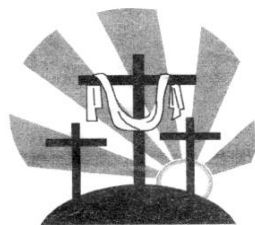


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the following whose anniversaries occur: Dominic and Kathleen Lalor, Christy Byrne (Month's Mind), Theresa Timoney, Vivian Collins and Carmel Handy.

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 | WHITE BASKET |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| October 6 th | €1230 | €775 |

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese, known as the Common Fund.

The white basket is the collection for Share, which meets the needs both of poorer parishes and of central agencies of the Diocese

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WEEKLY BULLETIN



St. Mary's, Star of the Sea Sandymount *13th October 2024*

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The Wisdom Background

The *Book of Wisdom* is an extraordinary work of the greatest relevance at the time of writing and even again today.

The context of writing is the key to unlocking the message and our reading. The book was written about the year 30 BC, in Alexandria in Egypt, with a specific purpose in mind. At the time, the propaganda of the Roman Empire presented itself explicitly as God-given, part of the divine order of things.

It would have been easy for young Jews living in Alexandria to conclude that not only was Rome “right” in military, cultural and commercial terms, *but also in religion*. It seems from the Book of Wisdom, that some young Jews, perhaps many, had walked away from their ancestral traditions, drawn by the brilliance and sheer dominance of the culture around them. The Wisdom of Solomon is explicitly directed to such young people. In a subtle and flexible way, the writer argues that if only the youngsters looked at their own inheritance, when properly presented, they would see that what they were seeking abroad so to speak was to be found all along at home.

In other words, true wisdom is to be found in God, in the exalted monotheism of the ancient Jewish faith. Hence the prayer of Solomon, our first reading. The Responsorial Psalm is particularly suited to the reading. **(Cont'd)**

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The Gospel reading adds an extra edge to the teaching of the first reading. Already from the Book of Wisdom, we learn that faith is counter-cultural. The gospel reading tells us just how counter cultural. In the time of Jesus, individuals could attach themselves to a revered rabbi or scribe, hoping to learn as much as possible, about the Torah and its application to life. Becoming a disciple in the Christian vision, resembles that but it is nevertheless significantly different. While Jesus does, of course offer a teaching and a wisdom, being a disciple of his means not only listening to his teaching but being attached to him and to his destiny in a way which is much more personal and , in the event, a much more costly discipleship.

The culture of today

Even in a highly secularised culture, the “hungers of the heart” do not simply go away but emerge and re-emerge in different, sometimes unexpected ways. We do live in a culture of distraction, where possessions or sheer being busy can serve to shut out the deeper longings. Nevertheless, many of our contemporaries feel these deeper longings and find themselves drawn to meditation, yoga, Buddhism, even to more overtly Christian projects such as the Camino de Santiago. Our job, in our day, to help people acknowledge such “restlessness” of heart (St. Augustine) and to invite them to The Way, trusted path not only to direction and meaning but also to deep personal happiness in the Christian discipleship. Sometimes, we have to go abroad so as to come home.

Registration for the Sacraments 2025/2026

A gentle reminder...All children who wish to celebrate First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation must register with our Parish, regardless of the school they attend. Registration forms will be shared with our two Catholic Schools, while for parents and children in the non-Catholic schools, Father Enda has sent a letter relating to the October Information Sessions and also registration.

The Pilgrimage of Saint Bernadette's relics 2024

The Pilgrimage of the relics of Saint Bernadette will arrive in Dublin at the following locations and dates:

25/09/2024 and 26/09/2024

Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road, Dublin

23/10/2024 and 24/10/2024:

Oblate Church of Mary Immaculate, Inchicore, Dublin

25/10/2024 and 26/10/2024:

Adam and Eve's, Merchants Quay, Dublin

St. Vincent DePaul Collection

The local conference of St Vincent de Paul is very grateful for the support received in the monthly gate collection in the Parish. The gate collection last weekend amounted to €1210. Thanks again for your kind support!

World Mission Sunday

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. Through your generosity they support missionaries who are caring for some of the most vulnerable communities in the world.

Synod Prayer for Week of 13th October

Holy God,

You have made us all members of the body of Christ, the people of God,

and poured into our hearts the abundant gift of your Spirit.

Today, we pray earnestly for all gathered in Rome for the Synod:

may your grace go with them

and give to all the courage

to bring faith, hope and love in abundance

to meet the challenges before us.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever. Amen.

