

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter-

11th May 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 WEEKEND

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of Maureen O'Kane, Ruth McCabe and Barry Tiernan, recently deceased, for Ann Seagrave and Winifred Bradley at the time of their month's mind, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jack Bess, John Hudson, Paddy Rigley, Maureen Bohan, Annie Kane, Ray McDwyer, Patrick Cronin, Seán Murphy, Michael Hickey.

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

Parish Celebration of First Holy Communion

This Sunday, at the 10.30 a.m. Mass, we welcome families from our Parish whose children attend St. Mathew's and Shellybanks National Schools and who will receive their First Holy Communion in our midst at that joyful celebration.

Further celebrations of First Holy Communion will take place this month as follows:

10.30 a.m. Sunday, 11th May, children from St. Matthews NS and Educate Together

12.00 noon, Sunday, 18th May, children from St. Mary Star of the Sea BNS; and

12.00 noon, Sunday, 25th May, children from Scoil Mhuire, Lakelands GNS

Knock Pilgrimages

In place of their recently cancelled pilgrimage tour, Knock Pilgrimages are offering a Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock and Co Mayo, 8th June 2025. €699.00 pps. Price includes return train, 4 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Guest Speaker Marion Carroll who was cured at Knock. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick. Limited single rooms €150.

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Parish Pastoral Council

While the original deadline had been in place for Good Shepherd Sunday to highlight the members of the PPC, it is clear that we need a little more time. The renewal of the PPC remains a priority and will require a little more time and reflection. We ask for your prayers as we move forward. Nominations are still to be welcomed!

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last week:

4th May 2025:

1st collection: €995 (Common Fund).

2nd collection: €640 (Share)

Gaudium Magnum: Habemus Papam!

On May 8th, 2025, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A., of the United States and Peru, was elected the 267th pope, taking the name Pope Leo XIV.

Pope Leo was born September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, USA. Before his election as pope, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost served as the Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, and briefly as Apostolic Administrator of Callao. A member of the Order of Saint Augustine (O.S.A.), he brings to the papacy decades of experience in missionary service, especially among the poor and needy. He has been a vocal advocate for ecclesial reform and deeper dialogue within the global Church.

His prior roles include serving as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops from 2023 to 2025, where he played a key role in shaping episcopal leadership worldwide. Earlier, he was Prior General of the Augustinians (2001–2013), and before becoming a bishop, he worked in Peru as a seminary professor, judicial vicar, parish pastor, and diocesan official. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals by Pope Francis on September 30, 2023.

As Catholics worldwide welcome Pope Leo XIV, we lift him up in prayer. The weight of the papacy is immense, and our Holy Father will need grace, wisdom, and strength to shepherd the Church. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide and sustain him as he begins this mission.