



REST IN PEACE

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

Anne Sinnott, Sister Marie Therese, Mary Harte,

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

Joseph & Josephine Jones, May & Tommy McDonnell, Bernard Whelan, Maureen & Tom Wall, Veronica Motherway, Eddie Ingle, Patrick & Christina Nevins,

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
24 th September 2017	€1,505	€940

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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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The usual monthly collection for the Society will take place after all Masses this weekend.

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Angela Bradley of Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind, has written to thank parishioners of Star of the Sea Church for their generosity to the Society's church gate collection on 9th / 10th September which amounted to €351.07.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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Sunday 1st October 2017

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Sacramental Preparation

We are grateful to the parents and children who came along to our church for the Ceremony of Enrolment towards First Communion last Tuesday evening. It represented also our first step in the "Do this in Memory Programme". This is a parish programme that is implemented now throughout the diocese, intended to support and complement the preparation of the children both in their family at home and with their teachers in school.

Preparation of the children relies on a three pronged approach from home, school and parish. Just like a three legged stool, if one leg is damaged or missing the stool doesn't stand up too well. The child approaching First Communion needs the support of all three. "Do this in Memory" is a programme of nine gatherings with the children in celebration of the Mass. Our next gathering with the children will be at the Family Mass on Mission Sunday, 22nd.

On Saturday next, October 7th, at 9.00am we'll have the first meeting of the parents group, to plan the Mass of October 22nd. In the time leading to October 22nd, parents are asked to read and share with their child the pages of 'Grapevine' newsletter, distributed last week, and the following pages in their "Thumb" book, pages 10 and 11 along with encouraging their child to complete pages 40 and 41.

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In school, the children now enjoy a wonderful new religion programme, called "Grow in Love". It is both child and teacher friendly, well resourced and with internet support. This new programme is replacing the Alive-O Programme over a four year period. This year the new 3rd and 4th class programmes are published and next year will see the arrival of the 5th and 6th class to complete the Primary School religion curriculum.

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Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation

On this Tuesday evening, at 7.30pm, we invite all our young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation next March, along with their parents, to the Ceremony of Commitment in our parish church.

Having registered their intentions with the parish, the parish calls them together to formally mark the serious work of preparation over the coming months. Please keep all our young people in your prayers that the time of preparation will be for each of them a time of appreciation of the gift of faith and a time of spiritual growth.

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Registration for the Sacraments.

By now every family in which a child is preparing for First Communion or Confirmation should have received a Registration form to be sent back to the Parish office as soon as possible.

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Dates for your Diary

Confirmation for the young people of Star of the Sea Boys School, Scoil Mhuire Girls and St. Matthew's School will be celebrated on Thursday, March 15th 2018 at 11.00am. First Communion for the girls of Scoil Mhuire will be celebrated on Saturday, May 19th 2018 at 11.00am.

First Communion for the boys of Star of the Sea School will be celebrated on Saturday, May 26th 2018 at 11.00am.

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First Friday

Friday 6th October is the First Friday of the month. We remember the Faithful Departed at the 7.30am and 10.00am Masses. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10.00am Mass until 11.30am unless there is a funeral.

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Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in November will be held on Monday, October 30th, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in November will be on Sundays November 5th and 19th, 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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Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Device- Request for Volunteers:

It is estimated that over 5,000 people die of sudden cardiac death in Ireland each year. Survival rates following a cardiac arrest at any age are directly related to time, resuscitation and particularly defibrillation. AEDs have been proven to be of extreme benefit in increasing the chances of survival from sudden cardiac arrest.

Our Parish has acquired an AED Device and we plan to have the device installed in our Church in the very near future. We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in participating on our Emergency Response Team and receiving defibrillator/basic CPR Training. The training takes approximately 2 and 1/2 hours. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Please contact our Parish Office if you are interested. Many thanks to Tom Moran for his work on this very important safety initiative.

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St. Teresa's Day

St. Teresa's Day, normally celebrated on October 1st, is not celebrated this year. Falling on a Sunday, the celebration of the 26th Sunday of the Year takes precedence. Some will miss the annual blessing of roses but we might hold her memory dear:

God, our Father,
you promised your kingdom
to the little ones and the humble of heart.
Give us grace to walk confidently
in the way of St. Teresa if the Child Jesus,
so that, helped by her prayers,
we may see your eternal glory.
We make our prayer, through our Lord.

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Day for Life 2017: This first Sunday of October is a Day for Life. The Bishops message and prayer is available on www.dayforlife.org and on cards at the back of the church