

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 7th September 2025

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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 all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Angela and Kevin Keenahan, Maureen and Sean Rigley, Patrick Joseph White and Michael Griffin.

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

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

The annual Legion of Mary pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday, 28th September, departing from Star of the Sea Church at 8:00am and back around 10pm.

Cost for the bus, morning coffee/tea and evening meal is €57.50 each and €25 each for children. Contact Eddy at 089 490 8722.

Explorers

Explorers will begin again starting in September. We will be studying the Nicene creed with our friend, Dr. Ciaran O'Mahoney.

The dates are as follows:

Monday 8th September

Monday 20th October

Monday 17th November

Monday 8th December

All will be at 7:30pm in Christ Church, Sandymount Hall

Welcome Back to our Parish Choirs

We welcome back our Parish Choirs after their summer break.

We warmly invite any children who would like to join our 10:30am Children's choir to come along Monday Sept 8th at 6pm for our first Rehearsal.

We sing every Sunday at 10:30 am and rehearse before Mass and once a month on the first Monday of the month. Come share your gifts & joy in music. All are welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection

The Church Gate Collection for St. Vincent de Paul will take place this weekend, 6th and 7th September, after all Masses. The local conference of the St Vincent de Paul is very grateful for the support received in the monthly gate collection in our parish.

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina will commence weekly on Tuesday, 2nd September 2025, from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms. Access from the steps at the back.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last week:

31st August 2025:

1st collection €1,135 (Common Fund)

2nd collection: €700 (Share)

Season of Creation 1st September – 4th October

This year's Season of Creation has as its theme "**Peace with Creation**", inspired by the passage from Isaiah 32:14-18; "My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." In a world of challenges and division, marked by war and climate change, how can we as people of faith create and work towards peace with creation?

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since the late Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. For more information, please refer to: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/season-of-creation-2025/>

You can also find further resources on the international Season of Creation website: www.seasonofcreation.org

CUPPA AFTER 12 P.M. MASS

Our "**1st Sunday of the Month Cuppa**" will take place this weekend and we invite you all to join us please at the back of the Church after the Sunday 12pm Mass. All are welcome!

The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8th September

The feast celebrated on September 8th is the **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, or "Our Lady's Birthday". This significant feast in the Catholic Church and other Christian traditions commemorates the birth of Mary, the mother of Jesus, a date chosen to align with the Byzantine New Year and to follow the Dedication of the Church of St. Anne, built on the site of Mary's birthplace in Jerusalem.