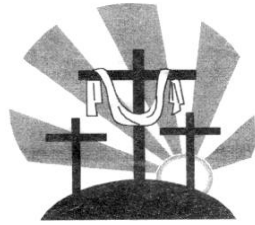


**REST IN PEACE**



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls and for the following whose anniversaries occur: Patrick and Christina Nevins, Sean Boyd, Mary Allen, Angela Antonia Borza, Josephine Ryan and Adeline Brannigan.

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
September 22nd	€985	€685

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

**Exploring Priesthood**

On Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> in UCD, Belfield, there will be a Vocations Day ‘Exploring Priesthood’ held. It’s intended for men who wish to find out more about diocesan priesthood and how they may take steps to discern a vocation. Further information available at vocations.ie.

**WEEKLY BULLETIN**



***St. Mary’s, Star of the Sea Sandymount***  
***29th September 2024***

Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30  
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**October Beckons**

This Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, marks the feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux and the International Day of Older Persons. It’s a week to cherish very popular saints in that Friday next is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi and is also the closing day of the Season of Creation. Thursday marks the celebration of Blessed Columba Marmion, a priest of our diocese before entering the monastery and later becoming Abbot of Maredsous, while Saturday is the Feast of St. Faustina, the saint who inspired the Divine Mercy devotion.



We associate the month of October with both the Missionary Work of the Church and with the Rosary. Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, will be Mission Sunday and Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, celebrates Our Lady of the Rosary. It is also the month when the Parish journey with parents and children preparing to celebrate the sacraments in 2025 begins, a reminder that all of us who follow Christ our Lord are called into mission- to children, to one another, to parish and to the world at large.

### **Sacramental Preparation-Information Sessions**

There will be information sessions for Parents whose children attend local non-Catholic schools on the following dates:

#### **First Holy Communicants:**

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7:00pm in the Church.

#### **Confirmation:**

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7:00pm in the Church

### **Registration for the Sacraments in 2025/2026**

All children who wish to celebrate First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation must register with our Parish, regardless of the school they attend. Registration forms will be shared with the two Catholic Schools, while for parents and children in the non-Catholic schools, Father Enda will send a letter relating to the October Information Sessions and also registration.

### **The Pilgrimage of Saint Bernadette's relics 2024**

The Pilgrimage of the relics of Saint Bernadette will arrive in Dublin at the following locations and dates:

#### **25/09/2024 and 26/09/2024**

Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road, Dublin

#### **23/10/2024 and 24/10/2024:**

Oblate Church of Mary Immaculate, Inchicore, Dublin

#### **25/10/2024 and 26/10/2024:**

Adam and Eve's, Merchants Quay, Dublin

### **Blessing of Animals**

To mark the Feast of St. Francis, and the closing of the Season of Creation, we will have a short blessing of animals at the door of the Church on Friday next, 4<sup>th</sup> October, at 3:30pm.

### **First Friday of the Month**

We are happy to visit the housebound and those who are ill on the First Friday of the Month. It has been difficult to do so in recent months and we apologise to those who were expecting a visit. We hope to rectify the situation in the coming weeks. We would be happy to hear from anyone who desires a monthly visit.

### **The Sandymount Community Centre**

The Sandymount Community Centre is thrilled to be participating in this year's Age Action Positive Ageing Week from 30<sup>th</sup> September- 6<sup>th</sup> October. In line with this year's event theme of Anti-Ageism we feel it is important to highlight the valuable contribution that people of all ages make to our community. We hope to demonstrate this with a week-long schedule of exciting activities commencing on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

You are cordially invited to:  
**Sandymount Community Centre  
Positive Ageing Week 2024 and  
Google Digital Drop-In Launch Event**  
with Lord Mayor of Dublin James Geoghegan followed by coffee and treats  
30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024  
13:00-13:30

in the Sandymount Community Centre  
The Monthly Google Digital Drop-in space will also be open from 11:00-13:00 and participants are welcome to come along and have their technology questions answered by volunteers from Google as well as local Transition Year Students.

Please RSVP  
to: [info@sandymountcommunitycentre.ie](mailto:info@sandymountcommunitycentre.ie)

### **October**

O leafy yellowness you create for me  
A world that was and now is poised above time,  
I do not need to puzzle out Eternity  
As I walk this arboreal street on the edge of a town.  
The breeze, too, even the temperature  
And pattern of movement, is precisely the same  
As broke my heart for youth passing. Now I am sure  
Of something. Something will be mine wherever I am.  
I want to throw myself on the public street without caring  
For anything but the praying that the earth offers.  
It is October over all my life and the light is staring  
As it caught me once in a plantation by the fox coverts.  
A man is ploughing ground for winter wheat  
And my nineteen years weigh heavily on my feet.

--Patrick Kavanagh