



Newsletter

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
DONNYBROOK



ADVENT



Dear Parishioners,

This is my first opportunity to contribute to our Parish Newsletter and I would like to begin by thanking you all for the warm welcome that you have extended to the new members of the Parish Team – Fr Conor Harper SJ, Fr Julius Shibanda and me – since our arrival in the parish this autumn. You have made us all feel very much at home, and we look forward to getting to know you during the coming months.

I would also like to say a special word of thanks to my predecessor, Fr Pat Carroll, and to Fr Declan Gallagher for

their pastoral ministry over the past nine years. I know that you greatly appreciate all that they have done for you, and we wish them well in their new assignments in Cabra and Dalkey respectively.

This edition of the Newsletter is being published on the First Sunday of Advent which marks the beginning of a season of joyful hope as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour at Christmas. These are challenging times for our country as we come to terms with economic recession, but Christmas reassures us that in Jesus Christ the light will ultimately conquer the darkness.

In conclusion, I would like to express my thanks to Fr John Boyers (Parish Chaplain), Monsignor Richard Sherry (Pastor Emeritus) and Sr Bertha (Parish Sister) for their continuing ministry in the parish. I also thank our Parish Pastoral Council for their support and the Newsletter team for all the work that they put into the regular publication of this journal.

Fr Martin Clarke PP

PARISH WEB SITE



We are happy to announce the launch of the parish website www.DonnybrookParish.ie. We want to make the website a handy tool to find out what is happening in Donnybrook Parish. We also see it as a resource for all parish and community groups to get information out to people.

Please feel free to contact us with any information that you would like to be included on the site (Email webmaster@DonnybrookParish.ie)

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

The priests of the Parish and the Newsletter team wish you a very Happy and Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

YOUTH CORNER

We are offering a first prize of €60 and a runner-up prize of €40 for articles of not more than 300 words from under 19 years old parishioners on the subject of "The Recession: Where do we go from here?". We plan to publish the articles in the Newsletter over the next two issues.

Articles may be sent to mclarke@donnybrookparish.ie or addressed to Newsletter, Parochial House, Donnybrook Parish, Church of the Sacred Heart, Dublin 4

The deadline for articles is 6th January 2010

PARISH SHOP

As we start the season of Advent, the Parish Shop now has a number of booklets and daily meditations to help us prepare for Christmas. There are also Advent calendars and candles.

Christmas cards are also now on sale — Glencairn cards €5 for 5, Parish cards €7 for 10 and St Vincent de Paul cards €4 for 10.

We have recently begun stocking The Tablet and if you want to reserve this, or any other periodical, please leave your name at the counter.

Christmas stock will shortly go on sale.

MARRIAGES

We congratulate



Enda Lowry & Maire Tunney
James Kinch & Ciara Lyons
Mark Hanlon & Jennifer O'Hare
Alan Roche & Lorraine Sweeney
Niall O'Regan & Lynette O'Connor
who were recently married.

BAPTISMS

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



Pearl Rose Fitzpatrick
Grace Kathleen Cassidy
Harry Christopher Timlin
Olivia Elizabeth Pennell
Darragh Alan Moffatt
Alex Sean Taylor
Katie May Hanlon
Cillian Maguire
Edward Anthony Kenny
Jean Sofia McMahon
Carly Bridget Evelyn Byrne
Kayla Alison Egan
Sebastian Jack Patrick Reilly
Isobel Helen Hickey
James Maxwell Kelly Bowen
Luke Conor Niall Bradley
Callum Doyle
Christian Nial Fennelly
Killian Patrick Jaksic
Thuy Mary Phillips
Kym Paula Hamilton
Ella Rose O'Connell
Patrick Noel McDonald
Donagh Patrick Deasy
Jack Alexander Francis Hayes
William Timothy Hennessey
Benjamin Rhys Black
Finn John Janson
Ella Nicole O'Reilly
Ella May McMullen
Culann John Murphy
Ella Mae Hurley
Juliette Catherine Brereton
Seamus Rory Clery
Conall Tomas Liam Cawley
Samuel Michael Byrne
Ellen Jane Doyle
Emily Kate Hopkirk
Aoibhín Catherine McDonnell
Dylan Patrick William Woods
Jack Barry McMahon

DARA UPCOMING EVENTS

Donnybrook Active Retired Association
Tuesday Dec 1st, 2.30 in the Parish Centre. Flowers and decorations for Christmas

Tuesday Dec 15th, 12.30 Christmas Lunch at the Montrose, €20

Tuesday Jan 26th 2010, 2.30 in the Parish Centre—Annual General Meeting

For more details or to book your place contact Mona Staunton 2691320 or Christine O'Nolan 2196006

BALLSBRIDGE, DONNYBROOK AND SANDYMOUNT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Thursday, 3 December 2009

The Annual General Meeting and Members' Evening giving members an opportunity to talk about an item of historical interest takes place at 8.00 pm in St. Mary's National School, Belmont Avenue, Donnybrook. Parking is available. **If you wish to give a short presentation (5/6 minutes) please contact Gail Wolfe on 087 648 3388.**

SVP

The annual collection for the Society of St Vincent De Paul takes place at all Masses on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th December.

WELCOME

On behalf of all the parishioners we wish to welcome our new priests. To help to get to know them we have asked them for a brief biography

FR MARTIN CLARKE

Fr Martin Clarke (62) grew up in Booterstown and went to school in Willow Park and Blackrock College. He studied law in UCD and with the Law Society, qualifying as a Solicitor in 1970.



In 1976, he began studies for the Priesthood in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe and in 1980 was ordained to the Priesthood in Booterstown Church. Fr Martin's first appointment was as Curate in the parish of Celbridge & Straffan. He was Director of the Catholic Youth Council from 1983 to 1996. During this time, he led St Kevin's Young Adult Community in the Pro Cathedral and also served a term as President of the National Youth Council of Ireland.

After a short sabbatical course in San Francisco, he was in 1997 appointed Principal Spokesperson and Director of Communications for the Irish Bishops' Conference. In 2003/4, he acted as Director of Communications for the Archdiocese of Dublin.

Fr Martin became Parish Priest of Monkstown in September 2004, and after 5 years ministering there, he was appointed Parish Priest of Donnybrook where he was installed on 12th September 2009.

FR. CONOR HARPER, S.J.

Fr. Conor Harper, S.J. was born in Dublin in 1944.

He entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus at Emo Park, Co. Laois, in September 1963. After the two year period at Emo he continued his studies at University College Dublin (1965-68) where he took a B.A. He then studied at the Jesuit faculty of philosophy in Chantilly, France (1968-70) where he qualified with a B. Phil. He was then appointed to the staff of Belvedere College where he spent a two-year period of Jesuit regency training. During this time he took the H.Dip in Ed at U.C.D.. From 1972-75 he studied theology at Milltown Park where he graduated with a B.D. He then returned to Paris where he pursued further studies in theology at the Jesuit faculty of Centre Sevres.



In 1976 he returned to the teaching staff of Belvedere College. In 1981 he was missioned to the teaching staff of Clongowes Wood College where he remained until August 2009 when he came to the parish of Donnybrook.

In recent years he has spent part of the summer months working in the Jesuit Mission in Zambia.

Fr. Conor is Vice-Postulator of the Cause of the Servant of God, Father John Sullivan S.J. He is Vice-President of the Alliance Française de Dublin.

He has been Chaplain to the French community in Ireland since 1976.

FR. JULIUS SHIBANDA

Fr. Julius Shibanda (36) born in Eldoret, Kenya. His Primary and Secondary education was in Machungwa, Kabuyefwe and St. John's High Schools (1980-1992) respectively. He studied for priesthood for the Catholic Diocese of Eldoret in St. Mary's, St. Augustine and St. Matthias National Major Seminaries in 1993-2000. Kitale was curved as a new diocese from Eldoret in 15/08/1998 and Fr. Julius moved to the new diocese of Kitale, where he was ordained a deacon 07/05/2000, then to priesthood 15/12/2001.



In 2002 he worked as a Curate in Saboti and Ortum Parishes. In 2003/2004 was a Priest in charge of Kolongolo Parish. In 2005-2008 Fr. Julius worked with the Society of St. Patrick's (Kiltegan Fathers) in their Formation House, St. Patrick's Missionary Seminary, Nakuru, Kenya. Kiltegan Fathers offered Fr. Julius two years scholarship (2008-2010) for Postgraduate studies in Milltown where he is writing his MA Thesis in FAITH & CULTURE. In 31/08/2009 the Archbishop Diarmuid Martin appointed Fr. Julius as a Curate of Donnybrook for one year.

SEPTEMBER HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to those who attended the coffee morning on 14th September and to all who sent us donations. The amount contributed was €1,420.

Marian Horgan

Mary McDonogh

PARISH TEAM

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DEATHS

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



Eva Kelly

John Fitzpatrick

Jim Sheerin

Peter Ellison

Doreen Nolan

Angela Phelan

May Murphy

Gerry Callanan

Linda Foley

Mary Cahill

John Count Plunkett

Frances O'Brien

Kathleen (Kitty) Eustace

Cormac Gordon

Desmond Ormsby

Paddy Dempsey

May they rest in peace

CHRISTMAS 2009

PROGRAMME OF SERVICES

Monday 21st December

- Service of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas at 7.30pm with opportunity for individual Confessions

CHRISTMAS EVE – Thursday 24th December

- Usual Morning Masses at 7.30am & 10.00am
- 6.00pm – Vigil Mass for Christmas
- 12.00am – Midnight Mass (with Choir) preceded by Christmas Carols from 11.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY – Friday 25th December

Masses at:

- 9.30am
- 10.30am
- 11.30am (with Choir)
- 12.30pm

No evening Mass on Christmas Day

Saturday 26th December

- One morning Mass only at 11.00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 19th December

- Confessions from 11.00am to 1.00pm

Monday 21st December

- Service of Reconciliation at 7.30pm

Christmas Eve – Thursday 24th December

- Confessions from 11.00am to 1.00pm

TERESIAN SCHOOL

The Teresian School thanks parishioners who attended their Peru sale at the Parish Centre on last Sunday, 22nd November.

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PEACE MASS

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin celebrates the annual Peace Mass in our parish at 11am on Friday 1st January 2010.

MUCKROSS PAST PUPILS' UNION

Forthcoming events

Past Pupils Mass in Muckross, First Sunday of February, March, April, September, October, November and December.

Santa Party

Sunday 6th December 2009 in Muckross Park from 12 noon to 1pm. Booking essential. Email muckrosspp@ireland.com

THE HON. MR. JUSTICE RICHARD JOHNSON

Our parishioner, Mr. Justice Richard Johnson, who has served with distinction as President of the High Court, has retired.

His legal career began in 1960 and he was appointed to the second highest judicial appointment in the State in November 2006.

We would like to offer both Mr. Justice Johnson and his wife Nuala a happy retirement.

JOHN FITZPATRICK RIP

Our sympathy to Cathy, Arthur, Killian and Tanya on John's recent death. John and Cathy have been generous sponsors of our newsletter.

NEWSLETTER TEAM

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Mary McDonogh 269 2338

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Mary Plunkett 668 3407

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