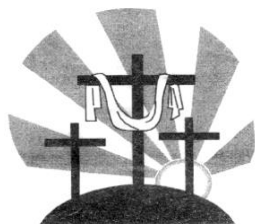


## REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of Fr. Jim Gavigan who died this week.

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

*Liam Dignan; Gladys McNeill and her son, John Lynch; Conor Coghlan; Carmel & Larry Norton; Lisa Gibbons; Maria Saltini; Brian Whelan; Damian Molloy;*

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
21 <sup>st</sup> June 2020	€210	€155

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.

## 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 McIlraith, Tel: 6686845

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### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020

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#### *Starting up Again*

As we ease our way back into bringing life to the faith community that gathers in Star of the Sea, we know only too well that we're not back to normal life for awhile yet. We return in this coming week very much reliant on everyone's sense of responsibility, on the support of volunteers to act as stewards and church cleaners, on high regard for each others' safety and ready to accept whatever limitations are imposed by the HSE and Government regulations.

Be resolved to maintain the hand washing discipline, to avoid touching of the face, to maintain the 2 metres distance from all but those in your own household. Wear a mask, if possible. The virus is out there still, lurking like a sniper and it's a deadly virus but with careful precaution we can keep it at bay and keep one another safe.

When you come to Mass, after sanitizing, go to where the steward invites you to sit. It will be helpful to fill up the available seats in a way that enables an easy count of spaces available. When the church is full to the permitted level accept that as a fact with understanding. Consider coming on another day and know that the webcam offers a connection for all who have internet facility at home.

We ask you to stay in the assigned seat and not move to light candles or purchase newspapers / magazines, for example. It may be possible to come at another time in the day to do so.

experienced difficulty in the procedure and if this happens to you please contact us at the Parish office.

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**Graduating with a difference**

This weekend marks the end of school term and in particular the last days of the boys and girls in 6<sup>th</sup> class in both Star of the Sea School and Scoil Mhuire, Lakelands. In other years we've marked graduation with great celebration and appreciation of our young people. Since March 12<sup>th</sup> the young people haven't been able to meet each other except on zoom and hopefully sometime soon we'll be able to bring them together to enjoy each others' company as a graduating class.

We wish you every blessing as you move on to second level school and a new and exciting chapter in your education and growth.

Great credit is due to our teachers in both our parish schools who continued their teaching of the boys and girls on Google Classroom through these extraordinary months. Well done to your professionalism and commitment. It will be an abiding memory for the young people that their teachers continued to teach through these difficult months.

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**Congratulations**

Our congratulations to Ronald and Triona Long who this week celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They have given great service to the parish in their work with the parish shop and participation in the Pastoral Council in recent years. God bless you both Ronald and Triona.

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**First Penance and First Communion**

We won't be in a position to set dates for First Penance and First Communion celebrations until the schools return in September. With over 100 children involved and a likely ongoing set of restrictions in place we envisage there will be several small group celebrations in place of the 3 day celebrations for both sacraments that were originally intended. We pray for the children and their parents in a special way this weekend.

As other parishes face the enormous task of organising small group Confirmation ceremonies in mid July we count our blessings that on the last day before schools closed on March 12<sup>th</sup> our Confirmation ceremony took place. We wish all the boys and girls in 6<sup>th</sup> class in both Scoil Mhuire and Star of the Sea schools all the best as we enter the last week of the school term.

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**Don't forget how vitally important it is to our hopes of resumption that we find willing volunteers to be ushers, cleaners, stewards and part of the team needed at every Mass as we seek to go forward. Please let us know if you are available as soon as possible.**

At communion time, our movement will be different in that one Eucharistic Minister will distribute communion at the top of the centre aisle and another half way down the centre aisle where a gap opens between seats on both centre and side aisles to allow ease of movement. To avoid meeting others coming and going, there will be a circular movement made in four different areas of the church which will be explained when we gather and will rely on stewards' directions. Such changes are in the interest of everyone's greater safety.

We won't sing hymns as yet. To do so risks a situation where 2 metres distancing may not be sufficient for safety.

The main door will be the only entrance if the total number allowed entry remains at 50. The two side aisle doors towards the front will be our only exit doors. Baskets will be left at both exit doors inviting contributions for both the Common Fund and Share Fund collections. As people leave they might have donations ready so as not to delay proceedings. Keep the 2 metres distancing as you leave and maintain the flow onwards.

The church will close after each Mass to allow the team of cleaners to sanitize the seats. We anticipate two persons cleaning when attendance is capped at 50. When the number increases at the Government's discretion we'll need more than two. It is anticipated that we'll need five stewards at each Mass initially to assist the new discipline and welcome the return of the congregation. We thank all who have kindly volunteered.

**The daily Mass at 7.30am and 10.00am resumes this Monday.**

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**Meeting for Volunteers**

A meeting will be held for volunteers on Thursday next at 7.30pm in the church. Eucharistic Ministers are invited to meet on Saturday next at 12 noon in the church. Over the summer months, people will likely be away on holidays and we'll be needing replacement help for all volunteers on holidays. We're very grateful to all who have already volunteered to help.

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**Baptisms**

Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month. Currently the maximum number in attendance in the Church under HSE guidelines is a total of 25 persons. In view of this we will only baptise one child at a time to avoid exceeding the number allowed. People who booked for earlier months and who wish to re-book are asked to contact the Parish office to establish a new date.

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**On-Line Donations to the Parish**

There are 'donate' buttons on our website facilitating donations to the Parish, to the Common Fund, to Share or to the Easter Dues. We are grateful to those who have already opted to this way of donating. Some have

