



DONNYBROOK PARISH
CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
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Church Notices

Saturday 21st/ Sunday 22nd January 2017

THIRD 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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (as mentioned last weekend) is observed from the 18th to the 25th January 2017 and we welcome Rev John Marchant of St Marys Church of Ireland, Simmonscourt Road, who will preach at our 5:30pm Mass this Sunday.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES in preparation for the World Meeting of Families which takes place in Dublin in 2018, we have been invited to pray a Prayer to the Holy Family, with which Pope Francis concludes his Apostolic Exhortation, 'The Joy of Love'. Copies of the prayer are available at the tables at the exits of the Church.

ANNUAL CLOTHING APPEAL: (Society of St Vincent de Paul) for clean, good-quality clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes, etc: *Special plastic bags will be available at the back of the church NEXT weekend (28th/29th Jan) and WILL BE COLLECTED the weekend of 4th/5th February.*

MEETING - MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND EUCHARIST Invitation letters have been posted out to all our Ministers of the Word and Eucharist. A meeting will take place in Avila Carmelite Centre on Tuesday 31st January (7:30pm – 9:30pm) for an evening of prayer, formation and reflection. We hope to see all our Ministers on the evening – if you have not received an invitation letter and you are an active Minister of the Word or Eucharist, please see the Sacristan after Mass. Many thanks!

DAY RETREATS AT AVILA CARMELITE CENTRE, BLOOMFIELD AVE., DONNYBROOK:

- Sat 11th February 'The Contemplative Eye' with Fr Vincent O'Hara and Katherine Daniels.
 - Sat 25th February 'The Devine Dance' with Bishop Brendan Comiskey DD.
- Telephone 01 6430200 for further details.

FEASTS THIS WEEK:

- St Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church (Tue, 24th)
- THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, APOSTLE (Wed, 25th)
- Ss Timothy and Titus bishops (Thurs, 26th)
- St Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church (Sat, 28th)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Frank Teevan, Annie Byrne, Prof Ronan Fanning and Henry Robinson RIP

Months Mind: Peter Molloy RIP

- 6:00pm Vigil: Maeve Mooney (Anniversary)
- 9:00am: James and Eunice D'Arcy (Anniversaries)
- 10:30am: Maria Helen Dunne (Anniversaries)
- 12:00pm: May and Tom Woods (Anniversary)
- 5:30pm: Kathleen Greene (Anniversary)

Also: Florence Gleeson, Geraldine Keohane, Joseph Boushell, Fr Redmond Fitzmaurice OP, and Monica King (Anniversaries)

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THE ELDERLY

193. The lack of historical memory is a serious shortcoming in our society. A mentality that can only say, “Then was then, now is now”, is ultimately immature. Knowing and judging past events is the only way to build a meaningful future. Memory is necessary for growth: “Recall the former days” (*Heb 10:32*). Listening to the elderly tell their stories is good for children and young people; it makes them feel connected to the living history of their families, their neighborhoods and their country. A family that fails to respect and cherish its grandparents, who are its living memory, is already in decline, whereas a family that remembers has a future. “A society that has no room for the elderly or discards them because they create problems, has a deadly virus”;²¹⁸ “it is torn from its roots”.²¹⁹ Our contemporary experience of being orphans as a result of cultural discontinuity, uprootedness and the collapse of the certainties that shape our lives, challenges us to make our families places where children can sink roots in the rich soil of a collective history.

²¹⁸ Ibid.

²¹⁹ Address at the Meeting with the Elderly (28 September 2014): *E’Osservatore Romano*, 29-30 September 2014, p. 7.