



**DONNYBROOK PARISH**  
CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART  
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# Church Notices

*Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> / Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017*

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

**THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018** Church Collection will replace the SHARE collection this weekend (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> April). Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway. Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.

**INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS** will take place this Sunday morning between Masses.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY** The Young Adult Ministry in Donnybrook parish has invited a young Priest to lead a Reflection in preparation to Confession this Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> April at 5:00pm). Confessions will be available before and after the 5.30pm Mass.

**FIRST FRIDAY (7<sup>th</sup> April)** all Masses will be offered for all our deceased parishioners, relatives and friends, especially those whose names are on the *Altar List of the Dead*.

**EASTER SCHEDULE** The Easter Schedules have been posted out to all parishioners on our Data-base; if you have not received one in the post by Monday/Tuesday next week please contact the Parish Office to update your details on our Pastoral computer system. Schedules are also at the Church doors this weekend, so please pick one up.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE** in preparation for Easter will take place on next Saturday (8<sup>th</sup> April) at 11:30am with Individual Confessions.

**PASSION (PALM SUNDAY)** Blessing of Palms at all Masses (including Vigil Mass on Saturday 6pm)

**CHURCH GATE COLLECTION** this weekend is for the students of The Teresian School travelling to Peru for community and education projects in El Salvador. Collection goes directly to the projects. Next weekend's collection will be for the SVP Sunshine Fund / Advocate (8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> April)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Months Mind: Mary Hickey RIP

- 6:00pm: *Special Intention*
- 9:00am: Billy Connor (*Recently Deceased*)
- 10:30am: Murray Fogarty (*Anniversary*)
- 12:00pm: John Brown (*1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary*)
- 5:30pm: Raymond Smith (*Anniversary*)

Also: James Godfrey, Ellen Fennelly, Olga Scalercio, Maria Mendicino, Giuseppe Cozzolino, Eugenio Bria, John MacAndrew, Brendan Walsh (*Anniversaries*) and Laura O'Connell (*1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary*)



## WHEN DEATH MAKES US FEEL ITS STING

253. At times family life is challenged by the death of a loved one we cannot fail to offer the light of faith as a support to families going through this experience.
254. Love involves an intuition that can enable us to hear without sounds and to see the unseen. This does not mean imagining our loved ones as they were, but being able to accept them changed as they now are. The risen Jesus, when his friend Mary tried to embrace him, told her not to hold on to him (*cf. Jn 20:17*), in order to lead her to a different kind of encounter.
256. It consoles us to know that those who die do not completely pass away, and faith assures us that the risen Lord will never abandon us. Thus we can “prevent death from poisoning life, from rendering vain our love, from pushing us into the darkest chasm”.<sup>283</sup> The Bible tells us that God created us out of love and made us in such a way that our life does not end with death (*cf. Wis 3:2-3*). Saint Paul speaks to us of an encounter with Christ immediately after death: “My desire is to depart and be with Christ” (*Phil 1:23*). With Christ, after death, there awaits us “what God has prepared for those who love him” (*1Cor 2:9*). The Preface of the Liturgy of the Dead puts it nicely: “Although the certainty of death saddens us, we are consoled by the promise of future immortality. For the life of those who believe in you, Lord, is not ended but changed”. Indeed, “our loved ones are not lost in the shades of nothingness; hope assures us that they are in the good strong hands of God”.<sup>284</sup>

<sup>283</sup> Catechesis (17 June 2015): *L'Osservatore Romano*, 18 June 2015, p.8.

<sup>284</sup> *Ibid*