



DONNYBROOK PARISH
CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
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Church Notices

Saturday 4th / Sunday 5th June 2016

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018 Your contributions towards this collection last weekend replacing SHARE amounted to €3,182.00. *Many thanks.*

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY (6th June) There will be one morning Mass only at 11:00am.

- *The Women's Mini Marathon will take place on this day (afternoon road closures/possible traffic congestion). See notice boards for course route.*

CONGRATULATIONS to Ciara Byrne and Jonas Espvall who were married this weekend!

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 COLLECTION this weekend's collection is for the Beech Hill Summer Project - a group of volunteers (parents) who organise summer trips for children whose parents have gone through hard times and cannot afford a family holiday. Fundraising for this project has been a struggle in the last year or so, your support would be greatly appreciated.

Please help us give the local children a great summer.

PARISH SHOP: A reminder to all that the Parish Shop is open before and after all Masses and we have quite a few new items in store. Come and take a look! [Shop is located beside St Joseph's Altar]

FEASTS THIS WEEK:

- St Jarlath, bishop (Mon 6th)
- St Colman, bishop (Tue 7th)
- St Columba (Colum Cille), abbot and missionary, secondary patron of Ireland (Thurs 9th)
- St Barnabas, apostle (Sat 11th)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: *Recently Deceased:* Mary Irwin, Barry O'Keeffe and Rose Ó'Giollain RIP
Months Mind: Ita Hackett RIP

- 6:00pm Vigil: Joan Hughes (1st Anniversary)
[Correction: Last weekend intention should have read Mary Cassidy (10th Anniversary)]
- 9:00am: Bridie Coone (Anniversary)
- 10:30am: Jim Connell (Anniversary)
- 12:00pm: Maeve Mooney (Anniversary)
- 5:30pm: Catherine McDowell (Anniversary)

Also: Christy and Patricia Shortt, Declan Costello, John McGlade and Kathleen O'Neill (Anniversaries)



AMOR LAETITIA:

CHAPTER TWO

THE EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES OF FAMILIES

As Christians, we can hardly stop advocating marriage simply to avoid countering contemporary sensibilities, or out of a desire to be fashionable or a sense of helplessness in the face of human and moral failings. We would be depriving the world of values that we can and must offer. It is true that there is no sense in simply decrying present-day evils, as if this could change things. Nor is it helpful to try to impose rules by sheer authority. What we need is a more responsible and generous effort to present the reasons and motivations for choosing marriage and the family, and in this way to help men and women better to respond to the grace that God offers them.

We also need to be humble and realistic, acknowledging that at times the way we present our Christian beliefs and treat other people has helped contribute to today's problematic situation. We need a healthy dose of self-criticism. Then too, we often present marriage in such a way that its unitive meaning, its call to grow in love and its ideal of mutual assistance are overshadowed by an almost exclusive insistence on the duty of procreation. Nor have we always provided solid guidance to young married couples, understanding their timetables, their way of thinking and their concrete concerns. At times we have also proposed a far too abstract and almost artificial theological ideal of marriage, far removed from the concrete situations and practical possibilities of real families. This excessive idealization, especially when we have failed to inspire trust in God's grace, has not helped to make marriage more desirable and attractive, but quite the opposite.

We have long thought that simply by stressing doctrinal, bioethical and moral issues, without encouraging openness to grace, we were providing sufficient support to families, strengthening the marriage bond and giving meaning to marital life. We find it difficult to present marriage more as a dynamic path to personal development and fulfilment than as a lifelong burden. We also find it hard to make room for the consciences of the faithful, who very often respond as best they can to the Gospel amid their limitations, and are capable of carrying out their own discernment in complex situations. We have been called to form consciences, not to replace them.