



DONNYBROOK PARISH
CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
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Church Notices

Saturday 15th/ Sunday 16th October 2016

TWENTY-NINTH 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.

MISSION SUNDAY 2015 The Annual Collection for the *Pontifical Mission Societies* will replace the *SHARE* collection next weekend – 22nd/23rd October. The theme for Mission Sunday this year is: “Every Christian is a Missionary of Mercy.” Pope Francis says: “We need Christians who make God’s mercy and tenderness to every creature visible to people today.”

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION: Last weekend your contributions towards the *PETER McVERRY TRUST* raised € 4,188. *Many thanks for your generosity.*

YOUTH MINISTRY We are delighted to announce that our new ‘Ministry for Youth’ group has now been set up. We invite all young people present to complete our Survey Sheet which you will find at the Church doors. Parents may take one home for their young people.

FAMILY MASS: A reminder that our Family Mass Committee are holding an Open Forum style meeting in the Parish Centre this Monday 17th October, at 8pm. We also would love to receive suggestions or comments from you to help develop the Family Mass in a way that enriches the life of the parish. Feedback may also be emailed to secretary@donnybrookparish.ie by those unable to attend the meeting.

PATRICIANS MEETING will place this Monday 17th October at 8pm in the Parish Centre – Room One – and the discussion will be ‘Aspects of the contribution of the Jesuits to Irish Society’ with Fr Frank Sammon SJ in attendance. *All welcome.*

CONGRATULATIONS to Caroline Delaney and Conor Grogan who were married this Saturday!

OCTOBER BANK HOLIDAY DUBLIN MARATHON This year the Dublin Marathon will take place on SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER and the route will come down Foster Ave onto *Stillorgan Road, Nutley Lane and Merrion Road* – please see the Route Timetable on notice boards. If you need further information, contact office@dublinmarathon.ie

FEASTS THIS WEEK:

- St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr (*Mon, 17th*)
- St Luke, evangelist (*Tues, 18th*)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: *Recently Deceased:* Paul Greenan and Angela Carr *RIP*

- 6:00pm Vigil: John and Susan McCarthy (*Anniversary*)
- 9:00am: Dervilla Mahon (*Anniversary*)
- 10:30am: Valerie Woods (*Anniversary*)
- 12:00pm: Mel Carrigy (*Anniversary*)
- 5:30pm: John and Eithne O’Callaghan (*Anniversaries*)

Also: Peter Ellison and Dr Brendan Murphy (*Anniversaries*)



CHAPTER FIVE

LOVE MADE FRUITFUL

165. Love always gives life. Conjugal love “does not end with the couple...The couple, in giving themselves to one another, give not just themselves but also the reality of children, who are a living reflection of their love, a permanent sign of their conjugal unity and a living and inseparable synthesis of their being a father and a mother”.¹⁷⁶

WELCOMING A NEW LIFE

166. The family is the setting in which a new life is not only born but also welcomed as a gift of God. Each new life “allows us to appreciate the utterly gratuitous dimension of love, which never ceases to amaze us. It is the beauty of being loved first: children are loved even before they arrive”.¹⁷⁷ Here we see a reflection of the primacy of the love of God, who always takes the initiative, for children “are loved before having done anything to deserve it”.¹⁷⁸ And yet, “from the first moments of their lives, many children are rejected, abandoned, and robbed of their childhood and future. There are those who dare to say, as if to justify themselves, that it was a mistake to bring these children into the world. This is shameful! ... How can we issue solemn declarations on human rights and the rights of children, if we then punish children for the errors of adults?”¹⁷⁹ If a child comes into this world in unwanted circumstances, the parents and other members of the family must do everything possible to accept that child as a gift from God and assume the responsibility of accepting him or her with openness and affection. For “when speaking of children who come into the world, no sacrifice made by adults will be considered too costly or too great, if it means the child never has to feel that he or she is a mistake, or worthless or abandoned to the four winds and the arrogance of man”.¹⁸⁰ The gift of a new child, entrusted by the Lord to a father and a mother, begins with acceptance, continues with lifelong protection and has as its final goal the joy of eternal life.

¹⁷⁶ JHON PAUL II, Apostolic Exhortation *Familiaris Consortio*, (22 November 1981), 14; AAS 74 (1982), 96.

¹⁷⁷ Catechesis (11 February 2015): *UOsservatore Romano*, 12 February 2015, p. 8.

¹⁷⁸ *Ibid.*

¹⁷⁹ Catechesis (8 April 2015): *UOsservatore Romano*, 9 April 2015, p. 8.

¹⁸⁰ *Ibid.*