

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Day of Prayer for Vocations)**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30 – 12.30

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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 the souls of Tony Reid and Kathleen (Kay) Milner who died recently and for Seán Mannion at the time of his month's mind and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Byrne, Esther Nagle, Rory Sheils, Barry Tiernan, Joan Gannon, Bill and Mary Culkin and Liam Daly.

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

### Welcome! All Community Sports Clubs

We welcome all members of sports clubs in the area to a special Mass this Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, at 6pm  
We would like to acknowledge the contribution of our sports clubs to the life and well being of our children and families in the community.  
Pizza and drinks afterwards.

### Ceiliúradh Summer Concert, 30<sup>th</sup> April

Local choir, Ceiliúradh, will perform their summer repertoire this Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April, in St. Matthews Church, Irishtown Road at 8.00 p.m. under Musical Director John Shera, who will also give an organ recital. Followed by wine reception. Tickets €12, concession €10 and children under 12 free. See posters for programme.

### Cuppa after Mass

Those attending the 10.30 Mass this weekend are invited to partake in refreshment after Mass while next week there will be hospitality after the 12.00 Mass (the first Sunday of the month). Do come and join us to meet your fellow parishioners.

### Courses For Parishioners Interested in Parish Roles

St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, provide postgraduate Theology and Philosophy and Ministries programmes suitable for those in parish roles.  
Applications for some programmes close from April 30th, see sppu.ie for more details. Contact Rachel, Admissions Officer at SPPU, with any queries: [rachel.mchugh@spcm.ie](mailto:rachel.mchugh@spcm.ie) / 087 2976514

### 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:

**19<sup>th</sup> April, 2026:**

1<sup>st</sup> collection €1125 (Common Fund)

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

2<sup>nd</sup> collection: €800 (Share)

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

### VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Good Shepherd Sunday – Vocations Sunday, April 26

“Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy.” – Pope Leo XIV, Message for the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2026

In his message for this year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that vocation is an “interior discovery” of God's gift, planted deep within our hearts and nurtured through prayer, listening, and trust. He encourages all of us to create a spirit of faith, prayer, and support, so that God's call may be heard and generously embraced.

We give thanks that, in the Archdiocese of Dublin, there are currently three seminarians, along with others discerning a call to the priesthood this year. Their generous “yes” is a powerful sign of hope for our Church and our communities. Let us keep them in our prayers, and also remember all those considering a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, lay ministry, or family life. May they find the courage to pause, listen, and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd.

May this Good Shepherd Sunday be a moment of encouragement and support, where vocations are welcomed, nurtured, and allowed to flourish among us.

If you know of someone who may be considering the priesthood, please encourage them to contact the vocations team: Fr Séamus

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