

REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested this weekend

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

John & Bertha Moriarty, Margaret O'Reilly, Terry Crowley, Rosaleen Murphy, Nell Fitzsimons,

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
2 nd June 2019	€1,250	€810

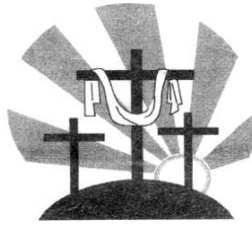
The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese.

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.

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.



WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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Sunday 9th June 2019

Well Deserved

Many of our parishioners over the years have merited a 'well done' accolade. We are in debt to all who voluntarily commit themselves to serve the parish community in a host of different ways.

When Paddy Kavanagh reluctantly, and with doctor's direction, reached a time to 'step back,' it brought to a close a service which Paddy had given over a span of seventy years. Apart from a short time spent outside his parish, Paddy was altar server, church collector, assistant sacristan and latterly assisted at every Baptism in the parish. Anxious to mark his long years of service the pastoral council decided to petition the Benemerenti Medal for him.

Bob Harewood has been our wonderful sacristan since the death of a great servant of the parish, Margaret O'Doherty, nine years ago but over many years, like Paddy, he has been consistently present to help, counting and banking Sunday collections and ready to stand in whenever and wherever there was a need. We greatly appreciate Bob's great commitment to the parish in a totally voluntary capacity with kindly cheerful disposition. We readily sought that he also should be honoured with the Benemerenti Medal.

It's a Pontifical medal requested by the Archbishop on behalf of each recipient and a limited number are awarded yearly. We are delighted that both Bob and Paddy have been honoured and will be presented with

Benemerenti Medals at the end of the 12 o'clock Mass this Sunday. Refreshments in the hall will follow for all who can join us.

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Corpus Christi Procession 12.00 Noon Mass

Sunday week, June 23rd, is the feast of Corpus Christi. The Masses that Sunday, 23rd June, will be at 9.00am and 12.00 noon, followed by a procession onto the lawn led by the First Communion children. After Benediction refreshments will be served on the lawn.

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BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

Emily Valentine Connaughton

Olivia Winter Rose Loughran

who were baptised recently

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

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Baptisms in July

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in July will be held on Monday 1st July 2019, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in July will be on Sunday July 7th and 21st after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 1st July 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.

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Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

If any of our parishioners who are ill or infirm would like to travel as invalid pilgrims with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, we would be happy to facilitate their doing so. The Pilgrimage takes place from September 4th to September 9th 2019. Application forms are available from the Parish office or from the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road. The invalids travelling with the Pilgrimage will be accommodated in the Accueil Notre Dame which is a residence close to the Grotto. To meet the requirements of the Medical Bureau in Lourdes a form, available in the Parish office, must be completed.

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Who Was Iris Charles?

The Iris Charles Centre is a lovely facility on Newbridge Avenue, not far from Star of the Sea Church. Senior citizens will know it and the opportunity it affords them to meet, to dine and enjoy support there. Many ask the question – who was Iris Charles and we're indebted to Frances Dignan who answered the question for us.

Iris Charles was born in 1907. Her family home was in Churchill Terrace, Ballsbridge. She was a teacher before she married Dr. Hal Charles, who was a GP in the area in the late 1940s. At that time there was considerable poverty in the Ringsend/Irishtown area, pensions were small and there was a complete lack of the facilities enjoyed by pensioners today. When her husband remarked, on returning from a sick call, that it was not a doctor the patient needed but someone to talk to, Iris Charles decided to do something to help the elderly. She and some friends organised coffee mornings, raised some money and began visiting elderly people who lived on their own. They spent time talking to people, cleaned rooms and brought small gifts of food and tried to make conditions, in general, a little better.

In March 1952 they formed a Committee under the auspices of the Irish Red Cross Society and they called themselves the Sandymount/Ringsend Old Peoples' Group. The first meeting took place in the Star of the Sea National School. The Committee commenced without premises or funds. Their work consisted of extensive visiting, especially to old people living alone and follow-up work when people were admitted to hospital.

Iris Charles and her committee were very anxious to get premises in the area where the old people could meet and socialise. In 1960, they heard that the hall in Newbridge Ave, owned by the A.O.H. was to be sold to a charitable body. They bought it in December 1961, with the consent of the parent body of the Irish Red Cross. The building was in a bad state of repair and the Committee worked hard to get it going. In March 1962 the Old People's Club opened with chat, some activities and tea. As the years passed, the activities increased. Many more old people joined. There were concerts, fancy dress competitions, quizzes etc. Many volunteers gave their time bringing people to and from the Centre.

In May 1967 the Eastern Health Board requested the Centre provide facilities for midday dinners for the elderly. The meals were cooked in Lakelands Convent and brought in containers to the Centre. The dinners were and still are a great success and greatly appreciated. All the helpers are volunteers. A Christmas party and a Summer Outing were the big events of those years. The first Christmas party was held in the CYMS Hall Ringsend and the first outing was to Clongowes Wood College. In 1963, 120 old people were taken by bus and private car to Clongowes. In 1982 a new Dining Room was built. The Committee raised a quarter of the cost themselves. The Eastern Health Board and Dublin Corporation and the generosity of local businesses covered the final cost.

Iris Charles was Chairperson of the Committee until her death at the age of 93 years on 21st January 2000. Her concern for the elderly never wavered. She was active on lots of other Committees including the Dublin Council for the Aged. She was the recipient of a Person of the Year Award in 1980.