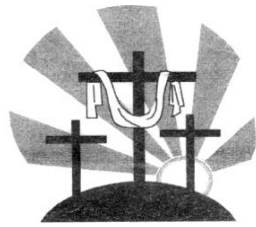


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of

Eileen Luby

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

Hugh O'Donnell, Eileen Bateman, Caitriona Connolly, Brendan O'Sullivan, Frank & John Dalton, Patrick Connolly, Alice & Gerard Murdock, Baby Lucy Tiernan, Annie Ryder, Hugh Galvin, Cathal Hayes, Jeremiah Lincoln,

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 September 2019	€1,450	€890

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 September 2019

It was you all along

Figuratively speaking, we've all taken the wrong bus, made the wrong decision, worshipped the wrong God even. So, we can understand the mistake of this motley band wandering in the desert (First Reading). Who hasn't wanted a 'golden calf' – a God they could see, touch and feel? At least they were trying to praise a deity.

And who hasn't experienced a glimpse of the joy of God when the lost ones are found? (today's Gospel). If a key or document that is found can prompt such a response, how much more a human life? While some are more comfortable with a God whose 'wrath ... blazes out', we obviously have an involved God, a God who cares, a God who is a father – prodigious in giving; a God, too, who in some ways has been told by modern Western culture (younger son): 'I'm taking all my inheritance from you and am going to treat you like you were dead.' Could our churches be like the elder brother, doing the right thing but with no real heart?

Maybe in the end, we will realize that we were more searched for than searching, more found by God than lost. After our course of life, with all its twists and turns, we can say 'it was you all along that I sought'.

(from the pen of Fr. Tom Cox, Shannonbridge, Athlone)

Baptisms in October

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in October will be held on Monday 30th September 2019, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in October will be on Sunday October 6th and 20th after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 30th 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.

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The members of the Society would like to thank parishioners for their generosity to the collection last weekend which amounted to €1,905.00.

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Legion of Mary – Knock Pilgrimage

Sunday 29th September 2019

Bus departs from Star of the Sea Church, Sandymount at 8.15 am Cost: Including morning coffee& evening meal Adults = €40, Children = €20 (under 8 free)

Contact: Anne: 087 8374837 or 01 2838178

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Explorers

The Explorers are an inter-church scripture reading group, who always welcome new members. Attendance at individual meetings is open to choice. Our first session this year will be held this coming Monday, 16th September at 7.30 - 9 p.m. in the Community Room of the Mount Tabor Centre next to Christ Church on Sandymount Green. For the first four sessions we shall look at key parables in The New Testament. We will be led by Seamus O'Connell, Professor of Sacred Scripture, St Patrick's College Maynooth. Join us and bring a friend.

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Legion of Mary

The Patrician meeting will take place on Thursday, 19th September 2019 at 8 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room, Star of the Sea Church.

Topic for discussion : 'The Sacrament of Marriage'. Fr. Philip Crowe C.S.Sp. will also speak. Refreshments served - All welcome

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Fr. Martin Noone, Director of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, has written to gratefully acknowledge the €3,100 raised through Associate membership of our parishioners this year. Our thanks is due again to Imelda who has continued the long tradition of promotion of the Pilgrimage by her family.

Sacramental Preparation

Pre-Sacrament Classes towards First Communion and Confirmation are held over a two year period. Children attending non-Catholic schools, who wish to celebrate the sacraments, are invited to enrol in classes when they enter 1st class (First Communion) and 5th class (Confirmation).

Children in non-faith schools (e.g. Educate Together) should be enabled to celebrate the sacraments with the help of their parents in their own home parishes and make contact with their parishes two years in advance of celebration. Accordingly children resident in Sandymount parish and attending a non-faith school may wish at entry to 1st class or to 5th class to make contact with us to enable appropriate arrangements of preparation to be made.

A meeting with parents of children in St. Matthew's School, who wish to prepare for sacramental celebration in 2020 and 2021 will be held on Monday September 23rd at 7.30pm in Star of the Sea Church.

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Parish Choirs

It's lovely to have the choirs back from their summer break. Perhaps this is a good time to renew our invitation to singers, young or old, to join the choirs. The senior choir practices once a month, usually on the first Monday of the month at 7.00pm and for a half hour before the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday. The children's choir similarly have a monthly practice on the same night as the senior choir at the earlier hour of 6.00pm. They also practice for a half hour before the 10.30am Mass on Sunday.

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40th Anniversary of Ordination

Fr, Martin Cosgrove is celebrating his 40th anniversary of Ordination on Saturday September 28th. Beginning with Mass at 6.45pm in the Church of the Annunciation, Grange Road, Rathfarnham, followed by light refreshments.

He has happy memories of his time here in Sandymount from 1998 to 2002 and would warmly welcome parishioners to his celebration.

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Matero small change collection

We thank people who have responded to the Matero appeal and have returned their boxes today. If you have forgotten to bring your box you may leave it in the Parish office this week to be collected by the Matero committee.

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Thank You

Dear Parents and Guardians we would like to remind you that all children and vulnerable people should be accompanied by a parent or guardian when using the bathroom facilities in our church.