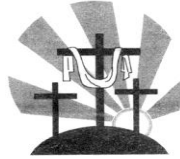


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested for Joseph Curley who died this week and for the following whose anniversaries occur: Maureen Rigley, Robert Doyle, Lou Lou Mooney, Maisie Harnett, Jim and Bridie McDaid and Patrick ‘Joseph’ White and for Ross Mc Cabe whose month’s mind occurs at this time.

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

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

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CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are:

DATE	GREEN BASKET	WHITE BASKET
27 th August 2023	€900	€600

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.

During the month of July 2023 the Tap and Go machines in Sandymount Parish collected €2,306 from 199 transactions. This is split 60% to the Common Fund and 40% to Share. The Tap and Go machine facilitates donations to the collections taken up at Sunday Masses. Donations to the parish, to Dues or to Common Fund or Share can also be made on the parish website

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New Beginnings

January 1st understandably marks the beginning of a new year. But awareness of starting something new isn’t confined to that date. At the end of November/early in December, the New Year in the Church’s Liturgy begins. This year December 3rd will mark the first Sunday of Advent.

For farmers the sowing of crops in Spring may well mark the beginning of a new year in the cycle of growth. For schoolchildren and college students September begins a new year, with new teachers and new books and new programmes of study set out before them.

September too is a good time to consider opportunities to participate in the life of the parish. Is this a year where I might join one of the choirs, or undertake a work of service or of charity in the parish community?

To all those who are beginning something new this September, may God bless our endeavours with fruitfulness.

**‘Poems arrive ready to begin.
Poets are only the transportation’**
from ‘Felicity’ by Mary Oliver
winner of the Pulitzer prize

Baptisms

We warmly welcome Charlie, Isla and Zoe who were recently baptised into the Parish Community.

Baptism is celebrated twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1pm. Parents are asked to complete an application form to be submitted along with a copy of the child's birth certificate to the parish office and attend a meeting of preparation. Up to four applicants are baptised in a given celebration

Enrollment for Sacrament Classes

On Thursday and Friday of this week, Sept 7th and 8th we invite parents of children, attending non-Catholic schools, to register their children for after school classes towards First Reconciliation and First Communion in 2025 and Confirmation in 2025. They may do so during office hours between 10.30 and 12.30 and again at 3pm on both days.

Reminder - Mass for the Sick

A special Mass for the Anointing of the Sick will take place this Sunday afternoon, **3rd September** at 3pm in St Patrick's Church Ringsend. Come and experience the healing love of Christ. Refreshments will be available after Mass

St Vincent de Paul collection

The usual St Vincent de Paul church gate monthly collection takes place this weekend on Sat 2nd and Sunday 3rd September after all Masses.

Chair Exercises at the Community Centre

The Chair Exercises commence next Wednesday, Sept 6th, from 12 noon to 1 pm in the Sandymount Community Centre (formerly The Iris Charles Centre) on Newbridge Ave.

Date for your Diary - Volunteering morning

The Parish Pastoral Council invites you to refreshments in the Parish Hall on Sunday 17th September between 10.30 and 1.30pm to raise awareness of volunteering opportunities in our parish. All are most welcome.

Legion of Mary Knock Pilgrimage

The annual Legion of Mary Knock Pilgrimage will take place on Sun.24th Sept. Bus will depart from Sandymount Church at 8am, Merrion Church at 8.15am and Baggot Street Convent at 8.30am. Cost, including coffee and evening meal is €50 for Adults and €25 for children. To book, please contact Eddy on 089 4908722

Níl neart go cur le chéile

The Season of Creation Art Competition

Friday last, 1st September, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, marked the start of the Season of Creation which will run to 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Among the activities planned by the Parish Pastoral Council, notices for which will appear at the back of the Church, parishioners are especially alerted to an Art Competition which will be held for our parish, with closing date 4th October, open to all ages. An exhibition of entries will be held on Sunday, 8th October, in Star of the Sea BNS Hall, at which the winners will be announced and presented with their prizes. The Theme for the Art Works will be 'The Care of Creation' and, in particular, this year's theme, "**Let Justice and Peace Flow**". Entry forms to follow. Let's go for it.

The Season of Creation-a Poem

Our former parish priest, the late Fr Brian Power, in his final publication, *Lighthouse Blinking*'(2006), penned a poem which he dedicated to '*Fr Sean McDonagh, author of 'The Death of Life' and to Bono, Geldof and everyone trying to avert catastrophe*'.

Wings White on Black

*In June the month of boundless love
John's border at Carraig na Gréine
shines with alyssum, marigolds,
lupins looking down on primolas,
and perfumed stock. A butterfly
orange fringed, wings white on black,
alights. The gift makes us long
to linger. Should we be rushing
to save rare species from death?*

*But who has energy to love the world
so perfectly? Rock stars
who have their millions made
and ask: what else to do?
Maybe the world will listen again
to them in their wisening maturity'.*

At the end of the Season of Creation, on St Francis Day, we will again have a ceremony of blessing of pets in the front of the church and then on Friday October 6th, we hope to celebrate the Harvest with our friends from the St Matthew's, Church of Ireland. More to follow. We hope also during the Season of Creation to renew our acquaintance with Fr Brian Grogan's 'Creation Walk', adapted by Finbarr Keaveney, which was arranged in poster display on the church pillars last year and is now in book form at the back of the church.

Parish Pastoral Council

The first meeting after the summer break of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Monday at 7.30pm in the parish meeting room