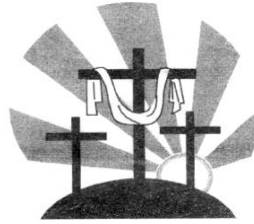


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur Patrick Joseph White, Katie and William O'Connor.

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	WHITE BASKET
September 1st	€1205	€845

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese, known as the Common Fund.

The white basket is the collection for Share, which meets the needs both of poorer parishes and of central agencies of the Diocese

We welcome the children back to our schools and will look in the near future to arrangements of preparation for the Sacraments in 2025 and 2026.

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BULLETIN



St. Mary's, Star of the Sea Sandymount
8th September 2024

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Returning to St. Mark

You may have noticed that last Sunday we returned to our reading of St. Mark's Gospel after a summer interlude of five weeks when we heard the beautiful Chapter Six of St. John's Gospel and reflected on Jesus as the 'Bread of Life'. We'll continue our reading of St. Mark's work until the end of the year and Advent comes again.

Like a football match, his Gospel is a story of two halves. In the first half a consistent question runs through it (ch1,v14 to ch8.26) It's a straight question ultimately answered by all of us: 'What do you make of Jesus of Nazareth? Various answers are given by devils, by religious authorities like scribes and Pharisees, by his family, by people generally, (the crowd) and by the apostles but it's really asking each of us the question afresh. We're now at ch7:31-37, so we're approaching the half time whistle and the climax of the first half.

The second half of the Gospel (8:27-16:8) is pointed as the journey to Jerusalem and sees Jesus trying to teach the apostles (and each of us) what exactly is involved in our becoming his disciples.

Already at Easter this year we read the passion, death and resurrection story as Mark tells it. He makes an emotional impact, less by appeal to our feelings than by his blunt account of the facts. Mark is a great storyteller. He doesn't go in for many speeches. His account is always specific and lively, sprinkled with touches from real life. He's fond of using the present tense which adds to the immediate drama of his account. (cont'd)

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Mark more than Luke, Matthew and John, paints a picture of the suffering of Jesus in lonely isolation (the apostles seem not to get the message too clearly until after the resurrection.) It's a Gospel of Christian life and hope particularly in a time of lonely suffering for any of us.

St. Vincent de Paul-Thank you

St. Vincent de Paul has expressed deep gratitude for the generous donations received from our Parish Community. An amount of €1,475 was collected at last weekend's masses. Thanks again for your kind support.

Special Mass for Anointing of the Sick

St.Patrick's Church, Ringsend, extends an invitation to come and experience the Healing Love of Christ at a special Mass on Sunday, 15th September, 2024 at 3:00pm in the church. All are welcome!

Organ Recital-Mark your Calendar

Isn't it wonderful to hear the beautiful sounds of the organ again? We look forward to a recital by Prof Gerard Gillen on Sunday week, 15th September, at 5pm. In this short concert, Gerard will be joined by boy soprano, Cillian DeFrein.

The Pilgrimage of Saint Bernadette's relics 2024

The Pilgrimage for the relics of Saint Bernadette will arrive in Dublin at the following locations and dates:

25/09/2024 and 26/09/2024

Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road, Dublin

23/10/2024 and 24/09/2024:

Oblate Church of Mary Immaculate, Inchicore, Dublin

25/10/2024 and 26/10/2024:

Adam and Eve's, Merchants Quay, Dublin

Seasons

Spring and Autumn are the tender months the months when beauty dawns and beauty dallies both seasons exquisite with hope and longing. Summer disappoints, for ever coming and going never fulfilling unreasoned expectations. Cherish the gentler tides of Spring and Autumn when trees translucent sprout their magic leaves which later turn to yearning golds and russets, and as you're trudging through the bitter valley smile till it becomes a place of springs which autumn rain will cover with its blessings.

--Brian Power, Happy memories in our Parish.

Pastoral Letter-Archbishop Dermot Farrell
Building Hope with Open Hearts

Copies of the Pastoral Letter are available at the back of the Church and on our Parish Website:
www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com

Legion of Mary Knock Pilgrimage

The Annual Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sunday 29th September. The bus will depart from Star of the Sea Church at 8am, picking up from Merrion Rd.Church at 8.15am and Baggot Street Convent at 8.30am before continuing to Knock.

Cost (including morning coffee and evening meal) is €55 for adult and €25 for children.Ph089 4908722

Everyone is most welcome.

To book contact Eddy on 089 4908722.

Crosscare

On the 14th/15th September, the second collection will be for the annual Crosscare initiative. This will be in place of our Share collection.

