

# REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

*Keelan Kraus, Ina O'Neill, Pat Gavigan, Sr. Sheila Geany, Deirdre McNamara, John Kaye, John & Mary Condon, Sean & Vera Kelly, Olive Corcoran, William O'Leary, Patrick, Annie & Molly Ryder,*

*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
22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2018	€1,365	€895

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.

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## Mass Abroad

We appreciate that many of our parishioners may find themselves during holiday time in a place where Mass in English is not available. We would be very happy to give you copies of the appropriate missalettes in English. Call into the parish office.

# WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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### Liturgical Celebrations

This coming week sees the celebration of significant people in the history of the Church.

On Monday we remember St. John Chrysostom. Pope Benedict XVI described John as one of the great Fathers of the Church's social doctrine. John, who was born in 349AD at Antioch, Syria (today Antakya in Southern Turkey), was nicknamed "Chrysostom", that is "golden mouthed" because of his eloquence. Benedict wrote of him that "he is still alive today because of his works". He wrote 17 treatises, more than seven hundred authentic homilies, commentaries on Matthew and on Paul and two hundred and forty one extant letters, all of which we can read to this day. In 397 he was appointed Bishop of Constantinople. In a turbulent time he was exiled twice in 403 and in 407 and died in exile at Ponto, Armenia, on September 14<sup>th</sup> that year. It's a day to pray for the ministry of effective communication in teaching and preaching in the life of the Church today.

Tuesday is the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Born in 1491 at Loyola, in Northern Spain, his early life was spent at court and in the army. After conversion to a life of holiness he studied theology at Paris and gathered companions around him. This company evolved into the Society of Jesus, which he later established in Rome. He had a very fruitful apostolate both in the written word and in the spiritual formation of his

disciples, who played an outstanding part in the reform of the Church to this day. He died in Rome in 1556.

On Wednesday we celebrate St. Alphonsus Liguori, founder of the Redemptorists. Alphonsus was born in Naples in 1696, studied law and became a doctor of both civil and canon law, before becoming a priest. He later founded the Redemptorist Orders of men and women. To promote a Christian lifestyle among the faithful was his passion. To this end he devoted himself to preaching and writing, especially in moral theology where he's regarded as a master. He was appointed bishop but gave it up to return to his congregation. He died in Campagna in 1787. For many of us his feastday will evoke memories of the Missions and Retreats given throughout Ireland in the not long past by the Redemptorist preachers.

On Thursday, we remember Peter Julian Eymard, the founder of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers, who was born in the diocese of Grenoble in France in 1811. Devoted to the Eucharistic Mystery, he established two congregations, one for men and one for women – the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. He died on August 1<sup>st</sup> 1868.

Then on Saturday next, we celebrate John Vianney, the cure d' Ars. John contended with poverty, military service and his intellectual shortcomings to become a priest. Born in 1786 he was sent in 1817 to a small obscure village called Ars as their priest. The great spiritual gift of the unlearned priest was that he could see into the depths of a person's soul. It brought the world to Ars. From 1830 onwards he spent 12 to 16 hours a day in the confessional. He died in 1857 and is the patron of priests.

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**Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

If any of our parishioners who are ill or infirm would like to travel as invalid pilgrims with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, we would be happy to facilitate their doing so. The Pilgrimage takes place from September 7th to September 12<sup>th</sup> 2018. Application forms are available from the Parish office or from the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road. The invalids travelling with the Pilgrimage will be accommodated in the Accueil Notre Dame which is a residence close to the Grotto. To meet the requirements of the Medical Bureau in Lourdes a form, available in the Parish office, must be completed.

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**Saying Goodbye to Jane Butler**

There are many parishioners who have come to know Mount Tabor through its care of an elderly relative. They may wish to know that Jane Butler, Director of Care, is retiring and there will be an opportunity to say goodbye to her informally on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August between 6.30pm and 8.00pm at Mount Tabor.

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**Celebrating Baptism**

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

The celebrations of Baptism in August will be on Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, after the 12 noon Mass.

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

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. While normally we have two godparents, it is sufficient to have just one. Another may act as a witness rather than a godparent in that situation.

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**General Data Protection Regulation**

A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), was introduced on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place.

After our last Parish Pastoral Council meeting we posted our GDPR Policy Statement on our website.

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**World Meeting of Families 2018**

**Over the last two weekends we invited parishioners to indicate interest levels in the idea of seeking a bus to assist travel to and from papal events at the WMOF. We thank all who did so. Unfortunately it emerges that it won't be feasible. Travel arrangements issued this week foreclosed that possibility. We'll likely be invited to avail of public transport. When tickets are issued to those who registered the details of recommended travel routes will be included. We might then organize details of how parishioners might best journey as a group if they wish. It's at the time of registration that group travel by bus and related registration rather than individual registration had to be indicated. Hindsight is wonderful.**

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**Lourdes Invalid Fund**

The Lourdes Invalid Fund collection begins this weekend and continues for four weeks until August 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup>. So look out for Imelda at her table, in her usual spot at the back of the church.

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**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

The usual monthly churchgate collection for the Society will take place after all Masses next weekend.

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