

REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the soul of Mary Mc Donagh, who died this week and for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur:

Jack and Bess Hodson, John Hodson ,Paddy Rigley, Lana and Danny Mc Curtain, Kay O’Mahony, Eamonn Breen, Sheila Cunningham (Roland).

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
1 st May ‘22	€ 690	€380

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

The St Vincent de Paul gate collection last Sunday amounted to €1180 and the local conference of the Society extends its gratitude.

**WEEKLY
BULLETIN**



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

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4th Sunday of Easter

May 8th ‘22

First Communion Celebrations

A celebration of First Communion in May seems like old times again after Covid prompted quieter celebrations later in the year in 2020 and 2021. That said, we still have to take precautions in face of the pandemic in the wearing of masks, sanitising hands and maintaining social distance in church gatherings and we appreciate the efforts of families to keep each other safe in doing so this weekend.

We congratulate and rejoice with the boys who celebrated this Saturday, with their families and their teachers at a time when we’re all invited to see our lives as members of the church in a new light. The emphasis is very much on the collaboration (working together), on the Catholic family as the basic unit of the Church and on living in awareness of life as a vocation, responding to the call of God. The gift of the Eucharist in Holy Communion is the Lord calling us to be with him in the journey of life. We pray that all of the boys who celebrated this weekend will hear that call in their hearts. Next Saturday we’ll welcome the girls from Scoil Mhuire as they come to celebrate First Communion.

Annual Golf Classic on Fri May 20th

Less than two weeks away now, the Annual Golf Classic in aid of the Parish will be held on May 20th. Booking Forms are at the back of the Church. To book a place or to sponsor an Ad or Tee Box, please fill in the form and return to The Parish Office, Star of the Sea or sandymountparish@eircom.net or contact a committee member

Prices: Team of Four	€500
(includes golf, dinner/lunch)	
Single Golfer	€125
Sponsor a Tee Box	€100
Full page Ad in Brochure	€100
Half page Ad	€ 50
Dinner and Entertainment	€50

Committee contacts: Martin Coonan, Cyril Kelly, Charlotte O'Neill, Maxine Pilkington, Peter Coonan.

Tap and Go Machine in April

Each month we get a report of the total donations made on the Tap and Go machine at the entrance to the church. 60% goes to the Common Fund Collection of the diocese and 40% to the Share Collection, which supports poorer parishes and central diocesan offices. These are the two collections made at the Sunday Masses in our diocese.

In April a total of €2757 was received in 212 transactions. This compares with a total of €4,595 (€2625 to Common Fund, €1970 to Share) in basket collections over the 4 weeks of April. Thank you to all who donate so generously to the diocese.

Another avenue of generous donation is made on the donate button of the website. In April, in 22 transactions the following cumulative donations were made

To the parish:	€615
Common Fund	€1,005
Share	€ 535
Dues (Christmas	€50
Dues (Easter)	€1,645

Thanks to everyone who has sent in Easter Donations (Dues). The Christmas and Easter Dues go to the Common Fund of the Diocese, enabling support of priests in ministry in the diocese.

Trocaire Boxes/envelopes

We will forward Lenten Trocaire donations to Trocaire at the end of this week. We ask that if any Trocaire Boxes remain at home, you might get them to us early this week.

Building Hope in our Diocese

In the early weeks of his appointment as Archbishop, Archbishop Farrell appointed a task force, chaired by Fr Ciaran O'Carroll, the parish priest of Donnybrook, to look afresh at life in the diocese and report back to him. The Task Force Report is available on the diocesan website: The Task Force set out a pastoral strategy for the diocese after gathering 3,000 consultation responses.

In February this year, the Archbishop presented a Statement of Mission for the Dublin Archdiocese, as a first step in response to the Report. Copies of this Statement are available at the back of the Church or on the diocesan website and we attended to its content in the past three newsletters under headings as Mission, Vision and Values.

The Building Hope Prayer is to be prayed throughout the diocese from the 2nd week of Easter. The Pastoral Letter of the Archbishop, *Living the Hope of Easter*, is to be read and disseminated widely (available on diocesan website)

On its basis, Parish Pastoral Councils were asked in the past two weeks to meet and to prioritise the implementation of the Task Force Strategy. We did so on Thursday of this week along with members of the Parish Finance Committee. In doing so we thereby formed our Parish Building Hope Leadership Group. We are in process of naming animators, which we hope to do at this Monday night's Pastoral Council Meeting.

In this coming week, Wed or Thurs, there will be training sessions on zoom for Council chairpersons and animators. Animators are asked to register in advance of these meetings. At Diocesan level, a Pastoral Strategy Implementation Group has been appointed to oversee implementation of the Task Force Strategy.

After the training of animators, the parish is asked to organise a Building Hope Parish Gathering between May 15th and May 28th, in the 5th and 6th week of Easter. A period of prayer between Ascension, on to Pentecost and then to the Feast of Mary Mother of the Church will be held in each parish, asking the Holy Spirit to renew the Church in Dublin. Parish partnerships with neighbouring parishes are to be discussed among parish leaders. Parish responses are reviewed by the Parish Leadership Group and a parish digital submission made between the Feasts of Pentecost and Corpus Christi. There will be further discussion taking place in Autumn and beyond.

The future of our diocese is at stake. Please be part of the conversation.