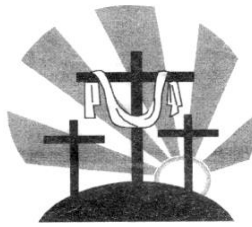


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend

For the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Margaret O'Doherty, James & Catherine Henry, Christopher Betson, Bess & Jack Hodson and their son, John, Patrick Quinn, Eamonn Collins, Rachael Byrne, Kathleen O'Flaherty, Patrick Cronin,

And for Derek Green 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
5 th May 2019	€1,465	€965

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.

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Thank You

Dear Parents and Guardians we would like to remind you that all children and vulnerable people should be accompanied by a parent or guardian when using the bathroom facilities in our church.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30
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Sunday 12th May 2019

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May

The month of May sees us rejoice in the celebration of First Communions. This year we have 108 children coming to 'the table of the Lord' for the first time. We congratulate all of them and thank their parents and teachers who have prepared them so well.

It was the turn of 54 boys from Star of the Sea this Saturday, while 11 children from St. Matthew's School will celebrate at the 10.30am Mass next Sunday and on Saturday week, May 25th, it will be the turn of 43 girls from Scoil Mhuire.

The month of May is traditionally a month of devotion to Mary. It's lovely to see May Altars in classrooms and children bringing their garden flowers to adorn them. 'Bring flowers of the rarest ...' will, no doubt, be in popular demand these weeks and while it's not a song the children learn in school any more, there will be great disappointment expressed if we don't include its singing in the Sunday liturgy.

This weekend invites us to pray for vocations to serve the life of the church. Our focus now in the diocese is to nurture and support lay pastoral ministry. The second collection next Sunday, May 19th, is a special Ministry Sunday Collection devoted to lay ministry. It will take the place of the Share Collection.

Ms. Price saying 'goodbye'

This week brought news that Ms. Price, the principal of Scoil Mhuire, has decided to retire at the end of June. Mary has given her whole teaching career to the school. We'll return to a fuller acknowledgement at a later date but for now we share her news. We all wish Mary well as she pursues a different career direction.

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Thanks to Sean

Sean Rigley has given our parish wonderful service over many years, closing the church for us every evening at 6.00pm. He has come to a point in life where he can no longer do so and we appreciate his decision.

Thanks Sean from all who have valued our keeping the church open each day. It was your great service that enabled that to happen.

For the future, until we find a team who might share the closure responsibility, we can't guarantee that the church will remain open during the day.

Should you wish to be part of such a team, taking responsibility for closure of the church, one day a week say, please contact Mary in the parish office.

Thanks again, Sean.

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Baptisms in June

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in June will be held on Monday 27th May 2019, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in June will be on Sunday June 2nd and 16th after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 27th May 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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Easter Dues

Fr. John and Fr. Cormac would like to thank all parishioners who have already sent in their Easter Dues.

Easter Dues envelopes may be handed in at the sacristy, the parish office or put in the letter box in the parish office door. They can also be put into the collection baskets on Sundays.

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Church Bookshop

Our Bookshop has books, medals and rosaries for children preparing for First Communion. Parents and grandparents will hopefully find the colourful books helpful when talking to children about this big event.

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Child Safeguarding Parish Training evening,

Tuesday 28th May 2019

We would like to invite all parish volunteers to a Child Safeguarding training evening on Tuesday 28th May at 7.30 pm. Garry Kehoe, the Diocesan Training and Development co-ordinator, will provide the training. It is important that all parish volunteers attend. We also ask that parents of the Children's Choir would also attend as Child Safeguarding is an integral part of ministry in the parish and we greatly value the participation of children in parish life. Thank you.

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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 4th to September 9th 2019. Application forms are available from the Parish office or from the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road. The invalids travelling with the Pilgrimage will be accommodated in the Accueil Notre Dame which is a residence close to the Grotto. To meet the requirements of the Medical Bureau in Lourdes a form, available in the Parish office, must be completed.

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Legion of Mary

The Patrician meeting will take place on Thursday, 16th May at 8 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room, Star of the Sea Church. Topic for discussion : 'The Healing Power of Confession'. Refreshments served - All welcome

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The members of the Society would like to thank you for your generosity to their collection last weekend which amounted to €1,560.

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

Elm Park Golf Club



To book a place or sponsor an Ad or Tee Box please fill in a Booking Form and return it to the Parish office.

OR by email to stargolfclassic@gmail.com

OR CONTACT: Martin Coonan: 087 2304042

Charlotte O'Neill: 086 2162348

Maxine Pilkington: 087 8445992

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Sandymount Gospel Choir will have their annual concert in Lansdowne Rugby club (beside Aviva) on Friday 24th May at 8pm, in aid of the Caroline Foundation for research into breast cancer.

See Facebook.comSandymountGospelChoir