

## ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

27th August 2017



As our local schools prepare to open after the long holidays we wish all the Teachers, Students and Families a happy, successful and fruitful year ahead.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in our three Parishes on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Parents who wish their children to receive their First Holy Communion next April are invited to a meeting in Belgrove Girls' School Hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. More details later but if it involves you and your child please put it in your diary now as enrolment will take place at the meeting.

## Celebrating Special Wedding Anniversaries



Our annual Wedding Anniversaries Mass for all those who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017 will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October with Mass at 10.30 and reception afterwards in the Parish Centre.

If this is YOU, or someone you know, please give us the details so that we can include you/them in our Invitation List!

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

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





## Teen Hope

Michelle Manley and Siobhan Tighe from the Office of Evangelisation will talk at every Mass in our three churches on the weekend of the 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> September, hoping to get people involved.

Our youth are conspicuous by their absence in our churches and the programme they offer is working very well in other Parishes. I hope we will get a good response to reach out to young people  $\mathcal{Fr}$ .  $\mathcal{P}at$ 

Next Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. is World Day of Pray for Care of Creation



Pope Francis instituted the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation to be celebrated annually on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept.

He says:

"the annual World Day of prayer for the care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live."