



ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

13th September 2020



Please Take Care of Yourself and Others

As the number of Covid-19 cases in Dublin continues to increase at an alarming rate, we need to be particularly vigilant in our efforts to protect ourselves and each other, following all protocols, wearing masks, cleansing hands, sanitizing, and maintaining social distancing.

We are very lucky in St. Gabriel's to have such a large airy church, and also lucky - and grateful - to have a team of dedicated stewards from Clontarf GAA Club keeping us safe.

The church is now divided into two pods, each with a capacity of 50 people. The pods are strictly separate from each other on either side of the main aisle.

If you enter the main door on the left, you will be in Section A, and to the right it will be Section B. You must stay in your section and exit on the same side.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday remains suspended and we are delighted to see increased numbers attending 10.30 Mass during the week. and also on Sunday evenings. If you can come during on a weekday, please do, even occasionally, and allow more space for those who may be at work or otherwise engaged during the week.

Holy Communion is distributed on Sundays at 12 noon for anyone who may be attending Mass on the Webcam, or coming on a weekday, and who would like to receive on Sunday.

The Capital of the World

*"Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?"
Jesus answered, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times".*

Ernest Hemingway wrote a short story called "The Capital of the World!". In it Hemingway told the story of a father and his teenage son. The son has sinned against his father and in his shame he ran away from home. The father searched all over Spain for him, but still he could not find the boy. Finally, in the city of Madrid, in a last desperate attempt to find his son, the father placed an ad in the daily newspaper. The ad read:

'Paco, meet at Hotel Montana noon Tuesday. All is forgiven. Papa.'

On Tuesday, the father in Ernest Hemingway's story arrived at the Hotel Montana and he could not believe his eyes. A squadron of police officers has been called out to keep order among the eight hundred young boys names 'Paco' who had come to meet their father in front of the Hotel Montana. Eight hundred boys named Paco had read the ad in the newspaper and hoped it was for them. Eight hundred 'Pacos' came to receive the forgiveness they so desperately needed.