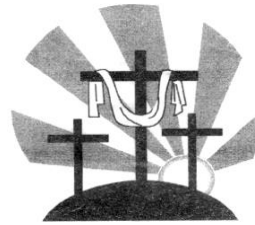


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of Ann Connolly Claire Nelson and Lorna Kelly who died this week and for the following whose anniversaries occur: Maureen Conroy, Joseph and Jane Linnane, Michael Dunne, and Margaret O'Reilly and for Michael O'Kennedy at time of his month's mind.

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
29 th May	€ 810	€630

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

In May a total of €810 was donated online (website): €510 to parish, €90 to Common Fund €10 to Share €200 to Christmas and Easter Dues. We will report May figures for the Tap and Go device when we receive them.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Pentecost Sunday

June 5th '22

This Sunday marks the great Feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and the Church was born. So it is also the Feast of the Birthday of the Church. We pray especially for Pope Francis and the bishops of the world that together they may lead the church, guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit. And we pray with and for our own bishop, Archbishop Dermot Farrell, during this week of prayer for Building Hope in our diocese. The week of prayer ends this Monday, the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Originally a Jewish Feast, marking the first day after the seventh week after Passover, it is for Christians a Feast transformed by the gift of the Holy Spirit. 'It is good that I go', Jesus said, 'because unless I go I cannot send the Holy Spirit to you'.

'What the Spirit brings is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Trustfulness, Gentleness and self-control'. (St.Paul, letter to the Galatians.)
Since our last Pentecost a year ago, we rejoiced with our young people who celebrated Confirmation on March 10th, 15th and 27th and last September 21st, 23rd, 27th, 28th and 30th. It was their Pentecost.

Building Hope

Many thanks to the parishioners who attended the Building Hope Workshops on Wednesday, May 25th, and Sunday last, May 29th. It was great to see everyone discussing what's good about our parish and what needs improvement. The results of our conversations will be collated and forwarded to the diocese. This will be one step of many, as we prepare to make changes in our Church at parish and diocesan level. Your participation is very much appreciated.

A big thank you also to our Parish Pastoral Council chairperson, Anne Bacon, who led the meeting held on the Wednesday and to Mary Murphy, the Pastoral Council secretary, who led the meeting on Sunday last.

Summer Dues Collection

This week, the Archbishop wrote to priests of the diocese regarding and encouraging the return of the congregation to regular attendance at Sunday Mass and to ask that they invite parishioners to contribute again to a Summer Dues collection for the support of priests. He asked that this collection begin on the weekend of June 19th. When Covid-19 struck, there was a 50% reduction in staff at the Diocesan Offices and priest's income was cut by 25% in our diocese. Thanks to last summer's dues collection, 5% of that loss of income was restored. Our thanks to all who made that possible.

Pathways Programme

Applications are now open for the next intake of participants for Pathways. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year on Thursday, September 29th, in DCU St. Patrick's Campus. Places are limited so early application is advisable.

Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week course, for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from September to May each year, with breaks for Christmas, Easter and mid-terms. There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to

participate. The cost is €400 per year, which may be paid in instalments throughout the year. For more information visit www.missionministry.ie or contact Pathways director Eileen Houlahan at 018087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie

Ecumenical Bible Week

We mentioned last week that the Ecumenical Bible week begins this Pentecost Sunday. For further details, registration for events etc contact www.bibleweek.ie

Synod Pathway Report

We have had two separate but related exercises of prayerful consultation recently in the parish. The first was in two sessions devoted to the Synod to be held in Rome next year, towards which Pope Francis outlined a pathway calling for the synodal participation of all the faithful in every parish around the world. We were grateful to Deirdre Seaver who was the animator in that exercise. After hosting two meetings, Deirdre summarised people's anonymous reflections on Joys, Sorrows, Fears and Hopes of participants in their experience of the church and posted them on the display board beside the sacristy. Deirdre also posted her submission in the prescribed format requested by the diocese. This Friday, June 3rd, the Archbishop, after collating responses from all the parishes of the diocese, has submitted to the National Conference of Bishops' the summarised diocesan response and published it for all to see. We have placed a copy of this 25 page document alongside the previous submissions from parishioners and the parish. You can also access a copy on the diocesan website.

The second synodal process took place within the last two weeks and was specifically directed to the challenges facing our own diocese. Archbishop Farrell established a *Building Hope* Initiative Group in April '21 who reported to him in October '21, highlighting four areas for focal attention. These, as experienced at local level, were the subject of our recent parish gatherings, the first of many in seeking the forward path.