

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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



Sunday 23rd February 2025

7th 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 Anthony Murphy, Patrick Saunders, Tom McManus and Tony Robinson recently deceased, and for Carmel Owens, Brendan Winstanley and Donncha Fox on their Months Mind, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Phyllis Cronin, John Drumm, Noreen O'Doherty, Edward Lennon, Brendan Mackey, and Berna O'Gorman.

**MAY THEIR SOULS, AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD,
REST IN PEACE. AMEN.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, FRIDAY 7TH MARCH

This ecumenical gathering will take place this year in Christ Church, Sandymount Green. This year's service has been prepared by Cook Islands WDP Committee – theme – "I made you Wonderful". All are welcome. It will begin at 11 a.m. and early birds will be welcomed with a cup of tea or coffee from 10.30.

Courses in Parish Ministry in St. Patrick's College

St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth has a range of programmes through its Centre for Mission & Ministries for those interested in parish ministry, administration, chaplaincy and other lay roles within the parish and community. Visit their website for more details at www.sppu.ie/courses

St. Patrick's College Maynooth Annual Trocaire Lecture

"A Politics of Hope and Catholic Social Teaching as a Guiding Light"

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Anna Rowlands, Professor of Catholic Social Thought at Durham University.

The event will take place in Renehan Hall at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on Tuesday, 11th March at 7pm. For those who cannot attend in person. Registration for this free event is required. Contact:

frances.harnan@trocaire.org

St. Vincent De Paul Church Gate Collection

The monthly Church Gate Collection for St. Vincent de Paul will occur next weekend, 1st and 2nd March. The local conference of the St Vincent de Paul is very grateful for the support received in the monthly gate collection in the parish.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last week:

16th February 2025:

1st collection €825 (Common Fund).

2nd collection €1345 for Accord in place of Share

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The Irish Hospice Foundation provides a free Bereavement Support Line. This National Freephone Service is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, by calling 1800 807077. Visit

www.hospicefoundation.ie <<http://www.hospicefoundation.ie>> for more information.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today, Jesus' instructions get a particular focus. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." In a globalizing world, that means that we approach others as mysteries to be understood. My tendency to give another what I would want misses the mark because it starts with me. Instead, in this age of synodality, we need to give one another something much deeper — the opportunity to be heard and understood as who they really are, not who we think they are. To treat them as they desire. (Do not judge.) It's easy to love those we understand, it's far more humanizing to learn to understand those who think differently from ourselves.

Jesus promises that when we do these things, our "reward will be great." That isn't a promise of a high place in heaven, as if there were degrees of being in the fullness of God's presence. That's a promise that both we and society will change for the happier as we do these things. **By Mary M. McGlone**