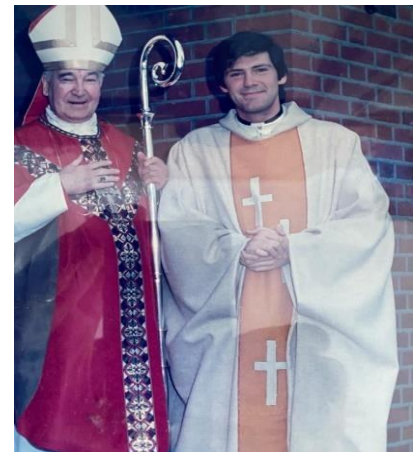
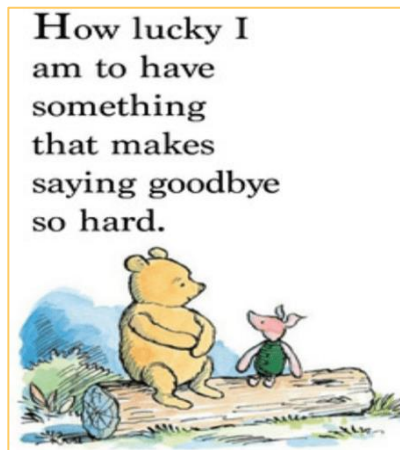




ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

27 June 2021



Ordination Day 1985

This weekend we bid a fond farewell to Fr. Gareth as he moves to his new role as Moderator for the Diocese, working directly with Archbishop Dermot Farrell in the running of the Diocese. It is a hugely important role but with his calm confident nature and extensive knowledge of every aspect of the Diocese, he is definitely the right man for the job. Our loss is the Diocese's gain!

Fr. Gareth's 'Day job' was always in education. For the past 21 years, while living in our Parish, he set up and directed the Mater Dei College Catholic Education centre (MDCCE) which moved to St Patrick's College campus when Mater Dei closed, and joined the expanding DCU complex.

At the same time he was also active in our parish, looked after the 12pm Family Mass here for several years until Mass times had to be cut some years ago, and always participated and was involved in everything that went on.

Twenty-one years is a very long time to know someone and all the harder to say Goodbye. Fr. Gareth is taking a break for July and August before starting his new role and moving to Drumcondra. With Covid restrictions still in place, we can't party like we wish we could, so have postponed our celebrations until September. We have penciled the 10.30 Mass on Sunday 5th September, when hopefully we will be able to give him a proper sendoff!.

We love you Gareth and will miss you. But Drumcondra is not far away and hopefully we will see you from time to time. We are so sorry to see you go but hope you will be totally fulfilled and happy in your new role.

*From Fr.. Pat, Fr. Dermot, Fr. Killian, Deirdre and the Parish Pastoral team
on behalf of all your friends and parishioners*

Congratulations this week also to Fr. Larry White in St. Anthony's,
who celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his ordination during the week..
We send him our warmest regards and wish him good health and happiness and
many more years of service to the Lord.