

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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



Sunday 19th January 2025

1st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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. (subject to change)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEKEND

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of Donnacha Fox and Fionnuala Purcell recently deceased. We ask your prayers also on the month's mind of Dick Fearon and Margaret Nelson and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Teddy and Denis Brazil, Lorcan and Celine Hogan, Frankie Rigley, Joe and David Sadlier, Daniel Hickland, Kathleen McLoughlin, Sarah and Joseph Kane

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

Explorers

The inter-Church scripture study group, Explorers, will hold its next meeting on Monday 20th January, at Christchurch Hall, Sandymount Green at 7.30 p.m. at which they will continue their exploration of Galatians with Dr. Ciaran O'Mahony.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last week:

12th January 2025:

1st collection €1,115 (Common Fund).

2nd collection €755(Share).

Praying the Rosary

A fellow parishioner has offered to kindly lead saying the Rosary every morning beginning promptly at 9:30am, Monday to Saturday each week. If you would be interested in joining the group, please contact Michael at 668-3003.

Do this in Memory

Our next 'Do this in Memory' Mass with children and parents preparing for First Communion will be on Saturday week, January 25th, at the 6pm Mass.

Calling All Sports Clubs

We would like to acknowledge the contribution of our sports clubs to the life and well being of our families and community.

We therefore invite all members of sports clubs in the area to a special Mass on Saturday, 8th February at 6pm. Feel free to come in your club's colours if you wish!

Reflections on our Christian Understanding of Hope

What is Hope?

Hope is the power by which we firmly and constantly long for what we were placed on earth to do :
to praise God and serve God
to find our fulfilment and true happiness in God.

Hope is trusting in what God has promised us
in creation
in the prophets
but especially in Jesus Christ
even though we do not yet see it.

Hope is directed,
it is humankind's encourager,
it sustains us in times of abandonment,
it opens our heart to expect eternal life.

Hope energises us,
preserves us from selfishness
and leads to the happiness that flows from charity.

In this jubilee year when we are all pilgrims of hope we pray:

- We will remain faithful and forgive others from our heart
- We will support the abandoned and marginalized
- We will see God in every person
- We will protect and care for our common home
- We will be united in prayer and service with all Christians
- We will renounce our own comfort for the sake of others.