

ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

24th September 2017



Parish Volunteering Day

You will have received a form with your Parish notes as you came into Mass today, entitled: Expression of Interest in being a Parish Volunteer.

The Parish Pastoral Council is holding its Volunteer Recruitment Day and hope that you will take a look at the list of volunteering opportunities and find some way that you can become more involved in Parish Life. Volunteering is in your own time whenever you can fit it into your busy lives - daytime / evenings/ weekends and could be weekly / monthly / occasionally.

Members of the Pastoral Council and some volunteers who are already working in these areas will be in the Gathering Area after Mass to accept your forms and answer any queries you might have.

Many people who visit our Church comment on how bright and welcoming it is and the vibrant atmosphere that they experience. We are very fortunate to have an amazing group of volunteers and are very grateful to everyone. There is always room and a need for more, so please take advantage of this opportunity, pick out the areas that suit you best, and come and talk to us after Mass,

Grateful thanks for last week's appeal for Crosscare which amounted to **€2,584**

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society
meeting next Fri. 10.45 in the Conference Room

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Bags are available today for the annual clothes appeal. Collection next weekend.

Safeguarding in Our Parish

Today is also Safeguarding Sunday, when we take the opportunity to update you on this vital matter and to thank everyone involved in making the Church a safer place for children and vulnerable adults.

Throughout the Archdiocese children and young people are encouraged to participate in parish liturgies and Diocesan activities. Safeguarding is about creating an environment which safely facilitates such involvement. Everyone who ministers in the parish must observe safeguarding practices and guidelines.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin is deeply grateful to all the priests, pastoral workers, staff and volunteers who have worked with great dedication to make our parishes safer places for children and vulnerable adults. We have to accept that change is necessary and know, for example that it is hard for people who may have been working in their parish for several years, to accept the need for Garda vetting, but it is now a legal requirement.

We have two Safeguarding representatives in our Parish who have been working diligently to complete Garda vetting of all our employees and volunteers. They can be contacted through the Parish office if you require advice or information on a safeguarding matter.



Sacrament of Baptism

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