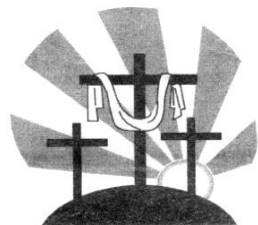


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of

Maeve Daly who died recently.

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

Kevin & Angela Keenahan, Mary Mullane, Kathleen Ferrari, Eric Memery, Maisie Harnett, Thomas & Rosanna Allen,

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	SHARE
26 th August 2018	€870	€580

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.

Back to School

When the boys return to Star of the Sea School they will have a new Principal teacher to welcome them. Mr. Niall Walsh has been appointed Principal. We welcome him to this new position of responsibility in the Parish, rejoice in his appointment and wish him every blessing in his work with his fellow teachers, the boys in the school and their parents and families.

Welcome back to all who have been away this summer, welcome back to all the children as classroom life begins again. May God bless the year ahead.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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Sunday 2nd September 2018

September

*“I used to love September,
but now it just rhymes with remember.”*

There is a store of memory in September. As children meet again at school and parents resume the patterned day of coming and going in school established routine, we are reminded of that chapter in all our lives. We begin a new year with a new teacher and hold dear the summer memories.

This year left much to remember in the glorious summer days of 2018. Many too will remember the visit of Pope Francis and the gathering of families from the five continents in celebration of family life, just on our doorstep at the RDS. It was a particularly joyful memory to witness our fellow parishioners participate in the beautiful liturgies – singing in the choirs each day at the Masses of the World Meeting of Families, both in the Phoenix Park and at the RDS, to see soon to be married couples from our Parish meet Pope Francis at the Pro-Cathedral with couples from throughout Ireland and to see fellow parishioners in special volunteer roles at all the gatherings.

We remember, in a way not previously realised perhaps, how arduous a task and responsibility is given to our Pope Francis. We are blessed to be led by such a profoundly wise and good man. We pray for him.

The driving showers of mist and wind that beset the joyful liturgy on Sunday last allowed us remember that the Gospel is always celebrated in an imperfect world, a beacon of Christ's light in all the darkness of our experience not only the darkness from without but the darkness also from within.

There is “a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower” (Jn 1:5).

First Friday

Next Friday, 7th September, 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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The Pope's Prayer Intentions for September

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

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Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in October will be held on Monday, 1st October, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in October will be on Sunday October 7th and 21st, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 1st October 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.

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Welcome Back to Our Parish Choirs

Our adult Parish Choir will resume singing this Sunday 2nd September at the 12 Noon Mass and the Children's Choir will come back the following Sunday, 9th September. The first Rehearsal for both our Parish Choir and our Children's Choir is on this Monday, September 3rd, the Children's Choir at 6.00-7.00pm. and Adults Choir at 7.00-8.00pm.

New members are always welcome in our Choirs and this would be a good time for anyone who likes singing (you don't have to be able to read music) to come along to the rehearsal on Monday night. Choir membership involves a practice one Monday night per month and half an hour before 12 o'clock Mass on Sundays. New members welcome for both choirs. (children over 7 years).

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The usual monthly church gate collection for the Society will take place after all Masses this weekend.

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**Bridge Classes for Beginners
In Iris Charles Centre**

Starting on 6th September and continuing on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Centre on Newbridge Avenue. For more information contact Michael 087 9871891 or Claire 087 2368548

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Sacramental Preparation

Enrolment for the St. Matthew's pre-Sacrament classes will take place on Tuesday 7th September at 7.00pm at the Parish meeting room. Preparation classes take place over 2 years. So we will be accepting new enrolments for 2020 as well as re-enrolments for 2019.

The Registration fee is 50 Euro per child and for the First Communion 2019 class it will be 70 Euro, the extra 20 Euro to cover the cost of the Do This in Memory programme.

Classes for 2nd, 5th and 6th will be on Thursday evenings and we're still searching for a teacher to take 1st class. Until we find an available teacher we're unsure on which day that class will be held.

Dates for First Communion and First Penance will be decided in mid September.

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Garda Vetting

As we begin September and the holiday season comes to a close we invite any members of the different teams serving the community as Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors, Catechists or Choir members over 18 years, to avail of a Garda Vetting form in the Parish office or Sacristy, if they haven't already done so. This applies to every volunteer who has not been vetted within the past 3 years. Diocesan policy asks us as volunteers, staff and priests to be Garda Vetted every three years.

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Baptism Certificate request

Under our GDPR Policy a request for Baptism certs must be accompanied by a completed form either by the adult person requesting his or her own Baptism cert or by the parent requesting a son or daughter's Baptism certificate. Parents of children preparing for First Communion and for Confirmation will accordingly need to complete that form when seeking, as is required, their child's certification of Baptism. This applies to every parish in the Diocese.

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Our Lady's Birthday

A Holy'Hour to celebrate Our Lady's Birthday on Sat'rday, 8th September will be held in the Community Centre, Marian College from 4-5 pm.

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BALLSBRIDGE ICA resumes Monday, September 10th at 7.30 pm in The Iris Charles Centre, Newbridge Ave. New members very welcome. For information [0873292117](tel:0873292117) or [0863380890](tel:0863380890).

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Come on the Dubs!

We welcome the Tyrone supporters among us this weekend. Too bad somebody has to lose on the Final Day!