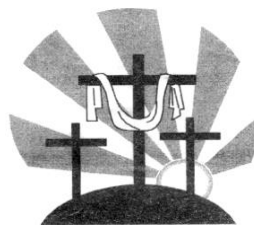


## REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for Patrick Buckley who died this week and for the following whose anniversaries occur: Marjorie Gray, Patricia ‘Pat’ Gavigan, Anna Higginbottom and for Sheila Kelly whose month’s mind occurs.

MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL  
DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE.  
AMEN.

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We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting us this weekend.

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are:

DATE	GREEN BASKET	WHITE BASKET
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2023	€1245	€750

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.

## 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 McIlraith, Tel: 6686845

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30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

You hear mention from time to time of the need to have ‘the wisdom of Solomon’. The cynics comment on that would claim that his wisdom failed with age. The story goes that he had 700 wives and 300 concubines. He may indeed have lost the plot.

But today’s first reading is from the young Solomon. He’s in awe of the task facing him as king and asks God for the gift of discernment between good and evil so as to govern fairly. It’s a beautiful and humble petition for the essentials.

The parables that we listen to in the gospels of recent weeks also focus on the essentials.

The images of God’s kingdom start small – a pearl, a treasure, a mustard seed, a measure of yeast. The kingdom begins in the individual heart that responds to the word of God and opens to the Holy Spirit. Accepted by some, rejected by others, the kingdom of God grows patiently and leads to a future where God will do the sorting. Meanwhile the old catechism answer serves us well. ‘Why did God make me?’ ‘God made me to know, love and serve him in this world, and to be happy with him forever in the next’.

### **Thank You**

A big thank you to Jimmy, to Anne Bacon and her family for hard their work on cleaning up the garden during the week. 'Many hands make light work' - if you are interested in volunteering to help please let us know. It is proposed that volunteers to tidy the area around the church might meet on Thursday mornings after 10am Mass, and enjoy a cuppa afterwards.

Also thanks to St John the Evangelist Church in Ballinteer for their kind donation of a coin sorter to our parish, which will save us a substantial sum as our own one has packed up.

### **Summer Mass Times**

Please note that beginning next weekend and for the four weekends of August there will only be two Masses, one at 6pm on Saturday and the other at 10.30am on Sunday. The 12 noon Mass will resume in September.

### **Handyman wanted**

We have two pieces of equipment that are no longer functioning – an old coin sorting machine and a large printer/risograph. We are wondering if someone in the parish has electrical or mechanical skills that could take a look to see if they are repairable - so that we can make a decision to recycle or reuse. Please contact the parish office if you think you can help.

### **Trocaire Thank you**

Over the past few weeks, you might have seen Trócaire's ad on TV about the One Day Campaign. For over fifty years, Trócaire have been working with supporters, Irish Aid, partners, and communities to create positive and lasting change. The One Day campaign highlights the profound impact of these collective efforts, working together for a just world. To parishes across the island of Ireland, Trócaire would like to say 'thank you' for making "One Days" happen. To learn more, go to [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

### **Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine**

Escorted 3 Night Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Price includes return transfers via train, 3 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment, day trips and excursions included. Cost €549.00 pp sharing. Single supplement €150.00. For more contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com)

### **St Vincent de Paul**

The St de Paul collection will take place next weekend 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Synod**

The *Instrumentum Laboris*, the official working document for the first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, was launched on June 20. A large number of people from various parts of the world with different expertise prepared this important text which will animate all the work of the October assembly.

[www.synod.ie](http://www.synod.ie)

The list of participants in the October assembly has also been released. See [www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va).

### **Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

After a three year absence the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage will once again be taking sick pilgrims to our Lady's Shrine in Lourdes. Whilst a smaller group of 700 people ( less than half of a normal pilgrimage) from across the diocese travelled last September, there was a sense that the heart of the pilgrimage was missing as no assisted sick pilgrims were staying in the Accueil Notre Dame. Prior to the pandemic about 180 sick people were able to travel and it has always been a hugely positive experience for everyone. Flight and accommodation costs have spiralled since 2019 and the fare to Lourdes has increased by over €100 pp with the overall cost of bringing a sick pilgrim approx €1000. Not all pilgrims can pay this amount and the associate appeal aims to raise funds to cover these costs. This weekend we launch the Associate Appeal in our parish. We are looking for volunteers to 'man the desk' each weekend in August to take names and donations after Sunday Mass and to distribute the Associate Prayer Card. If you can help please let us know.

### **Prayer of the Association**

Lord, that I may see.  
Lord, that I may see Your Wonders.  
Lord, that I may hear.  
Lord, that I may hear Your Word.  
Lord, that I may walk.  
Lord, that I may walk in Your Ways.

Mary, Mother of Christ, pray for us.  
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.  
Mary, Comfort of the Afflicted, pray for us.  
Mary, health of the Sick, pray for us.

**Saint Bernadette, pray for us.**