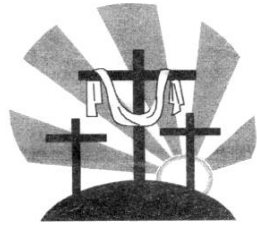


**REST IN PEACE**



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of Sarah Philomena Canning and Elizabeth Jordan who died recently, For the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Eugene O'Neill, Claire Kennedy, David & Frances Bisette, Myles & Mary Doran, Laurence Lynch, Daragh O'Kelly, Kay Casson, Richard Duggan,

And for David Crowe and Tash Mulligan whose Month's Minds occur.

*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
24 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	€1,615	€1,050

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, Tel: 6684265 – Fr. Cormac McIlraith, Tel: 6686845*

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

***Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019***

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***The Date of Easter***

At the Council of Nicaea in 325, the date for Easter was fixed as the 'first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring equinox.' On that calculation, the feast of Easter this year falls on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

Eastern Christians calculate the date of Easter according to the Julian Calendar, the Calendar in general use before the Gregorian reform of 1582. One of the reforms introduced by Pope Gregory was the removal of 10 days from the Calendar and this discrepancy between the Julian and Gregorian Calendars results often in a difference in the date of Easter in East and West as they follow the two Calendars. This happens this year, 2019, when the date of Easter for Eastern Christians is one week later on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

In the Jewish calendar, Passover is celebrated this year on 20<sup>th</sup> April, beginning at sundown the previous evening (14 Nisan 5779) and continuing for seven days.

The visit of the football team from Georgia last week reminded me of Tom. Engaged as a consultant to Georgia's national education examinations system, the date proposed coincided with our Holy Week. Anxious to uphold his participation in the Holy Week ceremonies, Tom requested a postponement to the following week and it was duly granted. It emerged that the new date now coincided with the Eastern church's Holy Week in Georgia! He celebrated Easter twice that year and when the work was completed, the Sunday Eucharist lasted three hours.

### Lenten Evening Prayer of the Church

Come join us here at St Mary's Star of the Sea Parish Sandymount for Lenten Evening Prayer of the Church continuing this Tuesday evening at 6:30pm for a half hour of prayer, reflection, song and ritual suited to the whole family! Everyone is Welcome!  
Tuesdays 6:30pm : April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

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### Baptisms in April

Baptisms will be on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month as a general rule. In April there will not be a celebration on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, which is Easter Day. We will have a celebration of Baptism on the following Sunday instead. And we warmly invite parents who may wish to have their child baptized at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.

In April the sacrament will be celebrated on April 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Easter Vigil on the night of April 20<sup>th</sup> and on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

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 April Baptisms is this Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> April at 8.00pm in the Parish Meeting room.**

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### Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council wishes to highlight during this Lent the contribution made by volunteers. Please remember to **pray this week for the Church's readers**. These faithful parishioners are available frequently to read the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings, and the responsorial Psalm. They often find themselves asked to read at short notice, and rise to the occasion. We pray for their encouragement as well as give thanks for their overtime and concern for the Church.

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**SAVE THE DATE! Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
Star of the Sea Annual Golf Classic 2019**

**Elm Park Golf Club** 

### Pray, Pay, Play!

To book a place or sponsor an Ad or Tee Box please fill in a Booking Form, available on the table at the back of the Church, and return it to the Parish office, Star of the Sea Church Tel: 01 6683316

OR by email to [stargolfclassic@gmail.com](mailto:stargolfclassic@gmail.com)  
OR CONTACT: Martin Coonan: 087 2304042  
Charlotte O'Neill: 086 2162348  
Maxine Pilkington: 087 8445992

### A Mother's Love

There are times when only a mother's love can understand our tears,  
can soothe our disappointments  
and calm all our fears.  
There are times when only a mother's love can share the joy we feel  
when something we dreamed about quite suddenly is real.  
There are times when only a mother's faith can help us on life's way  
and inspire in us the confidence we need from day to day.  
For a mother's heart and a mother's faith and a mother's steadfast love were fashioned by the angels and sent from God above.

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### First Communion Preparation

We thank all the children, parents and teachers who in three celebrations this week came to celebrate God's forgiveness in the children's first celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

By now, all should have received their copy of Grapevine 7, and, besides working on this newsletter, parents and children are referred to Thumbs, pages 22 and 23 along with exercises on pages 58 and 59 in their preparation for our next 'Do this in Memory' Mass on Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am.

The parents' planning group meeting will be next Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 9.00am.

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### Trocaire Lenten Appeal

Just a gentle reminder! As a parish community we encourage you to take the Trocaire Appeal to heart this Lent. Over 700 million people in our world live in dire poverty. Trocaire is the face of Irish charity to all who live in such need. Please be part of our response. You may have received the Trocaire box through our schools. If not, there's a plentiful supply at the back of the church.

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### First Friday

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April is the First Friday of the month. We remember the Faithful Departed at the 7.30am and 10.00am Masses. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10.00am Mass until 11.30am unless there is a funeral.

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### Thank You

All children and vulnerable young people using the bathroom facilities in our church should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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Summertime begins this Sunday when the clocks go forward one hour on Saturday night.