

# REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend

For the souls of Eimear Meagher, Mary Coffey, Bridie Breeze and Edwin Rili who died recently.

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

*Aisling Crowe, Patsy & Katie Doyle, Bobby & Robert Gray, May Kane, Patrick & Dermot Bateman, Tommy Allen, Maureen Alford, Patrick Lawless,*

*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
11 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	€1,565	€1,030

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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## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The members of the Society would like to thank parishioners for their generosity to the church gate collection last weekend which amounted to €1,435.

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**WMOF** – Pick up a window sticker on this St. Patrick’s Day to advertise the forthcoming World Meeting of Families.

# 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. Cormac McIlraith, Tel: 6686845*

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

## *Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018*

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### **The Joy of Love, chapter 4 (part 1)**

At the beginning of his Exhortation, Pope Francis advocated that given its length, attention might be paid to the parts dealing with readers’ specific needs. On this basis he thought it likely that chapters four and five might meet concerns of married couples while pastoral ministers might be more concerned with chapter six and everyone should feel challenged by chapter eight.

Chapter four begins with a deep and detailed reflection on what must surely be the most popular reading at celebrations of the sacrament of marriage – St. Paul’s great description of ‘love’ in his letter to the Christian community in Corinth (1 Cor 13:4-7). Between paragraphs 91 and 119, Francis opens up the meaning of each of the attributes of true love in this famous lyrical passage. In each case he looks at the Greek words used in Paul’s original text and in the light of its clarified meaning he states clearly what it does and does not imply in the concrete situation of family life.

‘Love is patient,  
love is kind,  
love is not jealous or boastful;  
it is not arrogant or rude.  
Love does not insist on its own way,  
it is not irritable or resentful;  
it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right.  
Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things,  
endures all things.

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Pages 59 to 72 will afford a wonderful entry into the meaning of Paul’s hymn to love. It should have great significance not only to those couples who choose this passage from Corinthians on their wedding day but to all married couples, indeed to all of us who cherish God’s word.

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**Confirmation Day**

We rejoice with the 77 boys and girls who celebrated Confirmation on Thursday and thank their parents and teachers and sponsors for all they’ve done to help the young people reach this very special day.

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**Celebrating Baptism**

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in April will be held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in April will be on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March at the Easter Vigil Mass at 9.00pm and on Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> , after the 12 noon Mass. Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March and to attend the preparatory meeting.

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**CROSSCARE Youth Services**

The Annual Collection for CROSSCARE Youth Services – Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin will be at all Masses this weekend 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**It will replace the normal SHARE Collection**

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**Annual Golf Classic, Elm Park Golf Club**

**Save the Date – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018!**

To book a place or sponsor an Ad or Tee Box please fill in a Booking Form, available on the table at the back of the Church, and return it as soon as possible to the Parish office, Star of the Sea Church Tel: 01 6683316

OR by email to [stargolfclassic@gmail.com](mailto:stargolfclassic@gmail.com)

OR CONTACT: Martin Coonan: 087 2304042,

Charlotte O’Neill: 086 2162348

OR The Parish Office: 01 668 3316

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**Annual Advocate Collection**

The annual Advocate collection for the Sunshine Fund takes place on next Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March. The Sunshine Fund, a special works conference of the St. Vincent de Paul provides summer holidays for children all over Dublin who need a holiday. This collection is their only source of funds. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Easter Card Deliveries**

Easter cards and Dues envelopes will be ready for distribution on Wednesday next.

**First Penance**

First Penance will be celebrated over three evenings this week at 7.00pm each evening.

Tuesday with St. Matthew’s children. Wednesday with Star of the Sea boys and Thursday with Scoil Mhuire girls.+++++

**Thank You**

All children and vulnerable young people using the bathroom facilities in our church should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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**Lenten Evening Prayer on Tuesdays at 6:30pm**

Evening Prayer of the Church is continuing on Tuesdays, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of March.

Please, come along with your family and friends. It will be little more than half an hour but something uplifting to do for Lent!

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**The Explorers**

The Explorers, an inter-church scripture reading group, will meet next Monday, 19 March, a public holiday, from 7.30-9.00 pm in the Community Room of the Mount Tabor Care Centre next to Christ Church on Sandymount Green. The discussion will be led by Father Kieran O’Mahony, OSA. Our topic will be 'Jesus's death (St. John's, 18-19). All are welcome no previous attendance necessary.

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**Wishing Myrna ‘all the best’**

For some years now Myrna Sevillejo has been a devoted parishioner among us. She has served in the Ministry of the Word, both as a Reader and also in the music ministry as a member of the Parish choir. Her membership of the Legion of Mary has seen her give very generous service to the parish bookshop, assisting Eileen Luby consistently during Eileen’s years of great commitment to the shop. Myrna along with her compatriot, Jay, afforded a very cheerful Filipino presence among those serving in the Legion’s work there. Myrna leaves us this weekend to journey to her home city of Cebu City in the Philippines where she is due to marry Tony in early May. We wish you every blessing, Myrna and Tony, and aware that on your return to Dublin your home will be across the river, we hope we’ll see you from time to time. God bless.

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**JOMAC at Iris Charles Centre**

If you would like a wonderful evening’s entertainment then come along to the Iris Charles Centre on Newbridge Avenue next Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. A Variety Show by Jomac Productions should, once again, prove to be most enjoyable! Show commences at 8.00pm and all are welcome!