



DONNYBROOK PARISH
CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
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Church Notices

Saturday 9th / Sunday 10th April 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST COLLECTION is for the support of priests of this parish, shared with the priests of the Diocese through the Common Fund. The SECOND COLLECTION is for SHARE, the diocesan fund for development, the provision of central pastoral and administrative services.

Next Sunday is VOCATIONS SUNDAY An opportunity for us all to reflect on our Baptismal calling to live a life of grace and holiness and an opportunity to pray for and foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life A *SPECIAL COLLECTION* to SUPPORT our STUDENTS for the PRIESTHOOD *replaces* the usual SHARE collection. YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. Please see notice boards and overleaf of this notice.

LOUGH DERG Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Season opens on Sunday 1st May with One Day Retreats which continue for the month of May. Booking is essential. The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Wednesday 1st June. You may begin the Pilgrimage on any day between 1st June and 13th August. Pre-booking is not required for the Three Day Pilgrimage. Contact Lough Derg by telephone 071 9861518 OR Email info@loughderg.org.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS:

- This weekend is for the students of Blackrock College who are travelling to Kenya as part of the Machakos project – Phase 3 build of a 400 pupil secondary school. All funds collected will go directly to the construction of the new school. Please support.
- Last weekend your contributions amounted to €5,205 for Donnybrook *MARY AIKENHEAD* Day Centre and Meals on Wheels. *Your support is greatly appreciated!*
- The Sunshine Fund Collection which took place on Palm Sunday received contributions amounting to €2,713 and they would like to thank you all for your generosity!

PARISH SHOP: Confirmation and Communion Cards now available in the Shop!

FEASTS THIS WEEK:

- St Stanislaus, bishop and martyr
- St Martin I, pope and martyr

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Laura O'Connell, John Browne and Irene Grace RIP

- 6:00pm Vigil: Morgan and Mona Crowe (*Anniversaries*)
- 9:00am: *Special Intention*
- 10:30am: Batt O'Shea (*Anniversary*)
- 12:00pm: John Daly (*Anniversary*)
- 5:30pm: Mary Golden and Maureen Martin (*Anniversaries*)

Also: Jimmy O'Connor, Bridget Tuohy and Bill Taylor (*Anniversaries*)

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Pope Francis' Message for Vocations Sunday 2016

Theme: The Church, Mother of Vocations

Vocations are born within the Church: From the moment a vocation begins to become evident, it is necessary to have an adequate “sense” of the Church. No one is called exclusively for a particular region, or for a group or for an ecclesial movement, but rather for the Church and for the world. “A sure sign of the authenticity of a charism is its ecclesial character, its ability to be integrated harmoniously into the life of God’s holy and faithful people for the good of all” (ibid., 130). In responding to God’s call, young people see their own ecclesial horizon expand; they are able to consider various charisms and to undertake a more objective discernment. In this way, the community becomes the home and the family where vocations are born. Candidates gratefully contemplate this mediation of the community as an essential element for their future. They learn to know and to love their brothers and sisters who pursue paths different from their own; and these bonds strengthen in everyone the communion which they share.

Vocations grow within the Church: In the course of formation, candidates for various vocations need to grow in their knowledge of the ecclesial community, overcoming the limited perspectives that we all have at the beginning. To that end, it is helpful to undertake some apostolic experience together with other members of the community, for example: in the company of a good catechist, to communicate the Christian message; together with a religious community, to experience the evangelisation of the peripheries sharing in the life of the cloister, to discover the treasure of contemplation; in contact with missionaries, to know more closely the mission ad gentes; and in the company of diocesan priests, to deepen one’s experience of pastoral life in the parish and in the diocese. For those who are already in formation, the ecclesial community always remains the fundamental formational environment, towards which one should feel a sense of gratitude.

Vocations are sustained by the Church: After definitive commitment, our vocational journey within the Church does not come to an end, but it continues in our willingness to serve, our perseverance and our ongoing formation. The one who has consecrated his life to the Lord is willing to serve the Church wherever it has need. The mission of Paul and Barnabas is a good example of this readiness to serve the Church. Sent on mission by the Holy Spirit and by the community of Antioch (cf. Acts 13, 1-4), they returned to that same community and described what the Lord had worked through them (cf. 14: 27). Missionaries are accompanied and sustained by the Christian community, which always remains a vital point of reference, just as a visible homeland offers security to all who are on pilgrimage towards eternal life.

To read the full message from Pope Francis, please see www.vocations.ie and follow the Vocations Sunday conversation on Twitter @NVocations and using the hashtag #vocationsunday2016.