



ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

17th February 2019



Annual Collection for Accord

The second collection today is the annual collection for ACCORD, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the family. During 2018 this collection helped fund their schools programme in 344 schools, more than 1,300 couples attended pre-marriage courses and about 2,000 availed of their counselling services. Your ongoing support and generosity are greatly appreciated by Accord.



Sacrament of Baptism

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

Jacob Andy Johnson



Evenings in Manresa

The following are some upcoming events in Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality, 426 Clontarf Road. For further details, phone 01 833 1352 or visit www.manresa.ie

Sitting in Silence

6:00 pm to 6:30 pm Wednesdays from 20th February (Donation)

Join a group for some silent time in Manresa - silence will be held between 6 and 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to come at 5:45 p.m. to find out more or for a brief introduction. No booking required.

Lenten Prayer Evenings

7:30 pm to 9:00 pm Tuesdays during Lent, from 5th March (Donation) (Ash Wed is on 6th March)

These evenings create a 'sacred space' for you to open your heart to the Word of God, helping you to prepare to celebrate God's great love for us. You can come for any one evening, or all seven as you wish. No need to book - just come along.

Cardinal Newman cleared for sainthood



Last Tuesday, Pope Francis cleared the way for the sainthood of renowned English Cardinal, Blessed John Henry Newman. A miracle attributed to the intercession of Cardinal Newman has been recognised, clearing him for canonisation.

Born in London on 21st February 1801, the noted theologian and poet was first an Anglican priest and later a Catholic priest and cardinal, who was an important figure in the religious history of England of his time.

Perhaps the hymn and poem that Card. Newman is best known for is, "Lead kindly light."

*Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home,--
Lead thou me on!
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene,--one step enough for me.
I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou
Shouldst lead me on:
I loved to choose and see my path, but now
Lead thou me on!
I loved the garish days, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.
So long thy power hath blessed me, sure it still
Will lead me on;
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone;
And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.*

Fr. Dermot's wonderful book on the life of Cardinal Newman will be back in our shop shortly. We have also posted a beautiful recording of "Lead Kindly Light", sung by Aled Jones, on our FACEBOOK page. Enjoy!