REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for John Fitzsimons who died this week and

for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time: Annie Kane, Doreen Dunne, John Byrne, Esther Nagle, Brigid Collier and Kay O'Flaherty,

and for Anne Roche 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
2.4th A	0525	C400
24 th April	€535	€400

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 collection

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 RCN 20016166

Building Hope

A joint meeting of the Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee is requested in this coming week to establish the Parish Building Hope Leadership Group.

The Group is asked to asked to prayerfully reflect on The Archdiocese of Dublin' Statement of Mission and on the Building Hope Task Force Report.

The Group is also asked to review the Parish Profile Data sent to us by the diocese and in synodal manner work towards and reach a broad understanding of its direction of response. The dialogue and discernment involved is to be extended to as many parishioners as possible and in the 5th and 6th week of Easter a Building Hope Gathering at Parish level is anticipated with the help of animators.

The process undergone in the Synod Pathway was focused on the wider Church whereas this exercise is a focus on the diocese and on the inter parish cooperation called for in a very different era for the Church in Dublin to what we've know and experienced in the past.

Annual Golf Classic

Less than three weeks away now, the Annual Golf Classic in aid of the Parish will be held on May 20th. Booking Forms are at the back of the Church. To book a place or to sponsor an Ad or Tee Box, please fill in the form and return to The Parish Office, Star of the Sea or sandymountparish@eircom.net or contact a committee member

Prices:	Team of Four	€500	
	(includes golf, dinner/lunch)		
	Single Golfer	€125	
	Sponsor a Tee Box	€100	
	Full page Ad in Brochure	€100	
	Half page Ad	€ 50	
	Dinner and Entertainment	€50	

Committee contacts: Martin Coonan, Cyril Kelly, Charlotte O'Neill, Maxine Pilkington, Peter Coonan.

First Communion next Saturday

The earlier Mass will be at 9.30am rather than 10am next Saturday, May 7th, when the boys from Star of the Sea come at 11am with family members to celebrate First Holy Communion. We ask that masks are worn, hands sanitised and as much social distance taken as is possible in accordance with the guidance of the Bishops' in their most recent advice on church attendance during the pandemic.

On the following Saturday, May 14th, we will welcome the girls from Scoil Mhuire for their celebration. Again, the First Communion Mass will be at 11am and the earlier Mass at 9.30am rather than 10am

First Friday this week

Next Friday is the First Friday of the month and Masses will be offered for all whose names are on the November list of the dead. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10 am Mass unless a funeral occurs. We hope to visit the housebound with Holy Communion that day.

St Vincent de Paul monthly collection

After Masses this weekend the St Vincent de Paul Society will hold their monthly gate collection on the first Sunday of the month.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Next Sunday, May 8th, will be world day of prayer for vocations. We're invited to pray for vocations to the priesthood in our Archdiocese. The usual Shere collection will be taken. With only 2 students for the priesthood in our Archdiocese the special collection that took place in the past will not be taken up. Fifty years ago some 150 were studying towards priesthood in our diocese. However on the following week May 14th/15th we will have a special collection towards the funding of lay pastoral ministry in our diocese.

'At the heart of the Christian vocation is an invitation, the same invitation Jesus extended to the first disciples, to 'come, follow me... I will make you fish for people'.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell.

The Diocese' Mission Statement

For the past two weeks in looking at the Diocese' Mission Statement we outlined first, the Statement of Mission. Then last week we looked at its Vision. This week we focus on the Values inherent in the Mission Statement.

Values

Continuously opening ourselves to the challenges and opportunities provided by change.

Building a culture of dialogue, discernment and solidarity

Actively participating together as baptised People of God

Working alongside each other to effect renewal

Including and accompanying all especially those on the margins

Supporting and Resourcing faith development

Committing Ourselves to care for the earth and sustainability

Grounding all we do as communities in the mission and ministry of Jesus.

You will find copies of the Statement of Mission of the Archdiocese at the entrance to the Church along with copies of the Building Hope Prayer, which we're asked to pray each day during this time of reflection and decision.