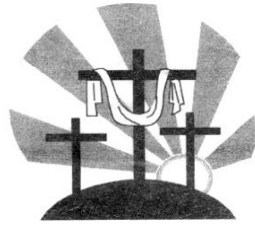


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for Ray Yeates and John ‘Eddie’ McGlynn who died recently and for the following whose anniversaries occur: Phyllis Branigan, Diarmuid Murphy, Josie and Alec Doyle, Geraldine McCarthy, Rosaleen Murphy and Séamus Kirwin.

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
21 st May 2023	€1115	€795

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.

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St. Mary’s, Star of the Sea
Sandymount

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28st May 2023

Pentecost

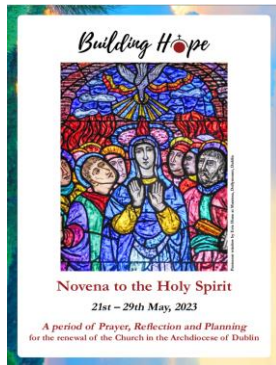
When depicting Pentecost, Christian artists often put Mary at the centre of the picture, where she is seen with the flame above her head. She is the type or image of the Church, filled with the Spirit of Jesus. So in the Novena prayer card this week, as we ask the help of the Holy Spirit for the Church in our Archdiocese, the stained glass window by Evie Hone, now in Manresa, the Jesuit house in Clontarf, exemplifies that. Mary is at the centre of the picture. Tomorrow, Monday, Mary is celebrated as the Mother of the Church, the feast that brings Our Novena of Prayer to a conclusion.

These nine days of prayer for our diocese is in the Spirit of the same hope with which the Church looks forward to Jesus’ new presence through the Spirit. It is the nine days which the Apostles, in Luke’s account, spent in prayer along with Jesus’ relatives, the women from Galilee and Jesus’ mother, Mary. The novena (nine days of prayer) for the Pentecost is most important, calling on the Holy Spirit to guide and help us.

Many examples of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit are recorded in the early Church. What happened fifty days after Easter is given great emphasis. It happened on the Jewish feast of Pentecost, when the covenant of Mount Sinai was celebrated. The great gift of the new covenant was now poured into the Apostles and their friends. There was a noise of gushing wind, fiery tongues

were seen and foreign languages spoken in ecstasy. The Church was born. People were ‘‘of one heart and soul’’ (Acts of the Apostles 4:32)

The clearest description of the works of the Holy Spirit is given by Paul in the letter to the Galatians. What Spirit brings, he says, is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness and self control; Perhaps you might add to that list what you see that the Spirit brings in the context of today’s world?



Novena to the Holy Spirit

*Come, Holy Spirit, revive and renew us
Come, Holy Spirit, inspire and enthuse us
Come, Holy Spirit, unbind and release us*

*Open our eyes to see God’s grace around us
Open our ears to hear God’s voice within us
Open our hearts to welcome God among us*

*Send us out with joy to live the Gospel
Send us out with peace to act as one
Send us out with love to build up hope*

Pentecost Sunday

We welcome our young people who were confirmed this year to this weekend’s 10.30am Mass. As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Spirit it is appropriate that the young people of this year’s Confirmation group gather with us. We pray for them today, as we did on Confirmation day, that their lives will enjoy the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit.

9am Mass

This Sunday marks the last celebration of Mass at 9am at least for the time being. We thank those who have been faithful to Mass at this time, some for years. To mark the occasion we invite all in attendance to join us for refreshments after Mass in the School Hall.

End of School

As graduation ceremonies are taking place in our secondary schools we wish all our local students the very best in the forthcoming Leaving Cert and Junior Cert exams.

St Vincent de Paul collection

St Vincent de Paul collection takes place after all Masses next weekend. Your support is appreciated

St Matthews Church

We welcome Rev Leonard Ruddock and his parishioners to our Star of Sea Church this Sunday and on the 4th Sunday of forthcoming months. They will have their Sunday Service at 2.30pm today.

Reflective Prayer on next week’s Gospel

This is the final week of Pat Talbot’s evening of meditation on the Sunday Gospel. Come along at 6.30 to 7.30pm this Tuesday evening to the Church meeting room. Entrance by the rear door.

Taizé at University Church

Taizé services are each Tuesday at Newman University Church. Each service consists of about 40 minutes of prayer, quiet, and music in the midst of a busy week, followed by tea and biscuits in the back of the church. If you cannot make it in person you can always join on their YouTube channel. There are only two Taizés left before the summer break (May 30 and June 6).

St Kevin’s Day walks in Glendalough

Following the tradition of pilgrimage, a series of walks has been organised to mark St Kevin’s Day on Saturday, June 3, in Glendalough. Participants will walk towards Glendalough following a choice of seven different routes which will merge along the way with other walkers from the same area.
www.glendaloughhermitage.ie

Vhi Women’s Mini Marathon

This year’s Women’s Mini Marathon will take place next Sunday 4th June at 12.30pm and will finish at approx 15.30pm. During this time there may be some traffic diversions in the local area. Further information on road closures/diversions may be found at www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie

After May

May came, and every shabby phoenix flapped
A coloured rag in lieu of shining wings;
In school bad manners spat and went unslapped –
Schoolmistress fancy dreamt of other thing.
The lilac blossomed for a day or two
Gail, and then grew weary of her fame.
Plough-horses out on grass could now pursue
The pleasures of the very mute and tame.

A light that might be mystic or a fraud
Played on far hills beyond all common sight,
And some men said it was Adam’s God
As Adam saw before the Apple-bite
Sweet May is gone, and now must poets croon
The praises of a rather stupid June

Patrick Kavanagh