

Christmas, 2025.

To all the Parishioners of St. Johns,

I hope you are all well, enjoying this Season of Peace, Joy, and Love. We are celebrating the Prince of Peace and so it is very appropriate that our two parishes and St. Anthony's and St. Brigid's are working in partnership together.

However, St Gabriel's and St. Johns are even more bonded. This year for example, the Christmas card is a joint affair and from the two parishes with Christmas timetables for each intertwined on the card. It is a symbol of what we are at and what the future will look like.

Last year, I didn't think that I would have been as involved in St. Gabriel's as I am this year. However, it has been in many ways a great and uplifting experience to see so many volunteers with so much commitment to the worshipping community and to see so many activities, which make it a true Christian community just like St. Johns. As my first appointment in Clontarf was to St. Johns, I am very committed to here and that will continue. I will always be available to the worshipping community of St. Johns.

I also want to pray for a speedy improvement in Fr. Pat's health.

I pray the blessings of the Infant Jesus on everybody who is connected to both churches for Christmas and 2026.

Fr. John.