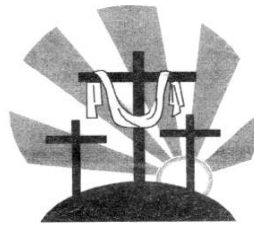


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested for Liam Mc Farlane who has died and for Dermot Ryan whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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
25 th March 2024	€1,190	€815

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese, known as the Common Fund. The white basket is normally the collection for Share, which meets the needs both of poorer parishes and of central agencies of the Diocese.

We thank you for your contributions to the Church collections and for your continuing support of all the collections.

We are very grateful for those Easter Dues already received. Envelopes are available at the back of the church this weekend. Thank you to all who have helped deliver the Easter card and to Jimmy who prepared the list.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



St. Mary's, Star of the Sea Sandymount

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Easter Sunday 31st March 2024

Christ is Risen !

The message of Easter brings Peace and Joy to our lives for every step of life's journey, however demanding and difficult that journey may become for any of us. There is new life among the crucified.



“The empty tomb is the sign of the definitive victory of truth over falsehood ,
of good over evil,
of mercy over sin,
of life over death.

The empty tomb is the sign of the hope ‘which does not deceive’.
Our hope is full of immortality;;. Pope John Paul 11.

Happy Easter to all in our parish family

Message from Pope Francis

This speech by Pope Francis from a few days ago is thought provoking.

“You can have flaws, be anxious and even be angry, but don’t forget that your life is the greatest business in the world. Only you can stop it from failure. You are appreciated, admired and loved by many. Remember that being happy is not having a sky without storms, a road without accidents, a job without effort, relationships without disappointments.

“Being happy is to stop feeling a victim and become the author of your own destiny. It's going through deserts, but being able to find an oasis deep in your soul. It's to thank God every morning for the miracle of life. It's kissing your children, cuddling your parents, having poetic moments with your friends, even when they hurt us.

“To be happy is to let live the creature that lives in each of us, free, joyful and simple. It's having maturity to be able to say: "I made mistakes". Having the courage to say "I'm sorry". It's having a sensitivity to say "I need you". It's having the ability to say "I love you". May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness... that in spring I can be a lover of joy and in winter a lover of wisdom.

"And when you make a mistake, start over. Because only then will you fall in love with life. You will find that being happy doesn't mean having a perfect life. But she uses tears to irrigate tolerance. Use your defeats to train your patience. "Use your mistakes with the serenity of the sculptor. Use pain to tune into pleasure. Use obstacles to open the windows of intelligence. Never give up ... Above all, never give up on the people that love you. Never give up on happiness, because life is an amazing show. "

POPE FRANCIS

Fr Cormac

Fr Cormac’s many friends in the parish will be delighted to know that he is settling in well in his new surroundings. He is grateful for all the support and good wishes that he has received and we here in the parish are very grateful for his years of ministry among us. We hold him in our thoughts and prayers.

First Friday

We will remember all whose names are on the altar list of the dead next Friday 5th April at 10am.

Because of present circumstances First Friday house calls will be postponed until next month. We will remember the house bound in our prayers.

Mass Times

Until we have a replacement for Fr Cormac we will be changing Mass times for the next few weeks.

This coming week we will have no 7.30am Mass, just 10am only. For the week commencing 7th April and for further notice we will have one Mass per day. **7.30am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 10am on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.**

Do This In Memory

The planning meeting for the next ‘Do this in Memory’ mass will be held next Saturday 6th April at 9am. Aware that the schools are closed for the week and that in consequence this date may not suit parents, Fr John would appreciate if an alternative date and more suitable date might be suggested. You can contact him via his mobile number which is on our website. The next and last Do This in Memory Mass will be on April 14th.

Date for your Diary: Cuppa after Mass

Thanks to the ‘cuppa after Mass’ team who organised the refreshments after Mass last month. The next ‘cuppa after Mass will be on the 6th April. Once again, everyone is most welcome!

St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul collection will take place next weekend 6/7th April. Your support is appreciated.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday April 27th. For the past number of years, we haven’t had sufficient interest to engage a pilgrimage bus from the parish. Perhaps this year, we might join with our partnership parishes if numbers warrant bus hire. Please let us know if you are interested by contacting the parish office.

Parish Office

This Easter week, office hours will be limited. Services will be provided before and after the 10am Mass.

Golf Classic 2024

The Golf Classic this year is planned for Friday, May 24th. We thank Martin Coonan and his team for their commitment to what is a significant fundraiser for the parish. Last year's Classic raised €14, 522.21; a great achievement. If you want to find out more, phone Martin on **087 2304042**

Thank you!

Thanks to all who have carried the parish in recent weeks and organised our Easter liturgies