

# Home Newsletter



Winter 2021

#### Welcome

First of all, the staff and residents of St Gabriel's nursing home would like to thank everyone for their continued support, love and compassion throughout these difficult months that we have all experienced, and to those that grieve a loss of their loved one, we too grieve for you and with you. Thank you to everyone for all the cards, gifts, phone calls and messages of support from each and every one of you.

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## Remianing Positive

We are just coming to the end of a year we surely will never forget. We understand it has been difficult on everyone especially to family's that have lost their loved ones. We are always thinking of you. You all in are thoughts and prayers.

We are all being very positive in St Gabriel's and hope the new year brings good news and soon we can all to be back together as one big family in 2021 Since the previous newsletter there have been plenty of new activities introduced into the nursing home.

- Chair yoga
- Art therapy
- Nature watch group
- Flower arranging
- Netflix

The weekly activities schedule can be found on the notice board in the reception, the notice boards outside each of the sitting rooms, the notice board outside of the dining room & in the lift.

Also, there is a copy of the weekly schedule is left in each resident's room.

Death is nothing at all. It does not count. I have only slipped away into the next room. Nothing has happened. Everything remains exactly as it was. I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is absolute and unbroken continuity. What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just round the corner. All is well.

At this time we would like to extend our sincere condoleces to the families and the staff that have lost loved ones this year.

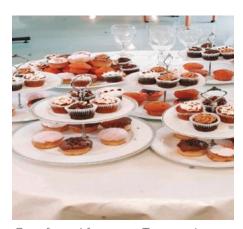
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## A busy few months!



Ryan & Maura Mooney



On of our Afternoon Tea parties



Pat

Our resident Pat enjoying a glass of wine watching the live orchstra that played in the courtyard, while residents watched from the windows. Our resdients Jackie Ryan & Maura Mooney enjoying a live concert that took place in the courtyard while residents sang and danced from inside.



### Good News at St Gabriel's

We would like to congratulate Thomas and his fiancé Deborah on the birth of a beautiful baby girl. Thomas is part of our household staff; we could not be happier to hear this exciting news you will be an amazing dad. We would also like to congratulate HCA Linda on her engagement, we wish you all the happiness in the world you deserve it.

#### **THANK YOU**

We would like to say a special thank you to the COMFORT4COVID TEAM for their donation of new Tablets, residents here are so delighted to now have access to those tablets, we often see big smiles on their faces with big laughter or a giggle when they are trying to play on the tablets.

We would also like to say a massive thank you to

#### **COVID CARE CONCERTS DUBLIN CITY**

Residents loved it, it has been a long time to have such spirit lifting moments with live music, your

performance and work are highly appreciated by all our residents and staff, you are truly amazing and we would love to have you back as soon as possible. And big thank you to John Smith from the Rotary club Dublin Fingal

Rotary club Dublin Fingal donated One4All voucher to our staff in recognition of their brilliant work as Front-Line Workers.

#### **New Residents**

We would like to extend our warmest welcome to our new residents:

Patricia Armstrong Evelyn Crowley Mary Mason Noel Merrigan Ian Maxwell Catherine Rogers

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### Recent Birthdays in St Gabriel's



Congratulations also to Sr Maureen Delaney who also turned the amazing 100th

We would like to congratulate our resident Sarah (Sally) Farren on recently turning the big 100th sally enjoyed her birthday with a Birthday party, pamper session, lots of presents and treats from her family.

Thank you to sally's family for the lovely cakes they sent in for staff and residents

Sr Maureen celebrated her birthday in style with a birthday party, we sang' danced & had lots of fun, Sr Maureen also gave a lovely speech that brought us all to tears, she is the definition of a true inspiration to us all,





Our lovely Jackie Ryan



Paddy Redmond he really is the life and soul of the party.

### Halloween Celebrations

We love a celebration here in St Gabriels and we sure do make the most of every special occasion, resident participated in helping decorate St Gabriel's for Halloween. Here are some pictures of some of the fun we had at our Halloween fancy dress party.



## **Upcoming Events**

#### 8th -10th December:

Time to Decorate for Christmas.

Residents will participate in Christmas decor and decorate the Christmas tree

#### The Morning of the 12th December:

Zoom call prayer service in the memory of the deceased residents we lost this year and the sick.

**The afternoon:** Santa will visit the car park and children will sing carols in the courtyard.

**13th December onwards** lots of live concerts & pantos have being booked for residents to enjoy the festive season. Due to Covid 19 restrictions' we are trying to make Christmas as special as we can for are residents.

#### 19th December

Residents will dress to impress and celebrate a Christmas party with refreshments' music dance & lots of laughter.

Residents will enjoy their favourite drink in a toast to a good Christmas



Here's to 2021 may it be a year of hope, healing, renewal of love and friendship and above all close contact with all our loved ones

Thank you to all families and loved ones of our residents for your continued support and endurance during these very challenging times.