



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

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> / Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**

## **FOURTH 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 and for parishes needing financial support.

### **CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS**

- Last weekend Donnybrook Tidy Towns received €1,380 in contributions, many thanks! Annual Information evening and AGM takes place Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6:30pm in the Hampton Hotel, Donnybrook. All welcome!
- Next weekend collection is for the support of the Blackrock College Outreach Programme, which enables over 250 boys in Kenya attend school and obtain a second level education. All monies raised goes solely towards this Programme.

**DONNYBROOK ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION** An illustrated talk by Eanna Ní Lamhna on 'Going wild with Garden Birds'. In the Parish Centre next Tuesday (5<sup>th</sup> February) at 2:30pm. New members welcome!

**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 (9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> February) and WILL BE COLLECTED the following weekend (16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Feb).*

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2019** The Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick is on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 3:00 pm in the Parish Church of Corpus Christi, Home Farm Road, Drumcondra, celebrating the 27<sup>th</sup> International World Day of the Sick. *Please see overleaf, message of His Holiness Pope Francis/...*

**AN EVENING OF FORMATION AND REFLECTION** on the Sunday Gospel for this year, the Gospel According to Luke is arranged for Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February (7:30pm – 9:30pm) at Old Wesley RFC. A personal invitation will be going out to all involved in liturgical ministries but all welcome!

### **FEASTS THIS WEEK:**

- St Agatha, virgin and martyr (*Tues, 5<sup>th</sup>*)
- Ss Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs (*Wed, 6<sup>th</sup>*)

*[International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking – Fri, 8<sup>th</sup>]*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

#### **Recently Deceased:**

Dr Claude Carroll, Greg Cunniam and Michael Gallagher RIP

#### **Months Mind:**

Brian Egan RIP

- 6:00pm: Mathew Kenny (*Anniversary*)
- 9:00am: Finuala Murphy (*1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary*)
- 10:30am: Michael Deans (*Anniversary*)
- 12:00pm: Mary Connolly (*Anniversary*)
- 5:30pm: Colm O'Tierney (*25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*)

**Also:** Fr Bob Harrison, Collette Corcoran, James and Mary Corcoran, Gerry Connolly, Mary Carmody, Pat Roddy, Seamus and Ada Egan, Robert Moffatt, Anne Broe, Aidan Maher, Collette Barry and Wilfred Lamata Snr (*Anniversaries*)

*P.T.O/...*

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
FOR THE XXVII WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2019**

**“You received without payment; give without payment” (Mt 10:8)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

**“You received without payment; give without payment” (Mt 10:8).** These are the words spoken by Jesus when sending forth his apostles to spread the Gospel, so that his Kingdom might grow through acts of gratuitous love.

On the XXVII World Day of the Sick, the Church – as a Mother to all her children, especially the infirm – reminds us that generous gestures like that of the Good Samaritan are the most credible means of evangelization. Caring of the sick requires professionalism, tenderness, straightforward and simple gestures freely given, like a caress that makes others feel loved.

Life is a gift from God. Saint Paul asks: “What do you have that you did not receive?” (1 Cor 4:7). Precisely because it is a gift, human life cannot be reduced to a personal possession or private property, especially in the light of medical and biotechnological advances that could tempt us to manipulate the “tree of life” (cf. Gen 3:24).

Amid today’s culture of waste and indifference, I would point out that “gift” is the category best suited to challenging today’s individualism and social fragmentation, while at the same time promoting new relationships and means of cooperation between peoples and cultures. Dialogue – the premise of gift – creates possibilities for human growth and development capable of breaking through established ways of exercising power in society. “Gift” differs from gift-giving because it entails the free gift of self and the desire to build a relationship. It is the acknowledgement of others, which is the basis of society. “Gift” is a reflection of God’s love, which culminates in the incarnation of the Son and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Each of us is poor, needy and destitute.

Such an acknowledgement leads us to act responsibly to promote a good that is both personal and communal. Only if we see ourselves, not as a world apart, but in a fraternal relationship with others, can we develop a social practice of solidarity aimed at the common good.

Generosity inspires and sustains the work of the many volunteers who are so important in health care and who eloquently embody the spirituality of the Good Samaritan. I express my gratitude and offer my encouragement to all those associations of volunteers committed to the transport and assistance of patients, and all those that organize the donation of blood, tissues and organs. One particular area in which your presence expresses the Church’s care and concern is that of advocacy for the rights of the sick, especially those affected by pathologies requiring special assistance.

*Vatican City, 25 November 2018*

Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Francis