



## ***REST IN PEACE***

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of

Fr. Pádraig Coleman, OFM

who died recently and also for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Anne Kinsella, Brian Durnin, Annie Kane, John & Bertha Moriarty, Treasa McLoughlin, John & Mary Condon, Kay O'Mahony, Catherine (Joan) Frawley and her daughter, Veronica, Annie Farrell,

*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
23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2017	€1,545	€1,020

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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# **WEEKLY** **BULLETIN**



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

*Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30*  
*Fr. John McDonagh, P.P., Tel: 6684265*

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

***Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017***

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Father Pádraig

A little over a week has passed since the shock of Fr. Pádraig Coleman's sudden death just after his visit to an old friend on Inisheer who had celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. May the Lord bring Pádraig into the joy of heaven.

We thank all the parishioners who attended the removal ceremony in Adam and Eve's. Merchant's Quay, on Sunday evening and the funeral Mass on Monday morning. A special word of thanks to parishioners who went out of their way to help him settle into 10 Cranfield Place since his arrival in September.

Franciscans travel light. Pádraig arrived with his belongings transported in a small van. His many books covered the floors until a wonderful parishioner built the needed book shelves and further shelving for his music collection. His happiness in Sandymount was expressed very directly at the end of the 10.30am Mass on Easter Sunday, his last Mass with us. Shortly afterwards he headed off to share Easter's dinner table with his brother Franciscans in Killiney before going on his Easter break to the West and to the Aran Islands which he loved.

Fr. Pádraig was one of the first trained psychotherapists in the Irish scene of the 1970's. He returned from London and worked for many years at St. John of God's in Stillorgan where he still worked part-time on Thursdays up to his death.

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When the friary in Wexford closed, Fr. Pádraig moved to parish work in our Diocese. He came to us after he had spent 11 years in Firhouse Parish. His funeral was in Merchant's Quay, among his Franciscan family. We will remember and pray for him in our parish on Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 o'clock Mass.

Go dtuga Dia suaimhneas síoraí do Phádraig.  
May God give Pádraig eternal peace.

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**Mass Schedule Changes**

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Thursday this week to consider the necessary changes to the Parish Mass Schedule following the sudden death of Fr. Pádraig Coleman, OFM. Members of the Pastoral Council will speak at all Masses to convey the Council's decisions.

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**Trocaire Boxes**

We would ask you to return your Trocaire boxes to the Parish office before Wednesday next. This arrangement applies only to homes that do not have school-going children. On behalf of Trocaire, we thank you for your generous support.

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**Easter Dues**

Fr. John would like to thank all parishioners who have already sent in their Easter Dues. Easter Dues like the Christmas Dues are donations to the Common Fund which supports all the priests of the diocese.

Easter Dues envelopes may be handed in at the sacristy, the parish office or put in the letter box in the parish office door. They can also be put into the collection baskets on Sundays.

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**Baptisms in May**

Baptisms will be celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in May (7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May). Baptism Application forms are available in the parish office Monday – Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Applications, giving 1 month's notice, must be made in advance of the preparatory meeting for each month's celebrations. The date for the preparation meeting for May Baptisms will be this **Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, at 8.00pm** in the Parish Meeting room.

Parents are advised that godparents must be practicing Catholics who are at least 16 years of age and that godparents should be one of each gender, godfather and godmother.

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**SHARE SUNDAY**

On this Share Sunday the Archbishop thanks all who have contributed to Share as a collection vital to the ongoing life of the Diocese. He also encourages us to keep doing our best, aware that the collection has declined in recent years. His message coincides with the publication of audited figures for 18 months ending on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2015. Copies are available at the back of the church and posted on the notice board.

“Thanks to Share, the Diocesan Offices provide support services to our parish communities in areas such as child safeguarding, education and schools, repairs to buildings, financial management and human resources, including meeting our legal requirements under the Charities Act, communications, as well as training people to work in evangelization and catechesis.

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**Do This in Memory**

We welcome the boys and girls and their parents who are preparing for First Communion to this Sunday's 10.30am Mass. It is the last of our special celebrations in the Do This in Memory Programme for this year.

First Communion Days will be on May 13<sup>th</sup> for Scoil Mhuire and May 20<sup>th</sup> for Star of the Sea School at 11.00am each of the two days.

Children from St. Matthew's celebrate First Communion on Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am.

Meantime we ask parents to share Grapevine 9 with their children and Thumb Book pages 26, 27, 62 and 63.

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**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017!**

Star of the Sea Annual Golf Classic, Elm Park Golf Club  
SAVE THE DATE!

To book a place or sponsor an Ad or Tee Box please fill in a Booking Form, and return it as soon as possible to the Parish office, Star of the Sea Church

OR by email to

[stargolfclassic@gmail.com](mailto:stargolfclassic@gmail.com)

OR CONTACT

Martin Coonan: 087 2304042

Charlotte O'Neill: 086 2162348

Martin Tormey: 087 6940297

Parish Office: 01 668 3316

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**Child Safeguarding Notice Use of Church facilities**

Dear Parents and Guardians we would like to remind you that all children should be accompanied by an adult when using the Church toilets. We thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter.

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Next Friday is the First Friday of the month when we visit the housebound and there will be veneration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10.00am Mass