

WEEKLY BULLETIN

*St. Mary's, Star of the Sea,
Sandymount*



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Sunday 22nd March 2026

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MASS TIMES: Sunday Mass: Vigil, Sat. 6.p.m.; Sun. 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon. Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7.30 a.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10.00 a.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEKEND

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of Mary Hanaphy Kennedy, recently deceased, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patricia Hancock, Dorothy Keelan, Patrick Bateman and Dermot Bateman.
**MAY THEIR SOULS , AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD,
REST IN PEACE. AMEN.**

Welcome Noelle Crowley Our New Parish Secretary

A warm welcome to our new Parish Secretary/Parish Support Coordinator who started on Monday, 16th March. Noelle joins us from her extensive background in administration and finance and is excited to be a part of our Parish community. Noelle will provide a vital liaison with the Diocese and our local Parishes. Please join us in welcoming Noelle to our ParishTeam!

Children's Passion Play

On Good Friday at 12 noon, there will be an impromptu children's Passion Play in the church. Children, their parents and grandparents are cordially invited to this event – a prayerful child friendly narration with songs. Children are invited to come at 11.50, dressed as Roman soldiers or any of the characters from the passion (men and women of Jerusalem). Don't worry as costumes will be available on the day (there are no speaking parts). All welcome!

Trocaire Lenten Campaign

Trócaire Boxes are available in the back of the Church. The work of Trócaire worldwide is one of the really positive features of the Irish Church and a lovely way to be linked as a family with its very significant cause. Please consider entering into the spirit of Lent in support of people in greatest need through this invitation to share in the work of Trócaire with your family.

Cuppa after 10:30 Mass Next Sunday

Our first 'cuppa after Mass' will take place next Sunday (Palm Sunday) after 10.30 mass at the back of the church. Everyone is most welcome and it's a lovely way to catch up with each other, share the news and welcome our new parishioners.

Do This In Memory-Saturday, 28th March

We welcome the children of 2nd Class 2026 in our local schools and their families next Saturday, 28th March, to the vigil Mass at 6pm as they continue their year of preparation for First Penance and First Holy Communion. The last date in the series will be on April 18th.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last week:

15th March, 2026:

1st collection €855 (Common Fund)

2nd collection: €630 (Share)

17th March St. Patrick's Day

1st Collection €360 (Common Fund)

2nd Collection €240 (Share)

Baptised And Sent In Lent

A Lenten course for Faith Sharing Groups is being run during Lent in our Parish on Tuesday evenings in the Parish Meeting Room at the rear of the Church; enter from the steps opposite the pre-school building, from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.

Sunday 22nd March "Passion Sunday"

Previously called "Passion Sunday," this **Fifth Sunday of Lent** marks the beginning of Passiontide, a deeper time of Lent. This is the third Sunday of the scrutinies for the preparation of adult converts, and the final Sunday of Lent before the beginning of Holy Week. The Liturgy of the Word of this day speaks of re-creation, resurrection, and new life.

The **Gospel** reading from *St. John 11:1-45*, opens up in front of us a scene of unprecedented sorrow. The Lord Jesus receives the message from the sisters of Lazarus who, when confronted with the gravity of his condition, tried the only thing possible, they turned to the Lord of who it was said: *'Everything He does is good, he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'* (Mk 7:37). It is the cry of each one of us who would like their loved ones to live forever without ever leaving us.

Feast Day of St. Enda 21st March

The feast day of St. Enda of Aran is celebrated on March 21st in both the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches. Known as the "father of Irish monasticism," he died around 530 AD and is celebrated for establishing major monastic settlements, particularly on the Aran Islands, which became known as "Aran of the Saints".



Holy Week Arrangements 2026

Palm Sunday, 29th March

Saturday Vigil at 6pm, Sunday at 10:30am and 12 noon.

Monday, 30th March

Mass at 7:30am

Communal Rite of Reconciliation at 7:30pm

Tuesday, 31st March

Mass at 10:00am

Confessions Afterwards

Wednesday, 1st April

Mass at 7:30am

Confessions Afterwards

Holy Thursday, 2nd April

9:30am Morning Prayer

7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00pm

Good Friday, 3rd April

9:30am Morning Prayer

12 noon: Children's Passion Play- **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

12 noon LOCAL CHURCHES TOGETHER FOLLOWING THE CROSS

Departing from Christ Church Methodist, Sandymount Green.

12:30pm Star of the Sea

12:45pm St. Matthews Church, Irishtown

3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Confession afterwards

8:00pm Taize Prayer around the Cross

Confession afterwards

Holy Saturday, 4th April

9:30am Morning Prayer

Confession afterwards

9:00pm Solemn Celebration of the Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 5th April

Mass at 10:30am and 12 noon