



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of Robert Christian Kennedy Forbes who died this week and also for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Fr. Martin Murnaghan; Brian Siggins; Miriam Lynch; Jane & Joseph Linnane; Joan Drumm; Eileen & Michael Hickey; Nancy, Jack, David & John Doran; Sr. Edith O’Doherty; Tom & Rose Ryan.

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
31 st October 2021	€945	€725

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese.

The white basket last weekend was the annual collection for Mission Sunday.

We thank you for your contributions to the Church collections and for your continuing support of all the collection

St. Vincent de Paul

The usual monthly church gate collection for the Society will take place after all Masses next weekend 13th / 14th November.

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 7th November 2021

Trocaire Collection

Up to 30 million people in East Africa are facing famine. Families in Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo are currently being pushed to the brink of starvation – leaving them with no place to turn. Drought and violent conflict have contributed to severe food shortages and have left millions in desperate conditions. Hunger has caused many families to flee from rural areas where the drought is most severe and malnutrition levels are on the rise.

International relief agencies, like Trocaire, are working hard to provide emergency assistance to displaced families in great need. In Somalia, alone, over 6.7 million people, half of the country’s population, are in need of immediate food assistance. Major outbreaks of cholera and diarrhoea are spreading and the number of acutely malnourished children is rising.

Trocaire’s appeal this weekend, November 6th/7th, is to support its work to alleviate this humanitarian crisis in East Africa. People and their livestock are dying of starvation, pushed back by cruel climate shocks, conflicts and the Covid pandemic. It is not too late to help.

Parishes throughout Ireland, this weekend, have opportunity through a special national collection to support Trocaire in its work to alleviate this humanitarian crisis. I know that our parishioners will be generous.

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.

Vacancy for a Parish Secretary – Star of the Sea Parish, Sandymount

Star of the Sea Parish has a vacancy for a part-time Parish Secretary (15 hours per week). If you are interested in this position, please post your letter of application and current CV to Fr. John McDonagh, 15 Oswald Road, Sandymount or by email to johnmcdonagh68@gmail.com. Closing date 5.00pm on Friday, November 19th 2021.

See webpage for further details of job description.

First Reconciliation for children in 4th class in St Matthew's School

The celebration of First Reconciliation with the children in 4th Class in St. Matthew's School who have celebrated First Communion will be this coming Thursday 11th November at 6.00pm.

The COP26 Meeting in Glasgow.

At their recent Autumn meeting in Maynooth, the Irish Bishops encouraged the public to support a global campaign 'Healthy Planet, Healthy People', which seeks to encourage political leaders to take strong action on climate change at the COP 15

gathering on Biodiversity that was held from 11 – 24 October and at the COP26 meeting on Climate Change in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November.

The '[Healthy Planet, Healthy People](#)' petition, which has been endorsed by the Vatican, calls for a joined up, just response to the COVID 19, climate and biodiversity crises, see www.healthyplanetandpeople.org. Guidelines for completion of the petition are available by contacting Brenda Drumm on bdrumm@catholicbishops.ie or jane.mellett@trocaire.org

November Matches at Aviva.

The November series of matches at the Aviva will be exciting for many but it brings considerable difficulty to us at times of liturgy when parking becomes virtually impossible.

It might be important to note the schedule of matches this month.

Thursday Nov 11th, Ireland v Portugal at 7.45pm

Saturday Nov 13th, Ireland v New Zealand at 3.15p.m. and

Sunday Nov 28th, Ireland v Argentina at 2.15PM.

It will be difficult to find parking for the 6pm Mass on Saturday Nov 13th while the same will apply to parking for 12 Mass on Sunday 28th and the Scheduled Baptism celebration that day at 1.30pm. We may have to consult with all concerned intending a baptism celebration that day.

Explorers

The Explorers are an informal ecumenical group with the aim of reading scriptures together. All are welcome. This year all presentations will again take place on Zoom. Rev. Dr Katie Heffelfinger, a bible scholar, will lead their four autumn sessions on 'Poetry and imagination in the Hebrew Bible'. The next monthly meetings are set for 15th November and 13th or 20th December, 2021 (to be decided).

Those who are interested to participate and are not yet on the Explorers address list, please, send your e-mail address or postal address and telephone number to Anngret Simms at her e-mail address: Anngret.Simms@ucd.ie.

