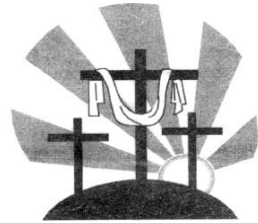


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for **Marjorie Gray** whose funeral took place this week and for the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Nany and Christy King, Monica Mc Kinley, Peter Heffernan, Edward Joseph Lennon, Pat Gavigan, Deirdre Mc Namara, Mark Foley, Anne O’Kelly, Vera and Seán Kelly, Paul Fogarty.

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
July 17th	€1,080	€650
July 24th	€1,025	€665

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.

WEEKLY
BULLETIN



***St. Mary’s, Star of the Sea,
Sandymount***

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18th Sunday of the Year July 31st ‘22

A Dazzling Light

We celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration on Saturday next and on the same day we remember the bombing of Hiroshima with its awful destruction and the killing and maiming of thousands of innocent men , women and children. Like the three disciples on Mount Tabor, the people of Hiroshima were dazzled by a beautiful brilliant light. But there the resemblance ended.

On Mount Tabor Jesus’ ‘face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light’. It pre-figured his Resurrection and the glory that awaits all who belong to him. On Hiroshima that day, the bright lights prefigured utter destruction, a second before their lives exploded. We cannot keep the day of remembrance of Jesus and his glory without also remembering those whose lives were brutally cut short that day, on August 6th 1945.

The Feast of the Transfiguration is a day of prayer for universal peace and a taking to heart of the glory that awaits us and truly dignifies the humanbody.

Bank Holiday Monday

Tomorrow is the August Bank Holiday Monday and there won't be a celebration of Mass at 7.30am. Mass will be celebrated at 10am

First Friday this week

Next Friday is the First Friday of August and in keeping with custom Masses on that day will be offered up for all whose names are on the November List of the Dead. If anyone ill or housebound would like to be visited with Holy Communion, please let us know at 6683316, where you can leave a message if the phone is unattended. We appreciate that Covid obliged people to carefully cut back on such visits. We won't presume to call unless asked to do so.

World Youth Day- Lisbon 2023

A year from now young people will gather in Lisbon for World Youth Day. Parishes and individuals are now being asked to register their interest in either attending WYD Lisbon or organising a parish group to participate. We would love to hear from anyone in Sandymount, aged between 16 and 29, who's interested in attending or participating.

The Archbishop's Visit

It was a very pleasant surprise two weeks ago when the Archbishop phoned on a Saturday to say he'd be along the following day to celebrate Mass at 10.30am. It is lovely in itself that he can come to meet us as he finds us. Unfortunately our choir director, Deirdre, was down with Covid and some choir members were away but how well Helen and Amy sang and Claire and Elena played flute and violin. We were really proud of them.

Grandparents and Elderly Day

Thankfully, our celebration of Grandparents' Day last Sunday saw the children's choir present in great strength and singing form, Deirdre well on the road to recovery and able to be with us and Claire and Elena along with Sarah on the organ giving of their musical best to mark the occasion. The choir too turned out in strength at the 12 noon Mass to mark well the end of a year's work and time for the

annual August break. Perhaps this month, a month without choirs, may help us appreciate all the more the important role of the choirs in liturgy and possibly prompt new voices, both young and adult, to join them in September.

A really big 'thank you' to Anne Bacon, our Parish Council Chairperson, who organised refreshments in the hall after the 10.30am Mass to mark a special day in our calendar and thanks to all who responded to the invitation by coming along.

Baptism Celebrations

On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month we currently celebrate baptism with four families at a time. Covid impacted heavily on parents trying to organise the baptism of their children and understandably, too, we are baptising two babies of a family together quite frequently. Over the first two years of Covid our numbers baptised were down 70 below the annual expected number but slowly we're catching up again on the backlog. Last Sunday saw the baptism of six little children. Whereas previously we held a meeting once a month with all parents coming in celebration of their child's baptism, we do so now in anticipation of each baptism whether on the two Parish Baptism Days each month or when on other days a visiting priest is coming to celebrate. We ask all parents to attend a preparation meeting.

The Long Goodbye

Some of our parishioners will know at first hand the great challenge of caring for people living with dementia. An interesting weekend will be held from Friday August 19th to Sunday Aug 21st at the Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre in Newry. It's a workshop offering practical information and support so as to build a bridge of connection and understanding. The workshop facilitator is Fr Hugh Lagan, a priest with the Society of African Missions and a chartered clinical psychologist. The weekend costs 260 euros and you can reserve a place by contacting Jacinta or Louisa at 048 3082 1964 or E-mail admin@dromantineconference.com