

## ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

24th April 2016

# Pope Francis' Special Appeal for Ukraine

Pope Francis has launched a special appeal for humanitarian aid for Ukraine:

"I think of the tragedy of those who are suffering the consequences of violence in Ukraine. Besides accompanying them with my constant thoughts and prayers, I have decided to promote humanitarian support in their favour. For this purpose, a special collection will be taken up in all Catholic Churches in Europe on Sunday 24th April.

This act of charity, in addition to alleviating material suffering, seeks to express my personal closeness and solidarity and that of the entire Church. I sincerely hope that it may help to promote peace and respect for law in that land so afflicted."

In the Dublin Diocese, 50% of the ordinary SHARE collection will be donated to the Pope's appeal so we ask for your special generosity in the second collection. Donations may also be dropped into the boxes in the Gathering Area, clearly marked 'Ukraine Appeal'. Thank You!

#### **Rest in Peace**

We offer our prayers and sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Ann Jordinson**, late of Mt. Prospect Ave. and Park



Lawn, whose funeral took place here on Wednesday. May she rest in peace.

#### Gathering for Eucharistic Ministers

Clonliffe College on Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm An opportunity to reflect on your ministry in the Jubilee of Mercy.

(€5 contribution is invited). If you will attend, please let Grainne know in advance on 8087554 or <a href="mailto:litsec@dublindiocese.ie">litsec@dublindiocese.ie</a>.



#### Congratulations and Thanks

The First Holy Communion on Saturday was a beautiful uplifting occasion for all the boys and their families.



It was also a huge success for all those who put in many hours of preparation - the teachers, the parents and prayer friends, the choirs and altar servers, and also the flower arrangers, church cleaners and gardeners who all had the place looking splendid.

Grateful thanks to you all.

Fr. Pal

### St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

Meeting next Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 10.45 in the Conference Room in the Church. Meetings are held on the last Friday of each month. New members are always welcome - just come along on Friday!

#### Sacrament of Baptism

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

Penélope Santos-Paul, Park Lawn

Alex Coyne, Seafield Road
Sadbh Margaret Nash, Brookwood Ave.