

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEKEND

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the repose of the souls of Valerie Doyle, Bríd Pender and Sister Carmel McAteer who died this week,

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

Keelan Kraus, Pat Gavigan, Fr. Joe Dunn, Nancy & Leo O'Beirne, Mark Foley, Olive Corcoran, Patrick, Anne and Mollie Ryder, Oliver Ryan, William O'Leary, Thomas Joseph Cowley Jnr.,

May they share in the joy of heaven.

The saints are exemplars of the Christian life, the life to which we are called through Baptism. Over the next two weeks we celebrate some of the most inspiring saints in the liturgy.

This Monday, July 31st, we celebrate St. Ignatius of Loyola. He lived between 1491 and 1556 and came from the north of Spain. He founded the Society of Jesus, popularly known as the Jesuits. By the time of his death the society spread widely and had over a thousand members. Pope Francis is the first Jesuit to have become Pope. Notable saints among the Jesuits, apart from St. Ignatius are St. Francis Xavier, St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Aloysius Gonzaga, St. John de Brebeuf and his 7 companion Jesuits, St. Peter Faber, St. Peter Canisius, St. Edmund Campion. In Ireland we recently saw the Beatification of Fr. John Sullivan (13th May this year) while in 1992 Pope John Pal 11 beatified the Jesuit Brother and Youghal native, Dominic Collins, martyred in his home town on October 31st 1602.

This Tuesday we celebrate St. Alphonsus Liguori. He lived from 1696 to 1787 and was the founder of the Redemptorist Congregation. He was born in Naples, studied law and became a doctor of both civil and canon law before becoming a priest. He later founded the Redemptorist Orders of men and women. He devoted himself to preaching and writing, especially in moral theology where he is regarded as a master. He was appointed bishop but gave up the post to return to his congregation. Other Redemptorist saints were St. Clement Hofbauer, St. Gerard Majella, St. John Neumann, several who were beatified and martyrs in Spain and Ukraine.

On Friday next, August 4th, we celebrate John Vianney, the Curé of Ars. He lived from 1786 to 1859. His life knew poverty, military service and a battle with intellectual shortcomings in the journey to become a priest. In 1817 he was sent to Ars. He had a marvellous gift for seeing into the depths of a person's soul, spent from 12 to 16 hours a day in the confessional and attracted people from great distances to Ars. He's the patron saint of priests.

The following week we celebrate St. Dominic, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), St. Laurence the Martyr and St. Clare.

Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in August will be held **this Monday July 31st at 8pm** in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in August will be on Sundays August 6th and August 20th, after the 12 noon Mass. Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of that 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.

**Church collections last week 23rd July – 1st Collection €1,185
Bishops' National Appeal for East Africa - €8,735**

Mass Abroad

We appreciate that many of our parishioners may find themselves during holiday time in a place where Mass in English is not available. We would be very happy to supply you with copies of the Mass Missalette for any Sunday that you are away. Call in to the parish office.

Church Bookshop

We are very grateful to members of the Legion of Mary who have looked after the Bookshop in the Parish for the last number of years. You may have noticed that the shop has been closed at times when in the past it was open. That in itself alerts us to a wonderful service from members of the Legion of Mary which we may have taken for granted and now appreciate all the more. Unfortunately it is difficult for the Legion of Mary to continue the level of service previously given. We are searching for a group of people in the Parish who might take on the responsibility of running the Bookshop, aware that individual members of the Legion of Mary are willing to lend whatever assistance they can to a new organising group. If anyone is interested in discussing this further or taking up the invitation, please contact the Parish Office.

Lourdes Invalid Fund

Imelda will be at her little table next weekend, 5th / 6th August enrolling Associate members of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. This fund takes care of the needs of the Invalid Section of the Pilgrimage.

In the meantime, Imelda celebrated her 90th Birthday on Thursday last so **Happy 90th Birthday Imelda!**