



## **REST IN PEACE**

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of

*Tom Kelleghan*

who died recently and also for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

*Robert & Bobby Gray, Aisling Crowe, Charlie (Charles) Sheridan, Mary Ryan, Patsy & Katie Doyle, Stella Jordan, and for Martin (Edward) Penrose 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.*

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## **CHURCH COLLECTIONS**

The amounts collected last weekend are

DATE	GREEN BASKET	SHARE
12 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	€1,635	€1,035

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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# **WEEKLY** **BULLETIN**



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

*Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30  
Fr. John McDonagh, Tel: 6684265 – Fr. Pádraig Coleman, Tel: 6676438*

[www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com](http://www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com)

***Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017***

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### **Crosscare Youth Services**

Letter from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin  
in support of Youth Services Appeal

“My Dear People,

This weekend I am asking you to support Crosscare’s work with marginalised and vulnerable children across our Archdiocese by giving as generously as you can in the second collection today.

For children who are fortunate to be part of a loving and stable home, getting through adolescence can still be a very challenging process. For the children Crosscare work with the challenges are huge. They are dealing with poor housing (and homelessness), domestic violence, prejudice and racism, drug and alcohol abuse and increasing levels of criminality and violence in their communities.

The services Crosscare are providing at their very core are about living out the example and teachings of Jesus. They are targeted at those children who are most in need. They include: drop in centres, youth cafés, outdoor learning (adventure sports), counselling, developmental programmes, leadership training and a range of projects delivered through the mediums of sports, art, drama and music. Fundamentally, they are about building positive relationships that will help support and guide young people to fulfil their individual God given potential.

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On behalf of the staff, volunteers and young people in Crosscare I would like to thank you for your support over the years.

I know that Crosscare take the trust and responsibility given to them very seriously and I urge you to support them once again in this appeal.

Yours sincerely,

+Diarmuid Martin,  
Archbishop of Dublin"

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### **Baptisms in April**

Baptisms will be on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month as a general rule. In April there will not be a celebration on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, which is Easter Day. We will have a celebration of Baptism on the following Sunday instead and we warmly invite parents who may wish to have their child baptized at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. In April the sacrament will be celebrated on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Easter Vigil on the night of April 15<sup>th</sup> and on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Baptism Application forms are available in the parish office Monday – Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Applications, giving 1 month's notice, must be made in advance of the preparatory meeting for each month's celebrations. The date for the preparation meeting for April Baptisms is Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 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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### **World Meeting of Families 2018 Second National Collection**

Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway. Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard a second national collection will be held on the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.

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### **First celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

First Reconciliation will be celebrated with the children in St. Matthew's School on Tuesday next, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm in Star of the Sea Church.

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### **First Communion Preparation**

This Sunday at 10.30am we welcome our young people and their parents who are preparing for First Communion in our 'Do this in Memory' Mass. Our next Mass will be on Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, with the planning parent group meeting on Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 9.00am.

Between now and Palm Sunday we refer parents to pages 22, 23, 58 and 59 of the Thumb book and to the next edition of Grapevine distributed in the coming days.

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### **A Thought to Ponder**

The only one you can change is yourself. Nobody changes you, not even God, unless you decide you want to change and ask God's help. When Thomas Aquinas' sister asked him how she could get to heaven, Thomas answered, "Will it."

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### **Explorers**

The next meeting of the Explorers will be held on Monday next, 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. in Mount Tabor Centre, Sandymount Green, next to Christ Church. We will read from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. All welcome. Bring your bible. (Queries: Tel. 2694374.)

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### **Lenten Evening Prayer on Tuesdays 6:30pm**

Our thanks to all who came again last Tuesday at 6.30pm for Evening Prayer of the Church. All are invited along this Tuesday too at the same time.

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**The Young Adults Film club** got off to a good start. Their next film night will be on Thursday next, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 19:30 - 22:00, when the film will be "The Woman in Gold." All young adults (16 yrs+) welcome.

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### **Church Bookshop**

There are some copies of St. Patrick's Confession available in the Bookshop, price €5. If further copies are needed we will be happy to take an order.

First Communion parents might also have an interest in a lovely First Communion Mass book, published by Veritas, and priced at €4. A small number of copies are available in the Bookshop and more may be ordered at your request.

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### **Jomac Is Back !!!**

At the Iris Charles Centre, Newbridge Avenue, on Thursday next, 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 8.00pm – A Variety Show by Jomac Productions. All welcome – Admission free!