

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

Third Sunday of Easter-

4th May 2025

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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 Sister Joseph Christopher Hanrahan, Maureen O'Kane and Ruth McCabe recently deceased, and for Barbara Doherty and Ann Seagrave at the time of their Month's Mind and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Quinn, Rory Sheils, The Harewood Family, Liam Daly, Fran Reid, Kay O'Flaherty, Mikey and May Hogan and son, Enda Hogan, Annie Kane, Doreen Colgan and Kathleen Colgan

**MAY THEIR SOULS , AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD,
REST IN PEACE. AMEN.**

Do This in Memory Mass and Hospitality

We welcome our children and their families to the Vigil Mass this Saturday, 3rd May, at 6pm and to the School Hall afterwards. We pray for our First Communicants and their families as they joyfully receive their first Eucharist.

St. Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection

The local conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society will have their monthly gate collection next weekend, 10/11th May. St. Vincent de Paul is very appreciative of the generous contribution by Parishioners to their Easter collection and your continued support.

Parish Celebration of First Holy Communion

This year, our Parish Community will have the opportunity to join with families celebrating their childrens' First Holy Communion as these joyful occasions will take place as part of the Sunday Masses on the following three Sundays:

10.30 a.m. Sunday, 11th May, Children from St. Mathew's and Shellybanks N.S.

12.00 noon, Sunday, 18th May, children from St. Mary Star of the Sea BNS; and

12.00 noon, Sunday, 25th May, children from Scoil Mhuire, Lakelands GNS

Parish Council Membership

We are in the process of renewing the Parish Pastoral Council. We want to thank those who so generously served in the course of the past few years. We would ask you to pray and reflect on who might serve the Parish community as a member of the next Council. An information leaflet on the purpose and functioning of the Parish Pastoral Council is available at the back of the church to assist in your consideration. Nomination forms for new members are available in the back of the church and also posted on the Parish website.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last week:

27th April 2025:

1st collection: € 1285 (Common Fund).

2nd collection: €835 (Share)

Month of May Prayer to Mary

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with such confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen

Cuppa after Mass

Our 'cuppa after Mass' will take place *this* Sunday, 4th May, after 12 noon mass at the back of the church. Everyone is most welcome and it's a lovely way to catch up with each other, share the news and welcome our new parishioners.

'Caught in His net'

Could we imagine ourselves as among the fish that Jesus sent Peter out to catch? Like them, we are immersed in a sea of troubles and distractions, moved by every ripple of excitement, shaken by the level of doubt and disbelief that marks our world today. We spend so much energy on what are ultimately trivialities. We dally with temptation, and let ourselves be hooked by unhealthy lures, from gambling to drugs to vacuous celebrity.

Today's story reflects the miracle of salvation as an offer. Through his church, Christ has thrown over us his net of salvation, a net of grace. He says: "The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind." Though it remains unseen beneath the surface, we are drawn to it, if we let that happen. We can make our own prayer "may we be caught in God's net"... "I liontaibh Dé go gcastar sinn."