

# REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

*Margaret O'Doherty, Patrick Joseph White, Jimmy & Maureen Whelan, Kathleen Doody, Veronica (Vera) Flood, Christopher & Rose Gaffney, Deceased Marist Brothers from Marian College Community, Bryan Smith, William Peter Cowley, Lulu Mooney,*

*And for Eamonn 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
2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2018	€1,680	€1,285

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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### Iris Charles Centre

The Centre re-opens for dinner on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 1.00pm. Chair Exercises start at 11.45am and Tuesday afternoon Bridge at 2.30pm. All welcome.

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# WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

*Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30  
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*Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018*

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## *The Season of Creation*

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church since Pope Francis established September 1<sup>st</sup> as an annual “World Day for Prayer” for the care of creation. The Season of Creation is celebrated throughout the Christian world from September 1<sup>st</sup> to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

The initiatives of Patriarch Bartholomew, of Constantinople, of Pope Francis – especially in his encyclical ‘Laudato Si’: On Care for our Common Home and of the World Council of Churches in Geneva have enabled the emergence of the Season of Creation as a global ecumenical event, inviting prayer and action from 5.5 billion Christians. This year the global season began with an ecumenical prayer service in Assisi last weekend.

Copies of Pope Francis’ message, for this year’s Season of Creation with its particular focus on the gift of water, are available at the back of the church. There, too, you’ll find a list of possible actions, suggested by the Catechetics Commission of the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference and the Prayer of Pope Francis that closed his encyclical on our duty of care for Creation. In prayer, in education and in action let’s mark this global Season of Creation.

**Celebrating Baptism**

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in October will be held on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in October will be on Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 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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**Sacramental Preparation**

Enrolment for the St. Matthew’s pre-Sacrament classes will take place this Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm at the Parish meeting room. Preparation classes take place over 2 years. So we will be accepting new enrolments for 2020 as well as re-enrolments for 2019.

The Registration fee is 50 Euro per child and for the First Communion 2019 class it will be 70 Euro, the extra 20 Euro to cover the cost of the Do This in Memory programme.

Classes for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> will be on Thursday evenings and we’re still searching for a teacher to take 1<sup>st</sup> class. Until we find an available teacher we’re unsure on which day that class will be held.

Dates for First Communion and First Penance will be decided in mid September.

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**Garda Vetting**

As we begin September and the holiday season comes to a close we invite any members of the different teams serving the community as Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors, Catechists or Choir members over 18 years, to avail of a Garda Vetting form in the Parish office or Sacristy, if they haven’t already done so. This applies to every volunteer who has not been vetted within the past 3 years. Diocesan policy asks us as volunteers, staff and priests to be Garda Vetted every three years.

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**Baptism Certificate request**

Under our GDPR Policy a request for Baptism certificates must be accompanied by a completed form either by the adult person requesting his or her own Baptism certificate or by the parent requesting a son or daughter’s Baptism certificate. Parents of children preparing for First Communion and for Confirmation will accordingly need to complete that form when seeking, as is required, their child’s certification of Baptism. This applies to every parish in the Diocese.

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**Parish Council**

The Parish Council meets this Monday at 7:30pm.

**CROSSCARE – Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin**

The Annual collection for Community and Homeless Services will be at all Masses next weekend (15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> September). It will replace the normal Share collection.

Inspired by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, Crosscare has a Vision of a society where all people have the opportunity to fulfil their potential. A Mission to provide innovation and relevant services to those most in need.

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**Legion of Mary**

Annual Knock Pilgrimage, Sunday, September, 30<sup>th</sup>.

Coach departs from Star of the Sea Church at 8.30 a.m.

Cost : €35 Adults, €10 Children, includes morning Coffee & evening meal.

Contact : Anne 087 8374837 or call into bookshop on Saturday from 5,30 p.m.

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**Explorers**

The Explorers are an inter-church scripture reading group. All are welcome. Bring your bible. Our first session will be held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 - 9 p.m. in the Community Room of the Mount Tabor Day Centre next to Christ Church on Sandymount Green. For the first four sessions we shall focus on 'The Letter of St Paul to the Galatians'. Our guide will be Professor Seamus O’Connell (Maynooth). Bring a friend.

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**The Magnificat Group**

The Magnificat Group will resume their weekly Scripture / Prayer meetings on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 3.30 - 4.30pm at the Franciscan Convent, 34 Gilford Road. A big welcome to all persons interested in Gospel sharing.

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**Our Parish Choirs**

New members are always welcome in our Choirs and this would be a good time for anyone who likes singing (you don’t have to be able to read music) to join. Choir membership involves a practice one Monday night per month and half an hour before 12 o’clock Mass on Sundays. New members welcome for both choirs. (children over 7 years).

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**Changes to Bus routes**

The National Transportation Authority and Dublin Bus will hold a public information session in the Ballsbridge Hotel, Pembroke Road on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September from 3.00 to 7.00pm. The current proposal from the NTA is to put the No. 1 Bus out on the Beach Road leaving no service to Sandymount Village or to our Church. The discontinuation of the No. 47 bus will mean no direct service to St. Vincent’s Hospital or UCD.

For more information about the Network Redesign visit [www.busconnects.ie](http://www.busconnects.ie)