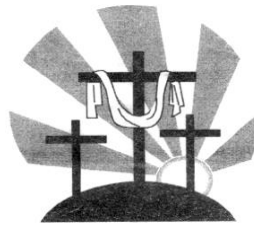


# REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested for those who have died recently and for Peggy Ralph, Michael and Mark Moriarty, John English, Breda Ryan and Eileen McDermott, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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	WHITE BASKET
17 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	€945	€725

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

During the month of February the Tap & Go button in Star of the Sea raised €1,506. Thanks to all you contributed this way.

# WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Just Lent 6 PEACE

This week is the final week of the Just Lent series and the theme is **PEACE**. The Palm Sunday liturgy Mark 11: 1 – 10 always begins with a joyful celebration acclaiming Jesus with Hosannas. In every parish we recall this as we wave our branches high.

These branches, from the tree of the Olive signified peace and Jesus came into the gates of Jerusalem as a messenger of peace.

We know that the same crowds who shouted ‘Hosanna’ were quick to change and, in the Gospel, are shouting ‘Crucify him!’

This year we too are called to listen like Jesus to the voices in our world where violence is alive and bring to this the only remedy for war; the peace of Christ.

‘Pray for the peace of Jerusalem

May those who you love prosper

May there be peace inside your walls  
and safety in your homes.

For the sake of my relatives and friends

I say to Jerusalem, ‘Peace be with you.’” *Psalm 122: 6-7,8*

As we contemplate this Psalm Sunday we ask ourselves, What effects of war are we noticing in our world? How can we work for peace at home, in our country and in our world? What can you do to become a builder of peace?

### **Fr John Thank you**

Many thanks to everyone who has sent prayers and good wishes to Fr John. He is recovering slowly and we look forward to seeing him back in the fold soon. Please continue to keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Please also be vigilant when entering and leaving the church. If you notice anything suspicious please contact the Gardai in Irishtown on 01 6669600.

### **Holy Week Arrangements**

Please accept our invitation to come to the liturgies of Holy Thursday evening, also on Good Friday - to Taize around the Cross and the Saturday night Easter Vigil. For all of us it is a great opportunity to enter the last scenes of the life of Christ and prepare for Christ's Resurrection at Easter.

These sacred days are an invitation to deepen our faith in the Lord and to set our mind and hearts on being his true disciple.

Easter cards and due envelopes are available at the back of the church this weekend.

Blessed palm will also be available at the back of the church this weekend after 6pm Vigil Mass. Please take some for those who may not be able to attend Mass this weekend.

### **Children's Passion Play**

On Good Friday at 12 noon, there will be an impromptu children's Passion Play in the church. Children and their parents are cordially invited to this event – a prayerful child friendly narration with songs. Children are invited to come dressed as Roman soldiers or any of the characters from the passion (men and women of Jerusalem). Don't worry as costumes will be available on the day (there are no speaking parts). All welcome!

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations and best wishes to Siofra Pyke and Alexander Andrews who were married in our church this weekend. May they be blessed with many years of happiness and good health as they start their married life together.

We also welcome baby Chloe into our parish community as she is christened this Palm Sunday and ask God to bless her parents John and Jihye.

### **Do this in Memory**

We welcome children and parents preparing for First Communion to the next Do This in Memory Mass this Sunday at 10.30am. The next and last Do This in Memory Mass will be on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Our Communal Rite of Reconciliation for Easter takes place this Monday evening at 7.30pm.

### **Organ Recital**

A big thank you to David O'Shea for a magnificent organ recital last Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We were delighted to hear our wonderful organ coming to life with his expertise, to honour the birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach. We look forward to more in the future from the team at Pipeworks!

### **Way of the Cross**

The Way of the Cross – led by the meditations of Archbishop Farrell and accompanied by the choir of Communion and Liberation – will be in Dublin's Phoenix Park on Good Friday, March 29, at midday. The procession will proceed from the Wellington Monument to the Papal Cross. For more information please contact [info@clireland.com](mailto:info@clireland.com) or [www.clonline.org](http://www.clonline.org)

### **Adoration and Confession**

On Mondays during Lent there will be adoration and confession after 1:05pm daily Mass in University Church, St Stephen's Green. Taizé will continue through Lent on Tuesday at 6pm.

Adoration will also take place by candlelight **every Tuesday during Lent** at St Andrew's, Westland Row, from 5pm to 6.15pm.

### **Golf Classic 2024**

The Golf Classic this year is planned for Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. We thank Martin Coonan and his team for their commitment to what is a significant fundraiser for the parish. Last year's Classic raised €14, 522.21; a great achievement. If you want to find out more, phone Martin on **087 2304042**

### **Support for Birth Mothers**

Information and Support for Birth Mothers whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at [www.birthinfo.ie](http://www.birthinfo.ie) or by calling the relevant section of Tusla at 0818 445500.

### **Date for your Diary: Cuppa after Mass**

Thanks to the 'cuppa after Mass' team who organised the refreshments after Mass last month. The next 'cuppa after Mass' will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> April. Once again, everyone is most welcome!