



DONNYBROOK PARISH
CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
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Church Notices

Saturday 10th / Sunday 11th December 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST COLLECTION is for the support of priests of this parish, shared with the priests of the Diocese through the Common Fund.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION The Annual Collection for the St Vincent de Paul replaces *SHARE* collection this weekend. Letters have been distributed to parishioners over the last couple of weeks and can be picked up at Church doors for those who did not receive one.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE will be available this Sunday and next Sunday before and after all Masses and before and after the 5:30pm Mass this Sunday.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE is now available at Church doors, please take one home with you.

PATRICIAN MEETING The next meeting takes place on Monday (12th Dec) at 8pm in the Parish Centre and the discussion will be 'Rome and Ireland' with Rev. Noel Barber SJ in attendance.

DONNYBROOK ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION gathering next Tuesday (13th Dec) at 2:30pm in the Parish Centre for Christmas songs and carols with The Bell Canto Singers.

CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE with Donnybrook Children's Choir and St Mary's School Choir is taking place next Sunday (18th Dec) at 3pm followed by mince pies/hot chocolate in the Parish Centre.

CROSSCARE FOOD BANK Please bring non-perishable food items **ONLY** to the **Church** any Sunday before or after Mass or on weekdays to the Parish Centre during office hours (Monday to Friday 9:30am – 1pm) up to and including Sun 18th Dec.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION Next weekend there will be a collection for Donnybrook Fair Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

PARISH SHOP Available from the Shop this weekend!

- Advent Candles and Calendars
- Parish Christmas Cards
- Cribs



FEASTS THIS WEEK:

- St Lucy, virgin and martyr (Tue, 13th)
- St John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church (Wed, 14th)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Recently Deceased: Fr Colm Kenny [Ballymun Road Parish] and Daniel John Dillon RIP

Months Mind: Walter Allwright RIP

- 6:00pm Vigil: Lady Pamela Esmonde (Anniversary)
- 9:00am: Frank and Grace Egan (Anniversaries)
- 10:30am: Mary Rooney Richardson (5th Anniversary)
- 12:00pm: Richard Molloy (Anniversary)
- 5:30pm: Frank Delaney (Anniversary)

Also: Monsignor Michael Nolan, Derville Gleeson, Bairbre Carton, Thomas L O'Halloran, Maureen and Joe Dain, Molly and John Keane, John and Mairead McCarthy, Teresa Lynch, Jim O'Mara, Larry Leavy, William and Margaret Redmond, Jane Sparks, Tom O'Hart, Alison and Jack Connell, Brigid Hooper, Finbarr O'Leary, Joseph Gilroy and John Drumgoole (Anniversaries)

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CHAPTER FIVE

THE LOVE OF A MOTHER AND FATHER

176. We often hear that ours is “a society without fathers”. In Western culture, the father figure is said to be symbolically absent, missing or vanished. Manhood itself seems to be called into question. The result has been an understandable confusion. “At first, this was perceived as a liberation: liberation from the father as master, from the father as the representative of a law imposed from without, from the father as the arbiter of his children’s happiness and an obstacle to the emancipation and autonomy of young people. In some homes authoritarianism once reigned and, at times, even oppression”.¹⁹⁴ Yet, “as often happens, one goes from one extreme to the other. In our day, the problem no longer seems to be the overbearing presence of the father so much as his absence, his not being there. Fathers are often so caught up in themselves and their work, and at times in their own self-fulfilment, that they neglect their families.
177. God sets the father in the family so that by the gifts of his masculinity he can be “closed to his wife and share everything, joy and sorrow, hope and hardship. And to be close to his children as they grow – when they play and when they work, when they are carefree and when they are distressed, when they are talkative and when they are silent, when they are daring and when they are afraid, when they stray and when they get back on the right path. To be a father who is always present. When I say ‘present’, I do not mean ‘controlling’. Fathers who are too controlling overshadow their children, they don’t let them develop”.¹⁹⁷ Some fathers feel they are useless or unnecessary, but the fact is that “children need to find a father waiting for them when they return home with their problems. They may try hard not to admit it, not to show it, but they need it”.¹⁹⁸ It is not good for children to lack a father and to grow up before they are ready.

¹⁹⁴ Catechesis (28 January 2015): *L'Osservatore Romano*, 29 January 2015, p. 8.

¹⁹⁷ Catechesis (4 February 2015), *L'Osservatore Romano*, 5 February 2015, p. 8.

¹⁹⁸ Ibid..