MARINO PARISH NEWSLETTER

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'By your fruits you shall know them'



We have almost finished with the election campaigns and one marvels at the organisation which even the smallest parties tua into preparations. Nothing is left to chance, social media streams are created, the language of politics takes over the airwaves, the printed columns, the internet, and at the end, successful candidates will reap their rewards as will their parties. It is about power, the power to change, to influence the future.

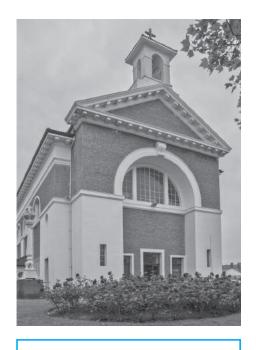
Two thousand years ago a smallish band of men and women were in a form of limbo. They had no policy document, no target population, almost no idea what was expected of them, and almost in denial of what had happened to them. Their hope, the Christ was gone, taken from them. Reports and sightings of Him, resurrected and alive to the world filtered in. Thomas meets Him in the upper room, the Apostles tell him, this the risen One. He wants proof and is given it. He believes.

Then two events occur for all these disciples and doubters. The Risen Christ ascends into Heaven. On the Jewish feast of the Fruits, ten days later, in Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit descends on the Apostles and they are moved as never before, to understand their mission. Preaching to all the different races and peoples of Jewish faith at the time, they preached a new order, an order of love and compassion. Going out without fear, driven by this new hope, they inspire, they give example, they spread the Gospel, a Gospel of love, compassion, of healing and forgiveness.

Where are we today, those followers of the Risen One, whose life we celebrate each day in the Eucharist, whose message should resonate with us in our lives. Sometimes one feels we are in the upper room afraid to come out, afraid that our time has passed. Yet we ignore the fact that Christ's message is still present in the lived lives of people. The people who serve in His name, the people who don't know Him but who live life as he would ask all of us to do.

Perhaps now in this season of Pentecost, we need to remember the words of Christ who has said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid' and let us continue to live His word in our lives. To take inspiration from all in our parish and beyond who each day practice the kindness and love of neighbour which is at the heart of Christ' message to us. In this way we need confine ourselves no longer to the upper room, to become a footnote in this new world, but to be brave in the Spirit.

As the late Jean Vanier has said, "We are not called by God to do extraordinary things, but to do ordinary things with love"



EASTER DUES

The Parish Team wish to thank all parishioners who have sent in their Easter Dues

First Holy Communion First Reconciliation Schedule 2019

Sundays of the Do This In Memory Programme for FHC

Sunday, 23 June 2019 Feast of Corpus Christi

DATES FOR CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2018/2019

Sun 9th June 2019 Post Confirmation Mass (Pentecost Sunday)



Heart to Hand" Coffee Morning

Mary Shiel and friends would be delighted to see you all at this year's fundraiser for the above. It will take place on

Friday, 21st June,

from 10.30am until 1pm at:

61, Calderwood Road.

This is a most deserving charity which has enjoyed your support for many years now, and hopefully for 2019 too!

RECENT BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian family those children baptised recently in our Church

- 1 Laragh Coleman
- ♣ Ellie Mae Darcy English
- Orlaith Devine
- ♣ Liam Kane
- Conor O'Kelly
- Jessica O'Neill
- ♣ Abbey Stanley
- Sebastian Gibbins
- Diarmuid Gargan
- ₱ Eloise McShane
- ☆ Cara Mimnagh
- 1 Eden Molloy
- ♣ Sean O'Leary
- Tom Whelan
- 🕆 Olivia O'Regan



PARISH NOTES

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR CHURCH

Eucharistic Adoration will take place every Monday afternoon in the Annadale Room (while heating works are being carried out) from 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration also takes place on the 1st Sunday of each month, from 3.00 to 5.00 p.m.

New members welcome.

THE SCRIPTURE BASED CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

The scripture based contemplative prayer group now meet in the Dominican Convent, Griffith Avenue on Tuesday evenings at 8.00 p.m.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP

The Weekly Scripture Reflection Group continues every Thursday morning in the Annadale Room from 11.00 a.m.

All are welcome.

TEA/COFFEE MORNINGS

Have resumed and will continue every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning after the 10.00 a.m. Mass.

All are most welcome

CLONTURK HOUSE

Eucharist Adoration has resumed in the Oratory of the Rosminian Fathers, Clonturk House and will continue each Sunday night (except Bank Holiday Weekends) from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.



Wedding Bells

Amy Dunne and Shane Campion

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the following

- → Margaret (Peggy) Walsh
- ☆ Thomas Leen
- nora Phelan
- Noreen Connolly
- ♣ John Brown (Broni)
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PAT ON TAP



Hi everyone, did you miss me? I have been writing my ramblings for four years now and started with the Newsletter for one article only and somehow it just kept going for the last four years. I think both you the reader and I were due a break.

In the last issue I contributed to, I said that I had just finished my last chemo session. Unfortunately, things have changed since then. The cancer has returned and has now taken up residence in my left lung, so I am back on chemo. Please don't think your prayers have been wasted as I can assure you, they haven't. Miriam and I have, both, been very calm throughout my sickness and I put that down to the prayers that have been said, so, thank you all once again and please keep up the prayers.

Several people have said they were going to do an article for the Newsletter but so far neither sight nor sign of them. We would be delighted to have them so, please start typing. If you do not wish your name to appear with the article that's ok (once you don't say you are me). I promise you won't have to write for the next four years

like me. It doesn't even have to be very long just a few lines you might even get a debate going who knows.

While I have a chance, I would like to sneak in a commercial while our editor Tom is not looking. The group I paint with are holding an Art Exhibition in the exhibition space at the Red Stables, St Anne's Park, from 13th August to 18th August inclusive. I would love to see you there, so write it down in your diary as a must do. Hope to see you there. I might even have some paintings that featured in the Newsletter on display; who knows?

Which brings me to my painting for this issue which is "The lake at St Anne's Park", again acrylic on board. St Anne's really is a beautiful park and its right on our doorstep. There is a car park at the Red Stables and the 123 bus goes right by, so there is no excuse not to visit. Every Saturday there is a farmer's market with plenty of stalls. Most weeks there is an exhibition on by some artist or group of artists and there are plenty of lovely walks. A splendid playground for the little ones, rose gardens, a beautiful walled garden as well as a Japanese garden and of course, welcoming tea rooms. So, plenty for everyone; all you want is the weather.

As I am writing this, the sun is shining brightly as it was over the Easter, thank God. I only hope that that's not our summer. With all the talk about global warming we could do with some of that. Speaking of Easter weren't the Easter services well done; a big clap on the back to all those involved, and it was a delight to hear Paddy Delaney back

with the choir. Wasn't it lovely to hear him sing "Were you there when they crucified Our Lord"; beautiful Paddy, well done you're nearly as good as Paul Robeson?

I will leave you on that note God bless you all Pat





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The magnificent sum of €3,161.29 was collected and presented to Brother Kevin of the Capuchin Day centre in Church Street. Brother Kevin has expressed his warmest gratitude for such a generous donation.

Well done to all the congregation and to the faithful organisers of the Divine Mercy Sunday in our joint parishes of Marino and Corpus Christi and surrounding parishes.

This was a practical expression of God's mercy through all who were present on that day.

THANK YOU

Sister Lucyna, of the Sisters of St. Peter Claver, Terenure, has sent a letter of thanks to the parishioners of Marino Parish, through Lorraine, who helped their recent Sale of Work on the 7th April last.

She was overwhelmed by the generous donation of gifts. The gifts, such was their quality, went to be raffled at the Wheel of Fortune. The proceeds of the sale went to the purchase of two hundred desks for the School for Poor Children in Nebbi Diocese, Uganda.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered in the Convent Chapel for the intentions of all of those who contributed and for their families.

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

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THE PILGRIM WAY IN MARINO



Good Friday in Marino parish saw the introduction of a beautiful new spiritual tradition and indeed the revival of an older custom. Parishioners had been invited to take part in a Camino walk within the parish bounds, taking in five churches and not the seven of older times.

Organised by Cora O'Farrell and her team and with the great assistance of everyone associated with the other churches, the walk got underway after the conclusion of the traditional Good Friday ceremonies in the Church of St. Vincent de Paul.

Each participant was given a passport at the start to be stamped at each Church on the way. They were also asked to carry a stone symbolizing the burden of our sins which Christ had borne, and as a symbol of the weight of our own worries and

Walking along Griffith Avenue, sunlight dappling the budding leaves, the procession wound its way to the Marino Institute. There in the beautiful Chapel, Cora enacted the first half of the Godly Play, from the birth of Christ to his adult life. Surrounded by all the children who had come with their parents, she engaged them, and all present with this retelling in simple words of the life of Our Saviour.

Onwards with the Taizé chant, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom", in our minds, we moved through the grounds of All Hallows, to the warm welcome of Reverend Garth Bunting, the Rector of St. John the Baptist Church, an historic welcoming Church. There, we were asked to meditate on our journey and share in Christ's last hours on the Cross, and His seven last words. This was a moving meditation in which we were led by Philomena Clare. Set against the backdrop of the beautiful Ascension window, one could not but be moved to reflect on those final moments.

On then to All Hallows where Father Liam reminded us of all the young men who had entered there to become priests and went forth and spread the word. Truly we were reminded of these many followers of the Cross.

Cora with her young audience, again held all our attention, with the final act of the Godly play, bringing us to the final reality of Good Friday.

Thence to St. Joseph's, Rosmini, where we were reminded of the role and function of this Church and of the Rosminians who had worked there. It was a reminder to all of us of the gifts of our senses and the gift of sight. This concluded with the Taizé hymn, a reminder of the Good Fridays around the Cross there with the Taize rituals.

Our last stopping point was our mother Church, where those still with us left their stones at the foot of the Cross, in solidarity with Christ and in the hope of the Resurrection. One of the pilgrims reminded all of us of the debt we owed Cora and her team for such a wonderful prayer experience, walking in the shadow of the Lord. Father Tom drew the evening to a close with a final blessing.







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1 head garlic, separated and peeled

1 Glass Fino Sherry (optional)

500ml Chicken stock, bunch thyme and parsley

1 tbsp Dijon mustard,

200ml whipping cream.

Method:

Gently colour the chicken pieces in four tablespoons of olive oil until golden brown.

Remove and set aside.

Add the onion to the remaining oil and gently cook for 10 mins without colouring.

Add the carrots and garlic cloves and coat in oil (you may need to add a little more oil) and return the chicken pieces. Add the sherry and allow to bubble for two minutes before adding the stock and the

Gently bring to the boil, check seasoning, lower the heat and transfer to a preheated oven, 200 ?C,400?F/gas mark 6, for 40 minutes. Baste two or three times during this period and turn the chicken pieces over half-way through. Remove the chicken and vegetables with a spoonful or two of the juice and keep it warm.

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"The Second Vatican Council was rightly focused on returning this sacrament of the Presence of the Body and Blood of Christ, of the Presence of His Person, of His Passion, Death and Resurrection, to the centre of Christian life and the very existence of the Church."

"In part," he said, "this really has come about, and we should be most grateful to the Lord for it."

But, he adds, "what predominates is not a new reverence for the presence of Christ's death and resurrection, but a way of dealing with Him that destroys the greatness of the Mystery."

"The declining participation in the Sunday Eucharistic celebration shows how little we Christians of today still know about appreciating the greatness of the gift that consists in His Real Presence," he said.

"The Eucharist is devalued into a mere ceremonial gesture when it is taken for granted that courtesy requires Him to be offered at family celebrations or on occasions such as weddings and funerals to all those invited for family reasons."

"The way people simply receive the Blessed Sacrament in many places, as if it were a matter of course, shows that many no longer see anything more in Communion than a purely ceremonial gesture."

What is required first and foremost is the renewal of the faith in the reality of Jesusgiven to us in the Blessed Sacrament.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, MARINO.



On Sunday 28th April, we, members of Corpus Christi parish, had the great privilege of joining our neighbouring community in Marino, for an afternoon of prayer and Eucharistic Adoration.

As we entered the Church, our attention was immediately drawn to the beautiful, light-filled altar so appropriate for the Easter season.

The afternoon was a very spiritual occasion and began with the blessing of the Divine Mercy picture followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with meditations provided by a young

Dominican priest, Fr. Conor McDonagh who radiated the joy of Easter. Confession was available to all and we deeply appreciated those priests who gave of their precious time to hear our confessions and allow us to fulfil the conditions for gaining the plenary indulgence available on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Holy Mass began at 4 p.m. and, in a powerful homily, Fr. Conor conveyed the amazing depth of God's love and mercy for each one of us as shown by His willingness to die such a horrific death on the Cross. That unbelievable love and mercy of God was not always the image of God given to us in the past. Rather the emphasis was on a God of justice - a just God who kept a strict account of all our sins. Fr. Conor gave us an example from his own background. His arandfather lived by that rather stern idea of God's justice and it was only when, rather late in life, he read the Diary of Sr. Faustina, that he came to realise that God's mercy was infinite and applied to everyone. This realisation gave him a happiness and freedom from fear that changed his whole approach to illness and even to death itself. He was able to accept his final illness with trust in God's unfathomable mercy.

Nowadays, as Fr. Conor pointed out, the pendulum has swung in various directions for, while his generation place seem to place great emphases on 'compassion' and 'caring', it's often a very selective compassion as for example in the case of last year's Referendum on abortion when that word 'compassion' was applied only to the mother while, at the same time, it often meant death for the unborn child. Jesus's compassion by contrast is all-embracing. irrespective of whether we deserve it or not. In the days after the Resurrection, Jesus particularly showed this infinite mercy to the apostles who had abandoned Him because they were afraid they too might fact death. Yet when He met them He didn't say 'where were you when I needed you most'? Instead He used the phrase 'Peace be with you'. Jesus gave the apostles His peace - a loving peace based not on fear but on trust. Today, we still use that very phrase to our neighbour before Holy Communion but do we really mean what we say or is it a mere ritual of shaking hands.

This, Fr. McDonagh told us, is the message of Easter, a message of love, mercy and peace.

Thank you to all in Marino for sharing this privileged time with us.



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On Monday the 8th of April last, the parishioners of Marino were overjoyed to learn that a Marino native, Monsignor Fintan Gavin, had been appointed as Bishop of Cork.

Monsignor Gavin grew up in Marino, the second eldest of seven brothers and sisters, nurtured in his faith in the bosom of a family of faith, and the parish is blessed to have both his parents still as active members of the community in Marino. He played football and hurling for St. Vincent's and

was also a member of Marino Athletic Club.

During his pastoral life as a priest in the Dublin Archdiocese he has been involved in teaching, school chaplaincy, and in youth affairs and parish work. He is known for his forward thinking and his great support for youth and for all initiatives which contribute to a living Christian faith His vibrancy and his priestly commitment are Dublin's loss and Cork's gain. However, we pray that the Church will continue to be blessed with his gifts.

These are the attributes which he will bring to his new role as a Pastor to over seventy parishes in Cork. We cannot doubt but that he will face many challenges in the years ahead and for these we must offer our continuing prayers for him as one of our own.

In his homily at his first Mass in the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne, in Cork, he spoke of the warmth of the welcome he had received and of his various contacts with the Diocese over the years. He knew of the fantastic community spirit that is alive in active and faith-filled parishes throughout the diocese, as people and priests work together. He said that he looked forward to supporting and being enriched by the community spirit there and together, in collaborative ministry, getting to know all the people through visiting and engaging with them in the coming months and years.



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Many thanks to Fr. Tom for the use of the Marino Room, to the Tea/Coffee Ladies, and to our Raffle Queen, Lorraine and her very able assistant, Catherine!







GRANNY'S BABY

Granny's writing another poem It happens every month or so Out come the notebook and the specs And she doesn't hear you when you speak.

You know the signs, but you don't mind Even when she looks right through you I suppose it's hard to concentrate When you're looking for that perfect word.

Granny's poems are worth the wait They always make you laugh or cry I gladly make her cups of tea She says they help her brain to work.

"It's like as though she's having a baby." Is how my Mam describes her moods "She won't be with us till it's over Then we'll have her back again!"

Poor old Granny's really struggling The family's in there, cheering for her If having a baby's as hard as this I don't know how we ever got born!

Aha! I think the end is near She almost smiled when she caught my eye Another half an hour or so And she might even remember my name!

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The Sacred Heart Lamp

An English historian, who came in 1930, in search of the real Ireland, describes an evening stroll through the Claddagh in Galway, before the old houses were replaced with better, modern houses. He writes as follows, 'in these rooms, warm with the peat fires and loud with crickets piping in the ashes, a red light is burning before the Sacred Heart'. Such it was in so many homes in those days and may still be in many homes around the country. The Sacred heart lamp was a must with a picture of the Sacred Heart on the wall behind it. Today we have moved on from religious artefacts, and symbols in our houses. Sometimes, we replace them with ideas such as Feng Shui where we must harmonise shapes and colours to achieve a peaceful aura.

The little red lamp provides none of this. It is simply a gentle reminder to people of faith, of the open heart of the Saviour and of His sacrifice for us. The devotion originated in the Burgundy region of France following the visions of a young woman, remembered now as St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. The town of

Paray le Monial is now the centre of that devotion, which has spread worldwide. At the time it was a way of countering the Jansenist heresies which were being promoted. The infinite mercy of God was replaced in this teaching, with an all-powerful, judgmental God, taking only those, who lived rigidly by the rules, into His kingdom.

The devotion became widespread and in the late eighteen seventies Ireland was consecrated to the Sacred Heart. The people were encouraged as part of this devotion to attend mass on first Fridays, receiving holy communion, where possible, and dedicating the household to the Sacred Heart. Novenas also became a practice and the Feast of The Sacred Heart became a celebrated feast day in the Church's year, when June became the month of the Sacred Heart.

The lamp became a symbol of that devotion and was a reminder each day that its little flame represented the unwavering gift of God's mercy to all of us, for all, and beyond all our understanding.



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Sunday After all Masses

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CLONTARF BOWLING CLUB NEW MEMBERS WANTED

Would you like to take up Lawn Bowls?

Clontarf Bowling Club has a number of temporary memberships available for this Summer season from

1st April to 30th September 2019.

Men and Men and women whether beginners or experienced players are all welcome.

Coaching and lawn bowls will be provided. The Bowling Club is set in the beautiful surroundings of Clontarf Golf Club on the Malahide Road.

Members have access to facilities of the club including the grass bowling green, clubhouse, restaurant, bar and many social events.

Give lawn bowls a try.

It is a lovely way to make friends and to enjoy those long Summer days outdoors.

Phone Clontarf Bowling Club 018331892 or email bowlingclub@clontarfgolfclub.ie

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Contributions are welcome from Parish Groups and any interested parishioners



Yet again, we have a very large number of entries, and the standard is getting better and better, each time. Please do keep entering as it a great encouragement to our judges and our editorial team, when we see so much young talent and interest.

SUMMER ART COMPETITION

Just colour in the drawing, write your name and address in the space provided and drop your entry into the Parish Office at Marino Church before 28th June 2019 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.

CHURCH REPOSITORY/SHOP



The Church Repository/Shop is open every Tuesday and Thursday morning after 10.00 a.m. Mass and after 11.00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. We have a good supply of sacramental mementos for boys and girls for all special occasions. Signed Mass Cards are also available from the Parish shop as well as the Sacristy.

EASTER ART COMPETITION WINNERS

First prize: Rachel Halpin

Joint Second prize: Sadbh Breen and Isabella Wusu

Third prize: Sophia Bonner

Name:	Age:
Address:	

