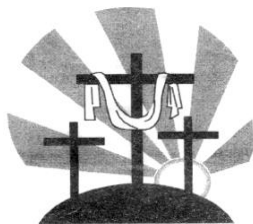


## REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for Lucy Power Smith who died recently and for the following whose anniversaries occur; Dorothy Reeves, Aisling Crowe, Jack McNamara, Richard Reid, Dorothy O' Sullivan, Cedric Best and Breda Ryan. We pray also for John Drumm at time of month's mind.

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
March 5 <sup>th</sup> 2023	€1,070	€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 the collection for Share, which meets the needs both of poorer parishes and of central agencies of the Diocese.

Many thanks to all our parishioners for your ongoing support and generosity.

Our final figure of €9,430 has been forwarded in support of the victims of the Turkey/Syria earthquake. Thanks to all who made such a generous contribution.

## WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30  
Fr. John McDonagh, Tel: 6684265 – Fr. Cormac McIlraith, Tel: 6686845  
[www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com](http://www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com) RCN20016166

March 12<sup>th</sup> 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

On our Lenten walk with Jesus we come to witness this Sunday an extraordinary meeting between Jesus and a lone Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. It was midday, when the heat of the sun was highest. Unless you were avoiding others, the right time to come for water was in the cool of the morning or the evening. The Redemptorist, Denis McBride, in his book 'Journeying with Jesus' says in summary of this encounter:

'When Jesus asks her for a drink she reminds him why they should not be relating. Jesus persists, gradually questioning the woman while at the same revealing himself to her. Two revelations meet at the well. (*She has been unlucky in love, having had five husbands and is not married to her current partner, while he is the Messiah.*)

The woman returns to the town and turns her experience into story, becoming one of the first witnesses to Jesus in the evangelist's 'courtroom' drama. Her testimony is effective, leading the townspeople to meet Jesus for themselves, many of whom came to belief in him.'

This is a rich story of relationship with Jesus. What lessons for our relationship with Jesus and with others can you perceive in the story of today's Gospel?

### **Ceremony of Light**

On this Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Ceremony of Light with 79 young people and their parents. It is a preparation ceremony before the celebration of Confirmation on Thursday week, 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Two important rituals happen at the Ceremony of Light. The first is that parents formally hand the Christening Candle given them at the baptism of their child to their boy or girl now celebrating Confirmation. The second is that, following discussion with their parents at home, the young people are invited to make commitments in regard to the use of alcohol and of drugs. Abuse of alcohol and drugs is a total frustration of the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and these commitments are timely.

### **Inter-Church Prayer in Lent**

Beginning this Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, and for three successive Tuesdays, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March, we are invited to pray together as Catholic, Church of Ireland and Methodist Christians in our preparation for Easter. The first of these gatherings will be in Christ Church, Sandymount Green, at 7.30 p.m. On March 21<sup>st</sup> we will gather in St. Matthews Church and on March 28<sup>th</sup> in Star of the Sea. All are most welcome.

### **Scripture and Prayer for Beginners**

This is an invitation to journey through Lent exploring scripture and prayer for beginners. Parishioners in Sandymount, Haddington Rd and Ringsend have been invited (but open to all). On Tuesdays, 7 to 8pm, at the Parish Meeting Room at the back of the Church. Contact Pat at 085 2544232.

### **Evening Prayer in Lent**

We are continuing our Evening Prayer this Thursday at 5.30 p.m. immediately before the Vigil Mass for St. Patrick's Day at 6 p.m. All are welcome to join in.

### **St. Patrick's Day Masses**

Vigil Mass, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.  
Mass Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, 9.00 a.m. and 10.30a.m.  
Please note that there will be no Mass at 12.00

### **Coffee and Chat**

The Parish Council invites you to a Coffee Morning after 10 a.m. Mass on this Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, to meet each other for opportunity to share your views and offer your ideas and assistance in filling areas of service which you see lacking in the Parish or might be needed in the future.

### **Knock Pilgrimage**

The annual 2023 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, which will be led by Archbishop Farrell, will take place on **Saturday, April 29**. For more information and booking email [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie).

### **Clanna Gael St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Local GAA Club, Clanna Gael Fontenoy, will front a community St Patrick's Day Parade on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. The parade will depart Sandymount Green at 11.30am. All local support, through participation in the parade and along the route, is much appreciated.

We would very much like to invite those in the parade to come along to the 10.30 Mass beforehand and to celebrate our national Patron Saint with us.

### **Trocaire Lenten Campaign**

Trócaire Box packs are available at the back of the Church and we would encourage people to take one home. The work of Trócaire worldwide is one of the really positive features of the Irish Church and a lovely way to be linked with its very significant work. Please consider entering into the spirit of Lent in support of people in greatest need in Somalia through this invitation to share in the work of Trócaire with your family. The 2023 Lent campaign is focused on Somalia which is currently in the grip of an unprecedented food crisis that has left more than half the population of 8.3m experiencing acute food shortages and crippling hunger.

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council takes place this Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, at the later time of 8 p.m, after the Ceremony of Light (7pm)  
The 2023 PPC members are:

President: Fr. John McDonagh PP; Chair: Anne Bacon; Secretary: Mary Murphy; Fr. Cormac MacIlraith; Peter Carvill; Ruth D'Alton; Catherine O'Reilly; Dan Manahan; Michael J. Flynn; Jim Lucey; Martha J. Gomez; Martin Neary; Michele Corcoran and Frances Murray.

### **Legion of Mary Lenten Retreat**

A Lenten Retreat will take place in Donnybrook Parish centre on Saturday, 18th March '23 from 10.30am to 5.30pm.

Registration @ 10am

Conducted by Fr. Colm Mannion O.P.

Contribution €30 including lunch, Tea/Coffee etc.

All welcome

Contact : Anne 087 8374837

**Have you ever read The Confessions of Saint Patrick?**

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