ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

12th July 2020

End of an Era

This week we mark the retirement of our beloved sacristan, Michael Dillon, and thank him for a staggering 27 years of dedicated service to St. Gabriel's Church, the Priests and the Parishioners.

Michael & Maedhbh moved to Clontarf in 1996 and it wasn't long before Fr. Miceál spotted this new devout parishioner. Bob Alexander, who died last year in May, wanted to retire after his long service, so they were on the lookout for a replacement.
Michael took over in 1997.

Fr. Miceál is safe and well in Beneavin Nursing Home (he and Joan have recovered well from the Covid-19 virus). He sends his congratulations and best wishes to Michael, and his thanks for their many happy years working together.

In April 2013 Michael was very proud to be presented with his Bene Merenti Medal in recognition to his many years of faithful service to the Church.

We wish Michael & Maedhbh many happy years of retirement together.

Fr. Pat

We're Up & Running

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to prepare our Church for opening – our cleaners, those who sanitised the church, the stewards (Clontarf GAA) and all who helped in any way.

Thanks to all who came for your patience and co-operation.

Just a reminder:

- Please come early to Mass

- Remember all safety regulations;

  - ✓ Wearing a mask / face covering is strongly recommended
  - ✓ Sanitise your hands as you enter, from the dispensers at the entrances or from the stewards
  - ✓ Keep social distance of two metres at all times.
  - ✓ Do not congregate in the Church grounds before or after Mass.

- Please take a Wet Wipe on the way in to clean where you sit.
- Be patient and co-operate with the stewards.

As the Bishops have suspended the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, those who can might please attend Mass on a weekday (10.30am). This is a great help in accommodating everybody. Perhaps you could choose a day and make it your "new Sunday"

We look forward to you joining us for our Masses. Stay safe and God bless.

Fr. Pat