

REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of

Harriet Hetherington who died recently,

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

*Valerie Doyle, Mark Foley, Myles & Mary Doran, David Kiersey, Anne Phelan,
Deceased members of Walsh and McDonagh families,*

*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 |
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| 15 th July 2018 | €1,410 | €905 |

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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Mass Abroad

We appreciate that many of our parishioners may find themselves during holiday time in a place where Mass in English is not available. We would be very happy to give you copies of the appropriate missalettes in English. Call into the parish office.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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Sunday 22nd July 2018

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Columbans in Celebration

Not long ago we rejoiced in celebration of two hundred years in the life of the Irish Sisters of Charity. It allowed us to recall the flowering of congregations devoted to education and health care in the late 18th and early 19th century in Ireland. The charismatic leadership of people like Nano Nagle, Edmund Rice, Mary Aikenhead, Frances Ball and Catherine McAuley saw the development of congregations like the Presentation Sisters, Irish Christian Brothers and Presentation Brothers, Sisters of Charity, Sisters of Loreto and Mercy Sisters. They underpinned the emphasis of the first half of the 19th century to meet the education needs of Irish Catholics, long denied.

This month sees the beginning of a series of celebrations of congregations founded in the early 20th century, whose focus was on missionary endeavour – sharing the hope of the Gospel with people in the Far East and in Africa in particular.

This month the Columbans celebrated their centenary of formal recognition by Rome on June 29th 1918. One hundred years as a missionary society have seen their membership of men and women share the joy of the Gospel with and among people of diverse faiths, traditions and cultures, especially in the Far East – in China, Korea, the Philippines, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Burma (Myanmar) but also in places like Australia and New Zealand, Brazil, Peru, Belize, Chile, Pakistan as well as Britain and the U.S.

A number of Columbans met violent deaths and suffered severe hardships. Over the century the understanding of Mission has evolved and changed many times but adapting to the signs of the times and to each decade's challenges has been a hallmark of Columbans' lives. A particularly important challenge today is in breaking down existing barriers in relation to Islam in Pakistan, southern Philippines and in Myanmar. It is a time to appreciate the co-founders Bishop Edward Galvin and Fr. John Blowick. No longer a purely Irish undertaking, the Congregation's headquarters is now in Hong Kong and while the numbers of Irish priests and sisters in the Columban family have decreased, the congregation is blessed in having members from Asia, Chile, Peru and the South Pacific as well as Columban lay missionaries. Columbans are the first of the missionary congregations in centenary celebration. Soon it will be the turn of St. Patrick's, Kiltegan, the Medical Missionaries of Mary and the Holy Rosary Sisters. It reflects the missionary endeavour of so many Irish men and women in the first half of the 20th century.

What will be said of the first half of the 21st century?

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Celebrating Baptism

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

The celebrations of Baptism in August will be on Sunday August 5th and 19th, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 30th July 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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General Data Protection Regulation

A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), was introduced on 25th May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place.

After our last Parish Pastoral Council meeting we posted our GDPR Policy Statement on our website.

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Congratulations!

Our congratulations and warmest wishes go to Nancy and Brendan Moran who celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary this week.

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

If any of our parishioners who are ill or infirm would like to travel as invalid pilgrims with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, we would be happy to facilitate their doing so. The Pilgrimage takes place from September 7th to September 12th 2018. Application forms are available from the Parish office or from the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road. The invalids travelling with the Pilgrimage will be accommodated in the Accueil Notre Dame which is a residence close to the Grotto. To meet the requirements of the Medical Bureau in Lourdes a form, available in the Parish office, must be completed.

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World Meeting of Families 2018

A number of parishioners going to Croke Park on Sat, Aug 25th, and also to the Phoenix Park on Sun, August 26th, have been enquiring about the possibility of hiring a bus for the journey on each occasion.

The feasibility of doing so will rest on the demand for it as well indeed as on other factors that may be beyond our control. We're leaving two pages for signatures of those interested in pursuing the idea, one for Croke Park, the other for the Phoenix Park, at the back of the church. If interested in our pursuing the possibilities, please sign the appropriate page(s).

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Proposed new Bus Route

The bus route through Sandymount Village and onwards down Sandymount Rd. to town has been a long established feature of daily life for many. Under the new proposal of Dublin Bus that may soon change. Of particular value to parishioners has been the bus stop outside the church and a direct bus link to St. Patrick's, in Ringsend. Indeed the bus link with Ringsend was an important factor in our being clustered with Ringsend parish rather than Haddington Rd, with whom no bus connection existed. In the likely event of fewer Masses being celebrated in both parishes into the future, the bus option was considered important in serving parishioners with Masses scheduled at complementary times in the two churches. Some parishioners, for example, enjoy the option of taking the bus to the evening Mass in Ringsend. The new plan will see Merrion Rd, Ballsbridge, as the main artery into the city with buses running every 7 minutes or so. Two other bus routes will facilitate travel between Ballsbridge through Sandymount to Beach Rd, and between John's Rd and Sean Moore Rd along Strand and Beach Rd, running every 20-25 mins. Further details are on www.busconnects.ie. The Transport Authority and Dublin Bus promise information meetings across Dublin and public consultation opened on July 16th until September 14th.

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Lourdes Invalid Fund

The Lourdes Invalid Fund collection will start next weekend, 28th July and continue for four weeks until August 18th / 19th. So look out for Imelda at her table, in her usual spot at the back of the church.