

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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



Sunday 22nd August 2021

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEKEND

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the repose of the souls of Heather Moulton; Sister Eugene Butler; Dr. Holly Delaney-Rice who died this week and also for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time

Mary & Denis Mullane; John & Ethel Siggins; James P. Maguire; Christopher & Rose Gaffney; Kitty O'Leary; Christopher Allen; Tony, Emma & Peggy MacSullivan; Mary Lynch;

And for Paul Fogarty 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 week 15th August:

1st collection €860
(Common Fund).

2nd collection €525
(Share Fund).

GOLF CLASSIC DETAILS

Date: Friday 24th September 2021

Venue: Elm Park Golf Club

PRICES:

Team of Four €400
(includes Golf, Dinner or Lunch)

Single Golfer €100
(includes Golf, Dinner or Lunch)

Sponsor a Tee Box €100

Full Page Ad in Brochure €100

Half Page Ad in Brochure € 50

Dinner Only € 40

To book a place or sponsor an Ad or Tee Box or make a Donation please fill in the attached Booking Form and return it as soon as possible to:

Parish Office, Star of the Sea Church
or

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Booking Forms are available at the main entrance to the church.

The Deep End – Leap of faith

Children are often adept at looking beyond the practicalities and seeing the possibilities. Where a parent or guardian might only see a messy room in need of tidying, a child sees an obstacle course, a castle, a jungle, a magical fairy forest. It can be refreshing to take a breath and remember that there is more to life than our physical, tangible world with its daily routines and to-do lists. Sometimes circumstances can leave us blinded to life's beauty or meaning.

In today's Gospel, some of Jesus' followers are finding it difficult to see beyond the physical. He has been teaching them that he is the living bread, but it is hard for them to accept. They dismiss it as 'intolerable language' and they wonder 'How could anyone accept it?' His teachings are too difficult to comprehend and they are annoyed and offended. Some of them even walk away.

But Jesus is offering something more than practicalities, more than physical food or drink; he offers the bread of life, living bread, his very self. It is a difficult message, but Simon Peter gets to the heart of it: 'You have the message of eternal life, and we believe.' He is able to see beyond the obvious to hear the truth at the heart of Jesus' words. Jesus demands a lot of his followers, who must each decide whether or not they want to follow. Are we ready to make that leap of faith?

Tríona Doherty