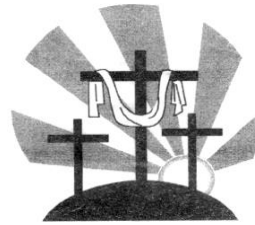


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of Elizabeth Shaw (née), who died this week and for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur

Kathleen Fulthorpe, Tim O'Donnell, John Doyle, Aisling Crowe, sisters Bridie and Maura Whyte, Mary White and John Owens. We pray also for Sandra Carroll, whose month's mind occurs

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 March, 2022	€755	€450

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

The tap and go device at the back of the Church collected €1,912 in February, split 60% to the Common Fund (1st Collection at Mass) and 40% to Share (2nd collection)

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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March 13th, '22

Second Sunday of Lent

Synodal Pathway.

This week as we prepare for our synodal meetings in the parish on Wednesday March 30th and Sunday April 3rd we might recall that lovely Easter story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

'Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened

As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognising him. He asked them 'what are you discussing together as you walk along? They stood still, their faces downcast.'

This week's question:

When you think about your experience of Church, what brings sadness or disappointment?

Synodal Pathway-an invitation for assistance

Small Group Leaders attended a training session on Sunday last, March 6th, to prepare for our Parish Synodal meetings. In addition to this Group we need a Hospitality Team or Teams to greet people as they arrive and guide them to their groups and to serve teas and coffees during the break in the sessions. The Synodal Meetings will be held in the hall of Scoil Mhuire, Lakelands, on Wednesday 30th March at 7.30 p.m. and on Sunday 3rd April at 4 p.m. If you're willing to help with hospitality please let us know.

Trócaire Boxes

We invite parishioners to avail of the Trócaire Lenten boxes as an excellent way of entering the Spirit of Lent. There are plenty available. This Lent, Trócaire continues to focus on East Africa and in particular on the people of Zimbabwe. There, the people have suffered a very severe impact from Covid-19, climate change and an already devastated economy. Some 63% of its population of 15 million live under the poverty line according to the World Food Programme. Don't underestimate the significance of the contributions we make through the Trócaire Lenten Box. Trócaire has been working in Zimbabwe since 1980, providing humanitarian aid and food security as well as work on women's empowerment and human rights.

Confirmation Days

We congratulate the 25 boys from Star of the Sea School who celebrated Confirmation on Thursday last

On Tuesday next, March 15th, at 11am we will celebrate Confirmation with the girls of Scoil Mhuire. They celebrated the Ceremony of Light on Tuesday last.

Lough Derg re-opens

The pilgrimage season on Lough Derg re-opens on May 1st next. Details of one day and three day pilgrimages are posted in the Church porch. There is also a Pilgrim Path Day on Easter Monday, April 18th, for which one needs to register in advance.

Further info 353 (0)71 9861518

Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet in the Church this Monday, March 14th at 7.30 p.m. with new Chairperson Anne Bacon and Secretary Mary Murphy and eight new members.

St Patrick's Day

Next Thursday will be St Patrick's Day. Masses will be at 6pm Wednesday and at 9am and 10.30 on Thursday. Please note that we won't have a 12 noon Mass that day. In previous years it was poorly attended.

New ministries in the life of the Church

Pope Francis recently instituted three new lay ministries in the Church, those of Lector, Acolyte and Catechist. These ministries include a focus on the Word of God, the Church's Liturgy and Eucharist and the leading in and teaching of the faith. He saw their establishment as a reflection of 'the urgency, being ever more felt today, to rediscover the co-responsibility of all the baptised in the Church, and the mission of the laity in a particular way'. At their Spring meeting in Maynooth this week, the bishops decided to establish a working group on the establishment and development of the ministry of Catechist in Ireland.

A Prayer for the People of Ukraine

Loving God,
we pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,-
that you will be close to them and protect them.
We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.
We pray for the world; that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.
May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice become a reality for
the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.
Amen.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us!
Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for us!