

REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of

Stephen Lucey

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

Baby Claire Kennedy, Ellen & Joseph Donnelly, Hilda Russell, Sammy, Jane & James Rigley, Deirdre McNamara, Peter Clarke, Maura O'Connor Hannon, Lorcan Hogan, Alice & Desmond Brennan, Christopher & Annie Stanley, Tony & Anne Curran, Marie & Sean Banks, and for Fr. Martin Murnaghan 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
4 th December 2016	€1,675	€1,025

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.

The Sandymount Gospel Choir usually sings at the 6pm Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. However in December they will be singing on one Sunday which will be 18th December.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Sunday 11th December 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'

Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday in Advent, invites us to be people of joyful hope. The Latin word 'Gaudete' means 'Rejoice', reflected in the pink candle on our Advent wreath and the frequent reference to 'joy' in readings, and in the opening antiphon and prayer. 'Rejoice in the Lord, always; again I say, rejoice'; 'let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it rejoice and sing for joy'; 'enable us to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing;

While 'joyful hope' is at the heart of Gaudete Sunday, the readings make an emphatic call for patience. We're to ready ourselves in the way that the soil is prepared by the winter rains. This is much more than trusting in the seeds we've planted. In winter there is nothing to do but wait, whereas spring brings tasks of weeding, fertilizing and active expectation of a sprout and of ongoing growth to the harvest maturity. But for the farmer winter demands a different level of patient trust.

This week saw a proposal towards a 30km speed limit between the two canals of our city. Can you imagine what that will represent as a test to our impatient rushing? And we are not noted for patience. But this Sunday invites us to patience, to patient trusting in the emptiness, waiting for whatever fullness Spring brings in time. Without the winter rest the soil cannot be fertile. It's as if our Patience puts skin on our Trust.

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The pink against the purple background of Advent encourages our hopeful trust in God’s love and mercy. It may be in the purple challenge of coming to our senses in the way we live, the purple of our enduring preparation to meet the Lord or in the purple of mourning our friends who have died, this pink touch reminds us to leave room always for joy in our hearts. We wait in joyful hope for the coming of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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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 10th and Sunday 11th December, 2016.

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 CONFERENCE
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SANDYMOUNT
DUBLIN 4.

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BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

Christine Lakes

Ella Anamaria Mullarkey Collera

Samuel Michael Cassidy

who were baptised last Sunday

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

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Legion of Mary

The Patrician meeting will take place on Thurs. 15th December at 8 pm in the Parish meeting room, Star of the Sea church. Topic for discussion: 'Life Everlasting'. Refreshments served. All welcome.

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Do this in Memory

We welcome to our 10.30am Mass this Sunday the children and their parents who are preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and of Eucharist this year. We hope, parents, that you are finding the Grapevine newsletter and the Thumb book helpful to you in the important conversations you hold with your boy or girl before each of our ‘Do this in Memory Masses’. Our next Mass will be on January 22nd, and meanwhile the Grapevine will be delivered these coming days and the relevant pages in the Thumb book between now and our next Mass will be pages 16 and 17 and Kidstuff on pages 46-47 (Advent calendar continued) 48 and 49 and 50 to 53 (during the 12 days of Christmas). So there’s plenty of homework before the holidays end.

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Baptisms in January

Baptisms will be celebrated on January 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. Baptism Application forms are available in the parish office Monday – Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm. Applications, giving 1 month’s notice, must be made in advance of the preparatory meeting for each month’s celebrations. The date for the preparation meeting for January Baptisms is Tuesday, 3rd January. Parents are advised that godparents must be practicing Catholics who are at least 16 years of age and that godparents should be one of each gender, godfather and godmother.

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Evening Prayer of the Church

Evening Prayer of the Church will be celebrated again this Tuesday at 6.30pm. All welcome.

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The Explorers

Sandymount Inter-Church Scripture Reading Group The next meeting of the Explorers will be held this coming Monday, 12 December, at 7.30 p.m. in Mount Tabor Centre, Sandymount Green, next to Christ Church. Father Kieran O’Mahony, O.S.A. will talk on the topic: 'Gift of grace', relating to St Paul's letter to the Romans, 5-8. Please, bring a bible. All are welcome, previous attendance not required. Queries to A.S. Tel. 2694374.

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CHURCH BOOKSHOP

The new Star of the Sea Church Christmas cards (10 for €5) and Church Art calendars are available in the Bookshop.

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Christmas cards with the Christmas schedule and Dues envelopes will be distributed throughout the parish in the coming week. Distributors please sign in at the parish office before you take the cards.