

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

August 27th 2017



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEKEND

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the repose of the soul of

Richard (Richie) Kane who died this week,

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

Frank Dalton, Esther O'Hanlon, Christopher & Rose Gaffney, Eileen, Daniel & Delia Ahern, Laurence Mulligan, Eileen Dunne

And for Valerie Doyle whose Month's Mind occurs.

May they share in the joy of heaven.

Church collections 20th August:

1st Collection €1,135 and Share €675

Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in September will be held **this Monday, August 28th, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.**

The celebrations of Baptism in September will be on Sundays September 3rd and 17th, after the 12 noon Mass. Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of this 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.

Parish Choirs

Our Parish Choirs will return after their summer break on Sunday September 3rd at the 10.30am Family Mass and 12 o'clock Mass. They will have their first Rehearsal on Monday September 4th in the Church (Children from 6.00 - 7pm and Adults at 7 - 8.00pm).

New members are always welcome in our Choirs and this would be a good time for anyone who likes singing (you don't have to be able to read music) to come along to the rehearsal on the Monday night. Choir membership involves a practice one Monday night per month and half an hour before 12 o'clock Mass on Sundays.

All age groups are welcome!

Pax Christi Church gate collection

Tony D'Costa, General Secretary of Pax Christi wrote:
We express our heart-felt thanks to the Parish of Sandymount and the parishioners for their generous support for the work of Pax Christi at the collection last week. The total amount collected was €920.

Lourdes Invalid Fund

Imelda will be at her little table again this weekend, enrolling Associate members of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. This fund takes care of the needs of the Invalid Section of the Pilgrimage.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

WMOF 2018

A year from now we hope to have Pope Francis visiting us for the World Meeting of Families. A year's preparation is planned and we'll hear more about that in the near future. The main events will take place in Dublin with related events all over Ireland.

Three main moments constitute the planned event:
A Three day congress from 22nd to 24th August 2018.
A Festival of Families, a concert style event, on August 25th.
And a Solemn Eucharistic celebration on August 26th.

UCD Research to Improve Health with Ageing

The UCD Institute of Food and Health are recruiting adults of ages 50 years and older to participate in a new research project which will explore the role of B-vitamins in healthy ageing.

Over the course of the 2-year trial, you will be asked to consume a free daily vitamin supplement and visit UCD on three occasions to:

- Undergo a free DEXA bone and body scan at the beginning and end of the trial.
- Have your memory and blood pressure checked.
- Give a blood sample to allow vitamin analysis of your blood.

For more information or to ask any questions, please contact our researchers: Roberta at roberta.hackmendes@ucd.ie or call 01 716 2804, or Maria at maria.heffernan@ucd.ie or 01 716 2442