



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the repose of the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Baby Lucy Tiernan, Laurence Mulligan Snr., John Kane, Anne Sands, John & Maureen Bermingham, Joseph & Josephine Jones,

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	CROSSCARE
17 th September 2017	€1,305	€3,995

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese.

The white basket last weekend was the Crosscare Annual collection for their Community and Homeless Services.

We thank you for your contributions to the Church collections and for your continuing support of all the collections.

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The usual monthly collection for the Society will take place after all Masses next weekend.

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Legion of Mary

The Frank Duff prayer meeting will resume on Tuesday 26th September at 3 pm in the Parish meeting room, Star of the Sea church.

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Sunday 24th September 2017

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Child Safeguarding Day

This Sunday is Child Safeguarding Day in our Diocese, a day to cherish our children and to renew our commitment to ensure the safety and security of every child in the care of our Diocesan family.

In his letter to us today, Archbishop Martin acknowledges with gratitude all the work that has been done to make the Church a safer place for children. In the diocese, over 400 parish safeguarding representatives are in place to ensure the best safeguarding practice is followed in our 199 parishes. In the past year almost 1,200 people attended one day safeguarding sessions and a further 1,500 attended information sessions. The Diocesan Child Safeguarding and Protection Service oversees this work.

In 2016, Garda vetting became a legal requirement for those working with children and vulnerable persons, where previously vetting was a matter of good practice. A new vetting procedure was introduced in the past year which, calling for computer skills as it does, left those parish workers and volunteers, not familiar with computers and emailing, anxious and troubled by the procedure involved. The Archbishop thanks all who bore with this trouble and anxiety. Contd./

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The past year has seen a growing awareness in Irish society of the need to protect vulnerable adults. They, just as with children, are open to abuse and exploitation and in need of legislation and services to protect them. The Child Safeguarding and Protection Service in our Diocese has seen its remit extended accordingly to include the safeguarding of vulnerable adults and has developed an interim policy on this safeguarding area as well as the inclusion of the safeguarding of vulnerable adults in its training programme.

Although there is a welcome decline in the number of child abuse allegations coming to the attention of the Diocesan Child Safeguarding and Protection Services, the Archbishop wisely reminds us that there is no room for complacency. It's important that all of us remain committed.

Here in our parish we thank our Child Safeguarding Representative, Elma Holohan, and both the Pastoral Council and its Safeguarding sub-committee along with its chairperson, Janet Daly, for their commitment to lead our efforts to maintain high standards in this vitally important aspect of parish life.

Copies of the Archbishop's Letter are on the table at the Church entrance.

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BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

Alexa Rose Shanley Quinn

Seán Peter Delahunt

who were baptised last Sunday

'May you live always as members of the Body of Christ, sharing everlasting life'

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Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in October will be held **this Monday, September 25th, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.**

The celebrations of Baptism in November will be on Sundays November 5th and 19th, 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.

Sacramental Preparation

Parents and children preparing for First Communion in 2018 are advised that the Ceremony of Enrolment will take place this Tuesday, September 26th at 7.00pm in Star of the Sea Church. As part of the ceremony the names of each child presenting for First Communion will be called out and in consequence it is very important that Registration Forms are completed and returned.

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Confirmation candidates

Registration Forms for those who wish to be candidates for Confirmation in 2018 have been distributed to the schools concerned. Parents are asked to complete the form and return it before Friday 29th September. The Ceremony of Commitment is planned for Tuesday 3rd October at 7.00pm in Star of the Sea Church.

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Film Evening

A film evening for young adults will be held on Thursday next, 28th September at 7.30 pm in the parish meeting rooms. They will be showing the French Iranian film 'Persepolis' which is about a young girl as she comes of age against the backdrop of the Iranian Revolution.

It hopes to be an enjoyable evening. If you have any questions please contact Clodagh on 087 2489722.

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The translation of the Latin Missal

Many of us, priests and people, were disappointed with the English translation of the Latin Missal currently in use following its introduction in Advent 2011. It is seen by many as a clumsy attempt to render the basic Latin text into word-for-word equivalents in English.

Significantly, last weekend, Pope Francis authorised a change to Canon Law on liturgical translations a change which returns a greater responsibility to each conference of bishops to oversee the translation used in its pastoral jurisdiction. He calls for a "collaboration full of mutual trust" between the bishop's conferences and the Apostolic See. It is effectively a redress of the position taken by the Congregation for Divine Worship in Rome since 2001. It then rejected a translation of the Missal submitted by 11 English speaking Bishop's conferences in 1998 and insisted on a closer fidelity to the original Latin texts. A new process of translation followed, leading to the publication of the current Missal, in which individual conferences of bishops were little more than bystanders.

Pope Francis upholds principles guiding translation work which go back to the time of St. Jerome and to St. Thomas Aquinas and that emphasise 'meaning-for-meaning' rather than 'word-for-word' translation.