



DONNYBROOK PARISH
CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
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Church Notices

Saturday 9th / Sunday 10th April 2017

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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.

We thank you for your support for the Church Collection last weekend for The World Meeting of Families, to which you contributed €3,200.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

- The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is holding its annual Sunshine Fund Church Gate collection this weekend. The Sunshine Fund provides much-needed holidays for approximately 1,000 of Dublin's less fortunate children. Please support. Last weekend you contributed € to the students of The Teresian School travelling to Peru – many thanks

EASTER SCHEDULE is available at Church doors – please take one home.

- **SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION** (with individual confessions) at 7:30pm Wednesday evening.
- **HOLY THURSDAY** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm; 'Watch & Pray' at the Altar of Repose at 9:00pm. *No morning Masses on Holy Thursday.*
- **'WATCH AND PRAY' - HOLY THURSDAY, 13th April, at 9.00pm** Mirror of Pain, is a musical composition for the organ by Hendrik Andriessen of Five Poems by the Belgian Poet, Henri Gheon. The poems describe the sufferings of Jesus Christ, as seen through the eyes of Mary his Mother. The parish organist, Michael Quinn and Soprano, Pauline Graham, will present it.
- **GOOD FRIDAY (Day of Fast & Abstinence)** – Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00pm. Stations of the Cross for children 12noon.
- **SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS - GOOD FRIDAY, 14th April at 7.30pm** This is a musical reflection on the Passion and Death of Jesus which interleaves Scripture Readings of the Seven Last Words with reflections and a seven movement suite for solo organ by Alan Ridout. Each organ piece is a short musical response to the Scripture text.
- **HOLY SATURDAY** Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection at 9:00pm. *(No 10:00am or 6:00pm Mass on Holy Saturday).*
- **EASTER SUNDAY** Masses at 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00noon and 5:30pm.

DONNYBROOK ACTIVE RETIREMENT 'The Other Chester Beatty Collection.' – An illustrated talk by Ciaran Woods in the Parish Centre on Tue 11th April at 2:30pm.

RDS BRIDGE CLUB'S ANNUAL CHARITY Bridge Evening in aid of The Royal Hospital – Wed 19th April. We ask all bridge players to make this a great evening.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: *Recently Deceased:* Monica Ryan RIP

- 6:00pm: Celeste O'Flynn (*Anniversary*)
- 9:00am: Tom Taylor (*Anniversary*)
- 10:30am: Batt O'Shea (*Anniversary*)
- 12:00pm: Patricia Quigley (*10th Anniversary*)
- 5:30pm: Mary Golden and Maureen Martin (*Anniversaries*)

Also: Armando Carpino, Nonno Stefano, Ned Fahy, Maura Laffan, Olga Scalercio, Patrick McAndrew, Seamus O'Tighearnaigh and Jimmy O'Connor (*Anniversaries*)



TOWARDS A BETTER EDUCATION OF CHILDREN

259. Since the educational role of families is so important, and increasingly complex, I would like to discuss it in detail.

Where are our children?

260. Families cannot help but be places of support, guidance and direction, however much they may have to rethink their methods and discover new resources. Parents need to consider what they want their children to be exposed to, and this necessarily means being concerned about who is providing their entertainment, who is entering their rooms through television and electronic devices, and with whom they are spending their free time. Only if we devote time to our children, speaking of important things with simplicity and concern, and finding healthy ways for them to spend their time, will we be able to shield them for harm. Vigilance is always necessary and neglect is never beneficial. Parents have to help prepare children and adolescents to confront the risk, for example, of aggression, abuse or drug addiction.

261. Obsession, however, is not education. We cannot control every situation that a child may experience. Here it remains true that “time is greater than space”.²⁹¹ In other words, it is more important to start processes than to dominate spaces. If parents are obsessed with always knowing where their children are and controlling all their movements, they will seek only to dominate space. But this is no way to educate, strengthen and prepare their children to face challenges. What is most important is the ability lovingly to help them grow in freedom, maturity, overall discipline and real autonomy. Only in this way will children come to possess the wherewithal needed to fend for themselves and to act intelligently and prudently whenever they meet with difficulties. The real question, then, is not where our children are physically, or whom they are with at any given time, but rather where they are existentially, where they stand in terms of their convictions, goals, desires and dreams. The questions I would put to parents are these: “Do we seek to understand “where” our children are in their journey? Where is their soul,²⁹¹ do we really, know? And above all, do we want to know?”²⁹²

²⁹¹ Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelium in Gaudium* (24 November 2013), 222: AAS 105 (2013), 1111.

²⁹² Catechesis (20 May 2015): *L'Observatore Romano*, 21 May 2015, p. 8.