

REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend

For the soul of Nicholas (Nick) Radford

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

*Larry Costello, Eileen Tierney, Vivian Collins, Ailis Hanna,
Louis & Vera O'Neill, Daniel & Eileen Ahern,*

*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
7 th October 2018	€1,370	€855

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.

Confirmation Commitment Ceremony

Our young people and their parents who have registered with us to celebrate Confirmation in our parish next March are invited to attend the Ceremony of Commitment on Monday week, October 22nd at 7.30pm in the Church.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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Sunday 14th October 2018

Parish Assembly

In response to the invitation of Archbishop Martin every parish in the Diocese has been asked to hold an assembly in November to address the question of where we go forward now in the challenge of renewing the faith we carry in our own hearts and of renewing the life of the Church? It's a conversation to engage in following the memorable visit of Pope Francis and the World Meeting of Families.

Our Parish Pastoral Council are anxious that on the evening of Tuesday, November 6th, when our assembly will be held in the Church that we reach out to all in our parish and work together to see as many of us attend as possible. Please spread the news and invite your friends and neighbours to come along. The aim is not to provide instant answers but to begin to set a realistic agenda for the renewal of the Church in the years to come. The fruits of discussion in each parish are to be forwarded to the Archbishop in a short report to help identify processes to be adopted to move forward.

Archbishop Martin, while anxious to give each parish appropriate freedom, suggests that the questions that should be addressed are the deeper questions about faith in Jesus Christ, such as:

Why are we no longer captivating so many of our young people for the message of Jesus Christ?

What models of pastoral activity and reflection are most likely to win the hearts of young people for the message of Jesus?

How do we teach young people about prayer?

How can our parishes respond to these challenges?

What aspects of our dominant culture make it harder for people to understand the message of Jesus? (such as widespread individualism in everything from personal life to economic vision).

Perhaps we could begin such conversation at home while spreading the word and the invitation to all. A night to listen, November 6th.

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BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

Eva Alessia Nikolla
Marcus Aurelius Antoninus Foy-Smyth
James Blake O'Connor

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 November will be held on Monday, 29th October, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in November will be on Sunday November 4th and 18th, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 29th October and to attend the preparatory meeting.

Because of our experience that sees large numbers choosing a particular day for Baptism, we feel it is in everybody's best interest that we set a maximum number of 6 children to be baptised in each celebration. We encourage parents to get in touch with us early so as not to be disappointed.

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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Visiting the sick and housebound

The priests of the parish are very happy to respond to any invitation to visit the sick and housebound in their homes. On First Fridays they visit those on the sick call list bringing Holy Communion and an opportunity for celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Should anyone wish to be included in the sick-call list, with monthly visitation, please contact the parish office (6683316). Likewise, if parishioners are hospitalised, the priests are happy to visit once indication is given that such a visit is welcomed.

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Parish Pastoral Council **Seeking New Members**

Our Parish Pastoral Council has several members who will be completing their 3 Year Term and we are seeking new members to replace them. The

commitment of the Council members to the Parish community, and the community at large, is inspiring. Perhaps you would like to consider giving your time and talent for the enrichment and betterment of our Parish community.

All parishioners over the age of 18 years are eligible for election. We would welcome your prayerful consideration of the possibility that yourself or someone you know might be willing to serve the Parish on a three year term with the Parish Pastoral Council. We meet once a month. Nomination forms need to be submitted to the Parish office by November 5th. The forms are available at the back of the Church and can also be downloaded from our Parish Website.

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First Communion Enrolment Ceremony

On Thursday next, October 18th, at 7.00pm the Ceremony of Enrolment will be held for all children and their parents who have registered with us to celebrate First Reconciliation and First Communion in 2019.

After the short ceremony, we will explain to parents the details of the 'Do this in Memory' Programme, which is an important aspect of the children's preparation this year.

The first in the series of 'Do this in Memory Masses' will be next Sunday, Mission Sunday, at 10.30am and all children and parents in the First Communion Programme are asked to attend.

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Saints of the Week

Among the saints remembered and celebrated this week are St. Teresa of Avila, 1515-82, (Monday).

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, 1647-90, (Tuesday).

St. Gall, died 630, (also Tuesday),

St. Hedwig, 1174-1243, (Tuesday).

St. Ignatius of Antioch, died 107 (Wednesday).

St. Luke, Evangelist (Thursday)

St. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues and Companions died 1647/48, (Friday).

St. Teresa of Avila established the Carmelite convents under a reformed rule and wrote much on prayer and the spiritual life. She is patron saint of lace makers and headache sufferers.

St. Gall was a monk of Bangor and set out with St. Columbanus for the continent. When Columbanus was exiled from France, Gall accompanied him to Bregenz on Lake Constance. When Columbanus crossed the Alps into Italy, Gall remained in Switzerland. He lived in a hermitage which developed later into the monastery of St. Gallen. He died around 630AD and today St. Gallen in Switzerland remains a direct link with this Irish saint.

St. Ignatius became the second bishop of Antioch after St. Peter. He was sentenced to death by being thrown to wild beasts in Rome in 107AD under the emperor Trojan.

On the journey to Rome he wrote seven letters to the various churches in which he dealt deeply with the theology of Christ, the constitution of the Church and the Christian life. He has been venerated at Antioch on October 17th since the fourth century.