

REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of

Kevin Kelly and Paddy Hanrahan who died recently,

And for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Eugene O'Neill, Nora Lacey, Susan & Kevin Doyle, Marie Gavigan, Willie, Patty, Des and Mary Nelson, Brenda O'Hanrahan, Anne Norton, Valerie Mansfield,

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

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are:

DATE	GREEN BASKET	SHARE
31 st March 2019	€1,280	€780

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese.

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 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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Sunday 7th April 2019

Compassionate Forgiveness

They came, dragging her before Jesus. They came, not to question him but to ensnare him. Were Jesus to follow the stringent law, approving that she be stoned, he would lose his reputation of meekness and goodness, which fascinated people. Were he to be merciful he would be flouting the law, which he didn't wish to abolish but fulfil. So he didn't respond to their 'what do you say about her?' He kept silent and simply wrote with his finger on the ground.

He helped them in so doing to calm down and not act on impulsiveness. But the scribes and Pharisees persisted. Then Jesus looked up at them and said 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her'. He literally disarmed them. Confounded, the accusers dropped their "weapons," the stones ready to be thrown, both the visible ones against the woman and the invisible against Jesus. They walked away, beginning with the eldest, most aware of not being without sin. When we speak ill of others – something we know well – how much good it will do us to have the courage to drop the stones we throw at others, and to think about our own sins.

Only the woman and Jesus remain – misery and mercy. How often does this happen to us when we stop before the confessional, with shame, to show our misery and ask forgiveness. "Woman, where are they,?" Jesus said to her. This question is enough and his merciful gaze, full of love, to let that person feel – perhaps for the first time – that she has dignity, that she is not her sin, she has personal dignity,

she can change her life, she can emerge from her slavery and walk on a new path.

That woman represents all of us.

(Pope Francis 2016 – adapted)

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Annual Advocate Collection

The annual Advocate collection for the Sunshine Fund takes place on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th April. The Sunshine Fund, a special works conference of the St. Vincent de Paul provides summer holidays for children all over Dublin who need a holiday. This collection is their only source of funds. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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Baptisms in May

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in May will be held on Monday 29th April 2019, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in May will be on Sunday May 5th and 19th, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 29th April and to attend the preparatory meeting.

Because it occasionally arises as a question, we confirm that godmother and godfather should be of each gender and that godparents must be over 16 and practising Catholics, at home in their faith.

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Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council wishes to highlight during this Lent the contribution made by volunteers. Please remember to **pray this week for those on the Churches' Finance Committee**. Separate from the Parish Pastoral Council and Priests, these unrecognised faithful few meet regularly to ensure that our Church's budget is balanced, and our Church expenses are met. They put in many hours, often beyond regular meetings, to account for our Church's intake and outgoings. We pray for their gifts and encouragement as well as give thanks for their overtime and concern for the Church.

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Lenten Evening Prayer of the Church

Come join us here at St Mary's Star of the Sea Parish Sandymount for Lenten Evening Prayer of the Church continuing this Tuesday evening at 6:30pm for a half hour of prayer, reflection, song and ritual suited to the whole family! Everyone is Welcome!

Tuesdays 6:30pm : April 9th and 16th

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Thank You

All children and vulnerable young people using the bathroom facilities in our church should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

First Communion Preparation

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, will see the children and their parents preparing for First Communion, gather for the 'Do this in Memory Mass' at 10.30am. During the coming week parents are asked to share the material in Grapevine 7, our monthly newsletter, with their boy or girl and to work also on their Thumb Book, pages 22 and 23 along with exercises on pages 58 and 59.

We very much appreciate parents' sharing in the preparation work towards First Communion Day.

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Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council meets this Monday evening at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

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SAVE THE DATE! Friday 31st May Star of the Sea Annual Golf Classic 2019

Elm Park Golf Club 

Pray, Pay, Play!

To book a place or sponsor an Ad or Tee Box please fill in a Booking Form, available on the table at the back of the Church, and return it to the Parish office, Star of the Sea Church Tel: 01 6683316

OR by email to stargolfclassic@gmail.com
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Miserere – Music and Readings for Lent

A Lenten reflection of readings with 15th and 16th century liturgical music will be presented by Crux Vocal Ensemble, Dublin Viols and Tim Thurston on Saturday 13th April at 7.00pm, in St. Mary's Church, Haddington Road. Free admission.

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At Sean Moore Park, Irishtown

On a crisp morning I crossed the football pitch frosted like a table spread with lace and a thrush stone still caught my eye causing me to emulate its stillness. So awesome that stillness I wanted never to stir again. I remembered a theologian writing: 'If this life could last for ever it would be unendurably boring.' Now I knew how wrong he was, that I could never be bored if allowed to stay upon this field and breathe with this silent songbird the purifying air. 'The Past Must Rise' Poems by Brian Power