

# Newsletter

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART  
DONNYBROOK



## DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Over the past few weeks, many of you have spoken to me about Pope Benedict's four-day visit to Britain and how much you enjoyed watching the event on television. By any standard, it was a spectacular and historic event which confounded the critics and won over even the most hostile of media commentators.

The best description of the Papal Visit that I heard came from Francis Campbell, the British Ambassador to the Holy See, who called it '*a triumph over cynicism*'.

Not only did Pope Benedict reach out to his own Catholic flock in Britain

but he also 'connected' with people of other Christian denominations, people of other faiths, and people of no faith. Several times during the televising of the Pope's speeches and homilies, a good Protestant friend of mine texted me to say how deeply moved he was by what he was seeing and hearing.

What seems to have touched people was Pope Benedict's genuine holiness, his gentleness, his carefully chosen words and above all his authenticity. More than ever before, people (especially young people) are impressed by what is authentic. It brings to mind the

amazement of the crowds when they listened to Jesus speaking:

*'Jesus had now finished what he wanted to say, and his teaching made a deep impression on the people because he taught them with authority, and not like their own scribes' (Matthew 7:28-29)*

When history comes to be written, the Papal Visit will, I believe, be seen not only as a defining moment for the Catholic Church in Britain but also as a defining moment in the papacy of Benedict XVI.

In the meantime, may we all strive to lead authentic lives as disciples of Jesus Christ!

*Fr Martin Clarke PP*

## CARDINAL NEWMAN

In Birmingham, on Sunday 19th September, John Henry Cardinal Newman was declared Blessed by Pope Benedict XVI.

Blessed John Henry Newman was a man of great intellect, a theologian, a master of the English language and defender of the Church. He had a deep devotion to the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament.

Newman spent seven years in Ireland, 1851 to 1858, where at the request of the Irish bishops he founded the Catholic University of Ireland, now University College Dublin.

While in Ireland he spoke and wrote on the role and meaning of university education, as valid today as when first enunciated by him.

The Second Vatican Council was heavily influenced by his work and thought



which has been fully recognised by Pope Benedict XVI. His views on conscience, dogma, and the role of an informed laity are increasingly recognised.

There is however another side to the life of Newman which is perhaps not fully

understood. He suffered much in his move from his beloved Anglican Church to the Catholic Church. He lost dear friends and associations with Oxford University. He was misunderstood by many and his time in Ireland was fraught with difficulties. Yet he preserved his serenity and sweetness of heart. He never doubted his conversion to the Catholic Church.

Less well known is his parish work as an Anglican pastor in Oxford and later as a priest in Birmingham. His gentleness and kindness and concern for the disadvantaged and those who sought his advice and help were legendary and never forgotten by those who experienced it. His motto '*Cor ad Cor Loquiter*' was fully expressed during his long life.

*Niall Tierney*

## TO ALL FRIENDS OF DONNYBROOK PARISH



It is my pleasure to write to you again since my departure from Ireland almost a month and few days ago. I thank God my journey back to Kenya was safe and sound. The treasurable memories of the last days remain fresh in mind and heart. It was on the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary when I shared with you a brief note of appreciation and thanksgiving for one year spent in Donnybrook parish.

It was a year of blessing to journey with you. Like Mary after sharing the joy, blessing and love with Elizabeth she went back home to share the same joy and happiness with the others. That is why I returned back to my country Kenya, to another appointment in my home Diocese of Kitale, which is in the Rift Valley, nine hours drive from Nairobi towards the North Rift.

I arrived in Ireland 2008 and I completed MA in Cultural studies and Faith; from Milltown Institute, and for one year I shared with you God's love in unity and diversity in such a plural society of Ireland today. That was a wonderful

experience. I am happy to return home with enormous experience of academic knowledge and spiritual exercises from your Island of Scholars and Saints.

From my heart I sincerely thank you; all the Christian fraternity of Donnybrook and its environs for accepting me to serve you in the sanctuary, thank you for your kindness, love, care, support and warmth; for the dinners, teas and sharing we had, I do appreciate from the depth of my heart. I thank most sincerely my brother priests, Martin Clarke, Conor Harper, Richard Sherry and John Boyers who gave me a warmth company, love and great support to adjust into the Irish culture and faith. In a special way I thank the Parish council and all other various prayer groups whom I learned and acquired a lot of knowledge. Thank you for your love and friendship. Your support towards the pastoral means of transport was highly appreciated with gratitude and prayers. After the appointment I will notify you what means in a form of a second hand car we shall buy.

Currently I am still at home with my family, relatives and friends awaiting my new appointment on 12th of October. As soon as I am appointed I will write to you for the updates. May God himself reward you and bless you all.

Asanteni sana.

(In Swahili it means: thank you very much)  
*Fr Julius Shibanda*

## CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

Returns from recent Church Gate Collections held in the Parish were as follows

CONCERN raised €1560.

YOUTH 2000 raised €321.

Invalid Section of the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes raised €4947

Gonzaga College Habitat for Humanity Paraguay Project raised €1719

Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross & the Blackrock Hospice raised €900

Focus Ireland raised €1400

Irish Wheelchair Association raised €1987

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind raised €1482

Central Remedial Clinic raised €877

*Many thanks for your support!*

## HOSPICE COFFEE DAY

Thanks to all who attended and to those who sent contributions. The total figure achieved was €1,740. Thanks to all who helped and to the undermentioned for their generosity –

Hire All Catering, Sandyford; Butlers Pantry, Donnybrook; Donnybrook Fair; Molloy's Fish, Donnybrook; Dunnes Butchers, Donnybrook; Tesco Merrion.

*Mary McDonogh and Marian Horgan*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our parishioner and daily swimmer, Monica Henchy, who was heard on the "coming of age segment" on Morning Ireland on Monday 27th September last before she dived into the sea at Seapoint.

## SISTER FIONA CORWAY



Sister Fiona from the Sisters of Charity has joined Sr Bertha as an additional Parish Sister.

Welcome Sr Fiona!

## THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council was established in 2006 and the second Council formed in 2008 in keeping with the agreed two-year term. The time has now come to elect a new council.

As the election of officers and some new council members is now imminent, volunteers are urgently required. We are especially anxious to have representation from the younger age groups and from people with expertise and skills which would be extremely valuable in the council.

Amongst the issues confronting us is the proposed clustering of parishes as outlined in the Boundaries Commission. This will involve discussions with neighbouring parishes and highlight the increased role of the laity in future years. Please give very serious consideration as to how you can contribute to the Pastoral Council in these changing times and ensure that faith development continues in Donnybrook.

*Tony MacDonald*

## AUSTRALIA'S FIRST CANONISED SAINT



Blessed Mary MacKillop, Foundress of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, will be named as a Saint of God by Pope Benedict, on Sunday 17th October. Forty of her sisters now live in Ireland and have been in Nutley Square since 1987. "Where ever we may be, let God's glory absorb our thoughts, deliberations and action." Mary MacKillop 1898 (Transmitted live on EWTN 8.30 am)

*Eily Deasy rsj*

## TOM & MARK TAYLOR



In our last issue we reported the sad loss of Mark Taylor of Belmont Avenue. Mark had already lost his brother Tom just twelve weeks earlier, both in their forties and both from cancer. At that time the Taylor family began fundraising for the Cancer Clinical Research Trust at St. Vincent's hospital Elm Park. I'm delighted to report the present sum raised is in excess of €13,300 and still growing. The Taylor family would like to thank the people of Donnybrook, Tom and Mark's friends and all who sponsored events, especially Ballsbridge Motors and McCloskey's lounge for their amazing generosity and support. A cheque was handed to Prof. Crown of St. Vincent's hospital by their mother Ann on Mark's birthday, Friday 1st October.

## ZAMBIA - COLÁISTE ÍOSAGÁIN



Mid morning, hazy rays of sun gleaming onto slabs of local stone in a busy school hall in Northern Zambia. An Irish man plays "When the saints go marching in" on a euphonium, as children happily march out of the hall singing loudly along. The song is repeated until every child has left, leaving behind 12 Irish girls, students from Coláiste Íosagáin. The euphonium player is Dominique Sykes, a Christian Brother who set up and runs a project

## YOUTH CORNER

### MY GHANA EXPERIENCE - ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

When I signed up for the trip to Ghana at the start of the year, I never could have even imagined it would be anywhere near as amazing as it was. We set off on the 24th of May and arrived in Accra Airport that evening. As soon as we stepped off the plane we caught a glimpse of how different this was going to be from Ireland when we were struck by the humidity and sweltering heat. We spent the first night in the Spiritan Fathers' residence in Accra. The next day we took a bus journey to the Volta region and the town of Hohoe. Here, we checked into the hotel de Mork. The highlights of our time in Hohoe included visiting a granary, The Volta dam, which produces power for the whole country, drumming lessons, cooking lessons, the largest waterfall in Western Africa, a 3 hour long mass, and of course, our visits to the local schools. The schools were arguably the best part of the trip.



We visited four different schools and each one held a sort of welcome ceremony for us with singing and dancing. We came to the schools with the gifts we had all brought along. The sheer delight these kids got out of things like balloons and balls was amazing. We stayed in the schools for a while seeing the classrooms and playing with the kids.

We also played a football match against a local team where, under the leadership of Colm Sreenan, lost a close fought match 3-2 in extra time.

After this we moved to Cape Coast where we visited two slave castles. These were very interesting places. We saw the place where slaves were kept before being shipped off to Europe through "the door of no return." We also went on a canopy walk across rope bridges high over the rainforest followed by lunch on a crocodile farm.

The last part of the trip was in Accra where we had time for shopping in the city. After this it was time to go home. As our BA flight was cancelled we had to fly home through Lagos.

This trip was the best experience of my life and I think I can speak for every student and teacher when I say it is one we will never forget. *David Sheridan*

to improve and promote education for women and children in Kasama, and we 12 girls were there for 3 weeks to help in the schools.

Coláiste Íosagáin supports the Kasama project with fund raising, and every two years a group of 12 students and 3 teachers from Coláiste Íosagáin in Stillorgan travels to Kasama to work. This year we raised over €20,000, all of which went to support education in Kasama.

We would spend the early morning at St. Martin de Poires, a haven-like Montessori school, singing, dancing and playing with the children. Then we would go on to Chifwani basic school to a dance group which Dominique started for the children, or to a basic classroom over-filled with eager students, aspiring doctors, lawyers.

And lastly we would go to Chileshe Chipela, a boarding school for children with disability. This is where we felt most useful and where some of our happiest times were spent, although it was the hardest place to be. I have never felt so much love in one place. Happiness radiated from every face there, both Irish and Zambian. My journey to Zambia changes the way I view a lot of the world. When I was there, I never thought of anywhere else but back here in Ireland, I'm always thinking of those 3 weeks in Africa.

*Isobel de Stanlaigh*

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all the Junior and Leaving Cert students on their results.



## BAPTISMS

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

Gary Eamonn Mackle  
 Holly Sarah O'Connor  
 Dylan Niall Heffernan  
 Roddy John Paul Stafford  
 Joshua James Patrick Meenan  
 Frédéric Daniel Guilbaud  
 Ruby Rose Morgan  
 Lucy Margaret Nolan  
 Liam Richard Nolan-Kraul  
 Samuel Stephen MacKenzie  
 Ruby May Mulligan  
 Kristen Julia Murray  
 Isabella Anne Craig  
 Conall Declan Ernest Farrell  
 Aibhlinn Ela Dolan  
 Lile Cate Nihill  
 Ryan Emmet Dunne  
 Dylan Francis James Timothy McGettigan  
 Hugo John Dunne  
 Lady Elgemel Alexandria Maniago  
 Ryan George O'Kelly  
 Cian Pierse Elbourne  
 Rían John Dermot Cotter  
 Liam James McCluskey-O'Donovan  
 Patrick Evan Conlon  
 Ava Alice Cavanagh  
 Millie May O'Grady  
 Meabh Anna Derarca Morris  
 Maeve Frances Macgregor  
 Isabelle Gena Mary Ferris  
 Alice Jane Hanlon  
 Jake Karl Walsh-Keane  
 Neasa Sadhbh Eva Huet  
 Bronwyn Emma Cubitt  
 Dylan Richard Roche  
 Caitlin Ellen Walsh  
 Ali Rose Dawson



## MARRIAGES

We congratulate

Sarah Kilyanek & Ian Sherwin  
 Sarah Kerr & Rory O'Brien  
 Maura Kenny & Michael Cassidy  
 Rafaëlle Lennox & Elliot Adams  
 Anna Anderson & Richard Hurley  
 Niamh Mangan & Neil Townsend  
 and wish them every happiness.



## DECEASED

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

Gertrude Keogh  
 Eva Kenny  
 Séamus McKenna  
 John Clarke  
 Roisín McCann-Mannix  
 James Leon McCoy  
 John Quinn  
 Grace (Ciss) Kennedy  
 Barry Bresnihan  
 Rory Brady  
 Ercole Di Vito  
 Eithne Bolger  
 Gerald Fottrell  
 Ethna Nutley  
 Mary Molloy  
 Bernadette Morgan  
 Dr Peter McLean  
 Mary Molloy  
 Dr Robert (Bob) Towers  
 William Wallace

## REPLACING SHARE

National Appeal to defray expenses of the Eucharistic Congress 2012 totalled €3270  
 Annual Collection to support our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI and the Pontifical Charities totalled €4123  
 Crosscare collection raised €25,750  
 Pakistan collection totalled €30,326

## THANK YOU

The FIRST COLLECTION at Mass is for the support of your priests, for priests working in disadvantaged parishes and for the sick & retired priests of the diocese. The SECOND COLLECTION is for SHARE. UPKEEP of the Parish and Church is funded through the weekly envelope collection and annual "cheque" and direct debit contributions. New boxes of envelopes for parishioners who contribute weekly or monthly to the Church Maintenance Fund through the Envelope Collection are available in the Sacristy

## NEW SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Since Sunday 5th September, Sunday morning Masses have been held at 9.00am, 10.30am & 12noon. Evening Masses continue on Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 5:30pm

## 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

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