



REST IN PEACE

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

Sister Salomi who died this week

For the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Brother John Hyland, Cathal & Noreen O’Hara, Kitty O’Leary,
Francis & Mary Doyle, Georgie Humphries, Cathal Hayes,
William Peter Cowley, Michael Griffin,

And for Breda Browne whose Month’s Mind occurs.

*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 September 2017	€1,435	€850

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.

Seeking a Catechist

There may be a Primary School Teacher in our community who would like to be involved in the classes for children attending St Matthew's School and preparing for First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation. Classes are held on Thursdays, from around 3.45 to 5.15. If so, please contact the Parish Office or Fr John.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



St. Mary’s, Star of the Sea, Sandymount

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Sunday 10th September 2017

‘The Gospel of the Family-Joy for the World’

Pope Francis chose this title as the theme for the 9th World Meeting of Families (WMOF) to be held in Dublin next August. In fact we might add that it takes place just down the road at the three day international conference to be held at the RDS. We anticipate also the visit of Pope Francis to bring the week to a close with celebration of the Eucharist at Croke Park. Those who participated in the Eucharistic Congress will be reminded of the exciting gatherings at the same venues in 2012. The coming year will see plentiful opportunities to prepare for this significant event.

The WMOF team has put together a set of pastoral resources for parishes in preparation for WMOF 2018. These are now available on-line at www.amoris.ie and www.worldmeeting2018.ie. Printed copies will be available from mid-September. The resources include the following:

- **Practical initiatives for Popular Moments-** a menu of 14 activities covering sacramental and family moments throughout the year including Baptism, Marriage, First Communion, Confirmation, November Memorial, Christmas, St. Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day and so on up to Summer of 2018.
- **The Joy of Love Parish Conversations-**a six session discussion programme exploring key elements of Pope Francis’ document, *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)* Contd./

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- **Facilitator's Guide**-basic training for pastoral leaders and local volunteers on how to work with the above resources.

At the end of September and early October training nights are in preparation to introduce these resources to parishes and to equip teams of volunteers to organise some of the activities.

At our Pastoral Council Meeting this week we will have opportunity to consider options open to us in the coming time of preparation.

Parents and their children preparing to celebrate the sacraments this year will find also that the theme of the World Meeting of Families next year-'The Gospel of the Family-Joy for the World' will be a theme to guide our catechetical programmes during next year and add a significant dimension to the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2018.+++++

Welcome Fr. Cormac

We invite parishioners to join us after 12 noon Mass in the School Hall in a welcome reception for Fr Cormac, organised by the Parish Pastoral Council.

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Mass Times

Our Mass times in Star of the Sea Church are as follows:

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm,

Sunday: 9.00am, 10.30am and 12 Noon.

Monday to Friday 7.30am and 10.00am.

Saturday: 10.00am and Vigil at 6.00pm.

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Brother John Hyland RIP

This weekend marks the 1st anniversary of Bro. John's sudden death and we welcome members of the Marist Community, members of Bro. John's family and Fr. Seamus Connell who will celebrate the 10.30am Mass. Fr. Seamus was a classmate and friend of Bro. John during years as a Marist Brother before being ordained as a priest, serving in our diocese. Bro. John liked to attend the 10.30 Family Mass and we welcome all who come to remember and pray for him this weekend

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BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

Jennifer Ruddy

who was baptised last Sunday

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

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The Iris Charles Centre re-opens for dinners next Tuesday, 12th September. Afternoon Bridge also resumes on Tuesday next at 2.30pm.

Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in October will be held on Monday, September 25th, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in October will be on Sundays October 1st and 15th, after the 12 noon Mass. Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of that 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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Knock Pilgrimage

The annual Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday, 24th September.

Departing from Star of the Sea Church at 8.30am. Cost: €35 (€20 child) includes morning coffee and evening tea. Contact: Anne 087 8374837 or call into the Parish Bookshop.

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The members of the Society would like to thank parishioners for their generosity to the churchgate collection last weekend which amounted to €2,410.

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Parish Bookshop Volunteers

We are delighted that some parishioners volunteered to give service in the Parish Bookshop. If they are in a position to come to a meeting at 7.30pm on this Tuesday 12th Sept in the Parish meeting room we'll set the process in motion.

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Preparation for the Sacraments

Registration forms for parents who wish to have a child celebrate Confirmation or First Communion in 2018 will be distributed through the schools in this coming week.

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Crosscare – 75 years serving those most in need

Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin

The Annual Collection for Community and Homeless Services will be at all Masses next weekend (16th / 17th Sept.) It will replace the Share collection.

Inspired by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, Crosscare has – A Vision of a society where all people have the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

A Mission to provide innovation and relevant services to those most in need. Please give them your support at all Masses next weekend