



ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

26th September 2021



Rev. Canon John Desmond Millett RIP *1929 – 2021*

It was with great sadness that we heard of the sudden death last Sunday of Fr. Des Millett at the great age of 92, and still serving – since 1985 – as Parish Priest of Chippenham, Wiltshire.

A native of Clonmel, he trained as a teacher in Dublin and started teaching in Belgrove in 1949. During his 18 years in Belgrove he was also given charge of the new four-part choir when St. Gabriel's opened in 1956. In 1967 he left Belgrove to study for the priesthood and was ordained in 1971 for the Diocese of Clifton. He was appointed as curate in Bath and in 1985 was appointed as parish priest in Chippenham, where he has remained ever since.

This great man will be irreplaceable in so many ways. To those who knew him, loved him and miss him, in all the areas where he left his mark, we offer our deepest condolences. May he rest in peace.



Can you Help Please?

We are looking for a teacher or a retired teacher to teach a group of children from Howth Road and Greenlanes Schools in preparation for their First Holy Communion or Confirmation next year. The commitment is to teach one class a week on an afternoon in the Parish Centre of Saint John the Baptist Parish. The teaching will begin towards the end of October and continue until May.

For further information please contact our Sacramental Co-ordinator,
Deirdre Ward at 086 845 5573.

Please take care – It's not over yet!



It is great to see so many coming back to Mass and we are doing our utmost to keep everyone safe and well. But we need your help too!

Please continue to use the hand sanitisers and wet wipes, and wear your mask while in the church.

We also need to maintain social distance at all times. We are now allowed 50% capacity, that is 350 at any one time, which leaves plenty of room to keep a safe distance. We have opened all the seats, but please remember social distancing, and not to sit directly behind or in front of another person. *Thank you!*

Supporting Mass Collections

We are very grateful to everyone who has continued to donate so generously to our Mass collections over the past 18 months, through our baskets at Mass, the donate button on our website or the envelopes marked First and Second collection in the Gathering Area.

We have now installed two Tap & Go machines in the Gathering Area. They are easy to use, and a secure and safe way to donate to the Mass Collections without using cash. Please see the simple step by step guide on the poster above each machine.

