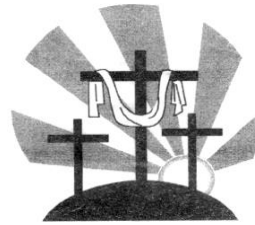


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of Allan Vessaoker and James Bracken who died this week and for the following whose anniversaries occur: Fr Frank Mc Donald, John Kane, Jimmy Kane, Patrick and Alice Murdock, Sheila Allen, Patricia Leonard, Teresa Whittington, Richard and Stella Whittington.

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
Sept 25th	€1,160	€875

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

We have received a letter of gratitude from Crosscare for the great support of our parishioners in the recent collection when €3,319 was raised.

Donations Online in September amounted to €1,310 distributed as follows: Parish €640, Share €235 and Common Fund €435. Thanks to donors.

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

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October: Month of the Rosary, Month of the Missions

There was a time in Ireland when the family Rosary was a mainstay of prayer and of faith in the daily life of a family. That was before TV and a busy lifestyle overtook us in a fast moving economy. The joys, sorrows and glory of Jesus and his family were allowed to resonate with the joys and sorrows and hopes of glory of our own families. It was a precious experience of young and old praying together in the domestic unit of the church. While it may not have been a person's favourite form of prayer- not everyone took to the repetition of the Hail Mary in mantra style- it allowed a great facility in praying together. There are times when it is particularly appropriate as a form of prayer even if nowadays a person may prefer any one of several other forms of prayer. Next Friday, Oct 7th, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. It marks October as the Month of the Rosary. It's a good time for parents to teach and pray the Rosary with their children.

Later on October 23rd we celebrate Mission Sunday and this year Pope Francis has chosen the theme 'Be my witnesses to the end of the earth'. In the last month alone two Jesuits and a religious sister have been martyred. We should never tire of praying for missionaries. Friday next is Children's Day of the Missions, a day on which schools and parishes are invited to pray with children for missionaries and for the mission of sharing Christ and his wonderful message with the world. October is the month of the Missions.

Season of Creation-Final Days

On this Final Sunday of the Season of Creation we share with you a few more options for possible action in our care of the earth, continuing the Trócaire list of suggestions:

- Refuse packaging-Avoid-Reduce-Re-use-Recycle-Upcycle
- Check the new recycling list www.recyclinglistireland.ie
- Organise a recycling workshop in your parish/community www.voiceireland.ie
- Show a film or documentary on the topic in your parish
- Participate in a beach, stream, river, park, street, area, road clean-up
- Organise a Laudato Si' Book Club using support from <https://www.trocaire.org/documents/laudato-si-book-club/>
- Sign up to host a screening of the forthcoming Laudato Si' Movie-*The Invitation*-in Winter 2022/Spring 2023-contact jane.mellett@trocaire.org to sign up



"Truly much can be done!" (LS, 180)

Feast of St Francis this Tuesday

The Feast of St Francis brings the Season of Creation to a close. As in previous years we will bless animals at the door of the church on Tuesday at 5pm.

Upcoming celebrations

On Saturday Oct 15th there will be a celebration of Confirmation for young people who attended St Matthew's School and whose preparation was interrupted by Covid-19 restrictions. On the following Saturday, Oct 22nd, children now in 3rd and 4th classes at St Matthew's School will celebrate First Communion. The 10am Mass on both these Saturday mornings will instead be celebrated at 9.30am.

Building Hope-Archbishop Responds

You will recall how we were invited to engage with two projects earlier this year ; the first, was relating to the forthcoming synod in Rome on Church governance; the second, was the local issue of building hope in our diocese. We are grateful to parishioners who engaged in both these discussions. The first of these exercises was reported on in detail up to the national response forwarded to Rome. We now have the response of Archbishop Farrell to the submissions from parishes of the diocese relating to the future of our diocese. His document can be read at <https://dublindiocese.ie/building-hope-feedback/>.

Accompanying Families

The Policy statement of the diocese touching on the preparation for the sacraments is also available.

Accompanying Families: Sacraments of Initiation Policy Dublin 2022. You will find it at

<https://dublindiocese.ie/accompanying-families/>.

The Archbishop says of it: 'This new Policy Statement seeks to affirm, strengthen and develop the many years of consultation about the Sacraments of Initiation in the Archdiocese'.

The sacraments of initiation are Baptism, Communion or Eucharist and Confirmation.

Our Lady's Choral Society Concert-Oct 21st

On Friday Oct 21st, Our Lady's Choral Society will perform Verdi's Requiem at the National Concert Hall. The concert will be dedicated to the families and friends of those who died from Covid-19 during the pandemic . www.olcs.ie

Star of the Sea Organ Recital-Nov 4th

After many years of silence the organ in our church is ready to be heard again.

On Friday November 4th at 7.30pm, Ronan Murray, organist in Glashule Parish, will play a concert on the recently re-furbished organ. Most of the work, undertaken by Trevor Crowe, was completed during the pandemic with all the necessary restrictions when people were limited to a radius of 5 kilometres and Trevor lives in Kildare. We are grateful for a Covanta grant of €50,000 without which this work could not have been undertaken and we are grateful to Covanta and the adjudicating committee who enabled its restoration. We believe the organ dates to the 1880s and we look forward to hearing it played again. We're delighted that Ronan, with international concert experience has agreed to come and play for us. Mark it in the diary.