



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the repose of the souls of Margaret Bray, Eithne Manley Johnston, Pauline Carroll, Sister Margaret Hilliard, who died this week and also for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Eugene O'Neill, Larry Costello, Carmel & Christopher Hayden, Deceased members of O'Brien family, Manuel Aguiar, Tommy Bolger, Rose Ryan, Cora Cleary,

and for Richard Kane 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
1 st October 2017	€1,395	€775

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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In case you're not aware of it:

Fr. Brian Power, former PP Sandymount: his poetry & other writings are on line at <http://www.brianpowerswriting.ie/>

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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Sunday 8th October 2017

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Towards the World Meeting of Families

This week has seen members of the Parish Pastoral Council attend information and training meetings towards the Preparation Programme for the World Meeting of Families to be held in Dublin between August 21st and 26th next year. Meanwhile the parish received a copy of each of three booklets that guide the parish programme; one is a Facilitator's Guide, the second - a series of Practical Initiatives for Popular Moments and the third 'A Six Session Parish Conversation'. We await the reflection of the Parish Pastoral Council to identify what we might undertake as a parish in the year ahead. The Programme is entitled: 'Let's talk family, let's be family'.

Copies of the Official Family Prayer for World Meeting of Families 2018 are available on the table at the back of the church.

As an example of initiatives included in the second book, October invites an activity organised by the Society of Missionary Children (SMC), the Pope's official children's charity for overseas missions. The intention is to create an art exhibition on family life in Ireland. Families – both children and adults are invited to create their own artwork. These are gathered for a parish exhibition. In conjunction with the SMC the artwork is digitally photographed and submitted for display at the World Meeting of Families in August 2018.

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Information is available on line at www.wmi.ie and on the WMOF website. Copies of the relevant pages in the Initiatives Book are available also at the back of the church.

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BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

*Alexander Blaise Diggins
Cian Christopher Kerr*

who were baptised last Sunday

‘May you live always as members of the
Body of Christ, sharing everlasting life’

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Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in November will be held on Monday, October 30th, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in November will be on Sundays November 5th and 19th, 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.

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**Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Device
Request for Volunteers:**

It is estimated that over 5,000 people die of sudden cardiac death in Ireland each year. Survival rates following a cardiac arrest at any age are directly related to time, resuscitation and particularly defibrillation. AEDs have been proven to be of extreme benefit in increasing the chances of survival from sudden cardiac arrest.

Our Parish has acquired an AED Device and we plan to have the device installed in our Church in the very near future. We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in participating on our Emergency Response Team and receiving defibrillator/basic CPR Training. The training takes approximately 2 and 1/2 hours. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Please contact our Parish Office if you are interested. Many thanks to Tom Moran for his work on this very important safety initiative.

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Sister Margaret Hilliard, RIP

We sympathise with the Sisters of Charity, with her family and with members of our parish choir in the death of Sr. Margaret Hilliard this week. Margaret loved to sing in our choir and we’ll miss her radiant company. May she share in heaven’s joy.

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Church flowers - volunteers needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with the flowers in the church. You would be working in a group and would only have to volunteer for one month – two or three times in the year.

ABSOLUTELEY NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

We are having a meeting on Saturday 21st October at 9.30am in the church. If you are interested but unable to attend, please leave your name and number in the Parish office.

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Sacramental Preparation

We are very grateful to the young people, their parents and their teachers who came to the Confirmation Commitment Ceremony last Tuesday. We ask all our parishioners to keep our young candidates in their prayers as we journey with them towards Confirmation Day on March 15th next.

The ‘Do this in Memory’ Programme will have its next gathering of First Communion classes with their parents on Sunday week, October 22nd, at 10.30am. Parents are invited to work with their child on pages 10, 11, 40 and 41 of the Thumb Book. (Make sure your child’s name is on the Thumb Book). We invite you to share ‘Grapevine’ with them also.

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Congratulations Jim

Jim Lucey, our parishioner and choir member, has been given a significant honour by the Church of Ireland Archdiocese in being nominated as a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral. Jim has been so honoured for his great work as Medical Director of St. Patrick’s Mental Health Services and Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Trinity College Dublin. His recently published book “The Life Well Lived” is a testimony to his gift in explaining modern approaches to psychological therapy in a very accessible and readable way and to his own gentle and compassionate approach to life. Well done Jim.

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The members of the Society would like to thank parishioners for their generosity to the church gate collection last weekend which amounted to €2,090.