



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the repose of the souls of

Bryan Smith (Australia) and Marie Corr who died this week

For the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Jeremiah Lincoln, Hugh Joseph Galvin, Thomas & Nellie Hayes,
Maria Henriqueta, Alice & Gerard Murdock, Eileen Bateman,

And for Lil Murnane and Peter O'Donoghue whose Month's Minds occur.

*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
10 th September 2017	€1,425	€900

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.

Seeking a Catechist

There may be a Primary School Teacher in our community who would like to be involved in the classes for children attending St Matthew's School and preparing for First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation. Classes are held on Thursdays, from around 3.45 to 5.15. If so, please contact the Parish Office or Fr John.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Sunday 17th September 2017

A Letter from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

"Dear Friends,

We are all aware of and troubled by the crises of homelessness and poverty that, despite many efforts, persists right across our diocese and our country.

For over 75 years now, Crosscare, has mirrored the loving kindness of Jesus Christ through providing food and accommodation, information and advice, education and support to those who are most in need in our society; people who are homeless, in crisis, disabled and isolated, elderly and alone.

Crosscare sets out to redress the harsh consequences of poverty and disadvantage. It works to identify social exclusion, in its old and new expressions, and to lead those who are excluded into being once again people who can realize their God-given dignity and potential to the fullest degree possible.

Crosscare's actions and programmes are shaped by the fact that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. This guides Crosscare to provide the highest standard of care and support to those who use their services. Contd./

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In the face of the uncertainties, the insecurities and the precariousness of our times, those who need support can rely on Crosscare.

In the past few weeks, Crosscare's family hub on the former Mater Dei campus has begun providing new dignified emergency accommodation for families. This is still temporary accommodation, but in a short space of time, Crosscare has already helped a significant number of these families to move out into homes of their own.

The Annual Collection for Crosscare takes the place of the Share collection at all Masses this weekend. I would like to thank you, the people of our Archdiocese, for supporting the work of Crosscare each year and I urge you to be generous again this year and to give what you can to this collection today.

Yours sincerely in the Lord

+Diarmuid Martin

Archbishop of Dublin"

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Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in October will be held on Monday, September 25th, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in October will be on Sundays October 1st and 15th, after the 12 noon Mass. Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of that Monday 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. While normally we have two godparents, it is sufficient to have just one. Another may act as a witness rather than a godparent in that situation.

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Film Evening

A film evening for young adults will be held on Thursday the 28th September at 7.30 pm in the parish meeting rooms. They will be showing the French Iranian film 'Persepolis' which is about a young girl as she comes of age against the backdrop of the Iranian Revolution.

It hopes to be an enjoyable evening. If you have any questions please contact Clodagh on 087 2489722.

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Legion of Mary

The Patrician meeting will take place on Thursday 21st September at 8.00pm in the Parish meeting room. Topic for discussion is St. Matthew. Spiritual Director Fr. Philip Crowe, CSSp. All welcome.

Sacramental Preparation

Parents and children preparing for First Communion in 2018 are advised that the Ceremony of Enrolment will take place on Tuesday September 26th at 7.00pm in Star of the Sea Church. As part of the ceremony the names of each child presenting for First Communion will be called out and in consequence it is very important that Registration Forms are completed and returned before next Friday, 22nd September.

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Confirmation candidates

Registration Forms for those who wish to be candidates for Confirmation in 2018 have been distributed to the schools concerned. Parents are asked to complete the form and return it before Friday 29th September. The Ceremony of Commitment is planned for Tuesday 3rd October at 7.00pm in Star of the Sea Church.

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Knock Pilgrimage

The annual Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday next, 24th September.

Departing from Star of the Sea Church at 8.30am. Cost: €35 (€20 child) includes morning coffee and evening tea. Contact: Anne 087 8374837 or call into the Parish Bookshop.

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Explorers

The Explorers are an informal ecumenical group based in Sandymount, who gather to read Scripture together. There is an open invitation to join with them for the 2017-2018 season, beginning tomorrow (Monday) evening, September 18th, in the Community Room of the Mount Tabor Care Centre. Meetings are from 7.30-9.00pm. If you are coming along, bring a Bible with you.

All eight evenings in this year's series will be led by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA and will be in exploration of the Gospel according to John.

Monday, 18th September 2017
How to read the Fourth Gospel.

Monday, 16th October 2017
The wedding feast at Cana (John 2)

Monday, 20th November 2017
The Samaritan woman (John 4)

Monday, 11th December 2017
The sequence of feasts (John 5-10)

Monday, 15th January 2018
The man born blind (John 9)

Monday, 19th February 2018
The washing of the feet (John 13)

Monday, 19th March 2018
Jesus' death (John 18-19)

Monday, 16th April 2018
Jesus' Resurrection (John 20).