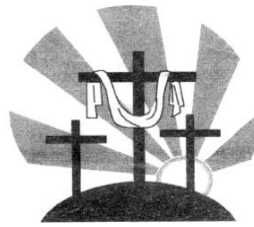


# REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested for those who have died recently and for Declan O'Loughlin, Jimmy and Sadie Rigley, Pat Flood, Phil Dunn, Sylvia Ford and Rita Mulligan whose anniversaries occur 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
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024	€940	€685

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese, known as the Common Fund. The white basket is normally the collection for Share, which meets the needs both of poorer parishes and of central agencies of the Diocese.

We thank you for your contributions to the Church collections and for your continuing support of all the collections.

# WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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3<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Just Lent : Poverty and the Cost of Living**

The theme for this week's Just Lent programme is 'Poverty and the cost of living'. We know this Sunday's Gospel story well and often ask ourselves 'Why did Jesus get so angry?'.

The animals in the story were sold so that those on pilgrimage could make their symbolic sacrificial offerings to God. Jesus realised that the poor were being manipulated by the money changers. He replaced all of this by the sacrifice of his own body, given for others. Many believed in him because he was on the side of the poor, the lost, the disadvantaged, the downtrodden, and wanted to set them free from oppression. Followers of Jesus are called to do likewise; to be on the side of the poor.

'The needy generally 'practise the special solidarity that exists among those who are poor and suffering, and which our civilization seems to have forgotten or would prefer in fact to forget ... Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. it means thinking and acting in terms of community. it means that the lives of all are prior to the appropriation of goods by a few. it also means combating the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labour rights. it means confronting the destructive effects of the empire of money''.

#116 Fratelli Tutti Pope Francis

This week we reflect on What we are noticing about the cost of living? How can we live more simply so that others can simply live? What lifestyle changes can we make this Lent?

### **Cuppa after Mass this weekend**

Please join us next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, for a coffee or tea after 12 noon Mass, if you are not rushing away. Tea and coffee will be served at the back of the church beside the bookshop. Please stop and say hello. Everyone is most welcome!

Note too that after the 'Do this in Memory' Mass this Sunday, there will be refreshments in the School Hall. So that nobody is left out this weekend, there will also be tea/coffee after the 6pm Mass on this Saturday, in the Hall.

### **Do this in Memory**

At the 10.30 Mass this Sunday we again welcome the children and their parents who are preparing to celebrate First Holy Communion. Significantly, too, they will celebrate First Reconciliation this week also; the Boys from Star of the Sea on Tuesday at 7pm and the girls from Scoil Mhuire together with the children who attend St. Matthew's and Educate Together Schools on Thursday at 7pm.

Following this Sunday's Mass, the children are asked to continue the 'Stepping Stones' exercise on page 57, along with those on pages 58 and 59 of Thumb, while parents are asked to prepare their sharing pages 24 and 25 along with the Grapevine 7 newsletter with them. We hope that parents are helping at home to see that the exercises in Kidstuff are kept up to date with the programme..

### **Ceremony of Light**

On Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, the Ceremony of Light for 71 young people to be confirmed on March 14<sup>th</sup>, and their parents, will be held in our church. We invite all to pray for these young candidates.

### **Donnybrook Deanery**

The quarterly meeting of the Donnybrook Deanery, incorporating 19 parishes and attended by priests, deacons, pastoral workers and pastoral council representatives takes place this Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at Booterstown Parish Centre at 7.30pm, cuppa from 7pm.

### **Meeting on Synodality.**

Archbishop Farrell has called parishes in our area to a meeting in Foxrock Parish Centre this Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, to explore how we are growing in co-responsibility in our parish settings, as we move towards and prepare for the synod to be held in Rome in October 2024. You will recall that the Synod on synodality is taking place over

two years, the first synod in October 2023 and the second in October 2024.

### **Evening Prayer of the Church**

We continue with Evening Prayer of the Church for Lent at 6pm this Tuesday. Pat Talbot leads a weekly Lectio Divina on the Gospel of the following Sunday in the Church Meeting Room at 6.30pm.

### **Exploring our Relationship with God**

All are most welcome to St. Mary's Haddington Rd. every Wednesday of Lent for 'Exploring Our Relationship with God' series. The series continues this Wednesday from 7pm - 8.45pm. Booking is on 0852544232, or [24.7beloved@gmail.com](mailto:24.7beloved@gmail.com)

### **Partnership Parish Retreat**

Lent is a time for reflection, reconciliation and renewal and where better than in the tranquil surroundings of the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Donnybrook? On next Sat, 9<sup>th</sup> March, Fr. Donal Neary S.J. will remind us of God's love for each of us and help us to see ourselves as He sees us, through scripture, reflection, prayer, exploring forgiveness and finally, the celebration together of Mass. There is no charge for this day and a light lunch and refreshments will be provided. We begin at 10 and end by 4, in plenty of time to enjoy the Ireland v. England match at 4.45p.m.! Apply through the parish office asap so numbers can be advised to caterers.

### **The Arts in our Neighbourhood – What's Next?**

Our lovely Community centre has been promoting various drama, dance, music, poetry, literary and cultural evenings on the first Friday of every month. Now we want to have a conversation about the potential for the Arts and Culture within our parish and our community. We would be delighted if you could come along next Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, at 7 o'clock, give your opinion and have your say at a relaxed and enjoyable workshop. Please let us know if you are interested by emailing [culture@sandymountcommunitycentre.ie](mailto:culture@sandymountcommunitycentre.ie)

### **Golf Classic 2024**

The Golf Classic this year is planned for Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. We thank Martin Coonan and his team for their commitment to what is a significant

fundraiser for the parish. Last year's Classic raised €14, 522.21; a great achievement.

**Prayer for Lent**

Loving God, in this season of Lent  
you call us to act justly, love tenderly  
and walk humbly with each other  
so that we can build your Kingdom of justice and peace  
your Kingdom of love and truth,  
your Kingdom of holiness and grace,  
in our world today. AMEN.