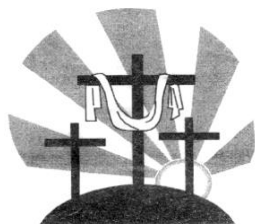


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of
Maureen Rigley who died this week.

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

*Eileen Luby; Cathal Hayes; David Walsh; Gus Ryan; Frank & John Dalton,
Jeremiah Lincoln; Edna Tucker;*

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
6 th September 2020	€1,135	€590

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 September 2020

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First Holy Communion Celebrations

On Saturday next we have the first of three Saturdays devoted to the celebration of First Holy Communion. Masses for the children and their parents will be at 9.30am, 11.00am and 12.30pm on Saturday September 19th and Saturday September 26th and at 11.30am on October 3rd.

We know that our parents will appreciate the need to follow strictly the advice of public health doctors on these days both as it relates to gathering at the church and when they return home. The current increase in infections in the greater Dublin area requires scrupulous adherence to the restrictions on household gatherings.

We're asked also whenever we gather in a maximum pod of 50 in the church that we arrive in staggered entry and leave similarly to prevent any gatherings outside the church after each ceremony. Likewise we ask that everyone avails of sanitizer on entry and maintains two metres distancing throughout ceremonies. Entrance is through the front main door and exiting is through the two side doors close to the altar area. At Communion time the movement is up the centre aisle in single file and down the side aisle, a family fanning out only when you reach the Eucharistic Minister or priest. Kindly observe the order of coming to Communion. Those in areas C, D, G, and H of the church come up first and only after they have received those in A, B, E and F do so. It prevents anyone meeting another walking in opposite directions in a narrow corridor.

The restrictions in place are not arbitrary or optional. It is a question of Christian responsibility and solidarity in the common task of limiting the spread of the virus.

This week parents may help at home by sharing their appreciation of the Lord’s gift of the Eucharist to those who seek to follow him and by helping them pray the Prayers before and after Holy Communion, which we print here again this week. The Thumb book offers an interesting exercise on page 63 for the boys and girls to do. There are several other exercises to revise and helpful hints in the copies of Grapevine sent out to parents.

As we prepare for First Holy Communion Days, we ask parents to help their children to learn and pray:-

Prayer before Holy Communion

Lord Jesus, come to me
Lord Jesus, give me your love
Lord Jesus, come to me and give me yourself.

Lord Jesus, friend of children come to me
Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer after Holy Communion

Lord Jesus, I love and adore you
You’re a special friend to me.
Welcome Lord Jesus, O welcome
Thank you for coming to me.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, O thank you
For giving yourself to me.
Make me strong to show your love
Wherever I may be.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray
Bless all of us children in your loving care
And bring us to heaven to live with you there.

I’m ready now, Lord Jesus
To show how much I care
I’m ready now to give your love
At home and everywhere.

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Thank you for your compliance with all of the guidelines in place for entry and exit, for seating and for movement particularly at Communion time.

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The Annual Crosscare collection will be taken up next weekend September 19th/20th.

As you will appreciate Crosscare need our support now more than ever before to help those most in need in our communities at this time of crisis.

Crosscare’s focus has always been to serve the most vulnerable in our society. During this crisis we are working hard to ensure that the essential services we provide remain available to our service users while operating in line with Government and HSE advice to ensure that our service users and staff are protected.

While some of our face to face services have had to be adapted to meet HSE requirements, as much as possible we are continuing to provide supports through other remote means including phone and web based technologies.

Please support this important work if you can by taking an envelope – available next weekend - from the back of the Church or donating on-line at www.crosscare.ie

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BAPTISM

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

Hugo James Corrigan

who was baptised last Sunday

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

Celebration of Baptism

For the present our policy is to celebrate Baptism with individual families, one at a time. While our officially scheduled dates are the first and third Sunday of each month we are happy to celebrate Baptism on other days in particular Saturdays and if necessary on the other Sundays in the month. Preparation will be on an individual basis for each family in place of the monthly meeting.

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Confessions

Confessions will be heard in the “Confession Room” to the right of the main door on Saturday morning at 11.00am.