



REST IN PEACE

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

Sheila Allen; Patrick & Alice Murdock; Margaret Bray;
Patrick & Christina Nevins; Joe King;

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 th September 2021	€950	€530

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The usual monthly church gate collection will take place after all Masses this weekend.

WEEKLY **BULLETIN**



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

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Sunday 3rd October 2021

Saints, Holy Days and Catholic Traditions in October

Tomorrow, October 4th, is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. He lived from 1181 to 1226. He founded the Franciscan order and with St. Clare, the Poor Clares. St. Francis is remembered for his love of animals and his care for the earth. In many places there is a special church blessing for animals on the feast of St. Francis.

October is one of two months during the year when we celebrate Mary. In Catholic tradition October is known as the Month of the Rosary. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is on next Thursday, October 7th. In the past the Rosary was often the only form of family prayer. For many modern families this is no longer the case but nevertheless the Rosary continues to be an important part of our spiritual lives. It is often a prayer we share in at funerals and when children learn how to pray it they are better able to participate in a key moment in family life.

When we pray the Rosary we are given the opportunity to spend time with Mary, thinking about Jesus, her Son. As we pray, Mary invites us to remember important times in Jesus' life, times of joy, times of sorrow and times of glory. In the Rosary these times are called mysteries and this reminds us that we will never fully understand Jesus and all that he did for us but that every time we hear the story we learn something new.

During October we also celebrate Mission Sunday when we remember all those who work as missionaries spreading the good news of the Gospel throughout the world. Mission Sunday this year is on October 24th. Your spiritual and financial support of missionaries, particularly in this pandemic

time, plays an enormous part in giving courage to our missionaries and to easing the sufferings of many people. Make this October special for missionaries and the struggling communities that they try to serve. October is also known as the Month of the Missions and starts on October 1st, the Feast of St. Therese, patron saint of missionaries.

Confirmation

Our thanks to all who enabled us to celebrate Confirmation over 5 nights with our young people. We greatly appreciate the cooperation of parents and teachers and a special word of thanks to Deirdre Seaver who organized the music ministry for us with particular appreciation of Elena who played the violin, when the rest of us couldn't sing, over several evenings. Our two parent reps, Anne Keogh and Michele Doran did a great job in getting us together and organized.

First Reconciliation

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week we celebrate First Reconciliation with children in 3rd class who, later this month, on October 16th will celebrate First Communion. On the week following, beginning October 11th we will celebrate First Reconciliation with children now in 4th class. All these celebrations will be at 6.00pm.

Sacramental Preparation for children in non-Catholic schools

The preparation for the sacraments in Catholic schools takes place over 2 years, both for First Communion and Confirmation. Correspondingly, children in non-Catholic schools are asked to complete a 2 year preparation programme also, although their classes are held only once a week. Parents of children in the non-Catholic schools should accordingly contact the parish 2 years in advance if they wish their child to prepare for the sacraments.

Sanitising the church

As you are aware, since March 2019, the church has been sanitised after each Mass by a team of dedicated volunteers. We are all most grateful to them for their unflinching service – to keep us all safe.

As times change, the practices in the parish will reflect that.

We will continue sanitising the church after each Mass until 22nd October, and would ask for your continued support in this activity. After that date, other arrangements will be put in place.

At Masses attended by small numbers, it will help if people sit close to the end of a seat and place a piece of coloured paper from the basket left at the entrance area to indicate to those sanitising where their cleaning action is required, rather than cleaning all the seats.

An Invitation from The Sandymount Matero Group:

Take the Challenge and Change Lives

“Walk, run, swim, row, cycle, exercise the dog, clock up your kilometers, and help feed and educate school children orphaned through AIDS, who attend school in Matero, Zambia.” That’s the plea of Sandymount Matero Project group an independent Charity, who have been raising funds for the last ten years to feed and teach the children who go to St. Mary’s secondary school there.

When they started there were 50 pupils in the school, now there are 550. It’s a real success story but the school staff need funds urgently to feed and educate that number of young pupils, pay teachers, purchase school books and fund secondary school scholarships.

So the group want people from all over to Go the Distance 4 Matero with them over October and help them clock up the 12,362km from Dublin to St. Mary’s Community School in Matero, Zambia.

It is a simple process to join the fundraiser. All you need to do is go to the website www.gothedistance4matero which the group built especially for this project. Then you’ll be guided step by step to signing up in the form of buying a ticket to register. That means you will buy 100km of travel for the weeks ahead. To go the distance 120 people need to sign up and meet the challenge

There’s a Go Fund Me button on the site as not everyone is able to be on the move but they can simply donate to the project or be a sponsor if they want to. For those who can and do take up the challenge, there is also a link for sharing the news of their progress and asking for sponsorship. As little as €5 will feed a pupil for a month and many of those young students will be walking up to 10km a day to school and back.

There’ll be flyers and posters all over Sandymount, Irishtown, Ringsend, and the Sandymount Matero Group is on Facebook and Instagram. You may join them and help complete the challenge and in doing so change the lives of young people in Matero. **Sandymount/Matero Project Group:** James Meenan, Mary Price, Barry Fitzpatrick, Derry Shaw, Pat Coyle, Sadhbh Larkin Coyle

Blessing of Animals 4.00pm Monday

Tomorrow, Monday October 4th, the feast day of St. Francis we will bless animals at the door of the church at 4.00pm.

