

REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of

Fr. Owen Sweeney, Margaret Ann Lindbloom, Sarah (Sally) Gallagher, Maria Van Loon and Vincent McEvoy who died recently.

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

Margaret O'Doherty, Christopher Betson, Eamonn Collins, Tim Byrne, Lana & Danny McCurtain, Michael Dunne, Rose Kirwan,

And for Mary Coone, 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.

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CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are

| DATE | GREEN BASKET | SHARE |
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| 6 th May 2018 | €1,525 | €940 |

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.

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The members of the Society would like to thank parishioners who donated so generously to their church gate collection last weekend which amounted to €1,710.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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Sunday 13th May 2018

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Pope Francis on abortion

Over the coming weeks you're likely to hear many politicians and others oppose the Church's position on abortion and the right to life. Don't be surprised but be invited to be resolute and firm in upholding the teaching of the Church. Pope Francis expresses that teaching clearly.

“It is necessary to reaffirm our solid opposition to any direct offense against life, especially when innocent and defenceless, and the unborn child in its mother's womb is the quintessence of innocence”.

Let us remember the words of Vatican Council 11:

“Therefore from the moment of its conception life must be guarded with the greatest care while abortion and infanticide are unspeakable crimes”.

April 11, 2014.

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A word of sympathy from all of us in the Parish to Janet Daly, Chairperson of our Parish Pastoral Council, whose mother, Margaret Ann Lindbloom, has died in Chicago. May the Lord bring her into the joy of His Kingdom and comfort all in her family.

An Invitation from the Parish Pastoral Council:

We would like to invite you to participate in the next session of a dialogue focusing on the challenges of family life today. The World Meeting of Families team has put together a set of pastoral resources for parishes in preparation for the WMOF events which will be attended by Pope Francis here in Dublin in August 2018.

The next one-hour session exploring key elements of Pope Francis' document, The Joy of Love, is entitled The Christian Vision for the Family. It will be held this Wednesday, 16th May at 7:30 pm in the Church. We invite you to join us for what will be a helpful discussion around Christian family life in today's challenging world.

Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in June will be held on Monday, 28th May, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in June will be on Sunday June 3rd and 17th, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to attend the preparatory meeting on Monday 28th May.

Unfortunately places for June 3rd and 17th celebrations are now full.

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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Centering Prayer – summer meeting in the Parish

A centering prayer group will be meeting in the parish group room for 6 weeks every Tuesday 11.am to 12 noon from May 15th 2018.

If you are interested in joining this group or finding out more about Centering Prayer – you are most welcome to join this group for these few weeks.

Centering Prayer is a method of quietness and contemplation in the tradition of Christian contemplation developed (among others) by Fr. Thomas Keating, a Cistercian monk. Contemplative Outreach is the spiritual network that supports Centering Prayer and more information is available on their website: www.contemplativeoutreach.ie

For more information contact Frances Corazza 086 374 6389 or francorazza@hotmail.com

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Church Bookshop

There is a great selection in the Bookshop of First Communion prayer books, rosary beads, cards, medals and rosettes, as well as Catholic papers, books and magazines, all at very reasonable prices.

General Data Protection Regulation

A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”), is being introduced on 25th 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.

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GOLF CLASSIC DETAILS

Save the Date: Friday 1st June 2018

To book a place or sponsor an Ad or Tee Box please fill in a Booking Form, available on the table at the back of the Church, and return it as soon as possible to the Parish office, Star of the Sea Church Tel: 01 6683316

OR by email to stargolfclassic@gmail.com

OR CONTACT: Martin Coonan: 087 2304042,
Charlotte O’Neill: 086 2162348

Even if you are not a golfer, you may wish to join us on the night for dinner and in doing so know that you will be most welcome.

The Golf Classic represents not only a helpful fundraising event but a great social occasion in the life of the parish.

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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 7th to September 12th 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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Volunteers needed

We have a great team of women (and one man) who clean the church regularly, on Mondays and Fridays. But lately, due to illness and family commitments, our team has been drastically reduced and we are now looking for volunteers to help with the upkeep of our lovely church. No experience necessary – training will be provided! All are very welcome!