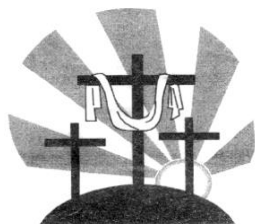


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of Michael Byrne who died this week and also for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Baby Lucy Tiernan; Mary O'Briain; Mary Allen; Allie Pigot; Maureen & Tom Wall;

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
20 th September 2020		

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 September 2020

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Diocesan Safeguarding Day *Letter from Archbishop Martin*

Sunday 27th September is Diocesan Safeguarding Day. The safety and protection from abuse of the children and vulnerable members of the Archdiocese is a particular priority of all of us. This year we face a different set of challenges and we do so in a situation of considerable uncertainty.

You will be aware that it has been necessary to reduce the number employed by the Diocese including a number of people employed in the Child Safeguarding and Protection Service. However, our commitment to Safeguarding and to the support of victim/survivors of abuse remains undiminished. We need to consider the implications of working with less and the opportunities this presents to look at how we share what we have.

Given the uncertainty surrounding bringing people together, we will have to consider how best we approach things like delivering safeguarding training. Information technology presents us with new opportunities, while also presenting challenges for those not used to using computers.

There is a third uncertainty which I wish to address. I cannot say for how much longer I will serve as your Archbishop. As I near the end of my time with you, I want to say a particular thank you for all of the work you have

been doing to make the Church in Dublin a safer place for children and for vulnerable adults. Our parish clergy, already under pressure due to declining numbers, have had to accept additional responsibilities in this area, such as ensuring that those involved in public ministry are vetted. I wish to thank also the hundreds of parish safeguarding representatives and the thousands who have attended safeguarding training. I wish to thank all of our parishioners who have kept faith with us through this difficult time.

I wish to especially acknowledge the courage of those who have spoken of their experiences of abuse in the Church. Their stories have been difficult for us to hear but they have helped us to face up to the truth and we must honour their contribution by making our parishes, not just safe places, but also welcoming and nurturing places for all children and vulnerable persons.

I ask you to remember those who were abused and to pray for them.

**+ Diarmuid Martin
Archbishop of Dublin**

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A Tale of two sons – today’s Gospel

We vary in our dedication at work. Some apply themselves diligently, reliably and promptly to the task in hand. Others avoid, delay and tarry the evil hour when something must be done. ‘Go and work in the vineyard today.’ There’s an urgency in the command, a contrast in the response and a challenging question for each of us to answer.

We must work today because now is the only time we have. Yesterday is history, tomorrow is mystery- ‘today’ or the present is all we have to work with. Today is the only currency we have.

But how do we respond? Usually no better, no worse than our Gospel duo. If the road to hell is paved with good intentions, how do we fare? One son was rude, abrupt and downright discourteous, responding back with a snappy “I will not go.” The other son was polite and respectful, responding with a “certainly sir.” Like many of us in the Church, he is a smooth talker but a poor performer.

Which of them did the Father’s will? Not ‘intended’ or ‘promised’ but ‘did.’ By that standard alone will we be judged.

‘What I have done, what I have failed to do.’

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Webcam Masses

With the current closure of churches for public worship, the Mass each day will be relayed by webcam on:

Sundays at 10.30am and 12 noon

Weekdays (Mon. to Sat.) at 10.00am

The Church remains open for celebrations of Weddings and Funerals, within whatever restrictions are set by the Government and the HSE.

Enrolment for Sacraments 2022

At this time we invite parents who wish their child to be enrolled in preparation for Confirmation in 2022 and are presently attending fifth class in a non-Catholic school to register their intention with us by phoning the parish office, Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

We similarly invite parents of children attending 1st class in a non-Catholic school who wish their child to prepare for first Communion in 2022 to register their intention by phoning the parish office.

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Celebration of Baptism

We regret that for the time being under Government direction we are unable to hold Baptism celebrations in the Church. As you know in recent months we have celebrated Baptism with families one at a time and within HSE guidelines. We thank all who were so cooperative in doing so and hope that it won’t be long before the celebration of Baptism may resume.

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Crosscare

Envelopes enabling your support of Crosscare have been left on the table near the Church entrance.

You can support Crosscare by completing the credit card slip in the envelope and posting it in the prepaid envelope.

You may also support by phoning (01) 8360011 to make a credit card donation or log on to www.crosscare.ie and click on the DONATE button.

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Saints remembered this week

On Wednesday we remember St. Jerome who lived from 340 to 420 A.D. He translated the Bible into Latin from the Hebrew of the Old Testament and the Greek of the New Testament and wrote commentaries on the scriptures. He is the patron of librarians.

On Thursday, October 1st, we celebrate Marie Françoise Thérèse Martin, the Little Flower, who died at the Carmel in Lisieux on September 30th 1897. She was declared a doctor of the Church by Pope St. John Paul II in 1997. She’s the patron saint of missions, florists, aviators and France. A day when roses are blessed in her name.

On Saturday, October 3rd we remember Blessed Columba Marmion, a Dublin priest who went to Maredsous Abbey and wrote classic works of spirituality. He died in 1923 and was beatified in 2000.

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