



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of

Noel Somers, Paula West,

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

Phil Dunn, Nell Siggins, Kathleen Fulthorpe, Harry & Nuala Sullivan, Peter Cunningham, Bríd & William McNamara, Joseph & Evelyn Duffy, Rita Mulligan, Nora Lincoln,

and for Joseph Sadlier, Alice Flanagan, Rita Ernest & Josephine Connolly 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.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are

DATE	GREEN BASKET	SHARE
26 th February 2017	€1,535	€925

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.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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Sunday 5th March 2017

Confirmation Day

On Thursday next, March 9th, our local Episcopal Vicar, Msg. Enda Lloyd, will confirm 70 young people in our parish at 11.00am. It is a very significant parish day when our wonderful young people present themselves, each with their sponsor, to receive the gift of God's Holy Spirit. What a fascination that the third Person of the Blessed Trinity, the same Spirit that led Jesus in his mission, should dwell in their lives as Helper and Guide. They are confirmed in the Holy Spirit just as Jesus was confirmed in the Jordan and the apostles and first disciples were confirmed on the Day of Pentecost in Jerusalem.

May our young people, confirmed this week, be open throughout their lives to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and live up to their call in the life of the Church.

We thank the young people for their earnest preparation. We thank their parents who share their faith, life and love with them. We thank their teachers who, in catechesis, introduce and explain to them the wonders of our faith. God bless them all.

To facilitate the Confirmation, the 10.00am Mass on Thursday will be celebrated at 9.30am.

Baptisms in April

Baptisms will be on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month as a general rule. In April there will not be a celebration on the 3rd 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 2nd, the Easter Vigil on the night of April 15th and on April 23rd.

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, March 27th 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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First celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Reconciliation will be celebrated with the girls in Scoil Mhuire, Lakelands on Tuesday, March 7th and with the children in St. Matthew’s School on Tuesday, March 14th. Each of these celebrations will be in the evening at 7.30pm in Star of the Sea Church.

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Do This in Memory

Next Mass is on March 19th. The parents planning group will meet next Saturday, March 11th at 9.00am in the Parish Meeting Room.

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Lenten Evening Prayer on Tuesdays 6:30pm

Evening Prayer of the Church is a beautiful way of bringing your hymns, praise, concerns and prayers to God this Lenten Season.

We will support and pray for other each other as a parish community for six Tuesdays of Lent.

The dates are as follows:

7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March, and 4th and 11th of April.

Please, come along with your family and friends. It will be little more than half an hour but something uplifting to do for Lent!

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Trócaire Lenten Campaign

The Lenten Trócaire boxes will be available in the church this weekend. The theme for Trócaire’s Lenten Campaign this year is “What kind of world do we want to leave ... to children now, who are growing up?” Pope Francis.

Fridays in Lent

We’re asked to make Friday each week a day of Penance. Here are some suggested ways of fulfilling the Friday penance.

- Abstaining from meat or some other food.
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking.
- Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer.
- Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays.
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament.
- Making the Stations of the Cross.
- Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy.
- Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.

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Young Adults Film club

Are you ready to share your passion for cinema?

If you are we invite you to join us every two weeks on Thursday evenings in Star of Sea Church to watch a film and have a cup of tea and some snacks with nice people.

First movie: Inside Out,

First meeting: 9th March

Thursday evenings 19:30 - 22:00

For further details contact Clodagh McGreal on [0872489722](tel:0872489722) or just show up on the night

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Novena of Grace Prayer

O most kind and loving saint, in union with you I adore the Divine Majesty. The remembrance of the favours with which God blessed you during life, and of your glory after death, fills me with joy; and I unite with you in offering to God my humble tribute of thanksgiving and of praise. I implore of you to secure for me, through your powerful intercession, the all-important blessing of living and dying in the favour of God. I also beseech you to obtain the favour I ask in this Novena (here ask the favour you wish to obtain), but if what I ask is not for the glory of God or for the good of my soul, obtain for me what is most conducive to both. *Amen.*

Let us pray

O God, who was pleased to gather unto your Church the peoples of the East by the preaching and miracles of blessed Francis, mercifully grant that we, who honour his glorious merits, may also imitate the example of his virtues, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Sandymount Tidy Towns AGM

The Sandymount Tidy Towns AGM next Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm in Sandymount House Hotel.