

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Sunday, 14th September 2025

Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday, Thursday, Friday 9.30 – 12.30

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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 Noel Reid and Father Cathal Price, recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Cahill Hayes, Christopher Byrne, Conal McConnell, Pauline Smith, Fergus Murray, Philip O'Loughlin, Jeremiah Lincoln, Josephine Ryan.

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

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

The annual Legion of Mary pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday, 28th September, departing from Star of the Sea Church at 8:00am and back around 10pm.

Cost for the bus, morning coffee/tea and evening meal is €57.50 each and €25 each for children. Contact Eddy on 089 490 8722.

Annual Collection for Crosscare

This year's annual collection for Crosscare will take place next weekend, September 20/21, in parishes across the Archdiocese. This will replace our Share Collection. Your generosity directly supports vital Crosscare services that help those most in need at this challenging time for so many in our communities.

Parish Office Coverage

The Parish Office will continue to have limited coverage during the next few weeks. We apologise for any inconvenience. The Office will be open on Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30am to 12:30pm and closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during this time. We will be checking emails and voice mails on a regular basis should you need to leave a message or contact us. Mass cards are available in the Church Gift Shop after Masses.

Registration for the Sacraments in 2026/2027

All children who wish to celebrate First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation must register with our Parish, regardless of the school they attend. Registration forms will be shared with the two Catholic Schools, while for parents and children in the non-Catholic schools, Father Enda will send a letter relating to the September Information Sessions and also registration.

Fr. Enda welcomes parents to attend the Information Sessions on 23 September (for 2nd class) and 24 September (for 6th class) at 7.00 pm in the church where he will talk through the detail of the programme and the expectations of parents.

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is held weekly on Tuesday evenings, from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms. Access is from the steps behind the Church. Pat Talbot is also holding a trial run of Lectio Divina online on Tuesday evenings 8 – 9 p.m. Phone Pat on 085 254 4232 to receive the link.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last week:

7th September 2025:

1st collection € 815 (Common Fund)

2nd collection: €620 (Share)

St. Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection €910

The local conference of the St Vincent de Paul is very grateful for the support received in the monthly gate collection in our parish.

Explorers – “The Nicene Creed”

The first of 4 monthly talks by Dr. Kieran O'Mahony was held on Monday 8th September in the Hall at Christ Church on Sandymount Green, attended by about 20 people from each of the Christian congregations in the Sandymount and beyond. We heard that it was thanks to Emperor Constantine, who was fed up with the squabbles among the Eastern Christians, that our faith was first crystallised at a meeting called by him at Nicea in 321 AD by hundreds of delegates, in teams led by bishops, where they thrashed out their differences. It went on for about 6 weeks with Constantine footing the bill. The nub of the argument was whether the 3 persons of the Holy Trinity were equally divine, or in a hierarchy of divinity with God the Father at the top. Equality of divinity won out and the final conference document was the Nicene Creed, which is pretty close to the version we are familiar with today. The first talk dealt with the influence of St. Paul's teachings in reaching this outcome.

Canonisations and Beatification

What a wonderful and momentous weekend we had last week with the canonisations on Sunday 7th September, of the “Millennial Saint” Carlo Acutis and champion of the poor, Pier Giorgio Frassati, who were the first two entrants into sainthood in a Pope Leo XIV papacy. Let's pray that the moving and heroic story of young Carlo, who died at the age of 15 in 2006 after succumbing to cancer, enkindles the hearts of young people and encourages them to embrace Christ and His Church.

Archbishop Eduard Profittlich, a name that many might not be familiar with, was a German archbishop who served as Apostolic Administrator of Estonia. He was arrested and then sadly died in a Soviet prison in 1942. In December 2024, Pope Francis acknowledged Profittlich's martyrdom, leading to his eventual Beatification last Saturday, September 6, in Tallinn's Freedom Square.