

ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

1st January 2017



Our Next Big Event

Sunday 12th February is an important date in our calendar. St. Gabriel's will have the honour of hosting the 25th annual **World Day of the Sick Celebration for the Dublin Diocese.**

Concelebrated Mass and blessing of the Sick with Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will be at 3pm.

There is a **Mountain of work** to be done and we will need **an Army of helpers!** We will have a lot more information for you over the next six weeks and will have meetings for volunteers, etc. but if you would like to get in at the start, please leave your name and details into the Parish Office.

As part of the preparation, a **mailshot** will be sent to every parish in the Diocese in January. We are asked to provide some volunteers to help prepare this on **Thursday 19th January from 9.30 – 2pm in Clonliffe.** If you would like to help please talk to Anne in the Parish office.

Sacrament of Baptism

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

Noah Bernard Tighe

Livia Quinlan

Finn Joseph & Maidhc Matthew Feely

Ben David McCormack

Neala Jane Madden



C is for **Christmas**. We hope you had great joy and happiness at the birth of our Saviour and best wishes for the **New Year**.

We were delighted to see so many joining us to welcome the Lord, especially those who may not have been here for some time and those who don't come regularly.

C also stands for many of the groups who worked hard to make our Christmas so very special:

Choirs and Cantors — Our four choirs all helped greatly to enhance the Liturgies.

Crib — the Monday Men did a great job on our Crib Figures — watch out for the fabulous Three Wise Men arriving next Friday!

Clean Church and beautiful flower arrangements — well done to all involved.

Clerks — we now have team of six Sacristans and couldn't manage without them!

Children — their excitement infects all of us, and their Christmas stories enhanced our Church walls.

Christmas Cheer — has continued in the Parish Centre each evening since Christmas Eve. It ends this Sunday so it's your last chance to drop in for a chat and a cuppa. Well done and thanks to the organisers.

The Liturgy group helped prepare the various Liturgies and the Ministers of the Eucharist, the Readers, the Greeters, the Powerpointers and the Collectors all did their tasks with great care and diligence.

Other teams prepared, packed and delivered our Christmas card and the Bridge Magazine to every house — copies are still available in the Gathering Area. God Bless, **Fr. Pat**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul were overwhelmed by your very generous response to their Annual Appeal in December. Rather than putting you under pressure so soon again they will have no church gate collection this month.