

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30 – 12.30

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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 souls of Denis Cagney, Noel Humphries, Jeremiah Culleton, recently deceased, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Zac Foley, Niall Connolly, Madlin Curran, Jack MacNamara, Nora Lincoln

**MAY THEIR SOULS , AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD,  
REST IN PEACE. AMEN.**

#### Ministry of the Word

An induction evening for members of the Ministry of the Word team will be held on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 in Sandymount Parish Church at 7:30pm.**

If you have recently volunteered to join the Ministry, are considering joining the Ministry or are a member of the Ministry this evening will provide context for the Ministry, what is involved with sharing the word of the Lord and how to approach the altar, ambo. We look forward to meeting you on the 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm.

#### Confirmation Day, 11<sup>th</sup> March

This Wednesday, Bishop Donal Roche will visit our Parish to confirm our 6<sup>th</sup> Class children in their faith as they stand on the threshold between childhood and adolescence. Please keep them in your prayers

#### Trocaire Lenten Campaign

Trocaire Boxes are available in the back of the Church. The work of Trocaire 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 Trocaire with your family.

#### DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS

We welcome the children of 2<sup>nd</sup> Class 2026 in our local schools and their families this Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, to the vigil Mass at 6 p.m as they continue their year of preparation for First Penance and First Holy Communion. The following are the dates for the rest of the series: March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### \*The Old Dublin Society\*

Seamas Ó Maitiú will recall 'The Bombing of the Masterpiece Cinema, Talbot Street, in November 1925' at 6 p.m. on Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 139-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome – admission is free and no booking is required.

#### SAFEGUARDING REMINDER

Dear Parents and Guardians we would like to remind you that all children and vulnerable people should be accompanied by a parent or guardian when using the bathroom facilities in our church.

#### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last week:

**1<sup>st</sup> March, 2026:**

1<sup>st</sup> collection €965 (Common Fund)

2<sup>nd</sup> collection: €630 (Share)

#### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

ACN sends us regular communications about the struggles Christian communities face around the world and, for podcast consumers, you may be interested in their announcement this week:

“We’re delighted to announce the revival of our very own ACN Ireland podcast, which will be released every fortnight. The Faith Under Fire podcast will feature an array of diverse speakers and topics that will shed light on the plight of Christians worldwide and explain how their faith strengthens them amid all the turmoil and uncertainty. To access the latest podcast, click on the following link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Awebhzq8LIM&list=PLpRVP9CaGSmKweHum70RnrMryy8FAq\\_if](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Awebhzq8LIM&list=PLpRVP9CaGSmKweHum70RnrMryy8FAq_if) <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?>>

Regina Lynch, Executive President of ACN International, also calls for prayer and solidarity with the fragile communities across the Middle East whose very survival is at risk. For decades, ACN has supported these Christian communities and will continue to do so.

#### St.Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection

The monthly Church Gate Collection takes place this weekend, after all Masses.

#### Things to Give Up and Things to do For Lent **Don't waste downtime.**

You don't have to give up social media or the like entirely, but you can be intentional about not using it during specific times. Take that time instead to pray, to breathe, or to reach out to someone around you. You'll be amazed at the difference it can make in your day.