



## ***REST IN PEACE***

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Maureen Rigley; Margaret O’Doherty; Eileen Luby; Maisie Harnett; James, Maura & John Sproule; Michael Griffin; Patrick J. White;

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:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>GREEN BASKET</b>	<b>Share</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	€885	€750

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.

## **WEEKLY** **BULLETIN**



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

**Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30**  
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***Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021***

### ***Season of Creation***

The Season of Creation begins each year on September 1<sup>st</sup>, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4<sup>th</sup>, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecologists.

It is a season of ecumenical prayer, a time of grace that the Church, in ecumenical dialogue, offers to humanity to renew its relationship with the Creator and with creation, through celebration, conversion and commitment together. In other words, the Season of Creation, is the annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for our common home.

In 1989 Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitros 1 proclaimed September 1<sup>st</sup> as the Orthodox Day of Prayer for Creation. Subsequently, the World Council of Churches (WCC) extended the celebration to October 4<sup>th</sup>, the feast day of St. Francis. In turn, in 2015 Pope Francis made the Season of Creation official for the Catholic Church.

On that occasion, Pope Francis observed that

- We are called to protect creation – and we are missing the mark. “Something good in the eyes of God has become something exploitable in human hands.”
- The Season of Creation is a time for prayer in nature. “This is the time to re-acquaint ourselves with praying immersed in nature, where our gratitude to the creator God arises spontaneously.”

- The Season of Creation is a time to grow in sustainability. “This is the time to reflect on our lifestyles ... let’s change and adopt simpler and more respectful lifestyles.”
- The Season of Creation is a time to urge governments to enact better climate policies. “This is the time to take prophetic actions” and governments have the task of “demonstrating political will to drastically hasten their measures to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible ... in line with the Paris Agreement goals.”

It might be a time to read Pope Francis’ first encyclical – Laudato Si, or Bishop Farrell’s newly published (Veritas) pastoral letter or to avail of the ‘Pray as you go’ Resource on internet to meditate on creation and its care.

### **Roadmap towards celebration of the Sacraments**

Following the latest update of Covid regulations by the Government and consultation with our two school principals, Mr. Clery and Mr. Walsh, the following plan is in place to celebrate sacraments with our young people and their parents. Confirmation will be celebrated now on five evenings in September. The Government decision allows us to reduce from a previously intended seven celebrations to five.

Tuesday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6.30pm, boys  
 Thursday September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6.30pm, girls  
 Monday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm, mixed  
 Tuesday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm, girls  
 Thursday September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm, boys.

A Ceremony of Light is planned for Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30pm and like the previous Ceremony of Commitment – will be home based and facilitated by webcam.

We hope to celebrate First Communions on Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> with boys at 10.00am and girls at 12 noon. In the interest of safety it’s intended that only parents/guardians will accompany each child (2 adults), as happened in the celebration of First Communion in December last.

In the two weeks prior to October 16<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with children in both 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> classes including the children from St. Matthew’s 4<sup>th</sup> class who celebrated First Communion in December 2020.

After mid-term we’ll hope to make possible the preparation of children attending non-Catholic schools to continue or begin their formal preparation towards the sacraments. It will depend on the availability of teachers and on our capacity to

provide a safe environment when the pandemic circumstances at the time are taken into account.

## **GOLF CLASSIC DETAILS**

**Date: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Venue: Elm Park Golf Club**

### **PRICES:**

Team of Four €400  
 (includes Golf, Dinner or Lunch)

Single Golfer €100  
 (includes Golf, Dinner or Lunch)

Sponsor a Tee Box €100

Full Page Ad in Brochure €100

Half Page Ad in Brochure € 50

Dinner Only € 40

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