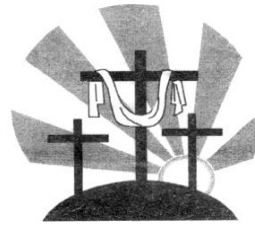


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur:

Margaret O'Doherty, Patrick Cronin, Eamonn Collins, Diarmuid Murphy, John and Mabel Maxwell, Tonie Kenny and Christopher Betson.

We pray also for Joan Murray at time of Joan's month's mind.

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 May '22	€770	€450

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese, known as the Common Fund

The white basket is the collection for Share, which meets the needs both of poorer parishes and of central agencies of the Diocese

Today's collection takes the place of the Share collection (white basket).

We're hoping to have the shop available soon after the pandemic restrictions. Always on the look out for help in providing that service.

The formation of a Baptism Team is another priority. If interested, let us know.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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May 15th '22

Lay Pastoral Workers

This Sunday allows us to appreciate the role of lay pastoral workers in parishes of our diocese. The diocesan list of Pastoral Workers holding diocesan appointments in 2020 came to 21 persons, 8 men and 13 women. In the same year the diocesan directory listed 24 permanent deacons holding diocesan appointments. The lay pastoral worker is a full time position in a parish or in a parish cluster.

Typically they have background qualifications in theology, education and catechetics and have left secondary school positions as catechists to assume pastoral responsibilities in a parish.

Commensurate salary scales are called for. On the other hand the diaconate is an unpaid service, largely at weekends while the deacon remains in the workplace.

The road forward will see us more and more dependant on lay pastoral workers and the annual collection of this weekend increasingly significant in the life of our diocese.

Building Hope

In April 2021, Archbishop Dermot Farrell established a Task Force called Building Hope. The Task Force was asked to assess the needs of the people of the Archdiocese emerging from Covid-19 and to work to support parish communities as they undertake a radical renewal, looking to the future with creativity. 3,000 people, mostly lay faithful, responded to the invitation to share their views.

In October the Task Force reported and highlighted four dimensions valued by people which provide a framework for pastoral renewal. This framework gives a focus for the discussion and discernment around pastoral renewal. Our Parish Leadership Team has identified two dates, Wednesday May 25th at 7.30pm and Sunday May 29th at 4pm for parishioners to meet in reflection and discussion of these four areas.

1) FAITH

Eucharist, Prayer, Liturgies, Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation

2) SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Affirmation of priestly ministry, Co-responsibility of clergy and Lay Faithful, Active Lay Ministries, Role of Women, Youth involvement, Pastoral Outreach, Administration

3) SOCIAL JUSTICE

Advocacy, Active Outreach, Solidarity, Accompaniment, Care of Creation

4) WELCOME

Evangelization, Inclusiveness, Community, Hospitality, Communication

After a time of reflection on these four areas we will be asked to answer a series of questions in respect of each of these areas as they pertain to our parish. Further questions will relate to local parish partnerships. Subsequently, these and further questions will be answered in an online form submitted to the diocese.

First Communion-Scoil Mhuire

We congratulate the girls and their parents and teacher, who yesterday celebrated their First Holy Communion.

What a joy it is to see these lovely May-time celebrations return after the limitations of the past two years.

Children's Choir returns

Another lovely sign of the return to more normal times is seen in the return of the children's choir at 10.30am on Sundays. Their first full rehearsal was last Monday evening at 6pm. New members are always welcome. The lovely voices of girls and boys in 5th class were to be admired at both First Communion and recent Confirmation ceremonies. Maybe, boys and girls, you might like to join the choir. We'd love to have you along. Practice at 10am each Sunday for 10.30am Mass and an evening practice once a month on a Monday at 6pm

Golf Classic next Friday

We look forward to the Parish Gold Classic next Friday.

Thanks to all who support by playing, sponsoring and advertising and to the hard working committee organising everything. . Booking Forms are at the back of the Church. To book a place or to sponsor an Ad or Tee

Box, please fill in the form and return to The Parish Office, Star of the Sea or sandymountparish@eircom.net or contact a committee member

Committee contacts: Martin Coonan, Cyril Kelly, Charlotte O'Neill, Maxine Pilkington, Peter Coonan

Prices: Team of Four	€50
(includes golf, dinner/lunch)	
Single Golfer	€125
Sponsor a Tee Box	€100
Full page Ad in Brochure	€100
Half page Ad	€ 50
Dinner and Entertainment	€50