

# ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

6<sup>th</sup> December 2015



## Lots Happening Next Week!

Our next **Do this in Memory Mass** for the children preparing for their First Holy Communion will be next Sunday at 12pm. *A meeting of parents to prepare for this Mass will be held in the Sacristy on Wednesday at 8.15pm*

It is **Toy Sunday**, when we ask the children to bring a new toy for a child who has none. Please mark your gift boy/girl and age group.



*The Second Collection next weekend will be the annual appeal for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.*

**Food Appeal:** Once again Archbishop Diarmuid Martin has appealed for vital foodstuffs for Crosscare Foodbanks. The Food banks give food directly to individuals and families in need. Special collections boxes will be available next weekend for your donations of non-perishable items such as rice/pasta, tea/coffee, sugar, biscuits, soups, tinned foods, baby foods & hygiene products. Thank you.



## Sacrament of Baptism

Last week we welcomed into our Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism: **Aida Brereton, Marino**



**And for your diary: Carol Service in St. Gabriel's for Christmas Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.30pm**

## We're Nearly Sold Out!

The Christmas event in our Parish shop last weekend was a great success. Grateful thanks to the many volunteers who kept the shop open for every Mass and those who organised the event.

Many will remember Fr. Con McGillicuddy who served here in St. Gabriel's and is now enjoying his retirement in Sybil Hill. But he's not sitting round – he has just published his latest book *“God: Sense or Nonsense”*. It's on order and we will have it in the shop soon.

## Advent in Manresa

**Advent Triduum Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Fri. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**

An Atmosphere of silent prayer and reflection to get in touch with the real meaning of the season and the wonder of Christmas.

## Advent Prayer Evenings

Every Tuesday during Advent, these evenings create 'sacred spaces' to open your heart to the word of God and prepare to celebrate God's great love for us.

## Movies that Matter

**'The Nativity' Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.30**

The film is preceded by a brief introduction and afterwards an opportunity to reflect and discuss the issues and values in it.

**Families with Children Preparing for Christmas Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. 3.00 – 5.00 pm**

An afternoon for Grandparents, parents, and children to come together for carol-singing, storytelling, reflections – and a party!

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## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Sat 6.00 † Helen Moynihan (34<sup>th</sup>A)  
Sun 9am † Mary Murnane (A)  
10.30 † Lorcan Murphy (2<sup>nd</sup>A) &  
his sister Eilish MacGabhann (1<sup>st</sup>A)  
12 pm † Peggy Hickey (4<sup>th</sup>A)  
6.00 pm † John Clancy (2<sup>nd</sup>A)

Mon 10am MASS FOR THE SICK  
**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Mon. 6.30pm  
Tue 10am † Christina Dillon (A)  
1.05 pm † Roger & Mary Kelly (A)  
6.30 pm † Margaret Kohler (9<sup>th</sup>A)  
Wed 10am † Maureen Hamilton (RD)  
Thu 10am  
Fri. 10am † Dan Hampson (28<sup>th</sup>A)  
Sat 10.30 † Brian Malone (12<sup>th</sup>A)

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Sat 6.00 † Kevin Carleton (13<sup>th</sup>A)  
Sun 9am  
10.30 † Alison Ussher Horgan (1<sup>st</sup>A)  
12 pm † Bill Evenden (15<sup>th</sup>A)  
Also remembering Edie Black (RD)  
6.00 pm † Daniel Rooney (MM)



**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
**Feast of the**  
**Immaculate**  
**Conception**

Vigil Mass on Monday at 6.30 pm

Tuesday: 10am, 1.05pm & 6.30 pm

**Special Year of Mercy**

8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016



The Special Year of Mercy will be inaugurated by Pope Francis on Tuesday next, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec., feast of the Immaculate Conception.



We told you last week about the special packs and apologise to all who were disappointed as our delivery came late. They are now available in the Gathering Area and please take them home. The pack contains a

letter from Archbishop Martin, a bookmark with explanations of the beautiful logo, and two logos to use in your home or on your car.

## St. Gabriel's Seniors Club

**Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec** Art with Eleanor 10.30

Final Siel Bleu Exercise at 12.15pm

**Fri. 11<sup>th</sup>** Final Creative writing class at 2pm

Classes will resume in the new year.

**Tues. 15<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Celebration. Tea/coffee 10.30 with mince pies. Followed by music with Tomás Foxe – come dressed for the occasion!

**Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** Paddy Cole Showband, Castleknock Hotel. Enjoy an afternoon with Paddy Cole, also 3-course lunch. All for just €37. Coach departs 11.30am & returns about 5pm. Enquiries to Marion 085 7244325.

**New Year Celebration** Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. Marine Hotel Sutton. Coach transfer, lunch & entertainment with spots. Only €45! Last chance to purchase your ticket – Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. Sure you'd be MAD to miss it!

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