

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT **Sunday 21st DECEMBER 2025**

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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 CHRISTMAS SEASON

Your prayers are requested this weekend and through the Christmas Season, for Maura O'Connor Hannon, Nancy, Jack, David and John Doran, Sean Ralph, Helen Quinn, Sean Hegarty, Mary Murphy, Gerard Brazil, Marie McCabe Cullinan, Teresa and James Sands, Peter and Samuel Clarke, John Ryan, Lucy Gannon, Elizabeth, Patrick and Paddy McGuinness, Charlie, Claire and Charles Kelly and all deceased members of the O'Brien and Kelly Families, all members of the Walsh Family, Kathleen Gannon, Nora and Jeremiah Lincoln, Jim Bohan, David Lynch, Philip Jitzgerald and the deceased members of the Ellis and Fitzgerald families, Sadie Corcoran

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

St. Mary's Star of the Sea Carol Service

The highlight of our choir's Season - this year's Carol Service will be held this **Sunday, 21st December at 5 p.m.** We look forward to seeing you all there – come and join in singing all your favourites. Everyone is welcome!

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last week:

14th December, 2025:

1st collection €1205 (Common Fund)

2nd collection: €9,545 (Share) SVP Special Collection

CHRISTMAS CARD AND DUES

Our volunteers have been delivering the Parish Priest's Christmas Greeting and Christmas Schedule and Christmas Dues envelopes around the Parish. We would appreciate assistance from Parishioners who live in gated apartments and developments in the Parish if you would collect your own envelope at the doors of the Church and if you would kindly take some to drop into your neighbours' letterboxes. Others who have not yet received their cards are also requested to take one and to deliver a few to neighbours also. Many thanks to the boys and girls of the Parish Confirmation classes who filled the envelopes this year and to the Delivery Crew! You are all in our prayers.

Fourth Sunday of Advent-Love

The Fourth Sunday of Advent theme is **Love**, representing God's profound love for humanity, culminating in the gift of Jesus, the ultimate expression of that love, often symbolized by lighting the final candle on the Advent wreath. This final week focuses on God's unwavering, unconditional love and our call to receive it, prepare our hearts, and embody that love in the world.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection

The Special Christmas Collection which took the place of the Share Collection on the 13th/14th of December raised €9,545 for St. Vincent de Paul. This annual drive is so important in providing the means to share the joy of the season with families who are homeless or in circumstances without the necessary support.

St. Vincent de Paul is very appreciative to Parishioners for their generous contributions.

Christmas Eve Children's Nativity Play

On **Christmas Eve, Wednesday, 24th December, at 3 p.m.**, 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). However, don't worry, costumes will be available on the day. Grandparents will be very welcome.

Family Offering Envelopes 2026 Weekly Offerings

Welcome new Parishioners! Please drop in your name and address to the Parish Office at your convenience as we will be updating our records starting in January.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will close on Friday, 19th December, at 12:30pm and reopen on Tuesday, 6th January 2026, at 9:30am.

Outside of these hours, messages can be left by voicemail or email and urgent calls can be made directly to Fr. Enda Cunningham, PP.