### REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of

Leo O'Byrne, Connell (Con) Cunningham and Tim Ward who died recently.

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

Carmel Norton, Barbara Diskin, Itha O'Neill, Michael McGrath, Robert Gray & William Gray, Mary Sheridan, Mark & Annie Foley, Mary Lennon,

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
9 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	€1,380	€920

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.

#### 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.

# WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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## Sunday 16th June 2019

## Trinity Sunday

Faith in the Blessed Trinity is an essential feature of the Christian perspective on life. It is in his/her relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit that a Christian's identity emerges.

Our forefathers found great illumination in invoking the Trinity, living each day 'in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.' The phrase 'in the name of' means 'in the person of' so that what we say as we make the sign of the cross is literally a powerful blessing: 'May I live out my life in relationship with the person of the Father, the person of the Son and the person of the Holy Spirit.' The symbol of the cross as we speak these words links us immediately to the loving mystery of Christ's cross.

In the religious education of children we begin by coming to know Jesus, the Son, and how he speaks to us of the Father and loves the Father. At Pentecost, the Spirit whom they send is spoken of but it is much later that the term Blessed Trinity is introduced to the children. The message of scripture proclaims both the distinctiveness of the Father, the Son and the Spirit and their divine unity, in such a way that we cannot but confess one God in three persons. By trying to be with Christ we live out our relationship with the Blessed Trinity.

Irish Folk Tradition puts the eight verse hymn 'The Deer's Cry' into the mouth of St. Patrick and it begins:

I arise today through the mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through a belief in the threeness, through confession of the oneness of the Creator of Creation ...

The Gaelic poetry tradition abounds with reference to the Trinity as a source of strength, especially in time of trouble. In the terrible expulsions to Connaught in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Fear Dorcha Ó Mealláin wrote a poem to hearten his people in their hardship. Thomas Kinsella's translation of the first verse reads:

In the name of the Father full of virtue, In the name of the Son who suffered pain, In the name of the Holy Spirit in power, Mary and her Son be with us.

Kinsella, too, has translated one of our many Gaelic folk prayers as follows:

Three folds in cloth, yet there is but one cloth. Three joints in a finger, yet there is but one finger. Three leaves in the shamrock, yet there is but one shamrock.

Frost, snow and ice .. yet the three are only water. Three persons in God likewise, and but the one God.

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#### **Corpus Christi next Sunday**

We will not have a 10.30am Mass next Sunday. We invite families to come instead to the 12 noon Mass after which this year's First Communion children will lead a short Corpus Christi procession onto the lawn for Benediction. All welcome. Masses next weekend Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 9.00am and 12 noon.

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#### **Baptisms in July**

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in July will be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in July will be on Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday  $1^{st}$  July and to attend the preparatory meeting.

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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 4th to September 9<sup>th</sup> 2019. 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.

#### Thursday, June 20th

#### **The Irish Martyrs**

Dermot Hurley, Archbishop of Cashel, was hanged on June 20<sup>th</sup> 1584 at Hoggen Green.

Conor O'Devaney, Bishop of Down and Connor, was hanged, drawn and quartered.

Patrick O'Loughran, chaplain to the O'Neill family and Maurice McKenraghty, chaplain to the Earl of Desmond, were both hanged.

Also hanged were Dominicans Terence O'Brien and Peter Higgins, Franciscans John Kearney, Patrick O'Healy and Conrad O'Rourke, Augustinian William Tirry and a Jesuit lay-brother Dominic Collins.

Lay people, Francis Taylor, mayor of Dublin, and Margaret Bermingham, imprisoned in Dublin Castle, died of ill treatment; a baker, Matthew Lambert and a group of sailors Robert Meyler, Edward Cheevers and Patrick Cavanagh were hanged, drawn and quartered on July 5<sup>th</sup> 1581.

Besides these, beatified by Pope John Paul 11, we also include today the memory of six more, beatified by Pope Pius XI: John Roche (alias Neale), John (Terence) Carey, Patrick Salmon, John Cornelius (alias John Conor) O'Mahoney, Charles Meehan and Ralph Corby (Corbington).

These 23 courageous men and women of faith encourage us never to lose heart. 'We all have to endure much before we reach the Kingdom of God.' (Acts of the Apostles.)

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#### **Global Rosary for Priests next Friday**

This coming Friday, Knock Shrine is linked with shrines across the world as part of a global day of prayer for priests. Beginning in the East and throughout the day across the nations the Rosary is recited in continuous resounding prayer.

Our Church is open until 6.00pm and we invite you to come during the day to pray a decade of the rosary for the faith and wellbeing of priests.

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#### **Legion of Mary**

The Patrician meeting will take place on Thursday, 20th June at 8 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. Topic for discussion: 'The Sacrament of Baptism'.

Rev. Fr. Philip Crowe C.S.Sp. will also speak. Refreshments served - All welcome

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Family Fun Day Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 3.00pm to 5.00pm in Sandymount Green, run by Sandymount & Merrion Residents Assoc. Music, Face painting, Magician, Races, Raffle. See posters on Railings.