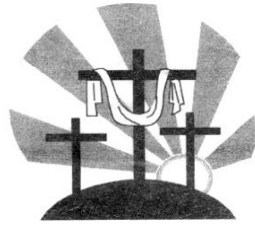


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of Betty Dent and Ann Reade who died this week and the following whose anniversaries occur: Dan Murphy, Joan Drumm, Rose Clancy, Louis O’Neill, May and William Morley, Eamonn Breen, Bernie Dowling and Con O’Rourke. We also remember Carmel Guiney at the time of her month’s mind and Cepta McCarthy recently deceased.

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	WHITE BASKET
Nov 6 th	€1,195	€890

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. The collection for Mission Sunday last weekend replaced the SHARE collection raising €1990 for World Missions Ireland which will go directly to support struggling missionaries and the communities they serve across Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Many thanks to all our parishioners for your ongoing support and generosity.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



St. Mary’s, Star of the Sea Sandymount

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November 6th 2022

St Leo The Great

On Thursday next we celebrate the feast day of St Leo the Great. He became Pope in 440 and died on November 10th, 461. He was buried near the tomb of St Peter, his relics preserved in one the altars of the Vatican Basilica.

He lived in very difficult times of constant invasion from barbarian tribes and the weakening authority of the Roman Empire. These crises forced the Bishop of Rome to play an important role in civil and political events. In 452, for example, he met Attila, the Hun, whose tribes had devastated north-eastern Italy. In that meeting in Mantua he succeeded in dissuading Attila from further invasion and so saved the rest of the peninsula. While less successful in 455 in meeting Genseric whose Vandal forces had reached and subsequently plundered Rome, he nevertheless prevented the burning of the city and saved its Basilicas of St Peter, St Paul and St John.

In 451 he presided over the Council of Chalcedon, the fourth in a series of councils and perhaps the most important assembly in the Church’s history. It finalised the work of three previous Councils of the 4th and 5th century – at Nicea, Constantinople and Ephesus in teaching about Christ and affirming the union in his one Person of his two natures. human and divine: true God and true Man.

He was close to the people and particularly anxious that they understood that the liturgy is “not so much something of the past but rather an event of the present”. Almost 100 of his beautiful sermons survive, written in splendid and clear Latin, and about 150 of his letters, attest to his service of truth in charity. He championed the role of the Bishop of Rome, as successor of St Peter, and key to the communion between different churches and their needs.

Share Sunday

Share Appeal Sunday takes place next weekend, November 12/13th, highlighting the important work that is funded by the weekly collection. Through the work of the Diocesan Development Fund, SHARE provides a range of essential services to parishes and schools throughout the Dublin Diocese. **The Diocesan office** also provides a broad range of essential services encompassing pastoral, administrative and statutory responsibilities. The ***Building Hope Initiative***, promoting pastoral renewal and partnership between parishes will assist in the development of a pastoral strategy for the future. The need for contemporary approaches to our mission of bringing Christ to the people in our parishes and beyond has never been more stark. SHARE also continues to provide much needed financial **support to disadvantaged parishes** where alternative funding cannot be secured. All of these services are invaluable to parishes and are primarily funded by the SHARE collection. Considerable savings have been made through reduced numbers of staff in the Diocesan offices. Please support SHARE this and every Sunday to support this important work.

Pre-Sacrament Classes begin this week

Classes to prepare children attending non-Catholic schools are ready to begin this week. We are obliged to secure Garda Vetting clearance for all involved and so a programme we hoped to begin in September has had to wait until now. On Tuesdays between 3pm and 4pm, classes are held for those in 5th and in 6th class, who have registered with us towards Confirmation. On Wednesdays between 3.15 and 4.15pm, classes are held for those in 1st and 2nd classes who have registered towards First communion and First reconciliation.

St Josaphat (1580 – 1623)

Next Saturday we remember a Ukrainian martyr, St Josaphat (1580 – 1623) who worked for the re-union of Ukrainian Catholics and was murdered by those who opposed it. With over 54,000 Ukrainians now in our country, this day of memory has greater significance in their time of great suffering.

Legion of Mary

The LEGION of MARY praesidium meeting has changed to Mondays at 2 pm, starting from next Monday 7th December. Visitors very welcome. For more information contact Anne : 0878374837

November Matches at Aviva.

The November series of matches at the Aviva will be exciting for many but it brings some difficulty to us at times of liturgy when parking becomes virtually impossible. Please note the schedule of matches for the Autumn 22 fixtures this month:

Sat 5th Nov: Ire vs. South Africa – kick off 5.30pm

Sat 12th Nov: Ire vs. Fiji – kick off 1pm

Sat 19th Nov: Ire vs. Australia – kick off 8pm.

Please note that is difficult to find parking on these dates.

Hands of Hope project

A small supply of beautiful handmade cards from the 'Hands of Hope' charity are on sale in the parish office, priced at €2. At recent Masses in our parish, Fr. Brian Burke highlighted the work of Missionaries in Thailand in creating beautiful cards to raise funds for victims of HIV Aids.

November Dead List

November list of the Dead forms and envelopes are still available at the back of the Church this weekend. Please return through the parish office letterbox or via the collection plate on Sunday.

A Pledge for November

Many people offer spiritual support to a relation who is struggling because of alcohol or an addiction problem. Parishioners who wish to take a short-term Pioneer pledge during the month of the Holy Souls are invited to visit www.pioneers.ie/pray/.

Retreat at Mercy Centre

This 3 day retreat will provide participants with space to step back from the day-to-day and focus on preparation for Christmas, the birth of new stirrings, and a deeper calling to connection exploring the Gospel messages of the Advent season. Residential: €385. Non-residential: €185. email programmes@mercyinternational.ie or on Thursday, Dec 1, at 5pm from the Mercy International Centre 64 Baggot Street Lower, Dublin, www.mercyworld.org. 01 6618061.

A November Thought

The ones we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard but always near ...
still loved, still missed and very dear.

Since the fifth century the Christian Church speaks of the Communion of Saints as the fellowship of those united to Jesus Christ in baptism, both living and dead. "Alive or dead we belong to the Lord." (Romans ch14V8).

"All of us, in varying degrees and in different ways share in the same charity towards God and our neighbours, and we all sing the one hymn of glory to our God. All, indeed, who are of Christ and who have his Spirit form one Church and in Christ cleave together.

So it is that the union of the wayfarers with the brethren who sleep in the peace of Christ is in no way interrupted, but on the contrary, according to the constant faith of the Church, this union is reinforced by an exchange of spiritual goods.

Our purpose for them (the dead) is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1994 paragraphs 954 – 958.

Guided Tour

Please join us on an entertaining exploration of the fascinating architectural and historical features of our parish church, St Mary's Star of the Sea. Hear its story from the 1850's to the present. Meet Rodney Devitt inside the church, Sunday 27th November, at 3pm. All most welcome.