



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of

Rachael Byrne

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

Pauline Kelly, Deceased members of Daly family, Diarmuid Murphy, Andy Hackett, May & Mikey Hogan and their son, Enda, Harry O’Leary, Elizabeth & John Donohoe and their daughter, Joanne, Mary Hickland,

and for Margaret Hennessy 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.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are

DATE	GREEN BASKET	SHARE
14 th May 2017	€1,320	€860

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



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Sunday 21st May 2017

Synod on Youth

Before Advent Pope Francis announced that the next world Synod of Bishops in October 2018 will be on “Young people, faith and vocational discernment.” “But let’s call it,” he said, “the synod of young people. It should be a synod from which no young person feels excluded.”

On the eve of Palm Sunday, Pope Francis met with young people at the Basilica of St. Mary Major for an Evening Prayer vigil. He gave them three missions before the Synod:

1. Ask their grandparents what their dreams are
2. Work to make those dreams a reality and
3. Let their bishops and the pope himself know what they need from the Church.

When a young Franciscan sister and a young man who survived a terrible accident told their stories to the assembly, the Pope set aside his prepared text.

The church could hold a synod involving Catholic youths active in parish life or Catholic organisations and lay movements. But Pope Francis said that it is not what the church or young people need.

“This is a synod of young people and we all want to hear them, including people who have moved away from the church or are questioning the existence of God,” he said.

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“Every young person has something to say to others, something to say to the adults, to the priests, sisters, bishops and the pope. We all need to hear you.”

We would welcome suggestions as to how we could create space for such a listening exercise among the youth of Sandymount. Many of our youth (16 to 29 year olds) are preoccupied with exams at the moment and we understand. But maybe an opportunity might present for you to answer the question – ‘What would you say in answer to Pope Francis if he asked your advice on how to renew the Church?’ We’d love to hear from you. Meanwhile those with time might like to read Pope Francis’ Preparatory Document for the Synod (31 pages). It’s accessible by googling ‘Preparatory Document for the Synod on Youth’.

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Schedule of Sunday Masses

The Vigil Mass on Saturday evening will continue to be at 6.00pm.

Masses on Sunday will be at 10.30am and 12 Noon.

Schedule of weekday morning Masses

7.30am: Mass will be offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.30am.

10.00am: Mass will be offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10.00am.

Re-scheduling of Mass Intentions

The unexpected and necessary re-scheduling of Masses means that some parishioners may be disappointed that Mass Intentions were booked for a Mass time that’s no longer in our schedule. You are welcome to contact the parish office to re-arrange a suitable Mass time for your Intention.

Where parishioners arranged an anniversary Mass on a Sunday at 9.00am or 6.00pm, we will now pray for them at the 12 o’clock Mass on that day and offer a specific Mass for their Intention at a later date.

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Congratulations!

We congratulate the 63 boys from Star of the Sea Boys’ School who on this Saturday have celebrated their First Holy Communion. It is a very significant day in the life and faith of every one of us. Our thanks to their parents and teachers who have prepared them so well.

On Sunday next 10 children from St. Matthew’s School will celebrate First Communion at the 10.30am Mass.

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Volunteer Flower Arrangers

We are looking for volunteers to help with the flower arranging in the church – absolutely no experience needed! If you are interested please leave your name in the parish office.

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Baptisms in June

Baptisms will be celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in June (4th & 18th June). 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 June Baptisms will be Monday 29th May, 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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Getting Married?

Every year in our parish we meet more than 20 couples preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Some celebrate here in Star of the Sea, more elsewhere in Ireland and others in countries abroad. It’s a privilege to journey with them.

The parish of residency over the previous six months is the parish responsible for the completion of documents and the parish of residency of the bride takes responsibility for the preparation of the couple towards the Sacrament.

As part of that celebration the couple are asked to attend a pre-marriage course. The Diocese recommends its own Accord Course. While today a range of courses are available the criterion of the Diocese is that a connection with the Eucharistic Community is necessary for the acceptability of courses on offer. On that criterion some courses are not acceptable and couples planning to celebrate marriage as a sacrament should be aware of that.

The first step of a couple planning to marry is to contact the priest in the local parish, then establish a date and place for the church celebration and allow the priest to guide them through the necessary requirements. Couples will also be aware that they must also meet with the Registrar of Marriages and an appointment for that meeting requires notice at least three months before the date of the marriage.

The Sacrament of Marriage may be celebrated only where a community gathers to celebrate Mass on Sundays. It highlights that the place of celebration should never be thought of as a ‘venue’ but as a community of faith within which the sacrament is celebrated.