

ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

27th November 2016

Christmas Event

This Weekend in our Parish Shop

Cribs; Advent Calendars;
Christmas Cards & Mass
Bouquets;

Books & Gifts for all Ages
Christmas Decorations &
Lots More!

The shop will be open
Before and After
both Masses on Sunday and
both Masses on Saturday
(10.30 & 6pm each day)

Don't
miss
it!

Rest in Peace

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Frank McHugh**, Mt. Prospect avenue, whose funeral took place here on Friday. May he rest in peace.



Sacrament of Baptism

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

April Katie Mahon
Teddy Hugh Fallon



The Season of Advent

Today marks the beginning of Advent and also the beginning of a new Liturgical year. It is the start of four weeks of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

The **Advent Wreath** is one of the best known symbols of Advent. It consists of four candles arranged in a circle with evergreen leaves and a white candle in the centre. The candles represent the four Sundays of Advent and an additional candle is lit each week. The white candle is lit on Christmas Day.

Another popular symbol that we use every year in St. Gabriel's is the **Jesse Tree** which represents the family tree, or genealogy, of Jesus Christ. It tells the story of God's salvation plan, beginning with creation and continuing through the Old Testament, to the coming of the Messiah.

The name "Jesse Tree" comes from Isaiah 11:1: "Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit" The verse refers to King David's father, Jesse, and the "shoot" that grew from the "stem of Jesse," is Jesus Christ.

Each week four symbols will be hung on our Jesse Tree at the 6pm Sunday Mass.

This week we start at the beginning with The Creation (globe), Adam & Eve (apple), Noah's Ark and Abraham.