



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of

Maureen Wall, Aideen Byrne, Samuel Clarke,

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

May Nolan, Philip Crowe, Mary Connolly, Cormac Kilty, Joe King, Georgina O'Sullivan, Norah & Imelda Raleigh, Patricio Bohol, Gerard McLoughlin,

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 2018	€475	€185
7 th January 2018	€1,365	€1,020

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.

Christmas Dues

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

Sandymount & Merrion Residents' Assoc.

SAMRA is having their AGM this Monday, 15th January at 8pm in the Sandymount Hotel (formerly Mount Herbert). All welcome.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Sunday 14th January 2018

Church Unity Week 2018

The Inaugural Service for the Week of Prayer for Church Unity in the Dublin area will be hosted by the Catholic Church this year. It takes place next Thursday night in the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Churchview Road, Johnstown / Killiney on this coming Thursday at 8.00pm. Many Christian leaders from the greater Dublin area will be in attendance and the sermon will be given by the Scripture scholar Dr. Jessie Rogers.

The material for this year's Week of Prayer comes from the Caribbean Churches and their chosen motif comes from the song of triumph over oppression in Exodus ch.15: "Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power".

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. Wattson proposed the octave from January 18th to January 25th because at the time the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter was celebrated on January 18th and January 25th was the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Today the Feast of the Chair of Peter is celebrated on February 22nd instead but the appreciation of the history of the ecumenical movement over 100 years ago sees our staying each year with an Octave of Prayer for Unity from January 18th to the 25th. Contd./

Gracious God,
you sent your Son to be born in an ordinary family with
ancestors who were both faithful and sinful.
We ask your blessing upon all families
within households and communities.
We pray especially for the unity of the Christian family
so that the world may believe.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

We must pray not that others may be converted to us but
that we may all be drawn closer to Christ".
Abbé Coururier of Lyon (1930s).

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BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

Annie Sarah Brennan
Sarah Michaela Pacini
Lana Cassidy Hill
Sarah Catherine McGrath

who were baptised last Sunday

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

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Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be
celebrated in February will be held on Monday, 29th
January, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in February will be on
Sundays February 4th and 18th, after the 12 noon Mass.
Parents are asked to please register with the Parish
Office in advance of Monday 29th 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. 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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'Do This in Memory' Mass

This Sunday at the 10.30am Mass we welcome the
children and parents who are preparing for First
Communion in this coming May.

Grapevine 5 will be distributed to parents through the
First Communion classes in the coming days. Please
share its contents with your boy or girl and share with
them also pages 18 and 19 of Thumbs and help them
complete Kidstuff on pages 54 and 55 of Thumbs
between now and our next Mass on February 11th.

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Catholic Schools Week

Each year, beginning on the last Sunday of January, we
celebrate Catholic Schools Week. It marks a high point
in the catechetical programme of the year, which this
year has a particular focus on Family Life as we look
forward to the visit of Pope Francis in August for the
World Meeting of Families.

Each day in that week at the end of the month sees a
particular theme at both Primary and Secondary level.
The daily themes are

- Monday: Our Family at Home
- Tuesday: Our School Family
- Wednesday: Grandparents. A special part of
our family
- Thursday: Our Parish Family and
- Friday: Our World Family.

Materials appropriate to classroom levels have been
provided to all Catholic Primary and Second Level
schools and teachers.

The 'Laudate Festival' is a happy development within
Catholic Schools Week in recent years.

At three different church venues during the week
children from over forty schools who responded
positively to an invitation will compose the choirs who
lead congregational singing and reflection. Parents,
families, parish choirs, parishioners and anyone who
would like to join in an evening of song and reflection
are invited to any of the venues. The repertoire and
reflections have been chosen to focus on the World
Meeting of Families 2018. Although our local schools
are not participating we would encourage our
parishioners and families to come along to one of these
evenings:

On Monday, January 29th at 7.00pm in St. Colmcille's,
Knocklyon.

On Tuesday, January 30th at 7.00pm in Our Lady of
Victories, Ballymun Road and

On Wednesday, January 31st at 7.00pm in the Church of
the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Ave., Blackrock.

Entry to each evening, it goes without saying, is free and
all are welcome.

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Legion of Mary

The Patrician meeting will take place next Thursday
18th January 2018 at 8 pm in the Parish meeting room,
Star of the Sea church. Refreshments served. All
welcome.

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Explorers

Sandymount Inter-Church Scripture Reading Group

The next meeting will take place on Monday 15th January,
2018, from 7.30pm to 9pm in the Community Room of the
Mount Tabor Care Centre next to Christ Church on
Sandymount Green. The Augustinian Father Kieran
O'Mahony will talk to us on 'The man born blind' (St John's,
Chapter 9). All are welcome. Previous attendance not
necessary. Bring your bible.