



## ***REST IN PEACE***

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of

Rosaleen Murphy, Eileen O’Keeffe, Marie Shelbourne,

who died recently and also for the souls of the following  
whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Agnes Penston, Elizabeth (Lily) Hill, Hugh Fahy, Mary Crowley,  
Len Allen, Anna & Mary West, Miriam Reece, John Fennel,  
Michael & Anne Stenson, James Phelan,

*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
28 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	€1,270	€965

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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## **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*

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

### ***Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017***

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#### **Pentecost**

The fifty days of Easter conclude with the celebration of the great feast of Pentecost. We commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit, the origins of the Church and the beginnings of the mission to all tongues, peoples and nations.

Our parish rejoices in the young people who earlier this year, in March, celebrated Confirmation. It was their Pentecost Day.

We rejoice too in wonderful parishioners who have come to us from countries far away and who gather with us this weekend in celebration of Pentecost.

Pentecost is a wonderful story of communication. The Spirit brings God’s life of grace to us and enables us to live gracefully among all peoples and to do so in the world as we know it. That’s not easy today. The Spirit of Pentecost prompts us to share the news of God’s saving love and helps and guides us to live as Christ invites us to live. Give thought this week to how we nourish this life of grace. The secular media we experience today in Ireland are for the most part unfriendly towards the church and its faithful. In TV and press there is a constant barrage to ignore or forget the life of faith and replace it with the language of the secular city. It is perhaps necessary now more than ever before that we support the work of Catholic publications in Catholic newspapers and magazines and internet sites which reliably report on the life of the Church. Contd./

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Many significant Church developments go unreported in today's Irish media. Perhaps you will give serious thought to greater readership of those publications that devote themselves to sharing the life and teaching of the church with you.

Next weekend will see an exercise in promoting such publications. The 'Messenger' will be given promotional attention and we have invited other publishers to offer us samples of their work for our consideration and possible subscription. Let's keep the Good News alive in our hearts. It's time to redress the liberal secular agenda of many politicians and journalists. Pentecost invites your courage and commitment. Spread the Good News.

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**Sacred Heart Messenger**

A Jesuit Publication for your home.

Why not have a look at one issue. You might find it's like a spiritual "Readers Digest". There's something for everyone: chatty articles, accessible theology, out-loud thinking on spiritual questions and serious issues, comforting news, art appreciation, a kid's page (with puzzles and jokes) gardening hints, seasonal recipes and a challenging crossword. They have a special offer for you next weekend, just €18.00 for a year subscription. There will also be a complimentary copy for you to take home.

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**This Week's Schedule**

Because Monday is a Bank Holiday, there will be a Mass at 10.00am but not at 7.30am. Fr. John will be away until Friday morning when there will be Mass at 7.30am.

A Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated Tuesday to Thursday at 7.30am. Thanks to Fr. Conor Murphy there will be a Mass at 10.00am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Liturgy of the Word will also be celebrated on Wednesday at 10.00am.

Our thanks to Fr. Conor Murphy (Saturday 6.00pm), Fr. Dan O'Connor (Sunday 10.30am) and Fr. Liam Murtagh (Sunday 12 noon) celebrating Mass for us this weekend and to Deacon Tom Groves celebrating the Rite of Baptism (Sunday 1.00pm).

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**Feast of Corpus Christi-**

**Family Reception after 12:00 Mass on 18th June**

The Parish Pastoral Council will be hosting a Family Reception after the 12:00 Mass on Sunday, 18th June in celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christie. Our First Communion children will lead us in procession at the end of Mass onto the lawn for Benediction. Refreshments will follow. We hope you can join us.

**Baptisms in July**

Baptisms will be celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in July (2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July). Baptism Application forms are available in the parish office Monday – Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Applications, giving 1 month's notice, must be made in advance of the preparatory meeting for each month's celebrations. The date for the preparation meeting for July Baptisms will be on Monday, 26th June, at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting room.

Parents are advised that godparents must be practicing Catholics who are at least 16 years of age and that godparents should be one of each gender, godfather and godmother.

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**Congratulations**

The boys in Star of the Sea have done it again. They're through to the Hurling Final in Croke Park in mid-June. Well done boys!

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**Leaving and Junior Cert**

We wish every blessing on our young people sitting Leaving Cert and Junior Cert exams beginning this Wednesday.

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**Exam Prayer For Students**

Lord, all I am asking for is a restful night's sleep and freedom from useless anxiety.

Help me to have confidence in what I have done, and to get it down on paper in some kind of order.

And while I think of it Lord, take care of all the others too! Amen.

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**Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

If any of our parishioners who are ill or infirm would like to travel as invalid pilgrims with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, we would be happy to facilitate their doing so. The Pilgrimage takes place from September 7th to September 12<sup>th</sup> 2017. Application forms are available from the Parish office or from the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road. The invalids travelling with the Pilgrimage will be accommodated in the Accueil Notre Dame which is a residence close to the Grotto. To meet the requirements of the Medical Bureau in Lourdes a form, available in the Parish office, must be completed.

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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 this weekend.