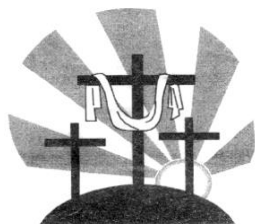


REST IN PEACE



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

Josephine Bryan; Vivian Collins; Norah Woods; Joan Goulding;

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 th October 2020		

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 18th October 2020

World Mission Sunday

This weekend parishes in over 120 countries will celebrate World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday is a direct appeal from Pope Francis. He is asking all of us to give what we can so that overseas missionaries can reach and care for suffering men, women and children.

On World Mission Sunday, all Mass collections, including those from the most impoverished churches in the developing world, will be offered to help further the reach of missionaries and mission. The collection is a lifeline, not only to missionaries, but also the future of the Church. However, it is in jeopardy. The worldwide pandemic means that less of us can physically attend Mass, resulting in less offerings in the basket. Its implications for suffering overseas communities in the months ahead will be devastating.

COVID-19 brings fear, but it also shows us that selfless and courageous actions are not reserved solely for saints. In fact, they can be found in every one of us, and that by standing in solidarity together we can do more. Please, if you can, be extra generous this weekend. Your kindness will be used in the coming months to support overseas missionaries who dedicate their lives to some of the most impoverished and overcrowded communities in the world. To give what you can donate at www.wmi/mission, call Fiona in World Missions Ireland on 01 497 2035, or lodge money directly: IBAN - IE12 BOFI 9007 5456 9616 36, BIC - BOFIE2D, Account Name - Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Envelopes inviting your donation to the Missions are also left on the table at the back of the church. You may return the envelopes through the letter box.

the total Parish donation will be forwarded to the World Missions Ireland Office in Rathmines.

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The Pope’s New Encyclical

Two weeks ago Pope Francis travelled to Assisi and there signed his third Encyclical Letter. The first Encyclical “The Joy of the Gospel” presented a manifesto for Church Renewal.

The second, “Laudato Si” expressed the Church’s teaching on protecting the natural world. This third encyclical is a logical next step in that it seeks to repair and enrich relationships across the human family. It’s title “Fratelli Tutti” (all brothers) like that of his second encyclical is taken from the writing of the great 13th century St. Francis of Assisi –

“Let us all, brothers, consider the Good Shepherd who to save his sheep bore the suffering of the Cross.”

One might read this encyclical as an answer to the question – “what is it that modern civilisation is lacking, such that it may ultimately undermine it? The answer he proposes is the realisation that every member of the human race is brother or sister to every other member, no matter how distant or unfamiliar. “We need to think of ourselves more and more as a single family dwelling in a common home.”

The encyclical is critical of the “myopic, extremist, resentful and aggressive nationalism” that Francis sees across Europe, the United States and parts of Latin America. There are several political leaders in our world today who will be challenged by the vision Francis presents. Hallmarks of this vision are:

- 1 A gospel based leadership that is rooted in the radical spirit of St. Francis of Assisi.
- 2 A powerful statement of Catholic Social Teaching in a contemporary context. Building on a very rich tradition of social teaching Pope Francis goes beyond the received wisdom to question the ‘just war’ theory. “Never again war,” he states.
- 3 A willingness on Pope Francis’ part to be critical of the Church, pitching his message to all people of goodwill and acknowledging the inspiration of non-Catholic sources such as Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi, or Archbishop Tutu besides that of the great Saint of Assisi or in more recent times the amazing Blessed Charles de Foucauld.

Recalling his fraternal meeting with the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb in which they jointly and ‘resolutely declared that religions must never incite war, hateful attitudes, hostility and extremism nor must they incite violence or the shedding of blood,’ Pope Francis closes his encyclical with an Ecumenical Christian Prayer and a Prayer to the Creator.

A Prayer to the Creator

Lord, Father of our human family, you created all human beings equal in dignity: pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter, dialogue, justice and peace. Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.

May our hearts be open to all the peoples and nations of the earth. May we recognise the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us, and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects, and shared dreams. Amen.

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Bethany Mass for those who died this year

The annual Mass for those who died in our parish since October 2019 will be held on Monday, November 2nd, the Feast of All Souls, at 7.00pm.

Because of the Covid crisis, it will be a streamed Mass. Parishioners can join us by the webcam button on the parish website.

We would like to include parishioners who died but whose funerals did not come to our church. It seems that between March and May some people were unaware that our church was open to receive funerals. Should families wish to include a relative’s name on the list of those parishioners who died this year, please contact the parish office (01-6683316).

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Enrolment for Sacraments 2022

At this time we invite parents who wish their child to be enrolled in preparation for Confirmation in 2022 and are presently attending fifth class in a non-Catholic school to register their intention with us by phoning the parish office, Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

We similarly invite parents of children attending 1st class in a non-Catholic school who wish their child to prepare for first Communion in 2022 to register their intention by phoning the parish office.

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Celebration of Baptism

We regret that for the time being under Government direction we are unable to hold Baptism celebrations in the Church. As you know in recent months we have celebrated Baptism with families one at a time and within HSE guidelines. We thank all who were so cooperative in doing so and hope that it won’t be long before the celebration of Baptism may resume.