



ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES



5th May 2017

Fr. John Sullivan S.J.
will be Beatified in
Gardiner Steet
Church next Saturday.



The Chief Celebrant will be Cardinal Angelo Amate, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, assisted by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin.

In an unprecedented ecumenical gesture the formal request for beatification will be made jointly by Archbishop Diarmuid and the Church of Ireland Archbishop, Michael Jackson, reflecting that Fr. John was an Anglican for the first half of his life.

John O'Sullivan was born in Dublin on 8th May 1861. His father, the future Lord Chancellor of Ireland, was Protestant and his mother was a Catholic. He was baptised and brought up in his father's tradition.

In 1896 he made the momentous decision to become Catholic and in 1900 he entered the Jesuit order and was ordained in 1907. He was known for his life of deep prayer and personal sacrifice. He is recognised for his dedicated work with the poor and afflicted, spending much of his time walking and cycling to visit those who were troubled, sick and dying.

Fr. John died on 19th February 1933 and his mortal remains lie in a special shrine in Gardiner St. Church where people come to pray and leave petitions to Fr. John asking him to intercede for them with his prayers.

**You can view the Beatification ceremony
on the Jesuit website:
www.jesuit.ie/beatification**



100th Anniversary of the Apparitions in Fatima



On 13th May 1917 three shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, saw a vision of Our Lady, dressed in white and holding a Rosary. These apparitions continued each month until October and

brought messages of prayer, repentance and reparation.

Pope Francis is due to visit Fatima next Saturday, 13th May, the centenary of the first apparition. Special prayer cards to mark the centenary are available in our Parish shop.

Invitation from the Boys of St. Paul's College

St. Paul's College will be sending a group of eight students and three teachers to Ambo, Ethiopia for two and a half weeks in June.

These are the same students who were so helpful here for our World Day of the Sick Mass and we are very happy to help them now.

As part of the fundraising for this project, some of the students will speak at the 10.30 Mass this Sunday and invite everyone to join them in the Parish Centre for a cup of tea after Mass and to make a donation there.