

REST IN PEACE



WEEKLY BULLETIN



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A November Prayer Exercise

In this part of the world, winter and darkness close in on us sharply in November. It's colder now. Small wonder that it's a month when we recall and pray for family and friends who have died. Everything around us invites it.

We began November in the joyful memory of all the saints and then, the very next day, turned to prayer for all the faithful departed. Why not continue this month of November with an ongoing exercise of memory and prayer? In sequence one day after another, devote each day to the memory of a particular family member or friend who has gone before us; a spouse, a parent, a sibling, an aunt, an uncle, a grandparent, a child, a teacher, a neighbour, a priest, a friend... Allow each life to speak to you and allow yourself to speak to God for them. The prayer of petition extends to the dead as well as to the living. They are with us in a different way. We believe that we can help them with our prayers and that they can help us in theirs. At the funeral we prayed- 'We will pray for you. May you pray for us. May God and Mary be with you'.

In a poem written a month after his mother's sudden death in 1945, the poet Patrick Kavanagh wrote in a final verse:

'O you are not lying in the wet clay,
For it is a harvest evening now and we
Are piling up the ricks against the moonlight
And you smile up at us-eternally'.

('In Memory of My Mother, first published in the 'Standard', 7/12/'45)

Your prayers are requested this weekend

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

Thomas McCann and deceased members of McCann and Costello families,
Joan Drumm, Christine Cooney, Eileen & Michael Hickey,
Jane & Joseph Linnane, Una Hughes, Sean Jackman, Carmel Ryan,
Dan Murphy, Margaret & Jimmy Maguire,

*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
28 th October 2018	€1,455	€1,000

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese. The white basket collection 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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Each faithful life is like 'a letter written by God' (St Paul, 2 Cor). There is enrichment in its reading, as one life can nourish another. And so journeying from day to day we create a garland of faithful and prayerful memory towards God's glory in this bleak November time of year.

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Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in December will be held on Monday 26th November, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in December will be on Sunday December 2nd and 16th, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 26th November and to attend the preparatory meeting.

Because of our experience that sees large numbers choosing a particular day for Baptism, we feel it is in everybody's best interest that we set a maximum number of 6 children to be baptised in each celebration. We encourage parents to get in touch with us early so as not to be disappointed.

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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Assembly-this Tuesday at 7.30pm

The members of the Parish Pastoral Council will greatly appreciate your coming along to the church this Tuesday evening to reflect and to converse, at the Archbishop's invitation, on how we might enable the growth of the faith community in our diocese. He has asked each parish to hold an assembly in November and to share the fruits of its reflection in a short submission to him. Know that you'll be very welcome. Perhaps you can bring a friend or two?

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The Parish Office will be closed on this Wednesday and Thursday to enable necessary accounts work to be completed. Routine enquiries can be made to the sacristy after the 10am Mass on both days.

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We thank all who came to the Bethany Mass on Friday evening. The Bethany Group are available to meet with anyone who is in bereavement. You can make an appointment by phoning the Parish office 668 3316 / 6683894.

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Special Collection next Sunday

We learned this week that there is a shortfall of 4million euros in meeting the overall cost of 18.4 million euros for the holding of the World Meeting of Families and the Papal visit. The Bishops have called for a national collection at all Masses next weekend. It will take the place of the Share Collection in our diocese.

Parish Pastoral Council Seeking New Members

Our Parish Pastoral Council has several members who will be completing their 3 Year Term and we are seeking new members to replace them. The commitment of the Council members to the Parish community, and the community at large, is inspiring. Perhaps you would like to consider giving your time and talent for the enrichment and betterment of our Parish community.

All parishioners over the age of 18 years are eligible for election. We would welcome your prayerful consideration of the possibility that yourself or someone you know might be willing to serve the Parish on a three year term with the Parish Pastoral Council. We meet once a month.

Nomination forms need to be submitted to the Parish office by November 5th. The forms are available at the back of the Church and can also be downloaded from our Parish Website.

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All the Saints of Ireland will be celebrated at our Masses this Tuesday, Nov 6th. While the number who have been canonised is small compared to the number held in popular memory as saints, there is a multitude of Irishmen and Irishwomen whose lives are inspirational to the Christian community in their faith, their hope and their charity.

How many Irish saints can you name? How many were canonised? Can you name those canonised? How many Irish people have been declared 'blessed'? Can you name them? What about those declared venerable? Can you name them? How many? What saintly, blessed and venerable names are linked with Dublin? Can you name anyone in that list with a link to Sandymount?

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St Martin de Porres will be remembered at Masses this Monday. He was born in Lima, Peru, in 1579 and died in 1638. His mother was a freed slave from Panama, his father a Spanish nobleman. When a younger sister was born, two years after Martin, his father abandoned the family. Martin grew up in poverty and was entrusted to the care of a primary school for two years when his mother could no longer support him. He was later placed with a barber/surgeon to learn something of the medical arts of the time. A prayerful, devout teenager, he sought entry to a Dominican monastery where from the first his circumstances were against him. He eventually took vows as a lay brother in 1603 and most of his years as a brother saw him work in the infirmary of the monastery. Credited with many miraculous cures, he founded a residence for orphans and abandoned children. He was canonised by Pope John XXII in 1962 and is the patron saint of persons of mixed race, barbers, public health workers and all who seek racial harmony.

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Parish Volunteers

Any Parish volunteers attending Mass this weekend are asked to call to the sacristy to complete a short GDPR related form.