



ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

17th March 2019



Family Offering for Running of our Parish

**Appeal Next Weekend,
23rd / 24th March**

There will be a collection at all Masses next weekend, seeking your support for the Family Offering, which is the **main income for our Parish**.

The two collections at Mass each Sunday go direct to the Diocesan offices and are used for the support of the priests, and Diocesan initiatives.

There has been a gradual decrease in the Family Offering over the last few years. Unfortunately, the day-to-day costs of running our parish continue to rise, despite the high level of volunteer helpers - for which we are extremely grateful.

Members of our Finance Committee will hand out envelopes at the three Masses next weekend for a special contribution for the running of our Parish. We look forward to your support.

Again, thank you all for your continuing generosity to our Parish.

Alma Corrigan

Fr. Pat

Chairperson

Parish Finance Committee

Child Safeguarding & Protection

**Meeting of All Volunteers
Next Wednesday, 20th March
in the Parish Centre**

Garry Kehoe, Training Officer with the Diocesan Child Safeguarding & Protection office, will give us all the information we need, and explain the forms we need completed by everyone involved in our Parish.

Do This in Memory

Next Sunday, 24th March, the 6pm Mass will be this month's preparation Mass for all the young people and their families preparing for First Holy Communion.

It will extra-special as the children are inviting their **Grandparents** to join them in the celebration. Teas will be served in Tabgha after the Mass.

St. Patrick's Shrine



Don't forget to visit our unique depiction of the life of St. Patrick - from shepherding sheep on Slemish Mountain to his return as bishop to bring the faith to Ireland - and banish the snakes!

Grateful thanks to Brendan, Tom and Pearse for their hard work and creativity in putting this together.



Sacrament of Baptism

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

Frederick William Ivory