



ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES



27th March 2016

Easter Rising

This weekend in Ireland we are celebrating 1916 and the birth of our nation. Preparations have been in full swing for quite a time. Schools raised the National Flag, were encouraged to rewrite the Proclamation. The leaders of the Rising were conscious of the significance of an Easter Rising and placed their proclamation "under the protection of the most high God". I wonder in our advancement a hundred years later have we forgotten God in our lives?

Today in our churches we celebrate the Rising of Jesus from the dead with his gift of peace to all people.

This gift of peace brought:

- Joy to the hearts of his followers who had lost hope by what had happened on Good Friday.
- He broke down the doors of fear that caused his disciples to hide from their fellow country men and women.
- He provoked "Doubting Thomas" to his act of faith "My Lord and my God".

What does Jesus' Rising do for us? It is a promise that he is with us - "**Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?**" (Luke 22:5) Let Him into our hearts this Easter with his gift of peace.

Many people are lonely in a world that prides itself on communication. May the Easter Rising of Jesus from the dead and our Easter Rising bring hope and peace to our land.

God Bless

Fr. Pat



Thanks!

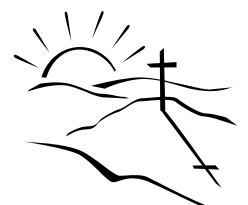
The [Society of St. Vincent de Paul](#) gratefully acknowledges the very generous sum of **€2,437** received in last weekend's special Advocate collection for their Sunshine Fund.

Many thanks to all who worked so hard during the past week to make all of our Holy Week and Easter ceremonies so special — the Liturgical group, Flower arrangers, Readers, Choirs, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Altar servers, the Monday Maintenance crew for the wonderful Garden of Gethsemane and Easter Garden and all those working in the background to make it all come together.

Rest in Peace

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Dermot Norton**, Merchamp, whose funeral took place here on Wednesday, and

Anna Finnegan, Seapark Drive, whose funeral was here on Thursday. May Dermot and Anna rest in peace and rise in glory.



Sacrament of Baptism

Last week we welcomed into our Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Luca Kostic, Redcourt



Don't forget to put your clocks forward this weekend!