

Marino Parish Newsletter

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"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God"



The last Sunday in July, traditionally the time when pilgrims climb Croke Patrick gave rise to a number of reports of addresses given by some of our Archbishops. Some of them were trying to deal with the upcoming shortage of priests in their Archdiocese and were alerting their flock to the future. One Archbishop asked his flock to look closely at their current resident priest, as he explained that when this man would retire there might be no longer a priest in that parish. New ways of sharing the remaining clergy would be found and new ways of providing prayer and sacramental services. Some people would have been shocked by this, but many Catholics in Ireland would have understood that this would be on the cards. It is fair to say that our flock has not produced replacement clerics. Many reasons are advanced for this, including the abuse history but also looking at the many career options available to young men today.

A vocational life has difficulty getting a hearing in these circumstances. Our synodal response has given a good outline of how our own parish sees the future. Currently we are blessed in having the support of priests from Nigeria and many parishes around the country are served in the same way.

The biggest dilemma that people perceive is the need to celebrate the Eucharist and how we can continue to have Mass. There are many debates about all these issues, many of which fall down to two major ones namely celibacy and women priests.

It is not the intention to rehash the synodal discussions or to favour one side over another, since without the opportunity to worship as congregations of faith it can be difficult to keep the solidarity which community and faith groups bring.

And yet when we look at all these negative reports and the decline of practice in Ireland, we ignore one important factor.

The Church is still growing worldwide, but mostly in the developing world. In fact, growth in Europe stagnates while in all other continents it continues to grow, despite persecution of Christians in some countries. Where persecution occurs, it is aimed at the Church because of its charitable and educational work. It is attacked sometimes on cultural grounds since it favours education for the poor and especially women. It is often attacked because it is alleged that it is proselytising from the dominant religions in an area or country.

It is against this background that we must take on board another reality and that is that we might become a people to whom the Universal Church will send priests on mission. This idea is farfetched now, but new realities must be addressed, and the new concerns of people and of the world will now have to deal with the reality of God's word and His place in saving His creation, which we have abused. As Pope Francis reminds us, climate action is a moral responsibility which we must all take on board.

The words above are those of Corrie ten Boom, the Dutch spiritual leader and woman of faith who defied the Nazis in Holland and saved many Jewish lives, putting her own at risk. Through a providential act she was released from Ravensbruck Concentration camp in error and thus she survived though her sister and brother died along with her father during their imprisonment. As a Calvinist she believed firmly in the idea of God present to us and a God to place our trust in, a faith which let her write and speak of how her spiritual life grew while in the concentration camp.

On the move for St Francis' Hospice

On Sunday, 24th July, four of us took part in the annual mini-marathon along Griffith Avenue, organised by local resident, Lorraine Doran.

All donations were going to St Francis' Hospice, Raheny.

Numbers were slightly down on previous years, it being holiday season and a long-standing walker with an injury. After donning our t-shirts and photos, taken by Catherine Dowling, our little platoon set off.

The day was perfect, warm but slightly cooler than the days of recent heatwave and the trees along the avenue gave welcome respite from the heat of the day.

Aisling and Maria set a fast pace because Maria wanted to see the second half of the All Ireland final! Passers-by nodded and smiled

when they saw the t-shirts. No records were broken, despite Rosaleen almost getting herself killed, in her haste crossing Drumcondra Road.

We completed it in just over 2hrs and Maria made it in time to see the second half of the match. It was a great afternoon, for a good cause, with Lorraine raising an impressive €5,015 for St Francis' Hospice.

A big 'thank you' to Lorraine (fundraiser and organiser); all who took part and Rosheen McCannon, who, although unable to participate, was with us in spirit!



Ageing gently



Pope Francis has recently spoken about old age and the infirmities which it brings. He often wonders out loud if he can continue to visit as Pastor to heal peoples affected by the Church institutions treatment of them in times past. He has always seen his mission as down among the people – the shepherd down with his flock.

For centuries though the Pope in Rome was only known at a distance. His vision of of Church handed down through Cardinals and Bishops, and through Papal letters and so forth.

The modern Papacy has allowed us to know Popes as people, with families of origin, birth places, talents and interests.

We know them as afflicted with the ailments and fragilities of our common humanity.

Of course, reflecting on old age is not new. The Roman writer, Cicero, wrote a famous book on old age, full of insightful musings and ideas.

During the pandemic we were reminded constantly of its vulnerability.

During that period of pandemic, one major voice in America was a senior medical expert who was in his mid-eighties and whose cogent and clear advice was spurned at the time by the then President.

It is the wisdom and vision of Pope Francis that we need now in theses troubled times for the Church.

His agility of body is not needed, but we do need his Spiritual guidance, his personal journey of faith, his willingness to remind us of Gods love for all of us and God's unremitting quest for our salvation.

May our prayers be for a long and faith filled journey with Pope Francis, reminded of his recent words of hope, when he reminds us that

"Old age is the phase in life most suited to spreading the joyful news that life is the initiation to a final fulfilment. And the best is yet to come."

Photo: Courtesy Vatican News shows Pope Francis greeting native people on his trip to Canada

Acknowledgment

The late Sheila O'Reilly R.I.P.

The family, neighbours and friends of the late Sheila O'Reilly of Carelton Road wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised or sent mass cards on her passing.

Sheila was a much loved part of her community surrounded by good neighbours and friends.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for all those who knew and loved Sheila during her time on Carelton Road.

In Appreciation, the late Eileen Brady R.I.P.

In June the parish of Marino lost one of our older parishioners, Eileen Brady of Brian Road.

Eileen and her late husband Owen had been stalwart parishioners during their long life together in our parish.

Both were involved in many parish activities from their early married years and into their older age.

Since Owens death, Eileen, due to illness, had been unable to participate as before. We have lost a great lady, a woman of faith and a great neighbour to all who knew her, To all her family and to her neighbours and many friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

Recent Bereavements

Please pray for the following recently deceased members of our parish:



April '22

Josephine Ui
Mhordha
John Clarke
Ethna Malone
Tom Kelly
Stella Sheridan
Joseph Redmond

May '22

John Mark Fox
Deborah Snedker
Eamonn Moore
Maureen Kelly

June '22

Mary Mangan
Shea Maguire
Bridie Killian
Eileen Brady

July '22

Frances Sheehan
Sr. Brigid Mary Wright
Sinead Madden
Sr. Helena Cusack
Robert Wogan
Alan O'Rourke

Pat on 1st August 2022



Hope you are all enjoying our Irish summer. All the confusion and discomfort of travelling through airports has put many people off international travelling, so apart from the roaring prices of hotel accommodation it looks like a stay-at-home holiday is the best option. Having said all that, it's good to have the option of travelling abroad and even travelling in Ireland back after so many restrictions for so long. A bonus of having to stay at home for so long is our gardens are looking better than ever they were after our two years of restrictions.

I have had one of those years so far. Sitting in my old but reliable car at the red lights on the Clontarf Road at Howth Road I was rear ended by a lady in a Mercedes Benz. I was moved forward a full car length and if anyone happened to be crossing the road in front of me I would most likely have killed them. Thank God nobody was crossing and thank God there was nobody else in either car.

The incident brought home to me the importance of having your seat belt on at all times even when you are stopped, and the importance of making sure everyone is belted up before you drive away.

I have no doubt that if I hadn't my safety belt on I would have made violent contact with the windscreen. So having said all that the message is belt up, I was thrown forward as far as the belt would allow and brought back by it very fast. Having experienced that I can understand how people can get whiplash. Thank God I didn't get anything worse than a sore neck and back for a few days. The result of all this was my old reliable was a write-off.

Unfortunately, it's going to be next to impossible to replace it for anything near what the Insurance paid out. If that was not enough while I had a replacement car for two weeks supplied by the insurance company one day while driving it, I had my mobile phone in my right-hand jacket pocket and closing the door, caught it and smashed it. I was not a happy man having a car written off then writing off my phone as well. Now I am just waiting for the third event, which please God won't happen. Thankfully a very good friend has given me the loan of her car for four weeks, God bless her.

So, when you are at your prayers you can say a prayer for her and a prayer that I can pick up a car that will suit my pocket and last.

This time for a change I will not be sharing one of my paintings with you instead I have decided to share a before and after image of a crib figure of the baby Jesus that I have been asked to repair for a friend. The figure had no right hand or left leg. I had been given it some months ago and could not get around to doing anything with it until recently.

Thinking about it now, I am wondering if I should have left it as it was. It didn't turn out as good as I had hoped and also I began to think we are told Jesus has no hands or feet but ours so maybe as it was broken it gives that message.

Then I looked at the imperfect repair job that I had completed and thought that the imperfect arm and leg represents us trying in our own little ways to spread the word and follow Jesus. Lending a helping hand wherever we can.

That's all my ramblings for now If you would like to say something in the Newsletter let's hear from you. There must be plenty out there that have a story to tell or an idea to share, perhaps an experience of their faith journey. Welcome to our new neighbours in Griffith Wood perhaps you would like to introduce yourself through the Newsletter. If you wish you can leave your message / article in the sacristy of St Vincent De Paul Church Griffith Avenue and address it to the Editor Marino Parish Newsletter.

God bless for now



Recent

David Mernagh
Ben Donohue
John Humphreys



Marriages

Clara O'Connor
Clara McDonald
Claire Holland

Marino Community Games says thanks to four long serving members

"We would like to extend a huge thank you to four of the Marino Fairview Community Games Committee members who are retiring this year.

Eileen Gahan, Rosemary Crowther, Ruth Morris and Grainne Morris have worked over the years to organise events from art, gymnastics, swimming, Gaelic and athletics. They are tremendous women who have fully supported the new committee taking over.

The 47th annual Community Games Athletics event took place on May in Croydon Gardens with a record number of over 400 children taking part!

Thank you ladies and thank you Crafty Fox flowers for the beautiful floral bouquets.

To volunteer with the Marino Fairview Community Games, please email Barbara at marinocommunitygames@gmail.com.

Well done to these splendid volunteers and to all who have helped over those years.



Sunday 15th of



LEGION OF MARY CENTENARY CONCERT

To mark the 100th year anniversary of the Legion of Mary, a concert will take place in the historical surroundings of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on Saturday, September 3rd.

Special guests include award winning soprano Celine Byrne, the Dublin Concert Band, Lorraine Mathews.

Book at Eventbrite. Tickets are €30 (premium – seating in reserved area) and €20 (general admission). See poster on Church Notice Board

AGE ACTION:

“Calling would be silver surfers”

‘If you are feeling a little left behind and out of the internet loop, why not enrol with Age Action’s Getting Started Programme, hosted in St. John’s Court, Malahide Road, Donnycarney.

This course provides you with one-to-one tuition for 10 hours over five weeks, free of charge. This course is for beginners and improvers.

Call Age Action on 01 4756989 or e-mail gettingstarted@ageaction.ie



PATHWAYS: EXPLORING FAITH AND MINISTRY

Application is now open for the next intake of participants for Pathways. The programme, run by the Dublin Archdiocese, begins this year on Thursday, September 29, in DCU St Patrick’s Campus.

Places are limited so early application is advisable Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week course, for adults of all ages who wish to explore their faith. It runs from late September to May each year, with breaks for Christmas, Easter and mid-terms.

There are no exams and no written work. The only requirement is an openness to listening to others and to participate. The cost is €400 per year which may be paid in instalments throughout the year.

For more information visit www.missionministry.ie or contact Pathways director Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie.

Recent Baptisms

We welcome into our Christian community all those children baptised recently in our Church

April '22

Hannah Jane O'Neill
Liam Paul O'Leary
Connor Patrick McAnallen
Shay Matthew Dolan
Kate Joanne Fitzpatrick
Fionn Thomas Fitzgerald
Leon Martin Duff
Cara Rose Dunne
Sophia Eabha Moloney
Jack Christopher Fields
Keelan Graham Bunnett

June '22

Sebastian Rodriguez
Sonny Fionn O'Sullivan
Sofia Anne O'Sullivan
Edward Woods
Leo Anthony Barry Nixon
Paul Cahill
Olivia Joan O'Connor
Isabella Willow Fahy
Sienna Marie Keogh

July '22

Lucas John Murphy
Cillian Robert Finlayson
Adriana joy McShane
Sophia Isobel Lockley
Georgia Mai Galloway
Lexie Joan Toner O'Connor
Amari Betty Keegan
Ruadh Aoibhinn Morris Drennan
Tomas Patrick McKeon
Caoimhe Ann Mc Mahon
Aoibhin Carol McMahon
Elisa Marie Verenhitch O'Laighin
Kacey Mae Fennell
Grace Deirdre Weir
Liam Aidan Birmingham(twin)
Freya Emily Birmingham(twin)
Molly Jane Brady

May '22

Keegan David Leahy
Labhaoise Nora Patricia Nolan
Jacob Vincent Domingues Crowley
Isla McCrory
Ruby Balfe
Emily Toal
Edward George Mulvany Melvin



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Autumn Colouring Competition

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

Just colour in the drawing, write your name and address on the back of the page and drop your entries into the parish office at Marino Church, before the 23rd September 2022

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 our newsletter is on the web for the time being. 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 .

NAME:.....AGE:.....

ADDRESS:.....

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Summer Colouring Competition Winners

1st prize: Aidan Coughlan

Second prize: Sadbh Breen

Joint Third prize: Saoirse Breen, Eoghan Coughlan

Closing date for the next Competition is 23rd September 2022