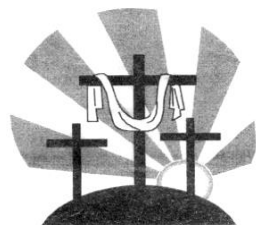


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of Sister Imelda Kearney and Anne Collins who died this week

And for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Tess McGloin, David Walsh, James & Nora O’Doherty, Aideen Byrne, Norah & Imelda Raleigh, Mary Connolly, James & Mary Ellen Maughan, Joe King, Christopher Murphy, Philip Crowe, Sarah & Joseph Kane, Mary & Martin Boughan, Georgina O’Sullivan, Stephane Van Lerberghe, Susan Cassidy, Mary Nolan George McElroy, Margaret Byrne, Catherine & James Henry,

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
6 th January 2019	€1,440	€1,000

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.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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Sunday 13th January 2019

The Baptism of Our Lord

Today’s Feast Day brings the Season of Epiphany to a close and indeed is the final day in the triple of Nativity Seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. Tomorrow brings us to the First Week in Ordinary Time.

Besides the times of year that have their own distinctive character, there remain in the yearly cycle thirty three or thirty four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honoured in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Time. Beginning now, it continues until the Tuesday before Lent begins (this year March 5th) and then resumes again after Pentecost Day until Advent begins again, this year on December 1st. You’ll notice that the Gospel readings at our Masses this year are from Luke.



The Baptism of Our Lord is a day of Epiphany, marking the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. John the Baptist baptised in the Jordan, calling people to confront the world of sin and injustice. Jesus’ willingness to be baptised by him is a sign of his identifying with all who would do so.

He emerged from the Jordan waters to proclaim good news in a ministry that culminated in Resurrection, the victory of good over evil.

If he identified with us in his Baptism by John, we are identified with him through our Baptism, a baptism that marks us “as members of his body, sharing everlasting life.”

And so, through the weeks of Ordinary Time this year, we follow him in St. Luke’s Gospel to learn from him and keep our lives in touch with him.

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BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

Emily Robyn Finlay

Zach Joseph Andrews

Harry Raymond Ian McBennett

who were baptised last Sunday

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

Baptisms in February

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in February will be held on Monday 28th January 2019, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

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

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 28th January 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.

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Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, 14th January, at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

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World Day of the Sick 2019

will take place on 9th February 2019 in All Hallows, Drumcondra (9:30am to 1.00pm) on the topic *Community struggle with addiction - A Pastoral response* Mass for World Day of the Sick will be held on 10th February 2019 in Corpus Christi at 3.00pm.

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Christmas Dues Donations

Fr. John and Fr. Cormac would like to thank parishioners who have already sent in their Christmas Dues. Envelopes may be handed into the Sacristy/Parish office or put in the letter-box in the Parish office door.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan. 18th – 25th
Christian Communities from Indonesia have chosen “Only Justice” (Deut 16: 18-20) as the theme of this year’s Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Its inauguration in Dublin will take place at an Interdenominational Service in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Church of Ireland, Seafield Road West, Clontarf, Dublin 3, on Friday 18th January at 8.00pm. The Very Reverend Fachtna McCarthy, from Haddington Road, will preach the sermon.

Why is it January 18th to 25th each year? Observance of the ‘Church Unity Octave’ dates to 1908. It was initiated by Fr. Paul Wattson in America and Rev. Spencer Jones in England. Fr. Watson proposed the octave from January 18th to January 25th because at the time January 18th marked the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome and January 25th the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. For Paul Wattson reunion with Rome was the particular object of the prayers which prompted him to see this particular octave as appropriate.

In the early 1930s the idea of working and praying for unity was taken up by the Abbé Courier of Lyon. He accepted the basic idea of Paul Wattson but believed that it needed to be broadened. He insisted that ‘we must pray not that others may be converted to us but that we may all be drawn closer to Christ.’ In 1936 the ‘Octave of Prayer’ was re-launched as ‘The Week of Universal Prayer of Christians for Christian Unity’. He stressed that it must be prayer for the ‘unity Christ wills and by the means he wills.’

In 1958 Unité Chrétienne, based in Lyon, and the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches began co-operative preparation of the materials for the Week of Prayer. The Decree on Ecumenism of the Second Vatican Council, published, in 1964, emphasised that prayer is the soul of the ecumenical movement and encouraged observance of the Week of Prayer. Two years later in 1966 the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity (now known as the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity) took over the role carried since 1958 by Unité Chrétienne in the joint preparation of the Week of Prayer text with the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches based in Geneva.

And so we’ve come to this year’s Unity Octave where Christian communities in Indonesia initiated the process and the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for promoting Christian Unity have filtered their initial work for use worldwide.

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‘Do this in Memory’

Our next Mass for First Communion children and their parents in the ‘Do this in Memory programme’ will be on Sunday 27th January at 10.30am. The meeting of parents in preparation for that celebration will be on next Saturday January 19th at 9.00am.