



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

*July 9<sup>th</sup> 2017*

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## **Bishops' National Appeal for East Africa**

Bishop Martin reported this week that at the June Bishop's Conference in Maynooth, Eamonn Meehan from Trocaire spoke of the appalling situation facing the people of East Africa, which has now reached a critical stage.

There are severe food shortages in South Sudan, Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia, brought about by drought and conflict. Over half the population of Somalia (6.2 million) is experiencing food shortages and malnutrition. There have also been major outbreaks of cholera across the country. South Sudan is on the brink of famine, with drought and conflict affecting millions. In south eastern Ethiopia and in northern Kenya, millions of people are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. On behalf of Irish Catholics, Trocaire is doing all it possibly can - currently helping over 150,000 people across the region with emergency food, water and sanitation.

The need is enormous and the Bishops' Conference is responding by launching an emergency Church Appeal throughout Ireland to take place next weekend, **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**. It will be supported by a national and local media campaign.

The Archbishop has no doubt that people will respond to this Appeal with compassion and generosity. Meanwhile he asks for our prayers for all the staff and the partners of Trocaire on the frontline in East Africa, responding to this humanitarian crisis with dedication, courage and selflessness.

## **Trocaire Box Lenten Appeal in Sandymount.**

We received word from Trocaire this week that the total raised by our parishioners for the Lenten Appeal this year came to €2,570.31. Well done to all who participated.

Prayers this weekend are requested for our faithful departed-

Lil (Elizabeth) Murnane who died this week;

for the following whose anniversaries occur:  
Phil Mc Auliffe, Sean & Vera Kelly, Noel Nowlan, Ann Berney, Peggy Kelly, Emily Mahon and Ann Pickering  
And for Jean Kearney and Rosaleen Murphy, whose month's mind occurs.

May they share in the joy of heaven.

## **Recent Church Collections**

Last week July 2<sup>nd</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Collection € 1,005

Peter's Pence Collection €2,435

June 25<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Collection € 1,165

Share € 745

## **Celebrating Baptism**

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in August will be held on Monday July 31<sup>st</sup> at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in August will be on Sundays August 6<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup>, after the 12 noon Mass. Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of that Monday 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. While normally we have two godparents, it is sufficient to have just one. Another may act as a witness rather than a godparent in that situation.

Any interest in

- Forming a Taize Group? Apart from singers-do you play strings, woodwind etc and like to meet other young people in doing so? If you'd like to continue that conversation call Fr John. And likewise for
- Teaching children towards 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation. Primary Teacher/Catechist with a little time?