

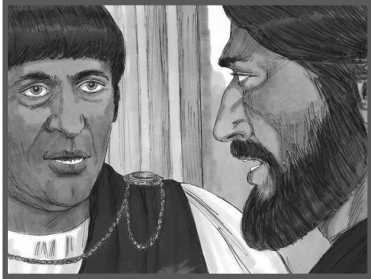
# Marino Parish Newsletter

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Marino

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## “What is truth?”



As we approach the end of Lent, we are reminded of how things in our world have become much worse over the last two years. Russia’s war on Ukraine, based on lies and propaganda rumbles on with countless lives now lost just to make a falsehood true.

Now we have the terrible events which befell Israel and the current horrors in Gaza brought about by the events of October 7<sup>th</sup> last.

There is instability everywhere very often fomented by rumour and half-truth. .

As we come to the events of Holy Week, we see in our own Gospel narrative of Christ’s life the power of rumour and untruth,

Christ as the Messiah is not portrayed as Saviour but as one Who will disturb the current order. A subtle nudge here, a slightly garbled version of Jesus teaching, and people can be roused up.

Our Gospel for Good Friday contains the powerful yet brief exchange between Pilate and Jesus.

It shows the difficulty which Pilate has between the honesty of Jesus and the fear he has of what the crowd believe. Jesus has been speaking truth to power not to challenge but to open people up to

how life can be lived. “Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

Pilate is unwilling to confront this man of truth. Instead, he turns away asking “**What is truth?**”

If you repeat a falsehood often enough and spread it widely, many people will come to believe it especially if others have not the means to challenge the grand lie.

In our own country, social media is alive with commentary on many social issues. People very often follow commentary blindly without thinking. Even commentary about Church affairs and so on are not exempt. Look at the amount of publicity which believers are subjected to about the various failings and faults of Pope Francis and his tenure of office. Discussion and debate are one thing but if we are not to be led down the wrong path, we must search for the hidden gem in all this Babel.

To seek the truth is an obligation which we all must share. Pope Francis, in the early years of his papacy spoke of the insidious nature of gossip and the wrong that can be done to people.

Today social media can spread that gossip everywhere and in essence promote ideas and ideologies which can cause death and destruction.

In this Holy season of Lent, we should reflect again on the words of Pilate. Like Pilate we too have a duty to search for **truth** and to speak it.

## New Female President for Pioneer Total Abstinence Association



The PTA appointed its first female President on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March last, fittingly on Mother’s Day.

Mrs. Frances Egan became the first woman to lead the organisation in its long history of one hundred and twenty-five years, even though it was founded by Father James Cullen and a committee made up of four women.

Mrs. Egan thanked her supporters in the Connacht region for their support in her election and she also paid tribute to the outgoing president, Mr. Matt Boylan, from Cavan for his good work during his Presidency. She also expressed her intention to work closely with the Board of Management and the Central Spiritual Director, Father Robert McCabe of the Meath Diocese.

Speaking to the Irish Independent, Mrs. Egan explained that the PTA is a movement based on prayer with the objective of helping people with an alcohol problem through prayer and programmes which support addicts and families. The objective is to encourage people to abstain from alcohol or at least to use it in moderation. Given the problems which Irish society has with alcohol abuse she explained that members have a commitment to give example, to help where they can, and through daily prayer ask for spiritual help for those struggling, and to abstain from alcohol for life. Pioneers are recognisable by the Pioneer emblem which members wear on their lapels or coats.

While the pin is no longer as visible in our daily lives, we have many examples of well known persons wearing it with their example contributing to the message of the Pioneers. Indeed, in Marino we have had many Pioneer jubilarians over the years. What is often overlooked is that the Pioneer movement is now a world wide organisation spread through the work of Irish Missionaries abroad.

## Baptism

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

### November

Luke Martin O'Shaughnessy  
Tadhg Thomas Fagan  
Thomas James O'Donnell  
Stella Martha Smyth  
Remi Margaus Pearl O'Reilly  
James Brian Corry

### December

Sienna Grace Mulvihill  
Síle Burton Whicker Hayes  
Vincent Luke Geoghegan  
Alice Marie O'Sullivan  
Neco Parmar  
Noah Terence Hanley Devitt



*I baptize you in the name  
of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit*

### January 2024

Mila Grace Regan  
Freya Monica Farrelly  
Grace Margaret O'Donoghue Hamill

### February 2024

Sid Keville  
Aoibhe Rose Treanor  
Bonnie Ann Perry  
Elizabeth Rose Polz O'Reilly  
Ollie Michael O'Connor  
Grace Róisín Cahayag

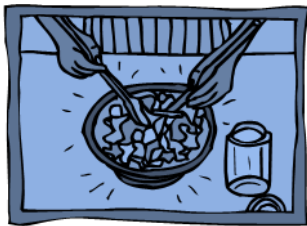
## Simply Cooking

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

### STUFFED PORK STEAK

#### Ingredients:

Pork Steak  
Stuffing: 3 cupfuls bread crumbs  
medium onion, chopped  
1 tsp parsley, finely chopped  
1tsp dried mixed herb's  
1oz(28g) butter - milk to bind



#### Method:

Mix all dry ingredients together, melt butter and add with a little milk.  
Wipe pork steak with clean cloth.  
Make cut through steak with sharp knife.  
Put stuffing right along steak, turn over and tie securely with string.  
Place in roasting tin with some cooking oil and cover with tin foil.  
Preheat oven to Gas Mark 4, Electric 350°F(180C).  
Cook for 90 minutes approximately on middle shelf. Remove tin foil for last 20 minutes.  
Serve with roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli or turnip.  
(1¼ lbs. round steak can be used instead of pork steak.)

#### 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.

## Recent Marriages



Congratulations to this happy couple who were married in  
our Church in November 2023  
Jennifer Gormley & Rory Byrne

## Congratulations

Well done, to all at Grace Park Montessori and all associated or who contributed to their recent Coffee Morning.

Showing again the generosity of people when faced with inhuman situations the morning raised the grand total of €10200 for the Children of Gaza

€10,200

## Recent Bereavements

Please pray for the following deceased members of our parish:

### November 2023

Sharon McCabe Tallon  
Mary Boyhan  
Gerard Chapman

### December 23

Thomas Boland  
Jack Shiel  
Eugene Rooney  
Patrica Downes  
Daniel Gahan  
Heiki Kiiman  
Michael Healy



### January 24

Hannah Given  
Philip Maguire  
Margaret O'Donnell

### February 24

Ann Leen  
Tom Brady  
Paddy Coughlan  
Rosaleen Rice  
Marie Donnelly



### Feast of Divine Mercy

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on Sunday 7th April in St. Vincent DePaul Church Marino with Holy Hour from 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. and Holy Mass at 4.00 p.m. Confessions will be available from 3.00p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

## Gardening towards the Summer

Now that we have had a taste of snow and things have been set back a little in the garden, we need to get down to our task preparing for late Spring and early summer. Already the seed catalogues and the Garden centres are displaying their wares

Our first task is to tidy the garden so we have free uncluttered access. You can also do some light pruning if its necessary but just check if the time is suitable and also how hard you should prune. If you have black spot on your roses try a suitable treatment for that, either commercial or made up. An organic remedy can be made from a half litre of milk, two tablespoons of bread soda and five litres of water. This can be sprayed anytime.

Check out the garden furniture and do any maintenance necessary

If you have a gas barbeque, check the rubber hosing and make sure that it is not cracked or perished. If in doubt have it checked out before use. Also, any outdoor electrical sockets should be examined in case there are exposed wires anywhere, even low voltage lighting, if you have it.

You can still plant potatoes either in the soil if you are lucky enough to have space, or in a raised bed or potato bag. Use the appropriate amount of fertiliser usually artificial granular type since we are unlikely to have manure available. If you are only going to plant a small number of seed potatoes the larger packs will have too many, and in small spaces it is not good to maximise sowing. Blight free seed is the handiest since it cuts out that worry. When you buy the seed, check if the potatoes have started to sprout. This is called chitting and if they are slow keep them in the dark for a week or so to encourage sprouting.

You may chance some commercial potatoes that you use for cooking in the absence of seed. If they are last season's they may be softer. Take as many as you want and put them in a darkened place for a week or so. If they start to sprout you can plant them out. Roosters generally come good.

You can start strawberries now if you can get plants, just make sure to let them start inside until all the frost is gone. They can also be planted in strawberry pots, or in hanging baskets.

Now is the time for tomatoes either to start some seeds or plants as they become available. In the greenhouse use grow bags when your seedlings have got to at least fifteen centimetres. Water in well and keep them fed and watered, with feeding only needed at intervals of four weeks or so.

For a colourful summer invest in some bulbs such as dahlias and other suitable ones.

Sweetpea in plant or seed form will give you both colour and perfume right through the summer. As always think about hanging baskets for colour around the garden or ground-based plots planted up. Be careful with ground-based plots to keep paths clear.

As always if in doubt about what you are doing use the internet for advice, local advice is best for growing conditions.



## Easter Greetings

On behalf of Fr. Noone, Fr. Christian and the Parish team, and the Newsletter team we wish each and every one a Peaceful, Blessed and safe Easter.

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Closing date for the next issue to be announced

## PARISH NEWS

### New Auxiliary Bishop.



The Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed Fr Donal Roche, a priest of the archdiocese, as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Dublin. Father Roche was born in Drimnagh in 1958 to Sheila and Joe Roche and was educated at

Drimnagh Castle CBS school.

After school he was employed by Dublin City Council but left to follow his vocation and become a priest..

After ordination in his home parish of Mourne Road in 1986 he was appointed as Priest teacher in Colaiste Dhulaigh in Coolock. Then he became Diocesan advisor for religious education in the primary sector. Following that appointment, he became Chaplain to St. Marks Community School in Tallaght.

Having spent almost twenty years in the education field Bishop Roche retains a great interest in Evangelisation of the young Fr Roche's has gleaned his parish experience in a number of parishes, and he is currently in the Cabinteely- Johnstown grouping with Cherrywood under his wing.

Here he is faced with a modern problem namely how to create a parish for people who wish one but where no space exists for a church.

As Auxiliary Bishop he will assist the Archbishop in navigating the Synodal Path that will lead into a new and different future.

In a historic aside, he is Bishop of the ancient diocese of Cell Ausaile near Kiltashee, called after St. Auxilius who was said to be a nephew of Saint Patrick.

We pray God's blessing on Bishop Roche in these challenging times and wish him every blessing in his work.

**Pictured above Archbishop Dermot Farrell and Bishop Roche**

### Pilgrimage to Knock – 145 years since apparition:

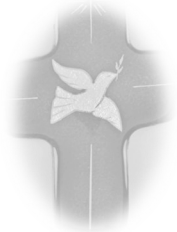


Archbishop Dermot Farrell will lead the annual pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday, April 27th.

This year we are celebrating 145 years since the apparition in 1879. A series of workshops with interesting and thought-provoking speakers is being planned, details to follow. Email [knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie) for further information.

### Congratulations to our Confirmands

Congratulations to all our young girls and boys from St. Vincent de Paul Girls and Scoil Mhuire Boys school who received their Confirmation recently. With over one hundred children receiving the Sacrament it is our hope and prayer that they will be a source of goodness and faith in the parish in the years to come. Let us keep them and their families in our prayers as they set out on the journey of life. Congratulations too to their families, teachers and to our Parish Catechist for all the preparation that went into the journey to Confirmation.





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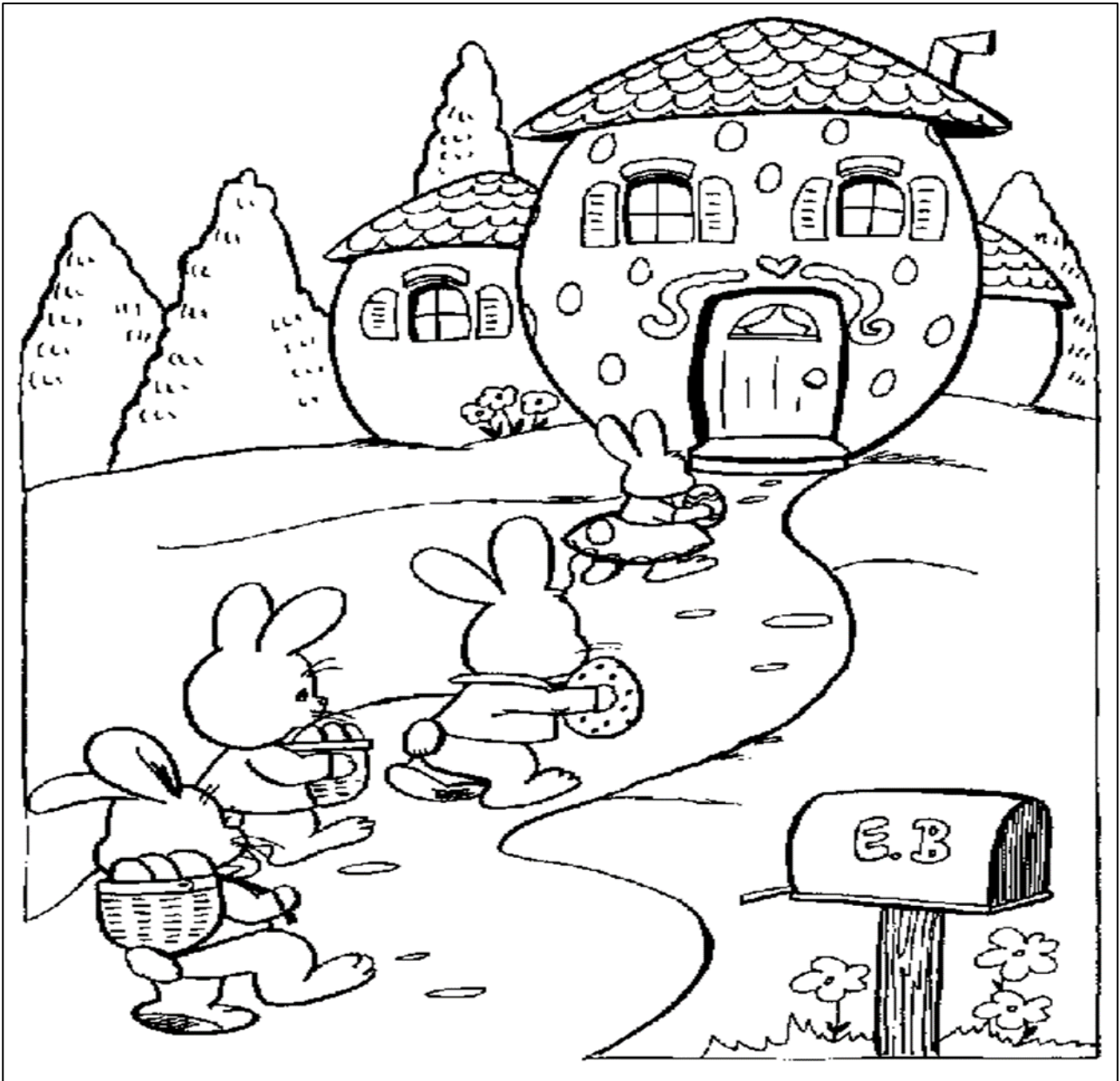
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## Easter Art Competition 2024



Just colour in the drawing, write your name and address in the space provided and drop your entries in to the parish office before 26th April 2024. Gift tokens for winning entries. The upper age limit is twelve years old. In line with Child protection policy, we do not publish addresses. Please do not give children's mobile phone number.

Name:

Age:.....Address:

### Christmas Art Competition Winners 2023

First Prize: **Sadbh Breen**

Second Prize: **Saoirse Breen**

Third Prize: **Dara Fleming**