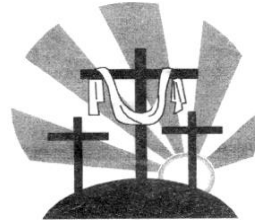


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the souls of David Siggins, Breda Ryan and Ronald Noble, who died recently and for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur:

Peggy Ralph, Bobby and Robert Gray and William Nelson, whose anniversary occurs.

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
20 th March '22	€ 775	€485

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese, known as the Common Fund

The white basket is the collection for Share, which meets the needs both of poorer parishes and of central agencies of the Diocese

This week the important Collection for Ukraine takes the place of the Share Collection. We know you will be very generous.

Our thanks to all who make website donations to the Parish, the Common Fund, the Share Collection and the Dues. Thanks also to those using the Tap and Go device at the back of the Church.

Congratulations to the girls of 2nd class in Scoil Mhuire, their parents and teacher, for a lovely celebration of First Reconciliation last Thursday.

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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

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Laetare Sunday-Fourth Sunday of Lent



‘Now when evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started to cross the lake to Capernaum. It had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. By now a strong wind was blowing and the sea was getting rough.

Then when they had rowed about three or four miles, they caught sight of Jesus, walking on the lake, approaching the boat, and they were frightened. But he said to them, ‘It is I. Do not be afraid.’

When we think about our experience of Church what makes you anxious or afraid?

Synod Meeting this Wednesday

This coming Wednesday, March 30th, we will have the first of our Parish Synod Gatherings at 7.30pm in Scoil Mhuire Hall.

During the Gathering we will have small groups to share our responses to the 4 questions we have been reflecting on since the beginning of Lent.

When you think about your experiences of Church, what gives you :

(1) Joy, (2) Sadness, (3) Hope and (4) fear?

We warmly invite you to:

- Speak from the heart
- to listen deeply to one another
- to share your experience
- to understand one another
- to learn from each other
- to be open to the Holy Spirit

Please arrive 10-15 minutes early as we hope to begin at 7.30pm and we ask that you bring a pen and a book to lean on (for writing).

Safeguarding and confidentiality guidelines will be in place. The Gathering will be Covid compliant-please wear a mask. We will have a refreshment break during the evening.

Know that all are welcome.

The second such opportunity to engage in the Synod Gathering will be on next Sunday at 4pm in the same venue, Scoil Mhuire Hall on Gilford Road.

First Friday

Next Friday, April 1st will be the First Friday, when we remember and pray for all whose names are on the November list of the dead and those who have subsequently died-at both Masses that morning. It also marks our day of visiting the sick and housebound with Holy Communion. Should you wish to add a name to the list of those visited please call 6683316 and leave a message if your call isn't directly answered. Unless there is a funeral that morning, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10 o'clock Mass until 11.30am.

Initiatives for Young Adults

You may like to invite young adults you know to take part in one or both of the following programmes organised by the Diocese:

- **A foundational Leadership Programme** starting May 2nd)- seen as a great help to train leaders locally to lead initiatives among peers. You can learn more and register online at the Dublin diocese website.
- **Young Adult Synod Listening-May 4th**- While young adults are particularly welcome to join in the Parish Gatherings , as organised in our parish this coming week, they may also wish to do so with other young adults in a special online gathering on May 4th. Again it's important to register online through the diocesan website to enable participation.

Pope Francis consecration of the Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25th. While the unjust suffering of the people of the Ukraine calls out for our help and prayers, we pray too for people in Russia who are victims of the deep lies told by Putin and his collaborators and the threat to people's freedom and honesty by punitive repression of any voice that confronts the lies. They too merit our prayers. Copies of the Pope's Prayer are at the back of the Church.

Celebrating Confirmation

At our celebration of the 12 o'clock Mass this Sunday we are privileged to witness the Confirmation of three girls from our parish, who, because of Covid in particular, were unable to celebrate with their classmates a couple of weeks ago. It's fitting that we do so on the Sunday in Lent that highlights 'rejoicing', Laetare Sunday from the Latin word for 'rejoice', Laetare. We rejoice with Martina, Sadhbh and Orla today as we did with their colleagues in the last few weeks. May the Holy Spirit be truly their Helper and Guide. A good time also to renew our faith in the Holy Spirit's place in all our lives, the Spirit that brings love, joy, peace and patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self control