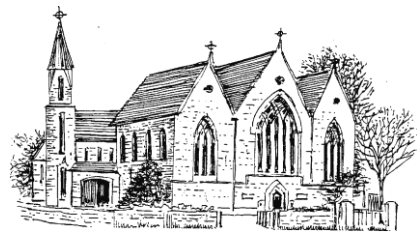


# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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



Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30

25<sup>th</sup> August 2019

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Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of Evelyn Wright who died recently and also for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time: John & Ethel Siggins; Kevin Jacobs; Jimmy Kane; Jim Maguire; Kitty O'Leary; Christopher & Rose Gaffney; Eileen, Daniel & Delia Ahern; Catherine O'Reilly and John Herbert.

May they rest in the joy of God's Kingdom.

### Church Collections for August 15<sup>th</sup> 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Collection €435.00

Share €150.00.

### August 18<sup>th</sup> 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Collection €1,180.00

Share €841.00

### Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in September will be held on this **Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.**

The celebrations of Baptism in September will be on Sundays September 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 at noon and to attend the preparatory meeting.

### Another Angle on today's Gospel: Living Authentically

Countless faiths have pondered on the idea of who can be saved? What about those who never heard of the Gospel? Are we on the right side? And all this talk of a narrow door is a bit unnerving, is it not?

What matters is to act, to do courageously all that lies in our power to enter. Live authentically; it doesn't matter if what you do is noticed or not. Ultimately you have to face yourself in the mirror. You have brains in your head and feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.

As schools return this week, a little story from the East may help. An elderly sage was educating his young disciples about life. He tells of a dreadful battle between two lions that goes on in every person. One lion is wicked: he is fear, rage, jealousy, sadness, greed, pride, self-pity, shame, hatred, weakness, lies, rivalry and superiority. The other lion is good: he is happiness, harmony, love, trust, sharing, peace, modesty, gentleness, compassion, friendship, understanding, charity, truth, kindness and loyalty. He was asked: 'Which lion will win?' The answer: 'The one you feed the most.'

Which of the two lions within you do you make the strongest?

We ask God to bless the work of our two parish schools, students, teachers and staff, parents and boards of management. A big welcome to our new principal in Scoil Mhuire, Lakelands: Mr Donncha Cleary.

### The Crosscare Annual Collection for Community, Homeless and Youth services

will take place in churches throughout the Dublin Diocese on next weekend **Sat 31<sup>st</sup> August and Sun 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019.** Last year Crosscare saw almost 1,000 people accommodated in their homeless services and at the same time they helped 78 families and over 100 individuals move into their own homes. Through their food banks and meal services, over 175,000 meals were distributed to those in need and 14,000 parcels of food were delivered to families. Over 4,000 young people were supported through Crosscare's Youth Work service through voluntary youth clubs and summer projects. 400 teenagers and their families found the help and support they needed in Teen Counselling. Please help Crosscare to continue with this vital work in our parishes and communities. Donors can also contribute on line at [www.crosscare.ie](http://www.crosscare.ie)

### Congratulations!

We know you will all join with us in sending our congratulations and best wishes to John and Pauline Smith who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Friday last.

### Lourdes Invalid Fund

Imelda is at her little table at the back of the church again this weekend, enrolling Associate members of the Dublin Pilgrimage to Lourdes. On this final week we thank all who have contributed to this deserving charity and thank Imelda.