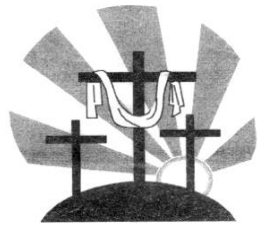


**REST IN PEACE**



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of Christine O’Doherty, and Caroline Kelleher née Walshe, whose funerals took place this week;

For the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:  
*John, Mary & Anne Mangan; Nancy, Jack, David & John Doran; Noreen Moriarty; Irene Cribbin; Christy & Stephen Murphy; Damian Reade; Nell Ryan; Gabriella Jaramillo; Joseph Jones; Mary Harewood; Jim Curry; Annie Stephens; Maura Kiersey; Michael Kelley;*

And for Ann Maguire 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.

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**CHURCH COLLECTIONS**

The amounts collected last weekend are:

DATE	GREEN BASKET	SHARE
17 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	€1,525	€1,245

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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**WEEKLY  
BULLETIN**



***St. Mary’s, Star of the Sea, Sandymount***

Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30  
 Fr. John McDonagh, Tel: 6684265 – Fr. Cormac McLraith, Tel: 6686845

[www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com](http://www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com)

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

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***Christ the King***

He told Pilate clearly that he was a king but that ‘his kingdom is not of this world’. We need to forget our image of earthly royals when we speak of ‘Christ the King’. He is a leader who invites us to follow him but his power is over sin and death. Far from the hallways of pomp and privilege his royalty is expressed in the Cross of Calvary and the Resurrection life of Easter. He shares his power with us who would follow the way in the strength of the Spirit. His power and rule is with us rather than over us. We too hope to share the victory of life in heaven.

We call this last Sunday of the Church Year ‘The Feast of Christ the King’ – as a summary slogan for the whole year’s journey, pointing us firmly to Jesus, our Lord, as the key to the meaning of the life journey of each of us. Next Sunday we begin again with the lovely season of Advent, a new year of walking with the Lord.

At daily Mass this week we will hear the Book of Daniel read. It was written at the time of the same Antiochus Epiphanes who brought tyranny and great suffering on the Jewish community around 167 B.C. The Books of Maccabees read this past week told the story of that time. Interestingly, the Book of Daniel was addressed to the suffering people of the time but in the guise of a writing that was pre-dated in the time of the exile to Babylon, centuries earlier. Those who heard the message of Daniel at that time would have seen the veiled reference to Antiochus Epiphanes. Irish history knew such literary devices in the use of ‘Kathleen Nee Houlihan’ as a veiled reference to ‘Ireland’ at a time when political commentary was dangerous.

### **'Do this in Memory'**

This week we welcome the children and parents preparing for First Communion and First Reconciliation to the 10.30am Mass. Our next Mass will be on December 15<sup>th</sup>. After our Mass this Sunday, the children will find exercises on pages 44 to 47 of Thumbs. They include the Colour-In Calendar on pages 46 and 47 to begin on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, next Sunday, colouring a section for each day in Advent. Parents are asked also to share with their child the content of pages 14 and 15 as well as Grapevine 3 to be delivered this week. We thank parents who have contributed as requested to the cost of all materials used in the programme. It's not too late, if you've forgotten to do so.

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### **Walk of Light 2019 Inter-Church Journey**

The Annual Ecumenical Walk of Light takes place this Sunday 24 November from 4.00-6.30pm. In cooperation with the Catholic, Church of Ireland, Korean, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Ethiopian Orthodox congregations in the area. Starting with a welcome and opening Prayer at 4.00pm at St Finian's Church, Adelaide Road, followed by an address by Jane Mellett, Trocaire, at 4.45pm at the Church of Mary Immaculate Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines. Concluding Prayer will be at 5.45pm in Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines.

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### **Registration for Confirmation**

To establish the definitive list of those who wish to celebrate Confirmation next March we ask again that if anyone has not already done so he/she and parents should submit their registration form as soon as possible. All candidates are asked to confirm their Baptism by presenting a Baptism Cert at earliest convenience. If a young person was baptised in Star of the Sea it will suffice to indicate so on the registration form, giving some direction as to the date.

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### **Thank You**

Dear Parents and Guardians we would like to remind you that all children and vulnerable people should be accompanied by a parent or guardian when using the bathroom facilities in our church. We thank all volunteers who have insured that Garda vetting is updated and complete.

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### **Iris Charles Centre, Newbridge Avenue**

Save the Date! Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November Coffee Morning from 11.30am. with Super Raffles, Cakes, Jams, Gift Items, Followed by live music with Past Times Band! Admission €3.

### **Baptisms in December**

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in December will be held **this Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.**

The celebrations of Baptism in December will be on Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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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### **Parish Pastoral Council AGM**

Our thanks to all who braved the weather to attend the Parish Council's AGM last Wednesday. We welcome two new members on the Council, Mary Murphy and Anne Bacon. Our thanks to those who are stepping down – Helen Byrne, Karen Hickey, Gerard Lincoln, Triona Long and Joe McElvaney

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### **Evening Prayer (Vespers) in Advent**

On the three Tuesday evenings of this year's Advent, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 10<sup>th</sup> December and 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm we invite you to come to the communal celebration of the Evening Prayer of the Church. It is a simple yet inspiring way of preparing for Christmas and well worth the time. Both young and old are invited.

Father John or Fr. Cormac will preside, the Franciscan Sisters and some parishioners will lead and take the part of cantor.

We need your support. Please, come along with your family and friends. All will be able to join in and it will be no more than half an hour of praise and prayers to God. All welcome.

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### **OLIVER! in Marian College:**

Marian College will present the ever-popular 'Oliver!' in the college, Lansdowne Rd., on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> & Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 7.30 each night (please note early start).

This marks the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Marian College musical society. All are welcome. For bookings please phone Ray at [0879195012](tel:0879195012), or simply turn up on the night.