

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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



**Sunday 16<sup>h</sup> March 2025**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

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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. **St. Patrick's Day Mass is at 10:00am.**

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEKEND

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of the recently deceased, Michael Shanley, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Nora Lincoln, Niall Connelly and Mary Curran, Leo Healy, Mary Connolly, Peggy (Margaret) Courtney and Luke James Courtney, Andrew and Susan Dent, Breda Ryan, Liam O'Sullivan, Patrick Bateman, Dermot Bateman, May Kane, Michael Ryan.

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

### Do This in Memory

We welcome our children and their families to the 6pm Saturday Mass this weekend, 15<sup>th</sup> March, as they prepare for First Holy Communion. The next 'Do This in Memory' Mass will be held 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at the Saturday, 6pm Mass.

### Lectio Divina

Join us every Tuesday evening for Good News. 6:30 to 7:30 in the Parish Meeting Room during this season of Lent.

### St. Patrick's Day

Mass on St. Patrick's Day, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March, will be at **10:00am.**

### Trocaire Lenten Campaign

Trócaire Boxes are available from this weekend. The work of Trócaire worldwide is one of the really positive features of the Irish Church and a lovely way to be linked as a family with its very significant work. Please consider entering into the spirit of Lent in support of people in greatest need through this invitation to share in the work of Trócaire with your family.

### Confirmation 2025

Congratulations to our children on their Confirmation this past Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March. We also thank the teachers and parents who have given support and encouragement in making this a special day in the lives of our newly Confirmed.

### Parish Office-Bank Holiday

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. The office will re-open on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March at 9:30am.

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

**The amounts collected last week:**

**9<sup>th</sup> March 2025:**

1<sup>st</sup> collection: €1235 (Common Fund).

2<sup>nd</sup> collection: €800 ( Share)

### Your Parishioner Voice-Thank you!

Thank you to the 75+ parishioners who so kindly and generously contributed to the 'Your Parishioner Voice' community gathering last Sunday.

Your feedback will assist us shape the parish in the coming years.

All feedback will be shared through the website and placed on notices at the back of the church. A summary will also be published in the bulletin next weekend.

### Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony will take place in City Quay Church on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 3p.m, refreshments afterwards.

### Jesus' Transfiguration

In Jesus' Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

## **Pope Francis Reflecting from Hospital:**

"The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches...

They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports...

It is in hospitals that you see a homophobe being saved by a gay doctor.

A privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar...

In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist...

A police officer and a prisoner in the same room receiving the same care...

A wealthy patient waiting for a liver transplant, ready to receive the organ from a poor donor...

It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people, that different worlds intersect according to a divine design. And in this communion of destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing.

The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss.

A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence.

This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it fighting with people.

Do not criticize your body too much.

Do not complain excessively.

Do not lose sleep over bills.

Make sure to hug your loved ones.

Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless.

Material goods must be earned by each person—do not dedicate yourself to accumulating an inheritance..

You are waiting for too much: Christmas, Friday, next year, when you have money, when love arrives, when everything is perfect...

Listen, perfection does not exist.

A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here.

Here, we are given an opportunity to learn.

So, make the most of this trial of life—and do it now.

Respect yourself, respect others. Walk your own path, and let go of the path others have chosen for you.

Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere.

Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely!

And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator.

**--Pope Francis**

