



**DONNYBROOK PARISH**  
CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART  
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# Church Notices

*Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2015*

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

FIRST COLLECTION is for the support of priests. The SECOND COLLECTION is for SHARE, the diocesan fund for development, the provision of central pastoral and administrative services.

MANY THANKS to all who contributed towards the Parish celebration of Christmas 2015, especially our Musicians, Adult's Choir, Family Mass Choir, Cantors, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers, Collectors, Flower Arrangers, Church Decorators, Voluntary Sacristans, Voluntary Cleaners & Laundry and our Parish Staff.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL wishes to thank all parishioners for their generosity for their Annual Christmas Collection. The amount received so far is circa €35k. Donations are still being received and accepted and can be left in the Sacristy after Mass. *Many thanks!*

FIRST FRIDAY (1<sup>st</sup> January): Mass on New Year's Day (11:00am) will be offered for all our deceased parishioners, relatives and friends, especially those whose names are on the *Altar List of the Dead*.

WEEKLY PARISH MAINTENANCE ENVELOPES will be available early January from the Sacristy.

### FEASTS THIS WEEK

- *THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS (Monday, 28<sup>th</sup>)*
- *St Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr (Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup>)*
- *MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> January)*
- *Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors of the Church (Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup>)*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:      *Recently Deceased: Elizabeth (Betty) Dunne RIP*

*Months Mind: Feena Finn & Peggy Walsh RIP*

- 6:00pm Vigil: Maurice Fives (*Anniversary*)
- 9:00am: John & Rita Roche (*Anniversaries*)
- 10:30am: Margaret Walsh (*MM*)
- 12:00pm: Colum Kenny (*Anniversary*)
- 5:30pm: John & Bridget Dowling (*Anniversaries*)

Also: Mary Conway, Fergus Ryan, The deceased members of the Rutledge Family, Tony & Christina Daniell, Richard Burke, Maria Helen Dunne, Irene Sharpe, Daniel O'Mahony, Timothy Sheehy, Frances Fox, Lil O'Leary, Fr Michael Hillery, Gerry Hillery, Gerry Larchet (*Anniversaries*)

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# Sharing the good news

**Monthly Newsletter for dioceses and parishes. Issue 24 – December 2015**

## **Bishops' Council for Education on autonomy of schools**

The Bishops' Council for Education issued a statement supporting the autonomy of schools saying: "Faith schools exist because many parents wish to have their children educated in accordance with their religious convictions. If the ethos of faith schools is undermined then the rights of such parents are compromised." The full statement and a related one from the CPSMA are available to read on [catholicbishops.ie/education](http://catholicbishops.ie/education).

## **Fundamental right to housing not being adequately protected**

In a statement issued to mark International Human Rights Day on 10 December bishops expressed concern that the fundamental human right to housing is not being adequately protected. Bishops said that, "Urgent intervention is required to prevent more families becoming homeless this winter." Read the statement on [catholicbishops.ie](http://catholicbishops.ie)

## **NEWS SNIPPETS**

### **President Higgins addresses 30th anniversary conference of ICPO**



On 3 December President Michael D Higgins addressed the 30th anniversary conference of the Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas in Dublin. He said: "The attention you bring to the serious issues facing Irish citizens in prisons both in the UK and in countries around the world is vital work that is appreciated by the Irish men and women themselves who are prisoners, by their families left behind and by all of us here in Ireland who value the good and important work you are doing."

A new research report *A Step At A Time* was published analysing the re-settlement needs of Irish people returning from prison overseas. The report, the President's address and other conference presentations, including those from ICPO chair Bishop John Kirby and Mr Charlie Flanagan TD, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, are available to download from [www.icpo.ie](http://www.icpo.ie)