



St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral NEWSLETTER

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Staff of the Pro-Cathedral - Very Rev Damian F. Canon O'Reilly, Adm., Monsignor Francis Walsh, P.C., Fr Brendan Staunton, SJ, P.C., Sr. Patricia Somers, RSC (Parish Sister)

Mass Times

Monday to Friday - 8.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12.45 p.m. and 5.45 p.m.

Saturday - 8.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12.45 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. (*Vigil Mass*) - (Cantor & Organ)

Sunday - 9.30 a.m. (*St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral Girls' Choir**)
11 a.m. (*The Palestrina Choir**), 12.45 p.m. (*Cantor & Organ*)
& 6.30 p.m. (*Pro Nuova Music Group*) [*during choir term]

Pro-Cathedral closes immediately after Evening Mass

Thank You - 6th/7th May - 1st Collection (*Priests'*) €1,270
Second Collection (*Dublin Diocesan Students preparing for Ordination to the Priesthood*) €1,213



We welcome to our parish this weekend, a member of the Volunteer Mission Movement (VMM) who are presently

visiting parishes throughout the Diocese of Dublin. VMM is an

international lay Catholic Missionary organisation founded in 1969, who have sent thousands of volunteer missionaries to Africa in past 50 years. VMM recruits, trains and supports skilled volunteers with professional or technical expertise to work in communities in Africa in areas such as education, health, support services and so much more. VMM's overall purpose it to enable and support lay people to participate in the mission of promoting justice, respect and dignity for all. Currently they are supporting more than 50 volunteers in nine countries on a variety of missionary and development programmes. For more information please visit the table at the back of the Cathedral.

First Holy Communion

On Saturday 20th May, at the 11 a.m. Mass here in the Cathedral the children from the Central Model Senior School will receive their First Holy Communion.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

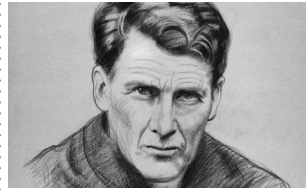
Confessions

Monday to Friday - After 8.30 a.m. & 12.45 p.m. Mass

Saturday - 11.30 a.m. to 12 noon & 1.15 to 2.15 p.m.

Penitential Service last Saturday of each month at 11.30 a.m.

Italian Mass—second Sunday of every month at 3 pm in Cathedral.



Beatification of Fr John Sullivan SJ

Fr John Sullivan SJ was beatified on Saturday 13th May in Gardiner Street Church. The

principal celebrant and homilist, representing Pope Francis, was Cardinal Angelo Amato, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, he was assisted by the Archbishop of Dublin, Diarmuid Martin. Also present was The Church of Ireland Archbishop of Dublin, Michael Jackson.

John Sullivan was born on 8 May 1861 at 41 Eccles Street, in the heart of old Georgian Dublin. His father, Edward, the future Lord Chancellor of Ireland. His mother, Elizabeth Bailey, came from a prominent land-owning family in Passage West, Co. Cork. John's father was a Protestant and his mother was a Catholic. John was baptised in the local Church of Ireland parish, St. George's, Temple Street, on 15 July 1861. In 1872, the young John was sent to Portora Royal School, Enniskillen. After Portora, he went to Trinity College, Dublin, where he studied Classics. It appeared to John's friends in the early 1890's that he seemed to have 'no definite religious views' but a great deal was in fact going on inside him. He had discovered and was deeply moved by St Augustine's Confessions and was aware of his own mother's prayers and hopes for him, like Augustine's mother, St Moncia. In December 1896, at the age of 35, after some years of soul searching, he decided to become a Catholic. He was received into the Catholic Church at the Jesuit Church in Farm Street, London. In 1900 John decided to become a Jesuit and entered the Jesuit novitiate in Tullabeg, Co. Offaly. At the end of his two years novitiate, he took his vows as a Jesuit and then was sent to St. Mary's Hall, Stonyhurst College, England to study philosophy. In 1904 John came to Milltown Park to study theology, and he was ordained a priest on 28 July 1907. He was then appointed to the staff in Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare, where he was to spend the greater part of his life as a Jesuit. There is a constant demand for blessings with his vow crucifix, which is kept in St. Francis Xavier's, Gardiner Street, where Fr. John's earthly remains repose in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Many come to pray at his tomb. There are many accounts of comfort and healing from those who have been blessed with Fr. John's Cross.