

Marino Parish Newsletter

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Marino NO 4 Vol. 20 Christmas Issue 2022



“Your hope, or show of hope, is a gift you can give to your neighbour” (Primo Levi)

As always our Advent editorial speaks of the hope of this season, when we look forward to celebrating the feast of Christ's birth, in a humble stable in Bethlehem.

Last year having endured two years of the pandemic, hope was there in plenty. The vaccine roll out was underway, travel was available. Life was returning to some form of normality.

Then, war in Europe was unleashed on an unsuspecting world. Since then, we have seen such devastation that it is impossible to imagine what type of person could authorise such brutality and what regime could so eagerly implement it, in the name of a belief or some historical illusion.

Such is the world we find ourselves in this Advent. It is hard to look for hope here at this time. Yet that is what we are called to do

As the serenity prayer has it we must “take this sinful world as it is, not as we would wish it to be.”

Therefore, this Advent let us remind ourselves what the Christmas story brings to us in the manger. The birth of the Christ Child brought three great gifts, the reality of Faith, the advent of Hope, hope in the resurrection and eternal life, and above all Love, the love which God has for each one, and that love which led to the Cross. These gifts of the Christ Child turn Advent again, into a well spring of Hope, and Love, built on the belief in Christ as God and man.

At this time too, let us not forget that Love must be shared, and that through Love, we can give Hope and encourage people in Faith. The words of Primo Levi, a survivor of Auschwitz, above, remind us that hope is a gift we can share to help people survive.

We are not just an Advent people. The world as it is gives us challenges; homelessness, housing, the refugees fleeing war, people fleeing cruel regimes, the victims of abuse and violence and the economic consequences of war. But the gifts which Jesus has brought allow us to see the world differently and will help us to fully realise our Christmas hopes and joys, through sharing our gifts with others in Charity and Love.

A very happy and Holy Christmas to all our loyal parish readers.

Also the Communications team would like to thank Fr. Tom, Fr. Christian, Parish Office personnel and the Sacristans for their continued support and also to recognise the great work done by our Pastoral Assistant, Mrs. Anne Dooley.

A Recent Visitor



Sr. Martha Bategeka from Uganda has just returned to her country having spent a month in our parish. She was here for medical reasons.

She belongs to the sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. There are four hundred Sisters in her congregation with an unfinished novitiate bursting at the seams with young women eager to be trained, to work for the Kingdom.

To help bring this building project to completion, we went on a begging spree and did a whip around locally. A very acceptable sum of €1,250 was raised, worth far more in Uganda, with the currency exchange rate.

One day we will see the value of our giving, in gospel terms.

Thanks to all of you who constantly dig deep and respond with kindness and generosity, to each begging request.

The Good Lord will repay you a 100-fold. I, in turn will keep you in my prayers, love support.

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No. 002 **RECEIPT** Date: 10/11/2022

Received with thanks from LORRAINE DORAN

The Sum of One thousand two hundred and Fifty Euros

Payment for Building Project

Cash / Cheque No. Balance

Shs: €1250 With thanks

Signature: [Signature]

For: DAUGHTERS OF ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS (BANYATEREZA SISTERS)

Lorraine

Copy of the formal receipt from the congregation

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mrs. Eileen Brady R.I.P.

The family of the late Eileen Brady, Brian Road would like to offer their heartfelt thanks to the many friends and neighbours who supported Eileen and the family through her lengthy illness. To those who called and visited the house when she died, attended the funeral mass, provided emotional and practical support, the family are truly grateful. Please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

Mrs. Anne Maher R.I.P.

The family of Anne Maher (Nee Ward) late of Griffith Court and Carrickmacross, Co., Monaghan want to thank all of our relatives, friends and neighbours for their wonderful support and kind expressions of sympathy during Anne's illness and subsequent demise.

We are so grateful for all you have done for us, having been inundated with cards, letters, phone calls, prayers, and visits. They have helped us greatly as we struggled with our loss. Please know that your generosity and thoughtfulness have touched us deeply.

A sincere word of thanks to Father Tom and Father Liam for officiating at the Funeral Mass. We also wish to express our appreciation to Lonergan's Undertakers and to Kirwans Funeral Home.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

A BIG THANK YOU

Sadie Staunton of Griffith Court wishes to thank her neighbours, friends and family who so generously supported her Coffee Morning for Saint Francis Hospice on 22nd September last.

Sadie raised €4,690 which included two corporate donations, totalling €2,000 from Sadie's nieces in memory of their father, Brendan.

Recent Bereavements

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

August 2022

Mary Lalor
Josephine McKenna
Alice Kane

Vincent Malone
Margaret Ingoldsby
Fiona McQuillan
Agnes Murray
Dermot Lynch
Brian Mullins

Elizabeth Benans
Teresa (Terry) Donnelly
Gerald Byrne
Alfred O'Reilly
Anne McNarney
Anne (Nancy) O'Connor

September 2022

Lillian O'Grady
Rosaleen Kenny
Frank Burke
Miriam Lynch

October 2022

Anne Maher
Sr. Mary Kirby

November 2022

John Kilmurray
Peter Moore



Congratulations to these happy couples married recently in our Parish Church

August 2022

Roisin Higgins and Peter White
Barbara Vaughan and Sean McGovern
Niamh O'Connor and Ciaran Reynaud



September 2022

Fiona Casserly and Alan Kershaw

October 2022

Margaret Keegan and Daniel Hanlon

A big Thank You

A sincere word of thanks to all parishioners for your support in 2022 and especially to all our volunteers who made it possible to function in the past year.

Wishing you a Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and looking forward to a healthier and more normal and peaceful 2023

Father Tom, Father Christian and the Parish team

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2022

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

Monday 19th December at 7.30 pm.
(Individual Confessions with communal preparation and thanksgiving (Parish Clergy and visiting Priests))

CAROL SERVICE

Wednesday 21st December at 7.30p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 24th December
10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon and 3.00 p.m. to 4.30p.m.
MASSES

Saturday 24th December (Christmas Eve)
10.00 a.m., 5.30p.m. (Family Mass) and
8.00p.m. (Vigil Mass)
(Carols from 7.45p.m. on Christmas Eve)

Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day
9.15a.m. and 11.00a.m.
(Church closes after Mass)

Monday 26th December – (St. Stephen's Day)
Mass at 10.00 a.m.
(Church closes after Mass.)

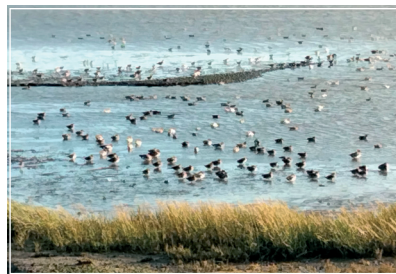
Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord
Thursday 5th January 7.00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)
Friday 6th January – Mass at 10.00 a.m.

St Joseph's Chapel Rosmini

24th December - Christmas Eve 7.00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

25th December - Christmas Day Mass 10.30 a.m.

The Brent's are back?



This issue would not be complete if we did not refer to our winter visitors, the Brent Geese.

It is only in the last few weeks have we seen their echelons flying over Marino in

that beautiful vee shaped formation.

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. Yet, there seems to be fewer of them this year but this is not a scientific count, just an observation.

Their advent 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. A poet has written of how they remind us of our earthbound selves and as we watch their flight he has written these lines of longing, which, after the pandemic, are so very apt for this time of year,

"Now I watch my window, as geese feather the moon, and long for one more flight".

Baptisms

Please welcome into our Christian Community all the children baptised recently in our Parish Church

August 2022

Alexandra Faye McLorie
Jessica Rose McLorie
Rory Michael Patrick Connolly
Éanna Seán Comaskey
Fíadh Siobhán Lennon
Síomha Lennon
Michael Brian McDonnell
Lily Ava Mills
Lucy Una Farrell
Lilian Betty Ruddy
Roman Michael Gaffney
Domhnall Martin Mac Colgáin
Daithí Fergal Mac Colgáin
Ted Sean Sherlock
Ella Molly Spratt
Finn Máirtín Mac Colgáin
Jonah Patrick Gibbons
Catherine Elizabeth Costello

September 2022

Cillian Joseph Flannelly
Freddie Joseph Quirke
Olivia Sheila Fogarty
Olivia Jenny Murphy
Max Richard Tansey
Luna Julia Wheelock Wallace
Cillian Duff
Síofra Caitriona Smyth
Alec David Kohler
Luke Patrick McDonnell



October 2022

Sophia Kate Ledwidge
Kai Gerard McCann
Finn Patrick O'Callaghan
Peadar Jack Duggan
Jacob John Harrington
Gene William Malone
Axel William Anthony O'Sullivan

November 2022

Molly Angela Fleury
Sadie Helena Fennell
Diego Giamtiero Gigli
Fiadh Elizabeth Morris
Finn Brendan O'Neill
Ailbe Tomás D'arcy
Saoirse Moya D'arcy
Charlie Denis Kane
Hugo Francis Lynch
Emily Catherine McCann