

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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



Sunday 16th February 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 Clem Clancy and Breda Lennon, recently deceased, and for Noreen O'Doherty at her months mind, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Anne Kenny, Mary Murphy, Jimmy and Sadie Rigley, Timothy O'Donnell, John Doyle, Doreen Reynolds, William Stokes, Phyllis Cronin, John Drumm, deceased members and friends of the Kenny Family, Edward Lennon.

MAY THEIR SOULS, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD,

REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

ACCORD

This weekend's Share Collection will be for the Annual Collection for ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family. ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:

- Marriage Preparation courses-online, small groups.
- Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone.#
- A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever. Please give generously on the 15th and 16th February.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE

Canon John Flaherty, writing from Lourdes on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, sends greetings and

"Some early details of our 2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrimage: The dates are 4th to 9th September 2025, led by Archbishop Farrell. The Pilgrimage is a fully escorted tour including: direct return flight from Dublin to Lourdes, airport transfers and assistance between Lourdes Airport and the hotels, five nights' accommodation, meals, 20kg check-in luggage plus one small personal item in the cabin and full services of Joe Walsh Tours guides and representatives throughout. FURTHER INFORMATION info@joewalshstours.ie or phone : 01 241 0800.

About 100 Sick or Assisted Pilgrims will form a very important section of our Pilgrimage. Accueil Notre Dame, the special place of welcome for the Sick located in the Shrine opposite the Grotto, will house our Sick Pilgrims. A dedicated Team of Doctors, Nurses, Chaplains and several hundred Helpers of all ages will travel with us from Dublin to care for our Assisted Pilgrims from their arrival at Dublin Airport, during their time in the Lourdes and until they depart the airport on our return. Enquiries about travelling as a Sick/Assisted Pilgrim should be made to the Pilgrimage Office, 51 Home Farm Road, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, D09 W5W4. Deirdre Daly, Administrative Secretary, info@lourdes.dublindiocese.ie / 01 8087555 or to John Flaherty, john.flaherty@dublindiocese.ie"

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last week:

9th February 2025:

1st collection €1275 (Common Fund).

2nd collection €845 (Share).

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C guide us to find true happiness by trusting in God and believing in Jesus' resurrection. Jeremiah warns us not to rely only on human strength. Those who trust in people are like dry shrubs in the desert, without life or growth. But those who trust in God are like trees planted by water. They are always green, bearing fruit. This image shows that only God can give us the support and strength we need

In the second reading, Paul emphasizes the hope of the resurrection. He teaches that if Jesus did not rise from the dead, our faith would be empty. But because Jesus is alive, we have hope for eternal life. This hope in the resurrection gives us strength and purpose, even in hard times. The Gospel of Luke contrasts the blessings of the poor and hungry with the woes of those who are rich and satisfied now. Jesus warns that those who find their joy in earthly comforts may miss true happiness. Instead, Jesus calls us to look beyond this life and seek happiness in God.

The 6th Sunday encourages us to rely on God, find hope in the resurrection, and remember that true happiness lies in Him. Each reading invites us to put our trust in God's care and seek His lasting joy.

Sandymount Explorers

The next meeting of the Sandymount Explorers is scheduled for Monday 17th February at 7.30 p.m. in Christ Church Hall, Sandymount Green. Dr. Kieran O' Mahony will continue with his elucidation of the letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians.