

# REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of Mary Lennon, Brendan Doyle and Imelda Keogh, who died this week.

For the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

*Liam O'Neill, Miriam Rees, John Fennell, Mary Crowley, Alec & Josie Doyle, Johnnie Hourihane, Paddy Fagan,*

*And for Nora Lacey 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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## CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are

DATE	GREEN BASKET	SHARE
27 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	€1,575	€1,025

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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## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The usual monthly churchgate collection for the Society will take place next weekend (9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup>) after all Masses.

# WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018

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## The Feast of Corpus Christi -The Body of Christ

Many will remember the decoration of the streets of a parish with flags and bunting in the celebration of Corpus Christi and the memorable procession through its streets. It was a long established celebration in Catholic life and faith across Europe and up to recent decades in Ireland. Today, young people would scarcely know what a Corpus Christi procession means or looks like.

The Feast of 'The Body and Blood of Christ' as it is now called is a treasuring and appreciation of what was celebrated on Holy Thursday - Christ's gift of the Eucharist. We return to it reflectively, almost as if to acknowledge that in the fast moving drama of Thursday to Sunday of Holy Week, a story of cruel death and glorious resurrection, we hardly had time to take in the significance of the gift of Thursday. 'This is my Body'; 'This is my Blood'; 'Do this in memory of me'.

The Corpus Christi procession of people walking in prayer behind the Eucharist through a city or town or parish expressed the view that we must carry the Lord with us into the social fabric of city, town or parish and not see our relationship with the Risen Lord confined within the walls of a church building. The 'Station Mass' as part of that same culture expressed the view of bringing the Lord into our homes, much as Jesus of Nazareth visited the home of friends like Mary, Martha and Lazarus.

Our Corpus Christi procession this Sunday after Mass at 11am will be modest by comparison with those of the past and those depicted in the Art Galleries of Europe in the city processions captured by artists in Seville or Rome, Barcelona or Munich. The children recently brought to their First Holy Communion will lead us onto the lawn for Benediction, a benediction on all the homes and people of our parish and our walking reflects a desire to bring the mind and love of Jesus, our Lord into the boardrooms and social exchange of our country.

### **Celebrating Baptism**

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in July will be held on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in July will be on Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 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. While normally we have two godparents, it is sufficient to have just one. Another may act as a witness rather than a godparent in that situation.

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### **Centering Prayer – summer meeting in the Parish**

The centering prayer group will be meeting in the parish meeting room again this Tuesday from 11.am to 12 noon. Further information from Frances Corazza 086 374 6389 or [francorazza@hotmail.com](mailto:francorazza@hotmail.com)

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### **General Data Protection Regulation**

A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”), was introduced on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people’s personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place.

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

If any of our parishioners who are ill or infirm would like to travel as invalid pilgrims with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, we would be happy to facilitate their doing so. The Pilgrimage takes place from September 7th to September 12<sup>th</sup> 2018. Application forms are available from the Parish office or from the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road. The invalids travelling with the Pilgrimage will be accommodated in the Accueil Notre Dame which is a residence close to the Grotto. To meet the requirements of the Medical Bureau in Lourdes a form, available in the Parish office, must be completed.

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### **Congratulations**

On this Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, one of our parishioners, Greg Pepper, has been ordained a Deacon in the Pro-Cathedral. We congratulate Greg his wife Gillian, and family. We look forward to his sharing at the 12.00noon Mass in the near future.

### **Parish Golf Classic**

We congratulate and thank Martin Coonan, Charlotte O’Neill and all the members of the Golf Classic committee for what was a very successful and enjoyable day. We thank all who participated on the day and all who supported us through sponsorship, advertising in the booklet or who joined us for the evening meal. We hope that the day was enjoyed by all. It makes an important and valuable contribution to our Parish, both socially and financially. Thanks again.

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### **Upcoming events in Star of the Sea Boys’ School**

Star of the Sea B.N.S. are having a “**Day of Action**” for our Green school programme on **Friday 15th of June**. It will take place in the school hall **from 9.30am until 11.30am**.

The Green school committee would like to invite members of our neighbouring communities to come and hear all about Global Citizenship.

Pupils from 1st to 6th class will display and present their projects on the 17 Global Goals.

We are also having an **International Cultural Event** on the day. We will celebrate all the pupils who attend our school from different countries around the world.

The pupils are working hard on their projects so you will learn new and exciting information about these countries and perhaps get to sample a selection of their native dishes.

On another note, the boys of Star of the Sea have done it again! Next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June they’re playing in the Hurling Final in Croke Park. A great achievement, we wish them all the best.

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A number of people have requested a copy of Fr. Cormac’s story last week:

### **The following prayer was found on the body of a young soldier, killed in action during World War 1.**

Look, God, I’ve never spoken to you before, but now I just want to say ‘hello’. They told me you didn’t exist, and like a fool I believed them. But last night I looked up at the sky from a shell hole. When I saw the beauty of the stars, and thought how big the universe is, I knew they were telling me a lie.

I wonder if you will shake hands with me when we meet? Somehow I feel you will understand all my failures. Strange how I had to come to this horrible place to get to know you. What was I doing before this? There isn’t much more to say, but I’m sure glad I got to know you today. I feel the zero hour will soon be here. This is going to be a horrible fight. Who knows but I may come to your house tonight.

I’m crying! Fancy me crying! I never thought this could happen to me. I have to go now. Strange, since I met you, I’m no longer afraid to die.