



# Church Notices

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April / Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016

**DONNYBROOK PARISH**  
CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART  
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## SIXTH 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Girls and Boys from St Mary's and The Teresian Schools who were Confirmed last Sunday!

**PRAYER FOR STUDENTS SITTING EXAMS** A book in which you can enter the names of those sitting Exams this year is at the main entrance of the Church. Prayers will be said for the intentions of all those whose names entered into this book from now to the middle of June.

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY (2<sup>nd</sup> May)** There will be one morning Mass only at 11:00am.

**FIRST FRIDAY (6<sup>th</sup> May):** Masses at 7:30am and 10:00am will be offered for all our deceased parishioners, relatives and friends, especially those whose names are on the *Altar List of the Dead*.

**FIRST COMMUNION** Candidates for First Communion from The Teresian School will celebrate their First Communion here next Saturday (7<sup>th</sup> May) at 11:30am.

**FR. JOHN SULLIVAN, S.J.** The annual anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving for the Life and Work of The Servant of God, The Venerable Fr. John Sullivan, S.J. will be celebrated in Clongowes Wood College on Sunday next, 8<sup>th</sup> May at 3:00pm. Principal Celebrant – Bishop Denis Nulty. All are welcome! On Wed 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016 Pope Francis approved the Beatification of Fr John Sullivan SJ.

### CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS:

- Last weekend your contributions amounted to €2,228 for UKRAINE collection. Many thanks!
- Also last weekend a contribution of € 932.00 was collected towards Donnybrook Tidy Towns.

**D.A.R.A. Trip to Wexford** (Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>) Bus leaves from the top of Ailesbury Road at 11:00am Sharp.

**PARISH SHOP:** A variety of Communion gifts and cards are available in the parish shop!

### FEASTS THIS WEEK:

- St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- SS Philip and James, Apostles (Tue 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Bl. Edmund Rice (Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Recently Deceased:** Gabriel Brennan and Patricia Moran RIP  
**Months Mind:** John Browne RIP

- 6:00pm Vigil: Nora Byrne (Anniversary)
- 9:00am: *Special Intention*
- 10:30am: *Special Intention*
- 12:00pm: *Special Intention*
- 5:30pm: *Special Intention [Celebration Mass for Tony Malone – 60 years' Service to the Parish]*  
Refreshments in Parish Centre after this Mass for Tony – All Welcome!

**Also:** Desmond O'Brien, Anne, William and Philip Murray, Desmond Walsh, Eddie Gleeson, Tony Tighe, Mick Padden, Jim Reddington, Ian Hanna, Tom Corr, Kevin Quinn and Joseph Mary Plunkett (Anniversaries)



## **AMOR LAETITIA: THE JOY OF LOVE**

**This Exhortation is especially timely in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. First, because it represents an invitation to Christian families to value the gifts of marriage and the family, and to persevere in a love strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment fidelity and patience. Second, because it seeks to encourage everyone to be a sign of mercy and closeness wherever family life remains imperfect or lacks peace and joy.**

**I will begin with an opening chapter inspired by the Scriptures, to set a proper tone. I will then examine the actual situation of families, in order to keep firmly grounded in reality. I will go on to recall some essential aspects of the Church's teaching on marriage and the family, thus paving the way for two central chapters dedicated to love. I will then highlight some pastoral approaches that can guide us in building sound and fruitful homes in accordance with God's plan, with a full chapter devoted to the raising of children. Finally, I will offer an invitation to mercy and the pastoral discernment of those situations that fall short of what the Lord demands of us, and conclude with a brief discussion of family spirituality.**

**Given the rich fruits of the two-year Synod process, this Exhortation will treat, in different ways, a wide variety of questions. This explains its inevitable length. Consequently, I do not recommend a rushed reading of the text. The greatest benefit, for families themselves and for those engaged in the family apostolate, will come if each part is read patiently and carefully, or if attention is paid to the parts dealing with their specific needs. It is likely, for example, that married couples will be more concerned with Chapters Four and Five, and pastoral ministers with Chapter Six, while everyone should feel challenged by Chapter Eight. It is my hope that, in reading this text, all will feel called to love and cherish family life, for "families are not a problem; they are first and foremost an opportunity".<sup>4</sup>**

<sup>4</sup> Address at the Meeting of Families in Santiago de Cuba (22 September 2015): L'Osservatore Romano, 24 September 2015, p. 7.