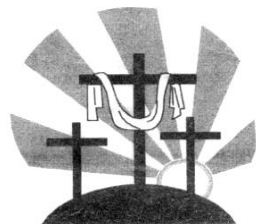


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of Margaret Cassidy who died this week

For the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Jim Bohan, Ellen & Joseph Donnelly, Valerie Confrey Kennedy, Marie & Sean Banks, Baby Claire Kennedy, Brendan O'Reilly, Larry Whelan, Margaret & Jimmy Maguire & Jane Dunwoody, May & WP Murphy, Gerard McLoughlin, Hilda Russell, Brendan & Margaret O'Reilly & their son, Brendan, Mary Lucey, Sarah, James & William O'Gorman, Anne & Jacqueline Lejeune,

And for June Ashmore 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.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are

DATE	GREEN BASKET	SHARE
8 th December 2018	€370	€155
9 th December 2018	€1,435	

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese. The white basket last weekend was the Annual collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul which amounted to €20,515.

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 16th December 2018

Joy in Advent

This third Sunday in Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. 'Gaudete' is the Latin word for 'rejoice' and you'll notice that the readings and prayers are like a chord of Joy ... "be happy" ... "rejoice" ... "good news" ... We light the pink candle on the Advent wreath as a sign of joy.

The Christian Community is carefully reminded in both of the purple seasons, Advent and Lent, that although we're in a time of penance, preparing now for Christ's coming and in Lent for Christ's victory over death and sin, this preparation is always a matter of joy. Gaudete Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent) reminds us to be joyful in Advent. Laetare Sunday (Laetare means be joyful) (4th Sunday of Lent) reminds us to be joyful amid the acts of penance undertaken in Lent.

As Christians we never look at our sins in isolation from the love of God which gives us hope. "Deliver us, Lord, from every evil as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ."

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection

The members of the Society would like to thank parishioners for their outstanding generosity again this year. €20,515 was collected at Masses last weekend. They are very grateful for your wonderful response to their Christmas appeal and they will not be collecting again until February 2019.

St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church

Christmas Arrangements 2018

Carol Service: Sunday 16th December at 5.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Communal Rite:

Thursday 20th December at 7.30pm and in Ringsend on Monday 17th December.

Individual Rite:

Saturday 22nd December after 10.00am Mass and 5.30pm Sunday 23rd December after 9.00am and 10.30am Masses. Monday 24th December after 10.00am Mass.

Children's Christmas Service

Monday 24th December at 3.00pm

Masses in celebration of Christmas

Monday Christmas Eve

6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass for Christmas
9.00 p.m. Night Mass for Christmas

Tuesday Christmas Day

Masses at 9.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m. (Family Mass) and 12 noon (Choir)

NO EVENING MASS on Christmas Day

From Wednesday 26th December to Saturday 5th January – Mass at 10.00a.m.

Normal Sunday schedule on December 29th / 30th and January 5th / 6th.

The 7.30a.m. weekday Mass resumes on January 7th 2019.

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Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in January will be held on **Wednesday 2nd January 2019, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.**

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

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of **Wednesday 2nd January** 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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Prayer Cards

At the foot of the Advent tree you'll find cards on which to write the name of anyone, alive or deceased, for whom you pledge to pray this Advent and Christmas time.

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Ministers of Eucharist and the Word

We invite Sunday Readers and Sunday Ministers of the Eucharist to a meeting on this Tuesday evening (18th) to plan the Christmas arrangements.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

We look forward to seeing you all this Sunday afternoon in Star of the Sea church at **5.00pm** for our Parish Choir Advent Carol Service.

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Epiphany Day Sunday 6th January

The Feast of the Epiphany allows us to celebrate the International Face of the Church. We are blessed in our Parish with parishioners who come from many different countries. We'd love to involve them in the liturgy that day. If you are free to participate please let us know in the Parish office this week.

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'Do This in Memory'

This Sunday we welcome boys and girls and their parents who are preparing this year for First Communion and First Reconciliation. It's our Advent Mass. In the coming week Grapevine 4 will be distributed and before our next special Mass on Sunday, January 27th 2019, the children are invited to do the exercises on pages 48 to 53 in Thumbs while parents might share with them pages 16 and 17 as well as the material in Grapevine 4. Plenty of interesting exercises for over Christmas holidays.

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Christmas Card deliveries

Some areas of the Parish have not received the Parish Christmas cards. If you can help with a delivery to the houses in your area, please contact the Parish Office Tel: 668 3316 / 6683894.

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Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning in aid of the Peter McVerry Trust will take place after 10.30am Mass this Sunday.

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Evening Prayer (Vespers) in Advent

The Advent Evening Prayer continues this Tuesday, 18th December at 6.30pm.

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Church Bookshop

The bookshop has a number of items for both Advent and Christmas for adults and for children. Copies of the Advent book 'Walk with Me' with daily reflections for each day in Advent and Parish Christmas cards are also available.

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Legion of Mary

The Patrician meeting will take place on Thursday, 20th December 2018 at 8 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room, Star of the Sea Church.

Topic for discussion : 'Putting Christ back into Christmas' Refreshments served - All welcome.