

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

August 6th 2017



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEKEND

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the repose of the souls of Ina O'Neill, Fr. Seamus Moore, Elizabeth Bateman and Ita Herity who died this week,

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

Nancy & Christy King, Peter Heffernan, Dermot O'Brien, Jack & Pauline Crump, Christina Power,

Feast of the Transfiguration August 6th

This Monday is a Bank Holiday. There will be a celebration of Mass at 10.00am but not at 7.30am. So this week will see a 10.00am celebration of Mass each day except Wednesday while the Mass at 7.30am will be on Wednesday and Friday.

Among saints remembered this week are St. Dominic on Tuesday, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) on Wednesday, St. Laurence on Thursday and St. Clare on Friday.

St. Dominic (1170 – 1221) was the Spaniard who founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to counteract the Albigensian heresy through instruction and prayer. He died at Bologna in 1221.

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was born in 1891 at Breslau (now Wroclaw), in Poland. Edith was the youngest of 7 children in a Jewish family named Stein. A brilliant student and philosopher with a particular interest in phenomenology, a new area of philosophy at the time, she gained her PhD in philosophy at the age of 25. Witnessing the strength of faith of Catholic friends prompted her interest in Catholicism and by private study "she read herself into the Faith". She was baptised in Cologne in 1922. She became a Carmelite nun and is recognised as a profound spiritual writer. Both Jewish and Catholic she fled to Holland when the Nazis came to power. She and her sister, Rose, were captured and sent to Auschwitz. There, she was among those gassed to death on August 9th 1942. She was canonised in October 1998 by Pope John Paul II who also declared her a Patroness of Europe.

St. Laurence died in 258. He was one of the seven deacons of the Church in Rome, in charge of distributing material help to the needy. He was gifted with a sense of humour and cheerfully met his death, martyred on a gridiron. He is the patron saint of the poor and of cooks.

St. Clare (1193 – 1253) was born at Assisi and followed her fellow countryman from that town, St. Francis, in a life of poverty. She founded the Poor Clares. She led an austere life, full of works of charity and piety.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The usual church gate collection for the Society will take place after all Masses this weekend.

Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in September will be held on Monday August 28th at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in September will be on Sundays September 3rd and 17th, after the 12 noon Mass. Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of that Monday 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.

Church collections last week 30th July:

1st Collection €1,065 and Share €760

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 supply you with copies of the Mass Missalette for any Sunday that you are away. Call in to the parish office.

Church Bookshop

Four parishioners have very kindly expressed an interest in helping out in the Bookshop. We are grateful to them and will be in contact soon to arrange a meeting. Before we do so we're making a final call for volunteers to work on the Shop and its development. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office.

The Legion of Mary has given great service in the Bookshop over many years. We appreciate that lack of personnel to maintain the service prompts a need now for change. We hope that some of the Legionaries will continue to serve in the Bookshop.

It's our hope to facilitate our parishioners whenever we gather in the church with access to the Bookshop.

Lourdes Invalid Fund

Imelda will be at her little table this weekend, enrolling Associate members of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. This fund takes care of the needs of the Invalid Section of the Pilgrimage.