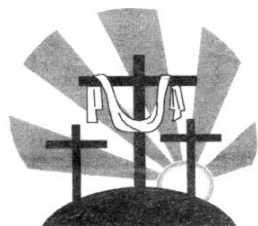


REST IN PEACE



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

Breda Browne, Nancy & Christy King, Peter Heffernan, Dolores McElroy, David Kiersey,

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
29 th July 2018	€1,390	€950

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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Mass Abroad

We appreciate that many of our parishioners may find themselves during holiday time in a place where Mass in English is not available. We would be very happy to give you copies of the appropriate missalettes in English. Call into the parish office.

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 McIlraith, Tel: 6686845

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Sunday 5th August 2018

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Celebrations this Week

If last week saw the Jesuits, Redemptorists and the Blessed Sacrament Fathers celebrate their founders, this week it's the turn of the Dominicans and the Poor Clares to do so.

The Carmelites will remember their great martyr saint and patron of Europe, Edith Stein next Thursday. From her martyrdom in Auschwitz on August 9th 1942 we're invited this week to remember also the martyrs of 258AD when the Emperor Valerian executed those who refused to sacrifice to the gods of the empire. On Tuesday we remember Pope Sixtus 11 and four deacon companions and on Friday, Laurence the deacon, who were among those martyred by Valerian in Rome that year.

To begin the week, on this Bank Holiday Monday we celebrate the great feast of the Transfiguration. St. Clare closes the week next Saturday, as we recall how she followed her fellow Assisi native into a life of dedicated faith and poverty.

St. Dominic de Guzman (1174-1221) was born in the village of Caleruega in Castile. He brought to birth a new movement within the Church – itinerant mendicant friars – by engaging with the needs of the time in collaboration with other people. The Order of Preachers (or Dominicans) emerged as a compassionate movement to address the great ignorance of the faith that existed especially in the south of France at that time. The Albigensians (or Cathars) who taught that the physical world is evil and thereby devalued not only our humanity but also Christ's and the sacramental life of the Church had considerable influence on people.

The need for preachers to explain and defend true faith arose in this historical context. The emergent Order of Preachers was approved by the Church in 1215.

It is astonishing how soon after St. Dominic's death in 1221, the Dominicans had come to Ireland. Within the short space of 50 years, some 23 Dominican houses were established in Ireland. Mullingar was founded in 1237, Athenry in 1241, Cashel and Tralee in 1253, Trim in 1263, Arklow in 1264, Rosbreeon in 1267, Youghal in 1268, Larragh in 1269, Rathfram (Mayo) and Derry in 1274.

The subsequent history of Dominicans in Ireland follows the tide of faithful perseverance, occasional periods of peaceful opportunity and considerable persecution. The first monastery of Dominican nuns in Ireland was established in Galway in 1644, during an eight year period of peaceful liberty.

Happily today, when most religious orders and dioceses are struggling to nurture vocations to priesthood and religious life, the Dominicans seem to be unusually successful in doing so, now over 800 years since their foundation. We're blessed in Sandymount that Bro. Ruaidhrí Griève, O.P. has helped our religious education programme for children attending St. Matthew's School last year and will do so again next year. Among his young Dominican colleagues is a former Manchester United and Northern Ireland international, Philip Mulryne, ordained in 2017 and serving now in Newbridge.

St. Dominic started quite a movement back in 1215!

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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 12th 2018. 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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Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in September will be held on Monday, 27th August, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in September will be on Sunday September 2nd and 16th, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 27th August and to attend the preparatory meeting.

Because it occasionally arises as a question, we confirm that godmother and godfather should be of each gender and that godparents must be over 16 and practising Catholics, at home in their faith. While normally we have two godparents, it is sufficient to have just one.

Another may act as a witness rather than a godparent in that situation.

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Local Couple to Perform at Festival of Families

Parishioners Rodney and Eleanor Devitt have been chosen to perform in a multigenerational dance feature, taking part in the Festival of Families Concert in Croke Park on the evening of Saturday 25th August. Pope Francis will be attending as part of the World Meeting of Families, and enjoying some of the best of Irish professional and amateur entertainers. Rehearsals are now in full swing for this warm, moving and deeply engaging event, which celebrates families and their faith from all around the world. And we can be proud that Sandymount will be there in the forefront.

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General Data Protection Regulation

A new European Data Protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), was introduced on 25th May 2018. This new law applies to any organisation, including our parish that manages and processes people's personal information. We are now working on ways of ensuring that what we do with your information is compliant with this new law. It is a work in progress and over the next few months we will keep you informed through the parish website and in the newsletter as policies are put in place.

After our last Parish Pastoral Council meeting we posted our GDPR Policy Statement on our website.

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Poor Clares Invitation

You are invited to a celebration of St. Clare in St. Damian's chapel, Simmonscourt Road, Ballsbridge on Friday next, 10th August at 5.30pm.

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Lourdes Invalid Fund

The Lourdes Invalid Fund collection will continue until August 18th / 19th. So look out for Imelda at her table, in her usual spot at the back of the church. All those who donate will be enrolled as Associate members of the Pilgrimage whose Intentions are prayed for at the Grotto.

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The usual monthly churchgate collection for the Society will take place after all Masses this weekend.

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Saying Goodbye to Jane Butler

A reminder to those who knew Jane Butler in her work at Mount Tabor Nursing Home that the 'Goodbye Evening' is next Thursday from 6.30pm – 8.00pm.

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Next Monday, 6th August, is a Bank Holiday. Morning Mass will be at 10.00am.