

DONNYBROOK PARISH
CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
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Church Notices

Saturday 17th / Sunday 18th December 2016

FOURTH 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. The **SECOND COLLECTION** is for SHARE, the diocesan fund for development, the provision of central pastoral and administrative services.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION The Annual Collection for the St Vincent de Paul went very well last weekend and the conference would like to thank everyone for their generosity, donations are still coming in and we hope to have a total of your contributions shortly.

YOUNG ADULT MASS – 5:30pm Our Young Adult committee is looking to start a choir for the 5.30pm Mass on Sundays. If you would be interested in singing at this Mass or getting involved in any other way, please put your contact details on the sheet at the Church doors this weekend. All are welcome!

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE will be available this Sunday before and after all morning Masses.

CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE with Donnybrook Children's Choir and St Mary's School Choir is taking place this Sunday at 3pm followed by mince pies/hot chocolate in the Parish Centre. All welcome!

THE TERESIAN SCHOOL – CAROL SERVICE will take place on Wednesday 21st December in the Church at 7pm. All welcome!

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

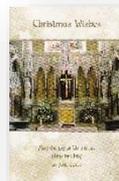
CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER is now available at Church doors, please take one home.

CROSSCARE FOOD BANK There is still time to bring non-perishables food items to the Parish Office next Mon – Wed 9:30am – 1pm.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION This weekend is for Donnybrook Fair Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

PARISH SHOP Available from the Shop this weekend!

- Advent Candles and Calendars
- Parish Christmas Cards
- Cribs



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Recently Deceased: Nora Ward, Anna O'Dwyer, Joan Lyons, Margaret Warfield and Anna Mahon RIP

- 6:00pm Vigil: Mathew Kenny (*Anniversary*)
- 9:00am: Dr Pamela Conroy (*Anniversary*)
- 10:30am: Denis McAuliffe (*Anniversary*)
- 12:00pm: Anne-Maria Dennis (*Anniversary*)
- 5:30pm: Mary Ensor (*Anniversary*)

Also: Louie and Sheila Smith, Carmel O'Shea, Madge and Mary-Anne Smyth, Vincent and Cyril Sutton, Séamus Daltún, Basil Carr, Frank Delaney and Hilda Cullen (*Anniversaries*) and Betty Dunne (1st *Anniversary*)



CHAPTER FIVE

AN EXPANDING FRUITFULNESS

- 183. A married couple who experience the power of love know that this love is called to bind the wounds of the outcast, to foster a culture of encounter and to fight for justice. God has given the family the job of “domesticating” the world²⁰⁵ and helping each person to see fellow human beings as brothers and sisters. “An attentive look at the everyday life of today’s men and women immediately shows the omnipresent need for a healthy injection of family spirit... Not only is the organization of ordinary life increasingly thwarted by a bureaucracy completely removed from fundamental human bonds, but even social and political mores show signs of degradation”. ²⁰⁶For their part, open and caring families find a place for the poor and build friendships with those less fortunate than themselves. In their efforts to live according to the Gospel, they are mindful of Jesus’ words: “As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me (*Mt 25:40*)”. In a very real way, their lives express what is asked of us all: “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed” (*Lk 14:12-14*). You will be blessed! Here is the secret to a happy family.**
- 184. By their witness as well as their words, families speak to others of Jesus. They pass on the faith, they arouse a desire for God and they reflect the beauty of the Gospel and its way of life. Christian marriages thus enliven society by their witness of fraternity, their social concern, their outspokenness on behalf of the underprivileged, their luminous faith and their active hope. Their fruitfulness expands and in countless ways makes God’s love present in society.**

²⁰⁵ Cf. Catechesis (16 September 2015): *L'Osservatore Romano*, 17 September 2015, p. 8.

²⁰⁶ Catechesis (7 October 2015): *L'Osservatore Romano*, 9 October 2015, p. 8.