

REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of Liam Redmond and Kurt Kullmann who died this week

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

Laurence Mulligan, Snr.; Thomas & Ellen Hayes; Rose Ryan; Josephine Jones; Gary, Brian & Nora Sinnott.

And for Evelyn Wright 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
15 th September 2019	€1,450	€945

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.

Legion of Mary – Knock Pilgrimage Sunday 29th September 2019

Bus departs from Star of the Sea Church, Sandymount at 8.15 am.

Cost: Including morning coffee & evening meal Adults = €40, Children = €20 (under 8 free). Contact: Anne: 087 8374837 or 01 2838178

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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Sunday 22nd September 2019

Diocesan Safeguarding Day, 2019 Letter from Archbishop Martin

Sunday 22 September is Diocesan Safeguarding Day. I wish to take this opportunity to address you on this vital matter and to thank you for all of the work you have been doing to make the Church in Dublin a safer place for children and for vulnerable adults.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the publication of the Murphy report and we are reminded of that dark and pain-filled chapter in our history. For many of those who were abused as children in the Church and for many of their loved ones that pain is a constant reality, one which will endure for the rest of their lives. We cannot undo the past. We can, however, honour the courage of those who have spoken of their experiences of abuse by doing all in our power to ensure a better and safer Church for the children of today and of tomorrow. As Pope Francis has instructed us in his recent Apostolic Letter, *Vos Estis Lux Mundi* we have an equal responsibility for the welfare and protection of vulnerable adults.

I wish to acknowledge with gratitude all the work that has been done in our parishes to make the Church a safer place for children and vulnerable adults. Our parish clergy, already under pressure due to declining numbers, have had to accept additional responsibilities in this area, such as ensuring that those involved in public ministry are vetted. I wish to thank them all for this.

I wish to thank also the hundreds of parish safeguarding representatives and the thousands who have attended safeguarding training. I wish to thank all of our parishioners who have kept faith with us through this difficult time. I do not underestimate the dilemma of parents who want their children to grow strong in the faith but hesitate about allowing their children to become involved in parish activities. I say to you: your children are dear to us, as they are to you, and we will do all in our power to ensure their safety and protection from abuse.

Since the publication of the Murphy Report there has been a decline in the number of child abuse allegations coming to the attention of the diocesan Child Safeguarding and Protection Service. However, a decline does not mean that such allegations have ceased, only that there are fewer of them. There are no grounds for complacency. It is important that we remain committed to this vital work.

I ask you also to remember those who were abused and to pray for them

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Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin

Parish Safeguarding Reps.

We welcome Elma Holohan and Cathy Etchingham, our two Parish Safeguarding Representatives. We thank them for the important service they provide to the Parish and for speaking to us at the Masses this weekend.

Parish volunteers will know that they have to be Garda Vetted every three years. After vetting forms have been submitted volunteers are then contacted by email from the Vetting Office. It is then incumbent on the volunteer to respond to the email within 30 days. Failure to do so means the whole process has to begin from the start again. We want to thank all the volunteers not only for the particular service they provide in the parish but for their co-operation with all safe-guarding procedures.

Mission Sunday

Mission Sunday is approaching on the 20th of October 2019, The Parish Pastoral Council are hoping to create a visual project highlighting any links the parish, and more specifically, parishioners, may have with the Missions anywhere in the world - keeping in mind that we in the West, specifically Europe, are now considered to be part of missionary territory ourselves in these increasingly secular times.

With this in mind we would be most grateful if anyone who can give any sort of witness or account of a Missionary testimony or experience (however simple) that has affected your life or that of someone you know would write a short account of the experience and forward it to the Parish Secretary, Mary O'Neill or email sandymountparish@eircom.net) to be considered for inclusion in this project. Written accounts should be submitted not later than October 4th, for inclusion and will be most gratefully received by the PPC. It will help if it's possible but not necessary that you make your account on A4 size paper.

Mission Appeal

Next Sunday the Holy Ghost Fathers will be visiting in Mission Awareness. Every year a Missionary congregation belonging to the Irish Missionary Union (IMU) is assigned a number of parishes to visit. It's intended to heighten awareness of missionary work and invite our prayers and support. This year it is the turn of the Holy Ghost Fathers to visit our area, as other congregations have done in previous years.

Open Evening

Open Evening on Thursday Sept. 26th in Marian College. Tour 1 begins at 5.30pm with Principal's Welcome and Tour 2 begins at 7.00pm with Principal's Welcome. For further information contact www.mariancollege.ie

Baptisms in October

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in October will be held on Monday 30th September 2019, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in October will be on Sunday October 6th and 20th after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 30th and to attend the preparatory meeting.

Sacramental Preparation

Pre-Sacrament Classes towards First Communion and Confirmation are held over a two year period. Children attending non-Catholic schools, who wish to celebrate the sacraments, are invited to enrol in classes when they enter 1st class (First Communion) and 5th class (Confirmation).

Children in non-faith schools (e.g. Educate Together) should be enabled to celebrate the sacraments with the help of their parents in their own home parishes and make contact with their parishes two years in advance of celebration. Accordingly children resident in Sandymount parish and attending a non-faith school may wish at entry to 1st class or to 5th class to make contact with us to enable appropriate arrangements of preparation to be made.

A meeting with parents of children in St. Matthew's School, who wish to prepare for sacramental celebration in 2020 and 2021 will be held this Monday September 23rd at 7.30pm in Star of the Sea Church.

First Communion Enrolment

The Enrolment Ceremony for First Communion classes will be held in the church on Tuesday October 8th at 7.00pm. A meeting of parents in Scoil Mhuire and in Star of the Sea schools intending to present a child for First Communion in 2020 will be held in the church on Tuesday October 1st at 7.30pm. Registration will take place that evening.

Frank Duff Prayer meeting Tues., 24th Sept. at 3pm in the Parish Meeting Room.