

REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of :

Loreta Comiskey, Pauline Aherne and John Donnelly who died this week;

and for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur :

Andy Hackett, Mollie and Dinny Foley, Emelia Brazil, Daniel Hickland, Beebee Wherity, Páraig Corcoran, Liz Mc Donnell, Sonny and Stephen Kane, Jeremiah Lincoln, Don Sheridan, Declan O’Loughlin and Joe King and for Richard Sinnott and Jo Curran 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
30 th January	€730	€400

Tap and Go in January : €3,317 in 250 transactions.

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 the 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.

Parish Office Hours

For the time being Office Hours are restricted to 10.30 to 11.30 Mon to Fri. Messages may be left on 6683316 to be attended to asap.

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 Feb 7th 2022

Covid Update for Churches

The Irish bishops have advised that each Parish Priest and Parish Council discuss the relaxation of social distancing guidelines, recognising that a parish may wish to take a gradual approach, bearing in mind that the Omicron variant is very much in circulation and many of our congregation are themselves vulnerable.

They ask for a **risk assessment** to establish what each particular parish is comfortable with and they indicate areas of particular attention such as choirs and concelebrants in a liturgy. Anointing during the sacraments may resume without use of cotton wool and plans may be made for careful distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday. Meanwhile they recommend

- The wearing of face coverings inside Church buildings;
- Good sanitising and cleaning arrangements
- Collections can be taken up but baskets should not be passed hand to hand
- Suspension of a handshake as the Sign of Peace;
- Holy Communion to be received in the hand;

Holy water to be used in asperges but not yet restored to fountains at Church entrances.

AN INVITATION

You are warmly invited to two Synodal gatherings in our Parish. The word "synodal" means journeying together and these gatherings will be an opportunity to share and listen to each other's experience of Church, in an organised, gentle and prayerful environment.

Why are you being invited? Pope Francis has asked all of us to take part in sharing and listening to each other and to the Spirit. In this way we are beginning to lay foundations for our future together.

The invitation is to all the baptised. Eventually, all the responses will be collected in time for the 2023 Synod in Rome.

What will happen at the gatherings?

Our Parish Animator, Deirdre Seaver, will lead the gatherings in a reflective, prayerful atmosphere. Questions will be presented each evening and people will gather in small groups to share on each question and listen to each other.

Each small group will have a leader who will help everyone to have the opportunity to share and will collect the feedback from the group.

*Please remember we are being asked to:
listen with understanding,
respect each other's experiences,
and try to walk in the other person's shoes*

What are the questions?

First gathering:

When you think of your experience of Church, what brings joy?

When you think of your experience of Church, what brings sorrow?

Second gathering:

When you think of your experience of Church, what brings hope?

When you think of your experience of Church, what brings fear or anxiety?

What will happen to the feedback

The Animator will sort the feedback into similar themes. This will form the basis for a Report to the Diocese. The feedback will be

used by the Parish Team and Parish Pastoral Council to help in pastoral planning.

When and where will these gatherings happen?

We will announce the dates in the next week.

Anything else I need to be aware of/take note of?

Safeguarding and confidentiality guidelines will be in place. Gatherings will be Covid compliant.

How can you prepare for this?

Please go to the Dublin Diocesan website www.dublindiocese.ie/synod where you will find information and Videos to help you.



Today's Gospel and the Synodal Pathway

In Luke 5: 1-11, the Gospel writer creatively combines the preaching of Jesus, a miracle and a call story. Luke invites us to recognise our own attraction to Jesus and the Good News. In the context of the Synodal Pathways- certain expressions jump off the page: *the word of God, put out into the deep, do not be afraid.*

We should not be afraid to put out into the deep, both personally and as a community of faith. We pray to the Holy Spirit, that the Christian community may be full of courage as it gathers together on the Synodal Pathway. Synodal Resources are available at: Synodal Resources / Archdiocese of Dublin (dublindiocese.ie)

St Vincent de Paul Society Collection

The monthly outdoor collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society takes place this weekend.

The local conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society invites any parishioners experiencing difficulty with electricity or other utility bills to please contact SVP at 086-846 1273.

World Day of the Sick: February 11th

Celebrate the 30th World Day of the Sick/Feast of our Lady of Lourdes by joining with the

Redemptoristine Sisters, Drumcondra
(rednuns.com webcam) **online** at 8.00 p.m. on
next Friday 11 February.

The text of the short service is available on
the Dublin diocese website so that you can
participate more fully.

ACCORD Collection next weekend

The annual collection for Accord takes place
at all Masses next weekend. It will take the
place of the Share Collection.