

ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

6th November 2016

Welcome!



Today we welcome to the 10.30 Mass all those whose loved ones passed away since last November and whose funerals took place here in St. Gabriel's.

They were all our friends and neighbours and it would be nice to support their families. Please join them for refreshments and a chance to catch up on old times in the Parish Centre after Mass.

Fr. Gareth's Poem

Last week Fr. Gareth read a lovely reflection at the end of the 10.30 Mass and we have had several requests for a copy, so here it is:

Christ Comes Disguised as a Stranger

*I saw a stranger yesterday
I put food for him in the eating place,
drink for him in the drinking place,
music for him in the listening place;*

*And in the Holy Name of the Trinity,
he blessed myself and my house,
my possessions and my family.*

*And the lark said as she sang:
It is often, often, often,
Christ comes disguised as a stranger.*

(Traditional, in Ireland and Gaelic Scotland)

Do This in Memory

The next Do This in Memory Mass for the children preparing for First Holy Communion will be next Sunday at 6pm

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

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.



Light a Candle



Lighting a Candle is a Symbol of love and hope, of light and warmth, for our loved ones. It reminds us and others of the saints and martyrs who shone as lights of the world, and of the glory of the Resurrection.

Closing the Holy Doors of Mercy on Sunday 13th November

As the Jubilee Year of Mercy comes to an end, Holy Doors that have been opened all year will close around the world. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will close the Holy Door of Mercy in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral before the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 13th Nov. The door is to the left of the main entrance on Marlborough Street.



You are invited to cross the Holy Door at the Pro-Cathedral any day before next Sunday. Holy Doors of Mercy will also close in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean Mc Dermott St., St. Francis Xavier's in Gardiner Street, and throughout Ireland and the world

It was Pope Francis' desire that anyone passing through a "Door of Mercy" would experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instils hope.

A Week of Guided Prayer

Sun. 27th November – Sat. 3rd December

Do you need some time & peace for yourself? Would you like to grow your relationship with God? Are you looking for a deeper meaning in life? If 'Yes', you might like to join the Week of Guided Prayer for our three parishes. Detailed brochures and application forms are available in the Gathering Area or contact the Parish office during the week.