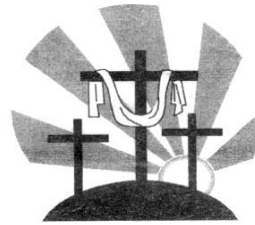


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of Des Mac Mahon who died this week and for the following whose anniversaries occur: Robert Doyle, Kathleen O'Connor, Christopher and Rose Gaffney, Bill Farrell and Vourneen Henegan,

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 August	€1,060	€625

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

Monthly Report on Tap and Go Device

During the month of July the Tap and Go machine in the church received €1,834 in 139 transactions. On July 3rd we had the Peter's Pence collection and €100 donated on the machine went to that collection. 60% goes to the Common Fund (1st collection at Mass) and 40% to Share (2nd collection). The diocese can avail of a tax break in respect of donations when the annual total exceeds €250 from an individual donor.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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The 22nd Sunday of the Year

August 28th '22

The Season of Creation

Next Thursday, September 1st, marks the beginning of what has come to be known as the Season of Creation. It ends on October 4th, the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. During these weeks, we are asked to enter into the spirit of *Laudato Si'*, the first encyclical of Pope Francis, highlighting the critical importance of the care of the earth by all humanity.

The theme for this year's season is *'Listen to the Voice of Creation'* and it takes its inspiration from the story of Moses and the Burning Bush. 'I have heard their cry..I know their sufferings... Come, now! I will send you... I will be with you' (Exodus 3:1-12)

The prevalence of unnatural fires in recent weeks is a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has brought on the most vulnerable on our planet. Creation cries out as forests burn, animals flee and people are forced to migrate. Record temperatures have shown that all regions and systems are affected and will render parts of the world uninhabitable for human beings. In contrast, the fire that called to Moses as he tended his flock did not destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence, listening to the cries of the suffering and promising to be with them and us as we follow in faith, to work for justice and for a more sustainable world.

September Opportunities

September is often a time when people give thought to possibly taking a course or two. a new language, a new skill. Perhaps there's room to think of a course to deepen one's faith or spirituality. Here's a few ideas on that score.

1) Theology with the Tallaght Dominicans:

Study Theology Online, is this for you?

The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before September 13.

For further information check

prioryinstitute.com

2) A shorter course is offered by the Dominicans in Cork. It's online, ZOOM, with a choice of 6 courses, each is for 7 evenings over 7 weeks, costing €70.

1. The liturgy explained
2. Who is Jesus?
3. Intro to Christian Philosophy
4. The Book of Revelation
5. Developing our Prayer Lives
6. Who is the Holy Spirit.

To check it out or check in go to

dominicanscork@gmail.com or phone 085

7464802 between 9am and 5pm.

3) Pathways: a course we described in recent weeks, held at DCU, St Patrick's Campus. It is over 2 years, one night a week, Sept to May.

contact pathways@dublindiocese.ie

4) DCU Mater Dei: Scholarships are available for incoming students wishing to pursue studies in Theology and Religious Education at DCU All Hallows Campus. More info on

<https://www.dcu.ie/your-guide-to-student-application-portals/>

5)

Marino Institute of Education offers a two year course in spirituality, in association with Trinity College. You'll find details posted on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

Further detail from Dr Mary Gao at

mary.gao@mie.ie or 087 450 8549.

First Friday this week

There will be Veneration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday after the 10am Mass for a Holy Hour. (10.30 to 11.30)

If housebound or ill persons wish to be included in the First Friday call list, who are not already included, please let us know. (parish Office 01 6683316, leaving a message if not attended at time of call)

Legion of Mary Centenary Concert

On Saturday next, September 3rd, the Legion of Mary will hold a centenary celebration concert in St Patrick's Cathedral. Celine Byrne, the Dublin Concert Band and Lorraine Matthews among the guest performers. Booking: Eventbrite -Tickets €20 and €30 Further detail on poster at church entrance.

World Youth Day 2023

You will recall from previous notices in the newsletter that the diocese invited parishes and individuals to register their intention of joining the diocesan pilgrimage to Lisbon next August with the organising committee before Sept '22. So this is something of a final call. It is to help them plan ahead with necessary bookings and to begin a time of preparation with young people, 16-29, to maximise the experience. Let us know if interested so that we can have interested persons registered.

The Season of Creation

During the next 5 Sundays of the Season of Creation we will draw on Trócaire's suggestions on how we can participate in attitude and action to be a parish that cares for the works of creation.

Enrollment for the Sacraments.

Regardless of which school a child attends, the diocese now asks that everyone preparing to celebrate the sacraments of the Eucharist(1st), Reconciliation and Confirmation must register with his/her parish. Registration will take place accordingly in September. For children among them who attend St Matthew's school, we invite registration in 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th classes. Children attending Educate Together, are asked to register in their parish of residence. A two year preparation is required.