



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of

Donal Doyle, Tom Palliser,

who died recently and also for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Norah Ennis, John Young, Gladys McNeill, John Lynch, Eamonn O'Connor, Carmel & Desmond Sheridan, Mark & Annie Foley, Patricia O'Doherty, Daniel Lynch,

and for Maureen Jennings 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
18 th June 2017	€1,225	€780

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.

We have added some photos and videos of our Corpus Christi Procession last Sunday to our Photo Gallery on our Parish Website. Just log in to: www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com and to Photo Gallery in the upper tabs.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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Sunday 25th June 2017

Graduation

This Tuesday at 7.00pm boys and parents in Star of the Sea school will gather in our church for a Graduation Mass, marking their final days at the school. And then at 8.00pm that evening, a similar gathering in Scoil Mhuire, Lakelands, will celebrate a Graduation Mass to mark the final days at Scoil Mhuire for the 6th class girls. We wish them every blessing as boys and girls move on to Post Primary Schools.

The word graduation derives from the Latin word for a 'step' – 'gradus'. One is reminded of what was said at the moon landing – 'one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind'. At one level it's a small step for boys and girls, one that most will negotiate without any bother and at another it's a big step even if young people are more than ready for it.

It's a big step in as much as a class has bonded in friendship over eight years and now they'll part, some to this school, some to that. Whereas up to now they've been in the care of one teacher for each year, now they move to where they may have up to eight teachers per day, each with their own expectations and perceptions, each setting their own assignments and adopting their own style of being with young people as teachers. They'll be called upon to be more responsible and very likely to have further distances to travel to school than previously. Young people have a great capacity to adapt and while initial days at a second level school are often daunting, once friendships have been found Contd./

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and anxieties overcome, teenagers warm to the variety and new opportunities afforded in Post-Primary School.

At Baptism we expressed a prayer we renew now for all who take this step of graduation.

‘May the Lord watch over you at every step of life’s journey’.

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BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

- Olivia Ellen Sarah Reynolds*
- Mae Lilian Stafford*
- Eddie Downes*
- Orrí Muiris McBride*

who were baptised last Sunday

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

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Baptisms in July

Baptisms will be celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in July (2nd and 16th July). Baptism Application forms are available in the parish office Monday – Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Applications must be made in advance of the preparatory meeting for each month’s celebrations. The date for the preparation meeting for July Baptisms will be on **this Monday, 26th June, at 8.00pm** in the Parish Meeting room.

Parents are advised that godparents must be practicing Catholics who are at least 16 years of age and that godparents should be one of each gender, godfather and godmother.

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Rally for Life

Those who support the 8th Amendment of the Constitution are invited to a rally for life next Saturday, July 1st at 2.00pm in Parnell Square.

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Explorers

The Explorers inter-church scripture study group announced this week that beginning in September Fr. Kieran O’Mahoney has agreed to lead all who come along through the pages of St. John’s Gospel.

Meetings are on the third Monday of the month, with the exception of December when it’s on the 2nd Monday. September ’17 through to April ’18.

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LOURDES INVALID FUND

This year Imelda will be collecting for the Invalid Section of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes during the month of August.

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Church flowers volunteers needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with the flowers in the church. You would be working in a group and would only have to volunteer for one month – two or three times in the year.

ABSOLUTELEY NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

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Reading Catholic Newspapers and Magazines

This weekend some copies of The Tablet are available for those who might be thinking of subscribing to it. It’s more expensive than other Catholic newspapers but one is guaranteed an informative and worthwhile read (£3 sterling). In a few weeks time we hope to update orders through the Bookshop and we’ll consult with parishioners before that.

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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 supply you with copies of the Mass Missalette for any Sunday that you are away. Call in to the parish office.

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Pathways and Faith for Life

The Diocesan Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism will be offering two key courses beginning this Autumn in Clonliffe College.

Course 1 - Pathways is a two-year course on Thursday evenings, Sept. to May (7.00-9.30pm). There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. You can just come along and enjoy! The cost is €400 for the coming year which may be paid in instalments. Some sponsorship may be available for those of limited means. For further information contact Eileen Houlahan Tel: 8379253 Ext 294.

Course 2 - Faith for Life is a course which takes place over 4 weekends. One weekend each in October, December, January and March. Further information available at www.evangelisation.ie

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Parish Office opening times

The Parish office will be open from 9.30am to 11.00am for the next two weeks.

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