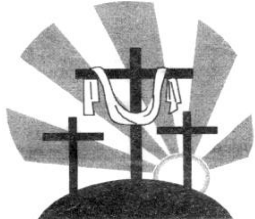


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of

Koos (Jacobus) Mandos and Eamonn Kane who died recently, for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Anne Pickering, Joseph & Ellen Donnelly, Anne Berney and Larry & Gretta Berney, Edward Winstanley, Emily Mahon, Bernard Kelly, Joseph McLoughlin, Joe Kelly, Thomas Ryan and his daughter Mary

and for Itha O'Neill whose Month's Mind occurs.

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
8 th July 2018	€1,240	€700

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.

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Mass Abroad

We appreciate that many of our parishioners may find themselves during holiday time in a place where Mass in English is not available. We would be very happy to give you copies of the appropriate missalettes in English. Call into the parish office.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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Sunday 15th July 2018

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Hospitality

‘Make hospitality your special care’.

These words of Paul to the young Christian community in Rome commend themselves to us as we approach the world meeting of families next month. With people coming to us from around the world it is an occasion for a warm welcome and hospitality.

A group arriving from Australia are anxious to celebrate the Eucharist in our Church on the evening of their arrival, August 19th. On Fri, Aug 24th, at the end of the conference in the RDS, we will be host to up to 250 pilgrims from Pakistan. The Parish Pastoral Council this Monday evening will give thought to that event at our church and to its planning.

The Church in Pakistan recently welcomed the joyful news that the Archbishop of Karachi, Joseph Coutts, was to become the 2nd Cardinal ever in Pakistan. In a country of 208 million over 95% of its population is Muslim and Christians represent 2% of the population. The church in Pakistan, as in Ireland, lives in the liturgical and pastoral life of its parishes; runs schools and hospitals that are open to all, has in ‘Caritas Pakistan’ the charity to meet emergency and tragedy just like ‘Trocaire’ in Ireland. In other respects it's different.

The rise of militant groups like Al Qaeda, the Taliban and Isis, in recent years, impacts heavily on the day to day life of their community. We

have become used to news of atrocities like the terrorist attack on a Methodist Church in Quetta last Christmas, with 16 killed and many injured. The State in trying to uphold freedom of worship offers police protection at places of worship but the new waves of terror and the tendency to abuse the law to settle old scores leaves people vulnerable and afraid.

In March, a 34 year old Catholic father was killed by doctors and security staff in a State run hospital in Lahore after he complained that a lady doctor had smacked his heavily pregnant sister. On April 2nd in Quetta, four members of a Catholic family were killed in a targeted gun attack.

Later, on April 27th, the plight of death row prisoner, and 53 year old mother of four, Asia Bibi, received worldwide attention when she invited a day of fasting and prayer for her release. Four Muslim women and an imam accused her of blaspheming against Muhammed in 2009, a charge she vehemently denied. Sentenced to death in 2010 she hopes for a successful access to the Appeals Court but it's not assured. It all arose out of a row about the sharing of a bowl of water with fellow workers.

Human rights groups claim that the blasphemy law in Pakistan is often misused to settle old scores and that muslims are also frequent victims of the practice. Life is not easy for a Christian in Pakistan and in many other countries around the world.

We're honoured to be asked to host our visitors on a Friday night in August. Let's give them warm welcome and hospitality.

Celebrating Baptism

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

The celebrations of Baptism in August will be on Sunday August 5th and 19th, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 30th July 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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General Data Protection Regulation

A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), was introduced on 25th May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on

ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place.

After our last Parish Pastoral Council meeting we posted our GDPR Policy Statement on our website.

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Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

If any of our parishioners who are ill or infirm would like to travel as invalid pilgrims with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, we would be happy to facilitate their doing so. The Pilgrimage takes place from September 7th to September 12th 2018. Application forms are available from the Parish office or from the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road. The invalids travelling with the Pilgrimage will be accommodated in the Accueil Notre Dame which is a residence close to the Grotto. To meet the requirements of the Medical Bureau in Lourdes a form, available in the Parish office, must be completed.

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World Meeting of Families 2018

A number of parishioners going to Croke Park on Sat, Aug 25th, and also to the Phoenix Park on Sun, August 26th, have been enquiring about the possibility of hiring a bus for the journey on each occasion. The feasibility of doing so will rest on the demand for it as well indeed as on other factors that may be beyond our control. We're leaving two pages for signatures of those interested in pursuing the idea, one for Croke Park, the other for the Phoenix Park, at the back of the church. If interested in our pursuing the possibilities, please sign the appropriate page(s).

We hope to say the Prayer for the World Meeting of Families at all Masses from now until the event in August.

A Joy for all the Earth

(Official Hymn for World Meeting of Families 2018)

Love bears all things, endures all things.
Love longs for all things good, love never ends.

Love is patient, and love is kind.
Love is not resentful; it is not rude.
Love is not arrogant, nor boastful, nor jealous,
But love rejoices, rejoices in the truth.

Refrain:

**The joy of love, a joy for all God's family,
The joy of love, transcending time and space.
Our love for each other mirrors God the Father's love.
The joy of love; a joy for all the earth.**

*For the full text and the sound recording,
google 'A Joy for all the Earth' and listen to
Utube.*