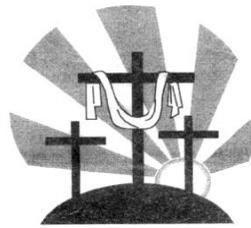


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the repose of the soul of

Anne Hancock

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

Baby Lily James, Baby Claire Kennedy, Ellen & Joseph Donnelly, Ina O'Neill, May & Michael Quinn, Maura Farragher Collins, Hilda Russell, Lorcan Hogan, Sean & Marie Banks, Annie & James Byrne, Brendan O'Reilly,

MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are

DATE	GREEN BASKET	SHARE
3 rd December 2017	€1,470	€1,040

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.

Legion of Mary

The Patrician meeting will take place next Thursday 14th December at 8 pm in the Parish meeting room, Star of the Sea church. Topic for discussion : 'A history of Christmas Celebrations'. Spiritual Director: Fr Philip Crowe C.S.Sp.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Second Sunday of Advent, 10th December 2017

Blessed Frederic Ozanam, Founder of SVP

Frederic Ozanam was a French literary scholar, lawyer, journalist and social justice advocate. Born in Milan in 1813 he died at Marseille in 1853. He founded with fellow students at the University of Paris the Conference of Charity which was later known as the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.



Resolutely open to humanism and to a universal vision, his writings on social justice contributed greatly to the social justice vision of the church today.

In 1833 he met Sister Rosalie Rendu, a Daughter of Charity, who devoted her life and served the needy of the slums of Paris. She stood at the barricades with the poor. It was in their association with Sr. Rosalie that Frederic and his companions learned firsthand the needs of persons oppressed by poverty.

In 1832 an epidemic of cholera had caused the deaths of nearly 100,000 people and Frederic decided to put his faith into practice through charity directed to the poor and into encouraging others to do the same. "I would like to embrace the world in a network of Charity".

By the time of his death, there were 900 conferences in France and the Society had spread to 27 countries. Today, the SVP serves people in 116 countries. Its first meetings in Ireland were in the 1840's at the time of the famine. Frederic Ozanam was beatified by Pope John Paul II in Notre Dame Cathedral in 1997.

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Sr. Rosalie Rendu, whose influence was a determining factor in the spiritual, charitable and social vocation of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, was beatified in 2003.

Today's Ireland sees all too many people in need of food and housing. The vision of Frederic Ozanam and of Rosalie Rendu is called for in charity if we, too, are to keep faith with Christ.

"I would like to embrace the world in a network of charity".

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BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

- Gabriel Elias Fahy*
- Norah Ines Fahy*
- Alexandra Michelle McGrath*
- Dáire Seán McKenna*
- Harriet Lucy Moore*
- Sienna George Stubbs*

who were baptised last Sunday

'May you live always as members of the Body of Christ, sharing everlasting life'

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Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in January will be held on Tuesday, 2nd January, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in January will be on Sundays January 7th and 21st, after the 12 noon Mass. Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of this Monday 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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Parish Pastoral Council

The first meeting of the new Parish Pastoral Council will take place on this Monday evening at the earlier time of 7.00pm. We welcome our new member, Veronica Lyons and renew our thanks to Anngret Simms and Peter Carvill who have completed their three years of service on the Pastoral Council.

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Advent Evening Prayer

The Advent Evening Prayer continues this Tuesday evening at 6.30pm.

'Do This in Memory'

Our next Mass children and parents preparing for First Communion will be this coming Sunday, 17th December, at 10.30am.

Children are reminded to bring their candle and their Thumb Book to the Mass (make sure your name is on the Book!).

Parents are reminded to read pages 14 and 15 of 'Thumb' with their child and to encourage them to complete pages 44 and 45 as well as the daily colour-in of the Advent Calendar on pages 46 and 47.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS

We look forward to seeing you all next Sunday afternoon 17th December, in Star of the Sea church at **5.00pm** for our Parish Choir Carol Service to help us all get into the spirit of Christmas.

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ST.VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This is a special appeal to you to ask for your support. The need is great as we approach the Christmas season. Your generosity makes a huge difference to the lives of a number of local people who are suffering. Your contribution provides them with food vouchers, toys, fuel, clothes, school books, etc.

The Society's special Christmas Church collection will take the place of the "Share collection" at all Masses in the parish next weekend, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December, 2017.

We are very aware that you may be somebody/or know somebody who is in need of assistance. If so please make contact in confidence:

- Through the main St. Vincent de Paul Office at (01) 8550022 and they will notify us.
- By leaving a note (in an envelope addressed to us) in the parish office.
- By phoning our local helpline 086 8461273, for assistance.

St. Mary's V de P Conference, Sandymount

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Ministers of the Eucharist

Ministers of the Eucharist who are available to help out at the Christmas Masses are asked to complete the Roster sheet which is on the table at the back of the church this weekend.

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The Explorers

Sandymount Inter-Church Scripture Reading Group

Next meeting on Monday evening, 11 December, 7.30-9.00, in Christ Church Hall, Sandymount Green at which Father Kieran O'Mahony, OSA, will talk to us about 'The sequence of Feasts' (John 5-10). All welcome. No previous attendance necessary.