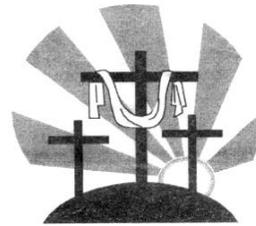


**REST IN PEACE**



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.*

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**CHURCH COLLECTIONS**

The amounts collected last weekend are

| DATE                        | GREEN BASKET | SHARE  |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------|
| 10 <sup>th</sup> 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.

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**WEEKLY**  
**BULLETIN**



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

*Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30*  
*Fr. John McDonagh, Tel: 6684265 – Fr. Cormac McIlraith, Tel: 6686845*

[www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com](http://www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com)

***Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019***

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***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 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month as a general rule. In April there will not be a celebration on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Easter Vigil on the night of April 20<sup>th</sup> and on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> March.

In preparation for our next ‘Do This in Memory’ Mass on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, Star of the Sea; March 26<sup>th</sup>, Scoil Mhuire; and March 28<sup>th</sup>, 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, 18<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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, 21<sup>st</sup> March at 8.00pm  
ALL WELCOME - Free Entry!

