# REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend

For the souls of John Hart and Maureen O'Neill who died recently

and also for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Garry Scaife, Bertha & John Moriarty, James Carroll, Paddy Browne, Desmond & Carmel Sheridan, Mary & William Morley, Anne & Patrick Murray, 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	MISSION SUNDAY
21st October 2018	€1,465	€3,195

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese. The white basket collection last weekend was the special collection for World Mission Sunday.

We thank you for your contributions to the Church collections and for your continuing support of all the collections.

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## October Bank Holiday

**Winter time begins this weekend.** Clocks go back 1 hour on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> and on Bank Holiday Monday (29<sup>th</sup>), morning Mass is at 10.00am.

# WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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# Sunday 28th October 2018

# November Prayer for the Dead

Next Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, is the feastday of All the Saints. It marks a beautiful day of memory of great men and women of faith at the beginning of the month during which we remember and pray for the dead. It is important that we enter November on such a positive note as we bring the hope of the Gospel to touch the memory of those who have gone before us.

That memory finds direct expression on Friday, All Souls Day, when we pray for all the faithful departed. The practice of prayer for the dead is mentioned in Sacred Scripture (2 Macc 12:46) and from the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, par 1032).

In the practice of the November Dead List we uphold the Catholic tradition of praying for the dead. On Friday night, also, at 7.00pm we will celebrate the Bethany Mass, recalling by name all who have died in our community this past year.

#### **BAPTISMS**

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

Hugo Douglas Allen
Lauren Jane Brogan
Ben Seamus Connolly
Aifric Endo
Emily Jane Fearon
Eve Charlotte Mitchell
Jamie David O'Toole

who were baptised last Sunday

'May you live always as members of the Body of Christ, sharing everlasting life'

## **Celebrating Baptism**

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in November will be held this **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>** October, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in November will be on Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October and to attend the preparatory meeting.

Because of our experience that sees large numbers choosing a particular day for Baptism, we feel it is in everybody's best interest that we set a maximum number of 6 children to be baptised in each celebration. We encourage parents to get in touch with us early so as not to be disappointed.

Because it occasionally arises as a question, we confirm that godmother and godfather should be of each gender and that godparents must be over 16 and practising Catholics, at home in their faith.

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Archbishop Martin, following the visit of Pope Francis, rejoiced in the success of the World Meeting of Families. Rather than specify a particular way forward to build on the Pope's visit in renewal, you will recall that Archbishop Martin has asked all parishes to hold an assembly around the Feast of St. Laurence O'Toole (Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>) to consider how we might build on the experience of the Pope's visit to renew the Church in Dublin and to submit ideas and suggestions to him.

Our Parish Council nominated Tuesday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, as an assembly date for our parish. We very much encourage you to come along. Meanwhile, we invite you to reflect and pray about how the Church in Dublin can build on the experience of Pope Francis' visit.

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We congratulate and share the joy of the girls GAA team who on Monday last won the division championship for Dublin Primary Schools. They played magnificently. How lovely to think that our Girls' school is the best in Dublin when it comes to Gaelic football!

## Mass times for Feast of All Saints Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup>

Masses at 7.30am, 10.00am and 6.00pm

#### 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 **Friday 2nd 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 name included in this Mass is invited to contact the parish office before October 30<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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# Parish Pastoral Council Seeking New Members

Our Parish Pastoral Council has several members who will be completing their 3 Year Term and we are seeking new members to replace them. The commitment of the Council members to the Parish community, and the community at large, is inspiring. Perhaps you would like to consider giving your time and talent for the enrichment and betterment of our Parish community.

All parishioners over the age of 18 years are eligible for election. We would welcome your prayerful consideration of the possibility that yourself or someone you know might be willing to serve the Parish on a three year term with the Parish Pastoral Council. We meet once a month. Nomination forms need to be submitted to the Parish office by November 5th. The forms are available at the back of the Church and can also be downloaded from our Parish Website.

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### **Sacramental Preparation for First Communion**

We thank parents and children who came to the 10.30am Mass last Sunday. For those who were unable to attend the Enrolment ceremony on Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup> short meetings for parents in that position will be held after the mid-term break.

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### **Confirmation Commitment Ceremony**

We thank the young people and their parents and teachers who came to the church last Monday evening for the Ceremony of Commitment to prepare for Confirmation.

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## **Parish Volunteers**

Any Parish volunteers attending Mass this weekend are asked to call to the sacristy to complete a short GDPR related form.