



ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES



17th April 2016

Day of Prayer for Vocations

"Go forth and tell the Good News"

These were the departing words of Jesus to his disciples and they have been responded to in different ways throughout the centuries, answering the needs of the times.

The early church was completely run by lay people. The apostles preached and women ran house churches where the Eucharist was celebrated. Later preachers & teachers like St. Ignatius, St. Dominic and St. Francis answered God's call.

In Ireland after St. Patrick we had our own monastic communities and monks like St. Columba and St. Columbanus took the Good News to Scotland and Europe.

In the nineteenth century God kept calling and many men & women responded to the needs of the time, poverty, ignorance, and disease. In Ireland, people like Margaret Aylward, Nano Nagle & Edmund Rice answered the call and started religious communities which spread throughout the world.

Now in the 21st century there are new and greater needs in the Church and in the world and God is still calling.

Today we give thanks for our Bishops, Priests and Religious and pray that our youth may listen to God's call and be encouraged to respond generously.

The second collection today is a special collection for the support of the Priesthood in our Diocese.



Confirmation Service of Light

Today we welcome the young people who are preparing for their Confirmation to the 6pm Mass for the beautiful Service of Light when their parents use candles to signify the passing on of the light of faith to their sons and daughters which they have nurtured in them since Baptism.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated here on Thursday 19th May



Don't forget to visit our Parish Shop after Mass for a large selection of cards, gifts and books for Confirmation and all other occasions.

Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Bridie Flanagan**, Mount Prospect Avenue, whose funeral took place here on Friday.

Many will remember Bridie's wonderful flower arrangements when she looked after all the flowers on the altar for several years. May she rest in peace.

