



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the repose of the souls of

Jim Eustace, Eamonn Connolly,

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

Vivian Collins, Manuel Aguiar, Patrick Aiken, Jack & Eileen Geoghegan, Dan & Eileen Ahern, Tommy & Pat Forry,

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 2017	€1,220	€750

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



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Sunday 15th October 2017

October – Month of the Rosary

Next Sunday when children preparing for First Communion come to the “Do this in Memory” Mass at 10.30am, we invite them to bring a rosary beads with them for blessing. Adults, too, who’d like a rosary or religious object blessed are invited to bring them when a blessing will be given towards the end of that 10.30am Mass.

On October 7th we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. According to tradition the Rosary was given to Saint Dominic in a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1214 in the church of Prouille. This Marian apparition received the title “Our Lady of the Rosary”. Some scholars trace the history of the Rosary back to the Desert Fathers of the 3rd and 4th centuries in their use of knotted ropes to allow them count prayers especially in their use of the Jesus Prayer in monastic life.

The practice of meditation on 15 scenes in the life of Jesus and Mary as people prayed a decade of prayer in the Hail Mary evolved over time as did the use of modern form of Rosary prayed on beads. The Christian victory at the Battle of Lepanto on October 7th in 1571, was attributed to the praying of the Rosary by masses of Europeans at the request of Pope Pius V. It led to his establishing the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary to be celebrated on October 7th each year.

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In Ireland, the Rosary was a mainstay of Catholic faith expression through the long period of oppression of Catholics in the Penal times.

People were denied freedom to celebrate Mass but could pray the rosary together in their homes. Many of us will remember the significance of ‘Rosary, Sermon and Benediction’ evenings and the place the Family Rosary held in home life up to fifty or sixty years ago.

The Rosary remains a form of prayer to link us with Jesus and Mary in our joys and sorrows and with one another in communal prayer.

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Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in November will be held on Monday, October 30th, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in November will be on Sundays November 5th and 19th, after the 12 noon Mass. Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of that Monday 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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Church flowers - volunteers needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with the flowers in the church. You would be working in a group and would only have to volunteer for one month – two or three times in the year.

ABSOLUTELY NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

We are having a meeting next Saturday, 21st October at 9.30am in the church. If you are interested but unable to attend, please leave your name and number in the Parish office.

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“Do this in Memory” (next Sunday)

Children are reminded to bring their ‘Thumb’ book, candle and Rosary beads to be blessed. And pages 10, 11 and 40, 41 to be read or exercises completed.

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Crosscare

Crosscare have sent a letter of gratitude for €3,995.00 raised in their annual collection on 16th / 17th September 2017.

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Annual Mass for Deceased in our Parish

The Annual Mass in memory of all our dear relatives, neighbours and friends who have died during the past year will take place on **Thursday 2nd November at 7.00pm**. Letters will go out to all families concerned during the coming weeks.

Any parishioner whose loved one died outside the parish and who would like to have their names included in this Mass is invited to contact the parish office before October 30th.

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Explorers

(Sandymount Inter-Church
Scripture Reading Group)

Our next meeting will be held this Monday, 16th October, in the Community Room of the Mount Tabor Care Centre, where we met before. The session will last from 7.30 - 9.00 pm. Father Kieran O'Mahony,

OSA, will lead us. In preparation you are encouraged to read the Wedding Feast at Cana, John 2: 1-11. No previous attendance necessary. Do join us.

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Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection. Every person in every parish in every country where the Church is present will be celebrating together and sharing what they have, no matter how little. It is the one Sunday in the year when Mass is celebrated exclusively for missionary activity. Donations are collected at these worldwide Masses and they go to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

It is also the one Sunday in the year when your generosity goes directly to help mission parishes overseas and reach out with Jesus’ message of hope and love. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father’s official charity for overseas mission. It is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland and, through local bishops, churches, and missionary congregations around the world, ensures that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need.

In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ’s call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked so please give what you can. Thank you.