



ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

13th May 2018



Parish Maintenance

Boxes of envelopes for the coming year are this week being distributed to all of you who very kindly continue to contribute to our Parish Maintenance Fund by weekly or monthly envelope. and for which we are very grateful.

Your donations to the Parish Maintenance Fund help provide all our Altar requirements - hosts, wine, candles, flowers, etc. and help pay for light, heat, insurance, wages and all our day to day expenses.

You may be aware that the two collections at Mass and your Christmas and Easter Dues are all sent in full to the Diocese. The **First Collection** and dues are used to pay our priests and those who are retired, ill, or working in poorer parishes.

The **Share Collection** is used to finance evangelical projects in the diocese such as Teen Hope, which is currently training leaders to launch a project for our youth later this year. It also assists poorer parishes.

If you are not supporting our Parish Maintenance Fund may we suggest you take a look at our 'Yellow Form' in the Gathering area which offers several ways of paying, including a Bankers' Order form. Completed forms can be dropped into the Offerings Boxes in the Gathering Area or handed in to the Parish Office. Grateful thanks for your continued generosity and support.

Fr. Pat

What a Great Occasion

Having the Icon of the Holy Family here for the three days was a unique and wonderful experience for our Parish. The quiet reverence shown by all who came to visit showed great respect and we thank everyone who came.

Jean basically moved in for the week and had everything perfect: the lovely services, the singing and the reading were all carefully and clearly presented.

One lady made a lovely comment; that it was only right to have tea after the ceremonies - because we are all one big family in this parish, and Irish families always drink tea together! We agree!

We were very honoured to be the only Parish in our area to receive the Icon, but nothing happens by chance. Fr. Pat is forever on the lookout for best of everything for his parishioners and it was his persistence that won it for us in the end. *And we are so grateful to him for that!*

Our Next Big Event — PARISH BBQ

Next Friday 18th May 6.30pm

Let's all get together for our annual BBQ next Friday — hoping for lots of sunshine!

This is a FREE event for our Parish Family to meet and get to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere with good food, entertainment, chat - and bouncy castles, courtesy of MSL Park Motors - you could even buy a car! Donations are accepted to cover costs. *Thank you - see you there!*