



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of

Joan Dunne, Margaret (Maureen) Keenan,

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

Kathleen O'Loughlin, Frankie & Jimmy Rigley, Peter Clancy, James & Anne Molloy, David McCurtain, Michael O'Reilly, Gerard & Margaret Byrne and their son, Denis Byrne, Terry Sharpe, Breda Gormley,

and for Kay Kennedy 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
22 nd January 2017	€1,805	€1,270

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

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Sunday 29th January 2017

Catholic Schools Week

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is Catholic Schools: Learning with Pope Francis to Care for Our Common Home.

It is hoped that this theme will help schools to gain an understanding of the Pope's encyclical letter 'Laudato Si'. This is Pope Francis' second encyclical. Its title means 'Praise be to you' and it has the subtitle 'On Care for Our Common Home'. In this encyclical letter Pope Francis discusses the harm humankind has caused on earth and calls on 'every person living on this planet' to make necessary changes in our lives to protect our planet. He deals with such issues as pollution, climate change, drought, loss of biodiversity and the decline in the quality of human life. He asks us to work together to create a better world for future generations and to take care of, respect and value our common home.

Catholic Schools around the world celebrate Catholic Schools Week this week and we recognise that as Catholic Schools working together to care for our common home they can play an essential role in shaping the future of our planet. The daily themes in both Primary and Post Primary Schools are as below and Resource Materials appropriate to various age (class) groups are accessible to download on www.catholicschools.ie
The daily themes are as follows:

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Monday: Seeing the beauty of our common home.

Tuesday: Caring for our common home.

Wednesday: Grandparents Day (visiting). Watching over our common home.

Thursday: Protecting our common home.

Friday: Sharing our common home.

It's a great opportunity to share with our children the great challenge of taking greater care of our earthly home. Scientists revealed this week that we may be nearer than we previously thought to the critical level in climate change agreed by the nations at the Paris Meeting on Climate Change in 2016. May God bless our Schools.

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BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

Maurice Sean Wilson

who was baptised last Sunday

'May you live always as a member of the Body of Christ, sharing everlasting life'

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Baptisms in February

Baptisms will be celebrated on February 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. Baptism Application forms are available in the parish office Monday – Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Applications, giving 1 month's notice, must be made in advance of the preparatory meeting for each month's celebrations. The date for the preparation meeting for February Baptisms is **this Monday, January 30th 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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Society of 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 this weekend 28th / 29th January. The Society will collect the bags outside the church next weekend, 4th / 5th February at the Vigil Mass and Sunday morning Masses only.

The Society is very conscious of the tremendous support given by the parishioners of this Parish for their charitable works over the years. They would like to thank you all most sincerely on behalf of those you have helped.

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Christmas Dues Donations

We wish to thank parishioners who have already sent in Christmas Dues. Donations envelopes may be handed into the Sacristy/Parish office or put in the letter-box in the Parish office door. Christmas and Easter Dues donations go towards the Common Fund that supports the priests of the Diocese.

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ST. BRIGID'S BLESSING

May the light of Brigid be around you, above you, below you, within you.

May the fire of Brigid warm your hearts. May the light of God and Brigid surround you always. Amen.

Feast of St. Brigid, Wednesday 1st February.

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The Presentation of the Lord

Candlemas Day

Thursday 2nd February, Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, traditionally known as Candlemas. This feast is 'a combined remembrance of the Son and the mother'. It is a festival of light, honouring Christ, the Light of the world—'a light to enlighten the gentiles and the glory of his people'.

Anyone who wishes to have candles blessed for their own use is very welcome to bring them for blessing on Thursday next. On that day we bless the candles for use in the church during the year and Mass will begin at the back of the church where candles are blessed before a procession to the altar for the Gloria.

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FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Friday 3rd February is the feast of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. Tradition tells us that he was a physician before becoming a priest. A Blessing of throats will take place after Masses on that day. The Holy Hour will begin after the blessing of throats.

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25th World Day of the Sick

Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick Sunday 12th February 2017 at 3.00pm in St. Gabriel's Parish Church (Dollymount), 3 St. Gabriel's Road, Dublin 3.

Main Celebrant: Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. All welcome.

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Sandymount Gospel Choir

Sandymount Gospel Choir sings at the 6 pm Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and will be singing again on 12th February.

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