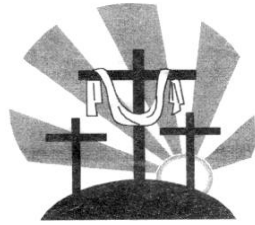


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of William Seagrave and Annette Kenevey and for the following whose anniversaries occur: Noreen Berney, Emer Leonard, Patrick and Catherine Mason, Una Henry, Carmel Handy, Catherine Ryan, Patrick and Alice Murdoch, Paddy and Rosaleen Sheehan, Margaret Maguire, Helen, Pat and Tommy Forry..

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 20 th	€880	€2005

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

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

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St. Mary's, Star of the Sea Sandymount
27th October 2024

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The great exegete Walter Brueggemann distinguishes two “systems”: the royal system and the prophetic system. Those in power promote the royal system of reassurance because it leaves their position of power and exploitation undisturbed. The prophets, by contrast, are called to tell the truth, to name the exploitation, to give God’s perspective on what is happening, to call to conversion of heart and life. In times of apparent well-being, prophets denounce and promise gloom. In times of suffering and hardship, they promise hope and relief. This is not just because prophets were awkward, contrary creatures! The prophets often try to break through the deafening noise of the conventional wisdom to speak a life-changing word of truth. It can’t have been easy to have been a prophet, as Jeremiah regularly complained. Neither was it easy to pay attention to such contrary / contrary voices. In times of prosperity, it was not at all easy to listen to them and to “hear” them. Likewise, in times of hardship, the word of hope must have been especially difficult to hear.

When we read today’s first reading in the context of the time, it sheds light on our time too. The words of Jeremiah were delivered just before the capture and destruction of Jerusalem. We can imagine the feeling of inevitable defeat and deportation, the feeling of sheer dread before the inexorable final onslaught. Into that deep darkness, the prophet speaks a contrary word of light, a message of great hope and even joy. **(Continued)**

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The Lord says this:
Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
‘The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!’”

How impossible it must have seemed at the time! And yet, they did return and God did bring them safely home. We live at a time of greatest anxiety-climate, war, politics, migration-a time when it is easy to be stressed and disheartened. As a Church, we try to live in the real world and that sense of worldly grief can affect us too.

World Mission Sunday-Thank You

Thank you to all who donated to World Mission Sunday. Your contributions were much appreciated for support of the missionaries to continue to share the love of God.

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.

Used Books available outside the Parish Gift Shop

Please feel free to browse the used books outside the Parish Gift Shop. You are welcome to take any of the books of interest. They are free of charge.

Bank HolidayMonday

Mass will be at 10:00am this coming Monday, 28th October, instead of 7:30am Mass. The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, re-opening on Tuesday from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

All Souls Day-November Mass for the Dead

Our annual Mass for deceased members of our faith community who have died in the past year will take place on **Saturday, 2nd November at the 6pm evening Mass.** During the Mass a candle will be lit for each one, called by name, as we gather in prayer for them. We invite families and friends and fellow parishioners to come to a significant annual gathering in the life of our parish.

November Dead List

November list of the Dead forms and envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please return through the parish office letterbox or via the collection baskets this weekend and the following weekend.

First Holy Communion Dates 2025

St. Matthews and Educate Together:
Sunday, 11th May 10:30am

Star of the Sea Boys:
Sunday, 18th May 12:00pm

Scoil Mhuire:
Sunday, 25th May 12:00pm

Do This in Memory

This year's program of preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion has begun and our first in the series of "Do This in Memory" Masses has been changed to Sunday, 3rd November at the 10:30am Mass. We welcome the children and their families and we ask you to keep them in your prayers.

Synod 27th October 2024

May the hope of Jeremiah, expressed with poetry and energy, help us to regain the vitality of the Good news, to become people of faith, hope and love as we journey together as God's People in the graced moment of Synod. What might I do this week to spread the hope of the Synod?