

ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

19th March 2017

Explaining Our New Icon

Many thanks to Bishop Ray Field and all who joined us for the 10.30 Mass last Sunday for the unveiling of our plaque to commemorate our hosting of the World Day of the Sick, and the presentation of Certificates to all who assisted in making it happen. The teas were also very welcome, with grateful thanks to Denis Murphy and his team.



The beautiful icon can be viewed in the Shrine Chapel and requires careful study to get all the details.

It represents our love and care for the sick and their carers and shows mercy, care, response, and reaching out with love. It represents the Gospel story of the raising of the Daughter of Jairus. On the left, Jairus falls on his knees begging Jesus to come and lay his hands on his daughter who is at the point of death, so that she might live. Jesus reaches out lovingly in a blessing gesture, holding the Gospel scroll which signifies the life and love of the Word of God. He then goes with Peter, James and John to the home of Jairus, his wife and their daughter. Taking the child's hand, Jesus restores her to life.

The olive tree in the background, growing in the poorest of conditions, yet still producing olives and olive oil, reminds us of the Oil of the Sick which is blessed by the Bishop on Holy Thursday and carried back to every Parish and Hospital to be used during the year when celebrating the Sacrament of the Sick.



DO THIS IN MEMORY

Next Sunday, 26th March, the 6pm Mass will be the preparation Mass for all the young people and their families preparing for First Holy Communion.

A meeting of parents to prepare the Mass will be held in the Sacristy on Mon. at 8pm. Many congratulations to the boys and girls who have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation over the last few weeks.

Rest in Peace



We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Colette Plaisted (nee Dowling)**, formerly of Kincora Road, whose funeral took place here on Tuesday. May she rest in peace.

Sacrament of Baptism

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

Zoe Victoria Teeling
Róisín Ellen Devine
Harry Alan Costello



Holy Hour

"I am the Light of the World" (Jn 9:5)
Next Sunday, 26th March 7.30 - 8.30 pm
St. John's Church, Clontarf Road.