

# Newsletter

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART  
DONNYBROOK



## DEAR PARISHIONERS,

There is surely something sacred about springtime!

Thousands of years before the birth of Christ, people were in awe of all that this special season brings – new life, new growth, new hope...

In Ireland, our pagan ancestors celebrated the rites of spring, marking in particular the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. The fascinating tomb at Newgrange and its surrounding satellite of monuments, built some 5000 years ago, are a reminder to us of our own 'Old Testament' and the ancient culture of the Druids who clearly saw great spiritual significance in this time of year.

For the Jewish People, springtime took on a particular meaning with their annual celebration of the Passover – God's liberation of His 'chosen people' many centuries ago.

Before the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in the year 70AD, over two million Jews would gather in Jerusalem every spring to mark the feast of Passover.

And for Christians, springtime is profoundly significant as we celebrate the great events of that first Holy Week – the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is

the high point of the Church's year as we recall an extraordinary series of events in Jerusalem: the triumphal arrival of Jesus on Palm Sunday, his Last Supper with his closest friends on Holy Thursday, his betrayal by Judas in Gethsemane, his passion and crucifixion on Good Friday and his triumphant Resurrection on that first Easter morning.

As Christians, we have so much to celebrate as Easter approaches. It is for us a truly sacred time of year when we rejoice that in Jesus Christ, the light has conquered the darkness, good has conquered evil, life has conquered death and hope has conquered despair. And so for fifty days we will celebrate the Easter Season, concluding with the great Feast of Pentecost when we rejoice at the sending of the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us on our pilgrim way.

Many simply see the Easter holiday as a purely secular occasion and prefer not to embrace its profound spiritual meaning. But for those of us who strive to live as disciples of Jesus Christ may Easter 2012 be a truly sacred time of hope and promise as we ponder God's great plan for each one of us and for our world...

Wishing you Easter Joy!  
*Fr Martin Clarke PP*  
March 2012

## PARISH OFFICE

NOW OPEN IN THE PARISH CENTRE  
(BEHIND THE CHURCH)

## OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

9.00am to 5.00pm

Closed for Lunch (1.00pm to 2.00pm)



## PARISH SECRETARY

Oonagh O'Toole

## CONTACT DETAILS

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## SERVICES

Booking of Anniversary Masses

Booking of Baptisms & Weddings

Baptismal & Confirmation Certificates

Mass Cards

General Enquiries

## DATA PROTECTION NOTICE

Donnybrook Parish holds your personal data for parish administration purposes. This data includes your contact details and details of any activities you have undertaken within the parish. We also retain details of financial contributions, including details necessary to claim tax relief. You have a right of access to your data which can be exercised by writing to the Parish Secretary, Church of the Sacred Heart, Donnybrook, Dublin 4 (e-mail [secretary@donnybrookparish.ie](mailto:secretary@donnybrookparish.ie))

## MUCKROSS PAST PUPILS UNION 1912-2012

Congratulations to the Muckross Past Pupils Union who are celebrating their centenary this year.

The centenary dinner will be held in Stillorgan Park Hotel on Friday 27th April 2012 at 7.30 pm. Tickets PPU members €45 and non-members €50. Tickets must be paid in advance no later than 20th April 2012 and booking should be sent to:

Muckross Past Pupils Union  
c/o Helena O'Dowd, 18 Boden Wood,  
Rathfarnham, Dublin 14.

## POOR CLARES NEW ABBESS

As a Poor Clare, I have no flair for publicity so just as well space is limited in your wonderful newsletter.

I am from Co. Mayo - just a few miles from Knock. I would often cycle to Knock on Sunday afternoon for Mass and devotions. A past pupil of St. Louis Convent, Kiltimagh, I entered the year I did my Leaving Cert. The name I was given at my reception was Sr. Mary Patrice of the Sacred Heart so I am proud to be in Sacred Heart Parish, also my first Profession took place on a First Friday. We like to be united in spirit and prayer with Parish activities.

It is a privilege to serve as abbess for a little while and please keep me in your good prayers.

God bless you all,  
Sr. M. Patrice.



*DARA Donnybrook Art Group Exhibition held in the Parish Centre 10th & 11th March. Pictured above: Patsy Ryan, Lorcan Healy and Bridie Cormican. Photos by Joe Leahy.*

## REPORT FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

The council meets monthly except for the summer holidays and considers a wide range of matters concerning the pastoral well-being of the parish.

Our church has been selected for the Eucharistic Mass to be offered in the Irish language on Monday 11th June at 9.30 am. A large attendance is expected. Our Child Safeguarding team is ever watchful for any incidents and reports to the Council at every meeting.

The clustering of our parish with some neighbouring parishes will be considered this year and the wishes of our parishioners will be sought.

*Fred Duffy*

## DONNYBROOK ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Programme for Spring/Summer 2012

### April 10th

Breena Casey will give an illustrated talk on some famous paintings from The National Gallery of Ireland.

### April 24th

Ann Marie Lyons from Northern Ireland Tourist Office will give a talk with slides.

### April 28th

'Guys and Dolls' matinee at 2:30pm in the National Concert Hall. Tickets from Mona Stanton €27.

### May 8th

Visit to the Dáil and Seanad. Please assemble on Kildare Street at 2:30pm.

### May 15th

Trip by train to Belfast. Visit to Titanic Quarter and tour of Belfast City.

### June 5th

World Environment Day. Molly Walsh from Friends of the Earth will speak on Climate Justice.

Unless otherwise stated all Tuesday meetings take place in the Parish Centre, behind the Church of the Sacred Heart, at 2:30pm, followed by afternoon tea. New members and visitors welcome!

*Christine O'Nolan*

## GARDA STATION

In line with Government policy, the Garda Commissioner has directed that from the 30th April 2012, Donnybrook Garda Station will close to the Public from 10pm to 8am daily. During these hours please contact Irishtown Garda Station on 01-666 9600.

## EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

*All general information is contained in the 'Programme at a Glance'*

This Festival of Faith and Culture will be based at the RDS, which will be transformed into a Eucharistic Village for the duration of the event. There is a wide range of activities.

As a Host Church, Donnybrook will have an Irish Mass on Monday 11th June at 9.30 am. The Eucharistic Congress BELL, a key symbol of the Congress, has been brought from Rome to Dublin.



*His Excellency Mr Robert Devriese, Belgian Ambassador and Archbishop Diarmuid Martin.  
Below: Archbishop Martin and the Papal Nuncio Archbishop Charles Brown. Photos Joe Leahy.*

## **MASS IN SUPPORT OF THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE BELGIAN BUS CRASH IN SWITZERLAND**

On the evening of Thursday, 22nd March 2012, at the request of the Belgian Ambassador, H.E. Robert Devriese, a solemn Mass of Remembrance was offered in the Sacred Heart Church, Donnybrook for all who died and those who were injured in the recent terrible accident in Switzerland. A school group was returning home after a skiing holiday. Twenty-two children and six adults died in the accident.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin was the principal celebrant at the Mass which was concelebrated by the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Charles Brown.

A large crowd signed the Book of Condolence.

The Ambassador expressed special thanks to the priests and parishioners of Donnybrook who hosted the Memorial Mass. He was particularly moved by the many written messages of sympathy from all the children at St. Mary's School.

*Fr Conor Harper SJ*



## **BALLSBRIDGE, SANDYMOUNT, HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, 19 April 2012**

From Lansdowne Road to Aviva Stadium  
- Gerard Siggins

**Saturday, 28 April 2012**

Clean up of Donnybrook Graveyard from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Many hands make light work! Please come and lend a hand to clean up the Graveyard.

Lectures take place at 8.00 pm in St. Mary's National School, Belmont Avenue, Donnybrook. (Parking is available). Members free. Guests are welcome at €3 admission.

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

The annual SVP appeal raised €59,086.20. The Conference would like to thank all parishioners of the Sacred Heart in Donnybrook for their generous response to the needs of others in the local community.

They are working on your behalf to distribute the funds to those in need.

The Conference would also like to thank those who donate throughout the year by giving to the boxes in the Church. New members are always welcome - meetings are each Monday night.

*Elizabeth Nolan*

## **DATES OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS & CONFIRMATIONS**

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Teresian School

Saturday 12th May At 11.00 am

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

St Mary's School

Saturday 19th May At 11.00 am

### **CONFIRMATION**

St Mary's School & Teresian School

Sunday 29th April At 3.00 pm

## **DONNYBROOK PARISH CENSUS UPDATE**

With over 700 completed forms returned, the census is well on the way to achieving the targets that were set by the Census Core Group to establish an up to date database to help Fr. Martin Clarke communicate with Donnybrook parishioners. Volunteers have been well received when visiting parish homes. To those volunteers who have done so much I wish to say a very sincere thank you. Any person who offered to help in the census work but who has not yet been asked to undertake any task shall be contacted in the near future to seek their assistance in the next phase of the census I would ask that parishioners who have not yet returned census forms then to do so as this will greatly assist us in our work.

*Tony Macdonald, Secretary*

*Donnybrook Parish Census Core Group*

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

We are in our 8th year of Eucharistic Adoration/in our Church of the Sacred Heart, Donnybrook and sadly in the recent years some of our most committed attendees are no longer able to attend due to various circumstances.

At this time we would very much welcome new participants at Eucharistic Adoration, even for short visits, and you are welcome to sign the Attendance Book should you wish.

Our hours of Eucharistic Adoration are:  
MONDAY and TUESDAY:

10.30 am to 6.00 pm

*Geraldine Frame*





## BAPTISMS

We welcome the following, recently baptised into the Christian Community in Donnybrook.

Eluisa Padraigín Burke  
Liam Patrick James Kirwan  
Jack Thomas O'Rourke  
Thea Valerie Ormond  
Shauna May Molloy  
Abigail Greta Coyle  
Maedbh Lucia McGrath  
Anastazyia Barbara Crofton  
Zubin Alexander Purser  
Arabella Josephine Mary Reilly  
Cael Kevin Columb  
Louis Moriarty  
Joshua Frank Towey  
Roísín Ó Domhnaill  
Maria Barbara Rose MacKenzie  
James Christopher Rochford  
James Michael Metcalfe  
Ronan Gregory Toolis  
Holly Sophie O'Dwyer  
Francis-Xavier Kwan Loong Lee  
James David Craig  
Anna Lauren Colton  
Catherine Elisabeth Flood  
Ava Marie Madigan  
Rachel Nora O'Callaghan  
Tessa Mary Bakewell



## DECEASED

We extend the sympathy of the parish to the families of the following who died recently.

Mary Richardson  
James (Jimmy) Connell  
Raymond (Ray) Browne  
Mary Lacey  
Kevin Kelly  
Mary Moran  
Margaret Linnane  
Louie Hayes  
George Fennell  
John Hyland  
James Fox  
Delphine Kelly  
Thomas Callaghan  
Catherine Dowling  
Michael McNamee  
Eileen Cullinan

## HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME

### PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY 1st April

Blessing of Palms at all Masses  
(including Vigil Mass on Saturday evening)

### SPY WEDNESDAY 4th April

Penitential Service in preparation for Easter at 7.30 pm with opportunity for individual Confessions

### HOLY THURSDAY 5th April

No morning Masses  
7.30 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper  
9.00 pm: 'Watch & Pray' at the Altar of Repose

### GOOD FRIDAY 6th April

No morning Masses  
12 noon: Children's Way of the Cross  
3 pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
7.30 pm: Stations of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY 7th April

No morning Mass – No 6pm Vigil Mass  
9.00 pm: Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection

### EASTER SUNDAY 8th April

Masses at 9.00 am, 10.30 am (Family Mass) & 12 noon(Choir)  
No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday

### EASTER MONDAY 9th April

One morning Mass only at 11.00 am

### TUESDAY 10th April to SATURDAY 14th April

One morning Mass only at 10.00 am

## HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS

### Spy Wednesday 4th April:

Service of Reconciliation at 7.30 pm

### Holy Thursday 5th April:

8.30 pm to 9.00 pm

### Good Friday 6th April:

4.00 pm to 5.00 pm

### Holy Saturday 7th April:

10.00 am to 12 noon

*We are an Easter People  
and Alleluia is our Song!*

## PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

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Fr. Conor Harper S.J., Curate,  
Tel: 218 0244

Fr. John Boyers, Parish Chaplain  
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Monsignor Richard Sherry,  
Pastor Emeritus  
Tel: 269 2102

## PARISH OFFICE

Parish Centre (behind the church)

Office Hours:

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Closed for lunch (1.00 pm to 2.00 pm)

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## PARISH TEAM

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Pastoral Sister: Sr. Fiona  
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Organist: Michael Quinn  
Tel: 085 362 3128

## NEWSLETTER TEAM

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Margaret Whitla	260 0329

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