



ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

1st September 2024



Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered during the **10.30 Mass this Monday, 2nd September 2024**.

It is intended for anyone who has any illness of mind, body or spirit, injury or undergoing treatment or surgery.

Unfortunately we regret that due to faulty equipment in Tabgha we are unable to provide refreshments after the Mass this time.



Building Hope with Open Hearts

Today marks the launch of Archbishop Farrell's new Pastoral Letter:

Building Hope with Open Hearts. The Pastoral letter is available at all the missalette stands or you can get it online with this link:

<https://dublindiocese.ie/building-hope-with-open-hearts/>.

Here is a short prayer which you may like to add to own prayers:

Jesus' concern is for our hearts... he seeks to draw us close, heart-to-heart with him. May we open our hearts, inviting the Spirit to guide our every action, awakening and enlivening us as we build hope together across the Archdiocese. Amen



Season of Creation 2024: This year's theme:
"To Hope and Act with Creation"

In the letter of Paul the apostle to the Romans, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Canticle of Creatures. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used.

And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather groaning, crying, and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life springs forth.