

REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Nell Fitzsimons, Margaret O'Reilly, Nance O'Connor, Mary Crowley, Nell Siggins, Lisa Kennedy

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	Share
6 th June 2021	€795	€520

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese.

The white basket is the collection for Share, which meets the needs both of poorer parishes and of central agencies of the Diocese.

We thank you for your contributions to the Church collections and for your continuing support of all the collections.

The office will be open at the regular hours, 9.30am to 12.30pm from tomorrow, Monday June 14th.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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Sunday 13th June 2021

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The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A letter from Archbishop Farrell, introducing a 'Summer Dues'

Dear Parishioner,

In the last fifteen months, we have been unable to do the things we normally do to express our faith and our solidarity with each other. This is not to say that the life of prayer and charity have ceased, but life's usual patterns have been disrupted, as have the deep practices that nourish our faith, empower our social solidarity, and animate the mission of the Church towards the poor and disadvantaged. Along with the countries of the developed world, our country has been fortunate that people have been supported during the significant economic upheaval and hardship of the pandemic. Even in our grief and loss, we have much to be thankful for.

Communities and parishes have shown resilience and imagination in their responses to the challenges of the pandemic. For many this has revealed new ways of collaboration and involvement. We also have to acknowledge that certain aspects of Church life have been severely impacted. One of these is parish finances, and while we eagerly long for a return to the life that we knew, we also have to act to ensure that our parishes have the financial minimum they need to survive.

The necessary restriction of public worship has profoundly affected the two essential Sunday Mass collections on which parish funds depend. The first collection—as you know—supports clergy ministering throughout the diocese as well as sick and retired priests and priests working in other ministries throughout the diocese. The second collection—the 'Share' collection—supports diocesan services to parishes especially disadvantaged parishes. In the last financial year, the clergy collection decreased by 54% and the 'Share' collection decreased by 65%. This year the situation is even more grave—with a decrease of 80% and 86% respectively for the first quarter (January to March 2021). That this would have happened, given the character of the necessary lockdowns, is not surprising. I am grateful to all who have continued to give so generously in the past 15 months.

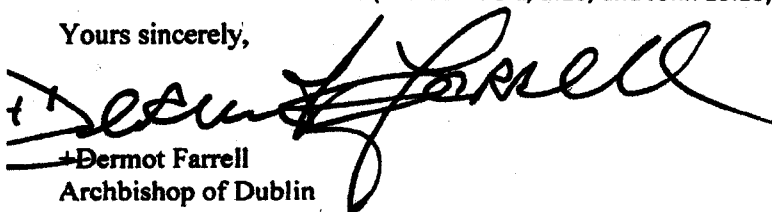
This generosity cannot be expected to address the deeper financial challenges which the Archdiocese faces. I have therefore approved the proposal to hold a new Summer Dues collection to support priests of the diocese. This initiative will follow the pattern of the Christmas and Easter dues collections giving parishioners an opportunity to contribute to the income that supports priests.

The Summer Offering collection will be launched on the weekend of the 20th June. In making this appeal, I ask you to remember that the greatest resource of the Church is its people—both laity and clergy—working hand-in-hand. The age profile of the priest is rapidly increasing, and there are few vocations to priesthood and religious life. Yet the priests we have in the diocese continue to serve quietly week-in-week-out while more is being asked of fewer and fewer. The ministry and mission of our Church cannot continue without this humble, generous service.

I thank you for continuing to support our parishes and the clergy who work among you. Your generosity to this new initiative of Summer Dues will provide much needed practical and moral support for priests working quietly and effectively at the heart of every local community of faith.

While great strides have been made in getting the virus under control, there is still a way to go before our country and other nations are out of the woods. We are facing the summer with its brighter mornings and long evenings. May the change of pace that summer brings provide a break from the darkness of the difficult winter we have endured. May the Holy Spirit lift our hearts, and renew our hope so that in 'our common home' we may share the life for which God created us (see Gen 1:3 1, 2:18, and John 10:10).

Yours sincerely,



+Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin

Volunteers invited to deliver 'Summer Dues' envelopes

At Christmas and Easter we rely on willing volunteers to deliver Dues envelopes to homes in the parish. We again request help to deliver 'Summer Dues' envelopes when they become available this week. If you can help, please call Mary at the parish office from Monday at 6683316. The delivery arrangements will be similar to Christmas and Easter.

Summer Schedule at Star of the Sea

Sunday Mass: Sat Vigil: 6pm, Sunday 9.00am, 10.30am, 12noon

Weekday Masses: Mon to Fri : 7.30am

Mon to Sat : 10.00am

Confessions: Sat 10.30 to 11.00am in Confession Room (right of main entrance)

Baptisms and Weddings: Book through Parish Office

e-mail: sandymountparish@eircom.net

Baptism: awaiting opportunity to celebrate

At present there are restrictions on the celebration of Baptism, other than in an emergency. As soon as we get clearance to do so celebrations will resume within the permitted guidelines. We appreciate that many parents are waiting a long time for the opportunity to celebrate. We envisage celebration possibilities on weekday evenings and on Saturdays as well as Sundays to meet the need when restrictions are finally lifted. Meantime we encourage parents desiring a child's baptism to register with us at the parish office

Carmelite Summer School

St John of the Cross is one of the greatest Christian mystics and a Doctor of the Church. His writings have proved invaluable for spiritual guidance but understanding them can present a challenge. This summer school aims to help participants read his writings as he intended. This will mean examining the criteria which he gives us for correctly interpreting his work. This summer school will greatly benefit you if you wish to read John with greater ease and relish, hearing John speak to you with his authentic voice. You will discover the criteria which John gives for correctly interpreting his work and draw insights from John's spiritual wisdom. Be nurtured by the word of God through *lectio divina* and join us this summer for this formative programme that promises to nurture the whole person – body, mind, soul and spirit. The Summer school will take place from 5th July – 9th July, 15:30-19:00 Presented by: Fr. Iain Matthew, OCD, Professor of Theology and Spirituality at the Pontifical Spirituality Institute, Teresianum, Rome and bestselling author of the spiritual classic *The Impact of God* (Hodder & Stoughton, 1995)

To Register <https://www.oxcacs.org/product/summer-school-2021/>

Confirmation and First Communion will now be celebrated in Autumn, all going well at the time. Schools will close before the next Covid announcement is made.