



ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

27th August 2023



As our local schools prepare to open after the long holidays we wish all the Teachers, Students and Families a happy, successful and fruitful year ahead.

SEPTEMBER PRAYER

We thank you Lord for all that was good during the summer, for the love of our family and friends, for the sunshine and warm days and all the fun times.

As we begin a new school year we ask for your help and pray for your blessing on everybody in our schools. Show us how to work together for the good of all. May we share our talents and abilities to the full and grow in knowledge, wisdom and happiness.

Give us the grace to become more like Jesus in the way we think and behave.

During the school year, let us become builders of your ways and Instruments of your peace.

We ask this school year blessing through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

WOOD You Believe

Wood You Believe: Getting the Past out of the Present; Bringing Healing to our Lives. The Practice of Forgiveness, Moving beyond Loss, Trauma and Victimhood. Workshop Facilitated by Fr Jim Cogley, using his amazing wood carvings to explore core human issues. Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght, D24KA40. Saturday, 23rd Sept. 10am-4pm. €60 including lunch.

Further details or to book phone 01 404 8123 / email retreats@domrc.ie

Last Calls for Summer ...

- 1. Associate Membership** We are (almost) embarrassed when a new fundraising effort is published because your response is always so magnanimous! We now have over €2,000 raised to help sick pilgrims travel to Lourdes with the Diocesan pilgrimage. We will be sending this on to them this week as the pilgrimage leaves on 7th Sept. so if you want to donate, please do so by Monday. Thanks
- 2. Summer Dues** Again we are very grateful for the wonderful response to our Summer Dues collection, all of which goes to the Common Fund, which is used to pay priests wages, pensions and other expenses. If you have been thinking of making a payment, please do so this week.
- 3. Pathways** There are just a few vacancies left for this year's course of Pathways - Adults Exploring Faith and Ministry - in DCU St. Pats College, Drumcondra. contact Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, Director, Pathways Programme on 01 808 7594 or email pathways@dublindiocese.ie