

# Newsletter



## Church of the Sacred Heart, Donnybrook

Easter 2018

ISSUE 87

### Celebrating the Easter Mysteries 2018

The highlight and culmination of our Easter Celebrations this year will be the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday Night, 31st. March, beginning at nine p.m. That night we have the joy and the privilege of celebrating the Christian Initiation of an adult woman and an eight year old girl, giving birth to two new Christians. Our Parish Choir, under the direction of Catherine Killoran and organist, Michael Quinn, will lead the music.

We will begin Holy Week with a performance of Handel's Messiah on Donnybrook Church, by the Kirtanam Choir on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. Admission is €20. Palm will be blessed at all Mases on Palm Sunday 24/25<sup>th</sup>. March.

Along with the regular ceremonies in Holy Week, the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30 on Holy Thursday, the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m. on Good Friday afternoon, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, we have a very special Watch and Pray service on Holy Thursday night at 9 p.m., 'Lord, turn your merciful glance upon me'. This is a prayer service of organ music and song led by Michael Quinn our Parish Organist and Pauline Graham, Soprano.



On Good Friday night at 7.30 Michael and Pauline will also provide a service of music and reflection on the Seven Last Words of Jesus. At 12 noon on Good Friday there will be Stations of the Cross for Children. There will also be many opportunities to celebrate individually or communally the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

Our participation in the Ceremonies of Holy Week, we pray, that by the grace of the cross of Christ we will be made sharers in his Resurrection and new life.

### Parish Pastoral Centre – Update

We had hoped to sign a contract before Christmas with the chosen construction company to building the Parish Pastoral Centre. Construction was estimated to take nine months. We met with the contractor at the end of October. We then sought permission from the Diocesan Finance Committee to sign the contract. We did not receive that approval until the end of January. We met with the contractor in February. There were price increases since estimates were submitted and the contractor has sought a significant increase on the original price. Our design team are meeting with the contractor regarding the increases sought before we sign the contract.

## **World Meeting of Families - Dublin 21 - 26 August 2018**

### **A Request to Donnybrook Parish for Host Families**

The Crusaders of Mary, is Catholic Secular Institute, founded in Spain by a Jesuit Fr Tomás Morales, recently declared venerable. Three members, professional lay women who are consecrated to God, living in the area, working in their professions but offering their lives for the evangelisation of families and of young people, are associated with our parish of Donnybrook. The Crusaders of Mary to which they belong is an international movement, which has activities for the evangelisation of young people and families all over the world.

Some of these families, who are well known the members in Donnybrook, are planning on coming to Dublin for the World Meeting of Families in August. We are looking for host families for the weekend from 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August for couples who are coming from Colombia, Chile, Peru, Mexico, Germany and Spain. A small number of the European couples are coming with their young children. The pilgrims will require a room and breakfast for the days they will be with their host families. We are looking for between 30 to 40 host families.

Hosting pilgrims at an event like this will be enriching for all those involved. It is an experience of the Catholicity and Universality of the Church and an opportunity to

become part of the World Meeting of Families in this special way.

Some cultural events will be organised during the World Meeting of Families between the pilgrim families and the host families in the parish.

Would you have a room where you might be willing to accommodate a couple or a family for a minimum of three nights B & B (24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August)? You can express your interest by e mailing [crusadersofmary@gmail.com](mailto:crusadersofmary@gmail.com). If you would like to host a couple or family, they will let you know who the family is and set up a contact between you and them, so that you can get to know them and build a relationship before they come.



Laudate - Emmanuel. Muckross Park, St. Mary's and Teresian Schools Choirs sing songs of praise to God

## Laudate - Emmanuel

“There is a rich variety of music used in parishes throughout the Diocese. Some parishes have Hymnals, others feel tied to the suggested music on the Missalette while more use a combination of styles from different sources that suit their particular communities. One way in which we can build a shared repertoire of liturgical music is by including music from Laudate, Emmanuel and Sing the Mass in our liturgical celebrations.”

Dublin Diocesan Liturgical  
Resource Centre



## Monsignor Richard Sherry

Monsignor Richard Sherry's death on the 12<sup>th</sup> January last after a long illness marked the end of his long association with Donnybrook parish. He was born in Co. Derry in 1923 and received his secondary education in St. Columb's College. On entering the priesthood he opted for the Dublin diocese. He commenced study in Maynooth but he and a small group of companions subsequently transferred to the Irish College in Rome to complete their education. Following ordination he completed the degree of Doctor of Divinity. His mastery of the Scriptures distinguished him in his academic and pastoral life. Returning to Dublin he worked as Dean of Clonliffe College before going to a new parish in Tallaght. While involved in parish schools there he developed his deep interest in education maintaining this interest throughout his priestly career. Monsignor Sherry's association with Donnybrook began in 1980 when he was appointed parish priest. Parishioners were keenly aware of his contribution to

the local schools. His Sunday homilies became well known for their spirituality and erudition, attracting people from other parishes also. His discourses at other times such as Christmas, Lent and Easter were equally appreciated. In recent years he enjoyed a trip to the Holy Land in the company of other Dublin priests and he participated in the parish's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in 2016. His final years were spent in the wonderful care of the Little Sisters of the Poor Holy Family Residence in Roebuck. Attendances at his obsequies included his only surviving sister, Rita Leonard, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, priests of Donnybrook parish and many who were his former colleagues and students. His contribution to Donnybrook parish for more than 35 years was recalled during the services and he will be warmly remembered by Donnybrook parishioners and friends. He was buried in Deansgrange beside his parents.

Austin Mescal



Opening a New Prayer Room at  
Muckross Park College

## BAPTISMS



We welcome the following, recently baptised, to the Christian Community in Donnybrook

Julie McCloskey  
Lara Gavin  
Lenke Albrecht  
Louis Bartle  
Olivia Beckley  
Lara Kelly  
Paul Creedon  
Freddie Waters  
Matthew O'Rourke  
Lenni Prendergast  
Tessa Molloy  
Eleanor Taylor  
Frederick Sinnott  
Jude Granville  
George Greene  
Fleur Lynch  
Molly Gleeson  
Louisa Crofton  
Robyn Schafer  
Julia Quinlan  
Kian Soriano  
Ronav Monserrate  
Archie Bradford  
Alexandra Costello  
John Lynch  
Patrick Finegan

### **Priests of The Parish**

**Monsignor Lorcan O'Brien,**

Administrator,

Tel: 087 2408975

obrienlorcan@

donnybrookparish.ie

**Fr. Conor Harper S.J., Curate,**

Tel: 01 2180244

charper@clongowes.net

**Fr Pat Sheary S.J., Curate,**

Tel: 01 2180255

**Fr. John Boyers, Parish Chaplain,**

Tel: 01 6684356

## DEATHS



We extend the sympathy of the parish to the families of the following who died in recent months:

Thomas Finlay  
Ross McMahon  
Brigid Fahy  
Margaret Corr  
Julie Smith  
Therese Gunning  
Margaret McDonagh  
Pamela Kelly  
Nancy O'Herlihy  
Reginald Jackson  
Peter Sutherland  
John Cooney  
Anne Tunney  
Mgr. Richard Sherry  
Paulina Cregan  
Bart Mallon  
Marion Friel  
Joe Cummins  
Joan Tilson  
Nancy Heron  
Matthew Farrelly  
Maura Murray  
Joan Duff  
Finuala Murphy  
Sean Mulcahy  
Priscilla Fernandes  
Ann Richardson  
Margaret Lynch  
Carmel Browne  
Helen Moe  
Anita Redahan

May they rest in peace

### **Newsletter Team**

Joseph Leahy, Niall Loftus, Anne Mescal, Daragh Mulvagh, Margaret Whitla.

## MARRIAGES



We congratulate

Brian Manahan/ Ilona Harty  
Sean Monahan/ Sarah Hegarty  
Simon Craven/ Roisin Neary  
Reginald White/ Amy Vivien  
Hamilton  
Patrick Boland/ Jessica Fry

who were married recently.

### **Envelopes**

#### **Envelopes for First and Second Collections at Sunday Mass.**

Contributions to the Collections at Sunday Mass to the First Collection, for the financial support of the priests of the parish and the Second Collection for Share, are not attributable to the donor and so do not qualify for tax relief. The current basket system is not a tax efficient and involves a loss of possible revenue to the parish. For example a donation of €5 to these collections which qualifies for tax relief, could additionally benefit by parish by as much as €2.40 at no extra cost to the donor. It is proposed to introduce an envelope system for these collections in June, so that contributions can be attributed to the donor and qualify for tax relief. Forms will be made available to Parishioners to apply for envelopes for these collections after Easter.

### **Parish office**

Parish Centre (behind the church)

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9.30 am to 1.00 pm

Parish Secretary: Oonagh O'Toole

Tel 269 3926 E-Mail:

secretary@donnybrookparish.ie