

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 26th October 2025

Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday, 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 Nives Egan-Langley, Kevin Dowling, Augusto Gomez recently deceased, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Allen, Noelle Fogarty, Catherine Ryan, Teresa Timoney, John McCormack, Teresa Sands, Paddy Sheehan, Rosaleen Sheehan, Elizabeth Dent, Maeve Coll

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

CROSSCARE COLLECTION THANK YOU!

Crosscare would like to express sincere thanks for the Parish contribution of €2645.00 on the weekend of the 20th/21st September. It is with your help, that Crosscare continues to reach out to those in need in the Diocese.

Explorers

Monday 17th November

Monday 8th December

All will be at 7:30pm in Christ Church, Sandymount Hall
Dr. Kieran O'Mahony O.S.A. will continue his series of talks on the Nicene Creed.

St. Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection

The monthly Church Gate Collection will take place next weekend, 1st and 2nd November after all Masses.

The local conference of the St Vincent de Paul is very grateful for the support received in the monthly gate collection in our parish.

November List of The Dead

Forms and envelopes are available at the back of the Church for inclusion of names in the November List of The Dead. These lists are retained throughout the following ecclesiastical year and Mass is offered for these intentions on each First Friday. The annual Mass for loved ones of those bereaved in our Parish during the past year will be offered next weekend, Sunday 2nd November at 12 p.m.

World Mission Sunday Thank You!

On behalf of Pope Leo, thank you for supporting Mission Sunday. Your kindness means that overseas missionaries can continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people. A donation of €1410 was collected last weekend.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last week:

19th October, 2025:

1st collection €1030 (Common Fund)

2nd collection: € 1410 (World Mission Sunday)

Background on the Gospel Reading for Today

The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office opens three mornings per week from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Outside of these hours, messages can be left by voicemail or email and urgent calls can be made directly to Fr. Enda Cunningham, PP.