

## REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend

For the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

*Aisling Crowe; Margaret (Peggy) Courtney; Phil Dunn; Jack MacNamara;  
Mary & Jerry Kennedy; Nora Lincoln; Desmond O'Reilly; Mary White;  
William & Mai Gilsenan; Molly & Thomas Gannon; Andrew & Susan Dent.*

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
1 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	€1,235	€825

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*

Parish Office 6683894 / 6683316 – Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30  
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*Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020*

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### *Listen to Him*

If last week, the first of Lent, we were brought out into the desert, this second Sunday sees us climbing a mountain with Jesus and his three friends Peter, James and John.

Three times in the Gospel a voice proclaims Jesus as divine. The first was when he was baptised by John in the Jordan river at the beginning of his public mission. Then at the end of his earthly life when the centurion on Calvary says – ‘truly this was the Son of God’ and the third is in this mountain-top scene when the voice from heaven, the great proclamation of the Father, says ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.’ It is in the middle of the Gospel narrative of the earthly life of Jesus.

On this second Sunday of Lent we hear this gentle invitation from the Father to every believer to discover who Jesus really is. Lent is a time of response to this gentle invitation amid all the ups and downs of life. ‘Listen to him.’ We might also hear Jesus words of encouragement to us – ‘Stand up. Don’t be afraid.’

This encouragement is all the more powerful when we take on board the two personal challenges emerging for Jesus on that day. The first was one of how people might identify him and the second the great likelihood that his mission would end in his death.

**A Prayer:**

Fill us we pray, Lord, with your light and life that we may show forth your wondrous glory. Grant that your love may so fill our lives that we may count nothing too small to do for you, nothing too much to give and nothing too hard to bear. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen. (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

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**Mass this Thursday at 9.30am**

Because of the celebration of Confirmation on Thursday next at 11.00am, the earlier Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am instead of the usual 10.00am.

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**A great day in Parish Life**

When the young people of a parish come together to be confirmed it is a very significant day in parish life. This week 68 young people from our community will receive the sacrament of the Holy Spirit. It's a precious gift to help and guide them in life, an encouragement into a life of integrity. The only condition for the reception of the gift is that we must earnestly desire it. When Jesus said 'Ask, and you will receive' it was the Holy Spirit he was speaking of. So keep all these lovely young people in your prayers.

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**Do this in Memory**

Parents are reminded that our next 'Do this in Memory' Mass will be on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and not next Sunday as previously stated.

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**Parish Pilgrimages to Lourdes and to Knock**

The diocesan pilgrimage to Knock will be on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. We'd welcome the interest of parishioners, both young and old, in a day's pilgrimage. Let us know in the parish office if you're interested. When the level of interest is established we can look to working out the details. We also welcome any indication of interest in a pilgrimage to Lourdes in September. In respect of both possible pilgrimages let us know your interest before St. Patrick's Day, to enable decisions on their feasibility.

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**Webcam Transmission**

Some parishioners may not be aware that they can view every celebration taking place in Star of the Sea Church by going to our website: [www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com](http://www.stmarysstaroftheseasandymount.com) You can reach it by 'googling' Star of the Sea, Sandymount. Then on the website click the 'cam' arrow. It offers two angles, the first on the Altar and the second on the Baptistry / Choir area. Those confined to home through age or illness and those living abroad may particularly value this service. Spread the word!

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**Thank You**

Dear Parents and Guardians we would like to remind you that all children and vulnerable people should be accompanied by a parent or guardian when using the bathroom facilities in our church.

**Baptisms in April**

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in April will be held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in April will be on Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, after the 12 noon Mass.

Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March and to attend the preparatory meeting.

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**Public Health Concerns**

The coronavirus is very much in the news. As a precautionary measure we will not shake hands at the Sign of Peace and follow such precautionary advice as we may receive from the HSE and the Diocese.

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**This Tuesday at 6.30pm**

Evening Prayer of the Church is being celebrated over four Tuesdays of Lent in each of four local churches embracing different traditions of Christianity.

This week is our turn in Star of the Sea. We thank Rev. John Marchant and all who came along to St. Matthew's last Tuesday. There will be a break for St. Patrick's Day and then subsequent gatherings will be in St. John's and in Christ Church. The Evening Prayer lasts about 20 minutes. All Welcome.

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**SAVE THE DATE! Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
Star of the Sea Annual Golf Classic 2020**

**Elm Park Golf Club** 

**Pray, Pay, Play!**

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

OR by email to [sandymountparish@eircom.net](mailto:sandymountparish@eircom.net)

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Even if you are not a golfer, you may wish to join us for the dinner and in doing so, know you will be most welcome.

The Golf Classic represents not only a helpful fundraising event but a great social occasion in the life of the parish.

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**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank parishioners for their generosity last weekend to the church gate collection which amounted to €1,510.