



DONNYBROOK PARISH
CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
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Church Notices

Saturday 4th / Sunday 5th February 2017

FIFTH 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.

25TH WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2017 Mass of Healing and Anointing of the sick will take place on Sunday 12th February at 3pm at St Gabriel's Parish Church, Dollymount (3 St Gabriel's Road, Dublin 3) and the main Celebrant will be Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. Leaflets with a message from Pope Francis for the Twenty-Fifth World Day of the Sick 2017 available at Church doors.

'TWO LIVES, ONE LOVE' Copies of the Submission to the Citizen's Assembly on the 8th Amendment of the Constitution by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference is available at Church doors. Please take one home.

KACHIBORA NEWSLETTER: It is just over a year since the Kachibora Lunch Club was established by the Family Mass Group, and the assistance given by the children of Donnybrook parish to the pupils of St John's Primary school in Kachibora has grown rapidly. Newsletter is now available at Church doors and we encourage everyone (especially the children!) to take a copy home.

ANNUAL CLOTHING APPEAL: (Society of St Vincent de Paul)
Clothes will be collected this weekend.

AWARE meetings have moved from Donnybrook Parish Centre to Avila House, Blackrock Business Park, Blackrock - Thursdays at 7:30pm, for more information on their great support and services visit their website at www.aware.ie.

CHURCH HEATING: We ask people not to touch the heating radiators controls please, as we have the heating on a digital controlled timer to conserve energy/regulate heat temperature. Thank you!

FEASTS THIS WEEK:

- Ss Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs (*Mon, 6th*)
- St Scholastica, virgin (*Fri, 10th*)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Fr Tom Colreavy [*Donaghmede/Ayrfield Parish*], Patricia O'Malley and Mary Walsh RIP

- 6:00pm Vigil: Eddie Doyle (*Anniversary*)
- 9:00am: Michael Deans (*Anniversary*)
- 10:30am: Carmel Moen (*Anniversary*)
- 12:00pm: Mathew Kenny (*Anniversary*)
- 5:30pm: Colm O'Tierney (*Anniversary*)

Also: Pat Roddy, Eithne O'Callaghan, Mary and Gerry Connolly, Seamus and Ada Egan, Denis and Frances Reid, Joe and Delia Long, Claire Jennings, Sean and Noreen Ryan, Colette Barry, Eugene McTernan, Ethna Daly, Bernadette Lynch and Pascal Vincent Doyle (*Anniversaries*)

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ACCOMPANYING THE FIRST YEARS OF MARRIED LIFE

217. It is important that marriage be seen as a matter of love, that only those who freely choose and love one another may marry. When love is merely physical attraction or a vague affection, spouses become particularly vulnerable once this affection wanes or physical attraction diminishes. Given the frequency with which this happens, it is all the more essential that couples be helped during the first years of their married life to enrich and deepen their conscious and free decision to have, hold and love one another for life.

221. Among the causes of broken marriages are unduly high expectations about conjugal life. Once it becomes apparent that the reality is more limited and challenging than one imagined, the solution is not to think quickly and irresponsibly about separation, but to come to the sober realization that married life is a process of growth, in which each spouse is God's means of helping the other to mature. Change, improvement, the flowering of the good qualities present in each person – all these are possible. Each marriage is a kind of "salvation history", which from fragile beginnings – thanks to God's gift and a creative and generous response on our part – grows over time into something precious and enduring. Might we say that the greatest mission of two people in love is to help one another become, respectively, more a man and more a woman? Fostering growth means helping a person to shape his or her own identity. Love is thus a kind of craftsmanship.

In the life of married couples, even at difficult moments, one person can always surprise the other, and new doors can open for their relationship, as if they were meeting for the first time. At every new stage, they can keep "forming" one another. Love makes each wait for the other with the patience of a craftsman, a patience which comes from God.