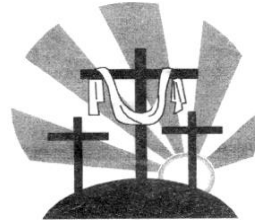


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of Margaret O’Keeffe (née Mc Namara) who died this week and for the following whose anniversaries occur: Kathleen Ferrari, Angela and Kevin Keenahan, Patrick Joseph White, Maureen Rigney, Maisie and Tony Harnett .

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
August 28 th ’22	€1,090	€840

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

St Vincent de Paul Society collection

The St Vincent de Paul Society holds its monthly gate collection after the Masses this weekend.

We rejoice with boys and girls in the parish who celebrated their Leaving Cert results this week and wish all the best for the year ahead to students beginning a new school year.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



St. Mary’s, Star of the Sea, Sandymount

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23rd Sunday of the Year

Sept 4th 22

The Cost of Living

The rising cost of electricity and gas will be monitored carefully by all of us and by the parish also in coming weeks and months. The move to LED lighting in the church last year was more timely than we realised, although we had anticipated saving expenses that are now outstripped by the fuel crisis. We may even have to consider closing the church earlier in the day if the cost of lighting the church becomes prohibitive.

Against a background of a sharp increase in the cost of living and the prospect of fuel poverty in many households, the words of today’s Gospel passage from St Luke may seem out of place to us when Jesus says: ‘None of you can be my disciple unless you give up all of your possessions’. Today, we may well wonder if our possessions are sufficient to meet the rising cost of living and if our world is not becoming one where, far from our freely giving up our possessions, we see possessions slipping away, taken from us.

Of course, Jesus is telling us that following him is never a matter to be taken lightly. We have to weigh carefully the cost of discipleship. To take the Gospel call to heart is a challenge beyond this world’s terms and is enabled only by the Holy Spirit.

Season of Creation

Throughout September until the feast of St Francis on Oct 4th we're invited to celebrate the Season of Creation as a time of responding to Pope Francis' invitation to listen to the cry of the earth and to the cry of the poor. Here are some suggestions for this week from Trócaire's list of what we might undertake. We'll continue that list through the five Sundays of the Season of Creation.

- Look up the Laudato Si' Action Platform and see how your family, school, parish or business might achieve the Laudato Si' Goals by 2030: www.laudatosiactionplatform.org
- Spend some time outside each day, in awareness, reconnect with nature
- Pray in and with nature-encourage Laudato Si' themed gardens in your parish; bless an area in the church grounds specifically for outdoor meditation or prayer.
- Organise a parish clean up, beach clean up, river clean up during the Season of Creation.
- Check out the Faith Community Pollinator Plan and explore its possibilities in the parish. Local schools and groups could help. <https://pollinators.ie/communities/faith-communities/>
- Start to grow some of your own food, support local producers
- Compost your garden and food waste; in the parish too.

Child Safeguarding training meeting

Message from Elma Holohan and Cathy Etchingham, our safeguarding representatives

Child Safeguarding training meeting, Star of the Sea church, Thursday 15th September, time 7.00 - 8.30 pm

There will be a short Child Safeguarding training meeting in Star of the Sea church on Thursday 15th September, time 7.00 -8.30 pm. We invite all parishioners to attend but, in particular, the parents of children involved in the Family Mass. The training will be given by Garry Kehoe from the Diocesan Safeguarding Office and it will be both informative and useful.

We thank all parishioners for their support in this important matter.

A Word from Anne Bacon, chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU

Many of our existing parish teams are in need of replenishment and new teams are needed to respond to direction from the Archdiocese as it begins to put in place new structures to bring lay members of the Church Community into active roles in the continuation of the life of the Church.

So the Parish Pastoral Council will **hold a Volunteer Recruitment Drive on Sunday September 18th in Star of the Sea School Hall from 11am to 1.30pm**, with refreshments for all-comers and stalls manned for each of the teams and would be teams.

Do your talents lie in homemaking, organising events , hosting, flower arranging? Our hospitality team would love to hear from you.

Perhaps you feel your contribution might lie in the Ministry of the Eucharist or in the Ministry of the Word; these teams will also need supplementing after the Covid lull.

We also need to develop a Communications Team which would develop and direct all aspects from which as a parish we can reflect the Gospel message throughout the year, from posters and notice boards, the Parish Shop, The Parish Newsletter, talks and the development of local Parish media. So, if your skills and enthusiasm lie in this field, our team would love to hear from you.

Parish Pastoral Council

There will be a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council this Tuesday evening, Sept 6th, at 7.30pm.

Enrolment of Children for First Communion and Confirmation

This week we are inviting parents of children in St Matthew's School who wish to prepare for First Communion or for Confirmation to register with us. It is for children in 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th classes to do so. They must be baptised. Registration will be on Thurs or Friday, Sept 8th/9th at 3pm. The registration of children in other schools will follow later in September.

Children who live in the parish and attend an Educate Together School may also register this week on Thurs or Friday at 3pm. If living outside the parish we refer you to your own parish if attending a non-faith school.