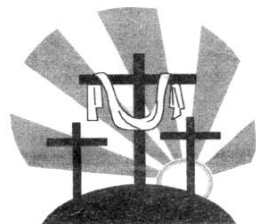


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of

Michael Byrne and Willie McKeon who died recently

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

David Howell, Bee Bee Whearity, Caitríona Barry Walsh, Deirdre Spillane, Ann Cantillon, Tom Turner, Alice O'Connell, Margaret McGuinness, Padraig Corcoran, Eileen Fingleton, Francie, Ivor and John Smith, Thomas & Dorrie Bond,

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
27 th January 2019	€1,655	€1,165

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 3rd February 2019

The Social Dimension

This Sunday after the 10.30am Mass we invite parishioners to meet one another over a cup of tea in the school hall. It's a follow up action by the Pastoral Council to the felt need for more social activity in parish life, expressed at the Parish Assembly in early November.

Coming to know one another by name, holding out a personal welcome for one another and especially for newcomers to the parish represents an important aspect of parish life today. It invites us to be a welcoming community, a caring community and an inclusive community where we enable a sense of belonging for everyone.

The 'cuppa' is a small step but it facilitates a chance to meet and make connections. With people anxious to park cars coming to the 12 noon Mass we'll set a time limit to 11.30am for anyone needing to vacate a parking space!

Let's try to make our experience of Church more personal, more friendly and welcoming.

Fr. John wishes to express appreciation and gratitude to the many parishioners who attended his mother's funeral Mass on January 19th and to all who extended their condolence and sympathy. Along with his family he is very grateful to all for their prayers and support.

First Communion Preparation

The 'Do this in Memory Programme' for parents and children invites them to work in the coming weeks on Thumbs pages 18 and 19, and also on the Kidstuff 5 assignments on pages 54 and 55 of Thumbs. In addition the Grapevine 5 which everyone should have received this week offers helpful material on the children's school work in religion class this month. At this time we're preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Celebrations for Star of the Sea will be on Monday, March 25th; for Scoil Mhuire, Lakelands on Tuesday March 26th and for St. Matthew's class on Thursday March 28th. Our next 'Do this in Memory' Mass will be on Sunday March 24th (not March 17th).

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Confirmation Candidates

We invite parishioners to pray in these coming weeks for our young people preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 14th. The Ceremony of Light will take place on Monday, March 4th.

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Laudate and Emmanuel Concerts

This past week saw over 50 Primary Schools performing hymns from their school programme at three different venues in the Diocese on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Catholic Schools Week. Later in February from Feb. 25th to 28th will feature a four night series of Emmanuel Concerts when young people in Catholic Secondary Schools across the Diocese will sing religious songs each night at the Helix Theatre. Great to see Marian College lined up on the Wednesday night performance.

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BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

Sarah Moriarty

Isabel Mary Murphy

Arthur Paul Nicell

Saul Anthony Nicell

who were baptised recently

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

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World Day of the Sick 2019

will take place on 9th February 2019 in All Hallows, Drumcondra (9:30am to 1.00pm) on the topic *Community struggle with addiction - A Pastoral response* Mass for World Day of the Sick will be held on 10th February 2019 in Corpus Christi at 3.00pm.

Baptisms in March

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in March will be held on Monday 25th February 2019, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in March will be on Sunday March 3rd and 24th, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 25th February 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.

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Blessing of Throats

We will bless throats after the Masses this Sunday.

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A Timely Reminder?

At the beginning of a new Financial Year in the Parish it may be a timely exercise to check if your traceable donations to the Parish exceed €250 a year (it's the equivalent of €21 per month).

It could be composed of the summation of Christmas and Easter Dues along with such monthly / annual donations as would render the cumulative amount to be €250 or greater. The Charities Act meets a €250 donation with a 31% rebate in benefit of the Charity. It means in effect that your €250 increases to a total donation of €362. What a pity if someone donates €247. Worth checking!

Renewed thanks to all who donate generously to the Parish in a weekly envelope or in standing orders or direct donations to the Parish.

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take up their usual monthly church gate collection after all Masses this weekend.

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Iris Charles Centre

Come to a sing-a-long and dance, with the Past Times Band at the Iris Charles Centre, Newbridge Avenue, from 2.15pm to 4.00pm on Friday 8th February.

This is always a wonderful event so don't miss it!!!
Tea / Coffee served – Admission free.

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Avila Centre

Many of our parishioners are familiar with Avila Carmelite Centre and the courses and retreat opportunities offered there. It's a great spiritual resource not far away from us in Donnybrook. Their recent brochure of courses and retreats up to September 2019 is available at the back of the Church.