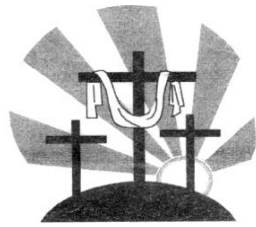


# REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of  
Allie (Alexandra) Pigot, Kurt Kullmann and Denis Mee who died this week

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

*Bernard Whelan; Thomas & May McDonnell; Thomas & Ellen Hayes;  
Maureen & Thomas Wall;*

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
29 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	€1,335	€830

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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# WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30  
Fr. John McDonagh, Tel: 6684265 – Fr. Cormac McLraith, Tel: 6686845

[www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com](http://www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com)

### *Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019*

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### *Climate Change*

Climate Change has been much in the news this week at the U.N. and in the thousands of young people marching to express concern in many cities of the world.

“The effects of Climate Change is not a problem that we can just leave to governments to remedy. They must certainly play their part but Pope Francis tells us in ‘Laudato’ Si’ that we are all required, every one of us, to make changes to our lives and begin to repair the damage before matters become irreversible” (from the Pastoral Letter 2019, Bishop John Arnold of Salford Diocese).

If you, like many, are concerned about Climate Change and are anxious to identify how you may help, realise that a great deal of difference can be made through a small number of actions in our personal lives.

Such as ...

We can shop more carefully, particularly in choosing local produce, so saving the expensive transportation costs and use of fuel. The car we drive is particularly telling.

We can cut the temperature on our central heating.

We can walk more and use less petrol, using public transport more regularly.

We can turn lights off in unused rooms.

We can hang washing out to dry rather than using energy – expensive drying machines.

We can reduce the waste we make and re-cycle more.

We can live with a deeper awareness of how our decisions and actions affect the lives of others, particularly those immediately affected by climate change, though in time it will affect us all.

The Salford diocese exemplifies how Catholic communities can pledge together to make a difference even as we pray that Governments will successfully cooperate to reverse the accelerating trend towards irreversible destruction of our planet. Scientists see the next 12 years as critically important. <https://caritassalford.org.uk>

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**Mission Sunday**

Mission Sunday is approaching on the 20th of October 2019, The Parish Pastoral Council are hoping to create a visual project highlighting any links the parish, and more specifically, parishioners, may have with the Missions anywhere in the world - keeping in mind that we in the West, specifically Europe, are now considered to be part of missionary territory ourselves in these increasingly secular times.

With this in mind we would be most grateful if anyone who can give any sort of witness or account of a Missionary testimony or experience (however simple) that has affected your life or that of someone you know would write a short account of the experience and forward it to the Parish Secretary, Mary O'Neill or email [sandymountparish@eircom.net](mailto:sandymountparish@eircom.net) ) to be considered for inclusion in this project. Written accounts should be submitted not later than **next Friday**, Oct. 4th, for inclusion and will be most gratefully received by the PPC. It will help if it's possible but not necessary that you make your account on A4 size paper.

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**Mission Awareness Sunday**

Fr. Brian McLoughlin from CSSP will speak at all Masses this weekend. We welcome Fr. Brian. As we mentioned last week each year a representative of a Missionary Congregation comes to each parish to deepen our awareness of Missionary work. We are aware too that Missionaries are now sent to us in Ireland to support the life of the Church.

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**First Friday**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October is the First Friday of the month. We remember the Faithful Departed at the 7.30am and 10.00am Masses. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10.00am Mass until 11.30am unless there is a funeral.

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**Thank You**

Dear Parents and Guardians we would like to remind you that all children and vulnerable people should be accompanied by a parent or guardian when using the bathroom facilities in our church.

**BAPTISMS**

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

*Alanna Kate Berg*

*Charlie John Boyle*

*Thomas Walter Shanley Quinn*

*James Michael Lawlor*

*Michael Kevin O'Brien*

*who were baptised recently*

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

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**Baptisms in October**

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in October will be held this **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.**

The celebrations of Baptism in October will be on Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<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> and to attend the preparatory meeting.

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**Sacramental Preparation**

Instead of the proposed meeting this Tuesday for parents in the sacramental classes (2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>), Fr. John will contact parents by letter inviting registration of candidates. On Tuesday week October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7.00pm, a celebration of enrolment of First Communion candidates will take place in Star of the Sea Church. Parents of First Communion children are asked to register with the parish by next Friday at the latest. Some parents had a previously scheduled meeting planned for Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup>, in the light of which we decided not to hold our own meeting.

Parents from St. Matthew's school with children wishing to participate in the programme of preparation and who haven't as yet submitted Registration forms may do so at the Parish meeting room this Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 4.00pm. Classes will begin when the vetting procedures are complete.

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If anyone is interested in helping with the church flowers you are invited to an informal meeting on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2019 at 9.45am in the Parish meeting rooms.

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**Blessing of Animals**

Friday next, Oct. 4, is the Feastday of St. Francis of Assisi. In keeping with our parish custom on that day you're invited to bring domestic pets for the Blessing of Animals at 4.00pm at the door of the Church.