



MARINO PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Home Again



Inside you may read a little notice seeking volunteers for our coffee mornings. What comes through is the sociability of these events centred around our parish church.

It serves to remind us of what the Church means for so many of us. It is the place we come to worship, to celebrate the Eucharist. We are baptised there, receive our first Holy Communion, our Confirmation, we may get married there, we confess now and again, and we sometimes know that our funeral will more than likely be held there.

So much of our lives can be lived around our church and in our parish.

It is not earth shattering, since many of us don't rise to great heights, but in this place, we can be close to Christ, in the Eucharist, in communion with

our neighbours and friends. It gives us quiet space when we are in turmoil; we gather strength and courage from our friends, and those we meet around the church and in the parish. We know who the saints are here on earth, and we can recognise our own failings when we look at goodness lived out every day. In an old Sunday newsletter from 1988, which surfaced recently, we were reminded that we are part of the living tree with Christ at its heart. This is the image which He gave to His disciples, which John has recorded for us, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing".

As we come to celebrate Christmas, that joyful celebration of Christ's birth we know that in our renewed, warm and welcoming Church, His presence continues to bring healing and comfort in this great communion of parish and of life.

We are glad to be home.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Full details of the Christmas Masses, Confessions, Carol Services etc. in the Parish, and a calendar for 2018, together with a Christmas Dues envelope is enclosed with this issue of the Parish Newsletter. Please note that when you are returning the Christmas Dues, to write your name and address on the envelope so that we can send an acknowledgment.



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Aidan Ferguson	Casino Road
Ronan O'Brolchain	Australia
Cara Treston	Charlemont
Laura Whelan	Sionhill Park
Liam Farrell	Beaumont Woods
Aengus Hennessey	Charlemont
Zachary McMahon	Marino Park Avenue
Henry Winder	Grace Park Manor
Conor Briscoe	Seven Oaks
Jacoby Bendixen	Brian Avenue
Nikki Bendixen	Brian Avenue
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Benjamin Canning	Sionhill Park
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Scott Callaghan	Charlemont
Aidan Keane	Sionhill Park
Senan Hynds	Calderwood Avenue
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Grace Dawson	Beaumont
Callum McCauley	St. Aidan's Park Road
Stevie Cantwell	Haverty Road
Elias Downes	St. Declan's Road
Anna Brennan	Annadale Drive
Evie McEvoy-Butler	Artane
Oisin O'Brien	Glasnevin

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the following parishioners who died recently:

Marie Therese Hayes	Griffith Avenue
Frank Nolan	Grace Park Heights
John McKenzie	Highfield
Sr. Teresa Maguire	Griffith Avenue
Nuala O'Hara	Croydon Park Avenue
Osvaldo Rea	Collinswood
Patricia (Pat) Keane	Griffith Avenue
Nora Reynolds	Malahide Road
Brendan O'Driscoll	Clontarf
Kathleen (Kay) Murphy	Copeland Avenue

WEDDING BELLS

Niall Dempsey and Fiona Mac Kenzie	Swords Swords
David Keane and Leslie Higgins	Sionhill Park Sionhill Park

A scripture based contemplative prayer group

A scripture based contemplative prayer group meets in the Oratory, Clontarf House, Church Avenue every Tuesday evening for 1 hour, beginning at 8.00 pm.

If interested, please contact Fr Paul Churchill on 0872224861.

Renewed Thanks for the Gift of our Church re-opening

Now that we are fully operational again with our Church looking beautiful and pristine, on my own behalf and that of the Parish Pastoral Council and I am certain all of you, our loyal parishioners, I wish again to offer a very special word of thanks to Vincent who was ever present during the works, to Ann, Declan, John, Noreen and Valerie who had to work at times in challenging conditions. Thanks to the Dominican Sisters and school principal Dr. Olive Laffoy for facilitating our Sunday Masses and to the Rosmini congregation for hosting weekday Masses. Thanks again to all of you, the Parishioners for your patience and understanding.

Fr.Tom Noone

The Brent's are back



As we go to print, our local Brent geese have just returned to their normal grazing grounds at Ard Scoil Ris. We are part of their annual migration south to escape the harsh Arctic winter from their breeding grounds around Baffin Bay in Canada.

Like all other species their arrival is now predicated on how global warming affects their habitat.

Dublin Bay has always been an important stopping off place for them with its many green areas, not only those of the North Bull but every pitch and park around the Clontarf and Malahide area. Of course, we are only one of the many areas they return to each year, moving south as they do from Strangford Lough, usually one of their first ports of call. It seems that the bay area is like many northerly fiords and that they see the ground pattern as reminding them of their northerly way points. While there are some colonies already at the Bull island our regulars have just arrived.

They occupy the green spaces around us and are not easily disturbed, while as we see them grazing at Ard Scoil Ris they rarely take flight. It is almost as if they have become domesticated to our environment.

For those of us who love to see them coming, they tend to mark our year, and are an important part of our seasonal story, bringing the first news of impending winter and on their departure as harbingers of summers to come, as the poet says, "the change that brings the swallow and the geese in turn".



OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus Your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care,
especially those for whom we now pray:
[We pause and remember family members and others by name].
Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope,
keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.
This we ask, through Christ our Lord,
Amen

EDITOR'S NOTE

On behalf of the newsletter team we want to thank all our readers, distributors, advertisers, contributors, Fr. Tom, Parish clergy, Parish teams, Parish Office staff, Sacristans, the Finance Committee, and the Parish Pastoral council for their continued support, and to wish all of you a Happy and Peaceful Christmas, and a Prosperous New Year.

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World Meeting of Families 2018 - Volunteers

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See the leaflets at the back of the church for further info
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Eucharistic Adoration in Clonturk House



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If you would like to join us, please leave your name and phone number in to the sacristy and we will be delighted to contact you and explain what is involved.



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PAT ON TAP



Hi everyone, Pat here again Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas. Where did the year go? Hope you all enjoyed our lovely summer. Where did you go for your Holidays? We have been spending a few weeks for the last 3 years dog and hen minding in my son and daughter in laws place in Dunboyne which I call Green Acres after the TV series; anyone remember it? When we arrived we received our instructions regarding feeding dogs and hens and releasing hens in morning feeding them and collecting eggs plus tucking them in at night. Learned on arriving that one of the hens had died, so there were now 4 to be looked after. Thank God it did not happen during our watch.

The hen coop is in the centre of the horse walker. A horse walker is something that you hook your horse up to it if you want to cool your horse down after a lesson, show etc. This particular horse walker consist of a central walled in area accessed by a gate and the hen house is in this central area there is also a narrower walled in outer area where the horses are walked which also has a gate when I get the hens in I close both gates to keep them safe from foxes or other predators who may be roaming at night. The first evening I had quite a job trying to chase them in but eventually got them all tucked in. I discovered after that the hens would follow me like I was the Pied Piper of Hamelin if I slowly walked towards the walker and had a handful of feed for them.

After tucking the hens away the first night I was early the next morning to release the captives. I was greeted at the gate to the field where the horse walker was by a hen, I didn't know if it was the hen who was buried in the bin who had resurrected, and I should call her Lazarus, or had I got it wrong and I had a family of 5 hens to mind not 4 and should call her Plus one, or had she escaped from the double walled horse walker and should I call her Houdini. Anyhow, I went and released the hens of which there were only 3. When I related my tale to my daughter in law Niamh, I was told that this was a regular performance from this hen and they called her Lucky because although she insisted on being in the open she had not been captured by the fox.

The next morning I was greeted by Houdini/Lucky again and another hen in the outer circle who I immediately named The Apprentice. I only got one egg every morning with the exception on one morning when there were two I thought it was my birthday or maybe the hens did anyhow, obviously they were laying out but never discovered where.

I am not one that ever remembers dreaming but I did have a dream that I was lying down on the reclining chair and couldn't move. Lucky was perched on my shoulder and biting my ear off from top to bottom it was real scary and I haven't looked at Lucky without thinking about it since. To overcome my new fear of hens I decided to paint a picture of Lucky. I don't know if my

therapy worked as I haven't been in the company of hens since I painted the picture. The painting of "Lucky" is as usual in Acrylic on board. If you have a holiday story, please let us hear from you. We had a few new members at the indoor bowls following my last article. If anyone is still thinking of joining why not drop down to St Anthony's for a 3week free trial. Don't forget to let us know what you did last summer and what you did for the winter months. Looking forward to hearing from you.

God Bless for now

Pat O'Rourke

CHURCH REPOSITORY/SHOP



The Church Repository has reopened now that our Parish Church has been restored and is fully functioning.

The Repository will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays after the 10.00a.m. Mass, and after the 11.00a.m. Mass on Sundays.

The Shop carries a range of Cards for many occasions, and a selection of religious artefacts and devotional pieces. It also has Mass Cards with photos of the Parish Church and similarly Christmas cards and Christmas Mass bouquets. Also, the Shop has First Communion Medals, Cards and Confirmation Cards, prayer books etc.

Signed Mass Cards can also be obtained from the Sacristy.

The Parish Hospitality Group

The Parish Hospitality Group, who are responsible for the Tea/Coffee mornings on Tues/Wed/Thurs after the 10am Mass, are urgently in need of volunteers to help cover 3 mornings each week. With a full team, only one day a fortnight is required, working in pairs. It is a very sociable and enjoyable couple of hours and is much appreciated by those attending. Many in our Parish live alone and others feel lonely and long for company. This is an opportunity to meet others, make new friends and just enjoy an hour in the company of others. If you are interested, please leave your name and number with the Sacristan or if more convenient, Tel: 0872164486.

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Grated zest of 1 lemon

5 large eggs, free range

170 g/6oz. glacé cherries (wash, dry, cut in half)

200 g/ 7oz. butter (room temp.)

230g/ 8oz. brown sugar 260g/ 9oz. plain flour

7.5ml./1½ tsp. nutmeg Grated zest of 1 orange

2.5ml./½ a tsp mixed spice

45ml./3 tbsp whiskey 115g/4oz. mixed peel

Method:

Place the fruit and the whiskey in a bowl, stir well, cover with cling film and leave to soak overnight.

Prepare a 23cm./ 9in. round cake tin (for a deeper cake use a 20cms/8in. tin). Line the inside of the tin with a double thickness of baking parchment and the outside with a double layer of brown paper.

Pre-heat the oven to 140C/275F/Gas Mark 1.

Sieve the dry ingredients into a large bowl.

Beat the sugar and butter together. Mix in the beaten eggs, fruit, and flour, until well combined. Stir in the lemon and orange rind.

Place the mixture in the prepared tin and smooth the top with a wet, metal spoon.

Bake in pre-heated oven for approx. 3½hrs. Bottom shelf.

Test, remove from the oven. Place on a wired rack and leave to cool in the tin.

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Almond paste ingredients

340g/12oz. ground almonds

170g/6 oz. castor sugar

170g/6 oz. icing sugar, sieved

7.5ml./1½ tsp. lemon juice

1 egg, size 3

5ml/ 1 tsp almond essence

Method:

Mix together

Royal icing ingredients

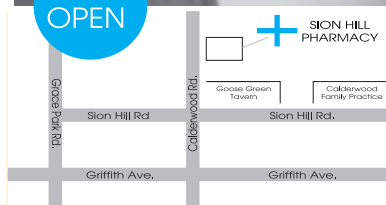
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Drumcondra Parish Christmas Services

Sunday 17th. December

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10.00a.m. Service of Holy Communion

North Strand

11.30a.m. Service of Holy Communion

Monday 25th December Christmas Day

Drumcondra Church

10.00a.m. Service of Holy Communion

North Strand

11.30a.m. Service of Holy Communion

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration resumed on the 27th November, and will continue each Monday from 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

The intention is for vocations to the religious life

Adoration on the First Sunday of each month has resumed from 3.00 p.m. to 5.00p.m.

All are welcome to this monthly hour of prayer, and a chance to experience God's love.

FATIMA IN THIS GOLDEN YEAR



We turned out back on hurricane Ophelia as we jetted off, and soared into the early morning skies, our destination, Fatima.

We avoided her power to destroy as we headed to a Eucharistic and a Marian devotional power, that gives Life, Love & Light.

We came from our base in Fairview and surrounding parishes, to celebrate the centenary of Our Lady's apparition in Fatima.

We had a full itinerary, we visited Santarem of the Eucharistic miracle and St. Anthony's shrine in Lisbon. We took part in the evening rosary and candle light processions. We walked the Hungarian Stations of the cross and visited the homes of the children in Aljustrel and the parish church.

Each day, our wonderful priests, Frs. Aidan, Jim, and Rory celebrated our Eucharist with us.

They were ever present to our spiritual and temporal needs. We owe them a debt of gratitude. Our Santo Amaro hotel over fed us with attention and good food.

Although the pilgrimage was not for the faint hearted, we as a group bonded and helped each other on our journey of Faith. We were truly blessed and privileged to have been invited by Jesus to visit this wonderful Marian shrine of Fatima.

As we waited on our return, in an endless Q for non-existent taxis, our first miracle happened. Tom, with the help of technology, had three of us in a taxi, within two minutes!! Miracles do happen, both small and great.

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THIS LIFE WILL GO BY FAST.

Don't fight with people, don't criticize your body so much, don't complain so much.

Don't lose sleep over your bills. Look for the person that makes you happy. If you make a

mistake, let it go and keep seeking your happiness.

Never stop being a good parent.

Don't worry so much about buying luxuries and comforts for your home, and don't kill yourself trying to leave an inheritance for your family.

Those benefits should be earned by each person, so don't dedicate yourself to accumulating money.

Enjoy, travel, enjoy your journeys, see new places, give yourself the pleasures you deserve. Allow dogs to get closer. Don't put away the fine glassware. Utilize the new dinnerware; don't save your favourite perfume, use it to go out with yourself; wear out your favourite sport shoes; repeat your favourite clothes.

So what? That's not bad. Why not now? Why not pray now instead of waiting until before you sleep?

Why not call now? Why not forgive now?

We wait so long for Christmas; for Friday; for Reunions; for another year; for when I have money; for love to come; when everything is perfect... look...

Everything perfect doesn't exist. Human beings can't accomplish this because it simply was not intended to be completed here. Here is an opportunity to learn. So, take this challenge that is life and do it now... Love more, forgive more, embrace more, love more intensely and leave the rest in God's hands. Amen.

- Pope Francis



First Holy Communion / First Penance Schedule 2017-2018 Sundays of the Do This In Memory Programme for FHC

17 th Dec 2017	3 rd Sunday of Advent
11 th Feb 2018	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4 th Mar 2018	3 rd Sunday of Lent
25 th Mar 2018	Palm Sunday
15 th Apr 2018	3 rd Sunday of Easter
3 rd Jun 2018	Feast of Corpus Christi



First Penance

Tues 30 th Jan	Parish talk on First Penance for parents (7.30pm)
Tues 6 th March	First Penance Boys (Scoil Mhuire) 1.15pm
Tues 13 th March	First Penance Girls (St Vincent de Paul) 1.30pm

First Holy Communion

Sat 28 th April 11.00am Boys	(Scoil Mhuire)
Sat 19 th May 11.00am Girls	(St. Vincent de Paul)

Confirmation Preparation Schedule 2017-2018 Confirmation Masses 12.30pm

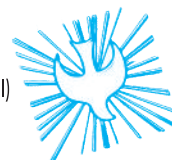
3 rd Dec 2017	Enrolment Sunday (1 st Sunday of Advent)
28 th Jan 2018	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ceremony of Light

Tues 6 th February 7.30pm Boys (Scoil Mhuire)	
Tues 20 th February 7.30pm Girls (St. Vincent de Paul)	

Confirmation

Fri 23 rd February 11.00am Boys (Scoil Mhuire)	
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The on-line programme can be access through the site www.amoris.ie. This will include some studio discussions, digital animations, and other resources on Amoris Laetitia and WMOF including some for children and young people.

Registration for the WMOF event August 2018: Tickets for the Pastoral Congress (which includes guaranteed tickets for the Festival of Families and Final Mass) is open on line at www.worldmeeting2018.ie

As a Parish, we plan to invite all parishioners to participate in parish events so please keep an eye out on the Mass Bulletins for updated information.

**The latest date for material for inclusion
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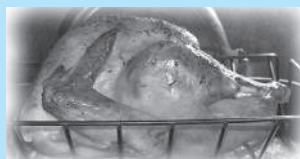
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MEETING ON CHILD PROTECTION POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE DUBLIN DIOCESE

Thank you to everyone who attend the meeting on the Child Protection Policy and Procedures for the Dublin Diocese on Tuesday 24th October. It was great to see so many people in attendance with barely standing room only in the Marino Room.

Garry Keogh, Training & Development Co-ordinator, Child Safeguarding & Protection Service, gave an very informative but entertaining up-date on both the National Child Protection Guidelines Children First and the Dublin Archdiocese's Safeguarding policies and procedures. The discussion was interesting, particularly on the issues of protecting vulnerable adults, social media, reporting safeguarding issues and the vetting of Parish volunteers. Garry was excellent at answering all our questions and addressing any concerns people had. Copies of the Policy and Garda Vetting forms were distributed at the meeting.

The Parish Safe Guarding Representatives and the Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank all those who attended the meeting and contributed to the lively debate. We are glad to say that in Marino, the safety of children and vulnerable adults comes first, and we would ask that all the parish groups remain committed to having their members Garda vetted every three years. In this way, Marino Parish can continue to ensure that our young people/vulnerable adults are safe and protected from harm.

Marino Parish Child Protection Team

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES ICON



A specially commissioned WMOF2018 icon which was written by the Redemptoristine Sisters in Drumcondra was unveiled and anointed on 21 August 2017, during the launch of the one-year programme of preparation at the National Novena in Knock, Ireland.

The Redemptoristine Sisters scripted the icon as part of their ongoing prayer for families. The icon is meant to encourage both reflection and prayer as part of the journey of preparations to the World Meeting of Families 2018.

The icon is available to travel to each diocese in Ireland and it is hoped that it will visit Marino in the near future. Watch for advance notice in the Sunday Newsletter.

Thank You



Sister Lucyna, of the Sisters of St. Peter Claver, Terenure, has sent a letter of thanks to the parishioners of Marino Parish, who helped their recent Sale of Work through their gifts, and donations. She has described the help received as like a 'dew fall' for herself and her fellow sisters.

All those who helped in any way were remembered at Sunday Mass in their Community Chapel.

To Lorraine and all those who helped this good cause, well done.



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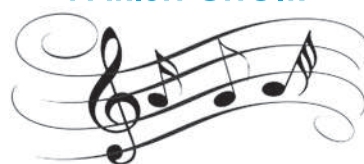
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CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION

Just colour in the drawing, write your name and address in the space provided and drop your entries into the parish office at Marino Church, before the 12th January 2018. Gift tokens for the winning entries. The upper age limit is 12 years.

Results published in the next newsletter, and the judges' decision is final.

In line with Child Protection Policy please do not give children's mobile phone numbers.

We also leave out house numbers in the publication to maintain anonymity.

HALLOWE'EN ART COMPETITION WINNERS

First Prize: Lucy Fox-Mallon, Gracepark Road.
Second Prize: Isabelle Wusu, Charlemont Dublin 9.
Joint Third Prize: Juliette, Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9.
Thomas Maher, Clonliffe Garden.

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