



# SANDYFORD PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### ST. MARY'S Webcam Only

**Saturday 30th January, 6pm**

Maura Cody Rec Dec

Kathleen—Health Intention

**Sunday 31st January, 9am**

Jack & May Boylan Anniv

Jack & Mollie Ryan Anniv

Nora Conway Anniv

Nancy Ann Brown Anniv

**Sunday 31st January 11am**

Em Campbell Anniv

Cyril & Patricia Kemp Anniv

Jim & Marry Lynch Anniv

Patrick & Mary McDonald Anniv

Helen O'Donnell Get Well

Patrick Buckley Get Well

**Monday 1st February, 10am**

**Feast of St Brigid**

Dan Purcell RIP

Liam Quirke 2nd Anniv

Sr Brigid Casey RIP

**Tuesday 2nd February, 10am**

Joe Mullan Rec Dec

Health Intention

**Wednesday 3rd February, 10am**

Peter Murphy Rec Dec

**Thursday 4th February, 10am**

Caragh Evans 40th Anniv

**Friday 5th February, 10am**

**First Friday**

All those on the Altar List of the Dead will be remembered.



### REST IN PEACE

We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of

**Nora Cullen and Joe Mullen**

whose funerals occurred this week.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may

perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.



### Prayer to St Brigid

*You were a woman of peace.*

*You brought harmony where there was conflict.*

*You brought light to the darkness.*

*You brought hope to the downcast.*

*May the mantle of your peace cover*

*those who are troubled and anxious,*

*and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts*

*and in our world.*

*Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.*

*Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.*

*Strengthen what is weak within us.*

*Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.*

*May we grow each day into greater*

*wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.*

### Feast of St Blaise

**Wednesday 3rd February**

It is traditional for throats to be blessed on this day.

Due to the ongoing restrictions, we are unable to

carry out this tradition but we will remember those

who are sick in a special way today.

### Parish Updates

Due the ongoing level 5 restrictions, the

**Parish office is currently closed.**

However, phone messages and emails will be checked on a daily basis and will be answered as soon as is possible.

So if you wish to book a Mass Intention, buy a Mass Card

or have a query in relation to any other matter,

please leave a message and one of the parish team

will be in contact with you.

Family Offering envelopes, Christmas Dues etc can be left

in the post box at St Mary's, which is emptied daily.

The Priests of the Parish continue to be contactable by telephone and the Parish Website will be updated with any ongoing developments. If we can help in any way, please

don't hesitate to contact us.

**Fr John 01 295 6317.**

**Fr Paul 01 295 8933.**

Dear Friends,

We all have the capacity to be amazed in front of something wonderful. On the news the other day it told us of an unusual hobby and interest which has developed during the lockdown.

It is called bird watching. There was an interview of a child with her mother on T.V. The girl was describing her wonder at the variety of birds she saw at the bird sanctuary at the Bull Wall. She was recording their colours and numbers. She was learning to recognise each bird with their own distinctive marking and call. She described her amazement and the real wonder of nature which she had come across for the very first time. Although she was not physically at school like most children today, learning was taking place in a different way.

Each of us I am sure can remember a time when we were astonished and amazed. Perhaps it was watching a favourite football team win totally against the odds. A surprise birthday party or the kind message which was totally unexpected.

In the Gospel reading this weekend, there is a scene where Jesus is speaking to the people of Capernaum. We are told by St. Mark that they were astonished and amazed. They were astonished by his teaching with such authority and amazed by his power to release the demons from the possessed man and restore him back to the community.

His teaching made a great impression on them.

Among many people today there is a fascination with celebrities and every detail of the lives they lead. It may be a curiosity about those in the world of sport, music or media and so on.

People are searching today for someone to look up to, to aspire to, and more importantly to something meaningful to fill the vacuum of their lives. Jesus understood this perfectly.

The Lord's teaching which excited the people of Capernaum in the gospel reading retains the capacity to leave us amazed today. For that to happen we need to hear it with new ears. The Psalm in the Mass reads 'O that today you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts.'

The Lord continues to work powerfully among us today. He works in life giving ways in and through us his followers. Despite all the awful things around us, goodness is still happening. We can be amazed at the courage and goodness of many people during this time of lockdown.

May we be nourished by the words of Jesus in our lives who brings inner peace and healing.

Assuring you of our prayers and good wishes.

Fr John Canon Delany



Supporting older people to age at home

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00am – 8.00pm, by calling **0818 222 024.**



### Temporary Suspension of Sandyford Lotto

Due to unforeseen circumstances and a significant delay in the annual granting of a licence the Sandyford Parish Lotto has been temporarily suspended until early February. We wish to reassure you that the current entries will be rolled over and honoured when the Draw resumes.

We wish to apologise for any inconvenience and we will notify you as soon as we are able to continue with this very vital source of fundraising for the Parish.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Parish.

### All Family Offering envelopes and donations to the Diocesan Collections can be left into the post box at St Mary's.

#### DONATIONS TO THE COLLECTIONS

Contributions to the Dublin Diocesan Collections can be made by using the dedicated envelopes in Church Porches, Card Payment to the Parish Office, or the Donate Button on the home page of the Parish Website.

#### FAMILY OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you would like to contribute to the Parish using the family offering envelopes, but have not done so before, please leave your contact details with the sacristan or the Parish Office and we will arrange for a box of envelopes for you.



### St Vincent de Paul Thank You

We the St. Vincent De Paul express our sincere gratitude and thanks for each and every donation given to us, in our Christmas appeal and for all the donations received throughout the year.

Once again the parishioners of Sandyford, Kiltarnan and Glencullen, have been most generous to the St. Vincent De Paul, receiving a total of € 7,370.00.

Your generosity will certainly alleviate some of the financial stresses of the families that request help from us.

**St Mary's Conference Sandyford.**  
**Society of St Vincent De Paul**