

Marino Parish Newsletter

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We are prophets of a future not our own'



This phrase is part of a reflection often attributed to St. Oscar Romero. In our last issue before the pandemic in 2020, it headlined the editorial which was concerned with those who influence us and how we can work towards a better world for our children or for those we love.

That future always passes into other hands, and we must leave it to a new generation.

After the existential threat which faced us in the months after, we learned how to survive, how to adapt and how to care and share. We were a people at the mercy of events, until vaccines arrived and gradually, we were freed from the threat of extinction.

Since then, for those of us living in the first world, life has resumed its contented way until a new threat has arisen. This is one in which money, lifestyle and privilege play a part.

Coming at a time of great instability in the world where floods, forest fires and earthquakes are destroying the lives of so many people with a war still raging in Europe and the Middle East, with smaller conflicts, though no less deadly, occurring elsewhere on the African continent we are faced with a change to the world economic order.

For us, this a problem of the first world, but its effects in the rest of the world will be far greater.

At that first Easter time the prospect of thirty pieces of silver was the deal which led to the Cross. Christ's life was part of the deal, and in this current time we are all at the mercy of the deal, when the powers that be overlook the needs of the world's poorest and insist that everything is capable of being sorted by taking and not giving. To give is a waste unless there is a return.

Christ, at His death on the Cross, left to His disciples the task of telling the world of God's love, and of that great commandment, to love God and one another.

In this new order of the world our first instinct is to look to ourselves, but when we look at our task as Christians, we see that we must never forget our duty to the poor or to those who do not live in this first world. The beatitudes still must be lived. We may be required to **cast out into the deep**, to dig in for our fellow man and to realise the common humanity of each person.

Are people criminal if they seek work across the border, or should they starve because they have no voice. Christ left only one template, His life and death and those words which he expressed in the beatitudes, in the temple, and in all His dealings with everyone He influenced.

As we journey to meet Him at Easter these are the measuring rods that will mark how well we worked in His vineyard and how the world can be a better place.

Pope Francis reminds us that **"We hear many offers from the world around us; but let us take up God's offer instead: his is a caress of love. For God, we are not numbers, we are important"**,

Congratulations Bishop Kevin



Congratulations to, and God's blessing on Bishop Kevin Doran who was appointed as the Bishop of Achonry on 16 th February this year. His Holiness Pope Francis appointed Bishop Doran to the Diocese of Achonry in addition to being Bishop of Elphin. On the 30th of March last he was installed as Bishop of Achonry with the two dioceses now united "in persona episcopi", that is in the person of the Bishop.

Bishop Kevin is remembered with affection for his time in the parish of Marino and for his work as General Secretary of the Eucharistic Congress Organising committee in 2012.

From his homily these words reflect the person of the new Bishop, "The more important thing for all of us to remember is that, while Bishops come and go, it is the Spirit of God who leads us and if we walk with Jesus, we will eventually get to where God wants us to be."

Baptisms

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

December 2024

Thomas Cathal O'Donovan

Tadhg Seán Fitzsimons

Freya Nolan

Sadhbh Frances Crowley

Ellie Alice Clarke

January 2025

Bobby Hargadon

February 2025

Frankie Morgan McGarrity

Rose Ellen O'Connor

Arthur Bobby Bayliss

Olivia Rosanna Murphy

March 2025

Séimí Joseph Sheerin

Daithí Seamus Morris

Sophia Rose Weldon

Hickey

Freya Robyn Fitzharris

Kylie Mary Kerins

Zara Christina Kiernan

Lana Stephanie McDonnell
Cleary



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

CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE 2025

Palm Sunday 13 th April	Blessing of Palm at all Masses
Monday 14 th April	Reconciliation Service at 7.30 p.m.
Monday Tuesday Wednesday 14 th 15 th & 16 th April	Mass 10.00 a.m.
Holy Thursday 17 th April	Mass for young people at 4.00 p.m. Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00 p.m. Adoration at the Altar of Repose closing with Night Prayer of the Church at 8.45 p.m.
Good Friday 18 th April	Stations of the Cross for Young People at 12 noon Solemn Passion with Holy Communion at 3.00 p.m. (Veneration of the Cross is part of this service only). Camino - starting at 4.15 p.m. from Parish Church.
Holy Saturday 19 th April	Concelebrated Easter Vigil at 8.00 p.m.
Easter Sunday 20 th April	Masses at 9.15 & 11.00 a.m. (Church closes after Mass)
Easter Monday 21 st April	Mass at 10 a.m. (Church closes 11.00 a.m.)
CONFESSION TIMES	
Monday 14 th April	Reconciliation Service at 7.30 p.m.
Holy Thursday 17 th April	11.00 a.m. to 12 noon.
Good Friday 18 th April	10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
Holy Saturday 19 th April	11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. & 3.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

The Sign of the Cross or Blessing ones self

The tradition of marking ourselves with the Sign of the Cross dates back to Saint Basil who lived in the fourth century. He wrote that the Apostles 'taught us to mark with the sign of the cross those who put their hope in the Lord'.

Pope Francis has said at one of his Sunday homilies that 'Every time a Catholic makes the sign of the cross, it is a reminder that God is a communion of love'. He also highlighted that this simple gesture learned in childhood is a sign of the central mystery of our faith, namely the Blessed Trinity.

He explained that 'God is love. God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit and he gave His life for us, so we make the sign of the Cross to remind us of this'.

Traditionally in Ireland, apart from formal prayer, and in Church, believers often use a blessing to share in the mourning if one meets a hearse, or when passing a Church by recognising the presence of Christ in the Eucharist or sometimes on seeing or hearing an ambulance. This is to be at one with those who are ill or injured.

It also shows that we are believers and followers of Christ.

The Priests of the Parish along with the Parish Team wish you all Peace and Joy for Easter as we celebrate the Risen Christ.

Important Notice:

It is with great sadness that the Rosminians announce that due to changing circumstances and a resulting shortage of personnel, we are no longer in a position to provide Holy Mass on

Saturdays or Sundays at our Church of St. Joseph (Child Vision on Gracepark Road.) This change will come into effect from Saturday the 5th of April 2025. We will continue to provide weekday Masses from Monday to Friday.

Our sincerest thanks to all who attend Holy Mass in St. Joseph's and especially to our many helpers, our Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist and we must not forget our choir who enrich our liturgy in a wonderful way.

We look forward to seeing you at our weekday Masses.

Wishing you every Blessing.

James M. Browne I.C. Provincial



Simply Cooking

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

Baked Cod in Bacon with Rosemary, Thyme or Basil

Ingredients:

- 4 Sprigs of Rosemary, Thyme or Basil
- Olive Oil – Salt and Black Pepper
- 2 Cod Fillets (scaled and boned)
- 8 Smoked Streaky Rashers
- 1 Lemon.

Method:

Prepare Cod – preheat oven to highest temperature.
Pick leaves from rosemary thyme, or basil and chop finely on chopping board.
Drizzle rosemary, thyme or basil with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and black pepper.
Season the cod fillets with herbs and seasoning.
Lay 4 rashers on board next to each other, letting them overlap.
Place cod fillets across them and wrap rashers around it. Repeat with second cod fillet and remaining rashers.
Drizzle a baking tray with olive oil and rub over.
Lay cod fillets on tray, skin side down, and place sprig of herbs on top.
Place baking tray in middle of the pre-heated oven for 15 minutes or until bacon is golden and fish is cooked through.
Serve out of oven with wedge of lemon for squeezing over.
Serve with mashed potato and freshly cooked green vegetables or salad.

Tá se go deas.

Remembering our Sisters

Dear Editor

Recently you ran an article on Religious sisters and nuns in Ireland both past and present. I invite you, dear reader, to enter into a glimpse of my experience with a group of them.

The year was 1959. I had just finished my primary 'education'.

Emotional, psychological and physical damage was done to me during those years. Before free education my mother, far seeing as she was, took in a lodger, to save money, for her three daughters and one son's secondary school education. It was a life changing move. In turn, the three girls, cycled daily into Dominican College, Eccles St for what turned out to be a 'true' education.

With great love and respect the sisters tapped into our educational, spiritual, emotional and physical well-being. We began to expand and grow into mature young Irish women, ready to face the world, though still tainted by our previous primary school experience. I was called to enter the Dominican novitiate in Kerdiff town, Kill, Co. Kildare. Alas, after three years in formation, it became obvious that I was not called to religious life and sadly, I left.

I believe that I'm still a Dominican at heart.

Thank you, sisters, for a great education, leaving me with good and wholesome memories. Your motto, Veritas, is etched deeply into my heart and psyche.

Yes, I was graced over the years to forgive those lay teachers, in my primary school 'education', who did me harm in so many ways. They no longer control me.

If it were not for the Dominican sisters, I would have had a sad and a damaged life, with a different story to relate.

The world will be saved by beauty, truth, and love. Let's live this truth, so that we may share it with all.

Your etc.,

Lorraine Doran

First published in the Irish Catholic letters page.

Editors Note: Once again at this time we are republishing one of Mary's handiest recipes for Easter time.

Marino Parish Choir:

Come Join our Choir: Lift your voice, lift your spirit, be part of a joyful community and build friendships – no experience needed, just a willing heart.

Practice on Monday evenings 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. for 11.00 a.m. Mass on Sundays

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Recent Marriages

December

Jack Collins & Naoise Perry

January

Jack Kirwan & Kayleigh Dunne

Congratulations to the happy couples



Marino Newsletter Brent Watch

Our Brent Geese are thriving and are ready for their return journey to their northern home .

We hope that you have enjoyed their presence, observing them in flight and at their haunts along the bay at Clontarf or from the very popular Dublin Port Greenway which is proving to be a splendid new amenity. For all of us who love to see them 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, as the poet says ' the change that brings the swallow and the geese in turn'.



Easter Dues

Envelopes are currently being delivered to each household in the parish and there are also spare envelopes available at the back of the Church. Please ensure that returned envelopes have your name and address on the them. Envelopes may be placed in the safes at the back of the church or handed into the Sacristy .

Recent Bereavements

Pleas pray for the following deceased members of our parish:

December 2024

Brigid Pegnam
Eilish Clancy
Sr. Nora Horan
Betty Lee
Tom Daly

January 2025

Pat Horan
Máirín Halpin
Mary Rose
O'Connor
Mary Traynor
Bernard Chaney

February 2025

Teresa Doyle Gorry
Helen Corcoran
Patrick Bennett
Joan Ryan
Anne Maguire
Michael Kelleher



March 2025

Patrick O'Brien
Stella O'Connor
Rosaleen(Rose) Kavanagh
Nicholas Coleman
Kathleen Healy
Mary(May) Roche

Saints for our Times



Over the millenia the Church has always looked to people of extraordinary gifts or commitment to their faith who have lived exemplary lives. Age has never been a barrier to Sainthood from the earliest Church martyrs and up to the present. We can look to Saint Therese of Lisieux or to saint Bernadette or to Saint Maria Goretti.

Pope Francis has always spoken of his commitment to young people and to recognise the faith and devotion of young people throughout the world, seeing in their lived experience of suffering and their lived lives of faith in ones so young, exemplars for their age.

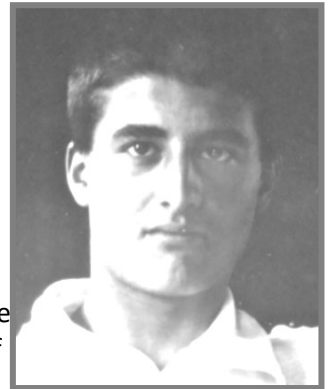
In this Jubilee year, after Easter, he will raise to sainthood Blessed Carlo Acutis a young layman aged fifteen, from the north of Italy who during his lifetime, short and all was renowned for his devotion to the Eucharist and also for his love of technology, and who has been described as 'an influencer of holiness' through which he connected with so many young people.

This year, God willing, Pope Francis will canonise him during the Jubilee of Teenagers, which falls on 25 – 27 April during the Jubilee Year.

He will also canonise during the Jubilee of Young People in August, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati who was born in Turin in 1901 and died at the age of twenty four.

As a student in Turin Giorgio became a Dominican tertiary and was very active in the Catholic Action movement there, and with the Vincentians. He is considered one of the Italian social saints because of his devotion to the poorest and most needy. Though from a wealthy family, his father owning the famous La Stampa newspaper, his short life was devoted to prayer and helping the vulnerable. Famous as the "saint of the peaks", because of his love of mountain climbing, his letters to friends always included the injunction to 'Put out into the deep' and after his death he was known as the "boy of the eight beatitudes".

A fitting message for these troubled times for the world and for the younger generation who need role models of faith and commitment more than ever.



Marino Camino:

The Marino Camino will take place again this year on Good Friday, 18th April. We will start our walk from the parish church of St. Vincent de Paul, at 4.15 p.m. and visit other churches within the boundaries of the parish of Marino. At each stopping point, we will reflect on Jesus' suffering and death and we will silently connect to our own and others' As part of the Marino Camino, a group of singers will perform the Stabat Mater on Good Friday, April 18th at 4pm in the MIE Chapel on Griffith Avenue.

Photo: Setting out on Camino

