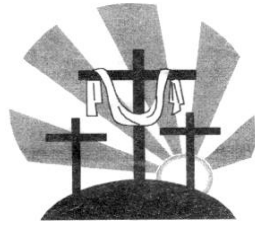


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for Doreen McDermot, David Crowe, Sr. Margaret Kavanagh and Joyce Davitt who died this week and for the following whose anniversaries occur: Christy and Jean O’Connell, JimBohan, Lorcan Hogan, Raymond Cassidy, Peter Clarke, Mabel Clara Podorovski, Michael and Annie Stephens, John Brinkers, Sr Mary Edith O’ Doherty, Joseph and Evelyn Duffy, Kathleen and Edward Gaynor. We also remember John McCormack at the time of his month’s mind.

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
Dec 4 th	€965	€845
Dec 8 th	€300	€200

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

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

Many thanks to all our parishioners for your ongoing support and generosity.

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St. Mary’s, Star of the Sea
Sandymount

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December 11th 2022

Rejoice

Gaudete Sunday

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. ‘Gaudete’ is the Latin word for ‘rejoice!’ and you’ll notice that the readings and prayers are like a great chord of Joy ... ‘be happy’ ... ‘rejoice’ ... ‘good news’...

We light the pink candle on the Advent wreath as a sign of joy.

The Church is careful to remind us in both of the purple seasons, Advent and Lent, that although we’re in a time of penance, in preparation for Christ’s coming (at Christmas) and for Christ’s victory over death and sin (at Easter), this is always a matter of joy.

Just as Gaudete Sunday reminds us to be joyful in our preparation in Advent, so too there’s also on the fourth Sunday of Lent a day when the Liturgy emphasises Joy. That Sunday in Lent is known as Laetare (i.e. ‘be joyful’) Sunday.

As Christians we never look at our sins in isolation from the love of God which gives us hope.

‘ Deliver us Lord from every evil as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.’

St Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal

This weekend a member of the local conference of St Vincent de Paul society will speak at all of the Masses and the collection will take the place of the SHARE collection. Please always remember that if you are in need or if you think you know someone in need, please contact the SVP through the website www.svp.ie or by telephoning the SVP headquarters. All requests are dealt with in absolute confidence.

'Do this in Memory'

This Sunday, Dec 11th, we celebrate our '**Do this in Memory**' Mass with the children and their parents who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time. The Advent calendar on pages 46 and 47 also invites their daily colour-in during Advent. Our next Mass will be after Christmas on Jan 22nd. In the meantime, the copies of Grapevine 4 will be distributed to assist parents in their further preparation of the children to know the different parts of the Mass and the responses to be made in the Liturgy of the Word in particular. In the Thumbs book, we ask parents to share pages 16 and 17 with the children, and then children complete pages 48 and 49 as well as the Christmas exercises on pages 50 to 53. Don't forget to bring your candle to all of our 'Do this in Memory Masses'.

Building Hope Project

You may recall the two consultation meetings we held during Easter as part of the building hope project. Among the issues discussed was the question of which parishes we might be linked with pastorally for the future. A similar exercise took place in every parish of the diocese. In the outcome of those discussions the diocese has informed us that we are to be in a parish grouping with Ringsend and Haddington Rd parishes. We look forward to working with them in the coming months to further the Building Hope project.

Christmas Eve Children's Nativity Play

On Christmas Eve at 3pm, there will be an impromptu children's nativity play in the Church. Children and their parents are cordially invited to join in this joyous event – a prayerful child friendly narration with carols. Children are invited to come along dressed as angels or shepherds (or any character from the nativity) – don't worry, costumes will also be available on the day. Grandparents are very welcome too!

Christmas Carols

Our Christmas Carol service will take place on Sunday 18th December at 4pm. Everyone welcome!

Advent Ecumenical Prayer

On Thursday next, Dec 15th, at 7pm Christ Church on the green will host another ecumenical gathering for Evening Prayer. We encourage our parishioners to attend where the evening prayer will be led by Rev Michael Jones, the newly arrived Methodist Minister of Christ Church, Sandymount. We thank Sr. Rosemary from the Franciscan Sisters Convent for leading the evening prayer in our church last Thursday.

Christmas card delivery, calling volunteers

We thank our many parishioners who have helped to distribute our Christmas Arrangements envelope each year. However, with the passing of time and people having many more commitments we are finding it difficult to reach as many people as we used to. If you have any spare time to help us with this work it would be greatly appreciated. An hour or two of your time this week would make all the difference. Please contact the sacristy or parish office if you are in a position to help.

Christmas Shop

The church shop is now open again to sell Christmas Cards and other items before 6pm Mass on Saturday and before and after 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon Masses. We also have a beautiful range of handmade Christmas gift items from the Hands of Hope charity which are now on sale. If you would like to volunteer to help in the shop please contact Triona Long via the parish office.

Vespers at the Pro Cathedral

Advent vespers at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral takes place on Tuesdays at 5:30pm with St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Girls' Choir and Fridays at 5:30pm with the Palestrina Choir. During this season of Advent, attending the sung office of vespers is a very reverent way to prepare for the Christmas season. You can also connect with the Pro Cathedral on line.

Christmas Arrangements 2022

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Communal Rite: Mon 19th Dec at 7pm
Individual Rite: Fri 23rd & Sat 24th Dec after 10am Mass.
Ecumenical Eve Prayer: Tues 20th St Matthews at 7pm

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, 6pm (choir)
Christmas Eve Night Mass, 9pm
Christmas Day 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon
Dec 26th to 31st and Jan 2nd to 5th Mass at 10am
Feast of Epiphany Jan 6th Mass at 7.30, 10am and 6pm

10am Mass on Jan 1st will be celebrated for World Peace
7.30am Mass will resume on January 6th