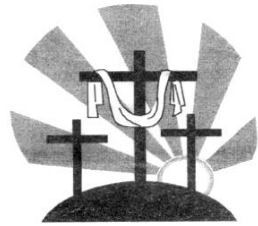


# REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Phil Dunn, Mamie Conaty, John & Fergus Costello, Harry & Nuala Sullivan, Margaret (Peggy) Sheridan, Kathleen & Michael Behan and their son, George, Ellen Siggins, William & Brid McNamara, Tom Kelleghan, Desmond O'Reilly, Margaret McCabe, Rita Mulligan,

*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> February 2019	€1,585	€945

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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### Legion of Mary - Lenten Retreat

At Avila Carmelite Centre, Donnybrook on Saturday, March, 16<sup>th</sup> 2019  
10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m: Talks, Mass & Confessions. For more Information and booking : Contact : Anne : 0878374837 or Eddy : 0894908722

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**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** will hold their usual monthly church gate collection after all Masses this weekend.

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019

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### Lent begins again

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, the forty days, without counting Sundays, that lead to Holy Week and Easter.

Historically it was the time of preparation of candidates for Baptism before their celebration of the sacrament at the Easter Vigil. Today it is a festival of recovery of the spirit of our baptism and renewal of Christian identity.

We do so under the triple Lenten invitation of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Prayer – Lenten liturgy invites our participation. Besides the Sunday Masses it is heartening to see parishioners coming in greater numbers during Lent to the daily Masses at 7.30am and 10.00am. Each Tuesday at 6.30pm offers us an opportunity to pray Lenten Vespers or as it is sometimes now called – Evening Prayer of the Church. We encourage your commitment to private prayer also and some will appreciate the 'Walk with Me' booklets, available again this year, that offer daily reflections to support your prayer life.

Fasting – Both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. While many will remember days when fasting and abstinence were invited on more than two days a year, Lent invites our voluntary commitment to penance and fasting. Stepping back from our attachments, disciplining our appetites, not only emulates Christ's forty days in the desert before his public ministry but allows us to devote more heart-space to God and to God's word.

It's a time to take steps to grow in love with God and in our desire to let God's kingdom come. It's a time to celebrate the Sacrament of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Almsgiving – Besides the personal acts of charity that Christ invites from us all, Lent too allows us a time to work together as a parish to support the tremendous work of Trócaire, the Bishops' agency that supports the great needs of people in developing countries. Please enter into the Lenten Trócaire Campaign with enthusiasm.

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**Ash Wednesday**

On Ash Wednesday there will be an extra Mass in the evening at 7.00pm. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses on Ash Wednesday.

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**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 every 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 : March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>; 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>, 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 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 Sacristy team and those who assist in the daily opening and closing of the Church, and watch over the building.

These few individuals are devoted parishioners who've concerned themselves with the daily workings of the Church and assist the priests in regular tasks.

We pray for them to continue in their service and give thanks for their efforts.

**Pancake Sunday!**

Continuing the Pastoral Council's desire to create opportunities for parishioners to meet each other, this Sunday after the 10.30am Mass there will be tea and pancakes in the School Hall. If you have your car with you – know you're welcome over – but give thought to those coming to 12 noon Mass who seek a parking space.

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**Confirmation Candidates – Ceremony of Light**

The candidates for Confirmation and their parents are invited to their Ceremony of Light this Monday at 7.30pm. The Baptismal candles entrusted to parents and godparents at Baptism time are now shared with each of the candidates. It's a sign of the responsibility invited from them when they are confirmed. In the second part of our celebration the young people are invited to make important promises in regard to the use of alcohol and to illegal drugs. It's important that parents converse with their son or daughter about these promises in advance of Monday's celebration.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11.00am.

Please keep our young candidates in your prayers.

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**Faithfest for Teenagers**

Join us on Friday 8 March for Faithfest from 6.00-9.30pm. in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3. Faithfest aims to create spaces where teenagers have an experience of a peer community, explore faith, and encounter an experience of welcoming, belonging, discipleship, worship and prayer in a creative and fun atmosphere. All welcome.

Contact - Office for Evangelisation e-mail [evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:evangelisation@dublindiocese.ie)

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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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**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

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