



ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

5th September 2021



A Fond Farewell

This Sunday at the 10.30 Mass we bid a Fond Farewell to Fr. Gareth as he embarks on his new appointment as Moderator of the Curia. His work will be to assist Archbishop Dermot and overseeing the smooth operation of the various offices involved in diocesan administration.

While we expect to be able to increase attendances soon, for this weekend we must adhere to present regulations. Church capacity is 100, in two pods of 50. Please continue to use the hand sanitisers and wet wipes, and wear your mask when in the Church. We expect a bigger than usual attendance for Fr. Gareth's Mass and if the weather is kind we can put seats outside, or perhaps you could follow the Mass at home on your webcam and then come down to the church to meet Fr. Gareth afterwards. Best plan is to come early and be sure of a seat!



21 years is a very long time to know and work alongside someone, and makes it all the harder to say Goodbye. However, Drumcondra is not far away and hopefully we will all meet again from time to time. We wish Fr. Gareth every success in his new role.

Our Three-Parish App goes Live this Weekend

The new App for the three parishes of Clontarf/Dollymount will be live from this weekend. It can be downloaded through either the Apple Store and Google Play Store. Type Clontarf/Dollymount in search box of your app store, and it will appear. It has the image of the statue of Our Lady at the end of the Bull Wall. Click on the icon and then press Install/Download and then Open.

We hope you will find it useful and enjoy a closer contact with all that happens in our parish.

The Cry of the Earth—The Cry of the Poor

At this time every person on our planet is confronted with two interconnected crises: the coronavirus pandemic and the ecological crisis. Both define our age. Both require urgent action. But it is the reality of climate change that is 'humanity's defining challenge.' Over the coming decades, the havoc of the pandemic will pale when compared to that of climate change.

To respond to the climate crisis, and to mark the Season of Creation (Sept 1st to the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on Oct 4th) Archbishop Farrell has published a pastoral letter, *The Cry of the Earth—The Cry of the Poor: the Climate Catastrophe—Creation's Urgent Call for Change*. This pastoral is an invitation to all people—those in the Church and those beyond—to reflect on the climate crisis in new ways, so that the baptised may live the life of faith more vibrantly, and everyone may respond more actively to the serious situation in which the world finds itself. The pastoral letter is available to read on the Diocesan website (Season of Creation in "Latest News" section on Home Page) and on sale from Veritas.