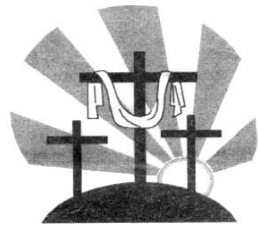


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of
Fr. Denis Bergin, Martin Delanty and Elizabeth Jordan who died recently,

For the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Aisling Crowe, Mary Ryan, May Galvin, James & Winifred Finnegan,
Peter & Maria Evers, Deceased members of Curry family, May Kane,
Patrick & Dermot Bateman, Kathleen Fulthorpe, Maureen Alford,
Tommy Allen,

And for Michael Rafferty 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.*

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are

DATE	GREEN BASKET	SHARE
10 th March 2019	€1,695	€1,015

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.

WEEKLY
BULLETIN



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

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Sunday 17th March 2019

St. Patrick's Day

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Today we celebrate the life of St. Patrick and his legacy in Christian faith of
generations of Irish men and women.

St. Patrick is believed to have arrived in Ireland in 432 and to have died in
461.

We are blessed to have his writings available in what is known as 'The
Confession of St. Patrick' and in 'The Letter to Coroticus.' It was many
hundreds of years later before printing was invented so our earliest copies of
these works are hand-written or in manuscript form. There are eight
manuscripts in existence holding copies of The Confessions. The oldest of
these is in the Book of Armagh in Trinity College, which dates to 807 A.D.

'The Confessions' is the first recorded life story of an identifiable person in
Irish history and a fascinating spiritual biography. If you haven't read it,
consider doing so. It's typically about 25 pages long, rich in scriptural
references and available in a recent edition published by the Royal Irish
Academy and translated by Pádraig McCarthy, a priest of our diocese.

'I am Patrick, a sinner, the most unlearned of men, the lowliest of all the
faithful, utterly worthless in the eyes of many. My father was Calpornius
who was a deacon and a son of the priest Potitus. He ministered in the suburb
of Bannaven Taberniae where he had a country residence nearby. It was
there I was taken captive. I was about sixteen years of age at the time and I
did not know the true God ...'

Read Patrick in his own words and you'll be prompted to say 'Put St. Patrick
back into St. Patrick's Day' when today's civic authorities choose instead to
turn St. Patrick's Festival into a celebration of 'Irishness,' of 'who we are,'
with scarcely a word of the great man himself.

Congratulations

We congratulate the 88 young people who on this Thursday received the sacrament of Confirmation.

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Lenten Evening Prayer of the Church

The Lenten Evening Prayer of the Church continues this Tuesday evening at 6.30pm. On Tuesday week, March 26th, The Evening Prayer will be at 6.15pm rather than 6.30pm to facilitate the Celebration of First Penance at 7.00pm.

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Baptisms in April

Baptisms will be on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month as a general rule. In April there will not be a celebration on the 3rd Sunday, which is Easter Day. We will have a celebration of Baptism on the following Sunday instead. And we warmly invite parents who may wish to have their child baptized at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.

In April the sacrament will be celebrated on April 7th, at the Easter Vigil on the night of April 20th and on April 28th.

Baptism Application forms are available in the parish office Monday – Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm. Applications, giving 1 month’s notice, must be made in advance of the preparatory meeting for each month’s celebrations. The date for the preparation meeting for April Baptisms is Monday, 1st April at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting room.

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Thank You

All children and vulnerable young people using the bathroom facilities in our church should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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Do This in Memory

Our next ‘Do This in Memory’ Mass with the children preparing for First Communion will be next Sunday 24th March.

In preparation for our next ‘Do This in Memory’ Mass on March 24th, we encourage the children to work on the exercises on pages 34 and 35 of their Thumb Book, if they haven’t already done so. It would be appropriate also to look at pages 36 and 37 especially, where there’s a nice exercise for these days of Lent.

Parents are invited to share pages 18 and 19 with the children and to work with them on the pages of Grapevine 5, sent home after our last ‘Do This in Memory’ Mass.

First Penance celebrations will be on the evenings of March 25th, Star of the Sea; March 26th, Scoil Mhuire; and March 28th, St. Matthews, at 7.00pm.

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Monday – a Bank Holiday. Mass at 10.00am

The Explorers, an inter-church scripture reading group, will gather next Monday, 18th March between 7.30 - 9 pm. in Mount Tabor, next to Christ Church on Sandymount Green.

We shall focus on the Book of Ruth in the Old Testament. We shall be led by Glen Jordan, who is the Project Manager for Public Theology in Corrymeela, the oldest center for peace in Northern Ireland. Come and see how relevant the bible is to our present difficult political experience. All are welcome. Bring your bible. Previous attendance not necessary.

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Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council wishes to highlight during this Lent the contribution made by volunteers. Please remember to **pray this week for those who are on the Church’s cleaning team.**

These faithful parishioners meet weekly to assure that our Church pews, floors, & worship space is tidy and clean for the celebration of Mass. We pray for their encouragement and give thanks for their relentless dedication.

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Legion of Mary

The Patrician meeting will take place on Thursday, 21st March 2019 at 8 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room, Star of the Sea Church.

Topic for discussion : 'Should Confirmation age be changed ?'

Refreshments served - All welcome

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**SAVE THE DATE! Friday 31st May
Star of the Sea Annual Golf Classic 2019**

Elm Park Golf Club



Pray, Pay, Play!

To book a place or sponsor an Ad or Tee Box please fill in a Booking Form, available on the table at the back of the Church, and return it to the Parish office, Star of the Sea Church Tel: 01 6683316

OR by email to stargolfclassic@gmail.com

OR CONTACT: Martin Coonan: 087 2304042

Charlotte O’Neill: 086 2162348

Maxine Pilkington: 087 8445992

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As the Leinster Schools Rugby Final is played out this Sunday afternoon we take pride that past pupils of Star of the Sea School line out with both teams – St. Michael’s College and Gonzaga College.

We wish all of them well with pride in their achievement.

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Iris Charles Centre, Newbridge Avenue,
Presents A VARIETY SHOW by JOMAC Productions on
Thursday, 21st March at 8.00pm
ALL WELCOME - Free Entry!

