

WEEKLY BULLETIN 9th August 2020



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEKEND

Your prayers are requested this weekend

For the soul of Edward Joseph Lennon who died this week.
And also for the souls of the following:

Breda Browne; Aidan Murphy; Peter O'Donoghue; Tom Seaver
and Dolores McElroy, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they share in the joy of heaven.

Confessions

Confessions will be heard in the "Confession Room" to the right of the main door on Saturday morning at 11.00am.

Church collections last week 26th July

1st Collection €750 and Share €740.

We thank you for your contributions to the Church collections
and for your continuing support of all the collections.

On-Line Donations

Currently the fees charged by AIB Merchant Bank for donations on line are 0.8% if you use a credit card and 0.4% if a debit card is used. We will keep you posted on a monthly basis on whatever charges are involved. In some cases it may be to our advantage if donations are made by cheque instead. An advantage of donation on line is that it records your name and facilitates access to a tax rebate. It really helps when people in generosity donate to church funds if they share their name with us in doing so. In recent years the rebate benefit to the Parish has been as much as €25,000 per annum and a major factor in the running of the Parish.

BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

*Lorcán Connolly Glynn; Oliver John Cassidy; Kevin Brian Leo Bell;
Ava Alice Elizabeth Collins and Mór Marta Maiti Ní Chadhain
and Sibéal Iosóid Róis Ní Chadhain* who were baptised recently

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

The Parish Feast Day

Next Saturday, August 15th, is the Feast of the Assumption, our parish feastday. It was on August 15th in 1853 that the church was dedicated by Archbishop Cullen, although it took some further years to complete. Initially, St. Mary's Star of the Sea was part of the wider parish of Irishtown, Donnybrook and Ringsend and it wasn't until 1876 that Sandymount, or Irishtown, became a separate parish.

The teaching of the Assumption came under attack in the Reformation and was all the more cherished by the Catholic faithful. While there is no explicit description of Mary's Assumption in the Scriptures, as there is of Christ's Ascension, from the early centuries of the church this feast of Mary has been celebrated. You can read the sermons of John Damascene or of Germanus of Constantinople preached on the Feast of the Assumption and note that from the 2nd century onwards Our Lady was identified as the second Eve by the Fathers of the Church. In the words of Pope Pius XI: 'in the last resort these Fathers base their conclusions on the Bible, which has given us the picture of Our Lord's mother as inseparably attached to her divine Son and constantly sharing his lot.'

On August 15th as the Church in the West celebrates the Assumption, the Orthodox Church in the East celebrates the Dormition. The Dormition is Mary's falling asleep in the Lord. These are two different ways of perceiving the same event. They both celebrate the fulfilment in a human being, one of us, of God's loving purpose for all of us. "Blessed is she who hears the Word of God and keeps it."

Next Saturday, we celebrate the life of our parish dedicated to Mary, Star of the Sea, with gratitude for the generations of men and women who have built it, shared it and passed it on to us.

Mass for the Feast of the Assumption: Friday, August 14th at 6.00pm and Saturday, August 15th at 10.00am