

ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

3rd June 2018



St Gabriel's Bringing Irish & Syrian Teenagers Together

Made possible by your generous donations to our Refugee Fund, St Gabriel's is spearheading a youth project this summer to bring Irish and Syrian teenagers together through the medium of art.

In co-operation with Youth Work Ireland, the Canal Communities Regional Youth Service, the Amal Women Association and the Islamic Foundation of Ireland, a two-week art project will bring together teenagers from Clontarf, three local youth services (Bluebell Youth Project, The Core Youth Service and Rialto Youth Project) and young refugee Syrians (14-16 year-olds) for two weeks (last week in June, first week in July).

Young people in the Syrian community in Dublin struggle with isolation, finding it difficult to make friends or connect to community activities. These young people would benefit greatly from a facilitated opportunity to develop social connections and community ties through supported youth activities with their Irish peers and we believe that this will also be an enriching experience for our own local teenagers.

If any 14-16 year-old based in Clontarf would like to know more about the project, please contact the parish office (8333602).

Representatives of the Youth Work Ireland and the Amal Women Association will be speaking at our **two Sunday Masses on 24th June** so please come along and listen to what they have to say. (Sorry-not available for Sat.)

Churchgate Collection Today

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul are taking up their monthly Church gate collection after all Masses this weekend.

Novena to the Sacred Heart 31st May - 8th June



The feast of the Sacred Heart is a moveable feast celebrated 19 days after Pentecost Sunday, always on a Friday, usually in June.

This year the feast is next Friday, 8th June. Novena Leaflets are available beside the box for your petitions in the Sanctuary area. Petitions will be collected each day and included in the prayers. Novena Prayers will be recited at all weekend Masses and at the 10am Mass on weekdays.

As part of our Novena, the Sacrament of Blessing for the Sick will be administered on Monday during our usual 10am Mass for the Sick. Teas will be served in Tabgha after the Mass.

Prayer before an exam

Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me. Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together. Help me, not only with this test, but with the many tests of life that are sure to come my way. As I take this exam, bring back to mind everything I have studied and be gracious with what I might have over looked. Help me to remain focused and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me. Amen

Next Sunday, 10th June the 6pm Mass will be a special Mass for all those who are sitting their School Exams.

Best of luck to Everyone!