### REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of Marcella Jackman, whose funeral took place this week and for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ben Kealy, Frances Conway, Rosaleen Murphy, Rachael and Liam Byrne and Ita White, and for Sr Mary Catherine Leonard, 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 <sup>nd</sup> May	€845	€465

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

This week, Trócaire has kindly acknowledged our Lenten collection of €2,063. Well done to all who brought Trócaire and the 3<sup>rd</sup> world into their Lenten journey this year.

# WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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Ascension Sunday

May 29th '22

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The Building Hope Parish Gathering will be this afternoon at 4pm in the hall of Scoil Mhuire. We will greatly appreciate a good turn out to enter into a reflection on what will shape our lives as a parish community in coming years. We thank those who came along on Wednesday last to the first of two opportunities to participate, today's meeting being the second. Aware of the current traffic restrictions on Gilford Rd it is best to approach the school from the coast road.

#### **Week of Prayer begins this Sunday**

You are warmly invited to join together in a Week of Prayer to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in Dublin from May29th to June 6<sup>th</sup>-Ascension Sunday through Pentecost to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church. It is a week of prayer as part of the Building Hope Initiative of our Diocese. A week of prayer booklet may be downloaded from the Diocesan website.

#### **World Youth Day 2023**

World Youth Day 2023 will be in Lisbon from August 1<sup>st</sup> to August 6<sup>th</sup> next year. The registration system will open in September but young people in our parish may wish to think and talk about it. It is intended to have an option for 16 to 18 year olds to participate as well as those aged 18 to 29. We'd love to see young people from the parish taking up the invitation, especially when Lisbon isn't too far away for us.

#### **Ecumenical Bible Week**

Beginning next Sunday, Pentecost Day, the Ecumenical Bible Week, led by the Dublin Archdiocese and the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough in collaboration with other Christian traditions, will run from Pentecost to Trinity Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. If interested, check out the Ecumenical Bible Week's website at <a href="www.bibleweek.ie">www.bibleweek.ie</a> for further information and to register for the events which will be online.

#### **Blessing of Graves today**

Parishioners with family graves in Shanganagh Cemetery may wish to know that Mass and Blessing of graves in the cemetery will take place this Sunday afternoon, May 29<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm. An Annual Blessing Service also takes place today at the Angels' Plot in Glasnevin, also at 3pm.

#### Lourdes Pilgrimage to resume this year.

The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will resume this September, Sept 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, three years since it was last possible to undertake the pilgrimage. Unfortunately it will not yet be possible to bring the usual cohort of about 180 sick pilgrims and provide the kind of medical and nursing back-up that was customary on this pilgrimage. However, parish groups are invited and when among them there are wheel –chair bound pilgrims, some measure of assistance will be afforded them by a crew of voluntary workers on the pilgrimage.

We will recall how over many years, the late Imelda Harding and before her, Imelda's mother, devoted themselves to fostering the Associate Membership of the Pilgrimage each Year. Perhaps, four people-one for each of the four weekend Masses-might volunteer to invite associate membership again this year on a weekend that suits. It would be a pity to lose a long established tradition that owes much to Imelda.

#### Last week's Jubilee Celebration

What a wonderfully memorable occasion we had last weekend in the garden party to mark Fr John's Golden Jubilee after the 12 o'clock Mass. Fr John is very grateful to all who did so much to allow us a happy shared occasion. Thanks to all who provided such lovely food in plenty and planned the ice-cream man's arrival. It was particularly memorable that so many young families and children were along. It also attests to the power of social media to organise a surprise party.

Our thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council and to all who came along. A special word of thanks to the adult and children's choirs, who sang so well at the 12 o'clock Mass. The great attendance and liturgy gave us a lift of new life after the Covid years of restriction.