



# ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

9<sup>th</sup> August 2020



*15<sup>th</sup> August  
Feast of the  
Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin  
Mary*



Next Saturday is the Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Lady into Heaven, and a holy day of obligation. Masses on Saturday will be at

10.30 am and 1.05 pm

The 5pm Mass on Saturday evening will be the Vigil Mass for Sunday.



Ignatius of Loyola surely smiles on us as we think of how to deal with the unexpected. He came to embrace the possibilities that were opened when his plans and hopes seemed shut, finding freedom in his life as he paid more attention to what God might be doing than to his own preferred ways.

We are happy to tentatively offer some dates in August, allowing that things may call for a further rethink. For details see [www.manresa.ie](http://www.manresa.ie) or phone 833 1352

Taking inspiration from 1 Peter 3:15, we will explore the invitation, "Be ready to give an answer when someone asks you about your hope" in the short August retreats.

Whether or not you join us, we pray that you too will be helped by noticing how the hopes in you are deeply planted and see how God's past and continuing presence in you is a reason to hope. *Naomh Iognáid, guí orainn.*  
*Piaras Jackson SJ, Director*

## *Pilgrimage on Lough Derg's Lakeshore*



Walk and Pray in the Lough Derg tradition on 16, 18, 22, 26 & 30 August.

At times in the 1600's and 1700's when Station Island was closed by the Penal Laws, pilgrims undertook a form of pilgrimage on the lough shore. Walk in their footsteps.

Contact 071 9861518/ [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) for details. Advance booking essential.



## *Website of the Week.*

The Bible mentions trees more than any living thing other than humans. From the Fall to the Crucifixion, almost every major event in the Bible features a tree, branch, fruit, seed, wood or other part of a tree. Trees are also a powerful metaphorical presence in the Old and New Testaments, from the Tree of Life to the parable of the mustard seed.

For the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> August, New Pilgrim Path is devoted to the spiritual dimensions of these marvels of creation.

Access all this at: [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

## *DCU BA in Theology & Religious Studies*

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