



SANDYFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

ST. MARY'S - Parish Webcam Saturday 7th November, 6pm

Ellen Mulvey (A)
Tommy Mannion RIP
Anne & Joe Mangan (A)
Julia Scanlon—birthday blessing

Sunday 8th Nov 11am

Dermot & Anne Cunningham (Anni)
Brendan Carolan (25th Anni)
Fergal O'Keeffe RD
Fr Hugh Byrne RD
Garry Westby RD
Health Intention- Christy

Monday 9th November, 10am

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Liz Leamy RD

Mass for the Sick

Tuesday 10th November, 10am

Joe Walsh RD

Wednesday 11th November, 10am

Bridie Blackmore RD

Thursday 12th November, 10am

Pegg Gannon RD

Friday 13th November, 10am

Jeanne Mathews (3rd Anni)

REST IN PEACE

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of

Ann Doyle

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in the peace of Christ.

Act Of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You have already come,

I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PARISH MASS TIMES & GUIDELINES

- Mass will be celebrated on a daily basis (Mon—Fri) via the parish webcam at 10am.
- Sunday Mass will be via webcam only at 6pm on Saturday evening and 11am on Sunday morning.
- Please note that all Churches will be open for private prayer every day after the celebration of Mass. Please do not come to Church if you have a cough, feel unwell or have a temperature.
- Baptisms & Baptism preparation meetings have been postponed until early December.
- Funeral Masses and Weddings will go ahead but within the current Government guidelines (25 people only).
The Parish Office will be opened to the public from 10.30 to 1pm Monday to Friday. You may also ring or email if you wish to book a Mass Intention, buy a Mass Card or have a query in relation to any other matter. Just for your information, we now have a number of options in terms of payment or donations including card payment over the phone in addition to the normal methods of cheque and cash. Your support, understanding and generosity is greatly appreciated at this difficult time.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS FOR THOSE WHOSE FUNERALS TOOK PLACE IN THE LAST YEAR.



We invite those of you who have lost a loved one in the last 12 months to join us spiritually for a special commemorative mass

Thursday Nov 19th @ 7.30pm

via the Parish Webcam.

In the days following the Mass, you will be able to collect the candle which bears the name of your loved one.

SANDYFORD PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP in Sandyford Parish Pastoral Centre.

If you are bereaved or experiencing loss of any kind and would appreciate talking to trained listeners in a supportive, confidential setting, please contact us directly on **087 2983591**.

One to One meetings now also available.

All support sessions are free & completely confidential.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People



ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of

COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary.

The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.



In November we remember

"All I ask, that wherever you may be, you may remember me at the Altar of the Lord" St Monica.

A reminder that November is the month of Holy Souls when we remember our deceased loved ones in prayer. You are invited to compile a list of names for the Altar List of the Dead, which can be placed in the envelopes, available in the Church porches. These can then be left into the sacristies or Parish Office. On the first Friday of every month, for the next year, Holy Mass will be offered for those whose names are on the Parish Altar List of the Dead.

Dear Parishioners & Friends,

There is no doubt that David Attenborough will always be remembered for bringing the wonders of nature to the screen. He has brought the discovery of life in the forest to the beauty of what is beneath the sea into the living room. There before our eyes are creatures of the deep and life forms so ancient with colours and movements that are truly amazing.

There was one programme which told the story of Eagles and their young. The nest was high up on the ledges of the cliffs which kept the young safe from predators. The Eagle parents took it in turns foraging for food and to constantly feed their hungry chicks. Feathers grew and the birds grew larger and larger. Then one day a decision had to be made. The young birds had to do something which the parents could not do for them only watch. The young Eagles had to one by one jump from the nest off the cliff and open their wings for the very first time. If they didn't open their wings their very survival was at stake.

So one by one they threw themselves off the cliff and began to fall at speed. Then amazingly they opened their wings and began to fly. It was an amazing sight. It was something each little bird could only do by itself.

There is an interesting question put in the gospel story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Why couldn't those with the oil share it with those who had none. In that culture, the tradition was that the bridegroom would arrive in the evening to the bride's house. So in a country with no electric light, lamps were vital to be able to travel.

There may not be enough for both they said. The result was that there would not be enough for any of them. But there is another point in the gospel message.

There are some things in life that we cannot share or give or take from another. A baby has to walk by itself. A child has to learn to ride a bike by itself. The baby Eagle had to leave the nest on its own. It is the same with our faith. We cannot believe for someone else. We cannot come to Mass for someone else or go to Confession for someone else.

Our faith is like the lamp which is carried only by each one of us like the lamps of the wise bridesmaid. The light of our Baptism is uniquely our own. The flame of faith is fuelled by the oil of our prayers, the oil of the Sacraments, the fuel of study and prayer. Then we can grow in the light and love of the Lord. Are you like the wise bridesmaids with your lamp burning. Have you the oil of faith. How do you keep the flame of faith alive in your life. Do you pray and make a space for the Lord, do you allow him to make a space in your heart.

A lamp can be very simple or exotic but it must be lighting to be any good. It must have oil to be able to work. The image of the door being closed marks out the point where and who we have become as a person is finally determined. The Eagle who left the nest and opened its wings could only do that by itself. Our lamp of faith cannot be borrowed. It must be our own. That was the wisdom of the wise bridesmaids who had oil as well as their lamps.

Lord give us the oil of your grace so that we can carry the light of your love in our lives always.

Fr John PP



No winner this week, next week's jackpot will be €3,000!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEK'S LUCKY DIP WINNERS WHO EACH WIN €50:

MARIE DOYLE AND MAEVE HARKNESS

This week's winning numbers: 7, 10, 14, 24.

For more information on how to sign up, play and support the parish, visit our dedicated lotto page at www.sandyfordparish.org.

Tickets cost €2.00 each with a minimum spend of €10. Why not buy an annual ticket for €100 and be in the draw every week for 52 weeks?

We have a card payment machine in the office so now its easier than ever to pay and play. Any queries, please contact the Parish Office.

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

Family Offering Envelopes Oct 2020: €1,975

Standing Order Total Oct 2020: € 4,807

Online Donations Total Oct 2020: €1,421

Tap and Go Donations Sept 2020: €715

All Family Offering envelopes and donations to the Diocesan Collections can be left into Parish office or the post box at St Mary's.

DONATIONS TO THE COLLECTIONS

In the absence of indoor church collections we have been receiving requests as to how donations can be made to the Parish or to the Dublin diocese. This can be done by using the dedicated envelopes in Church Porches, Card Payment to the Parish Office, or the Donate Button on the home page of the Parish Website. Clicking on this button leads to a Payzone connection where donations can be made securely.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Whilst we are unable to hold our Monthly collections donations can be made through the Parish office. We are grateful for any help you can give.

FACE MASKS for sale in Parish Office.

100 per cent cotton in attractive fabrics.

They are very comfortable and are €5 each and all proceeds go to the

St Vincent de Paul!