



## REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested this weekend

For the souls of Pat (Patrick) Flood; Michael Walshe and John Owens who died this week.

And also for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

*Zack Foley; Martina O’Gorman; Aisling Crowe; Patsy & Katie Doyle; Michael & Kathleen Behan and their son George; Brendan Mackey; Tom Kellaghan; James & Winifred Finnegan; Deirdre McMenamin; Evelyn & Joseph Duffy; Thomas Cowley Snr.*

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
8 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	€1,300	€995

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.

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020*

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### *In this time of health crisis ...*

- All are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass.
- The health authority’s limit of 100 people attending such gatherings as our Mass must be upheld. Mass will be celebrated under that condition. Parishioners are advised that they can link with every celebration of Mass in our parish through webcam (google ‘Star of the Sea Parish, Sandymount’ or go directly to [www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com](http://www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com)) or go directly to [www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com](http://www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com)) Go to the CAM arrow to access transmission at the usual Mass times.
- We will greatly appreciate your understanding and help in ensuring that no more than 100 people are in attendance at a church gathering. We regret the necessary inconvenience to some as a result.
- In church, people should be seated at a physical distance from each other. A distance of at least a metre is to be observed.
- Funerals will be celebrated but limited to close relatives or friends with at most 100 people inside the church. Larger gatherings of up to 500 could take place outside after Mass or at a graveyard. To ensure that no more than 100 people are in the church please observe that there is seating for 3 in the centre aisle seats with every second seat empty (see white label to confirm which seat is used) and

likewise 2 per seat in the 2 side aisles. The seats at Our Lady's altar are not to be used.

- Similarly Church Weddings and Baptisms can take place on condition that attendance does not exceed 100 people inside the church.
- It is not permitted to pass baskets or collection bags from person to person. The first (Common Fund) and second (Share) collections will be taken at the church entrance and closely monitored there. There is also an on-line payment facility for the Common Fund and Share collections on the front page of the Dublin diocesan website. Click on 'Donate' if you wish to pursue this.
- The church will be open at the usual hours to facilitate your coming to pray. It is important that we pray for each other during this testing time. Remember those who are ill and pray for the frontline health workers.

Any one of us could unwittingly be a carrier. Use the hand sanitizer and wash hands as directed frequently. Watch out for the elderly and those most vulnerable to the threat of the virus. We all must pray our part.

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**Confirmation Celebrations**

We warmly congratulate the 68 young people who were confirmed this week. They were confirmed by Fr. Donal Roche, our new Episcopal Vicar for the area of the diocese from Ringsend to Arklow. Our thanks to all involved – parents, teachers, sacristans, music ministers and the young people – both those confirmed and those who sang beautifully.

It was the last large gathering in our church for the foreseeable future. It was announced just after our ceremony that no further Confirmation celebrations will be held while the current public health crisis persists.

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**Masses for St. Patrick's Day  
Tuesday next 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Vigil Mass on Monday at 6.00pm. Masses on Tuesday at 9.00am, 10.30am and 12 Noon.

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**'Do this in Memory'**

The special Masses for children and parents are postponed while schools are closed and while numbers attending any Mass cannot exceed 100. Accordingly, the Mass planned for next Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, will not now proceed.

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**Parish Pilgrimages to Lourdes and to Knock**

The diocesan pilgrimage to Knock will be on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. We'd welcome the interest of parishioners, both young and old, in a day's pilgrimage. Let us know in the parish office if you're interested. When the level of interest is established we can look to working out the details. We also welcome any indication of interest in a pilgrimage to Lourdes in September. In respect of both possible pilgrimages let us know your interest before St. Patrick's Day, to enable decisions on their feasibility.

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**Baptisms in April**

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in April will be held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in April will be on Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March and to attend the preparatory meeting.

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**SAVE THE DATE! Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
Star of the Sea Annual Golf Classic 2020**

**Elm Park Golf Club** 

**Pray, Pay, Play!**

To book a place or sponsor an Ad or Tee Box please fill in a Booking Form and return it to the Parish office, Star of the Sea Church Tel: 01 6683316

OR by email to sandymountparish@eircom.net

**OR CONTACT:**

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Even if you are not a golfer, you may wish to join us for the dinner and in doing so, know you will be most welcome.

The Golf Classic represents not only a helpful fundraising event but a great social occasion in the life of the parish.

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**A Prayer with the Woman at the Well**

We pray for all who are marginalised in life,  
for all who are excluded because of their race,  
their religion, or their gender;  
that they may know the loving embrace of the Lord  
who offers them living water,  
and experience the acceptance of the community.

We pray for all minorities in every land  
who struggle to maintain their own customs  
and safeguard their traditional lands.  
That they might be seen as a blessing, not a threat;  
a gift to the nation, not an embarrassment.

God and father of all creation,  
we bless your holy name,  
which you revealed through the Word  
you sent among us, your eternal gift,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord and God.

He is the way:  
through him may we know you and worship you.  
He is the truth:  
may he reveal your loving plans to us.  
He is the life:  
may he bring life in its fullness to our lives.

Denis McBride