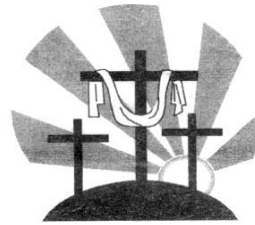


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of Fr John O’Connell, a priest of our diocese , who died this week and for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur :

Brendan Radford, Imelda and Tomás Breathnach, Eugene and Ellie Davey, Phil Dunn, Zach Foley, John Costello and his son,Fergus, Pat Flood, Jack Mc Namara, Desmond O’Reilly, Nora Lincoln and Rita Mulligan,

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	Share
Feb 27th	€ 650	€390

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

We thank you for your contributions to all the church collections

WEEKLY BULLETIN



St. Mary’s, Star of the Sea, Sandymount

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March 6th ‘22

First Sunday of Lent

Synodal Pathway



Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Holy Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for 40 days. (Luke 4:1) By Baptism, we are members of the Body of Christ, the people of God. We pray to the Spirit to lead us too during our Lenten journey. May the Spirit give us the encouragement we need to bring faith, hope and love in abundance to meet the challenges before us on the Synodal Pathway. This week we invite you to focus on the question:

When you think of your experience of the Church, what brings you joy?

In today’s Gospel story you’ll notice that Jesus is filled with the Spirit and led by the Spirit. Jesus was in dialogue with the devil, not relying on

himself but trusting in God's word to help him. He was on a long journey of 40 days, a lengthy time to keep going and trusting.

We are on a journey too with Jesus, a journey we do every Lent. It is different this year because we are also walking together on a synodal path. The word 'synodal' means walking together and sets the tone for the shape and dynamic of the Church, into which Pope Francis encourages us. Can we make the effort to take part in the journey?

Jesus relied on God's word: as we listen to each other we too will hold onto words from scripture that will inspire and challenge us.

This synodal Lenten journey is an opportunity to renew ourselves, get back to basics, and journey together into God's future.

Jesus was led by the Spirit on a journey of 40 days. We pray as we set out on our synodal Lenten journey that we will allow the Spirit to lead us. Jesus was inspired by the Scriptures and pondered every word deeply. May we rely on God's word to strengthen and support us as we walk with each other this Lent. Join us in the synodal gatherings on either Wednesday March 23rd at 7.30pm or Sunday April 3rd at 4pm in the hall of Scoil Mhuire School.

"This is a time for peacemaking and witness to peace, not the senseless call to violence" - Archbishop Dermot Farrell.

Meeting in London, 4th March 2022, the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Catholic Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, Ireland, and Scotland said:

Statement:

In the face of the shocking loss of life, bloodshed, displacement of people and destruction of property in Ukraine, we make these heartfelt appeals.

We ask our Catholic communities to sustain the prayer and self-denial of Lent as a constant offering to God, begging for an end to this pointless violence.

We ask our fellow Christians everywhere, including Patriarch Kirill and all in the Russian Orthodox Church, to join in solidarity with us in daily spiritual and practical efforts for a ceasefire, for humanitarian outreach and the silencing and laying down of weapons.

We ask all who have an instinct for God to raise their hearts and minds in prayer for peace.

We urge everyone to open their hearts and respond generously to the many appeals for help and support for all who are fleeing their homeland. We call on the UK and Irish governments to offer an open and generous welcome to those who seek refuge in the face of this warfare.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Archbishop Eamon Martin

Bishop Hugh Gilbert

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon

Archbishop Dermot Farrell

Bishop John Keenan

Trócaire Boxes

We invite parishioners to avail of the Trócaire Lenten boxes as an excellent way of entering the Spirit of Lent. There are plenty available.

St Vincent De Paul Society Collection

The monthly collection for the St. Vincent De Paul Society takes place at the church gates this weekend. The rising cost of living affects all of us but especially those already in greatest need.

Confirmation Days

On Thursday next, March 10th, at 11am we will celebrate Confirmation with the boys of Star of the Sea School. They celebrated the Ceremony of Light on Tuesday last. This Tuesday, the girls from Scoil Mhuire celebrate the Ceremony of Light and their Confirmation will be on the following Tuesday, March 15th at 11 am.

What a joy it is after these past two years of Covid restrictions to see our young people and their parents back again in the Church. Please pray for them. What greater blessing could any of us have in life than the assurance that we are in fact guided and protected by the Holy Spirit.

On Thursday this week boys in 2nd class in Star of the Sea School celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Girls in Scoil Mhuire 2nd class will celebrate the sacrament of God's forgiveness on March 24th.

Please keep all these young people in your prayers.

Mass at 9.30am next Thursday

On Thursday next, March 10th, and on the following Tuesday, March 15th, the morning Mass will be at 9.30am instead of 10am.

A prayer of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

(Lutheran Minister executed in Flossenbug 1945)

O Lord God, great is the misery that has come upon me; my cares would overwhelm me. I know not what to do.

Be gracious to me and help me. Grant me strength to bear what you send and don't let fear rule over me.

As a loving Father, take care of my loved ones.

O merciful God, forgive me all the sins I have committed against you and against my fellowman

I trust in your grace and commit myself wholly into your hands. So do with me as seems best to you and as is best to me. Whether I live or die I am with you and you are with me, my God.

Lord, I wait for your salvation.