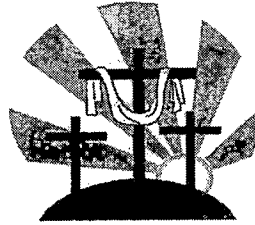


## REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of  
*Emily Corscadden*

who died recently and also for the souls of the following  
 whose anniversaries occur at this time:

*Phyllis Rowe, Michael Dunne, Edward Goad, Colm Rafter,  
 Lana & Danny McCurtain, Tim Byrne, Catherine McGrath,  
 John Byrne, Esther Nagle, Doreen Dunne,*

and for *Rebecca Halion* whose Month's Mind occurs.

**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

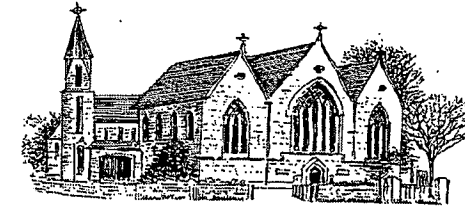
The amounts collected last weekend are

| DATE                     | GREEN BASKET | SHARE  |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2016 | €1,845       | €1,170 |

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*

Parish Office 6683894 | 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30  
 Fr. John McDonagh, Tel: 6684265 – Fr. Martin Murnaghan, Tel: 6676438

[www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com](http://www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com)

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

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### Parish Mission Statement

Each new Parish Pastoral Council is asked to review the Parish Vision Statement and consider giving it fresh expression. The current Pastoral Council has been doing so in recent weeks and we share with you the latest draft statement of Parish Vision.

'St Mary's Star of the Sea Parish is founded on the love and mercy of God and the teaching of the Catholic faith. Its members are offered and accept responsibility for the life and mission of the parish, assisting their priests and bishop in whatever way they can. Regardless of their level of involvement, every parishioner is equally included, welcomed and valued.

St Mary's is committed to making every dimension of parish life an opportunity to experience

- a deep and joyous encounter with God,
- a growing relationship with Him and each other, and
- a greater confidence in our Christian dignity as children of God the Father.

Parishioners share in the mission of Christ by proclaiming his Gospel through their words and lives and through their involvement in liturgies and music; preparation for and celebration of the sacraments; spiritual, charitable, collaborative and ecumenical activities; private, family, or group prayer and study; and time spent journeying together in Christ.

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In this 'era of change' when Christianity and its values are questioned and ignored, St Mary's parish shares and protects these values, while respecting those whose values are different. Relying on the Holy Spirit, it reaches out beyond itself to the needs of the wider community and the problems and issues of our world, as it tries to bring about Christ's Kingdom of Love, Justice and Peace. '

*The Pastoral Council, at its meeting this Monday evening, hopes to agree on its renewed Parish Vision Statement. You may have an observation or a thought or two on how it might be improved. If so, please let us know in writing before Monday evening's meeting. You may drop a note to the parish office or send an e-mail to [sandymountparish@eircom.net](mailto:sandymountparish@eircom.net). When the final statement is agreed we will publish it again for all to see.*

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### DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

If any of our parishioners who are ill or infirm would like to travel as invalid pilgrims with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, we would be happy to facilitate their doing so. The Pilgrimage takes place from September 7th to September 12th. Application forms are available from the Parish office or from the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road.

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### BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community

*Flora Isobel Gross  
Evan Andrew O'Toole*

who were baptised last Sunday

'May you live always as members of the Body of Christ, sharing everlasting life'

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### BAPTISMS IN JUNE

Baptisms will be celebrated on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Baptism Application forms are available in the parish office Monday – Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm. Applications, giving 1 month's notice, must be made in advance of the preparatory meeting for each month's celebrations. The preparation meeting for May baptisms will be held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm. Parents are advised that godparents must be practicing Catholics who are at least 16 years of age and that godparents should be one of each gender, godfather and godmother.

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### A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – Friday next 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016!

Star of the Sea 12<sup>th</sup> Golf Classic  
Elm Park Golf Club  
SAVE THE DATE!

It's not too late to book a place or sponsor an Ad or Tee Box please fill in a Booking Form, which is available at the Parish office, or can be downloaded from the Parish website, and return it as soon as possible to the Parish office, Star of the Sea Church

OR by email to

[stargolfclassic@gmail.com](mailto:stargolfclassic@gmail.com)

OR CONTACT

Martin Coonan: 087 2304042

Charlotte O'Neill: 086 2162348

Martin Tormey: 087 6940297

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### MOON, STARS, PLANETS at Sandymount.

The next public observing night by IAS Dublin Sidewalk Astronomers is planned for Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Sandymount Tower Car Park. If skies are clear telescopes will be set up from 8 p.m. All are welcome. For more information and updates visit [www.irishastro.org](http://www.irishastro.org).

Events are weather dependent so a message will be posted on the website at 6 p.m. should an event not be going ahead.

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### Sandymount Matero Friendship Programme

The programme continues to provide vital support to the orphans and vulnerable children in Matero Parish, Lusaka, Zambia. Through the long standing generosity of the Sandymount community, the Programme offers these children from an impoverished environment the possibility, through education, of someday escaping their daily challenges – hunger, poverty, squalid living conditions, life threatening illnesses and appalling life expectancy. Your continued generosity will be greatly appreciated to sustain this support for them. We will announce a date in early June for the return of these boxes. Thank you all again from James Meenan and the Sandymount Matero Friendship Committee.

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### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Sandymount Gospel Choir will be joined by special guest choir "Singing For The Health Of It" at their annual charity concert on Friday 27 May at 8pm in Wanderers Rugby Club, Merrion Road. Tickets €10 - all profits will be donated to the Friends of St Luke's Cancer Care. Further details on the Sandymount Gospel Choir Facebook Page. All welcome.