

# St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral NEWSLETTER

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**Mass Times** 

**Monday to Friday:** 10.30 a.m. and 12.45 p.m. **Saturday:** 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. (*Vigil Mass*)

**Sunday:** 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Confessions

Monday to Saturday after the 10.30 a.m. Mass

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 

Monday to Friday after the 10.30 a.m. Mass to 12.30 p.m.

### The Presentation of the Lord

Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day. Candlemas is the climax of the Christmas and Epiphany season. It is a feast rich in meaning, with several related themes running through it— presentation, purification, meeting, and light for the world. But Simeon's prophetic words speaking of the falling and rising of many and the sword that will pierce Mary's heart, lead on to the passion and to Easter. Coming at the very end of the Christmas and Epiphany period and so near to the start of Lent, Candlemas has a pivotal and special place in the liturgical year.



# Supporting The Palestrina Choir

It is a 2200 miles round trip to Monserrat and back!

To support us to accept this exciting invitation to represent our choir, parish and city we are appealing to your generosity to sponsor a mile of our journey!

CHOIR

The Palestrina Choir are raising funds for their forthcoming trip to Montserrat in February where they will be joining the boys from the Escolania de Montserrat to sing in the beautiful abbey.

You can support the choir by *Sponsoring a Mile*—this can be done after the 11.00 a.m. Mass this weekend.

Thank you for your support which we do not take for granted.

## On Fridays from 5.00 to 5.30 p.m. there will be Sung Vespers

Vespers is also called Evening Prayer, it takes place as dusk begins to fall. Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God. (Psalm 141:1).

#### Thank You

25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> January 1<sup>st</sup> Collection €1,055 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection €615

#### **Celebration for Consecrated Life**

Archbishop Martin will celebrate Mass for Consecrated Life on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, in the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Foxrock, Dublin 18 on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 3.30pm. Music will be provided by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group.



World Day of the Sick Mass will take place on Sunday 9th February at 3.00 p.m.

in Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock.

### St Paul's Drop-in-Day

Our drop-in-day happens once a month. This is a great opportunity for young adults to come together in St Paul's for a moment of prayer and coffee and have a chat with our facilitators to see what the centre has to offer young people. The next drop-in-date will take place in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay, on February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5.00 - 7.00pm. For more information email: <u>kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie</u>