



WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEKEND

Your prayers are requested this weekend for the repose of the soul of Monsignor Dermot Clarke who died this week and also for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Ann Berney, Sheila Carey, Joseph & Ellen Donnelly,
Michael Shalloo, Fr. Joe Dunn, Alistair Welch,
Thomas Ryan and his daughter, Mary, Edward Winstanley,
Bernard Kelly, Joseph McLoughlin, Larry & Greta Berney,
Deceased members of O'Shea, Lunny and Condon families,
Anne Phelan.

May they share in the joy of heaven.

Bishops' National Appeal for East Africa

An emergency Collection in aid of Trócaire's work in East Africa will take place in our Parish on the weekend of 22nd / 23rd July. Nearly 25 million people in Somalia, Kenya, South Sudan and Ethiopia are currently in urgent need of food and water due to drought. Trócaire is reaching over 150,000 people across the region with emergency food, water and sanitation. Needs are enormous – **please support our appeal and help us reach more people with life-saving aid.**

Special Ministers of the Eucharist

Special Ministers of the Eucharist are invited to pick up an envelope from the Sacristy. Your cooperation would be very much appreciated as we survey our present needs and the desire of each Minister to continue their valued service or not.

The Tablet

Over the last three weeks we were grateful to receive free sample copies of the weekly Catholic newspaper, The Tablet. Should you wish to purchase a copy we have begun by ordering three copies each week and will be happy to order more if called for. You might let us know in the office if you are interested.

Recent Church Collections

Last week July 9th - 1st Collection € 1,115
Share - €695

Getting Married?

Every year in our parish we meet more than 20 couples preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Some celebrate here in Star of the Sea, more elsewhere in Ireland and others in countries abroad. It's a privilege to journey with them.

The parish of residency over the previous six months is the parish responsible for the completion of documents and the parish of residency of the bride takes responsibility for the preparation of the couple towards the Sacrament.

As part of that celebration the couple are asked to attend a pre-marriage course. The Diocese recommends its own Accord Course. While today a range of courses are available the criterion of the Diocese is that a connection with the Eucharistic Community is necessary for the acceptability of courses on offer. On that criterion some courses are not acceptable and couples planning to celebrate marriage as a sacrament should be aware of that.

The first step of a couple planning to marry is to contact the priest in the local parish, then establish a date and place for the church celebration and allow the priest to guide them through the necessary requirements. Couples will also be aware that they must also meet with the Registrar of Marriages and an appointment for that meeting requires notice at least three months before the date of the marriage.

The Sacrament of Marriage may be celebrated only where a community gathers to celebrate Mass on Sundays. It highlights that the place of celebration should never be thought of as a 'venue' but as a community of faith within which the sacrament is celebrated.

Purse found

A small purse was found last weekend in the church. Please call to Parish office.