

# REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of Ita Durnin, whose funeral took place this week;

for Kurt Kullmann and Colm Buckley at time of month's mind and for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time: Louis O'Neill, Thomas Mc Cann, Paddy Browne, Christine Cooney, Nancy and Mary Manley, Michael Herriot, Sean Jackman, Dan Murphy and Frank Hollingsworth.

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
20 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	€1,265	€875

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

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### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019

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### November Faith Traditions

Belief in the Resurrection is an essential part of a Christian vision of life. It implies a particular understanding of the great mystery of death. In November the Church invites us to face up to death with faith. We see death as the passage to the fullness of true life, to where 'there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness because the world of the past has gone', as the Book of the Apocalypse puts it. 'Life is changed, not ended' (funeral liturgy).

The just encounter God in death. He calls them to himself so as to share eternal life with them. We celebrate the joy of all the saints on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, the Feast of All Saints.

However, the Church teaches us that no one can be received into friendship and intimacy with God without being purified of the consequences of personal sin. That's why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is so important and why also the Church gives the name Purgatory to the final purification of the elect after death. It is a time of growth in spirit but a time that is entirely different to the punishment of the damned of which Jesus also spoke. We remember this purification of the elect is a special way on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> and every time we pray for the dead.

It is the Church's teaching on Purgatory, expressed in the Councils of Florence and of Trent, that underpins our prayer for the faithful departed. It is an expression of the Communion of Saints, linking the lives of the living and the dead before God. From earliest times Christians have honoured the memory of the dead 'because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins', as expressed on the Old Testament's 2<sup>nd</sup> Book of Maccabees. And so to this day (cont'd)

the Church offers her suffrages for the dead, as when celebrations of the Eucharist in funerals and anniversaries expressly pray for the dead person and in pious exercises like visiting graves--the 'signs of hope promising resurrection even as they claim our mortal bodies', in almsgiving, in works of mercy and in the application of indulgences to the souls of the faithful departed--something of particular significance around All Souls Day. We not only remember them we pray for them as we anticipate their prayer for us.

( See notice at church porch for further detail and 'refresher' on indulgences at the Commemoration of All Souls between 12 noon on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and midnight on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> or in visiting a grave between Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and Nov 8<sup>th</sup>.)

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### **'Do this in Memory'**

Our next 'Do this in Memory' Mass, attended by the children preparing for First Communion and their parents, will be on Nov 24<sup>th</sup>. Meantime parents are reminded to share with their boy or girl the items on Grapevine 2 and the following pages of Thumbs 12 and 13,42 and 43 – To mark November in their Sacred Space in church we'll be asking the children to bring a fallen leaf to represent people in their families who have died. They'll be placed, when collected, at the altar garden in front of St Joseph's altar.

Our next parents' planning group meeting will be on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Nov at 9am.

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### **Registration for Confirmation**

To establish the definitive list of those who wish to celebrate Confirmation next March we ask again that if anyone has not already done so he/she and parents should submit their registration form as soon as possible.all candidates are asked to confirm their Baptism by presenting a Baptism Cert at earliest convenience. If a young person was baptised in Star of the Sea it will suffice to indicate so on the registration form, giving some direction as to the date.

A ceremony of Commitment will follow in November, on a date to be decided this week.

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### **Baptisms in December**

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in December will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in December will be on Sunday December 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> 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.

### **Annual Mass for Deceased in our Parish**

The Annual Mass in memory of all our dear relatives, neighbours and friends who have died during the past year will take place **next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm**. Letters have gone out to all families concerned.

During the Mass a candle will be lit for each one, called by name, as we journey in prayer for them. We invite families and friends and fellow parishioners to come to what is a significant annual gathering in the life of our parish

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### **Parish Pastoral Council AGM**

The Parish Pastoral Council will hold its AGM on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Star of the Sea School Hall.

It is an occasion for reports from the Pastoral Council and its sub-committees as well as the Financial Report for the year ended December 2018.

With a number of Parish Pastoral Council members coming to the end of their term of office, the AGM also represents an evening when new members are appointed. There are nomination forms at the back of the church. All parishioners, members of our parish Eucharistic gatherings, over the age of 18 years are eligible for election. Candidates are to be nominated by two parishioners.

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### **St John Henry Newman's Prayer**

May the Lord support us all the day long  
till the shadows lengthen  
and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed  
and the fever of life is over  
and our work is done.

Then in his mercy, may He give us  
a safe lodging, a holy rest,  
and peace at the last. Amen.

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### **Retreats**

Details of upcoming retreat opportunities in Nov-Dec are posted on the church notice-board should anyone wish to pursue them.

### **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. We thank all volunteers who have insured that Garda vetting is updated and complete