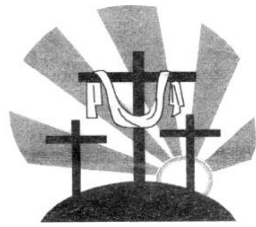


REST IN PEACE



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

Jim Eustace; Tommy Bolger; Bernard Whelan;

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 September 2019	€1,320	€900

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

Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30
Fr. John McDonagh, Tel: 6684265 – Fr. Cormac McLraith, Tel: 6686845

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Sunday 6th October 2019

Month of the Rosary

This Monday, October 7th, is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The words are so beautiful and monotonous that they make a space of a quarter of an hour in which one can be quiet before God. It was, of course, never intended that we should think of all the words. We can think of the mysteries – Joys, Sorrows and Glories in the saving journey of Christ Jesus, our Saviour. We can think too of a troublesome child, a dying neighbour, a newly-married couple for whom we wish to pray.

In this month of the Rosary, what a good time for a parent to teach a child how to pray the rosary. Once a boy or girl has learned to pray the 'Our Father', the 'Hail Mary' and the 'Glory be ...', there is a fascination for them in linking them together on a beads, counting them between fingers until the next decade. There is lovely opportunity also in relating the stories of each of the Mysteries, beginning for a beginner child with the Joyful stories of Jesus childhood. And then pray it together ...

Whenever we pray the Rosary it's always in the company of Mary who knew first hand the Birth, the Suffering and Passion as well as the Glorious Resurrection of her son. We enter her prayer space to contemplate her Son with her.

It's a form of prayer that became popular in medieval times, over a thousand years ago. It developed as a popular substitute for the Liturgy of The Hours, a substitute which people could readily share. Because of Mary's singular

cooperation with what we call 'God's will,' the 'Church loves to pray in communion with the Virgin Mary, to magnify with her the great things the Lord has done for her and to entrust our earnest petitions and praises to her.' (The Catechism of the Catholic Church, par 2682).

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Mission Sunday

Mission Sunday is approaching on the 20th of October 2019, The Parish Pastoral Council are hoping to create a visual project highlighting any links the parish, and more specifically, parishioners, may have with the Missions anywhere in the world - keeping in mind that we in the West, specifically Europe, are now considered to be part of missionary territory ourselves in these increasingly secular times.

With this in mind we would be most grateful if anyone who can give any sort of witness or account of a Missionary testimony or experience (however simple) that has affected your life or that of someone you know would write a short account of the experience and forward it to the Parish Secretary, Mary O'Neill or email sandymountparish@eircom.net) to be considered for inclusion in this project. Written accounts should be submitted as soon as possible for inclusion and will be most gratefully received by the PPC. It will help if it's possible but not necessary that you make your account on A4 size paper.

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Thank You

Dear Parents and Guardians we would like to remind you that all children and vulnerable people should be accompanied by a parent or guardian when using the bathroom facilities in our church.

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BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

River James Lee

who was baptised recently

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

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Do You Feel Like Dancing?

The Iris Charles Centre is having another of its Musical Afternoons next Friday 11th October. If you feel like dancing, singing or just sitting and relaxing, please go along and bring a friend! The very popular and lively Band, "Past Times" is once again, providing the music. Tea / Coffee served and admission is free.

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Baptisms in November

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in November will be held on Tuesday 29th October 2019, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in November will be on Sunday November 3rd and 17th after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Tuesday 29th 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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Classes for students preparing for sacraments

Pre-Sacrament classes for children attending St. Matthew's school (and for any who live in the parish and attend non-Catholic school) resume this week.

The preparation period is over two years towards First Communion and also towards Confirmation. The classes are scheduled as follows and are held in the parish meeting rooms in the church.

1st class meets Tuesday evening at 5.00pm

2nd class meets Thursday evening at 4.00pm

6th class meets Thursday evening at 4.00pm

5th class meets Thursday evening at 4.45pm

First Communion Enrolment Ceremony – Tuesday 7.00pm.

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Church

Flowers

If anyone is interested in helping with the church flowers you are invited to an informal meeting on Saturday the 19th of October 2019 at 9.45am in the Parish meeting rooms.

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Sandymount Matero Friendship Programme

Small Change Collection 2019

Even with a small number of boxes still promised, the small change collection proceeds have exceeded a phenomenal €2120. The committee would like to record their sincere gratitude for your generosity and all the goodwill and encouragement. In addition, the committee are most grateful to loyal and generous donors who have contributed affordable monthly amounts which have been the bedrock of the Programme for 10 years. Please visit www.sandymountmatero.com for more information on the Programme and how to support.

Thank you for your wonderful generosity.