



## ***REST IN PEACE***

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of

Angela Forsyth; Damien Pilkington and Brendan Byrne who died last week

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

Carmel Mangan; David Walsh; Peter Clancy; Teddy & Denis Brazil; Joe Sadlier; Thomas & Mary Harding and their son Thomas; Kathleen McLoughlin;

And for *Margaret Callanan and Marie Whelan* whose Month's Minds occur.

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:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>GREEN BASKET</b>	<b>SHARE</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	€1,770	€1,140

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***

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***Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020***

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### ***Catholic Schools Week***

This coming week is Catholic Schools Week, a week in which we celebrate our schools for their significance and importance in our lives. A school with Catholic ethos will uphold important values in education.

The first of these is the valuing and appreciation of how precious each person's life is. Regardless of race, creed or social standing the Catholic school will uphold and respect the dignity of each person, 'made in the image and likeness of God.'

The second is that the school is a community of people, students, teachers and parents who work together supportively in relationships guided by Christian values – a community of love, peace and joy, a community of understanding and forgiveness, a community that fosters care and concern for the vulnerable and poor. As one principal teacher puts it – 'our school is our parish.'

A third feature is that a Catholic school prepares students for the whole of life's journey. That's why its curriculum will be seen to embrace both knowledge and faith and why growth in virtue will be prized as much and more than growth in academic achievement. The ecumenical spirit and the desire to be in peaceful harmony with members of other religions means that non Christian students will be respected within its faith dimension. The Catholic faith will be celebrated with respectful recognition of the faith journeys of others.

Finally, the Catholic school will seek to prepare its students to meet the modern world as adults who are educated across the arts and sciences in what one great philosopher called ‘the funded capital of civilization.’ Perhaps it’s fair to say that this is often the only evaluative measure that some bring to the Catholic school. Catholic schools around the world are prized for academic achievement of students but it’s important to see the wider picture of schools’ purpose and endeavour.

This year the theme for Catholic Schools Week is “Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God’s Creation.” The theme encourages us to see that we all have a responsibility to care for the earth, not just for our own future, but for the future of every one of God’s creatures.

Our local Catholic schools will hold special celebrations this week in Marian College and in Scoil Mhuire and Star of the Sea Primary Schools. We’re delighted too that girls from Scoil Mhuire will sing in the Laudate Festival along with other schools at the Church in Ballyroan (Holy Spirit) next Wednesday at 7.00pm. The boys in Marian College will also participate in the Emmanuel Festival at the Helix, DCU on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Laudate Festival**

Every year during Catholic Schools Week the Laudate Festival is celebrated. A large choir of children from schools in the diocese take part with 500-1,000 participating in each of four venues, leading in song and prayer. The festival nights are joyful and reflective gatherings celebrating the gift of faith.

This is for everyone to enjoy and is free for all parents, families, friends and parishioners

- Church of St. Agnes, Crumlin, on Monday
- Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road, on Tues
- Church of the Holy Spirit, Ballyroan, on Wed.
- St. Pius X, Templeogue on Thursday.

Celebrations each evening begin at 7.00pm and end at 8.15pm. A special word of thanks to Deirdre Seaver who with their teachers prepared the girls in Scoil Mhuire for Wednesday’s celebration in Ballyroan.

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### **Baptisms in February**

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in February will be held **this Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.**

The celebrations of Baptism in February will be on Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 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.

### **Feast of the Presentation next Sunday**

Next Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, is the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, Candlemas Day. Traditionally its the day we bless candles for use in the church or at home. You may wish to bring candles to be blessed.

This lovely feastday is also the Day for Consecrated Life. Archbishop Martin will celebrate Mass for Consecrated Life in the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Foxrock, at 3.30pm on Sunday next. The Dublin Diocesan Music Group will provide the music of the Mass.

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### **Blessing of Throats**

On the Feast of St. Blaise, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, throats will be blessed after the 7.30am and 10.00am Masses.

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### **‘Do This in Memory’**

We again welcome boys and girls and their parents to this Sundays ‘Do this in Memory’ Mass. After this Mass, Grapevine 5 will be distributed, in church for St. Matthew’s parents and in school for the other children and parents. You’re asked to work through the relevant pages of Thumbs, pages 18, 19, 54 and 55, and Grapevine 5, before our next Mass on February 9<sup>th</sup>. The preparation group meet next Saturday at 9.00am. Because of mid-term break in February, our next Mass has had to be brought forward. Hence the short interval to our next special Mass.

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### **Clothing Collection for St. Vincent de Paul**

The Society is seeking your help in its Annual Clothing Appeal in this Parish. The Appeal is for clean, good-quality clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc. Bags will be available outside the church on the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February and the Society will collect the bags outside the church on the following weekend, 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> February at the Vigil Mass and Sunday morning Masses.

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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.

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### **World Day of the Sick 2020**

The World Day of the Sick will be celebrated on Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>, the nearest Sunday to the World Day which is on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11<sup>th</sup>. The diocesan celebrations will be held at Newtownpark Avenue, Guardian Angles Church. The Archbishop will lead the celebration of Mass there at 3.30pm. Anointing of the sick will take place during Mass.

On the previous day, Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup>, between 9.30am and 1.00pm a Seminar will take place in the Newtownpark Parish Pastoral Centre. This year’s theme will be on *Hope in the Face of Suicide*.