



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of

Lisa Gibbons and Jennifer O'Brien who died recently.

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

Maria Claudia Martello, Gladys McNeill and her son, John Lynch, Conor Coghlan, Patricia O'Doherty, Mary Hickland,

And for Emily Parkes 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
23 rd June 2019	€1,230	€765

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.

Thank You

Dear Parents and Guardians we would like to remind you that all children and vulnerable people should be accompanied by a parent or guardian when using the bathroom facilities in our church.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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Sunday 30th June 2019

Peter's Pence

Archbishop Martin has written to us to encourage our support for the annual Peter's Pence collection which takes place this weekend.

Today, we take up the Peter's Pence Collection, one of the oldest collections in Church history. The Peter's Pence Collection will replace the second collection normally taken up for Share.

Peter's Pence is an initiative by the faithful from all over the world which, by giving, allows the Catholic Church to carry out its mandate, taking part in works of mercy.

It is the sharing of purpose, values and commitment with those in need, to which each of us believers is called every day.

Speaking to us in the Phoenix Park during his visit to Dublin last year, Pope Francis said the love we know in Christ Jesus is *"the love that alone can save our world from its bondage to sin, selfishness, greed and indifference to the needs of the less fortunate. It became incarnate in our world through a family, and through the witness of Christian families in every age it has the power to break down every barrier in order to reconcile the world to God and to make us what we were always meant to be: a single human family dwelling together in justice, holiness and peace."*

The Archbishop asks us to give generously to this collection as a sign of the gratitude and recognition of the work of Pope Francis.

Graduation

As the children from both of the parish primary schools begin their summer holidays this weekend, we wish everyone a safe and happy time in July and August.

The boys and girls from 6th class have graduated and the eight years of primary school education have come to a close. We particularly salute you in this time of transition from primary to second level education, boys and girls, as you revel now in graduation.

The word 'graduation' comes from the Latin word 'gradus', meaning a 'step'. So it is; a step from one kind of school into another. Whereas up to now each class enjoyed the teaching and care of a single class-room teacher with the assistance sometimes of a classroom assistant, the secondary school classroom will see a whole community of teachers focusing attention on each class, each teacher in his/her own area of specialization, and expecting a level of responsibility from each student in keeping with their age and maturity. The young people should know that they are more than able to meet the challenge of their second level school, even if it takes awhile to get used to changes.

The transition will hold both joy and sorrow. There's the natural joy of completing the eight year course of Primary school and of looking back on achievements. On the other hand there's sadness in parting from the friends who have been classmates for so long, as each one opts for one or other school and invariably a classroom of friends parts company to see their movement to a wide selection of second level schools. Such crossroads soon become a feature of life's journey and this particular crossroad will not be the last. It's part of growing to maturity.

We wish every boy and girl the very best and God's blessing as they face into a new challenge come September.

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Baptisms in July

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in July will be held **this Monday 1st July 2019, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.**

The celebrations of Baptism in July will be on Sunday July 7th and 21st after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 1st July and to attend the preparatory meeting.

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First Friday

Next Friday, 5th July, is the First Friday of the month. We remember the Faithful Departed at the 7.30am and 10.00am Masses. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10.00am Mass until 11.30am unless there is a funeral.

A word for volunteers and for all donors to the parish

We thank all who volunteer their services to parish life. It's a matter of inconvenience, I'm sure, that we're constantly asking you to complete documentation for us to ensure that all our activity upholds legal requirements. Please bear with us and if it's necessary to do so please ensure that you have completed all requirements.

1. For those whose voluntary work may see them in contact with children or with vulnerable adults, please make sure you have completed the Garda Vetting Process which must be done every three years. You will need to fill in and return the vetting form, available in the parish office / sacristy, and then complete the procedure on-line within a specified time. Failure to do so on time will mean a need to begin the whole process again. It's a legal requirement to be vetted.
2. Every volunteer is asked to complete a consent form that allows us to process personal information for the duration of their service as a parish volunteer. You may have done so in the past but now in view of GDPR (general data protection regulation) legislation, a new consent form compliant with this legislation is now available. It won't take long to complete this form and again copies are held in both parish office and sacristy.
3. We remind all parishioners that a traceable donation of €250 per calendar year will see a sizeable tax rebate available to us. However, a tax rebate form must be completed by each eligible donor and that form, when completed, is good for a five year term. Those who completed the first 5 year form in 2013 must do so again now to qualify for a rebate for 2018 donations and onward, while new donors of the €250 annual total may wish to register also. We thank all who have already responded to our invitation and ask all others who qualify to contact Mary in the parish office for renewal of the 5 year tax rebate form. If you need further clarification on this tax-rebate scheme please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

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Family Fun Day - Next Sunday 7th July from 3.00pm to 5.00pm in Sandymount Green, run by Sandymount & Merrion Residents Assoc. Music, Face painting, Magician, Races, Raffle. See posters on Railings.