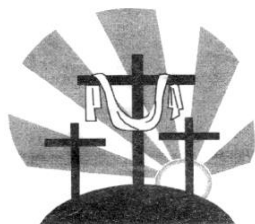


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for Lucy Gannon and Fr. Tom Stack who died this week.

For the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Ellen & Joseph Donnelly; Dick O’Mahony; Larry Whelan; Samuel Clarke;
Deceased members of Hannify family; Charlie, Claire & Charles Kelly;
Aedan & Vera Waldron; Gretta Allen; Pauline & Jack Crump; John Kenny;
David Walsh; Katriona & Conor Maguire; Annie & John Kane and their son Jimmy;
Deceased members of the McDonagh family;

And for Vera Ward, Frances Fitzgerald & Irene O’Meara 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.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are:

DATE	GREEN BASKET	Share
25 th December 2020	€950	€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.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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Happy New Year 2021

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men
the love of Joseph and Mary
and the peace of the Christ child
be ours this Christmas and New Year.
And may the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
rest upon us and remain with us always.

Amen.

Happy New Year 2021

I doubt if the depth of desire for a happy new year has been greater for a long time. The year 2020 has been one of trial for the world in time of pandemic. May 2021 become much safer for us all and mark a time of global recovery. May the families of the parish be enabled to live life without fear and in normal patterns of relationship, work and travel. May children, parents, grandparents and friends enjoy each other's company in all the ways we took for granted a year ago.

This week brought news of the appointment of Dermot Farrell, the current Bishop of Ossory, as our new Archbishop. We wish him every blessing in his new undertaking. At the same time we thank Archbishop Martin for his years of ministry as our Archbishop and wish him good health and happiness in retirement.

We begin this new year in a level 5 lockdown as the initial vaccinations against the virus are rolled out with hope. We pray that as a people we can hold with the recommended discipline in these weeks of cold weather to protect as many people as possible. God bless your efforts to do so.

As we say goodbye to 2020, our hearts go out to all who suffered sad bereavement in the past year because of Covid-19, including fellow parishioners and friends.

For those who can do so, please keep in touch with our Webcam transmission of Masses. This weekend we will continue with Masses at 10.30am and 12 noon on Sunday and a daily Mass, Monday to Saturday at 10.00am. Any changes to this schedule will be announced at Mass time or on our website, www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com

Our thanks to parishioners who have kindly sent in Christmas Dues Donations. The Christmas and Easter Dues go to the Common Fund, from which all priests of the diocese are supported. As you will appreciate, this Common Fund has been significantly affected by the pandemic in that the first collection at Masses also goes to it and the lack of public Masses has meant depletion of the Common Fund.

The Share collection, the second collection at Masses, has also been seriously affected and has necessitated redundancies at the Diocesan Offices. So thank you all who have shown great generosity at this time.

Epiphany Wednesday 6th January Mass times:

10.00am and 6.00pm on the webcam.

We appreciate the upset that many felt when they couldn't come to the church for Christmas Day. We also thank those, who were lucky in the raffle, and came to each of the celebrations on Christmas day.

A Special Word of Thanks

A Special Word of Thanks to the people who have been so helpful during the Covid crises that is ongoing.

We particularly thank members of the Parish Council who organised our response locally, the teams of cleaners at Masses both at the weekend and weekdays. Initially we thought it might last a few weeks but now nine months later we appreciate the level of commitment volunteers have brought to the task.

We also want to thank long serving volunteers particularly around the Sacristy and we respect the personal circumstances which call for them to step back a while. We thank Jimmy and Anne who, very reliably, have stepped up to the mark. We really cannot thank them enough.

A special greeting to the members of both Choirs. We're very proud of them in the service they give the parish and we hope it won't be too long before we can hear them again.