



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of

John McInerney

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

Catherine & Patrick Mason, Rose Clancy, Louis O'Neill, Joan Drumm, Mary & Willie Walsh, Sean Jackman, Thomas Byrne, Gay Kingston, May & William Morley, Enda Hession, Mary & Ernest Harewood, Michael Fagan, Michael & Bertha Horan,

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
30 th October 2016	€1,725	€1,155
1 st November 2016	€555	€240

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



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Sunday 6th November 2016

The past year's centenary commemorations have been a grim reminder of the intense darkness that swept across humanity a hundred years ago. The Dardanelles and the Somme Battles within a few months of each other brought the news of death of young men to many an Irish home and to the homes of many other countries. In between these battles the toll of death, largely of civilians, in the Easter Rising of 1916, was brought home to us in this year's centenary events as a dark note resonant with the darkness of those years in Europe.

In World War 1, more than 65 million men were mobilised and of them 57.9% were casualties. The death toll was 8,538,315 and 21,219,452 were wounded. A further 7,750,919 were taken prisoner. Even now, a hundred years later it is hard to imagine such a toll of human suffering and the crushing of a generation of young men. An eight volume set 'Ireland's Memorial Records' published in 1923 by the Committee of the Irish National War Memorial provides information on over 49,000 Irish men and women who died in the Great War.

As we enter November we invite you to come along this Sunday afternoon at 4.00pm to an Evening Prayer to the memory of all who died in the Easter Rising of 1916 and in the Great War in this year of the Battle of the Somme.

Parish Pastoral Council AGM

The Parish Pastoral Council is organising our Parish's AGM for Monday 28th November at 7.30pm in Star of the Sea School Hall.

We would love to have as many parishioners as possible to come and share their ideas on how we can work together to make our parish an even better place to live – more inclusive and welcoming – in every sense a more Christian community.

A report on the Council's work will be given and elections will take place for vacancies on the Council. We do need 5 new members for the Council and we would like to remind you that all parishioners over the age of 18 years are eligible for election. Nomination forms are available at the entrances to the church.

Nominations have to receive the support of two parishioners and are to be submitted to the parish office before noon on Monday 21st November.

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First Communion 'Do This in Memory'

The Grapevine newsletter should reach parents through the schools this week.

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Thanks

A special word of thanks to all who came last Wednesday evening to the Bethany Mass. We particularly thank all the bereaved families and friends who came to pray for loved ones who died this past year and the members of the Bethany Team who devote themselves to helping bereaved persons and who organised the Mass on November 2nd. Thank you all.

Our thanks also to everyone who came on Monday last to pray for the people of Syria and of Aleppo in particular. When 230,000 have died there in a terrible civil war over the last 5 years and our TV screens report appalling atrocities so regularly, it is all the more important that we pray and that we support the work of organisations like Trocaire, who, in our name, seek to do everything they possibly can to alleviate the suffering there. You might like to make this prayer your own. It's the prayer of Caritas International of which Trocaire is a constituent member:

A Prayer for Syria

Lord our God, Father of all humanity;
change the hearts of all peoples and their rulers,
so that peace may be established among the nations on
the foundation of justice, love and righteousness.

May the Spirit of Peace
descend upon the people of Syria
and upon our world
until all conflicts cease
and peace reigns on earth. AMEN.

NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DEAD

Lists and envelopes are available at the entrances to the Church. Completed lists can be put in the collection baskets at Sunday Masses, handed in to the parish office or put in the letter box in the parish office door.

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Holy Doors of Mercy-Closing

As the Jubilee Year of Mercy comes to an end, the Holy Doors that have been opened will close around the world. Archbishop Martin will close the Holy Door of Mercy in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday next, Nov 13th before the 11.00am Mass there. We are invited this week to cross the Holy Door chosen last year by the Archbishop, an entrance door to the left of the main door on Marlborough Street. Other doors to close on that day are at Our Lady of Lourdes, Sean McDermott Street; St Francis Xavier, Gardiner Street; Sts Peter and Paul in Arklow and nearby at the House of Mercy in Baggot Street. It was Pope Francis' desire that anyone passing through a "Door of Mercy" would experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instills hope.

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10 Commandments of Mercy

As we come to the close of this Year of Mercy, it might be helpful to you to review what the American spiritual write, Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI, describes as the 10 Commandments of Mercy, written into our very DNA. We already know them but we need to remember them more explicitly.

This week we share the first with you with hope of sharing the other 9 in the weeks of November.

1) Remember that mercy lies deepest in God's heart.

Few things approximate the essence of God as does mercy. Mercy is God's essence. Scripture uses words such as loving kindness and compassion to define what constitutes God's mercy, but the central Biblical concept, captured in the Hebrew word '*hesed*', means a relationship that loves, embraces and forgives even when, and especially when, we cannot measure up to or deserve what's given us More next week

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Baptisms in December

Baptisms will be celebrated on December 4th, 11th and 18th. 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 December Baptisms is **Tuesday, 29th November**. 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.