



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

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— There is no Italian Mass for the month of July and August.

Thank You - 8th/9th July

1st Collection (*Priests'*) €1,265, 2nd Collection (*Share*) €760

Trócaire

Church Appeal for East Africa to take place next weekend 22nd & 23rd July

As the appalling situation facing the people of East Africa has reached a critical stage, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has appealed for support for a Church collection for Trócaire. 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 people) 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. Millions of people in south-eastern Ethiopia and northern Kenya are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. On behalf of Irish Catholics, Trócaire is doing all it possible 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 on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd July 2017**. This special appeal will replace the second collection for *Share*.

In a letter to priests and parishes, Archbishop Martin said he had no doubt that the parishioners of the Archdiocese of Dublin will support this appeal with compassion and generosity.

The Archbishop also asked for prayers for the staff and partners of Trócaire on the frontline in East Africa whom he said were responding to this humanitarian crisis with dedication, courage and selflessness. For further information on the work being carried out by Trócaire and the gravity of the situation in East Africa please follow this link:

<https://www.trocaire.org/whatwedo/wherewework/east-africa-crisis>

A sower went out to sow ... Let anyone with ears listen!

The parable of the sower is told twice, in an original form and in a later, church interpretation. The explanation tends to dominate our reading; but it might be worthwhile allowing the original parable to "speak." It tells of small, even careless, beginnings— the sower scatters all over the place. As we see in nature, tiny seeds have an astonishing, miraculous effect. Go back over your own experience and recall something which began modestly but which in the end grew surprisingly. The reign of God is like that— the modest beginnings of Jesus' own preaching had tremendous effect.

Prayer

God of every harvest, it can be hard today to be confident about the Good News and yet we know that it is you who give the growth (1 Cor 3:7).