



## REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested this weekend

For the souls of Catherine (Kitty) Haughey and Frank Doyle who died recently.

And for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

*Barbara Lowe; Willie, Patty, Mary & Des Nelson; William, Mary (Bonnie),  
Brendan, Margaret & Brendan Jnr. O'Reilly; Eugene O'Neill;  
Mary & Myles Doran; Susan & Kevin Doyle; George & Imelda Reade;  
Jim, Bridie & Michael McDaid;*

*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
25 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	€1,500	€1,020

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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# WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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### *Easter Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018*

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### *Happy Easter*

In celebrating Easter we celebrate the Risen Christ. In an ever changing world, the Risen Lord is what the poet Robert Frost called 'the still point of a turning world'. Christ-the same-yesterday, today and tomorrow-calls us into the ways of his Kingdom, assured that he is always with us.

When Europe was plunged in the darkness of World War 11, Patrick Kavanagh could recognise hope in a scene on the Grand Canal and, through it, muster for the soul an encouragement beyond the headlines of present anxious darkness. Perhaps you see in it an Easter Hymn speaking to our times in this April day of 2018 Ireland :

#### *Beyond the Headlines*

*Then I saw the wild geese flying  
In fair formation to their bases in Inchicore,  
And I knew that these wings would outwear the wings of war,  
And a man's simple thoughts outlive the day's loud lying.*

*Don't fear, don't fear, I said to my soul:  
The Bedlam of Time is an empty bucket rattled,  
'Tis you will say in the end who best battled.  
Only they who fly home to God have flown at all.*

*(Patrick Kavanagh, Irish Press, 29<sup>th</sup> March 1943)*

*'Fly home to God' – in other words, 'Happy Easter'.*

**A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS**

May we offer our grateful appreciation to everyone for your continuing support of our parish activities and for your generous response to the many appeals that we make.

We would also like to say a special word of thanks to all of you who give yourselves so generously in providing your personal service to our different parish ministries.

We really appreciate all the special work that has been done over the course of Lent, Palm Sunday and Holy Week in the preparation and decoration of the church and in the organisation and celebration of the many different liturgies.

We hope that our celebration of Easter will renew our faith in the love of God and in the hope of life that Christ's Resurrection offers us.

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**Easter Dues**

Fr. John and Fr. Cormac would like to thank all parishioners who have already sent in their Easter Dues. Easter Dues like the Christmas Dues are donations to the Common Fund which supports all the priests of the diocese.

Easter Dues envelopes may be handed in at the sacristy, the parish office or put in the letter box in the parish office door. They can also be put into the collection baskets on Sundays.

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**An Invitation from the Parish Pastoral Council**

Raising a family in today's modern world brings many pressures to parents. Coping with the reality of family life in our postmodern world seems to be defined by change and constant adaptation. In such a society, security is lost, and loneliness can go hand in hand with a frenetic lifestyle. We would like to invite you to participate in a dialogue focusing on the challenges of family life today.

The World Meeting of Families team has put together a set of pastoral resources for parishes in preparation for the World Meeting of Families here in Dublin in August 2018. Our Parish will be offering one hour sessions exploring key elements of Pope Francis' document, The Joy of Love. Our first session will take place on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30 pm in the Church. We invite you to join us for what will be a helpful discussion around Christian family life in today's challenging world.

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**Celebrating Baptism**

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in May will be held on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in May will be on Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, after the 12 noon Mass. Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April and to attend the preparatory meeting.

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**From the pen of Pope Francis:**

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of April is 'that economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths'.

'Among the vulnerable for whom the church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenceless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this.

.....Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the church cannot be expected to change her position on this question.... It is not 'progressive' to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life.'

*The Joy of the Gospel, 2013, paragraphs 213-214*

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**Child Safeguarding Notice - Use of Church facilities**

Dear Parents and Guardians we would like to remind you that all children should be accompanied by an adult when using the Church toilets. We thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter.

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**Film Evening**

A film evening is to be held on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm in the parish meeting rooms. We will be showing the film 'The Way'. The Way is about a father who decides to walk the Camino de Santiago where his son died. All are very welcome.

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**Trocaire Boxes**

We would ask you to return your Trocaire boxes on or before the second Sunday of Easter. This arrangement applies only to homes that do not have school-going children. On behalf of Trocaire, we thank you for your generous support.

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**First Friday**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April is the First Friday of the month. We remember the Faithful Departed at the 10.00am Mass. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 11.30am unless there is a funeral.

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**Annual Golf Classic, Elm Park Golf Club  
Save the Date – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018!**

To book a place or sponsor an Ad or Tee Box please fill in a Booking Form, available on the table at the back of the Church, and return it as soon as possible to the Parish office, Star of the Sea Church Tel: 01 6683316

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