

# Newsletter

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART  
DONNYBROOK



## DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Just before I sat down to write these few words, the weather forecaster on the radio said that June had got off to a good start and that there was fine weather ahead. What a wonderful thought, that after several bad summers in a row, there is the prospect of warm and sunny days ahead!

Summertime is a special time of year for all of us: a time to change gear, to re-charge the batteries and to enjoy some rest and relaxation. It is a time when we can enjoy the great outdoors, see nature in all its beauty and breath in the summer air. During the coming weeks, we can enjoy holidays at home and abroad and spend some relaxed time with family and friends.

It is also a time for us to re-connect with God in a new way, free of the pressures we cope with throughout the rest of the year. It is good to simply 'press the pause button' and to spend some quality time alone with God in a place which is conducive to prayer and reflection. Jesus himself knew that solitude and silence were essential in his life, and it was in those quiet moments that he found the wisdom and strength he needed to do the Father's will.

*'Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light!'* (Matthew 11: 28-30)

Enjoy the summer!

Fr Martin Clarke PP

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Communion for the Teresian School was held on Saturday 8th May and Communion for St. Mary's National School took place on Saturday 15th May, 2010.





## MARK TAYLOR

*Mark Taylor of Belmont Avenue, Donnybrook died on Thursday 27th May in St Vincent's Hospital at the age of 45. Wheelchair-bound since childhood, Mark was a familiar figure in our church and was a daily Mass-goer. We extend our deepest sympathy to his mother Anne and all the family. The following tribute to Mark from his family was read at the funeral Mass:*

Mark arrived in this world a fighter with only six weeks to live. Throughout his childhood he encountered many medical challenges. These challenges showed Mark's determination and resilience for life.

Mark first went to Lourdes when he was eight years old with his mum and dad and his love for Lourdes meant that he would travel there many more times.

In Marian College he blossomed into a confident and witty young man. Wherever he went he made many lifelong friends.

Mark loved keeping in touch with everyone whether it was by phone or computer. He had a remarkable ability to remember birthdays, anniversaries or any special occasions. He was also a 'walking' phone book.

Mark was always a great fundraiser and was twice the Lord Mayor of Donnybrook. Even on the night before he died he handed a cheque for over €6000 for Cancer Research to Professor Crown with the help of Grace Stimpson and Dave O'Neill.

He was a Leeds United Supporter and also attended all Ireland's home games with his beloved Godson Paul. Mark adored his family and loved spending time with his nephews and nieces. He will be sadly missed by all.

May he rest in peace!

## THANK YOU

This is a long overdue "thank you" to Donnybrook Parish. For ten years I have been privileged to accompany so many in times of joy and sorrow. I treasure the names, the stories and the memories of so many.

A wise old PP said to me 40 years ago, "allow the people of God to love you and you will be happy in your work". I have found that to be true, and Donnybrook is no exception.

Never more did I experience this than when my dear sister Marie died prematurely of cancer in 1991, and when I required cardiac surgery the following year. I shall never forget the kindness and good wishes of so many.

I also owe a great debt of gratitude to Fr Pat, a wonderful colleague who truly gave "without counting the cost". His wisdom, understanding and counsel I will always treasure.

I miss Donnybrook, but Dalkey has opened its arms to me. I am astonished at the number of links between the two parishes, either through family or friendship ties.

When leaving Donnybrook I received so many gifts and letters. I am deeply grateful for each and every one. Please accept this letter as a thank you to all.

Dalkey is not a million miles away. I would love to see you if you are ever out this way. I have already met quite a few and love when this happens. Thank you again for so much kindness and truly great memories.

God bless you all,

*Declan Gallagher*

## SHARE APPEAL SUNDAY

The Archbishop has written to thank you for your support of SHARE over the past 12 months. Our Parish contributed €141,951 to SHARE in the year to 30 June 2009. In our church the FIRST COLLECTION is for the support of your priests, for priests working in disadvantaged parishes and for the sick & retired priests of the diocese. SECOND COLLECTION is for SHARE.

## GORTA

The recent church Gate Collection for GORTA raised €1863.

## HELEN BOYERS

We wish to extend our sympathy to Fr. John Boyers and his sister Mary on the recent death of their mother Helen. May she rest in peace.

## CONFIRMATION

Parish Confirmations took place on Sunday 25th April last. Fifty eight young people from St Mary's School and the Teresian School were confirmed by Fr Martin Clarke, P.P. Please pray for the young people and for their families.

## 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

On Friday 28th May, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin celebrated a Mass in our church on the occasion of the 200th Anniversary of the Argentine Republic. The Embassy of Argentina is located in Donnybrook Parish.

The Mass was concelebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Giuseppe Leanza and the homily was preached by Fr Thomas McCarthy OP. Liturgical music provided by Argentine organist Claudio Di Veroli.

The attendance included Maria Esther Bondanza, Ambassador of Argentina, Pat Carey TD, Minister for Community, Equality & Gaeltacht Affairs and members of the Diplomatic Corps.

## MARY MACKILLOP

Mary MacKillop will become Australia's first Canonized Saint on October 17th 2010. Mary was born in Melbourne in 1842 of Scottish parents. There has always been a strong link between Ireland and the Congregation that Mary founded in 1866. Mary visited Dublin three times between 1872 and 1873 and was accompanied back to Australia by thirteen young, brave, dedicated Irish ladies, who became some of the founding members of her new Order. This tradition of Irish ladies joining the Congregation continued right up to the 1970's. Mary MacKillop died in 1909. After her death the Archbishop of Sydney and the people who knew and worked with her, recognised that she was a Saint. *Eily Deasy rsj*

The Sisters of St Joseph of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus have a small community based in Nutley Square in our Parish.

Further information  
[www.marymackillop.org.au](http://www.marymackillop.org.au)

## MUCKROSS PAST PUPILS' UNION

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Combined Dominican Golf Society Monday 12th July 2010, in Naas Golf Club. Contact Mary Ryan 087 678 9078  
Muckross Golf Society Thursday 9th September 2010. Edmondstown Golf Club, Rathfarnham. Time sheet is available from Darina Marshall 01 4944818 or e-mail Marshallfam@eircom.net before 31st August.

Combined Dominican Unions' Mass Sunday 3rd October 2010 at 11:15am in Muckross Park.

PPU Mass in Muckross 1st Sunday of February, March, April, September, October, November and December at 11:15am in Muckross Park

## SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

A prayer group meets on the 21st of every month at 9pm. The meetings have been going on for a number of years and there are usually four or five members present.

The Gospel from the following Sunday's Mass is carefully read and the meaning that each member takes from the Gospel may be shared with the group. The Group then reflect whether the Gospel challenges either the Group or the individual to further action. The meeting finishes with prayers and a cup of tea.

Everyone is welcome and further details may be obtained from Daragh on 0879736983.

## MUCKROSS RETIREMENTS

Principal Ms Patricia Fitzsimons, Vice Principal Mrs Ann McDermott, Ms Margaret Grogan and Ms Gillian Doyle from Muckross Park College are retiring at the end of the current academic year. They have all served the school with distinction over many years and will all be greatly missed. We wish them a very happy retirement.

## THANKS

ALZHEIMERS TEA DAY held recently in the Parish Centre raised €1004. Many thanks for your support and thanks also to Tesco Merrion, Donnybrook Fair, O'Briens Wines and Hire All Catering.

## THE SERVANT OF GOD : FATHER JOHN SULLIVAN SJ

On the evening of Saturday, 8th May 2010, around 1,500 people gathered in Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare to celebrate the birthday of the Servant of God, Father John Sullivan.

Who is Father John Sullivan?

He was born on the 8th May 1861 of a Protestant father and a Catholic mother at 41, Eccles Street, Dublin. Shortly after his birth, the family moved to the more fashionable address at 32, Fitzwilliam Place. He was the youngest of five children. His father was the future Lord Chancellor of Ireland, Sir Edward Sullivan and his mother was Bessie Josephine Sullivan.

John went to school at Portora Royal School, Enniskillen and later to Trinity College, Dublin. He studied for the Bar in London at Lincoln's Inn and practised for a short time in chambers as a barrister. In his youth, John was a man of great charm, popularity and wealth. Yet despite all the attractions of a privileged world, he decided to surrender it all.

On 21st December 1896 he was received into the Catholic Church at the Jesuit Church in Farm Street, London. After that, he decided to join the Society of Jesus and he entered the Jesuit Novitiate on 7th September 1900 at St. Stanislaus College, Tullamore. After two years there, he went to St. Mary's Hall, Stoneyhurst to study philosophy. Then, he returned to Ireland and Milltown Park to study theology. He was ordained in the Community Chapel, Milltown Park on 28th July 1907 and celebrated his first Mass in the Convent Chapel at Mount St. Anne's.

With the exception of one more year at Tullamore and five, as Rector of Rathfarnham Castle, the rest of Father John's life was spent as a member of the Jesuit Community in Clongowes Wood College. He became a well-known figure along the roads of Co. Kildare and beyond.

During his lifetime, he was renowned for the miraculous power of healing which seemed to emanate from him. His

reputation as a friend of the sick and those in any need was widespread. He was devoted to the poor and to those who were in any trouble and pain. Many believe that they have been helped and strengthened by his prayers

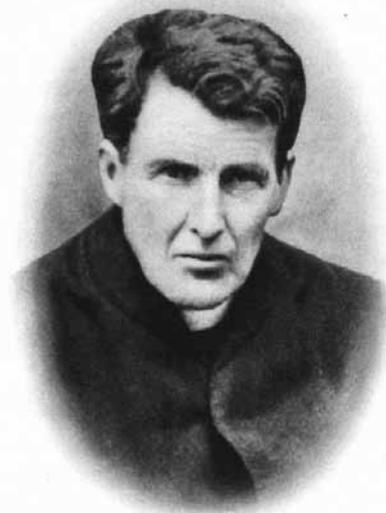
He died on 19th February 1933. Thousands gathered to pay their respects to the priest who was revered as a saint. He was interred in the Community Cemetery at Clongowes but his remains were moved to the Sacred Heart Chapel in the Jesuit Church, Gardiner Street, Dublin on 27th September 1960.

The Cause for his beatification is being actively advanced with the Holy See.

For further information contact:

*Fr. Conor Harper, SJ CC*

*Vice-Postulator for the Cause of the Servant of God Father John Sullivan, SJ.*



*Take life in instalments, this day now. At least let this be a good day. Be always beginning. Let the past go. Now let me do whatever I have power to do. The saints were always beginning. That is how they became saints.*

## PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

The Annual Collection to support the Formation of our Students for the Diocesan Priesthood totalled €4406. At present, the Diocese has 18 Seminarians at various stages of formation.

Many thanks for your generous support.



## BAPTISMS

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

Philip Jeremiah Kenny  
Oilibhéar Raymond Donegan  
Jamie Christopher Kirrane  
Sylvia Mary Jefferies  
James Fintan MacDonald  
Juliette Joya Swan  
Conor James Hobbs  
Lauryn Lorraine O'Donnell  
Danielle Pamela Alicia O'Brien  
Jack Brendan Carolan  
Mark Peter McNally  
Hugo Aguirre  
David James Kelly  
Mary Amy Dillon-O'Neill  
Cian Francis O'Byrne  
Freya Catherine Stanley  
James Stephen McCarthy  
Isobel Anna Lucey  
Rachel Marie Clifford  
Henry Michael Shannon  
Kevin Timothy Keane  
Elissa Olivia Teresa Molloy  
Jack Evan MacHale  
Alannah Rose Sheridan  
James Michael Dunne  
Sarah Anne O'Callaghan  
Annabel Rose Bragg  
Rebecca Poppy Bragg  
Conor Richard Kingston



## DECEASED

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

J. Oliver Purcell  
Sharon Prior Nolan  
Yvonne Murphy  
Jim Clarke  
Alex Fitzgerald  
Desmond O'Shea  
John Maher  
Nuala O'Hart  
Kathleen O'Hara  
Joan Gilna  
Helen Boyers  
Mark Taylor  
Denis McCarthy



## MARRIAGES

We congratulate

Stephen McCann & Edel Stephens  
James Nunan & Katherine Byrne  
Brian O'Dwyer & Vicky Gleeson  
Neil Flaherty & Louise Cotter  
Dylan Davies & Cosette Byrne  
Desmond O'Grady & Anne Carrigy  
Stephen Winder & Jennifer Baggot  
and wish them every happiness.

## DARA

Donnybrook Active Retirement Association (DARA) are winding down their programme for the season with a visit to Celbridge and Lullymore in Kildare as we go to press. This is followed by a walk along the Dodder on Tuesday 22nd June starting in the Parish Centre at 2:30pm and hopefully finishing with afternoon tea in the Dropping Well.

They resume their activities after a summer break on Tuesday 28th September.

For more details or information contact Mona Staunton 2691320 and Christine O'Nolan 2196006

## PARISH SHOP

We have been experiencing some difficulties staffing the Shop recently and we apologise for any inconvenience caused. We thank our already busy voluntary Sacristan, Tony MacDonald, for stepping into the breach on many occasions. If anyone would be available to help at the 9:30 or 11:30 Masses they could call Daragh on 0879736983.

We have also experienced difficulty with Newspaper deliveries. Hopefully the Catholic Heralds are now back to normal but unfortunately the Tablet will continue to arrive a week late due to publication date and postal conflicts.

We encourage you to borrow books from the Parish Library. The service is free and there are many excellent volumes ranging from the lives of the saints, to scripture, to spirituality, to Church history which you can read from cover to cover or just browse. We take this opportunity to thank Rebekah Murphy and Sarah Van der Laan for the excellent work they did on cataloguing the collection. We hope to develop this service if there is sufficient interest.

*Daragh Mulvagh*

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## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 9.30 am - 9.55 am and after 6.00 pm Mass until 7.00 pm

## BAPTISM

Second and Fourth Saturday of each month by arrangement.

## MARRIAGE

3 Months notice required by both Church and civil authorities

## PARISH PRIESTS

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Fr. Conor Harper S.J., Curate,  
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Fr Julius Shibanda  
Tel: Curate 087 611 5660

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Pastor Emeritus  
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