



DONNYBROOK PARISH
CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
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Church Notices

Saturday 11th / Sunday 12th May 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

This weekend is *Good Shepherd Sunday*, a day to reflect on Vocation, an occasion to reflect on the importance of the ministerial priesthood and pray for vocations to the priesthood, which is urgent for the future of our diocese. In his message for the World day of Prayer for Vocations Pope Francis says that there can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! He encourages us, especially the young, not to be deaf to the Lord's call. *'If he calls you to follow his path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Do not yield to fear, which paralyses us before the great heights to which the Lord points us. See overleaf, letter from Archbishop Diarmuid Martin/...*

Is God calling you to be a Diocesan Priest? The National Vocations Office is running an overnight "Come and See" discernment retreat for men, aged 18 years and over, who would like to explore the life of a diocesan priest. The weekend will be held in the national seminary in Maynooth on the weekend of 18th & 19th May. Advance booking is essential. For further information please contact Deacon Eric Cooney by email: eric.cooney@vocations.ie Or go to: <https://vocations.ie/2018/10/10/is-god-calling-you-to-be-a-diocesan-priest/>

CONGRATULATIONS to the children from The Teresian School who made their First Holy Communion this Saturday.

CONFIRMATION of candidates from our parish attending St Mary's School, the Teresian School and others will take place this Sunday at 3:00pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION for children from St. Mary's School, Donnybrook, takes place next Saturday (18th May) at 11:30am.

DONNYBROOK PARISH CHOIR

DO YOU ENJOY SINGING? WOULD YOU CONSIDER JOINING THE CHOIR??

IF SO, YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CHOIR MEMBERS IN THE PAROCHIAL HOUSE AFTER MIDDAY MASS ON SUNDAY, 19TH MAY FOR REFRESHMENTS AND AN INFORMAL CHAT TO SEE IF THIS COULD BE OF INTEREST TO YOU. ALL VOICES ARE NEEDED BUT ESPECIALLY TENORS AND BASSES!

SANDYMOUNT LEGION OF MARY – PATRICIANS MEETING will take place on Thursday, 16th May at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room, Star of the Sea Church, Sandymount. Topic for discussion 'The Healing Power of Confession'. *Refreshments served – all welcome!*

FEAST THIS WEEK: ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE (Tue, 14th)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Recently Deceased: Rita McCarthy and Mortimore Walters RIP

- 6:00pm: Joan Hillary Hughes (Anniversary)
- 10:30am: Sean O'Mahony (Anniversary)
- 12:00pm: Eric Paul (Anniversary)

Anniversaries: Nora and John Ceraisi, Thomas Nealon, Bob Gelston, Mary Cassidy, Tom Broe and Judge John Baily (1st).

P.T.O/...

Archdiocese of Dublin

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is *Good Shepherd Sunday*, an irreplaceable occasion to reflect on the importance of the ministerial priesthood and pray for vocations to the priesthood. This is an urgent call for the future of our diocese.

There will no longer be a special collection for training and formation of seminarians today - the funds collected over the past years are now sufficient to cover such expenses for at least five years. The funds already collected will be devoted exclusively to the original intention and especially to the fostering of vocations.

Next weekend, 18/19 May, we will for the first time hold a new collection which will be called the *Ministry Sunday Collection*.

This new annual collection will replace the Share Collection and will be devoted to support the building up of new forms of lay ministry in our parishes. The work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus in our changing religious culture will require more lay men and women working in various ways alongside our priests at the heart of parish communities.

We are already blessed with many people who give of themselves generously in various ministries in parishes. These include our Parish Pastoral Workers. We also count on an increasing number of parish catechists, attending to the faith development of young adults and young families and to the catechetical needs of the increasing number of children who do not attend Catholic schools.

The *Ministry Sunday Collection* is about ensuring that we will have the people we need - men and women who will be to the fore in making our parishes vibrant faith communities into the future.

While many of those involved will be volunteers, we will have to equip and train leaders and provide facilities for formation. We want to work towards a situation where all parishes in this Archdiocese benefit from their gifts and expertise. The new collection is one-step in that process.

In the second reading next Sunday - *Ministry Sunday* - our God says, 'I am making all things new'. This is a powerful challenge to us to trust in God's future. I hope that today's appeal will inspire a generous response in your hearts for our future as vibrant communities of faith.

+Diarmuid Martin,
Archbishop of Dublin