



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of

Joseph Sadlier, Carol Power, Jack McGowan Smyth,

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

Declan O'Loughlin, Anne & John Luby, David Howell, Bee Bee Whearity, Jack & Gretta Freyne, Deirdre Spillane, Mary Doran, Padraig Corcoran, Josie & Joseph Whelan, Andy Hackett, Eileen Fingleton, Jeremiah Lincoln, Francie, Ivor & John Smith, Breda Gormley,

and for Kitty O'Connor whose Month's Mind occurs.

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
29 th January 2017	€1,580	€1,005

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 5th February 2017

Music in the Liturgy

We are blessed to have two parish choirs singing each Sunday at the 10.30am and 12 noon Masses. In addition, a visiting Sandymount Gospel Choir comes twice a month to sing at the 6.00pm Sunday Mass. The place of music and song in the Liturgy is outlined in a document called 'The General Instruction of the Roman Missal', published in 2005.

We all know the difference between going to a concert to hear a performance of music or song and on the other hand our participation in a sing song where everyone joins in. We shouldn't be in any doubt that it is the latter experience and not the former which is to characterise music in the liturgy.

The choir remains at all times a part of the assembly. It is not there to perform as it might in a concert. It can serve the assembly by leading it in sung prayer and by reinforcing the song of the assembly. It can do this, for example, by sharing the singing of the verses or sections of a hymn or song alternately, with the assembly, by introducing a sung response or antiphon, or through harmony or other elaboration. It should never displace, or dominate the rightful song of the assembly. It is appropriate for the choir alone to sing more elaborate music, for example, a motet at the Preparation of the Gifts, which can assist the prayerful reflection of the assembly.

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The GIRM highlights that the main place should be given, all things being equal, to Gregorian chant, as proper to the Roman Liturgy. Other kinds of sacred music, in particular polyphony, are in no way excluded, provided they correspond to the spirit of the liturgical action and that they foster the participation of all the faithful. Because of more frequent gatherings today of people from different countries, the GIRM expresses the desire that we should all know how to sing together in Latin both the 'Credo' (the Creed) and the 'Pater Noster' (Our Father).

We thank you all in participating in the singing of the Liturgy. Much achieved, more to be achieved.

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BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

Augustine Gerard Thomas Culhane

who was baptised last Sunday

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

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Baptisms in March

Baptisms will be celebrated on March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. 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 March Baptisms is Monday, February 27th 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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Do This in Memory

Our next Mass with the children and their parents preparing for First Communion will be on Sunday next. Parents are asked to share with their children the material in Grapevine 5, received following the last Mass. We would ask also that the children complete pages 54 and 55 of their Thumb Book based on our previous Mass with them, and that parents share with them pages 18 and 19 of Thumb.

Don't forget to bring the candle and Thumb Book next Sunday.

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St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Day

We thank all who have kindly donated clothing this weekend in response to the St. Vincent de Paul annual appeal.

25th World Day of the Sick

The theme of Pope Francis's message for the XXV World Day of Sick being celebrated on 11 February 2017 is: "Amazement at what God has accomplished: 'The Almighty has done great things for me...' (Lk 1:49)" Mary's apparition at Lourdes to the "poor, illiterate, and ill" Bernadette, said the Holy Father, reminds us "that every person is, and always remains, a human being, and is to be treated as such. The sick and those who are disabled, even severely, have their own inalienable dignity and mission in life."

In his message, the Holy Father said God's solicitude for "the world of suffering and sickness" is revealed in Jesus.

Pope Francis invited the sick, healthcare workers, and volunteers to turn to Mary in prayer.

He said, "May her maternal intercession sustain and accompany our faith, and obtain for us from Christ her Son hope along our journey of healing and of health, a sense of fraternity and responsibility, a commitment to integral human development, and the joy of feeling gratitude whenever God amazes us by his fidelity and his mercy."

He concluded the message with a short prayer to Our Lady:

*Mary, our Mother,
in Christ you welcome each of us
as a son or daughter.*

*Sustain the trusting expectation of our hearts,
succour us in our infirmities and sufferings,
and guide us to Christ,
your Son and our brother.*

Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated next Sunday 12th February at 3.00pm in St. Gabriel's Parish Church (Dollymount), 3 St. Gabriel's Road, Dublin 3. The main Celebrant will be Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. All welcome.

In our own parish, the anointing of the sick will be celebrated on a Sunday in May.

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Sandymount Gospel Choir

Sandymount Gospel Choir sings at the 6 pm Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and will be singing again on 12th February.

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Rosary Beads from Jerusalem

A few weeks ago a parishioner lost a set of beads from Jerusalem. We'd like him to know that they have been handed into the sacristy where he can now collect them.

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