

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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



**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

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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 the souls of Fergus Murphy and Dennis Corboy, recently deceased, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Breda Lennon, Bernard Keegan, Seamus Rogan, Michael Timoney, Molly and Denny Foley, John Paul English, Jeremiah Lincoln, Don Sheridan, and Mary Murphy

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



WORLD  
DAY OF  
THE SICK  
11 FEBRUARY 2026

### World Day of the Sick, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme for the 34th World Day of the Sick, which will be celebrated on February 11, 2026: “The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing the pain of the other”.

The theme of the World Day of the Sick, focusing on the Gospel figure of the Samaritan who shows love by caring for the suffering man who fell into the hands of thieves, highlights this aspect of love of neighbour: love needs concrete gestures of closeness, through which we enter into the suffering of others, those who are ill, especially those who at the same time experience poverty, isolation, and loneliness.

The World Day of the Sick, established by St. John Paul II in 1992, is a privileged moment of prayer, spiritual closeness, and reflection for the entire Church and for civil society, who are all called to recognize the face of Christ in our sick and vulnerable brothers and sisters.

### Preparing for Marriage?

Weekend residential courses available.

6-8 March 2026 and 13-15

November 2026 . Details: [www.grasta.org](http://www.grasta.org) or at

[info@grasta.org](mailto:info@grasta.org) and

### Married Couples course?

Weekend residential courses available.

7-8 March 2026 and 14-15

November 2026 . Details: [www.grasta.org](http://www.grasta.org) or at

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### DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS

We welcome the children of 2<sup>nd</sup> Class 2026 in our local schools and their families next Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, to the vigil Mass at 6 p.m as they continue their year of preparation for First Penance and First Holy Communion. The following are the dates for the rest of the series: March 7<sup>th</sup>; March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup>.

## CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last week:

1<sup>st</sup> February, 2026:

1<sup>st</sup> collection € 875 (Common Fund)

2<sup>nd</sup> collection: €560 (Share)

### Peace Begins with Dignity: A Global Call to End Human Trafficking

“It is the peace of the Risen Christ — unarmed, disarming, humble, and persevering. A peace rooted in God’s unconditional love.” — Pope Leo XIV, 8 May 2025

Each year, on the feast of Saint Josephine Bakhita, the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking (IDPAAHT) invites people of faith and goodwill from around the world to join a global movement of prayer, reflection, and action against the injustice of human trafficking.

The theme for the 12th edition in 2026, “Peace Begins with Dignity: A Global Call to End Human Trafficking,” draws inspiration from Pope Leo XIV’s powerful reminder that true peace is gentle and humble, born of love, and sustained where human dignity is upheld. The exploitation and objectification of people through trafficking fundamentally destroy the foundations of peace and justice, making its eradication essential to building a just world.

Human trafficking is a global wound that denies human dignity and shatters the peace of communities everywhere. Victims — predominantly women, children, migrants, and displaced persons — endure exploitation in many forms, from forced labour and sexual exploitation to servitude and forced marriage.

Through prayer, we open our hearts; through reflection, we deepen our commitment; and through action, we bring Christ’s peace and freedom to those who need it most.

### St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Gate Collection

The Church Gate Collection for St. Vincent de Paul will take place this weekend, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February, 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.