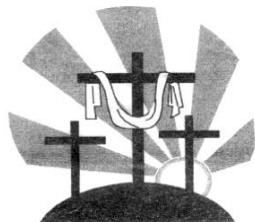


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of Brian Siggins and Annette Archbold who died this week.

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

Fr. Martin Murnaghan; Bill O'Sullivan; Bride O'Shea; Andy & Rose Dodd; John Charles Cowley; Con O'Rourke; Justin McEntegart; June Ashmore; Joseph & Sarah Kane; Gerard McLoughlin; Joseph & Mary Smyth; Kathleen Moran; Frank Waters.

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
8 th November 2020	€455	€294

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



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

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Sunday 15th November 2020

Fratelli Tutti- Dark Clouds, No Plan

The second trend in today's world which Pope Francis identifies as hindering the development of universal fraternity is what he terms the 'lack of a plan for everyone'

'Political life', he observes, 'no longer has to do with healthy debates about long term plans to improve people's lives and to advance the common good, but with slick marketing techniques primarily aimed at discrediting others.' It leaves us with a permanent state of disagreement and confrontation. Amid such contentiousness everywhere 'a plan that would set goals for the development of the human family sounds like madness'. But we need to think of ourselves precisely that way, as 'a single family dwelling in a common home'. Instead we build a shallow culture, where once certain resources are depleted, we will be set for new wars, always under the guise of noble claims.

We have become a 'throw-away world'. He goes on to identify a wide range of indicators of this throw-away society.

- (1) Persons are no longer seen as of permanent value to be cared for and respected especially when they are poor or disabled, 'not yet useful' - like the unborn, 'no longer needed' -like the elderly. We have grown used to all kinds of wastefulness-starting with the waste of food, which he finds 'deplorable'.

He points to the way we isolate the elderly without the closeness and concern of family members as an injury to the family itself. What happened to the

elderly in many parts of the world during this coronavirus crisis and previously during heat waves is revealing and a cause for real concern.

- (2) Other indicators of our discarding others are found in an obsession with reducing labour costs with no concern for resultant poverty of former workers and
- (3) Racism, which continues to raise its ugly head.
- (4) While some economic rules have proved effective for growth, they fail us in integral human development. Wealth has increased but new forms of poverty are emerging. Here poverty has to be measured not against past realities and standards but against the actual opportunities available now in our own time.

(5) It is frequently clear that in practice, in spite of what was declared seventy years ago, human rights are not equal for all. 'While one part of the world lives in opulence, another sees its dignity denied, scorned or trampled upon and its fundamental rights discarded.' He instances that

- a) 'We are far from reflecting clearly that women possess the same dignity and identical rights as men.'
- b) So too, we need to face up to the fact that 'millions of people live in conditions akin to slavery.' Human trafficking and other forms of enslavement need to be seriously addressed by humanity as a whole.

Finally, in this section he takes stock of how war, terrorist attacks, racial or religious persecution and other affronts to human dignity are viewed. They are all judged differently depending on how it all proves convenient for certain, primarily economic, interests. What is true as long as it is convenient for someone in power stops being true once it becomes inconvenient. He adds that this shouldn't surprise us in a world that lacks common shared horizons to unite us. Meantime our world 'is trapped in a strange contradiction: we believe we can ensure stability and peace through a false sense of security sustained by a mentality of fear and mistrust', a feature of modern life which he addressed when he visited Nagasaki in November 2019. It's an issue he addresses more fully later in the encyclical to progress Church teaching to a new level.

Yet while we live in a modern nuclear world, it is evident also that we persist in ancestral fears when we erect walls for our preservation. Those outside the walls are labelled 'them', people to be distrusted and kept away. We build walls to prevent encounter with other cultures, thereby imprisoning ourselves, without the horizons that in sharing see us able to evolve in fraternity.

Loneliness, fear and insecurity creates fertile ground for various 'mafias'. Presenting themselves as 'defenders of the forgotten', they provide 'assistance' even as they pursue their criminal interests.

These signs of fractured society in our world today all hinder our capacity to develop a shared plan for

everyone. The lack of such a plan is Pope Francis' second focal point in identifying what hinders us in developing a universal fraternity.

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Boys School Enrolments 2021/2022

Admissions for enrolment to Star of the Sea Boys National School for the 2021/2022 school year are now open. For the first time, the school is receiving applications online via the school website: www.starofthesea.ie.

If you have any enquiries about the school, please ask to speak to the principal, Mr Niall Walsh, by phoning (01) 668 6394 or emailing office@starofthesea.ie.

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A Docat Question and Answer for this week

Q. What significance does God have for my actions?

A. If God is the originator of the whole cosmos, then he is also the standard for everything that ought to be. All actions are measured against him and his plan. This is how we can recognise what good actions are. To put it intuitively God wrote the DNA of our lives. It is in freely choosing to follow the instructions he has made part of us that we fulfil our God-given potential. What God wants for us and of us is the norm and the rule of a good, righteous life. Christians act with solidarity because God first treated them lovingly.

St. Edith Stein wrote: *'What was not part of my plan was part of God's plan. And the more often something like this happens to me, the more convinced I become in faith that – from God's perspective – there is no chance.'*

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Changed times for Webcam Mass

Please note that beginning today until further notice our Sunday Masses relayed on the webcam will be at 10.am and 11.30am.

We continue to have unreliable internet delivery around 12.20pm each day and we don't know why it is so. The time change is necessary to avoid further difficulties.

Sunday Masses on Webcam

10.00am

and

11.30am

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