



DONNYBROOK PARISH
CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
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Church Notices

Saturday 16th / Sunday 17th January 2016

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY will be observed as usual from the 18th to the 25th January 2016. Its inauguration in Dublin will take place at an interdenominational Service in St. Paul's, Arran Quay, Dublin 7 this Monday, 18th January at 8pm. Ecumenical Service will take place in the Catholic Church in Milltown on Sunday 24th January at 3:00pm. All welcome.

List of activities organised by the Dublin Council of Churches for the week of Christian Unity can be picked up at Church exits.

PATRICIAN MEETING will be held this Monday (18th Jan) in the Parish Centre at 8pm and the discussion will be 'After the Synod?' with Rev. Martin MacDonald in attendance. All welcome!

DONNYBROOK ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION AGM will take place on Tuesday 19th January in the Parish Centre at 2:30pm. Annual Subscription is €20 and new members are most welcome! See programme for Spring/Summer on Church notice boards.

ANNUAL CLOTHING APPEAL: (Society of St Vincent de Paul) for clean, good-quality clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc: *Special plastic bags are available at the back of the church this weekend and WILL BE COLLECTED AFTER NEXT SATURDAY VIGIL MASS AND SUNDAY MORNING MASSES ONLY.*

CONSECRATED LIFE – MOUNT MERRION A service to conclude the Year for Consecrated Life will take place in the Church of St. Therese, Mount Merrion on Tuesday, 2nd February at 7:30pm.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2016 The *Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick* is on Sunday 7th February at 3:00 pm in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Merrion Road. *Main Celebrant:* Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. All are welcome to attend.

WEEKLY PARISH MAINTENANCE ENVELOPES are now available for collection in the Sacristy after all Masses and also from the Parish Office during the week 9am – 1pm.

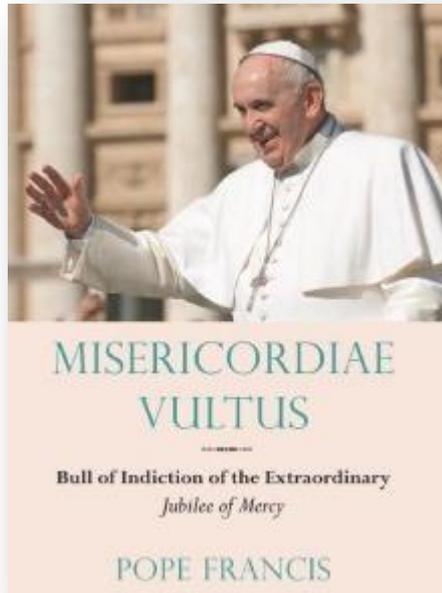
FEAST THIS WEEK

- St Agnes, virgin and martyr (Thurs, 21st)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- 6:00pm Vigil: Charlie Fellowes (*Anniversary*)
- 9:00am: Josephine Fitzpatrick and Marie Purcell (*Anniversaries*)
- 10:30am: Michael Murphy (*1st Anniversary*)
- 12:00pm: Moira Hargaden (*1st Anniversary*)
- 5:30pm: Ellen Tarpey (*Aniversary*) and deceased members of Golden Family

Also: Geraldine Keohane, Liam Little and Joseph Boushell (*Anniversaries*)



- 1. JESUS CHRIST IS THE FACE of the Father’s mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him.**

The Father, “rich in mercy” (Eph 2:4), after having revealed his name to Moses as “a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness” (Ex 34:6), has never ceased to show, in various ways throughout history, his divine nature. In the “fullness of time” (Gal 4:4), when everything had been arranged according to his plan of salvation, he sent his only Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, to reveal his love for us in a definitive way. Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father (cf. Jn. 14:9). Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person reveals the mercy of God.

- 2. We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.**