



## REST IN PEACE

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

Kathleen Moran, Bill O'Sullivan, Emma Rigley, Terry, Joe & Jody Gavin, Bride O'Shea, Stephen & Christy Murphy, Andy & Rose Dodd, Frank Waters, Austin Pickering, Maura Harewood, Irene Cribbin, Patrick & Marie Keeley, Nell Ryan,

*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> November 2017	€1,370	€1,000

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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### Holy Rosary Sisters church gate collection

Sister Kathleen McKenna of the Holy Rosary Sisters rang to thank the parishioners of Star of the Sea for their generosity last weekend to the collection which amounted to €1,430.14.

# WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

*Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30*

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## *Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017*

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### **World Day of the Poor**

At the close of the Year of Mercy a year ago, Pope Francis nominated this Sunday as the First World Day of the Poor. You can read his full message for this day, entitled 'Love not in word but in deed' on the internet. Google 'First World Day of the Poor'. There are many points of deep reflection in his message. Here is one:-

'Tragically, in our own time, even as ostentatious wealth accumulates in the hands of the privileged few, often in connection with illegal activities and the appalling exploitation of human dignity, there is a scandalous growth of poverty in broad sectors of society throughout our world. Faced with this scenario, we cannot remain passive, much less resigned.

There is a poverty that stifles the spirit of initiative of so many young people by keeping them from finding work.

There is a poverty that dulls the sense of personal responsibility and leaves others to do the work while we go looking for favours.

There is a poverty that poisons the wells of participation and allows little room for professionalism; in this way it demeans the merit of those who do work and are productive.

To all these forms of poverty we must respond with a new vision of life and society.'

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

The Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee would like to thank all parishioners who attended the AGM last Wednesday night. The Council welcomes Veronica Lyons as a new member following her election at the meeting. As we welcome Veronica we extend gratitude to Anngret Simms and to Peter Carvill who have completed their term on the Council and have served the Parish so well.

The Minutes of last Wednesday's meeting are up and available on the Parish Website.

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### **Celebrating Baptism**

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in December will be held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in December will be on Sundays December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 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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### **'Do This in Memory Mass' next Sunday**

Children and parents in this year's First Communion Programme are invited to next Sunday's 10.30am Mass. We ask them to prepare by reading the pages of Grapevine 2, distributed after our October Mass and to work on pages 12 and 13 as well as 42 and 43 in their Thumb Book with the children at home. Please make sure that your child's name is on his/her Thumb.

The programme for the year sees another gathering scheduled for December 24<sup>th</sup>. It's a bit unrealistic in its expectations, so we'll have a 'Do This in Memory' Mass on December 17<sup>th</sup> instead with the meeting for the 'parents preparation group' on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>.

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### **November List of the Dead**

Lists and envelopes are available at the entrances to the church. Completed lists can be put in the collection baskets at Sunday Masses, handed in to the Parish office or put in the letter box in the Parish office door.

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### **Sale of Work**

A Sale of Work will take place in Iris Charles Centre, Newbridge Avenue, next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Admission of €3 includes tea / coffee. Donations of unwanted gifts welcome!

### **The Explorers**

Sandymount Inter-Church Scripture Reading Group

Next meeting on this Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30-9p.m., in the Community Room of the Mount Tabor Care Centre, Sandymount Green, at which Father Kieran O'Mahony, OSA, will talk to us about the Wedding Feast at Cana (John 2).

All are welcome, previous attendance not required.

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### **Guided Tour of our Church**

An entertaining exploration of the fascinating architectural and historical features of our church, St. Mary's. Star of the Sea. Hear its story from the 1850's to the present day.

Meet Rodney Devitt inside the church, *next* Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, at 3.00pm.

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### **Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

Geraldine Hanley, secretary of the 'Lourdes office' has written to thank parishioners for their very generous contribution of €3,360 this year. She also asks us to pass on her special thanks to Imelda Harding for her great work and commitment to the Lourdes Associate Membership.

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### **Rosary on the Coast for Life and Faith, Ireland**

Come and pray the Rosary with us on 26th November 2017, Feast of Christ the King, around the coasts of Ireland for Faith and Life, Local meeting place : section of beach by middle car park, Sandymount Strand

Email : [coastalrosaryireland@gmail.com](mailto:coastalrosaryireland@gmail.com)

Phone : 087 2786552

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### **Parking**

We regret that parishioners attending Sunday Mass have been clamped in recent weeks. Please insure that wheels are not infringing the footpath to save yourself a hefty fine and an hour's wait in the cold.

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### **Bagsnatcher**

We've been told that there's a bagsnatcher operating in the Parish. Please be careful when out and about.

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### **AIB Coffee Morning**

AIB Sandymount is hosting a Coffee Morning with Information and Demonstrations for Mobile and Internet Banking on Thursday next, 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 11am to 1.00pm. Everyone Welcome!