

Marino Parish Newsletter

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Marino

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"Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

These words spoken by the disciples who ate with Christ on the road to Emmaus have a particular relevance to us at this time in the Church year. Having celebrated two great feasts of Hope, Ascension Day and Pentecost we can begin again, as the Church always does when one Pope dies and another is elected to lead and serve. As the disciples did two thousand years ago, Pope Leo takes up the Cross carried by Pope Francis, with the one task of bringing Christ's message to all of us, believers

and unbelievers.

There are so many legacies left to us by Pope Francis that looking ahead many of us are overwhelmed by the task of being followers of Christ in this modern world, where even religion is used as a form of oppression and denial of human dignity and rights. The very phrase used in that Gospel tells us that communion with Christ with His very words of love and encouragement should impel us always towards good, to seek justice especially in the land where Christ walked.

This is the world that Pope Leo must navigate but he does it, like the disciples, guided by the tongues of fire, the Holy Spirit working and carrying him forward.

In every parish in the country and throughout the world parishioners wait to see how to move forward.

This Jubilee Year saddened by the death of Pope Francis but renewed again by the election of Pope Leo will celebrate the great faith to be found among peoples on the peripheries of the modern world and even of the periphery of the Church. It will remind us again of the joy to be found in following Christ in meeting Him and our neighbours in the breaking of bread. Our brothers and sisters in far flung places have been brought into our presence due so much to Pope Francis who did so much to include all the faithful in his journeying and in his ministry. Pope Leo having lived among and worked in some of the poorest areas of Latin America has also experienced the joyful presence of his people of faith in Peru.

In our own parish and in the lives of the diocese we have our **Building Hope** project tied in with the concept of synodality. Also, we have the desire and the prayer for more lay involvement.

The great wish of Pope Leo is that we will move forward in harmony seeking always what Christ wishes for us that as Children of God all will be guided and helped in our mission to reach our heavenly goal.

We remember the timely words of one of our great poets, the late Brendan Kennelly, who wrote,

**" Something that will not acknowledge conclusion
Insists that we forever begin".**

"Eucharistic Adoration in Our Church



Eucharistic Adoration commenced in our parish church on Monday 19th May 2025 after the 10am Mass with an attendance of approximately 30 parishioners. The attendees were asked for feedback as to how the veneration was conducted and there was positive and constructive feedback which has been taken on board.

"can you not watch one hour with me?"

Ongoing feedback is very welcome so that the Eucharistic Adoration service can represent views and input from all parishioners.

Attending Eucharistic Adoration is a very powerful form of prayer. It is a way of connecting deeply with Jesus through quiet contemplation. It's a space where we can talk to God about anything. It brings a sense of closeness and comfort. Whether we are devout Catholics or just curious about exploring different spiritual practices, Eucharistic Adoration provides a meaningful path to connect with our faith and seek moments of transcendence. It is a source of spiritual serenity in our busy world.

Give it a try, without any obligation. Come join Eucharistic Adoration in our church any Monday morning from at 10.30am (except Bank Holiday Mondays.) Stay for a few minutes or a whole hour. Give Jesus the chance to welcome you to spend time with Him."

Baptism

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

Baptisms April 2025

Conn Simon Craven
Brooke Aisling Noone
Richard Michael Lynam
Sienna O'Doherty
Olivia Joan McDonnell



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

Baptisms May 2025

Finley Jack Maxwell
Rosa Margo McHugh
Síofra Eibhlin Ní Raghallagh
Enzo Luca Rea
Mabel Eve Beirne
Darragh Patrick Murphy
Harper Belle Creely Fennell

Reflection on a Senior Moment

The following reflection may reassure us all when 'senior' moments strike!

"Anosognosia, a temporary forgetfulness, by French Professor, Bruno Dor, of the Institute of Memory and Alzheimer's Disease (IMMA), La Pitie-Salpetriere, Hospital, Paris". He addresses the subject in a rather reassuring way: "If anyone is aware of his memory problems, he does not have Alzheimer's."

- 1) I forget the names of families...
- 2) I do not remember where I put some things...

It often happens in people 60 years and older that they complain that they lack memory. "The information is always in the brain, it is the 'processor' that is lacking.

"This is **"Anosognosia"** or temporary forgetfulness. Half of people 60 and older have some symptoms that are due to age rather than disease.

The most common cases are:

- Forgetting the name of a person,
- Going to a room in the house and not remembering why we were going there,
- A blank memory for a movie title or actor, an actress,
- A waste of time searching where we left our glasses or keys.

After 60 years most people have such a difficulty, which indicates that it is not a disease but rather a characteristic due to the passage of years.

Many people are concerned about these oversights hence the importance of the following statement:

"Those who are conscious of being forgetful have no serious problem of memory".

"Those who suffer from a memory illness or Alzheimer's, are not aware of what is happening. "Professor Bruno Dubois, Director of IMMA, reassures the majority of people concerned about their oversights: "The more we complain about memory loss, the less likely we are to suffer from memory sickness."

The little Camino of Hope

Building Hope has been the message of this period in the life of our parish and our archdiocese. Along with the synod and its reflections and conclusions there are also the spiritual aspects to all our efforts. After all, without prayer we may lose momentum and be caught up in the troubles of the world.



One of the beautiful simple exercises that we have undertaken has been our journey at Easter time around our parish churches as we undertook the Marino Camino.

We can still journey on the Camino way if that is our wont by undertaking the **Camino of Hope** or the **Camino of Little Pockets of Hope a pilgrimage with Pope Francis**.

This route and spiritual exercise is built around the late Pope Francis's document with its message that Hope does not Disappoint.

To be a person of hope is to face into a world which more and more seems to want to deny hope to all the peoples of the world not only those who exist on the margins.

On the Camino of Pockets of Hope one can walk from the first way point which is St. Andrews Church, Westland Row. There you can read a selection of messages taken from Pope Francis' Encyclical and also from the document which commenced the Jubilee Year.

From there one can make one's way to City Quay Church, or more properly the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, a beautiful little Church, where one encounters the hope of past generations in a Church which has remained open to all.

From there one can cross over the Liffey to Our Lady of Lourdes, Sean MacDermott Street, where you can also pray at the shrine of Venerable Matt Talbot, one who never gave up on hope.

From there one can make one's way to St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral to round off the Camino.

Also if one visits Glendalough during the summer there is a further display in St. Kevin's Church, Glendalough.

The theme of the Camino is to encourage the faithful to become filled with the Gift of Hope in this Jubilee year and that we can share this gift with our fellow pilgrims.

Photo: Courtesy Google Map.

Father Jim Ross S.M. R.I.P.



Father Jim Ross, late of Brian Road passed away in the Fiji Islands on the 3rd of June.

After ordination Jim went to Fiji in 1967 to become a missionary. The wonderful community of Marino in the 80s and 90s held a yearly sale of work for Father Ross in the Carleton Hall in aid

of his mission.

He was able to contribute to the building of a school, Saint Bedes College in the parish of Savusavu in Fiji with the monies raised over the years. He was very well known among our community, and it is with great sadness we announce his passing. He will be sadly missed by his relatives in Ireland and abroad. May he rest in Peace.

At his funeral mass in Suva, the Archbishop concluded his homily in which he outlined Father Jim's work in Fiji and elsewhere, as follows: **May Your Soul Rest In Peace, Father James Augustine Ross S.M – your legacy is engraved in our hearts, and your footprints are etched across the Fiji Islands and other Pacific Island Countries.**

Simply Cooking

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

RHUBARB PUDDING (A slightly different way to cook it)

Ingredients:

375gr. (1 lb.) Rhubarb 115gr. (4 oz.) Caster sugar
For the Batter
3 oz. pl. Flour, 2 oz. butter (melted & cooled)
2 oz. castor sugar, 3 eggs
Pinch each, cinnamon & ginger

To finish

Extra caster sugar
Whipped cream or ice cream

Oven Temp.: Moderate Gas Mark 6, 400F, 200C

Position: Centre

Method:

Preheat oven. Grease deep ovenproof dish.
Wash & trim rhubarb, cut into approx. 2.5cm (1") pieces
Toss in sugar.
Place in ovenproof dish Cover with foil & cook for 20 mins.
Meanwhile, assemble all the batter ingredients and beat well.
Remove rhubarb from oven, take off foil & pour batter mixture over.
Sprinkle a few more spoonfuls of sugar over Return to oven and cook for about 25 mins. until golden & puffy.
Serve hot with whipped cream or ice cream.

Enjoy!

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.

Extract from the Homily of Archbishop Dermot Farrell on the Feast of St. Kevin

Last Sunday, as he took possession of the Chair of the Bishop of Rome, in the Basilica of St John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome, Pope Leo said this of his own diocese:

I think ... of the *challenging process of listening* that the Diocese of Rome has undertaken in these years, a process carried out at various levels: listening *to the world* around us to respond to its challenges, and listening *within our communities* to understand needs and to propose sage and prophetic initiatives of evangelization and charity. This has been a challenging, ongoing journey meant to embrace a very rich and complex reality. Yet it is worthy of the history of this local Church, which has shown, time and again, that it is able to ... confront new and challenging scenarios. (Pope Leo XIV, Homily at the Papal Mass for the Possession of the Chair of the Bishop of Rome, 25th May 2025)

Dublin is not Rome, and the Church in Dublin has a very different history to the Church in Rome, and yet there are strong parallels: we too are learning to listen anew, we too are discovering that listening is a process, listening to each other, and listening to the world, is a way of being church, not just a prelude to some action, but part of *who* and *how* disciples are. A listening Church is a Christ-like Church: it mirrors the questions of Christ, he who asks, "what do you want me to do for you?" "do you see this woman?" "Will you too go away?" A listening Church is a church that meets people *where* they are, and *how* they are, and that seeks the Lord where he is to be found.

As we celebrate the Feast of St Kevin, let us put flesh on our hope, let us *build hope* by our journey in compassion and solidarity with our sisters and brothers, and by our journey to and with the one who wells up in our hearts, crying "Abba, Father."

Young People Worthy of our Praise

I hear many complaints about young people who are not attending church services, or going to Mass. They all appear to be busy doing sports or other activities on Sunday's. But I believe they are genuine and want to be actively involved in church services where they can be and heard!

This happened on Good Friday at 12.00 noon at The Stations of the Cross for Young people, at St. Vincent De Paul's church.

This included a large number of children and young teenagers re-enacting the Stations of The Cross. The younger ones were in costume for the Passion, which involved the fourteen Stations.

Each had their own part to play, and were incredible little actors, whose passion and enthusiasm was deeply moving. I have to praise the young actress who played Jesus, her facial expressions, her body language exhibited great talent indeed. As did all of the actors involved in the Passion of Jesus!

The teenagers participated by reading each one of the stations from the altar lectern. Every word they spoke was crystal clear, with heartfelt sincerity in their voices, no one could doubt. It was obvious they had practiced their readings in advance and spoke with great confidence. At the end, the Cross was carried to the altar by Daniel, who resembled Franco Zeffirelli's Jesus of Nazareth!

His parents Paul and Bern Hennessy, whose young singers gave the most reflective, beautiful musical renditions, enriched the entire ceremony. It was a credit to Anne, our Parish Catechist, who with her willing helpers organized the ceremony.

It took me back in time, to when on the same altar with young people back in the 90s. It's remarkable how many young people tell me they remember the part they played years later. It remains with them, even if they have lapsed in their faith, they never forget, it's etched in their memory forever. Well done to all who participated, we would love to see more of your wonderful talents!

(Bemadette Henry)

PA GABRIEL AMEH EKELE-AGA (RIP)



Parishioners in the Parish of Marino were saddened to hear of the recent sudden death of Father Christian's beloved father.

We send our prayers and deep condolences to Father Christian and his family at this especially sad time he having only gone home on leave just recently.

May his soul rest in peace.Amen.

Balgriffin Cemetery Mass

Mass will be celebrated in the Sacred Heart Church , Yellow Walls, on Sunday the 13th. Of July at 11.30a.m. for all those buried in Balgriffin Cemetery.

A short Blessing Prayer Service and sprinkling of the graves with Holy Water will take place in the cemetery that afternoon at 3.00p.m. All are welcome to attend the mass and it can be viewed also on the webcam at www.churchservices.tv/yellowwalls.



Recent Marriages

May 2025

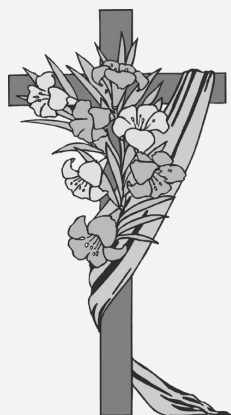
Edd Ryan and Leona Melling
Congratulations to the happy Couple

Recent Bereavments

Please pray for the following deceased members of our parish:

April 2025

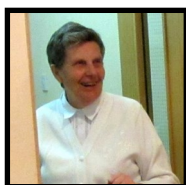
Eileen Crawford
Doreen Carroll
Adrian Farrelly
Rebecca (Becky) Malone
George Rowley



May 2025

Tim Rodgers
Pauline Coleman

The Late Catherine Williams R.I.P An Appreciation



On the 7th of June last the parishioners of Marino gathered in our parish church to celebrate the funeral mass and the life of Catherine Williams.

Catherine the beloved wife of Tom and mother of Maureen, Éilis, Eoghan, and Áine came to Marino in 1964 as a young married woman.

Since arriving on St. Declan road all those years ago and rearing a family she became involved fully in Parish life along with Tom

She was involved over a long period with the Apostolic Work team and for twenty five years she organised and managed the Meals on Wheels.

Parishioners still remember how meticulous she was in ensuring everyone was looked after.

In an earlier issue of the Parish newsletter they were identified as local heroes who regarded anything they did in the parish as part of normal parish living..

Not only a Trojan in Parish activities she was a great and supportive neighbour open and helpful and a friend to all.

In her latter years infirmity prevented her from being physically involved in many things but she still used her many talents to advise and to help. She was part of the knitting group which featured on the Angelus and she encouraged and taught people to paint.

On behalf of the Parish team and the wider parish we extend our deepest sympathy to Tom and his family and to in-laws and wider family.

Ni bheidh a leitheid ann aris.

Our photo has Catherine as always helping in the hospitality group

June, the month of the Sacred Heart



The first Sunday in June each year brings forth from our choir at the eleven o'clock mass the great hymn to the Sacred Heart. Those of us of an older generation remember these hymns as part of the beginning proper of summer. The hymn brings with it a fullness of heart and a warmth which steals over us as

we listen to our choir.

It reminds us that even if we have grown cold in our faith that there is a heart still beating to enfold us in the love and grace of God. For that whole month of June, we are privileged to be reminded of this open heart. The great feast day of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to which the month of June is dedicated, falls on the Friday after the second Sunday after Pentecost. This year it falls on the 27th of June and many Churches still celebrate the great Novena which commences nine days before.

In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises relate to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In Ireland we had so many of those practices, especially that of keeping the Sacred Heart lamp lighting in the house. It was also the custom to place each family under the protection of the Sacred Heart, and older homesteads had the Sacred Heart pledge hanging on the wall with each family member inscribed on it. Indeed, it is still quite common in Italy and other European countries to have images of the Sacred Heart in restaurants and in little nooks along side streets and so on.

The particular devotion to the Sacred Heart originated in the Burgundy region of France in the late sixteenth century, following the visions of a young woman, remembered now as St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.

The town of Paray le Monial is now the centre of that devotion, which has spread worldwide. The devotion which flowed from the visions of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque became a way of countering the Jansenist heresies which were being promoted at that time.

The Jansenists believed in an all-powerful, judgmental God, taking only those, who lived rigidly by the rules, into His kingdom. The mercy and love of the Heart of Jesus for all, as seen in His life and death was suppressed in this heresy. The devotions which were promoted were a means of reminding all at a time when war and hunger were widespread that God was a merciful, forgiving God, and this love came into our human lives through the very heart of the Son, Christ on Earth.

Indeed, given the turmoil in the world today the openness and sense of love which shines forth from this beating heart is a necessary antidote to the horrors that daily surround us. It is a constant assurance of Christ's love for all.