

# REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of  
Eamonn Kane, David Simms, Fr. Eoin McCrystal and Fr. Michael Wall,

who died recently and also for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

*Brendan & Margaret O'Reilly and their son, Brendan Jnr., Myra Teresa Isong, Michael Shalloo, Mary Boland, Margaret Purcell, Peggy Kelly, Maureen O'Donnell, Desmond Cassidy,*

*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 | PETER'S PENCE |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2018 | €1,155       | €1,915        |

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

The white basket collection last weekend was the special annual collection for Peter's Pence.

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

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## Mass Abroad

We appreciate that many of our parishioners may find themselves during holiday time in a place where Mass in English is not available. We would be very happy to supply you with copies of the Mass Missalette for any Sunday that you are away. Call in to the parish office.

# WEEKLY BULLETIN



## St. Mary's, Star of the Sea, Sandymount

*Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30  
Fr. John McDonagh, Tel: 6684265 – Fr. Cormac McIlraith, Tel: 6686845*

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## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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## Church Music

In July and August our two parish choirs take a well earned rest. It facilitates the coming and going of summer holidays but allows us also to appreciate their commitment from week to week in the remaining ten months of the year. We thank all the members of the senior choir, the children's choir and their director, Deirdre Seaver, and organist, Seamus Brett. During July, Seamus and cantors will help maintain our singing at Sunday Mass and in August our congregational singing, when it occurs, will be unaccompanied.

In St. Paul's letter to the Colossians (ch.3, v16) he urges the faithful who gather to celebrate the Lord to 'sing together psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.' Singing is the sign of the heart's joy (Acts 2:46).

So, St. Augustine rightly says: 'Singing is for one who loves.' The ancient proverb asserted that 'One who sings well prays twice.' Great importance is given by the Church to singing in the celebration of the Mass, with due consideration to the culture of the people and the abilities of each liturgical assembly. We're encouraged to sing all the texts of the Mass that are meant to be sung, especially on Sundays and holy days. In choosing the parts actually to be sung, however, we're asked to give preference to those parts of greater importance and especially to what is to be sung by the priest or reader (cantor) with the people responding or by the priest and congregation together. Contd./

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In making the transition from Latin to English, over 50 years ago, a considerable amount of long established church music went out of use and in the views of many has not been adequately replaced in the vernacular to date.

It is alarming to see people with scant knowledge of church music setting up web-sites to offer their services at funerals and weddings, when their music choices offered are often inappropriate and at variance with church guidelines.

During the next couple of months perhaps adults and children, who enjoy singing, might consider joining one or other of our two choirs when they resume in September.

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**Celebrating Baptism**

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in August will be held on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> July, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in August will be on Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July and to attend the preparatory meeting.

Because it occasionally arises as a question, we confirm that godmother and godfather should be of each gender and that godparents must be over 16 and practising Catholics, at home in their faith. While normally we have two godparents, it is sufficient to have just one. Another may act as a witness rather than a godparent in that situation.

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**General Data Protection Regulation**

A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”), was introduced on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people’s personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place.

After our last Parish Pastoral Council meeting we posted our GDPR Policy Statement on our website.

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**Fr. Michael Wall, RIP**

The death occurred this week of Fr. Michael Wall who will be remembered as a curate in our Parish between 1982 and 1997. May he rest in peace.

The diocese was saddened by the sudden death, last weekend, of Fr. Eoin McCrystal, the parish priest of Lusk at the age of 51 years. May God reward him.

**Saying good-bye to Mr. Kevin Munnelly**

For the past three years, Mr. Kevin Munnelly has been the Principal teacher at Star of the Sea School. With the co-operation of the Board of Management, the Parents’ Association, the wonderful staff at Star of the Sea and the boys in the school so much has been achieved in these three years that’s it’s hard to believe it hasn’t been over a much longer time. Kevin has done a great job.

We are very sorry to see Kevin leaving us. We know he is doing so with his family in mind and we wish him great success and happiness in the school in Westport to which he now goes as their Principal. We know from his twelve years as a teacher and his three years as Principal that the school in Mayo will be blessed to get him.

In saying good-bye to Kevin we must also say good-bye to Eve Martin, who again for family reasons is moving to another school. Eve has been a truly wonderful teacher and like Kevin we are sorry to see her go from Star of the Sea school.

At Scoil Mhuire, Lakelands, we are sorry to hear the news that Ms. Lyndsay Stapleton is retiring as a teacher there. Lyndsay was very committed to the girls in her class and we wish her all the best in the next step of her career.

Families coming to our parish in these months may be helped to know that there are vacancies for girls in all classes at Scoil Mhuire, and the contact phone number is 01- 2695273 and there are some vacancies in the boys’ school – Star of the Sea phone 01 6686394.

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**Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

If any of our parishioners who are ill or infirm would like to travel as invalid pilgrims with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, we would be happy to facilitate their doing so. The Pilgrimage takes place from September 7<sup>th</sup> to September 12<sup>th</sup> 2018. Application forms are available from the Parish office or from the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road. The invalids travelling with the Pilgrimage will be accommodated in the Accueil Notre Dame which is a residence close to the Grotto. To meet the requirements of the Medical Bureau in Lourdes a form, available in the Parish office, must be completed.

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**World Meeting of Families 2018**

God, our Father,

We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,  
One family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind,  
gentle and generous,

welcoming to those in need.Help us to live your  
forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,

Especially those for whom we now pray:

(We pause and remember family members  
and others by name.)