



ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES



3rd July 2016

A Message from Fr. Dermot

I want to offer my sincere word of gratitude to everyone present at the Mass for the 40th anniversary of my ordination last Sunday - thank you all for being there! And great to see and meet so many at the parish centre reception afterwards. It was a lovely occasion for me and I feel you all enjoyed it too!

I am grateful of course to Fr. Pat and to everyone involved in the day. And special thanks to all who gave me cards and gifts and to all who offered me warm words of congratulations.

And now, I am on the move! Life never stands still, does it! My provincial, Fr. Tom Layden, has just asked me to join the community and staff in St. Francis Xavier's Church, Gardiner Street. So, after nearly nine years with you all in St. Gabriel's, I must pack my bags during August, say my 'goodbyes' and start afresh in the inner city. So I thank you all too for those nine precious years and ask your prayers as I move on - I will retain many fond memories and keep you all in my prayers too. *Fr. Dermot*

Many thanks to all who helped make Fr. Dermot's reception such a great success, especially and most importantly all who came to celebrate with him.

It couldn't happen without the army of helpers who set up, washed up and cleared up, served teas etc. A special word of thanks to P.J. Ryan who organised the most amazing display of delicious goodies. (and not a burger in sight!).

Churchgate Collection Today

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul are taking up their monthly Church gate collection after All Masses this weekend.

They appeal for your usual generosity.



Our Jubilee Celebrations

While all the exciting preparations are continuing for our 60th anniversary of the opening of St. Gabriel's Church in 1956, this week we have another celebration.

When the church was built it was a 'Chapel of Ease' in the parish of St. John the Baptist, Clontarf Road.

Ten years later, on the 1st July 1966, St. Gabriel's became a Parish Church in its own right. That's fifty years ago this week!

Fr. Michael Murphy was transferred from Halston Street to become our first Parish Priest. The two curates at the time were Fr. Christopher Mangan and Fr. John Baker (*who co-incidentally in later years became a young Fr. Pat's first Parish Priest*).

Have a look at all the Photos

You can now view all the photos from Lourdes and from Fr. Dermot's Mass and celebrations last week on: <http://www.stgabrielsparish.ie/> and look for the links there. (*As our new website is still a work in progress please do not use Google to look for it*)

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We are very grateful to Tom Byrne for all his work on updating our website, its looking great!