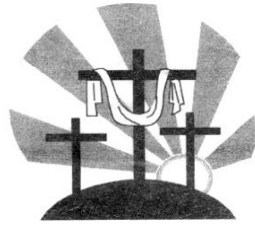


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for Micháel Davitt and Margot Bellew, who died recently and for the following whose anniversaries occur: Sheena O’Boyle, Phil Dunn, Bernard O’Brien, Myles and Mary Doran.

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
March 26 th 2023	€1,170	€750

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.

Trocaire would like to express their appreciation to all our parishioners for your great generosity in contributing **€9,651.55** to the recent Turkey and Syria earthquake appeal.

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

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Entering Holy Week

‘A week’, they say, ‘is a long time in politics’.
A politician in a position of responsibility as the week begins can find himself/herself out of a job by week’s end. A week can be a long time in any of our lives.

It’s hard to imagine a greater contrast between the beginning and the end of Jesus’ final week. The gospel story we read as Mass begins tells how crowds came out to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem with great enthusiasm. Our second Gospel reading recalls, by the end of that week, the crowds of that same city were shouting; ‘Crucify him, Crucify him.’ He entered Jerusalem on a donkey and a few days later was carried out of the city for burial, having endured the cruellest death of the Roman Empire.

As we take up our palm branches in welcome today, we know that this week will end in crucifixion. We also know that Jesus’ death on a cross wasn’t really how the week ended. The second reading at Mass today says it all: Christ ‘was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high’.

It is Holy Week, a week that takes us from today’s welcome, through the deep darkness of Jesus’ suffering and death, and on to the wonderful event of his triumph over death in the resurrection. It’s a triumph in which we all share, a triumph celebrated in Baptism and Eucharist. Jesus poured out his life for us in love, so that we might pour out our lives for us in love for him and for each other. There’s much to ponder this week.

We welcome all to join us in the celebrations of Holy Week – especially on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

Holy Week Arrangements 2023

Palm Sunday 2nd April Mass: Sat Vigil 6pm, 9am, 10.30am and 12noon.

Monday to Wednesday : 3rd to 5th April: Mass at 7.30am and 10am. Confession after 10am Mass.

Monday 3rd April: Communal Rite of Reconciliation, 7.30pm

Holy Thursday : 6th April: 9.30am Morning Prayer , 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm.

Good Friday 7th April: 9.30am Morning Prayer, 12 noon Stations of the Cross (Children/Family), 3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. Confessions afterwards. 8pm Way of the Cross. Confessions afterwards.

Holy Saturday 8th April: 9.30am Morning Prayer. Confessions afterwards.

9pm Solemn Celebrations of the Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday 9th April: Masses as usual, 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

The 7.30am weekday Mass will resume on Monday April 17th.

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

Easter Card

Easter Card, schedule and dues envelopes will continue to be delivered in this coming week in advance of Easter. 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. Cards and envelopes will also be available at the back of the church next week.

Residents Association

Sandymount and Merrion residents association 'SAMRA' AGM will take place on Monday 24th April Sandymount Hotel 7.30pm. All most welcome.

Way of the Cross

The 18th annual Way of the Cross takes place in the Phoenix Park on **Good Friday, April 7, at midday**, beginning at the Wellington Monument and finishing at the Papal Cross. It will be led by Archbishop Farrell. Everyone is most welcome to join

Golf Classic

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.

Tenebrae

Featuring the Newman Vocare Ensemble singing Mozart, Amerio, Victoria, Byrd, traditional Ukrainian and more. Holy Thursday 6th April 9pm. The choir and assembly wait in prayer for Easter's first light singing songs and lamentations as the light is gradually extinguished. Latin for 'darkness' Tenebrae, was originally a service combining the prayers of the Office of and readings (Matins) and morning prayer (Lauds). Newman College, St Stephen's Green.

Monthly collection of St Vincent de Paul today

Usually Sunshine House appeal is held on Palm Sunday but with Sunshine House undergoing re-refurbishment this year, the holiday for children and related fund raising are postponed for another year.

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the boys and girls from Star of the Sea and Lakelands who celebrated First reconciliation this week. Children from St Matthew's School are due to celebrate after Easter.

Do this in Memory Mass

After today's "Do this is Memory Mass" with First Communion children and parents, we hope that during holidays from school, the exercises in Thumb will continue at home on pages 24 and 25 (for parents to share) and that children mark Holy week by completing exercises on pages 60 and 61. The Palm Sunday colour-in may yet need to be completed too. With only one more special Mass to be celebrated before First Communion Day, it's a good time to review all that was shared and done up to now in your Thumb book. Grapevine 7 offers further encouragement in our preparation. Our next, and final, 'Do this in memory Mass' will be on Sunday, April 23rd, at 10.30am. Our next celebration with children and parents preparing for First Communion will be next Sunday at 10.30am.