

REST IN PEACE



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

Kay O'Flaherty, Angela O'Brien, Annie & William Farrell, Annie Kane, Paddy Rigley, Kay & Dick O'Mahony, Seamus Ferrari, Michael Dunne, Patrick Quinn, Doreen Dunne,

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 April 2018	€1,510	€995

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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World Meeting of Families Icon

Our neighbouring Parish of St. Patrick's, Ringsend will host the Icon of the World Meeting of Families between 3.00pm this Monday until 10.30am on Wednesday. A schedule of events and flyers are available at the back of the Church.

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*

www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com

Sunday 6th May 2018

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World Meeting of Families update

Just over three months remain before the three day international conference on Family Life will be held just down the road from us at the RDS between August 22nd and August 24th. It is a significant historic event and important to Ireland. Tickets for the 3-day event are selling fast but it is international purchasers who have bought the majority of tickets to date. We are reminded of the need to register and purchase tickets soon or risk missing out should we wish to attend. We have to register on line.

Parishes have been asked to help their parishioners who are not computer literate to register for the events, a matter to be addressed by the Parish Pastoral Council at our next meeting on May 14th. Meantime, if there are volunteers available to assist this task for parishioners they would be very welcome indeed. Young adults who are comfortable with their computer skills would be especially welcome. Let the office know if you're willing to help (6683316)

The events need more volunteers. All parishes have been asked to announce the need for volunteers and host families for international visitors. Given our proximity to the RDS it is particularly appreciated when host families in Sandymount emerge. We thank those in our parish who have already committed to opening their doors in welcome. **Contd./**

Schedule of events:

21st August: National Opening of WMOF2018. Simultaneously across Ireland every diocese will hold an opening ceremony. The Dublin Diocese will celebrate at the RDS AT 7pm. Alternatively parishes or parish clusters are asked to hold an evening prayer ceremony, preferably with a social event included.

22nd to 24th: 3 Day Congress at the RDS. Each Day will reflect on the theme chosen by Pope Francis: 'The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World'. It will include keynote speakers, workshops, talks, testimonies and discussions; an engaging programme for young people as well as fun activities for children. There will be a daily celebration of the Eucharist, prayerful activities, exhibitions, cultural events and musical performances.

25th August. Each parish is encouraged to schedule a morning Mass. There will also be a morning Mass at the RDS at 9.30am. The Pope arrives at Dublin Airport at 10.30am. His arrival and subsequent travels will be televised.

At 6.30pm a **Festival of Families** will take place at Croke Park-A reflective concert style event. Pope Francis is to arrive at 7.30pm. It is estimated that while the event is free, only about 30,000 tickets will be issued. Anyone who registers for the 3-day congress will automatically receive a ticket. So places otherwise are not assured.

Sunday 26th WMOF2018 will close with a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration with Pope Francis in the Phoenix Park at 3pm. Gates open in the morning. Tickets are free. Anyone registering for the 3day congress will automatically receive a ticket. Others will have opportunity to seek tickets on line at a later date. No more than 600,000 will be allowed into the Phoenix Park that day.

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An Invitation from the Parish Pastoral Council:

We would like to invite you to participate in the next session of a dialogue focusing on the challenges of family life today. The World Meeting of Families team has put together a set of pastoral resources for parishes in preparation for the WMOF events which will be attended by Pope Francis here in Dublin in August 2018. The next one-hour session exploring key elements of Pope Francis' document, The Joy of Love, is entitled The Christian Vision for the Family. It will be held on Wednesday, 16th May at 7:30 pm in the Church. We invite you to join us for what will be a helpful discussion around Christian family life in today's challenging world.

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Meeting for First Communion Parents

There will be a short meeting in the Parish Church on Thursday 17th May at 7.30pm for the parents of the children coming to First Communion on the 19th, 26th and 27th May. The purpose of the meeting is to outline the arrangements for each of the celebrations.

Celebrating Baptism

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

The celebrations of Baptism in June will be on Sunday June 3rd and 17th , after the 12 noon Mass, parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 28th May and to attend the preparatory meeting.

Unfortunately places for June 3rd celebrations are now full but we will accept bookings for June 17th and beyond.

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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Centering Prayer – summer meeting in the Parish

A centering prayer group will be meeting in the parish group room for 6 weeks every Tuesday 11.am to 12 noon from May 15th 2018.

If you are interested in joining this group or finding out more about Centering Prayer – you are most welcome to join this group for these few weeks.

Centering Prayer is a method of quietness and contemplation in the tradition of Christian contemplation developed (among others) by Fr. Thomas Keating, a Cistercian monk. Contemplative Outreach is the spiritual network that supports Centering Prayer and more information is available on their website: www.contemplativeoutreach.ie

For more information contact Frances Corazza 086 374 6389 or francorazza@hotmail.com

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GOLF CLASSIC DETAILS

Save the Date: Friday 1st June 2018

To book a place or sponsor an Ad or Tee Box please fill in a Booking Form, available on the table at the back of the Church, and return it as soon as possible to the Parish office, Star of the Sea Church Tel: 01 6683316

OR by email to stargolfclassic@gmail.com

OR CONTACT: Martin Coonan: 087 2304042,

Charlotte O'Neill: 086 2162348

Even if you are not a golfer, you may wish to join us on the night for dinner and in doing so know that you will be most welcome.

The Golf Classic represents not only a helpful fundraising event but a great social occasion in the life of the parish.