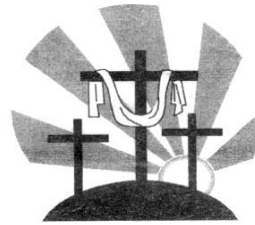


**REST IN PEACE**



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of Marcella Jackman and Angela Connell, who died this week and for the following whose anniversaries occur: Tim Byrne, Mary Hickland, May and Mikie Hogan, Enda Hogan and Maureen Conroy  
We pray also for Imelda Harding at time of month's mind.

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	Lay Ministry
15 <sup>th</sup> May '22	€ 760	€655

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

Our Lenten Trocaire Collection this year realised €2,063  
We thank all who entered generously into the support of Trócaire, the Irish Church Agency that reaches out to the needy of the world.

**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) RCN20016166

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 22<sup>nd</sup> 22

Consultation Time

On Wednesday next, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30pm, or alternatively on Sunday afternoon next, May 29<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm, we're invited to gather at Scoil Mhuire Hall, Lakelands, to reflect on the present context of the Church in our parish and diocese.

It marks an early stage in our seeking, synod style, and with openness to the Holy Spirit, to identify the path forward for the Church in our time and place. That process began about a year ago when Archbishop Farrell appointed a task force to begin this work of evaluation. The report they issued in October last identified four areas of importance for our consideration. We outlined in last week's newsletter these areas of consideration and the variety of headings they embrace. Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Finance Committees have engaged in the past month to bring these issues for consideration of parishioners in each parish and that is the point we have reached as we invite parishioners to one or other of these meetings. The diocese has also furnished on its website some further resources to assist parishes. The parish profile, in particular, is an indicator of parish life and finances in these recent years.

## **Parish Profile Sandymount**

In preparation for our discussion of the Building Hope Initiative this week, we have posted graphical material relating to our diocese at the back of the church ( red notice board). It includes information on

(1) the population of Sandymount Parish 2011 to 2016 and the relative Catholic population over that time, based on census figures.

(2) the characteristics of the Sandymount population

(3) numbers of liturgical celebrations between 2014 and 2019

(4) church collections between 2017 and 2021

(5) a map of our deanery to assist discussion of parish clusters. Notice our link with Ringsend, Donnybrook and Merrion Rd whereas Haddington Rd is in another deanery.

## **Week of Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

You are warmly invited to join together in a Week of Prayer to the Holy Spirit for the renewal of the Church in Dublin from May 29 to June 6 – Ascension Sunday through Pentecost to the Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

A Week of Prayer resource booklet is available on the diocesan website

The period covers many interesting feasts and scripture quotations. There is a four-line prayer each day which uses the Building Hope Prayer as its base with relevant additions. There is also a mixture of Introductions to the Liturgy, Reflections after the Gospel and a Litany that you might find useful.

**This Monday, May 23**, at 8.30pm you can get a flavour of these resources by connecting to the [www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com) webcam. The Sisters of the Monastery of St. Alphonsus will lead the prayerful reflections with a bonus offering of music from the Dublin Diocesan Music Group. If you can't make it for the live presentation, check out the recordings section of the monastery website afterwards, where you will find the resource. The diocesan site booklet, one page per day, will be your companion for this 30-minute presentation.

## **Pray for Life Novena, May 23<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>**

The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Monday, May 23, to the Feast of the Visitation on May 31. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

## **Choir Concert next Thursday**

Ceiliúradh's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert will be held in St Matthew's Church, Irishtown Rd, on Thurs next, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets €12, concession €10, children under 12 free. Further detail on poster in porch.

## **Another Choir's Concert June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Free Summer Concert: The Riverside Singers Community Choir, Ringsend, will present an informal summer concert on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 12 noon in the CMWS Hall on Irishtown Rd ( opposite library). Entrance is free but there will be a collection in support of Ukrainian refugees.

## **Golf Classic**

Sincere thanks to all who participated in the Parish Golf Classic this Friday. Special thanks to a hard working committee: Martin Coonan, Charlotte O'Neill, Maxine Pilkington Cyril Kelly and Peter Coonan; thanks also to everyone who participated as golfers or joined the social end of the evening and to those who sponsored tees or advertised in the brochure.

## **Fr John's Golden Jubilee of Ordination**

Fr John greatly appreciates the good wishes and kindness of so many parishioners in marking his reaching this time of Golden Jubilee. Taken somewhat by surprise he wishes to thank the parish council for organising celebrations in the way they have done. Míle Buíochas everyone. A priest's life is always in communion with the faith community he's asked to serve. Thank you for being that community.