

ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

3rd JANUARY 2016



Churchgate Collection Today

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul are holding their monthly Church gate collection after all Masses this weekend.

Even after the very generous response to their special collection in December, they are having difficulty meeting the huge increase in requests for help from those in need and once again appeal for your generosity. *Thank you!*

Rest in Peace

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Maura Plaisted**, who died during last week and whose funeral will take place here on Tuesday next, 5th Jan. at 11.30 am. May she rest in peace.



In the Tender Embrace of God's Mercy

Fr. Gareth's new book of Prayers, Meditations and Reflection celebrating the Year of Mercy is now available in our Parish Bookshop, price just €5

Many Thanks ..

Grateful thanks to all who have paid their **Christmas Dues**. Dues could be described as your Christmas gift to the priests of the parish as they go towards salaries, pensions and payments to priests in poorer areas. Envelopes are available in the Gathering Area

Christmas Cheer finished its run in the Parish Centre on New Year's night. Each year it has grown in popularity and this year once again it provided plenty of good company, laughter, fun and games, tea and chocolate for all. Grateful thanks to PJ Ryan and his merry band of helpers who made it such a success.

.. And a Request

As we start a new year, could we gently ask you to review or start payments to our **Church Maintenance Fund** (*the only parish collection that stays in the Parish*) by Banker's order or monthly envelopes. Contributions, together with Christmas & Easter Dues, which total €250 or more in any one year, can now be increased by 31% through the tax refund scheme. Forms are available in the Gathering Area or call in or phone the Parish office any morning.