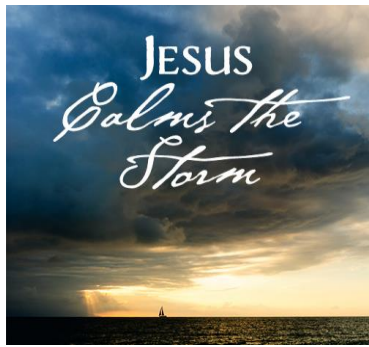




ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

20th June 2021



Archbishop Dermot Farrell Introduces Summer Dues in support of our Priests

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While our churches were closed due to the Covid-19 virus, the first collection at Mass, which provides an income for our priests, was reduced by 54% in the last financial year, and 2180% in the first three months of this year. Funds are now at an all-time low.

The age profile of the priest is rapidly increasing, yet the priests in our diocese continue to serve while more is being asked of fewer and fewer. The ministry and mission of our Church cannot continue without this humble, generous service.

Christmas and Easter Dues also go entirely to support our priests, and this new Summer Dues collection will be used in the same way.

I know that very many people and families have suffered loss of income, employment and changes of circumstances, and thank those who have continued to support our parishes and the clergy. If you can support this new Summer Dues collection, we will be very grateful. Your generosity will provide much needed practical and moral support for priests working quietly and effectively at the heart of every local community of faith.

This is a summary of a letter issued by Archbishop Dermot Farrell for the launch of Summer Dues. The full text is available from the Parish office.

Please take an envelope in the Gathering Area and return it to the Big Boxes there, or the Parish office / Sacristy Thank You!

Can you Help Please

Throughout the COVID pandemic the St Gabriel's Meals on Wheels has delivered over 50 meals daily to our fellow parishioners. Our grateful thanks to our volunteer drivers and to those who volunteered to take the place of drivers who were required to cocoon. As we verge on returning to normal life, the

Meals on Wheel have an urgent need for additional volunteer drivers

as a number of our drivers can no longer continue to give service. We are looking for permanent volunteer drivers i.e. those who are available to make deliveries once a week and for substitute i.e. those who are available to on a parttime basis e.g. to cover for a permanent driver out ill or on holidays. Please ring Mary Power Tel: 01 8334755 Mon-Fri 9.00am to 1.00pm or send an email to tom@stgabrielparish.ie.

We regret that the toilet in the church has been damaged and is therefore out of use for now.
We hope to have it back in good working order as soon as possible.