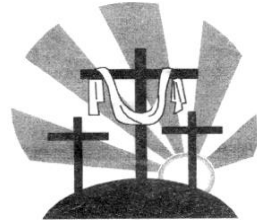


## REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of Bishop James Moriarty, Anne Roche, Gabriel O'Neill and Kevin Casey, who died this week and for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur

baby Clare Kennedy, Jack Burke, Kathleen Brogan, Annie O'Brien, Aster Ernest and Mauricio Sarguckis, whose anniversaries occur.  
and of Elizabeth Shaw (née Norton) at time of her month's mind

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	Special Collection UKRAINE
27 <sup>th</sup> March	€ 570	€6,050

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

**Our heating bill for February was €1,104.81. Thanks to all who contribute to the Parish Fund and help us pay the bills.**

## WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30  
Fr. John McDonagh, Tel: 6684265 – Fr. Cormac McIlraith, Tel: 6686845  
[www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com](http://www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com) RCN20016166

5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Lent

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 22

### Trócaire Lenten Appeal – THE FORGOTTEN CRISES

The wonderful response by our parishioners to the Ukraine crisis last week speaks volumes for your compassionate generosity. In these last weeks of Lent we want to highlight also the painful distress of people elsewhere. Amidst all of the news of trauma and destruction which we hear daily, it is easy to lose sight of desperate need in parts of the world which are silently suffering the effects of climate change and natural disasters. Trócaire's Lenten campaign is focused on Zimbabwe, where families face starvation and health crises through food shortage and lack of clean water. The Trócaire box can be a daily reminder of how lucky we are this Lent and how much we take for granted. Donations to Trócaire can also be made on [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) or by Freephone 1800 408 408.

**Let your love be their lifeline.**

## **Synod Meeting this Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

### **We'd love to see you there**

**The final parish Synod Meeting will take place this Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, at 4 p.m. in Scoil Mhuire Hall, on Gilford Rd., to share our responses to the 4 questions :**

When you think about your experiences of Church, what gives you :

(1) Joy, (2) Sadness, (3) Hope and (4) fear?

Please arrive 10-15 minutes early as we hope to begin at 4pm. Please bring a pen and a book to lean on (for writing) and wear a mask as the Gathering will be Covid compliant. Safeguarding and confidentiality guidelines will be in place.

A big thank you to all of you who attended our first Synod gathering on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, and for sharing your thoughts on the 4 questions which have been put to all in parishes throughout the diocese.

Deirdre Seaver and her team are working on collating our anonymous responses, and our collated parish response will be submitted to the Diocesan Synod office when the gatherings have been completed.

We hope you can come but for someone unable to attend this Sunday afternoon you might like to share your response to each of the four questions on the yellow sheet left at the back of the church with a special box provided for submission. The box will be in place for a few days. Perhaps, too, there are people, at distance from Sunday Mass attendance, with whom you could share this yellow page and invite their anonymous response. We'd like to hear from a wide spectrum of experiences.

We look forward to welcoming you on Sunday to share your thoughts which are so important in sending our support and prayers for the future of the Church

## **Meditations on the Easter Triduum with Fra Angelico**

### **"When I am Lifted up from the Earth"**

The Priory Institute, **Tallaght**, is delighted to offer a Free of Charge online retreat from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday. *Visit their website [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com) or click on this link <https://bit.ly/3DWrTxx> to register/find out more.*

## **St. Matthew's Parish**

Our neighbouring community of St. Matthew's Church of the Irishtown & Donnybrook Union of Parishes will be welcoming their new Rector, Rev. Canon Leonard William Ruddock in the coming week, with a Service of Institution next Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. We extend a warm and ecumenical welcome to him and wish him many years of pastoral peace in his new domain. In welcoming Canon Leonard we renew our best wishes to Rev John Marchant, his immediate predecessor, who was so pleasant and easy to work with in ecumenical fraternity.

## **Christ Church United Presbyterian and Methodist Church**

As Rev. Dr. Katherine Meyer retires from the Parish of Christ Church, Sandymount, we wish her well and thank her for her leadership in the local community and initiating and collaborating in the Explorers Group. The inter-church scripture study group has provided great opportunities to enrich and encourage spiritual development both in our Sandymount communities and in recent times, further afield, thanks to Zoom meetings during COVID.

## **The St Vincent de Paul Society**

The monthly gate collection for the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society takes place at all Masses this weekend.

As many families are meeting significant cost rises in fuel bills, we appreciate very much the outreach of the Society to assist those who are over-stretched in providing for their families by these increased expenses. The rising cost of living is significant as we feel the effects of a war in Europe on top of the impact of the pandemic. Meeting the situation in Christian charity is important for us all, to preserve both the dignity of each individual and the wellbeing of the common good.

We extend our sympathy to two members of the local conference who were bereaved this week, Brendan Casey in the death of his brother, Kevin, and Helena Mc Dermott in the death of her sister, Anne. May they share the joy of heaven.

**Next Sunday the St Vincent de Paul Sunshine House collection will be made in all Dublin Churches in an envelope collection rather than the previous bucket collection**

**Delivering Easter Card** From Wednesday onwards we hope with the help of volunteers to deliver Easter cards to homes in the parish. We'd greatly appreciate help in doing so.