

# REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend

For the souls of *Sister Magdalen Bluett* and *Mary Power* who died this week .

For the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

*Sr. Margaret Hilliard, Margaret & William Bray, Jim Eustace, Maureen & Tom Wall, Tommy Bolger,*

*And for Gus Ryan whose Month's Mind occurs.*

*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
30 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	€1,340	€890

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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# WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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*Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018*

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### *Day for Life*

Day for Life is celebrated yearly by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. We encourage you to deepen your understanding of Catholic Social Teaching on this important question by exploring the material made available by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference on [www.chooselife2018.ie/Day4Life/](http://www.chooselife2018.ie/Day4Life/).

This year our focus for 'Day for Life' is on human trafficking. The bishops' conference statement highlights that this is a problem reaching into communities across Ireland, not only in brothels and nail bars but on farms, building sites and factories as well. Nor is it a problem confined to immigrant communities, it is affecting Irish citizens too.

The UN estimates that over 40 million people worldwide are in slavery. In Ireland each year the number of victims of trafficking is approaching 100. Irish people are also trafficked to the UK where it's estimated that the total number of victims each year is over 13,000 from all countries.

We can effect change to stop this appalling crime, a crime hidden in plain sight. There are many organisations working to stop human trafficking and modern slavery. One of these, the Santa Marta Group, works internationally to bring the Catholic Church and law enforcement agencies together to eradicate slavery. To read more visit [www.santamartagroup.com](http://www.santamartagroup.com).

In August this year Pope Francis declared that the Church opposes the death penalty in all circumstances. It is "inadmissible because it is an attack on the

inviolability and dignity of the person". It represents a change in the Church's teaching which previously stated the death penalty could be used in some cases. On this Day for Life 2018 we can't but note with sadness the moves of the Government to legalise abortion. We pray that our TDs will respect the right to life of the unborn and the conscience of all who uphold that right, as the bill journeys through the houses of the Oireachtas.

Life is God's Gift

Protect it at every stage and in every condition.

'The trade in human beings violates the God-given dignity of so many of our brothers and sisters, and constitutes a true crime against humanity.'

Pope Francis, November 2016.

**Prayer**

We pray for the victims  
of human trafficking  
that they may be helped  
to rebuild their lives  
after the traumatic experiences  
they have gone through. Amen

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**Celebrating Baptism**

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in November will be held on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in November will be on Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October and to attend the preparatory meeting.

Because of our experience that sees large numbers choosing a particular day for Baptism, we feel it is in everybody's best interest that we set a maximum number of 6 children to be baptised in each celebration. We encourage parents to get in touch with us early so as not to be disappointed.

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.

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**Visiting the sick and housebound**

The priests of the parish are very happy to respond to any invitation to visit the sick and housebound in their homes. On First Fridays they visit those on the sick call list bringing Holy Communion and an opportunity for celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Should anyone wish to be included in the sick-call list, with monthly visitation, please contact the parish office (6683316). Likewise, if parishioners are hospitalised, the priests are happy to visit once indication is given that such a visit is welcomed.

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**Parish Pastoral Council**

Parish Council meeting on Monday night at 7.30pm.

**Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Seeking New Members**

Our Parish Pastoral Council has several members who will be completing their 3 Year Term and we are seeking new members to replace them. The commitment of the Council members to the Parish community, and the community at large, is inspiring. Perhaps you would like to consider giving your time and talent for the enrichment and betterment of our Parish community.

All parishioners over the age of 18 years are eligible for election. We would welcome your prayerful consideration of the possibility that yourself or someone you know might be willing to serve the Parish on a three year term with the Parish Pastoral Council. We meet once a month. Nomination forms need to be submitted to the Parish office by November 5<sup>th</sup>. The forms are available at the back of the Church and can also be downloaded from our Parish Website.

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**Archbishop's Invitation**

Archbishop Martin, following the visit of Pope Francis, rejoiced in the success of the World Meeting of Families. Rather than specify a particular way forward to build on the Pope's visit in renewal, he has asked all parishes to hold an assembly around the Feast of St. Laurence O'Toole (Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>) to consider that question and to submit ideas and suggestions to him.

Our Parish Council have nominated Tuesday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, as an assembly date for our parish. Meanwhile, we invite you to reflect and pray about how the Church in Dublin can build on the experience of Pope Francis' visit.

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**Pre-Sacrament Classes**

The classes preparing children for the celebration of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation began last Thursday. These classes are for children not attending Catholic schools who are presently in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes, attending St. Matthew's school or residing in the parish of Sandymount. Two years attendance at these classes is required for admittance to the sacraments.

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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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**Musical Afternoon**

Another lively Musical Afternoon is being held in the Iris Charles Centre next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 2.15pm. Tea / Coffee served – so get out your dancing shoes and enjoy! Music by the popular *Pastimes Band*.

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