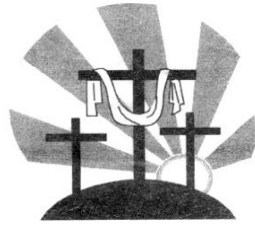


REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested this weekend for Josephine (Fiona) Butler who has died and for the following whose anniversaries occur; Jimmy and Sadie Rigley, William Stokes, Kathleen Houlihan, Peter Cunningham, Edward Lennon, Liam O’Sullivan, Patrick Bateman, Imelda Harding, and for Des Harrold and Eddie O’Donovan whose month’s mind occurs at this time.

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	WHITE BASKET
Feb 12 th 2023	€1,225	€ 513

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.

Many thanks to all our parishioners for your ongoing support and generosity.

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Sandymount

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February 19th 2023

From Ashes to Easter

On Wednesday next, with ashes on our foreheads we begin the sacred journey of Lent. You might see it as a journey with Jesus amid all the cares and opportunities of the modern world.

Next Sunday we’ll begin our journey in the wilderness (Mt 4: 1–11). The following Sunday we travel with him to the top of a mountain (Mt: 17: 1–19). As we walk with him along the road on the following Sundays we will meet interesting people Jesus encounters; the woman at the well (John 4:5– 42), a blind man (John 9:1-41) and then Martha, Mary and their brother Lazarus (John 11:1-45) before our entry into Jerusalem (Mt 21:1-11) and the story of the Passion and Death of Jesus (Mt 26:14-27,66) until on the 7th Sunday, Easter Day, we rejoice in his resurrection (John 20:1-9).

Each of these Sundays allows us to reflect on our own human journey in the company of Jesus. If we can weave our own journey and Jesus’ journey together, it will bring us into closer union with God.

That is the purpose of our journey from ashes to Easter with the Lord, who leads and saves us.

TURKEY & SYRIA Earthquake

As the death toll continues to climb from the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, desperate, grieving survivors have been left homeless and injured with no food and no shelter in freezing sub-zero cold. Archbishop Farrell has given approval for a diocesan collection to be taken up in support of the people of Turkey and Syria affected by the devastating earthquakes on Monday 5th February. The Turkey/Syria Collection will take place on 25/26 February, at 1st Sunday of Lent celebrations, and will replace the SHARE collection. The collection will be channelled through Trócaire, who are working with partners in the affected area. They have the capability to ensure that any funds raised in Ireland will be managed appropriately to meet the needs of those most badly affected. Please support.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign

Trócaire Boxes are available this weekend. The work of Trócaire worldwide is one of the really positive features of the Irish Church and a lovely way to be linked as a family with its very significant work. Please consider entering into the spirit of Lent in support of people in greatest need in Somalia through this invitation to share in the work of Trócaire with your family. The 2023 Lent campaign will focus on Somalia and will use the story of one family to shine a light on the injustices and issues faced by communities around the world and how we can work together to make a lasting change. Somalia is in the grip of an unprecedented food crisis that has left more than half the population of 8.3m experiencing acute food shortages and crippling hunger.

Frank Duff Prayer Group

The monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28th. February 2023 at 4.15 pm in the Parish meeting room. The Rosary will be recited & all intentions prayed for. All are welcome. Refreshments served'

Lent

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday 22nd Feb. Ashes will be blessed and distributed during all Masses. We wish everyone well in making Lent a time of spiritual renewal and of preparation for the great feast of Easter. Our Evening Prayer of the Church in Lent will commence on Thursday 23rd February at 5.30pm in the Church. All are most welcome.

Annual Day of Prayer

The Annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse is an initiative of Pope Francis and is held on the First Friday of Lent, which falls on **February 24** this year.

Scripture and Prayer for Beginners

This is an invitation to journey through Lent exploring scripture and prayer for beginners. Parishioners in Sandymount, Haddington Rd and Ringsend have been invited (but open to all).

On Tuesdays, 7 to 8pm, venue to be confirmed. Starting on Feb 28th. Contact Pat at 085 2544232.

Heating in the Church

We apologise sincerely for the ongoing problem with the church heating system. The problem is with corrosion of old pipework at the back of the church which has resulted in a shutdown. We have endeavoured to get a satisfactory solution and have been informed this week that work will commence next week. This may result in some disruption to access at the rear of the church but we hope to have the heating back asap. Mass and other services will not be disrupted.

World Day for Consecrated life

World Day for Consecrated Life took place on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, **February 2**. It will be marked in the Archdiocese with a celebration on **March 25**. A time of reflection, celebration and song will be presided over by Archbishop Dermot Farrell with music provided by the Dublin diocesan Music group in Dundrum Church on 25th March at 3pm. Light refreshments afterwards. RSVP to Sr Louise, louise@dublindiocese.ie

Knock Pilgrimage

The annual 2023 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, which will be led by Archbishop Farrell, will take place on **Saturday, April 29**. For more information and booking email knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie.

At Lent take time to reflect

Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the Serenity
To accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can
and the Wisdom to know the difference.