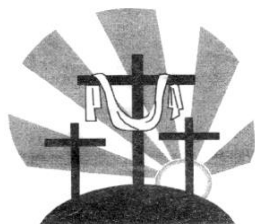


## REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of Sheila Allen and Kay Orr, who died this week.

For the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

*Baby Lucy Tiernan; Mary Allen; Allie Pigot; Maureen & Tom Wall; Francis, Canon McDonnell; Laurence Mulligan;*

*And for Maureen Rigley and Mary O'Briain 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
27 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	€95	

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*

Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30  
Fr. John McDonagh, Tel: 6684265 – Fr. Cormac McLraith, Tel: 6686845

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

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Day for Life 2020

#### *Choose Life*

*'Hope in Him, hold firm and take heart.'*

Day for Life is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. There were 6,666 abortions in the Republic of Ireland in 2019 and over two hundred thousand in Great Britain, including significant numbers from the island of Ireland. We, the Catholic Church, have a message of hope and a story of love; together, we can promote a culture of life. We grieve the loss of life due to abortion. We seek a change of minds and hearts about the innate dignity of the child in the womb and the care of pregnant women. Pope Francis writes, 'The gift of a new child, entrusted by the Lord to a father and a mother, begins with acceptance, continues with lifelong protection and has as its final goal the joy of eternal life ... For God allows parents to choose the name by which He himself will call their child for all eternity' (*Amoris Laetitia – The Joy of Love*, 166).

## How can Catholic parishes and communities be places of welcome, assistance and support?

On this twenty-fifth anniversary of St John Paul II's letter *Evangelium Vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*, we renew the call for respect and celebration of all life. The parish is a 'family of families' (*Amoris Laetitia*, 87). We ask our parishes to be places of welcome, where we can support pregnant women and celebrate the precious gift entrusted to them. We recognise that family is often 'a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems' (*Amoris Laetitia*, 57). We want to provide support for women and men who face difficult circumstances, as well as those who have experienced abortion and seek comfort in the Lord and their community.

### Our Pledge

'As a Catholic, I promise to foster a culture of welcome and acceptance of new life. I will pray and work for better legal protections for pregnant women and the child in the womb.'

### Hope and Healing after Abortion

God does not withhold his forgiveness from those who seek it with a sincere heart. But, even when we confess our sins and receive absolution, we are not always ready to forgive ourselves. There are many women and men still living, years later, with the emotional and spiritual scars of abortion. Our mission to promote a culture of life must include helping these women and men to be reconciled with themselves, with their lost child, and with the God who has never stopped loving them.

In the Lord we can find peace: 'Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us' (Romans 5:5).

'My name is Caitlin\* and I am twenty-eight years old. When I became pregnant for the first time five years ago, I had an abortion. I have carried the pain from this experience, as well as feelings of loss, confusion and loneliness. When attending a Rachel's Vineyard retreat, I was given the time and space to name the child that I lost and to find healing and forgiveness in the Lord.' To learn more about Rachel's Vineyard, go to [www.rachelsvineyard.ie](http://www.rachelsvineyard.ie)

If you are concerned about an unborn child with a life-limiting condition, go to :

[www.everylifecounts.ie](http://www.everylifecounts.ie) or [www.onedaymore.ie](http://www.onedaymore.ie)

Access the Day for Life Resources

on [www.councilforlife.ie](http://www.councilforlife.ie)

\*The name has been changed to protect the identity of the mother.

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### Enrolment for Sacraments 2022

At this time we invite parents who wish their child to be enrolled in preparation for Confirmation in 2022 and are presently attending fifth class in a non-Catholic school to register their intention with us by phoning the parish office, Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

We similarly invite parents of children attending 1<sup>st</sup> class in a non-Catholic school who wish their child to prepare for first Communion in 2022 to register their intention by phoning the parish office.

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### Celebration of Baptism

We regret that for the time being under Government direction we are unable to hold Baptism celebrations in the Church. As you know in recent months we have celebrated Baptism with families one at a time and within HSE guidelines. We thank all who were so cooperative in doing so and hope that it won't be long before the celebration of Baptism may resume.

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### Celebrations this week

On Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Rosary. This feast day was inaugurated by Pope St. Pius V on the anniversary of the naval battle at Lepanto (1571). [It was said that the Christians were victorious because of help of Mary, invoked by praying the rosary.] Today's celebration urges all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, following Mary's example, who was so closely associated with the incarnation, passion and glorious resurrection of the Son of God.

On Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate St. John Henry Newman. At the age of 16 he composed this morning prayer, reflective of his early conversion while at Ealing School.

'Lord I thank you that you have brought me to the beginning of this day; defend me in the same by your mighty power, and grant as I now rise from sleep, fresh and rejoicing, so after the sleep of death my body may rise, spiritualised and blessed, to dwell with you forever.

Keep me from the perils and dangers of this day; let me fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but let all my doings be ordered by your governance, to do always what is righteous in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.