

ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

16th October 2016

From Russia with Love

Just back from a few fantastic days on a study trip to Moscow and St. Petersburg organised by the Diocese.



As well as seeing all the sights like Red Square, the Kremlin & the Hermitage, we met with the

Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, Head of the Moscow Patriarchate's dept. of external church relations of the Russian Orthodox Church. He outlined for us the tragic history of the Russian Orthodox Church and the recent revival.

We also visited Lavra – the centre of Russian Orthodox spirituality where St. Sergius is buried and met with Russian Orthodox priests and seminarians. After years of suppression the Church is alive and well. Probably the highlight for me was the visit to the Hermitage where Rembrandt's "*The Return of the Prodigal*" can be seen.

We also attended some of their liturgies. Their icons were everywhere and most beautiful. If you like to google www.mospap.ru/en you can see full details of our visit and lots of photos.

Fr. Pat

Sacrament of Baptism

We have welcomed into our Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Ella Louise Murphy;
Beth Mona Kennedy



Holy Hour

St. John's Church, Clontarf Road
This Sunday, 16th October 7.30 pm
Theme: *Jesus told his Disciples about the Need to Pray continually*



Congratulations!

This Sunday we are delighted to welcome to our 10.30 Mass those couples who are celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th wedding anniversary in 2016.

Please join them for refreshments, some of our special Celebration Cake and an opportunity for family photos.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul gratefully acknowledges a very generous **€1,765** received in this month's church gate collection

Parish Altar List of the Dead

The new Parish Altar List of the Dead begins on 1st November and forms and envelopes are now available in the Gathering Area.

All the Masses on 1st & 2nd November and one Mass every weekend throughout the year will be offered for all your loved ones whose names you put on the list.

Do This in Memory

The first Mass in the Do This in Memory programme for children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion, will be held next Sunday at 6pm.

A meeting of parents to prepare for the Mass will be held in the Sacristy this Monday evening at 8pm.

