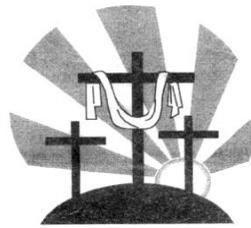


# REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the repose of the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Norah Woods, Nuala & Harry Sullivan, Miriam Lynch, Desmond O’Leary, Barry Heffernan, Tony Harnett, Jim & Anna Molloy, Nancy & Brendan Allen, Michael Ryan, Peter & Rita Price, Joseph & Mary Smyth, Eve Sheehan, Aedan & Vera Waldron, Gretta Allen,

and for Nora Sinnott and Paddy O’Dea whose Month’s Minds occur.

*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  |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 | €1,465       | €1,000 |

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.

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## Church Bookshop

Church Christmas cards, Christmas Mass Bouquet cards (pre-signed), small cribs, 2018 Calendars & Diaries, Sympathy Mass cards, rosary beads, statues & holy pictures as well as the Irish Catholic, Reality etc. now in stock.

# WEEKLY BULLETIN



## *St. Mary’s, Star of the Sea, Sandymount*

*Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30*

*Fr. John McDonagh, P.P., Tel: 6684265*

*Fr. Cormac McIlraith, P.C., Tel: 6686845*

[www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com](http://www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com)

## *Sunday 3rd December 2017*

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## *Advent has come*

Welcome to a new liturgical year. It begins today, the First Sunday of Advent. The Advent wreath and the purple vestments are in place. A purposeful simplicity is invited as we prepare for the festive Christmas season just over three weeks away.



Just as the natural seasons of Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn have their unique colours and character so too the spiritual seasons of Advent or Christmas, Lent or Easter, have each their unique expression and purpose.

Advent is the season of Hope.

“The language of hope, promise and waiting is not an easy one for today’s culture. We don’t always use the language of hope and have become more accustomed to the language of doubt and cynicism rather than expectation and promise. In a world where we have become accustomed to immediate and swift action, we don’t like to wait, often seeking to eliminate all waiting. If we are going to have a good Advent we need to understand waiting”. (Sarah Mulally in “A Good Year”, Mark Oakley (ed.)).

The challenge of Advent is to cultivate patience, the ability to wait, to stay creative amid frustrations, to cultivate hope. ‘We wait in Joyful Hope’...

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Next Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> is Mary’s feastday and a Holy Day. The Masses will be at 7.30am, 10.00am and 6.00pm. The Sandymount Gospel choir will sing at the 6.00pm Mass.

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**Food appeal**

We are very grateful to all who this weekend are responding to the Crosscare Food Appeal. Your donations will be collected from the Church early on Monday morning to become part of the Crosscare Food Bank. There are 7 food bank centres across the city. The nearest to us are in Dundrum and in Dunlaoghaire. If you are late in coming to the Church with your donation you are asked instead to go directly to one of the local food banks.

Further Information from **The Food Bank Team** on **01 8603166** [mmcdonagh@crosscare.ie](mailto:mmcdonagh@crosscare.ie)

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**Celebrating Baptism**

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in January will be held on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in January will be on Sundays January 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, after the 12 noon Mass. Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of this Monday and to attend the preparatory meeting.

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**Advent Evening Prayer Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm**

During Advent we shall gather every Tuesday night at 6.30 p.m. for a half hour to share in the Evening Prayer of the Church that is offered all around the world.

It is a simple yet inspiring way of preparing for Christmas and well worth the time. Both young and old are invited.

Father John or Fr. Cormac will preside, the Franciscan Sisters and some parish council members will lead and take the part of cantor.

Our Advent Evening Prayer Schedule is as follows:

- 5<sup>th</sup> December, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Advent at 6:30 pm,
- 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Advent at 6:30 pm,
- 19<sup>th</sup> December, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Advent at 6:30 pm,

We need your support. Please, come along with your family and friends. All will be able to join in and it will be no more than half an hour of praise and prayers to God.

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**‘Do This in Memory’ Mass**

Our next Mass will be on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am. The meeting with the parent’s group to prepare for that Mass will be on Saturday next, 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am. Meantime parents might work with their children on pages 44, 45, 46 and 47 along with pages 14 and 15 in Thumbs.

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**Film Night**

*A film evening for young adults will be held on Friday the 8th December at 7.30 pm in the parish meeting rooms. We will be showing the French film 'Of Gods and Men'*

*It hopes to be an enjoyable evening. If you have any questions please contact Clodagh on 087 2489722.*

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**Star of the Sea Boys’ School Christmas Fair**

The members of the Star of the Sea Boys’ Parents Association wish to welcome all to their CHRISTMAS FAIR this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December after 10.30am Mass. Gifts, Tombola, Toys and Raffle Prizes.

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**ST.VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

This is a special appeal to you to ask for your support. The need is great as we approach the Christmas season. Your generosity makes a huge difference to the lives of a number of local people who are suffering. Your contribution provides them with food vouchers, toys, fuel, clothes, school books, etc.

The Society’s special Christmas Church collection will take the place of the “Share collection” at all Masses in the parish next weekend, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.

We are very aware that you may be somebody/or know somebody who is in need of assistance. If so please make contact in confidence:

- Through the main St. Vincent de Paul Office at (01) 8550022 and they will notify us.
- By leaving a note (in an envelope addressed to us) in the parish office.
- By phoning our local helpline 086 8461273, for assistance.

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**World Meeting of Families 2018**

We would like to remind parishioners that early registration online at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie) will ensure a place at all of the main WMOF 2018 events, including the Festival of Families on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August and the Final Mass on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August, both of which will be presided over by Pope Francis if, as we expect, his presence at the event is confirmed.