

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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



Sunday 30th March 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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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 the recently deceased, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Myles and Mary Doran, Annie McDermott, Michael Hickey, Peggy Ralph, Baby Clare Kennedy, Christina Dent, Evelyn and Joseph Duffy, Anne and Freddy Kennedy.

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

First Penance

Our First Holy Communicants have made their First Penance this past week. Please include them in your prayers as we prepare for First Holy Communion in May

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last week:

23rd March 2025:

1st collection: € 1105 (Common Fund).

2nd collection: € 645 (Share)

Spring Forward, Fall Back

Dont forget to put your clocks forward when going to bed this Saturday night!

Lectio Divina

Join us every Tuesday evening for Good News. 6:30 to 7:30 in the Parish Meeting Room during this season of Lent. Entrance through the doors at the steps at the back of the Church, opposite the pre-school building.

Your Parishioner Voice-Thank you!

Easter and First Holy Communion Cards Available

A small collection of handmade Easter and First Holy Communion Cards are available in the Parish Office. These are made by Sr.Mairead Brophy, (Margaret Holme, Claremont Road). They cost €2 each. The proceeds go to the Missionaries and those trying to make a difference in the lives of others.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony takes place today in City Quay Church on Sunday, 30th March, at 3p.m with refreshments afterwards.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign

Trócaire Boxes are available at the back of the Church throughout Lent. The work of Trócaire worldwide is one of the really positive features of the Irish Church and a lovely way to be linked as a family with its very significant work. Please consider entering into the spirit of Lent in support of people in greatest need through this invitation to share in the work of Trócaire with your family.

A Gentle Reminder

All children must be escorted by an adult when using the restrooms

Pope Francis Reflecting from Hospital:

"The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches...

They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports...

It is in hospitals that you see a homophobe being saved by a gay doctor.

A privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar...

In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist...

A police officer and a prisoner in the same room receiving the same care...

A wealthy patient waiting for a liver transplant, ready to receive the organ from a poor donor...

It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people, that different worlds intersect according to a divine design. And in this communion of destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing.

The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss.

A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence.

This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it fighting with people.

Do not criticize your body too much.

Do not complain excessively.

Do not lose sleep over bills.

Make sure to hug your loved ones.

Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless.

Material goods must be earned by each person—do not dedicate yourself to accumulating an inheritance..

You are waiting for too much: Christmas, Friday, next year, when you have money, when love arrives, when everything is perfect...

Listen, perfection does not exist.

A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here.

Here, we are given an opportunity to learn.

So, make the most of this trial of life—and do it now.

Respect yourself, respect others. Walk your own path, and let go of the path others have chosen for you.

Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere.

Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely!

And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator.

--Pope Francis



