



DONNYBROOK PARISH
CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
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Church Notices

Saturday 21st / Sunday 22nd May 2016

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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 WEEKEND instead of the usual SHARE collection there will be a special collection to help fund the World Meeting of Families, which is taking place in Dublin in 2018. This is a National Collection which will be held each year in every Dioceses up to and including 2018.

Annual Collection for the Youth services of Crosscare which took place last weekend totalled €5,011.00 in contributions. Many thanks!

PRAYERS 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 are entered into this book from now to the middle of June.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION led by Archbishop Martin will take place in the grounds of Clonliffe College on Thursday 26th May at 7:30pm. Children who received their First Communion this year are particularly welcome. *Assemble in the Ambulatory behind college.*

PATHWAYS – EXPLORING FAITH AND MINISTRY If you are willing to listen to the experience of others, have a desire to explore your faith and an interest in new ideas.... Then Pathways might be the course for you! Information leaflets at main doors of church.

PONTIFICAL IRISH COLLEGE ROME A course for Parishioners ‘Opening the Door of Mercy’ 5th – 9th September 2016. Please pick up a leaflet at main doors.

THE RATHMINES, RANELAGH & RATHGAR HISTORICAL SOCIETY are holding an Illustrated Talk on ‘Things you did not know about the Statues and Sculptures of Dublin’ by Neal Doherty on Thursday 26th May in Rathmines Town Hall at 8:00pm. (Visitors: €3.00) All welcome.

VOLUNTEERS FOR HOSPICE SUNFLOWER DAYS Our Lady’s Hospice and Care Services, Harold’s Cross and Blackrock are in urgent need of your help. Sunflower Days – 10th and 11th June. If you could donate an hour or two of your time to lend a hand selling Sunflower pins to help raise funds please contact Ann or Imelda on 01 4911072 or fundraising@olh.ie Thank you.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS: This weekend is for CASA – a voluntary group providing pilgrimages to Lourdes, social events and respite to people with disabilities. Please support.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: *Recently Deceased:* Patricia (Pat) Fanning, Phil Keena and Ormulo Ortiz RIP

- 6:00pm Vigil: Tom and Sheila Collins (*Anniversaries*)
- 9:00am: Nuala O’Hart (*Anniversary*)
- 10:30am: Dolores Gavin (*Anniversary*)
- 12:00pm: Daniel Killeen (*Anniversary*)
- 5:30pm: Ton and Sheila Collins (*Anniversaries*)

Also: Mary McDonogh, Terry Dever, Mark Taylor, Stephen McDonagh (*Anniversaries*) and Janet O’Sullivan (*1st Anniversary*)



AMOR LAETITIA:

CHAPTER TWO

THE EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES OF FAMILIES

“Faithful to Christ’s teaching we look to the reality of the family today in all its complexity, with both its lights and shadows... Anthropological and cultural changes in our times influence all aspects of life and call for an analytic and diversified approach”.⁹ Several decades ago, the Spanish bishops noted that families have come to enjoy greater freedom “through an equitable distribution of duties, responsibilities and tasks”, indeed, “a greater emphasis on personal communication between the spouses helps to make family life more humane”, while “neither today’s society nor that to which we are progressing allow an uncritical survival of older forms and models”.¹⁰ It is also evident that “the principal tendencies in anthropological-cultural changes” are leading “individuals, in personal and family life, to receive less and less support from social structures than in the past.”¹¹

On the other hand, “equal consideration needs to be given to the growing danger represented by an extreme individualism which weakens family bonds and ends up considering each member of the family as an isolated unit, leading in some cases to the idea that one’s personality is shaped by his or her desires, which are considered absolute”.¹² “The tensions created by an overly individualistic culture, caught up with possessions and pleasures, leads to intolerance and hostility in families”.¹³ Here I would also include today’s fast pace of life, stress and the organization of society and labour, since all these are cultural factors which militate against permanent decisions.

⁹ Relatio Synodi 2014, 5.

¹⁰ SPANISH BISHOPS’ CONFERENCE, *Matrimonio y familia* (6 July 1979), 3, 16. 23.

¹¹ Relatio Finalis 2015, 5.

¹² Relatio Synodi 2014, 5.

¹³ Relatio Finalis 2015, 8.