

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)

Sunday 14th 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 WEEKEND

Your prayers are requested this weekend for Maura Rohan on her Month's Mind and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: baby Claire Kennedy, Peter Shaffrey, Hilda Russell, David Lynch, Peter Clarke, Margaret Nelson and the O'Reilly Family, Joyce Davitt, Frank and May Ryan, Ciaran and Mary Harte.

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

Do This in Memory

This weekend, at the 6pm Mass on Saturday, 13th December, we welcome the First Communion children and their parents to the third 'Do this in Memory Mass'.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection

The Share collection this weekend is being taken up for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection which 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.

Christmas Carol Service

This year's Carol Service will be held on Sunday, 21st December at 5 p.m. and will include congregational carols, readings and prayer. Everyone is welcome!

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.

Third Sunday of Advent

The third Sunday of Advent is called 'Gaudete Sunday' which means 'Joy' or 'Rejoice'. The entrance antiphon for today's liturgy bids us *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.* Today, on our Advent Wreath we light the pink candle to mark this day of joy. St. Paul's advice and encouragement from the first reading today gives this third Sunday of Advent its traditional name *Guadete Sunday*. Joy is the central message of our readings and prayers this Sunday, and indeed the whole of Advent and the celebration of Christ.

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.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected Sunday, 7th December weekend:

1st collection €975 (Common Fund)

2nd collection: €715 (Share)

Holy Day 8th December collection:

1st collection €180 (Common Fund)

2nd collection: €120 (Share)

Christmas Arrangements 2025

Carol Service: Sunday 21st December at 5pm

Communal Rite of Reconciliation

Monday 22nd December at 7pm

Individual Rite of Reconciliation

Monday 22nd December and Tuesday 23rd at 10:30am

Children's Nativity Celebration

Christmas Eve, Wednesday December 24th at 3pm

Masses in celebration of Christmas

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th Dec, Vigil Mass 6pm (choir)

Christmas Eve Night Mass 9pm

Christmas Day, Thursday 25th Dec 9am, 10:30am and 12 noon

December 26th to 4th January Holiday Period:

Weekday Masses and Saturday Morning, at 10am

The 7:30am Mass will resume on Monday, January 5th 2026

Feast of Epiphany, Tuesday January 6th

Mass at 7:30am and 10am

*The 10am Mass on Thursday, January 1st will be celebrated for
World Peace*