

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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



Sunday 2nd March 2025

8th 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 Tom McManus, Paul Kehoe, Tony Robinson and Michael O'Doherty, recently deceased, and for Noreen O'Doherty and Brendan Noel Winstanley on their Month's Mind, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Brendan Dolan, Berna O'Gorman, Zac Foley, Margaret McDonagh, Ashleen Mulligan, Nora Lincoln, Leo Healy, Kitty Nellie and Thomas Crowley, Brendan Radford and Mary (Quigley) Byrne.

**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. The service this year has been prepared by Cook Islands WDP Committee – theme – "I made you Wonderful". Readers taking part in the celebration have been invited from all Christian churches in our locality including our Partner Parishes and ourselves. 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.

Ceremony of Light

Our children preparing for their Confirmation will be holding their Ceremony of Light on Monday, 3rd of March at 7:00pm in the Church. We ask you to keep them in your prayers in anticipation of this joyous day.

Ash Wednesday Masses

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at two Masses this Wednesday, 5th March, at the usual weekday Mass at 7.30 a.m. , and at 6 p.m. for those returning home from work, to mark the beginning of Lent.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign

Trócaire Boxes are available from this weekend. The work of Trócaire worldwide is one of the really positive features of the Irish Church and a lovely way to be linked as a family with its very significant work. Please consider entering into the spirit of Lent in support of people in greatest need through this invitation to share in the work of Trócaire with your family.

St. Vincent De Paul Church Gate Collection

The monthly Church Gate Collection for St. Vincent de Paul takes place this 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.

Goethe Choir

The Goethe Choir will perform John Stainer's Crucifixion (A meditation on the sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer) in St. Anne's Church, Dawson Street, Dublin 2 at 3:00 PM on Saturday, 22nd March, 2025. Tickets for €20 from eventbrite.ie or at the door.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last week:

23rd February 2025:

1st collection €955 (Common Fund).

2nd collection €615 (Share)

Your Parish Voice

Next week, Sunday, 9th March, we look forward to receiving your feedback on how best we can strengthen the experience of being a parishioner of St. Mary's Star of the Sea, now and into the future.



The three questions that will be explored are:

1. *In the past three years what notable changes or developments in the Parish have stood out for you? These changes can be positive or negative.*
2. *What actions do you believe should be taken ensure the Parish thrives in the coming years? List your top three.*
3. *What concrete steps should be taken to realise your vision for the Parish and who should be involved?*

You may wish to reflect on these questions between now and next week. Alternatively, you may wish to provide your responses more instinctively, on the day, when asked again in person. Both types of responses will be most welcome and all feedback will be equally received.

If you are unable to attend with us on 9th March but you would like to share your feedback, please submit your responses by email to the parish office at sandymountparish@eircom.net no later than 11th March.