

# ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

30<sup>th</sup> June 2024



## Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Sept.: Associate Membership Appeal



You are invited to become an Associate Member of this year's Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Associate membership means that no sick pilgrim is refused a place because of their inability to pay.

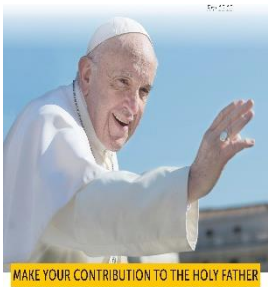
Each year the aim is to take about 150 sick pilgrims to Our Lady's shrine, cared for by a great voluntary team of doctors, nurses, chaplains, helpers and a wonderful youth group of sixth year students from schools across the diocese. This has always been a hugely positive experience for the sick pilgrims, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

The estimated cost to bring a person as part of the Sick Pilgrim section, is about €1,200. Each sick pilgrim is asked to contribute €595, if they can afford it, but no pilgrim is ever refused for inability to pay. **This is where the Associate Appeal comes in to play.**

The Associate Membership fund ended last year in the red, which is very alarming, and we appeal for your usual generosity. There are special envelopes at the missalette stands which you may use for your donation. Please write your name and the amount enclosed on the envelope & drop it into one of the big boxes on the back wall. Alternatively you can drop into the Parish office any morning (except Tuesdays) with your donation. Lists of donors will be taken to Lourdes where Archbishop Dermot will offer a Mass for your intentions. *Thank you.*

### FREEDOM TO LIVE FULLY, UNTIL DEATH COMES

This pastoral letter *Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes* has been published by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference to inform people of faith and goodwill who wish to protect and support human life with dignity and compassion, especially in the last weeks of terminal illness. **The full statement [can be found here.](#)**



### Peter's Pence Collection

The annual collection for the Pope's charities will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. It will replace the usual Share collection both in the baskets and on the Tap & Pay machines. Thank you for your usual generosity.

### Maintenance Work on our Gas Heaters

Maintenance work on our Gas Heaters will continue this week for a few more days after Mass. Areas where they are working will be closed off, so please be careful around equipment, scaffolding etc. Thank you.