

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Sunday 19th April 2026

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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 Margaret (Peggy) Conefrey on her Month's Mind and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ross and Jenny MacMahon, Barbara Kirwan, John and Mary Coone, Sean Barrett, Nuala Harnett, Celine O'Connell, All Deceased Members of the Hilary O'Sullivan Family.

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

Do This in Memory-Saturday, 18th April at 6pm

We welcome the children of 2nd Class 2026 in our local schools and their families this Saturday, 18th April, to the vigil Mass at 6pm as they continue their year of preparation for First Penance and First Holy Communion. This is the last in the series of special Masses in preparation for the upcoming First Holy Communion celebrations in our parish:
17th May 10:30am-St. Matthews
17th May 12noon-Scoil Mhuire
24th May 12noon-St. Mary's BNS

Lectio Divina

Please join us for our Lectio Divina which occurs every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the Parish rooms at the back of the Church.

Cuppa after Mass

This is a lovely way to catch up with each other, share the news and welcome our new parishioners. We will have a cuppa next week after the 10.30 mass on Sunday 26th (the last Sunday of the month) and the following Sunday 3rd May after the 12.00 Mass (first Sunday of the month). Please join us and everyone is welcome.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign

Thanks to everyone who so kindly contributed to the Trocaire Lenten Collection. We are in the process of collecting all of the donations. If you haven't already returned your box please drop it into the Parish Office or leave it with the Sacristans after the Masses this weekend.

SAFEGUARDING REMINDER

Dear Parents and Guardians we would like to remind you that all children and vulnerable people should be accompanied by a parent or guardian when using the bathroom facilities in our church.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last week:

12th April, 2026:

1st collection: €835 (Common Fund)

The Common Fund is for the support of Priests (serving and retired) of both the Parish and the Archdiocese.

2nd collection: €530 (Share)

The Share Fund is for assistance to the needy Parishes and support services provided to all Parishes by the Archdiocese.

Good Friday: €915 Pope Leo Appeal

First Holy Communion Cards

There are First Holy Communion Cards available in the Parish Office. Proceeds from the sale of the cards go to the disadvantaged and to the missionaries.

Meditation for the Third Sunday of Easter

On the road to Emmaus: Jesus, alive and at our side
It is possible that we too may sometimes meet with discouragement and lack of hope because of defects that we cannot manage to root out, or of difficulties in the apostolate or in our work that seem to be insurmountable.... On these occasions, provided we allow ourselves to be helped, Jesus will not allow us to be parted from him. Perhaps it will be in spiritual direction, once we open our souls in all sincerity, that we will come to see Our Lord again. And with him there will always come joy and the desire to begin again as soon as possible: *And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem.* But it is essential that we allow ourselves to be helped, and that we are ready to be docile to the advice that we receive.

—Francis Fernandez, *In Conversation with God, Daily Meditations Volume Two: Lent-Holy Week-Easter tide*