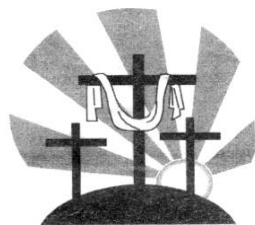


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of Allan Vessaoker, Carmel Guiney, James Bracken, Kathleen Corcoran and Mary Breslin who died this week and for the following whose anniversaries occur: Deceased members of the Burke Family, Carmel Handy (1st ann), Fr Frank McDonald, Thomas Bolger and Patricia Leonard.

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
Oct 2 nd	€1,100	€690

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 Vincent de Paul amounted to €1,220.

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Gratitude

Today's Gospel story is a story of Gratitude.

How often do we witness a parent encouraging a young child to be grateful. Someone has just gifted the little one and Mum or Dad is prompted to say : “What do you say now”?, to invite a smiling “Thank You”.

It's not just a journey into good manners but into a basic, foundational layer of Christian life – that we live with gratitude.

Whatever we may face in life, a foundational layer gratitude in one's heart will assure that we meet it with graciousness and patient understanding and not with the harsh judgement and arrogance of someone living in an attitude of entitlement.

“The danger for family life in the midst of any society whose idols are pleasure, comfort and independence lies in the fact that people close their hearts and become selfish”.

“Remember the past with gratitude. Live the present with enthusiasm, look forward to the future with confidence”. (**John Paul II**).

Always be grateful of heart. Ingratitude hurts.

Parish Pastoral Council

Our Parish Pastoral council meets this Monday evening at 7.30pm in the meeting room. The Inter-church scripture study group Explorers meeting will also take place on Monday evening at 7.30pm at the Hall in Christ Church on the Green.

Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to our new parish secretary Caitriona Fogarty. Caitriona will be available in the parish office Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm. We are delighted to have her on board and wish her luck in her new role.

Thank you

We would like to thank all those who volunteer here in the parish. To our wonderful team in the sacristy, our Altar team who clean the church, polish the brasses, and decorate the Altar with flowers. We are indeed indebted to all involved. If you would like to join our team in a variety of areas in parish life please let us know. Just call, email, avail of volunteer form at the back of the church or pop into the parish office any morning between 9.30am and 12.30pm

Baptisms in November

Baptisms will be celebrated in October on the 2nd and 4th Sundays as normal i.e. 15th and 22nd October. Baptism Application forms are available from the parish office Monday to Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm. All applicants are invited to attend a Baptism Preparation meeting prior to each celebration.

Our Lady's Choral Society Concert-Oct 21st

On Friday Oct 21st, Our Lady's Choral Society will perform Verdi's Requiem at the National Concert Hall. The concert will be dedicated to the families and friends of those who died from Covid-19 during the pandemic. www.olcs.ie

Exploring World Religions

A series of 6 Tuesday evening lectures led by Dr Jude Lal Fernando from Trinity College will take place in Marino Institute of Education starting from Oct 11th 2022 from 7 – 9.30pm. These lectures will explore world religions and the search for the Divine. email Mary on mary.gao@mie.ie or 0874508549.

Confirmation Celebration

On Sat next Oct 15th at 11am there will be a celebration of Confirmation for 6 young people who attended St Matthew's School and whose preparation was interrupted by Covid-19 restrictions. Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am rather than 10am on that morning. On the following Sat, Oct 22nd, children now in 3rd and 4th classes at St Matthew's School will celebrate First Communion.

Star of the Sea Organ Recital-Nov 4th

After many years of silence the organ in our church is ready to be heard again. On Fri Nov 4th at 7.30pm, Ronan Murray, organist in Glashule Parish, will play a concert on the recently re-furbished organ. All are welcome!

Situations Vacant in Dublin Diocese

The Archdiocese of Dublin is currently seeking to fill three roles. The **Compliance Co-Ordinator** will ensure that processes, transactions and other functions in parishes and the Diocese are carried out in a legal and ethical manner adhering to the internal policies and procedures of the Diocese. The **Faith Development Co-ordinator for Adult Faith and Pastoral Councils** will accompany parishioners in the development of approaches to develop adult faith and The **Faith Development Co-ordinator for Youth and Young Adult Ministries** will develop an integrated approach to the development of youth and young adult ministries informed by the vision of *Christus Vivit*; Full job descriptions are available at <http://dublindiocese.ie/vacancies/>.

Ongoing pathway to the Synod

The next phase of the Universal Synod is the 'Continental Stage'. A working document, an *Instrumentum Laboris*, will be published in the coming weeks. Around the world, various continental assemblies for this phase will take place between next January and March. The European assembly will take place in Prague from 5 to 12 February. The President of the Irish Bishops' Conference, Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh, will be attending the European assembly with three other delegates. A further ten places will be made available for delegates to participate by video conferencing. Following the continental assemblies, a further working document will then be prepared in advance of the Synod taking place in Rome in October 2023.