

Marino Parish Newsletter

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" Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us"

(St. Francis of Assisi)

This is our Winter issue and usually we direct our thoughts towards fulfilment. The tradition of the harvest gathered and settling down for winter is a common theme.



These past few years have seen our perspective changed radically. War and the aftermath of the pandemic has brought a huge touch of reality to every nation, as the fine balance of both the political world and the natural have been gravely upset. The war in Ukraine trundles on relentlessly with each day bringing more deaths and more inhumanity. Governments looking to their own

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needs start to question the stance that they have taken.

The morality of such decisions is much like that prevalent in society where situational ethics are in vogue.

As Winter begins, we move relentlessly into another war in the Holy Land. Again, more suffering and horror in the very cradle of our faith.

Nature is also in revolt with fire, flood, earthquakes, and famine. It is as if the Earth is calling a halt to our neglect of climate and of our willingness to exploit its bounty.

Yet it is in these times that we as a people of faith must have hope.

In his new Pastoral letter on the Environment, *Laudate Deum*, Pope Francis has spoken of our need to protect the Earth. He reminds us that 'when human beings claim to take God's place, they become their own worst enemies'.

As the Synod concludes, the Pope has spoken again with words of sincerity and truth about the need to love, to understand and to make room for those who currently present doctrinal difficulties for the Church.

Headlines scream out that he has changed this or that. His words are much more nuanced, and his great appeal is for the Holy Spirit to be allowed to be heard. He has noted that God seems to prefer silence to noise, as when He appears to the Prophet Elijah. He is but a "still small Voice.

Pope Francis in his homily at the opening Mass of the Synod prayed that the gathering would be a "place of grace and communion", where he reminded us that the "Holy Spirit often shatters our expectations to create something new that surpasses our predictions and negativity".

Prayer for peace in the Holy Land:

Oh, Loving Father, we turn to You in our hour of need, and ask You to bring Your peace and understanding to this most Holy, and most troubled, of lands.

Protect your faithful children, free them from discrimination and violence, and bring about an atmosphere of harmony and justice for all who dwell in these lands. In Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. Let there be peace.

In Nazareth, where Jesus spent His youth. Let there be peace.

At the Jordan River, where Jesus allowed Himself to be baptized. Let there be peace.

In Galilee, where Jesus chose His Apostles. Let there be peace.

In Cana, where Jesus performed His first miracle. Let there be peace.

In Capernaum, where Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes. Let there be peace.

In Jerusalem, where Jesus shared the Last Supper, where He suffered and died, and where He rose triumphantly from the dead. Let there be peace.

In these, and in all the other places where our Lord lived and walked, where He taught us the way to love one another, where He cured our infirmities and forgave our sin; in all the other places made sacred by His presence and touch, bring about the just and lasting peace that we are unable to bring about through our human efforts. Amen.

A Time of Gifts

Now that Halloween has passed and we are into November, and our dead are remembered, it is good to stand back and reflect.

This month of the **Holy Souls** is in another way a 'Time of Gifts'. It is a time when those departed whom we love give us the gift of memory. Their passing is remembered, times past recalled, they are alive again to us, the happy times and the sad.

We in return give them the gift of prayer and the Eucharist, believing as we do that it is a happy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead. We also speak their name again in this present world; feeling again their presence.

Let us also remember those who have no one to remember them and whose name is known to God alone.

"Now let your unfailing love comfort me, just as you promised me, your servant "(Psalm 119:76).

November Altar List of the Dead

Envelopes are currently being delivered to each household in the parish and there are also spare envelopes available at the back of the Church. Envelopes with the names of your deceased Loved Ones may be placed in the safes at the back of the church or handed into the Sacristy for inclusion in the Altar List of the Dead.

Baptism

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

Baptisms August

Sonnie James McGrane
Órlaigh Meadhbh Geoghegan
Sean James Fallon
Lana Maria Brady
Sofia Audrey Stapleton
Ella Rachael Quin
Christian Joshua Daly
Patrick Barnabass Prince
Robert Thomas Prince
Harry Dunne
Fiadh Sheehy
Senán James Flynn
Frederick Denis Eoin Murphy-Kelly
Jasmine Honora Carney

Baptisms September

Aoibhín Úna Collier
Clodagh Guan
Cara Mai Carey
Michael Noel Barry

Baptisms October

Alice Lily Fitzgerald
Lily Louise Gill
Killian Michael McKenna
Ciara Julia Farrell
Hannah Theresa Lynch
Hannah Mary O'Shea
Anthony Dos Santos Halpin

Corinthians 1.2:4-9

We are afflicted on all sides but not crushed, bewildered but not sunk in despair, persecuted but not abandoned, struck down but not destroyed.

¹⁰*We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body.*

Pat on Tap



Remember me. It's a while since my ramblings appeared in the Newsletter. Having one of those years with the return of my old friend and the treatment that goes with it. Finding it a little harder to cope this time round but that's enough about that.

I have produced little or no paintings this year. Restoring a few statues and enjoying that. As I don't at this time have any paintings to show you, I decided to share a picture of my back garden. I am not sure if it can be appreciated in black and white, but it demonstrates that you can be artistic in many ways. I would like to encourage you to give it a try. The only thing about trying to create something pleasing to the eye is that it may take several years.

This is a joint work by my wife Miriam and I and we had many enjoyable trips to garden centres.

When we would come home, we would try to find a space to plant our

purchases.

As they matured, we might discover that they did not fit there, and we would dig them up and replant. This was not always successful, and we succeeded in killing a few lovely specimens.

But the whole project has given both of us great joy over the years and we are both very pleased with the result. I know it's a bit late in the year for talking about gardens but what about sending in your garden photos to the newsletter with your story of how it came into being.

Anyhow the weather is starting to send us all indoors so to get out and about we need to have some activities to go to. As I mentioned before I play short mat bowls which is a suitable indoor game. The club that I am in is currently seeking members. Why not drop down on a Wednesday or Friday night at 7.15 to St. Anthony's House, behind St. Anthony's Church for a game and to see if you would like to join.

That's all for now.

God bless.

Pat

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2023

SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

Monday 18th December at 7.30 pm.
(Individual Confessions with communal preparation and thanksgiving (Parish Clergy and visiting Priests))

CAROL SERVICE
Wednesday 20th December at 7.30p.m.

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 23rd December
10.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon & 4.00p.m. to 5.30p.m.

MASSES
Sunday 24th December (*Christmas Eve*)
9.15 a.m., 11.00a.m., 5.30p.m. & 8.00p.m. (*Christmas Vigil Mass*)
(*Carols from 7.45p.m.*)

Monday 25th December - *Christmas Day*
9.15a.m. & 11.00a.m.
(*Church closes after Mass*)

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

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord
Friday 5th January 7.00 p.m. (*Vigil Mass*)
Saturday 6th January – Mass at 10.00 a.m. & 5.30p.m. (*Vigil*)

St Joseph's Chapel Rosmini

Sunday 24th December - *Christmas Eve*
10.30 a.m. & 7.00 p.m. (*Vigil Mass*)

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

Notice

1980s or early 1990s? I would love to speak to you about your memories.

I am a historian researching the history of pro-life activism in Ireland and would like to record the experiences of ordinary people involved in this movement. Interviews can be anonymous if you wish and your memories will be treated with the utmost sensitivity and respect.

If you are interested in taking part in an oral history interview with me (over phone/Zoom or in person) or would like to share any information, please email L.e.kelly@strath.ac.uk, or write to: Laura Kelly, School of Humanities, University of Strathclyde, Level 4, Lord Hope Building, 141 St. James Road, Glasgow G4 0LT, Scotland."

Simply Cooking

Favourite recipes from the late Mary O'Mahony's popular cookery book

ALL-IN-ONE CHRISTMAS CAKE

Ingredients:

- 1 lb 4ozs (575g) Currants 13 ozs/375g Sultanas
- 7 ozs (200g) Raisins
- 5 ozs (150g) Glace Cherries washed and halved,
- Almonds blanched and chopped
- Mixed Cut Peel
- Grated rind of 2 Lemons,
- Grated rind of 1 Orange.
- 3 – 4 Tablespoons Brandy/Whiskey
- 14 ozs (400g) Plain Flour
- 1½ level Teaspoons Mixed Spice
- ¾ Teaspoon Ground Nutmeg
- 3½ ozs (100g) Ground Almonds
- 12 ozs (350g) Butter or Margarine
- 12 ozs (350g) Dark Brown Soft Sugar,
- 1 Tablespoon Treacle (optional)
- 7 Large Eggs



Oven Temp.

Preheat Oven Gas Mark 1, 275°F - 140°C, Middle Shelf
10" (25cm) Round Tin, 9"/23cm Square.

Method:

- Prepare tin, put double thickness of greaseproof on bottom and sides.
- Optional, tie a layer of brown paper around tin.
- Place all cake ingredients together in a very large mixing bowl and beat with electric mixer or, even better, with wooden spoon until well mixed (5/6 mins).
- Place mixture in prepared tin and smooth top with back of a wet tablespoon.
- Bake in pre-heated oven for 4 - 4½ hrs.
- Check at intervals after 3 hrs. Turn out. Remove papers.
- Test with skewer. Remove from oven – allow to cool in tin.
- Wrap in double greaseproof paper and put in tin.

Editors Note: Parishioners have asked over a number of issues if we could publish again some of the recipes of our late friend and stalwart of the newsletter team, Mary O'Mahony. When space allows we will publish some of her tried and trusted recipes and in so doing remember her joy in sharing these with her neighbours and friends.

Marino Newsletter Brent Watch

We can confirm that once again the Brent geese have returned to winter at their usual haunts at Clontarf.



The Garden in winter

The advent of Covid-19 saw 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 and that is why in wintertime we need to be able to look at the garden as a pleasant oasis even on the frosty mornings.

Pat on Tap gives you an idea of how you can make your garden beautiful even in winter by using form and line with shrubs.

Garden care is about tidying up, storing away pots, and essentially doing garden maintenance just to allow free access on those frosty mornings.

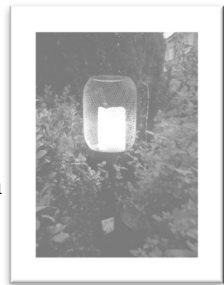
We can now buy in some winter flowering shrubs, from our garden centres or from our local hardware shop. These can be to some extent frost resistant and can be planted in vacant spaces to take the bare look off the garden. Be advised by the garden centre or local supplier and you can always Google for advice too. Also read the label on the shrub, even though the advice is given in symbols which can give one a bit of trouble, for example is it full shade or is it morning sun or whatever.

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, Firethorns or Skimmia to name some. Cotoneaster is another, as are some of the low growing honeysuckles (loniceras). 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 unless you know what you are doing.

Otherwise get an electrician to help.



Fairview Marino Order of Malta Christmas Party



The Marino Unit of the Order of Malta Ambulance Corps would like to thank the residents of Marino, Fairview and Drumcondra for their continued support of our Christmas Party for the Sick & Housebound. The event which has been running for almost 43 years is a very special occasion and loved by all those who attend.

This year the party will be on the 3rd December in Le Cheile Community Centre, Donnycarney.

Invites will be issued shortly but if you know of anyone who would like to attend please do contact Maria Maguire at 01-8376722 after 7pm.

To support this event, we will be holding a Church Gate Collection on the 18th & 19th November. Your support on the day would be very welcome. You can also support us through the following Go Fund Me Page :<https://gofund.me/4b805e7f>
Many thanks to you all.

A Huge Thank You

Sadie Staunton of Griffith Court wishes to give a huge thank you to all who so generously supported her Coffee Morning in aid of Saint Francis Hospice, Raheny on the 21st of September last,

A total of €6,295 was raised including € 2,000 local corporate donations.

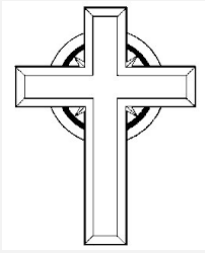


Recent Bereavments

Pleas pray for the following deceased members of our parish:

August 23

Sheila Blake
Theresa Clerkin
Kevin Hodson
Joan Rayner



September 23

Teresa Barber
Pat McGinn
Adrian Mason
Anna (Moir) Morris
Celine Mann
Kenneth (Ken) Murray
Jerry Hedderman
John (Jack) Burke
Carmel Shiels



October 23

Vera Rice
Liam Kelch
Jack Fearon
Bridget Fitzgerald

Acknowledgment

The late Kevin Hodson R.I.P.

Noreen and her family would like to express their gratitude to everyone who attended Kevin's funeral Mass and for their kindness during this difficult time.

'O my God, fill my soul with holy joy, courage and strength to serve You. Enkindle Your love in me and then walk with me along the next stretch of road before me. I do not see very far ahead, but when I have arrived where the horizon now closes down, a new prospect will open before me, and I shall meet it with peace '

St. Edith Stein/St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Recent Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine



In early September I was invited to go to Knock with The Legion of Mary. I had not been there since I was a child -and that's a long time ago!

Anna Bonner, who is a committed Legionary for many years now, asked me if I would like to come.

"Think about it, let me know if you want to reserve a place on the coach, 24th Sept".

I did think about it, I had been to Fatima, and Lourdes, I made up my mind to go.

We met at 7.45a.m Sunday morning. We boarded the coach with the sun beaming across Mountjoy Square.

There was a great sense of camaraderie, and although I only knew Anna, I felt a sense of belonging in the presence of everyone on board.

When we reached the outskirts of the city, Anna began The Rosary and everyone prayed

together. At 10.00am we stopped for tea and scones at Ferrick's Hotel, Rathowen. Anna had reserved a place for our group to sit together and chat.

We reached Knock before 12.00 noon. It was absolutely lashing rain as the coach pulled into the car park, and we all ran for shelter. The rain couldn't dampen my spirits as I ran to get Holy Water from one of the taps in the wall.

I was in the basilica early for Mass at 3.00pm. I stood transfixed by the beautiful mosaic of the apparition on the altar, I was captivated by the life-size impact it had on me.

When the crowds began to file in, Fr. Richard Gibbons addressed us all with a warm welcome before Mass began. It was organized with Military Precision, that anyone who wished to receive a 'Healing Blessing', to come forward. I felt privileged to be blessed with the 'Holy Oils'. It was a deeply moving experience.

In his Homily Bishop Duffy addressed the large crowd, and paid tribute to the enormous work of evangelization achieved by Legionaries throughout the world. How their commitment and dedication is so important in today's secular world. The choir sang one of my favourite hymns, the Tantum Ergo Sacramentum. The strong scent of the incense took me back to 'The May Devotions', when I was a child. We returned to the coach in the pouring rain, and we recited The Rosary on our way to Ferricks Hotel for a delicious evening meal.

I am still feeling the depth and breath of the experience, the sense of reverence that captivates you; you just know you are standing on 'Holy Ground'.

I congratulate the amazing committed Legionaries who came from the four corners of Ireland to join together in joyful prayer and thanksgiving.

I wish to thank those who organized the event, especially Fr. Richard Gibbons, whose preparation and dedication to Our Blessed Lady, knows no bounds! Thank you Anna for inviting me to join your group, for a most inspiring day!

Bernadette Henry