

Marino Parish Newsletter

Autumn Issue

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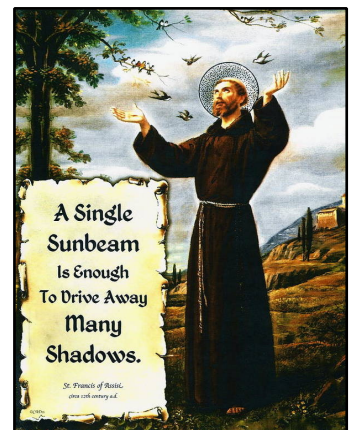
Our Autumn issue each year gives a sense of completion, the fruits of the harvest are in, we celebrate the beautiful colouring of the leaves, and while there is a sense that the year is drawing to a close, we feel well prepared for Winter and can have the sense of Spring beyond. The philosopher Albert Camus has written about this time in a beautiful line full of hope, that, "Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower."

This Autumn, though, is like no other that we can remember, even the Autumn of 1939 when the world held its breath wondering if war would overtake every country. However, that world had reason to be more optimistic then since the enemy was real and negotiation was still a possibility. Today, there is no room for negotiation, only to follow medical science and trust that an answer will come for the virus which seems to stalk the land, and ultimately lift that sense of foreboding we have now. We are now living with only a few strands of brightness put before us, as if even our leaders cannot look up and see the sun. Many of us live with the loss of loved ones, new burial rituals without that shared warmth and compassion of a communal support.

Yet, we are not the first people to suffer like this. In many parts of the world people have been forced to live like this while diseases, and wars ravaged their lives. We have tried to help when these disasters have occurred in the past, but we were sheltered from the harsh realities of such events.

Today we must face up to new realities in this time of pandemic and we can bear with them if we retain that solidarity of purpose which our loved ones had, those who reared us and lived through harsher times and were prepared to sacrifice themselves for our futures. As we remember them during the month of the Holy Souls can we draw strength from their faith and their lives. Perhaps our prayer during these times is to be like our forebears, to surrender ourselves to the Lord and to think a little like St. Francis of Assisi, who always saw hope in Nature and in God's love and reminds us that

"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows"



1. 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 We are experiencing trouble on every side, but are not crushed; we are perplexed, but not driven to despair; we are persecuted, but not abandoned; we are knocked down, but not destroyed, always carrying around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our

Hallow'een



Hallowe'en is a shortened form of All Hallows' Evening, falling as it does on 31st October, the eve of All Saints feast day which is the 1st of November, and followed by All Souls day on the 2nd November. This is the time in the Church's year when we remember the souls of all who have gone before us. This pandemic year is a vastly different time with Church services closed to the congregations. However, we can still complete the November list and drop it into the Church where their names will be included in the remembrances throughout the coming year. Writing someone's name is a great chance to remember them and say a prayer.

We are told in the Gospels that it is a happy and wholesome thing to pray for those who have died.

Of course, we also have the other side of Hallowe'en which commemorates that crossover between Christian festival and Celtic rituals.

It is this aspect that tends to be remembered today with witches, and ghouls and ghosts.

However, we hope that our older parishioners may not be disturbed by the constant banging of fireworks, and by smoke from bonfires and even the risk of fire from sparks etc.

Let us commemorate Hallowe'en both in the Christian sense, and allowing the children their games, and dressing up safely, but within the guidelines as they are now. Let us respect our neighbours and our animals and the environment. Let us not damage our green spaces by the debris of bonfires or upset pets by the constant noise. Let us celebrate as Christians caring for each other.

Happy Hallowe'en.

NOVEMBER ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

Due to the Covid-19 regulations there is no delivery of envelopes containing the November Dead List forms. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church during Church opening times.

Completed Lists can be left in the safe at the end of the Church or handed in to the sacristy during opening times. Also, a form can be filled in on-line through the Parish website.

A memorial booklet will be available to view online commemorating all who have died during the past year, and the Annual Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Monday evening at 7.30p.m., the 2nd of November next. The mass can be viewed on line over the Parish web cam.



Have they returned?

As we go to print, it seems that our Brent geese, so familiar from the Ard Scoil Ris pitch are back but now more visible out towards Clontarf and the slob lands

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

Migrating south as they do from their breeding grounds around Baffin Bay in Canada, to escape the harsh Arctic winter, the 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, Raheny, and Malahide area. Of course, we are only one of the many areas they return to each year.

In a recent radio programme, the environmentalist and nature expert, Dr. Eanna ni Lamhna, encouraged us that in this strange time of pandemic, to get out and about and become familiar with our winter visitors. She reminded us that the Brents were only one of a number of bird species that arrive here to overwinter.

The Curlew with its haunting cry and its straight legs and curved bill is another we should know. Along by Clontarf we could see Godwits and Dippers and on the sea shore..

On our strolls towards Dollymount and the Causeway we could look up the various types of birds that we might see on our walks from the information boards along the way.

The advent of these feathered visitors is a mark of our year, something many of us love. They 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, and as the poet says, sometimes hauntingly, they remind us of our earth bound selves and we wish with the poet, who says,

**“Now I watch my window, as geese feather the moon,
and I long for one more flight”**



Recent Bereavements

The late Butler, Richard (formerly of Ringsend and late of Grace Park Heights) – October, 18, 2020, peacefully at home, beloved husband of Ellen and much loved father of Geraldine, Declan and Pauline; lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his wife, son, daughters, sons-in-law Patrick and Brian, daughter-in-law, Fiona, grandchildren Michael, Daniel, Shane and Jack, his sister Clare and brother Tommy, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces, great-grandnephews, extended family, wonderful neighbours and his many friends.

The late Vincent Brady R.I.P. – An Appreciation

On 6th of October last Marino Parish lost one of its long-time staunch parishioners. Vincent Brady was someone whose work in the parish was quietly done and understated. For almost twenty years as Chairperson of the Parish Finance Committee he unobtrusively managed us through many costly major renovations, most recently our costly heating renewal, and through the early pandemic lock down where the Church was prepared not only for accommodating people safely but trying to balance the effect of smaller congregations on the parish finances. It was at times like these that his lifetime of business and financial experience stood us in good stead.

Vincent was a true-blue Dub, born in Ballybough, and a committed follower especially of the hurling team. He will be greatly missed, and we extend our deepest sympathy to Dymphna and Vincent's family, and to his many friends and colleagues.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

BOLAND (née O'Connor) Ann (Late of Loreto Avenue, Rathfarnham and Drumcondra, Dublin 9 and formerly of Dublin Gas Company, RTÉ and The Coeliac Society of Ireland) 7th October, 2020 (peacefully) at home surrounded by her family, beloved wife of Tom and dear mother of Patrick, Niall and Conor. She will be very sadly missed by her daughters-in-law Sinead and Bernie, grandchildren Aoife, Aisling, Séan, Roisín, Niamh, Tomás, Ciana, Orlaith and Darragh, brothers Tim and Pat, sisters-in-law Dora and Jacqueline.

The late Florence McKenna, R.I.P. An Appreciation

Florrie as she was popularly known was a long-time parishioner of Marino parish. For many years she was part of the Finance committee, and every Monday she was to be found sorting out the weekly collection, the envelope collections, and the parish Lotto. As in her business life Florrie was meticulous in this task. Her helping hand was to be found in every aspect of the parish where help was needed. She was a regular Mass goer in our main Church and in Rosmini to which she was extremely attached.

She is remembered for her warmth and her concern for everyone she met and especially for her kind enquiries after the health of so many parishioners at morning mass. It is this great Christian characteristic that shone through her life. Despite the restrictions of the pandemic the parish was able to host her last attendance which was her funeral Mass on Saturday 17th. October last.

Florence's funeral took place to Tuam, her home place.
Our deepest sympathy to her family and her many friends.

Archbishop of Dublin, Diarmuid Martin's recent interview



In a recent interview on the Pat Kenny Show on Newstalk, the Archbishop addressed the question of the reopening of Church services to the public. He said that in discussion with the Government it had been pointed out that in many cases Church size would allow services to go ahead safely. However, he acknowledged that community transmission was still a big problem. He commended the work of Parishes in attempting to ensure safety in the Church for all who entered.

He referenced the position in Boston where it was planned to reopen to the public, but there the position was that if there was any doubt as to safety public worship should not go ahead in that Church. He hoped that at some point we would have a timeframe in which we could resume public masses. He spoke of the sadness which his priests felt at their inability to have a congregation but he himself was also feeling that since he had not been able to publicly celebrate Mass. He reminded us that Public Health has always depended on Personal Responsibility, and concern for our fellow man.

He also said that in the future perhaps online ceremonies would continue and could be accessed by the older and more vulnerable members of congregations, but public worship would resume when safe.

He did foresee that in the future Catholics would be encouraged to become more involved personally in the life of faith formation and its transmission. Old institutional forms might disappear over time with each of us being asked to live the Gospel each day.

When he was asked about the activities of the anti-mask groups, he said that he felt saddened that religion was being used in this way as part of the campaign.

He felt that these activities often leading to confrontations could be used by neo-Nazi groups to foment trouble and he worried lest our society becomes infected by the type of right-wing groups and issues across Europe. He spoke about his fears of clashes occurring on the streets between opposing groups all with their own agenda, especially when tied in with immigration.

He spoke about how he was harassed and attacked when he attended the Islamic celebration of Eid in Croke Park. What struck him was the evidence of Catholic emblems and the hymns, none of which represented the tolerance of others which is at the heart of Christ's message.

He felt that these small groups did not reflect the views of many in the Church and it would sadden him if people allowed themselves to be drawn into these groups especially the young.

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Granny Nancy

an inspiration to us all!

I lost my husband in a car crash in 1989, and lost my twin daughters Margaret in 2007 to motor neurone and Anne in 2010 to utter heartbreak of losing her sister. I've lost all my friends throughout the years which comes with living so long on this earth.

I'm very lucky to still have three daughters Kathleen, Mary and Olive and one son Finian and I have 84 grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. I have faced many heart-breaking moments and also have seen many hard times in our country witnessing world wars, division in our people and numerous sad times for our nation.

I write to you today to send you my love and to offer you my prayers. We are in a very difficult time at the moment in our country, in our lives and in our world. But I reach out to you in this letter to offer you hope, faith and belief that everything will be ok in the end.

We are in another stage of this battle against the virus but we will get through this. Like everything I've been through since the day I was born in 1913, no matter how bad things have got, I'm the living proof that we can survive and in years to come, this will just be a distant memory.

I have a great faith and it has helped me keep positive throughout the struggles I've met. I thank you for keeping your faith and for keeping your resilience strong, through this hard time. Sadly for the moment, we can no longer stretch out to a friend and embrace them nor can we call to each other's houses.

But I'm here to share my story. I have been in lockdown in my house since March, alongside my granddaughter Louise and even though it has been a tough time, we have got through it together.

We drink tea. We say prayers. We bake. We laugh. We make phone calls. I can even video call lots of my family and friends and am making new friends everyday that God gives me on this earth.

And that's a very important thing to say. If you are feeling low, make sure to try call someone or even go for a walk. I also ask God to help me if I'm feeling low. This is a hard time for everyone but please make sure you keep yourself well and wear your mask. If you keep healthy, your mind will stay healthy too.

Keep talking to one another. All my life I have always believed in chatting and drinking tea and saying a prayer or a decade of the rosary and it has got me through. This is our moment to keep our faith and to keep believing that everything will turn out ok.



We must try to make sure we leave nobody behind and also that we don't lose sight of each other. This is a moment for humanity to step forward to take care of the other. We must mind ourselves but we must also mind all those around us. Look up and smile even if you have your mask on.

Your eyes will smile and that might be all someone needs to keep going. No good deed ever goes unnoticed so try your best to keep being good. We are not here to live for ourselves but to live for each other.

I can't believe I've made it to this age, I only feel like I'm 50 but now that I'm here, all I can say is please God I'll be here for my next birthday. We must always look forward. I can't believe I'm the oldest person in Ireland living in my own home, I don't feel that old.

When God wants me, he will come take me but for now I will keep enjoying my life, I'll keep loving my family and I'll keep saying my prayers day by day....oh and not to forget eating lots of good wholesome food is my tip. Good food and lots of tea is my secret to a long life as well as keeping positive as best we can. We must always look forward and hope for the best.

Thank you for thinking of me in your prayers and your thoughts and I promise I will think of you in my many rosaries I say everyday.

Thank you so much for reading my letter also and I hope I have, in even a little way, helped you feel less alone in this moment. There is always hope and once we keep talking to one another, no day will seem empty and we can get through this together. It only takes a small candle to take away the dark and in each of us, we can be that light in the world.

This hard time will indeed pass like all the rest and all that matters is that we helped each other through.

Many blessings and much love,
Granny Nancy x
Clonard
Co Meath.

Marino/Fairview Outdoor Christmas Carol

Venue: 10 Shelmartin terrace

Wednesday 16th December 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. (Weather Permittin^g)

Familiar Artists will perform their two favourite Carols.

Come well wrapped up, with candle/torch(phone)/lantern

Collection will be taken up for Brother Kevin's homeless shelter.

Let's all come with our lights to dispel the darkness and enter into the spirit of Christmas. All Welcome

For those who can't make the Christmas Carol service and would like to contribute to Bro. Kevin's charity, they may do so by leaving their donation into the sacristy, marked for Bro. Kevin, care of Lorraine, or hand deliver or drop it into me at the address above, where the carol service takes place. Every cent raised will go to the charity, with gratitude.

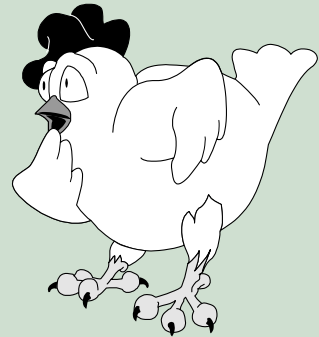


CARROT AND CELERY SOUP (SERVES 4)

Cooking Time: 30 mins.

INGREDIENTS:

*1 ½ pts. of chicken stock (use a stock cube)
3 medium carrots, peeled and sliced,
1 small onion, chopped
2 Sticks of celery, chopped,
Pepper and salt to taste.*



METHOD:

Simmer vegetables in the stock until cooked.

Liquidise soup and season with pepper.

Serve hot, with a blob of cream (if it is on your diet).

You may use other vegetables with the two main ones especially if you have some near their end of shelf life.

LIGHT FRUIT CAKE

INGREDIENTS

*(450 grms.) 1lb. self-raising flour
¾ pint of Guinness
1 egg
1 tsp mixed spice
(225 gr) ½ lb sultanas
(225 gr) ½ lb. Raisins
(225 gr) ½ lb. Sugar*



Preheat the oven to Gasmark 3, 325°F, 170°

Method:

Steep the dry fruit and sugar in the Guinness overnight in your mixing bowl, adding in the mixed spice.

Beat in the flour and the egg gently, to achieve the right consistency.

Cake tin – deep round 10 inch/25cm.

Fill the mixture into prepared tin (lined with double layer of greaseproof paper).

Smooth the top.

Bake in the preheated oven for 1½ hours on shelf below center.

(It may need a little longer depending on the oven).

Judge for yourself



The Garden in winter

The advent of Covid-19 has seen an outburst of interest in Gardening and in creating an outdoor space which is pleasant, and which allowed us to breathe during lockdown. Of course, we now need the comfort of this space all year round.

We can now buy in some winter flowering shrubs, while our garden centres are open, but it is now possible to buy on-line. These can be to some extent frost resistant and can be planted in vacant spaces to take the bare look off the garden. Be advised by the garden centre and their web advice, but also read the label on the plant or shrub.

Some may be prone to the effects of sunlight, even in Winter, and one such plant is the Camellia, a very popular one at Christmas. Shade these plants and protect from the worst of the frost and you will have a colourful potted plant for your patio. Shrubs and plants can also be bought for their berry colour, Fire thorns or Skimmia to name some. Cotoneaster is another, as are some of the low growing honeysuckles (Ioniceras). Viburnums are also worth considering.

Those of you with a greenhouse can use it for early spring bulbs, but an unheated greenhouse should be lined with bubble wrap to keep out the worst of the cold nights.

In the garden itself, we can use the skeletons of trees or bushes in our outdoor decorations, using coloured baubles or outdoor light fittings at Christmas time. Again, safety is the watchword. Do not set up any connections outside if you do not know what you are doing.

Hallowe'en Colouring Competition

Welcome to all our young readers who have loyally entered for the Art competition in our normal Newsletter.

To enter this competition, you must print off the image of the goose on the next page and colour in as usual.

You can either print it directly to your printer or download the page and then print it. The pages are in PDF format and if you can't manage it ask someone in the family to do it for you.

Just colour in the drawing, write your name and address on the back and drop your entries into the parish office at Marino Church, before the 20th. November 2020.

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, especially as this is only our second web-based newsletter.

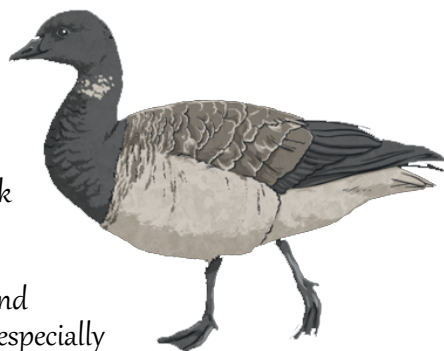
Gift tokens for the winning entries.

The upper age limit is 12 years.

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

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



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