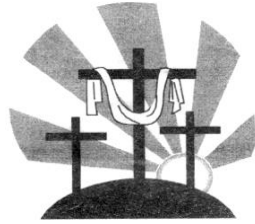


**REST IN PEACE**



Your prayers are requested this weekend for Kathleen Gannon, Lily Burke, Lily Morning, Fina Murphy and Annette McLaughlin who died recently and for the following whose anniversaries occur: Sandy Smith, Brendan Allen, Nancy Allen, Claire Kennedy, Larry Whelan, Hilda Russell, William and Margaret Bray, Mary and Martin Boughan, Fr Marty O’Doherty, Lila Carroll, Mary Murphy, Gerard Brazil, Sean Hegarty, Peter and Samuel Clarke and Brendan O’Reilly. We also remember Kathleen Gannon and John McCormack at the time of their month’s mind.

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	St Vincent de Paul
Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	€1,295	€12,250.52.

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese, known as the Common Fund.

The white basket is the collection for Share, which meets the needs both of poorer parishes and of central agencies of the Diocese.

The St Vincent de Paul collection last weekend raised €12,250.52.

Many thanks to all our parishioners for your ongoing support and generosity.

**WEEKLY**  
**BULLETIN**



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

Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30  
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**December 18<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**Our Ladys’ Week**

‘Living in the Spirit of Advent, by thinking of the inexpressible love with which the Virgin Mother awaited her Son, we are invited to take her as a model and to meet the Saviour who is to come’.

These lines from Pope Paul VI in his 1974 document ‘Marialis Cultus’, devoted to Our Lady, is in itself a lovely description of the Church in this last Sunday of Advent. Our focus this week is on Mary in expectation.

The beautiful prayer of Mary while carrying her child, which we call the Magnificat, is the prayer of the Church itself, carrying Christ in its womb and presenting Him to the world.

‘My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour’.

Each evening this week as we pray the Magnificat in the Evening Prayer of the Church, the O antiphons are sung before and after Mary’s prayer. It is a week when we may well miss the Latin days when each of these antiphons not only expressed the deepest longing for the coming of our Saviour but it did so in very beautiful Gregorian chants intoned over centuries.

- 1 O Wisdom, O come to teach us the way of truth.
2. O Adonai, O come and save us with your mighty power.
3. O stock of Jesse, O come to deliver us and do not delay.

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4. O key of David, O come to lead the captive from prison.
5. O King, O come and save man whom you made from clay.
6. O rising Sun, O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.
7. O Immanuel, O come and save us, Lord our God.

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**St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church  
Christmas Arrangements 2022**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Communal Rite: Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm  
Individual Rite: Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Dec after 10am Mass.

Ecumenical Eve Prayer: Tues 20<sup>th</sup> St Matthews at 7pm

**Christmas Masses**

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass, 6pm (choir)  
Christmas Eve Night Mass, 9pm  
Christmas Day 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon  
Dec 26<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> and Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Mass at 10am  
Feast of Epiphany Jan 6<sup>th</sup> Mass at 7.30, 10am and 6pm

10am Mass on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> will be celebrated for World Peace

*7.30am Mass will resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>*

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**Christmas Carols**

We look forward to seeing you all this Sunday afternoon in Star of the Sea church at **4.00pm** for our Parish Choir Advent Carol Service. Come and join in singing of the Carols.

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**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the 6 children who were baptised in our parish in November. We welcome Saorla, Malcolm, Patrick, Teddy, Conor and Siún into our Faith Community.

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**Prayer Cards**

At the foot of the Advent tree you'll find cards on which to write the name of anyone, alive or deceased, for whom you pledge to pray this Advent and Christmas time.

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**Building Hope**

A timeline towards locally-led renewal of Mass schedules across the Parish Partnership has been announced. The 5 step process will begin in January with Step 1, where a parish pastoral team will gather in a prayerful, synodal manner and finish in May when hopefully Sandymount, Ringsend and Haddington Road Parishes will establish a mutually supportive schedule of Masses for all three parishes.

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**Christmas Eve Children's Nativity Play**

On Christmas Eve at 3pm, 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) – don't worry, costumes will also be available on the day. Grandparents are very welcome too!

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**Christmas Card deliveries**

This week we will deliver the Parish Christmas cards. If you can help with a delivery to the houses in your own area, please contact the Parish Office Tel: 668 3316 / 6683894. Thank you.

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**Frank Duff Prayer group**

The monthly meeting will be on next Tuesday, 20th December at 4.15 pm in the Parish meeting room. The Rosary is recited & all intentions prayed for. New members most welcome.

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**Church Bookshop**

The bookshop has a number of items for both Advent and Christmas for adults and for children. Copies of the Advent book 'Walk with Me' with daily reflections for each day in Advent and Parish Christmas cards are also available.

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**Vespers at the Pro Cathedral**

Advent vespers at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral takes place on Tuesdays at 5:30pm with St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Girls' Choir and Fridays at 5:30pm with the Palestrina Choir. During this season of Advent, attending the sung office of vespers is a very reverent way to prepare for the Christmas season. You can also connect with the Pro Cathedral on line.

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**St Mary's Pro Cathedral**

There will be a free Carol Service in the Pro-Cathedral at 3.30pm this Sunday , December 18<sup>th</sup>.

