



## REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Denis Murnane, Carmel Norton, Michael McGrath, Anne Healy,  
Deceased members of the Curry family, Mary Lennon,  
Christopher & Carmel Hayden,

*MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL  
DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE.  
AMEN.*

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### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are

DATE	GREEN BASKET	SHARE
11 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	€1,390	€845

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.

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### Mass Abroad

We appreciate that many of our parishioners may find themselves during holiday time in a place where Mass in English is not available. We would be very happy to supply you with copies of the Mass Missalette for any Sunday that you are away. Call in to the parish office.

# WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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*Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017*

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### Corpus Christi

In celebrating the 'Feast of Corpus Christi' or the 'Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ' we return to what we celebrated on Holy Thursday – the institution of the Eucharist.

Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist on the evening before his death, "on the night when he was betrayed" (1 Cor 11:23), when he gathered the Apostles around him in the Upper Room in Jerusalem and celebrated the Last Supper with them. In Holy Week we celebrate this precious gift of Christ as one event in a sequence of events between arrival in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and death and resurrection a week later. Now on the Feast of Corpus Christi it's as if we return to Holy Thursday and the Last Supper, to appreciate and celebrate what happened all the more, to treasure the gift of the Eucharist.

We are not the Church because we get along well or because we happen to end up in the same parish community. We are the Church because in the Eucharist we receive the Body of Christ and are increasingly being transformed into the Body of Christ. So precious and important is this gift that a Catholic Christian is actually called on to attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days. Anyone who is really seeking Jesus' friendship responds as often as possible to Jesus' personal invitation to the feast. "Do this in memory of me."

The Eucharist (Body of Christ) is both the source and the summit of the Christian Life. By "eating" the Body of Christ the Church becomes the Body of Christ, which is just another name for the Church. "May you live always as a member of the Body of Christ, sharing everlasting life" (Baptism ceremony). Contd./

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Fittingly as we carry the Blessed Sacrament to the garden altar for Benediction, the children admitted to the Lord’s table this May will lead us in procession today.

“ ... Just then the bell rang out from the steeple over the quiet seashore because Canon O’Hanlon was up on the altar with the veil that Father Conroy put round him round his shoulders giving the benediction with the blessed Sacrament in his hands.”

Ulysses – Benediction at Star of the Sea

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**Saints and Feasts this week**

Next Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, is the Feast of the Sacred Heart. On Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate The Irish Martyrs.

These 23 courageous men and women of faith encourage us never to lose heart in the face of opposition. “We all need to endure much, before we reach the Kingdom of God” (Acts of the Apostles). How many of the 23 can you name? They died for doing no more than professing their Catholic faith.

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

Conor O’Devaney, Bishop of Down & Connor; hanged, drawn and quartered.

Patrick O’Loughran, Chaplain to the O’Neill’s; hanged

Maurice McKenraghty, Chaplain to the Earl of Desmond; hanged

Also hanged

Dominicans: Terence O’Brien and Peter Higgins;

Franciscans: John Kearney, Patrick O’Healy, Conrad O’Rourke.

Augustinian: William Tirry

Jesuit lay-brother: Dominic Collins

Laypeople: Francis Taylor, Margaret Ball (died of ill-treatment in prison), Matthew Lambert (baker), Robert Mayler, Edward Cheever and Patrick Cavanagh (sailors) all hanged, drawn and quartered in 1581.

John Roche (alias Neale), John (Terence) Carey, Patrick Salmon, John Cornelius (alias John Conor) O’Mahoney, Charles Meehan and Ralph Corley (Corbington).

Aloysius Gonzaga is remembered on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>. He lived during the era of the Irish Martyrs. Born in 1568 in Lombardy he died aged 23 in 1591.

Of noble birth, he resigned his birthright to his brother and entered the Jesuit Order in Rome.

Working among the sick at a hospital he was stricken by the plague and died. He’s the patron saint of youth.

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**Leaving and Junior Cert exams**

We remember in our prayers this week all those students who are doing their Leaving and Junior Cert exams.

**BAPTISMS**

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

*Milena Redmond*

who was baptised recently

‘May you live always as a member of the Body of Christ, sharing everlasting life’

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**Baptisms in July**

Baptisms will be celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in July (2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July). Baptism Application forms are available in the parish office Monday – Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Applications must be made in advance of the preparatory meeting for each month’s celebrations. The date for the preparation meeting for July Baptisms will be on Monday, 26th June, at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting room.

Parents are advised that godparents must be practicing Catholics who are at least 16 years of age and that godparents should be one of each gender, godfather and godmother.

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**Explorers**

The Explorers inter-church scripture study group announced this week that beginning in September Fr. Kieran O’Mahoney has agreed to lead all who come along through the pages of St. John’s Gospel.

Meetings are on the third Monday of the month, with the exception of December when it’s on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday. September ’17 through to April ’18.

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**Church flowers volunteers needed**

We are looking for volunteers to help with the flowers in the church. You would be working in a group and would only have to volunteer for one month – two or three times in the year.

**ABSOLUTELEY NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

We are having a meeting on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am in the church. If you are interested but unable to attend, please leave your name and number in the Parish office.

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**Reading Catholic Newspapers and Magazines**

Some of the free sample copies of the Universe and Catholic Times which we received last weekend are still available. Over these weeks we hope to have some copies of the Tablet available for those who might consider subscribing to it. It’s generally a very informative weekly, if a little more expensive than the Irish Catholic, the Universe or Catholic Times. Please give thought to supporting Catholic publishers. We’re grateful to all who expressed an interest in the Sacred Heart Messenger last weekend