

Newsletter

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
DONNYBROOK



AN EASTER BLESSING

The remaining weeks of Lent are a period of special reflection and preparation for the feast of the Risen Lord, a time of new life and hope for all of us. During this time may we be ever mindful of those for whom the going is difficult at this time, due to the economic circumstances. May we all endeavour to nurture values that are important, particularly those of family, and friendship and being generally mindful of the concerns and needs of others. What is often very difficult from the human point of view is eased and supported by the power and the Spirit of the Risen Lord.

The Priests of the Parish wish you a Happy Easter and invite you to join in all the Parish Ceremonies during Holy Week.

Fr. Pat Carroll P.P.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

I wish to express a very special 'Thank You' to Dr Edith Drohan who has co-ordinated the roster for the Ministers of the Eucharist for over 25 years. This has been a very generous service indeed.

Ms Mairead Lynch who liaised with Dr Drohan during the past year has now taken over as co-ordinator. This is a big commitment and I appreciate Mairead's willingness to assist the Parish in this important ministry. A mass for Ministers of the Eucharist was celebrated on Monday 2nd March, followed by a get-together in the Parish Centre. Congratulations are extended to the newly commissioned Ministers and to our existing Ministers who renewed their commitment. Dr Drohan who was indisposed was unable to attend but was remembered in the prayers and good wishes were extended for her speedy recovery.

PARISH MAINTENANCE FUND

I am very grateful to all who sent in special donations towards the recent improvements in the Church.

While the parishioners of Donnybrook generously support the Sunday collections in the Church and the Christmas and Easter dues for the support of the priests of Parish and Diocese, **the Church maintenance collection/family offering is supported by less than 20% of the parishioners.** Insurance of the parochial properties alone costs €21,000 per annum and light and heat for the year costs in excess of €30,000. There is likely to be a deficit at year end, 30th June. The Parish Finance Committee will be seeking your support.

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VATICAN STATE 80TH ANNIVERSARY

The Vatican has been celebrating the 80th anniversary of its foundation in February 1929, and the musical highlight of the week's celebrations was the performance of Handel's 'Messiah' by Our Lady's Choral Society in Paul IV Auditorium on 12th February last.

The invitation to the choir to present the first ever performance of the 'Messiah' at the Vatican came via Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, the Patron of Our Lady's Choral Society. This was a singular honour for the Choir and, moreover, for the Irish nation, and in his address to the audience Pope Benedict referred to the coincidence that while this was the first performance of 'Messiah' at the

Vatican, the first ever performance of this great work took place at Fishamble Street in Dublin (in 1742), and offered a special greeting to the many Irish who had accompanied the Choir on the trip. His Holiness pointed up the 'Messiah's' notable anthology of the sacred texts of the Old and New Testaments, and congratulated the Choir and Orchestra in how they evoked the figure of the Messiah in the light of Old Testament prophecies.

The concert was performed in front of Pope Benedict and an audience of 6,000 and broadcast live on Italian television. RTÉ will transmit the recording at Easter. The Pope has declared 2008-2009 to be

the Pauline Year, in recognition of which the Choir performed excerpts from Mendelssohn's 'St Paul' at the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls (Basilica di San Paolo Fuori le Mura), with organ accompaniment by Mary Scarlett.

The Choir was led by its Director Rev Fr Paul Ward, and conducted by the Musical Director, Proinsias Ó Duinn. The RTÉ Concert Orchestra accompanied the Choir for the 'Messiah' concert. Upon being congratulated on stage after the concert by Pope Benedict, Mr Ó Duinn invited the Pope (a renowned lover of great music) to conduct the choir and orchestra; however his Holiness declined - next time perhaps! - *Matt Farrelly*

PATSY KINSELLA - MUCKCROSS

It is with great sadness that the past pupils of Muckcross Park mourn the passing of "Miss Kinsella" who taught in the school for some 38 years becoming its first lay vice-principal. Miss Kinsella was born in Dublin in 1923 and died on January 4th last. An excellent teacher, Miss Kinsella taught both Irish and English amidst organizing debates, plays and trips. She had a strict, unpretentious and loyal way about her which she also expected from her pupils who held her in great respect. We offer our deep sympathy to her brother Fr Nivard and her sister Joan and family.

"Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis"

MOTHERS' DAY 2009 — A TRULY ROMANTIC GIFT FROM CATHOLIC FATHERS

Fathers and families are invited to celebrate Mothers' Day in a different way this year by taking Mothers on a springtime journey to Knock for "St Joseph's Sunday," 22nd March.

Starting at 2 pm, a Holy Hour, Mass and Benediction will be held in Knock Basilica. Fr John Hogan (of Clogher Diocese) will be the Spiritual Director and will deliver a Reflection on the relevance of St Joseph to Fathers in their relationship with Mothers and in the passing on of the Faith to their children. Families are most welcome.

Further details from Sean on 086 2590747 or Margaret on 086 3891595.

LENT IN ORLAGH

SCRIPTURE DAY

Sunday March 15, 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. Sean Goan will lead this Scripture Study Day on the topic Alleluia! The Psalms at Easter. Cost €55 (including lunch). Mass will be celebrated during the day.

HOLY WEEK RETREAT

April 9-12, 2009. The Orlagh Retreat Team will facilitate the Holy Week Retreat. It starts with tea at 6 pm on Thursday and finishes at midday on Easter Sunday. The ceremonies of Holy Week will be central to the retreat which will include reflections on the readings of the liturgy. Cost €200 (residential)

To book for any of these events contact Fr. John Byrne in Orlagh Retreat Centre, Old Court Road, Dublin 16.

Tel (01) 495 8193 Email info@orlagh.ie

SPECIAL OFFER FOR READERS OF 'THE WORD'

Father D. Vincent Twomey, SVD, editor-in-chief of *The Word*, has agreed to write a regular special column for *Inside the Vatican* magazine. This will be, in a sense, a continuation of his work in *The Word*. We would like you to continue with Father Twomey, SVD and subscribe to *Inside the Vatican* magazine.

Inside the Vatican is a long-established, widely respected, much-appreciated publication. 'So, for those of you who would like to continue to read Father Twomey's writing as well as look through the rest of our publication, we would like to make it as simple and as affordable as possible for you to join us.'

Therefore, *Inside the Vatican* is making a double special offer:

First, every reader who would like to receive a sample copy of *Inside the Vatican*, at no cost, may do so at www.insidethevatican.com. They will post the copy to you at no charge. Second, every reader of *The Word* who would like to subscribe to *Inside the Vatican*, may do so at the same price of €40.

'We hope you will continue with Father D. Vincent Twomey, SVD, and along with him, join us—inside the Vatican!'

THANK YOU

Thank you to Monsignor Sherry for his series of Lenten Talks which were very much appreciated.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration in the Adoration Chapel concludes at 5 pm on Wednesday 8th April and resumes on Monday 20th April at 9 am.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Sr Una Agnew for her talk on 'Spirituality of the earth, the contribution of Patrick Kavanagh' which was the first of a series to be presented by the Pastoral Council.



ROGER MOORE & UNICEF

Pictured above are Ann Tilson and Coreen Dennis who met Roger Moore when he was in Donnybrook last January. He was here to promote fundraising campaigns for Unicef, for which he is a spokesman.

DIRECTED RETREAT AT AVILA

What is a Directed Retreat?

It is a gentle six day break spent in reflection on scripture and prayer. Participants meet with their Director each day to reflect together on their experience of the retreat. No expertise is needed just a desire to deepen one's inner life.

What it is not...

It is not counselling or a study group.

Who are the retreats for?

Anyone who would like ... to deepen their inner, spiritual life; ... some help in their search for God. ... to come to know the Jesus of the Gospels better and discern his presence in their life.

Dates: Directed Retreat (Residential):

July 5th - 12th.

July 19th - 26th

Retreats begin with supper on the first evening at 6.45 pm and end with lunch on the final day at 12.45 pm.

Each Retreat is limited to 6 places. Offering for retreats: €400 (This includes €50 deposit which is non-refundable)

Phone: 643 0200 E-mail: avila@ocd.ie

CHURCH CLEANING

On the first Tuesday of the month. If you have one hour to spare volunteers are needed. Come along after 10 am Mass. Tea and chat afterwards.

DONNYBROOK HISTORY

There is little known about the virgin, St. Broc, who lived here long ago and gave the locality its name. Likely she was a disciple of St. Brigid who came to this remote place to live a life of penance and mortification. The convent and church she established gave the place the name Domnach Broc (i.e., Church of Broc), which later became corrupted to Dovenachbroc, Donabrok and then Donnybrook. Like all religious houses near the sea, the convent and church were obliterated in the devastating raids of the Norsemen but the sanctity of the pious virgin, Broc, remained a memory in the countryside and also the tradition that her church had been dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. When the Normans came, there was a Celtic church existing on the site of the old graveyard which had become subordinated to the great monastic centre of Taney and it remained so, under St. Laurence O'Toole and his immediate successors. The lands of Donnybrook were granted by Strongbow to one of his favourite soldiers, Walter de Ridelford, who also received immense estates in Kildare and around Bray. This brave Norman knight was a generous benefactor of the church, and endowed All Hallows with the townland of "forty acres". Following the example of his countrymen he constructed forts to defend his possessions; in Donnybrook he built where the Castle later stood—now the Convent of the Sisters of Charity. It was a strange peculiarity of these early Norman invaders that despite their extraordinary virility in war their families became extinct within a generation or two. In the thirteenth century the de Ridelfords were no more and their vast estates passed to the crown.

Very Rev John Kingston P.P. "Church of the Sacred Heart Donnybrook" on the occasion of the Centenary of the present church 1966, Editor Very Rev Cyril P Crean P.P.

CAKE SALE

Venturer scouts from Brookvale Road are holding a cake sale in the Parish Centre after Masses on St. Patrick's Day. Please support them.

CONFIRMATION

We extend our congratulations to the students of the Teresian School and St. Mary's National School who Monsignor Sherry confirmed last weekend.

LORETO COLLEGE, ST STEPHEN'S GREEN 175 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Loreto on the Green is currently celebrating the 175th Anniversary of its foundation.

Students, teachers and parents have been marking this very special occasion in a variety of ways. The Green Past Pupils Association recently held a special 175th Anniversary lunch at the Four Seasons Hotel.

The Association was founded in 1983. As well as supporting the missionary work of the Loreto sisters, the Association helps to maintain friendly relations among the past pupils of the school. Over 280 past pupils attended the lunch, among them Vivienne Fagan, well known Donnybrook parishioner and one of our most senior members. Indeed Vivienne was one of the first presidents of the Association, and she has worked loyally and tirelessly over the years. Also present at the lunch was Sr. Hildegarde, who was principal of the Junior School for over 44 years. Tribute was paid to the wonderful work she did for so many years.

Among the speakers on the day were Sr. Teresa Mc Paul, Provincial of the Loreto Order, and Sr. Ríonach Donlon and Sr. Liz Cotter, both former principals of the senior school. Ms. Tríona Barrett, the current principal also addressed the gathering, and brought us up-to-date with the activities and achievements of the Green girls today.

If you would like to join the Green Past Pupils association and be kept up-to-date with fundraising and social activities, you can contact Catherine-Anne Dooley at sandca@indigo.ie

The Green Past Pupils Association

EMMANUEL CONCERTS

Last Wednesday and Thursday there was a celebration of liturgical music in the Helix, DCU. More than 1,000 secondary school pupils sang over the 2 nights with traditional musicians, orchestra and the CYC choir conducted by Ian Callanan, a member of the Music Commission.

Emmanuel, a project of the Dublin Diocesan Commission for Sacred Music, began in 2004 to promote the use of Sacred Music in Secondary Schools throughout the Archdiocese. The vision behind this initiative involves students in schools learn and performing together a programme of liturgical music. This music assists schools in expanding their repertoire. The resources from the Emmanuel Project will be used in a workshop at the Annual Autumn Liturgy Gathering, where it is hoped that repertoire will be brought to the attention of parishes in the Diocese, thus encouraging the important link between schools and parishes.

Mary Plunkett

SONGS FOR BERNADETTE

'Songs for Bernadette' is a compilation of the young and vibrant Habemus together with Navan's Choir of the Year, Cantando. It promises a once off concert in Donnybrook Church, 19th March at 8 pm in aid of the Dublin Diocesan Children's Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Repertoire ranging from Tchaikovsky to Leonard Cohen.

Tickets only €10 (€6 for students and OAPs) and are payable on the night. Alternatively you can book in advance by contacting Noel at 085-8303581. Further details at www.habemus.ie.

Noel Keegan

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MARRIAGES

We congratulate

Paul McAuley and Joanne O'Neill
Paul Holmes and Catherine Staunton
and wish them every happiness



DECEASED

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

Tom Phelan
Joe Toner
Carmel O'Shea
Lorraine Quigley
Maurice Fives
Maureen Coade
Eileen Nealon
Mary Corcoran
Judge Kevin Haugh
Joe Forsyth
Ada Egan
Biddy Feeney
Phil Quinn
Gretta Brennan
Rosaleen Byrne
Bertie Long

BALLSBRIDGE, DONNYBROOK AND SANDYMOUNT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Pembroke Library,
Anglesea Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4
Website: www.bdshistory.org

Thursday, 23rd April 2009

Mills, Ancient and Modern - Norman
Campion at 8 pm in St. Mary's National
School, Belmont Avenue, Donnybrook.
(Parking is available). Members free.
Guests are welcome at €3.00 admission.



BAPTISMS

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

Thomas Patrick Dunne
Ted Christopher Taylor
Senan James Gavin
Jack Andrew Sheeran
Milo James Campbell
Kieran Helmut Campbell
Harrison John McMahon
and Elsbeth Rose McMahon
Fionnan Thomas Fahey
Charles James Higgins
Louis John Graby
Paul Robert Waddick
Elaine Áine Hickey
William Collins
Bill Brennan
Anna Elizabeth Wiley Norman
Matteo Delle Chiaie
Peter John Skehan
Luke Shiels
Isobel Rose Jefferies
Siofra Naomi Maher
Anna Maeve Ryan
Hugh Patrick Leahy
Harriet Esther Lerner
Luke David Marchant
Tom Michael Roden
Dylan Patrick Ward

James Matthew S. Mangubat
Eva Catherine Long
Colette Elizabeth Murray Hayden

AVILA LECTURE SERIES

on St. Paul by Fr. Michael Fitzgerald,
OCD on the Pauline themes: Conversion,
Eucharist, the Holy Spirit and Marriage
continue on Thursday 19th and 26th of
March 2009 8 pm - 9:30 pm.
Enquiries phone: 01 643 0200
e-mail: avila@ocd.ie

EASTER TIMETABLE

WEDNESDAY, 8th April
8pm - Penitential Service

HOLY THURSDAY, 9th April
7.30 pm - Evening Mass of the Lord's
Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, 10th April
12 noon - Liturgy for children
3 pm - Solemn Celebration of the Lord's
Passion
8.30 pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, 11th April
9pm - The Easter Vigil with music from
the Parish Choir, soloists and orchestral
players. N.B. There will be NO 6pm
Mass on Holy Saturday.

EASTER SUNDAY, 12th April
Masses 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am
(with music from the Parish Choir,
soloists and orchestral players),
12.30pm and 5.30pm.

EASTER MONDAY, 13th April
Mass at 11am only

Morning masses return to normal on
Tuesday 14th April at 10am

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Fr. Patrick Carroll, Parish Priest
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Tel: 269 2052

Fr. John Boyers, Parish Chaplain
Tel: 668 4356

Monsignor Richard Sherry,
Pastor Emeritus
Tel: 269 2102

PARISH CENTRE

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