

ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

18th December 2016

Many Many Thanks!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul gratefully acknowledges a Very Generous €9,250 received in their Special Appeal last weekend.

The Monday Maintenance Men & Friends were out Carol Singing on Wednesday evening. They were delighted with the reception they received and very grateful for your very generous donations. .

Archbishop Diarmuid has acknowledged with thanks the enormous response to his food appeal. Ten big boxes of food were collected here by Crosscare and will be distributed by them to the poor & needy of Dublin.

This is **Toy Sunday** when children are invited to bring a new toy to Mass to be given to a poor family.

Grateful Thanks to all who have paid their **Christmas Dues**. Dues could be described as your Christmas gift to the Priests of the Parish as they go towards their salaries, pensions and payments to priests in poorer areas. Envelopes are available in the Gathering Area.

As we are now operating a new accounting system in line with the Charities Act, all monies received must be accounted in the year of receipt. From this year on, any dues received after 1st January will be taken as for 2017. If you are planning to use your Christmas Dues to bring your total for 2016 over the €250 needed for a tax rebate, you might consider doing it before the year ends.
Thank You.



Carol Singing in the Church

Belgrove Junior Boys School will hold their Christmas Carol Service in St. Gabriel's next Tuesday, 20th Dec. at 12 noon.

The Girls school will have their Carol Service on Wednesday 21st at 11.30.

(with apologies for the wrong order in The Bridge Magazine!)

Penitential Service for the three Clontarf/Dollymount Parishes

In St. Gabriel's Church
Next Tuesday, 20th Dec. at 7.30pm

If you look for Me at Christmas
You won't need a special star –
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.
You may not be aware of Me
Amid the celebrations –
You'll have to look beyond the stores
And all the decorations.
But if you take a moment
From your list of things to do,
And listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.
You're the one I want to be with,
You're the reason that I came,
And you'll find me in the stillness
As I'm whispering your name.

Love, Jesus