



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested this weekend

For the soul of Liam O’Sullivan who died this week.

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

Ross & Jenny McMahon; Peggy Ralph; Kathy Brogan; Catherine Burke; Christopher & Margaret O’Neill.

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
22 nd March 2020	€105	€95

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.

In this time of health crisis 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.

In the meantime, if you are visiting the church you could use the two boxes marked Common Fund and Share at the entrance to the church to make donations if you wish.

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 29th March 2020

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Archbishop Diarmuid Martin in a message this Wednesday highlights

- The fundamental message is that people should stay at home if at all possible.
- Outdoor events are limited to gatherings of 4.
- Churches are open for private prayer provided that there is at all times strict adherence to physical distancing (2 meters is more than 6ft). Vulnerable people are not encouraged to leave their homes.
- Sensitivity and prudence is called for in the event of funerals – both in respect to numbers and ritual. Particular HSE guidelines apply in the event of a person dying of the corona virus.
- Two strong church traditions are counselled at this time –
 - (1) Spiritual Communion, when one doesn’t receive Communion in a celebration of Mass as in this time of danger.
 - (2) In the event of difficulty in accessing Confession, making an act of perfect contrition with the desire to receive the sacrament of reconciliation is sufficient for the forgiveness of all sins even mortal sins

Holy Week ceremonies

With the churches closed until mid April at the earliest, the liturgical celebration this Holy Week and Easter will be very different. We will endeavour to bring you celebrations on the web cam - details to follow. Next Sunday will be Palm Sunday.

At the 10.30am Mass next Sunday we hope again to link up with the children and parents in the First Communion classes. Palm Sunday was to be our next 'Do this in Memory' Mass. Meanwhile the children could work on pages 56 to 59 of the Thumbs book and parents might share with them pages 20 to 23 of Thumbs. Grapevine 6 and Grapevine 7 will be held in safe keeping until the children come back to school.

In this time of crisis in the threat of the corona virus

- Public Mass celebrations have ceased until mid April when the situation will be reviewed.
- Mass will be celebrated daily, Mon to Sat on the parish webcam at 10.00am. (Google 'Star of the Sea, Sandymount', then scroll down to MCN streaming, enter and hit CAM arrow).
- RTE NEWS NOW will broadcast daily Mass at 10.30am.
- This coming weekend March 28th / 29th we will celebrate Mass on the parish webcam on Saturday at 6.00pm and Sunday at 10.30am.

Community Spirit

A number of parishioners have kindly offered their services to assist elderly or vulnerable fellow parishioners during this time of crises. We are very grateful to them for their generosity and kindness.

**SAVE THE DATE! Friday 29th 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:

Martin Coonan: 087 2304042 / Parish Office: 6683316

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.

We all understand and appreciate that the present circumstances with the corona virus will dictate everything.

Prayer of Consecration

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Health of the Sick,
at this time of great challenge to our country from the coronavirus,
we consecrate to Jesus through your Immaculate Heart: ourselves, our family, the members of our parish and Diocese, and the people of Ireland.

O Mary, Queen of Ireland, when you appeared at Knock, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress, and brought them comfort in a time of sorrow.

Be with us now as a sign of salvation and hope, as we entrust ourselves to your loving care.

We renew the promises of our Baptism and Confirmation and ask your intercession that we may be always faithful to Christ and to His Church.

Bring under your mantle of protection all those who are suffering because of the coronavirus, and those who care for the sick and minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another.

O Loving Mother,
at the foot of the Cross, with steadfast faith,
your Immaculate Heart was pierced by grief at the suffering of your Son.

You know what we need during these difficult days.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us –
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

O Blessed Mother, Our Life, our Sweetness and Our Hope,

we wish that this Consecration be for the glory of God and that it lead us safely to Jesus your Son.

Amen.

Blessing

May your servants be shielded, O Lord
By the protection of your loving-kindness,
That, doing what is good in this world,
They may reach you, their highest good.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May Almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen