



ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

25th February 2018



It's Grandparents Day!

This Sunday at the 6pm Mass we extend a very special welcome to the Grandparents who are joining their grandchildren in their preparation for their First Holy Communion.

We also extend our loving thoughts and our prayers to all those Grandparents who cannot be here — those who could not come because of sickness or frailty, those who live too far away, and those who are with God in Heaven.

Refreshments will be served in the Gathering Area after the Mass.

Grandparents' Blessing for their Grandchildren

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover His face to you and bring you peace. *(Book of Numbers)*

Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over.

Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society.

Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. *(Pope Benedict XVI)*

National Collection for the World Meeting of Families 2018

Please support the third National Collection for WMOF2018 which will be taken up in our parish this weekend (24 & 25 February).

Rest in Peace

We offer our sincere sympathies to the family and friends of **Stephen Hopkins**, Dollymount Rise, and **Vincent Gavin**, The Oaks, Clontarf Road, whose funerals both took place here on Wednesday.

May Stephen & Vincent rest in peace.



Sacrament of Baptism



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

Fia Mary Lynch

Katie Charlotte Ball

Thank You

Many thanks for your contributions to last weekend's special collection for ACCORD which amounted to **€1,280**

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