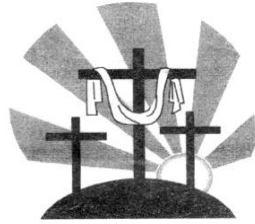


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for the following whose anniversaries occur: Maura Crowe and Eithne Quinn on their Months Mind Elizabeth Dent, Joan Goulding, Frank Hollingsworth and his parents (Tom and Mary), Paul Davitt and Donald Walsh, Maeve Coll, Philip Fitzgerald, Colm Keating, Brendan McCheane, Liam Kirwan, Louis O'Neill, Margaret Maguire and Eileen Lynch.

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	WHITE BASKET
October 27 th	€970	€1295

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

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

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St. Mary's, Star of the Sea Sandymount
3rd November 2024

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Every day call this prayer to mind, and repeat it to yourself as often as possible: "Lord, have mercy upon all who appear before thee today." For at every hour and every moment thousands of people depart from this earthly life and their souls appear before God – and how many of them depart in loneliness, unknown to anyone, sad and dejected because no one feels sorrow for them or even cares whether they are alive or not! And then, perhaps, from the other end of the earth your prayer for the repose of their souls will rise up to God, although you never knew them nor they you. How deeply moving it must be for a man's soul, as he stands in fear and trembling before the Lord, to know at that very instant that there is someone to pray even for him, that there is still a fellow creature left on earth who loves him! ~And God will look on both of you more favourably, for if you have had so much pity on him, how much greater will God's pity be, for God is infinitely more loving and merciful than you! And he will forgive him for your sake.

Fyodor Dostoevsky
"The Discourses of Father Zossima"

Registration for the Sacraments 2025/2026

A gentle reminder...All children who wish to celebrate First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation must register with our Parish, regardless of the school they attend. Registration forms will be shared with our two Catholic Schools, while for parents and children in the non-Catholic schools, Father Enda has sent a letter relating to the October Information Sessions and also registration.

Used Books available outside the Parish

Gift Shop

Please feel free to browse the used books outside the Parish Gift Shop. You are welcome to take any of the books of interest. They are free of charge.

All Souls Day-November Mass for the Dead

We welcome family and friends who come this Saturday evening for our annual Mass for deceased members of our faith community who have died in the past year. During the Mass a candle will be lit for each one, called by name, as we gather in prayer for them.

November Dead List

November list of the Dead forms and envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please return through the parish office letterbox or via the collection baskets this weekend and the following weekend.

First Holy Communion Dates 2025

St. Matthews and Educate Together:

Sunday, 11th May 10:30am

Star of the Sea Boys:

Sunday, 18th May 12:00pm

Scoil Mhuire:

Sunday, 25th May 12:00pm

In Sympathy

We sympathise with Caitriona Fogerty and her family in the death of her sister, Noelle, whose funeral took place last Monday. Caitriona was our Parish Secretary for the past two years. RIP Noelle.

Do This in Memory

This year's program of preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion has begun and our first in the series of "Do This in Memory" Masses is this Sunday, 3rd November at the 10:30am Mass. We welcome the children and their families and we ask you to keep them in your prayers.

Thank You Father John

On Sunday, 1st December following the 12pm Mass, a reception will be held in the School Hall to thank Father John McDonagh for his 14 years of dedicated service as our Parish Priest. Parishioners who would like to contribute to the presentation or assist on the day should contact the Parish Office for details.

Give Sorrow Words

When they said you couldn't eat
we brought you flowers
but you said you hated flowers-
they only wither.
You gave them to a nurse;
you never lost
the young philandering urge.
Yet, snowdrops shone
beneath the window where
you'd sickly lain
and watched the traffic Pass.
(They too are gone)

In this same window bay
we've sat and talked
of babies born, of prices,
inadequacies in
the central heating system,
even of the weather
and ageing friends who've dropped
away from view:
all things save what possessed
our inmost thoughts.
But last night someone smiled
and spoke of you.

- Father Brian Power

