

Marino Parish Newsletter

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“Lord it is the time. The summer was immense.”

The German poet, Rilke, opens his great poem, Autumn, with these lines and continues in a vein where he understands Autumn is about harvesting, gathering, but is also about loss and departure. Normally our issue reflects on the concept of harvest. People have worked and gathered, and the harvest festival and the prayers of thanksgiving were reflective of this bounty.

Can we say that for the year up to now when indeed the summer was immense with record high temperatures. Nature has also shown us that it cannot be taken for granted with flash floods and forest fires raging throughout Europe and effectively on each continent. The most recent tragedy in Nepal just a symptom of global warming.

On the African continent countries still battle with drought and famine and in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Ebola virus still raging. Unrest and fighting bedevil both east and west in Africa with the situation in Gaza continuing to be a gross tragedy in the land where Christ walked.

In Europe we still have war edging ever closer to a serious conflagration. And in this bizarre new world, wheat is harvested across the plains of Ukraine and on the steppes of Russia, the noise of



harvesters mingling with the sound of deadly drones and cruise missiles.

Yet there is still work for us to do. As believers we must never forget that it is still our role to carry out God's wishes on Earth. Saint Teresa of Avila reminds us always that He has no hands but ours to care for the Earth, to care for the poor, the bereaved and those lost to our eyes on the street, people who have fallen so far that they are invisible, and yet each one we meet, each person needing help is a reflection of the Creator.

While Autumn was a time of plenty it is also a time of reflection, of aging, of settling in for winter, and of remembering those who have gone before, especially our dead as we write their names on the dead list or remember them in prayer. This is something which this time of year really asks us to do, to remember previous generations, their generosity of spirit and of self and to recognise that we are who we are because of them.

As Pope Leo reminded us recently in his letter on aging that

“old age with its fragility becomes “a time of grace, to be lived in prayer, in service, in tenderness, in memory preserved and passed on: a blessing for generations to come.”

The Sunday Collection and the Offertory



Each Sunday the collections before the Consecration can be a source of frustration and annoyance to people as they search for coin or notes and pass the bag or the basket along. However clumsily they may be handled they are part of the Offertory of the mass. Prior to the pandemic we had the Offertory procession where the gifts of bread and wine were brought to the altar representing the staples of life, which at the Consecration would become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Today the gifts are placed on the altar by the sacristan in preparation for the Offertory and the Consecration. Our first collection takes place and it is an offering of what we have in material things not because they are material but they represent the labour and toil of the community which is offered as well so that the celebrant can also be supported and share in a continuing way in the life of the community.

The second collection is a further sharing with our brethren who have much less.

In some parishes and churches, the collections are laid at the altar to symbolise fully their part in the Offertory. Therefore, as the priest offers the gifts of bread and wine, he is also offering those other gifts on our behalf as we offer ourselves, personally, to God at this time.

When we unite ourselves to each other and to these gifts, we are fully taking part in the Offertory and in receiving the grace of the Eucharistic celebration.

Sing with us on the run up to Christmas

Can't commit to the choir year-round but love to sing? Join our Parish Choir as we approach the Christmas season. Our choir is seeking new members of all ages to share the gift of music. Whether you are a lifelong singer or new to a choir, we will teach you everything you need to know.

Contact either Linda 0863667767 or Deirdre 0876422562 for more details.

Our Patron Saint



Vincent de Paul was born in 1581 on a small farm in south-west France. He lived a long and busy life. He studied at Dax and Toulouse and was ordained in 1600. A letter he wrote in 1607 described how he was captured by pirates in 1605 and sold as a slave in Tunis; he escaped after two years and returned to France and then studied for a time in

Rome. It seems Vincent could be a grumpy person, but he gradually managed to soften this aspect of his character.

Vincent served for a time as a parish priest, and then as chaplain to an influential Paris family. From 1617 he began serving poor families in Paris, and he organised wealthy women to help: this work gradually grew into the Daughters of Charity, which he founded with St Louise de Marillac.

Vincent also founded the Congregation of the Mission – the Vincentians. Their motto is: **He sent me to bring the good news to**

the poor. The Vincentians have a close link with Marino parish: they ran All Hallows College on Grace Park Road from 1892 until 2016.

Vincent is patron of all works of charity.

Probably the best known of these in our parish is the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Vincent didn't found the SVP, but his example inspired Blessed Frederick Ozanam, the man who founded it in Paris in 1833. The Society was established in Ireland in 1844.

Vincent de Paul died on 27 September 1660 and was canonised in 1737.

Members of the SVP pray that they may see Christ in the people they visit, and that the people they visit may see Christ in them. That's worth thinking about when we meet people as we go about our daily lives

Photos: Parish Altar with statue and the Shrine of St. Vincent de Paul in Paris.



The November Dead List

Today, the November dead list seems an anachronism for many of the younger generations. Tibetan prayer wheels, Hindu imprecations, Buddhist chant and chakras are all accepted but the dead list is almost foreign to many. Yet that list is for us older people a task we undertake in memory of those gone before us. Sitting down to write the names of our dear dead ones, the early names are writ bold and large. As names come tumbling out, the writing gets smaller and the page seems no bigger than a postage stamp. We desperately try to capture them all, onto the back page, shall we put in a page, but no that's it. We seal the envelope including the small donation. This very act of writing has drawn up so many names, faces long forgotten, voices in our head, each name that comes to mind lives with us, as we too hope to be remembered on someone's list.

Baptisms

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

June 2026

Hazel Frances Pocock
Clodagh Niamh Geoghegan
Cooper Kenneth RJ Gallen
Gracie Canning
Maddie Rose Kerins
Clodagh Mairead Keogh
Chloe Elizabeth Farrelly
Matilda Jane Young
Sienna Maria Rea
Gracie Josephine Cullen



July 2026

Sonnie Hugh O'Sullivan McGowan
Aisling Marie Murray
Éanna Michael O'Sullivan
Stella Lily Kerhoas

August 2026

Cyle Colm Berkeley Brown
Cian James Kennedy
Etienne Sophia Carton
Zoe Kay Fagan
Jack Michael O'Connor
Oisín Patrick Fitzsimons
Ariana Orla Lawless
Mateo Franco Flores Goluzá
Ella Clarke

Parish Pastoral Council

Pope Leo XIV in his recent address to his Diocese in Rome spoke of the importance of Pastoral Councils. Addressing specific parish pastoral council members during his pastoral visits, he thanked them for their generosity but explicitly challenged them to "go out and find others," especially those on the margins or detached from regular Church life. He saw such councils as part of the Synodal path, and he spoke of the need to constantly evaluate what was happening suggesting that sometimes **less was more** in an effort to bring more and more parishioners into the daily life of the parish and into the Church.

Therefore we welcome our renewed Parish Pastoral Council as they begin another term and we pray that God will bless their work as we enter into the preparations for the Centenary of our Church valuing their sacrifice and their commitment to our parish..

Pastoral Councils have also been tasked with working towards the new initiatives within the Archdiocese such as the Building Hope programme and Walking Together.

Our Parish Pastoral Council members are

Rev. Father Tom Noone P.P., President, Alan Eustace, Anne Marie McKenna, Assumpta Kerins, Brendan McGuinness, Debbie Johnston, Maedbh Belatani, Mary Dillon, Paul Hennessey.

Simply Cooking

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

DUBLIN CODDLE

To 'coddle' means to cook slowly or 'parboil' and this dish of ham, sausages, onions, and potatoes dates back to the 18th. Century

Ingredients

1 ½ pints water 2 large onions, peeled and sliced
8 pork sausages, cut into thick slices
1½ lb. potatoes, peeled and sliced
8 thick slices of ham, cut into chunks
Salt and Black pepper
2 heaped tablespoons fresh, chopped parsley
Freshly chopped parsley for garnish

Instructions

Bring the water to the boil in a saucepan, then add the ham and sausages and cook for 5 minutes.

Drain well, reserving the cooking liquid.

Set oven to 300°F or gas Mark 2

Place the ham and sausages in an ovenproof dish, add the onions and potatoes, seasoning and chopped parsley and pour over just enough cooking liquid to cover.

Cover with a piece of buttered greaseproof paper, put on the lid and cook for 1 to 1½ hours or until the liquid is greatly reduced and the vegetables cooked but not mushy.

Serve garnished with parsley and accompanied by soda bread.

Serves 4 to 6

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

Recent Bereavements

Pleas pray for the following deceased members of our parish:

June 2026

Thomas McIntyre
Ann Reilly

July 2026

Dympna Clarke
Edward (Terry) Galvin
Brother John Burke

August 2026

Eileen White
Tom Luskin
Christina Lynch
Terry O'Toole
Noeleen O'Hara
Mary Shiel



Pat on Tap

Pat here again. Having finished with the hospital I don't think they expected to see me again. Anyhow I fooled them by having a heart attack recently and had to return to hospital where I had two stents. Am now good for another 20 years at least. It is the Good Lords decision as to when he calls me. If you experience even a very mild pain in your chest and left arm, please go to hospital immediately don't wait for a big bang. What I experienced was very mild. It is so important to get to the hospital in time.

The photo I am sharing is of a hanging basket I created at St Francis Hospice in Raheny. My good friend Lorraine Doran and her walking pals on the 30th of August did two laps of Griffith Avenue to raise money for St Francis hospice I wish to thank them on behalf of all those who use the hospice service including myself it is much appreciated. God bless you all. Lorraine's Griffith Avenue Walkers have done many walks for good causes over the years, giving us many opportunities to help where it was needed.



As always Sadie Stauntons Coffee Morning in aid of the Hospice is always a great fundraiser too especially the one held on the 24th of September. Thank you all once again.

If you missed contributing to this worthy cause don't worry you can still do so. There are plans to expand the hospice so they can accommodate more live in patients. This work has already started, and they are in need of funds. It is possible to help by means of the following.

You can buy a brick for €25, €100 or €250 online www.sth.ie or you can ring 01-8327535. God bless for now Pat.

Recent Marriages

June 2026

Sean Giffney & Louise O'Reilly

July 2026

Stuart Brennan & Emma Preston

August 2026

Ronan McDyer & Rachel Kirwan

*Many congratulations to the
Happy couples*

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*"How beautifully leaves grow old, how full of light
and color are their last days." -John Burroughs*

Mary Shiel R.I.P. An Appreciation

On August 31st last the parish of Marino lost another stalwart parishioner on the death of Mary Shiel late of Calderwood Road. Mary and her late husband Jack, resident on Calderwood Road for over sixty years and Mary herself a true blue Marinoite of over seventy years were pillars of this Parish during that time.



Mary with Jack made a huge contribution to the parish through her involvement in so many parish activities. She suffered a number of serious illnesses during her life but overcame each of them with resignation and fortitude, rearing her family of

four during that time. She always found time for fundraising for her Heart to Hand Coffee mornings, for her writing; writing many articles for the Ireland's Own, and publishing at her own expense four children's book in aid of St. Francis Hospice and in aid of Laura Lynn. She also served on various parish committees and was parish secretary for many years, introducing the Sunday bulletin and the monthly newsletter. She was a valued member of the newsletter team and a contributor as well, especially her memories of Marino in other days. An inveterate gardener, and traveller, Mary and Jack travelled widely venturing to Australia on one occasion.

Mary and Jack moved into a nursing home for their last years together and she bore his passing in 2023 stoically, her deep and unshakeable faith giving her comfort.

On behalf of the parish of Marino we express our deepest sympathy to her family, Stephen, Fergal, Morna and Roisin, and to her wider family especially to her grand children who were her delight and to her many friends and neighbours in this parish and worldwide.

Remembering our Parish Folk Mass.



On the 27th June last the 5.30 Vigil mass was a Folk Mass in special remembrance of Father John McLoughlin who as a priest in Marino helped establish the regular Folk Mass in the Parish Church in the 1970's a Mass which became very popular with young parishioners.

Our photo shows some members of the original group who came together for the occasion and who provided the music for the Mass with a sister-in-law of the late Father McLoughlin who came especially to be with us on that special occasion.

Marino Mini Marathon Raise €3,370



On Sunday the 30th August last, Lorraine Doran and her faithful team of Maria Fogarty, Rosaleen Fitzpatrick, Lorraine, Imelda Prendrgast and Marie Briody took to Griffith Ave to take on the familiar route of Lorraine's Marino Mini Marathon. Spurred on by the encouragement of their loyal support team they set off hoping to raise a substantial sum for the St. Francis Hospice in Raheen to support their Buy a Brick campaign supported by cheerleader, Maria Murphy and photographer,

Catherine Dowling..

As we know from our contributor, Pat O'Rourke the Hospice is a valuable asset in helping people who need palliative care. Due to the support of the generous hearts of Marino people and those further afield they collected the marvellous sum of **€3,370** for their efforts. Well done to this hardy group and a million thanks to all who sponsored the runners.

In full flight



Runners in the Griffith Mile on Sunday 20th last

Our Church and its Architecture.



The centenary of our parish church is coming in 2028. It's a fine church and well worth looking at.

The interior plan is clear and plain: a long aisle leading to the old high altar, with no transepts to distract your eye. There's a lot of symmetry: a shrine on each side,

the Sacred Heart to the left and St. Joseph to the right, each with beautiful mosaics; three confessionals on each side, each surmounted by a pointed wooded cross, with similar, smaller crosses above the stations of the cross above; beautiful globe lights; and two side-altars, Our Lady on the left and St Vincent de Paul, our patron saint, on the right. Pilasters face each other from the walls, and at the corners of the nave, each with a Corinthian capital. The arch is supported by Ionic columns, but the Corinthian reappears with the pillars supporting the baldachin over the altar.

Our church has some Latin: under the baldachin, in fine clear gold lettering, Tu Rex Glorise Christe – You, Christ, are the King of Glory (taken from the ancient hymn of praise, the Te Deum); and at the base of the pillars of the main altar, Altare Privilegium – privileged altar (referring to a privilege, long abolished, that was granted when Mass was said at such altars).

There is also a Latin inscription on the rim of the baptismal font, recording it as the baptismal font of the newly established parish in 1942.

There is some Greek too, in the beautiful gold Chi Rho (the first two letters of Christ's name in Greek) over the Latin under the baldachin; with neat symmetry, this is repeated in smaller letters on the balcony. Now it's probably time to say a prayer of thanks for our lovely church – and our lovely parish and its lovely people.

ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

The envelopes containing the November Dead List forms will be distributed shortly.