

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

August 20th 2017



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEKEND

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

Seamus Kelly who died this week,

for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Mary Mullane, Willie O'Connor, Jim Maguire, Kitty O'Leary, Peter Joseph Keely, Maurice (Mossie) O'Connor, Mary Lynch, Christopher Allen, Laurence Mulligan, Eileen Dunne, and for Bridget Campbell whose Month's Mind occurs.

May they share in the joy of heaven.

Welcome to Fr. Cormac

We are happy to announce that on Sunday, September 3rd, Fr. Cormac McIlraith will begin his ministry among us in Star of the Sea Parish.

For the past nine years Fr. Cormac has been parish priest in Booterstown and we are delighted that as he enters his retirement years he has been appointed parish chaplain to our Parish. We are blessed in his coming.

The 9.00am Sunday Mass will resume on that day, September 3rd, and the weekday Masses at 7.30am and 10.00am will also resume.

We are very grateful indeed to parishioners who have conducted the Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion since Easter. Their commitment and willingness is very much appreciated and has allowed the gatherings at both 7.30am and 10.00am to be maintained each day. This spirit of willing and quiet cooperation has been a fitting memorial to Fr. Pádraig Coleman over the weeks since his sudden death on Thursday, 20th April. May he rest in peace.

Lourdes Invalid Fund

Imelda will be at her little table again this weekend, enrolling Associate members of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. This fund takes care of the needs of the Invalid Section of the Pilgrimage.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society has learned that there are bogus callers in the area posing as Vincent de Paul members. Please note that members never call to your door asking for contributions.

Something to mull over for the week from St. Augustine:
"what's right is right even if nobody does it and what's wrong is wrong even if everybody does it".

Church collections

13th August:

1st Collection €1,205 and Share €790

15th August:

1st Collection €445 and Share €260

Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in September will be held on Monday August 28th at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in September will be on Sundays September 3rd and 17th, 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.

Pax Christi Church Gate Collection

Your generous support is requested at the church gate collection this weekend for the Catholic peace movement, Pax Christi Ireland.

Pax Christi Ireland has been playing a leading role in addressing major global issues through public awareness and high-level advocacy work directed at governments, the UN and other institutions to change national and global policies e.g. on issues related to landmines, explosive remnants of war, cluster bombs, small arms & light weapons, international arms trade, lethal autonomous weapons, child soldiers, nuclear disarmament and many others. It also works in the area of human rights, inter-faith dialogue, education for peace and non-violence and issues related to Northern Ireland.

WMOF 2018

A year from now we hope to have Pope Francis visiting us for the World Meeting of Families. A year's preparation is planned and we'll hear more about that in the near future. The main events will take place in Dublin with related events all over Ireland.

Three main moments constitute the planned event:

A Three day congress from 22nd to 24th August 2018.

A Festival of Families, a concert style event, on August 25th.

And a Solemn Eucharistic celebration on August 26th.