Star of the Sea on March 12th 2020 to register and to confirm their Baptism by presenting a Baptism Cert at earliest convenience. If a young person was baptised in Star of the Sea it will suffice to indicate so on the registration form, giving some direction as to the date.

A ceremony of Commitment will follow in November.

Baptisms in November

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in November will be held **this Tuesday 29th October 2019, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.**

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

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of this Tuesday 29th and to attend the preparatory meeting.

Annual Mass for Deceased in our Parish

The Annual Mass in memory of all our dear relatives, neighbours and friends who have died during the past year will take place on **Thursday 7th November at 7.00pm.** Letters have gone out to all families concerned.

Any parishioner whose loved one died outside the parish and who would like to have their names included in this Mass is invited to contact the parish office before next Wednesday, October 30th.

During the Mass a candle will be lit for each one, called by name, as we journey in prayer for them. We invite families and friends and fellow parishioners to come to a significant annual gathering in the life of our parish

Bank Holiday Monday

Tomorrow, Monday, is a Bank Holiday. Mass will be celebrated at 10am after which the church will be closed.

Radharc Films available

A number of Radharc Films are available at the half price of 10euros in the book shop. Call in for further detail.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council AGM

The Parish Pastoral Council will hold its AGM on Wednesday 20th November at 7.30pm in the Star of the Sea School Hall.

It is an occasion for reports from the Pastoral Council and its sub-committees as well as the Financial Report for the year ended December 2018.

With a number of Parish Pastoral Council members coming to the end of their term of office, the AGM also represents an evening when new members are appointed. There are nomination forms at the back of the church. All parishioners over the age of 18 years, who belong to our Eucharistic Community, are eligible for election. Nominations require a third party nomination and a seconder.

Feast of All Saints on Friday next; All Souls on Sat.

Mass times for the Holy Day on Friday are:

7.30am, 10am and 6pm

What a lovely entrance to the Month of the Dead that we begin on a very positive note by celebrating the Feast of All the Saints. The following day, Saturday, is the Feast of All Souls and a great day of faith within our Catholic tradition. Our Mass at 10 am on Saturday will be our only eucharistic celebration of the Feast this year when the evening Mass will be the vigil Mass for the 31st Sunday of the Year. The following Wednesday, Nov 6th, is the Feast of All the Saints of Ireland. Then on Thursday, Nov 7th, at 7pm, we celebrate Mass for all who have died in our parish in the past year. Everyone welcome to attend.

Children nowadays enjoy the festivities of Halloween, often without awareness of its connection with our faith and filled with images of ghosts and goblins, witches and darkness. No harm to remember that 'Hallow' is an old English word for 'Saint' and e'en is short for 'evening' so Halloween is the eve of All Saints. As we celebrate Halloween, why not reflect on and talk about the saints with the children.

Lord God, whose days are without end
and whose mercies beyond counting
keep us mindful
that life is short and the hour of death unknown.
Let your Spirit guide our days on earth
in the ways of holiness and justice,
that we may serve you
in union with the whole Church,
sure in faith, strong in hope, perfect in love.
and when our earthly journey is ended,
lead us rejoicing into your kingdom,
where you live forever and ever. Amen.

November Dead Lists. Forms and envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

Office Hours this week

Office hours this week will be restricted from 9.30 to 11am. If need arises outside these hours, contact one of the priests