



DONNYBROOK PARISH
CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
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Church Notices

Saturday 20th / Sunday 21st February 2016

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR ACCORD held last weekend received contributions in the amount of €4,376. *Many thanks for your support.*

PASTORAL STATEMENT OF THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF IRELAND ON THE UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION in response to requests from around the Country is now available in leaflet format at Church doors. Please take one home.

OASIS OF MERCY You are invited into an 'Oasis of Mercy' for an evening of music, reflection, drama and prayer on Monday (22nd Feb) at 8pm in the Monastery of St Alphonsus, Drumcondra.

FIRST PENANCE Ceremony for the pupils of the Teresian School who are making their Holy Communion this year, will take place this Wednesday (24th February) at 12 noon in the Church.

THE SISTER'S CAFÉ Discussion about faith, spirituality, meaning of life and the important role that the Sisters' play in communities across Ireland will take place in the Dominican Adult Education Centre, Mount Merrion Avenue on Thursday (25th Feb) 7pm – 8:30pm. See notice board.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – LED BY WOMEN This year on March 4th at 3pm our parish is hosting the Ecumenical World Day of Prayer. We join with four other parishes in the area using a service written by the Christian Women of Cuba. We invite you to come and join us finding out a little about life in Cuba.

OPENING THE DOOR OF MERCY A Special One Day Conference: Saturday 5th March in the Moran's Red Cow Hotel, Co Dublin 10:00am – 5:00pm. €40 advance booking. See notice boards.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES FOR LENT available at church entrances this weekend. *Please take one home!*

PARISH SHOP

Booklets on Lent and Easter, also The Tablet and Messenger available from the Shop!

FEAST THIS WEEK

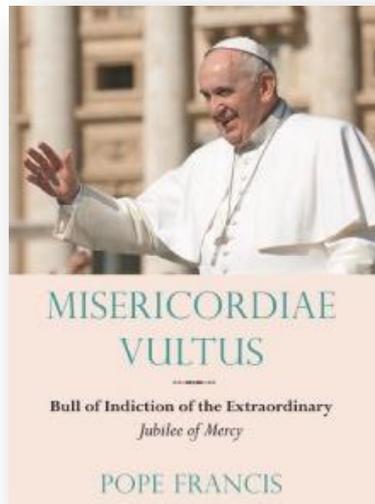
- The Chair of St Peter, apostle (Mon 22nd)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Recently Deceased: Mary Murphy and Margaret (Peggy) Kavanagh RIP

- 6:00pm Vigil: Wally Stephens (Anniversary)
- 9:00am: Jane Wright Taggy (Anniversary)
- 10:30am: May O'Halloran (Anniversary)
- 12:00pm: Albert and Betty Malone (Anniversaries)
- 5:30pm: Noel Cregan (Anniversary)

Also: Maurice Joy, Mary Joy and Greg Mulcahy, Cian Timmons, Gerry Naughton, Mary Buckley and Sr Raymunda OP (Anniversaries)

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10. Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love. The Church "has an endless desire to show mercy". Perhaps we have long since forgotten how to show and live the way of mercy. The temptation, on the one hand, to focus exclusively on justice made us forget that this is only the first, albeit necessary and indispensable step. But the Church needs to go beyond and strive for a higher and more important goal. On the other hand, sad to say, we must admit that the practice of mercy is waning in the wider culture. In some cases the word seems to have dropped out of use. However, without a witness to mercy, life becomes fruitless and sterile, as if sequestered in a barren desert. The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope.