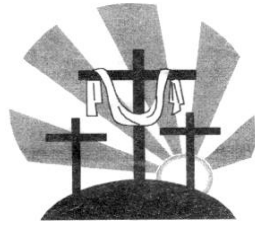


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for Margot Bellew, Mary O’Dea Doyle , Mary Kenny and Peter Byrne who died recently and for the following whose anniversaries occur: Claire Kennedy, Bobby Gray, Robert Gray, Annie McDermott, Antoinette and James Manning, Bernard O’Brien, and for Berna O’Gorman whose months mind occurs 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
St Patricks Day March 17 th 2023	€900	€750
March 19 th 2023	€740	€490

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

The white basket is the collection for Share, which meets the needs both of poorer parishes and of central agencies of the Diocese.

Many thanks to all our parishioners for your ongoing support and generosity.

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St. Mary’s, Star of the Sea
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March 26th 2023

5th Sunday of Lent

On this 5th Sunday of Lent, as we journey with Jesus, we come to an extraordinary event. Lazarus had died and was in the tomb four days when his friend, Jesus, arrived and greeted Martha and Mary. He wept and sighed with grief when he reached where Lazarus was laid. Then he called out and Lazarus, the dead man, emerged clothed in the binding cloths of death. ‘Unbind him, let him go free’.

The raising of Lazarus, like that of the young girl, the daughter of Jairus, bring home to us the Lord’s power over death. The raising of Lazarus pre-figures the resurrection of Jesus. Whereas Lazarus came back to life it was a matter of time until death would revisit him. But in Christ’s resurrection it wasn’t a return to earthly life but a movement onward in a glorious body. Our baptism lifts us into the hope of sharing his glory.

Lent is a special time for those who are preparing for Baptism, for the new life of Christ shared with them in the sacrament.

We pray for those preparing for baptism (catechumens) and for all the baptised that they might become sharers in the eternal life promised to all who believe.

Mission Awareness Weekend

This weekend we are happy to welcome Fr Kelly from the Society of African Missions to speak at all Masses and deepen our awareness of missionary work. It is a happy sign of re-emergence from Covid years that we can resume again the established custom of listening on one Sunday each year to the work of a missionary society or congregation. Every parish in the diocese enjoys an annual visit from one or other of the many missionary congregations or societies in our country. We welcome Fr Kelly.

Do this in Memory

Our next celebration with children and parents preparing for First Communion will be next Sunday at 10.30am.

Parents, in advance of next Sunday's Mass, are asked to read pages 22 and 23 to their child and help him/her to complete the exercises on pages 58 and 59 of their Thumb book. In addition there's ongoing 'work' to do each day of Lent with the Stepping Stones exercise on page 57 of their book. There is further material to share with your child on Grapevine 7, the newsletter delivered after our last special Mass.

First Penance this week

This Tuesday, March 28th, at 5.30pm, the boys from Star of the Sea will celebrate First Penance and girls from Scoil Mhuire, Lakelands, will have their celebration on Thursday evening at 7pm.

St Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for St Vincent de Paul will take place after all Masses this weekend. Your generosity is appreciated.

Frank Duff Prayer Group

The monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28th. March 2023 at 4.15 pm in the Parish meeting room. The Rosary will be recited & all intentions prayed for. All are welcome. Refreshments served'

Childrens 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 (are there are no speaking parts). All welcome!

Inter Church Evening Prayer: Tuesday

This Tuesday, March 28th, we will host the inter-church gathering for Evening Prayer in Lent at 7.30pm. We thank all who attended the two previous celebrations on inter-church Evening Prayer at Christ Church on March 14th and at St Matthew's on March 21st. We welcome all this Tuesday evening.

Thursday Evening Prayer, which we hold on Thursday Evenings at 5.30pm during Lent, will not be held this Thursday given that Evening Prayer will be celebrated on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm instead.

Card Delivery

Easter Card, schedule and dues envelopes, will be delivered in this coming week in advance of Palm Sunday. We welcome the kind volunteers who have assisted in delivery previously and welcome also any new volunteers, willing to help. Contact the parish office (01 6683316), 9.30 – 12.30 or leave a message on the answering service.

BACH's St John Passion

On April 2, under the direction of Blanaid Murphy, the Dublin Bach Singers open their series of 2023 concerts with Bach's magnificently dramatic St John Passion. This time, the choir will perform for the first time in St Andrew's Church in Westland Row. www.standrews.ie for info.

Lough Derg Pilgrimage

Lough Derg pilgrimages have announced their schedule of retreats and pilgrimages for 2023. for more visit www.loughderg.org

Parish Privacy

Please note the Parish Privacy Notice is currently under review. A new version will be published very soon. If you have any questions or require further information, please email Noelle Dowling at dataprotection@dublindiocese.ie.

Golf Classic – Date for your diary

Our annual parish Golf Classic will take place on Friday 19th May in Elm Park GC. Booking forms are available at the back of the church. We have always depended on the fund raising efforts of the Golf Classic to help us keep our heads above water but our needs are much greater now and your help is all the more appreciated. Thanks to Martin Coonan and the committee for their great commitment and organisation of the day.