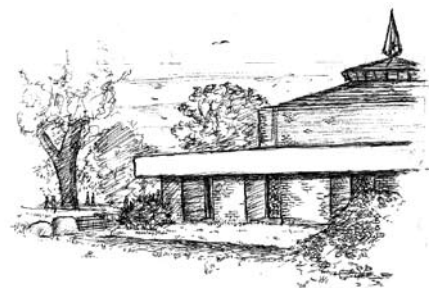


# BALLINTEER PARISH NEWSLETTER



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## 50th International Eucharistic Congress

The poet Minnie Haskins wrote a poem called 'God knows'. In it we read: 'and I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year. "Give me a light that I might tread safely into the unknown." And he replied "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way". So I went forth.....

No one really knows what a new year will bring. It is full of mystery and expectation. Given the financial crisis that we are living through, it can even be a time of foreboding and fear as to what might lie ahead. Among all these mixed emotions and feelings we are preparing in Ireland for a celebration of Light and Love, "The light of God's love for us expressed in the Eucharist".

The 50th International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Dublin from the 10th to the 17th of June. The theme is: "The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another." This great event plans to bring together people from all over the world to share faith experiences and to gather as one body around the Eucharistic table. It will bring together many strands of the church's life beginning with an ecumenical service of the Word celebrated at the R.D.S. in Dublin. This will be followed each day by a whole variety of different workshops and talks to help us grow in a deeper knowledge of the treasures of our faith. Many lay movements and groups will share their experiences and faith story. Lecturers from Maynooth College and other religious institutes, plus speakers from around the world, will speak at different sessions in the R.D.S. from the 10th June culminating with Mass in Croke Park on Sunday 17th June. In the New Year an Information Board for events at the Eucharistic Congress will be erected near Our Lady's statue in the Church. See also [www.iec2012.ie](http://www.iec2012.ie)

It promises to be a lively time of Evangelisation and, as the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus in St. Luke's Gospel expressed it, "they told their story of how they recognised Him at the breaking of bread." Of course, like anything in life, the



more you invest in it the more you can hope to get out of it. I think it will be a great opportunity for us to renew our faith in Jesus and His presence in the Eucharist and how He gathers us together as one body around His table. It is best summed up in the prayer composed for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress:

*Lord Jesus, You were sent by the Father  
to gather together those who are scattered.  
You came among us, doing good and bringing  
healing, announcing the Word of salvation  
and giving the Bread which lasts forever.  
Be our companion on life's pilgrim way.*

*May your Holy Spirit inflame our hearts,  
enliven our hope and open our minds,  
so that together with our sisters and brothers in  
faith we may recognise you in the Scriptures  
and in the breaking of bread.  
May your Holy Spirit transform us into one  
body and lead us to walk humbly on the earth,  
in justice and love, as witnesses of your  
resurrection.*

*In communion with Mary,  
whom you gave to us as our Mother  
at the foot of the cross, through you  
may all praise, honour and blessing be to the  
Father in the Holy Spirit and in the Church,  
Now and forever. Amen.*

Fr. Richard



### Preparing for Christmas Penitential Rite

**Marley Grange:** Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 8.00 pm  
**Meadowbrook:** Tues. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 7.30 pm  
**Ballinteer:** Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. at 7.30 pm  
**Dundrum:** Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 12 noon

### Confessions in Ballinteer

**Saturday 24th December:**  
10.30 am – 12.00 Noon

### Christmas Masses in Ballinteer

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve):** 10.00 am  
First Mass of Christmas: 6.00 pm  
(Choir, Organ, Trumpet)

Solemn Mass of Christmas: 9.00 pm  
(Gospel Choir)

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day):**  
Masses at 9.30 am (Irish/As Gaeilge),  
(Craobh Naithí CCE Music)

10.30 am (Schools' Choir) and  
12 noon (Ballinteer Male Voice Choir)  
(No evening Mass)

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December to  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December:** 10 am

(Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December: Feast of St. John the Evangelist  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December: Feast of the Holy Family)

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January:** Masses as normal incl.  
6.00 pm Sat. Vigil Mass

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January: (Feast of Epiphany):**  
Vigil Mass (Thurs) 7.30 pm  
Masses at 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

### Mass Changes from 1st January

Due to the shortage of priests to give cover, the **7.30 pm Mass on Mondays** will be discontinued. Canon Battelle will conduct St. Padre Pio Devotions at the 10.00 am Mass on the second Saturday of each month (unless it is a funeral Mass).

**Holyday of Obligation Mass times:**  
Vigil Mass at 7.30 pm, Feast Day Masses at  
10.00 am and 7.30 pm. (No 11.00 am Mass).

## Fr. Gerald

Fr. Gerald, from Uganda, who came to us in late March, was conferred with the degree of Master of Arts in Leadership and Pastoral Care at All Hallows College on 26th October. He left for home on 31st October. At Masses on his last weekend with us he described the work done at Uganda Martyrs' School and Orphanage which he founded at home. Massgoers responded very generously in contributing a sum of €8,278 in a special collection. Father Gerald expressed amazement and heartfelt thanks for this generosity.

## Father Richard, Assistant Priest

Fr. Richard, from Nigeria, joined the Parish Team on 1st November. He will serve as Assistant Priest in the Pastoral Area of Dundrum, Ballinteer and Meadowbrook, residing in Ballinteer. We asked Fr. Richard for a piece about himself. This is what he wrote:

'My name is Fr. Richard Olawale Fasuyi, known to my friends as Fr. Richiel! I hail from Ondo town in southern Nigeria. I was born on the 14th of June, 1975. I attended St. Mary's primary school and received my secondary education at the Sacred Heart Minor Seminary in Akure. On completing secondary school, I proceeded to discern my call to the priesthood for one year at St. John of the Cross Spiritual Year, Ekpoma. From there, I graduated to the Major Seminary of All Saints in Ubiele, Ekpoma, Edo State where I obtained B.A.'s in Philosophy and Theology between 1996 and 2004.

After the completion of my Seminary training I was ordained to the Priesthood on the 9th of April, 2005 for the Catholic Diocese of Ondo by Most Revd. Dr. Francis Alonge. In 2006, I was seconded as Fidei Donum (on Mission) to the Catholic Archdiocese of Lagos where I worked until August, 2011. I am currently studying for a Master of Theology degree, specialising in Pastoral Theology, in Pontifical University, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

## Permanent Diaconate – Noel Ryan

There are three ordained ministries in the Catholic Church: bishop, priest and deacon. There are two categories of deacon. One is a transitional deacon, a man in the final stages of preparation for the priesthood. The other is a permanent deacon (like St. Francis of Assisi) and, as the name suggests, he does not progress to priestly ordination. Three and a half years ago parishioner Noel Ryan, from Broadford, was accepted as a candidate for the permanent diaconate for the Archdiocese of Dublin. On 12th November Noel was one of eight candidates who received the Ministry of Lector (servant of the Word) and on 11th December received the Ministry of Acolyte (servant of the altar). God willing, he will be ordained deacon next June. In the meantime Noel will be assisting in all areas of ministry in our Parish. We ask you to keep him in your prayers during this time of preparation.

## Ballinteer Male Voice Choir

After singing at our Church Carol Service on 11th December the Choir rushed off to sing at the Lord Mayor's Annual Charity Christmas Concert at the Mansion House. A few days earlier, they had opened the Christmas season on 8th December by singing for the residents of Marlay Nursing Home, before raising their voices for the men of Simpson's Hospital a week later and bringing the spirit of Christmas into Ballinteer House on 17th December. Over Christmas they will be singing at the 12 noon Mass on Christmas Day. Do you hear what I hear? – the Choir is actively seeking new members. First tenors and baritones are especially welcome. So, make it a New Year Resolution to contact the Choir via their website [www.bmvc.ie](http://www.bmvc.ie) and [enquiries@bmvc.ie](mailto:enquiries@bmvc.ie)

Brendan Lane

## St. John's Gospel Choir

Our Choir is constantly in demand these days. It may be the new gowns we got in September! We performed in aid of Spina Bifida Ireland in 'The Osprey Hotel, Naas on 18th November. Over 30 members stood on the steps of Bank of Ireland, College Green, to sing in aid of Make A Wish Foundation on 24th November. Some members sang a couple of hymns on Dundrum Radio with Martina Clarke on the 3rd of December in aid of R.I.S.E. We also sang at the Christmas Carol Service in the Church on Sunday 11th and in Grafton Street on the 13th in aid of DEBRA Ireland. Along with our fortnightly performances at Mass, (next time at 9.00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve), it's a wonder we're all still standing! The Choir are enjoying every minute of their performances, as they bring joy and comfort to many people with their voices.

Mary O'Gorman, Director



## Ballinteer Active Retirement Association

The Ballinteer Active Retirement Association (BARA) will hold its last meeting for 2011 on Wednesday 21st December with a special Christmas Miscellany in Ballinteer St John's GAA Club. The regular Wednesday get togethers will resume on 11th January. Please note: AGM on Wednesday 25th January.

## Parish Cell Community

We meet fortnightly in homes in our parish including Woodpark, Broadford and Pine Valley. At these 'home' faith meetings we sing hymns, share scripture and pray intercessory prayers for all our needs. The scripture is usually the gospel for the following Sunday and we thank Fr Richard for his continuing support and for the teaching CD which he prepares for us. If you would like to know more about us please see the noticeboard in the Church or call or text **085 778 8395** or leave your details in the Sacristy.

## Children's Church

The Children's Church takes place in the Conference Room during the 10.30 am Mass each Sunday. Typically around 30 children attend. The programme is aimed at 4 to 10 year olds and comprises 15 minutes where the readings of the day are explained through storytelling, drama and music. Thanks to all who run the programme, to the children and particularly to the parents and grandparents who bring the children along. Anyone wishing to assist should leave their contact details in the Sacristy or Parish Office or with one of the organisers.

## Boys' School News

Since our last Newsletter, Ms. Olive Horgan, Principal, Ms. Mary Keane, Deputy Principal and Mr. Pat Fogarty, all retired from the School after many years of dedicated service. We wish them long and enjoyable retirements. Ms. Cliona O'Keeffe was appointed Principal and Ms Denise Dempsey Deputy Principal. Congratulations and best wishes to both of them. Welcome to new teachers Oliver Brennan, Deirdre Breathnach and David Donegan.

- The boys from 1st class to 6th class took part in a Christmas Play called "Oh come all ye Faithful" on the evening of December 15th in the School Hall.
- The Junior and Senior Infants will be performing a Nativity Play on Wednesday the 21st of December in the School Hall at 12 noon.

## Girls' School News

- The children practised long and hard with Ms. Yvonne Lane for the Church Carol Service on Sunday December 11th. That's why they were so good!
- The annual presentation of the Nativity Story by the Girls took place in the Church on Thursday December 15th in the presence of proud parents and grandparents.

## Parish Pastoral Care Team

A Pastoral Care Team has been meeting for the past few months in the Parish Centre and members are now ready to begin their ministry of visiting the housebound and senior persons living alone. If any parishioner knows any person who is housebound or living alone, and would like a visit from one of the Pastoral Care Team, please contact the Parish Pastoral Worker, Geraldine O'Keeffe, at **01 424 0613**.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Recently the Parish Team held an introduction/training evening for candidates for this ministry. Eight parishioners presented themselves for the ministry. A few days later there was a Morning of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers (within the Pastoral Area) at Marley Grange. This was led by Professor Liam Tracey, Lecturer at Maynooth College. The new Ministers in our Parish will be commissioned at the 6 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 17th December.

## Funeral and Baptism Teams

These Teams gathered on the 10th of November for prayer and reflection with the Parish Team and Fr. Behan. It was felt that on some occasions it would be inspirational for the congregation to have a baptism during a weekend Mass. Funeral Team members hope to become more involved e.g. visiting the family when someone dies in the Parish and being present at the burial/cremation.

## An tAifreann Gaeilge

Tá sé beagnach dhá bhliain anois ó thosaigh an tAifreann Gaeilge i mBaile an tSaoir. Tá ag éirí go geal leis an Aifreann le slua maith i láthair gach Domhnach. Bíonn ceol agus canadh ag an Aifreann go rialta. Ar Lá Nollag beimid sa phríomheaglais agus beidh ceol curtha ar fáil ag ceoltóirí de chuid Chraobh Naithí de Chomhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann. Ba mhaith linn buíochas a ghabháil leis na sagairt a léann an tAifreann, leis na léitheoirí, na ceoltóirí, na freastalaithe agus gach duine a chabhraíonn. Ba mhaith linn freisin buíochas a ghabháil le sagairt an pharóiste, le Tommy agus Seán, agus le pobal uile an pharóiste as an gcomhoibriú iontach linn.

It is almost two years since the Irish language Mass began in Ballinteer. It is continuing to attract a good attendance each Sunday at 9.30 am. Many thanks to the visiting priests, to our readers, our musicians and singers, the altar servers and all who help in any way. Míle buíochas to the priests of the parish, to the sacristans and to the parishioners. On Christmas Day we will be in the main church and music will be provided by members of the Craobh Naithí branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann. There will be special parking arrangements in the car park of the Boys' School and we ask those attending to follow the directions of the stewards. This is essential to avoid problems for those coming to the Mass immediately afterwards.





## Parish Accounts Summary July 2010 - June 2011

<b>Income</b>	<b>€</b>
Family Offerings	93,497.70
(Envelopes & Standing Orders)	
Roof Fund Collections	30,375.00
Shrines	27,425.63
Special Collections	52,692.00
Tax Rebates	25,560.06
Donations/Bequests	76,509.50
(incl. €70,000 from Fr. Jim O'Sullivan)	
Bank Interest	26.58

**Total: €306,086.47**

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>€</b>
Church Expenses	59,218.76
(Wages, Cleaning, Altar Supplies, Music, Missalettes etc)	
Lighting and Heating	15,034.43
Property Expenses	53,506.94
(Insurance, Maintenance etc)	
Parish Office Expenses	14,008.91
Bank Charges/Prof. Fees	3,051.08
Roof Loan Repayments	52,551.52
Misc. - see comments below	50,933.80
Major Projects	Nil
Special Collections remitted	56,656.00

**Total: €304,961.44**

<b>Surplus:</b>	<b>€1,125.03</b>
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I would like to thank all who contribute to the running costs of the Parish. It is very much appreciated, especially your constant support for the Family Offering and Roof Fund collections. Your generosity and a generous bequest from the estate of the late Fr. Jim O'Sullivan has enabled a number of works to be completed particularly over the past year. The Calvary scene in front of the Church in memory of Fr. Jim adds a sense of the sacred to the Church grounds and also points to what the building contains. While this was being done we added a number of plants and bulbs to the Church grounds. Thanks to Aidan who keeps the grounds so well and who in all weathers is to be found tidying and cleaning the area.

Another task achieved last year was the marking of the car park at the Broadford side plus a resurfacing of the road between the School and Church down to The Oaks. You may have noticed a recent new sign advertising the Girls' National School on Ballinteer Avenue. I hope to be able to look at the ground surface of the upper car park soon and to improve the entrances.

Thanks also to those who look after the Church itself - cleaners, Altar Society, flower arrangers and Sacristy Team. You cannot but notice that the Church has been painted. We said a fond farewell to the grey and introduced new warmer colours. A dropdown screen has been added to the sanctuary

area and we hope to use this during Mass and other liturgies to enhance a deeper understanding of the theme of the Mass and the different liturgical seasons as well as to show words for hymns and prayers. We purchased a laptop and equipment for this task. You may also notice that we have added more rails to the sanctuary; this was part of the advice given when we had an audit of our Church and grounds on health and safety issues. New lighting was also added to the sanctuary area and to the Oratory. Also in the Oratory we built a new Sacristy for the Irish Mass and the Oratory has been painted. The Conference Room was also painted and a new carpet added during the Summer. We also added an emergency door to the room, again for health and safety reasons, and while this was going on fitted cupboards were added to provide adequate storage for the many different groups who use it. Extra work has been done to the roofs of the Church and the Presbyteries and the results are plain for all to see. We thank Tommy Baker for his excellent suggestions which seem to have provided us with a solution to the problem we were having with downpipes in heavy rain.

As you can see, a lot has been achieved over the past year or so. None of this would be possible but for your generosity and encouragement. I thank you for this and I thank all who administer the money week in and week out. To Jim Kelly, the Bookkeeper, and Jimmy Finlay who looks after the counting and banking along with John Fagan and their team of collectors and counters both in the Church and outside for the Roof Fund collection. To Colman Nolan and all who collect and count the Family Envelope collection. A particular word of thanks to the Finance Committee for their astute advice and constant vigilance. So thanks to one and all.

There are a number of pending projects for the New Year, funds permitting. Not least of these is a new sound system for the Church and Oratory with a loop system in both places. When this is completed we hope to have a radio system installed so that the sick and housebound will have access to our liturgies through radio. We have recently been granted planning permission to erect gates on the front of the Church. I had hoped to avoid this, but due to antisocial behaviour it has proved necessary. The plans for the gates include images of the four Evangelists similar to the images in the long stained glass window on the sanctuary. A parishioner who is an architect has been commissioned and I will post the designs in the Church in the New Year. An ongoing project to improve our contemplation of the Stations of the Cross is underway along with some minor alterations to the seating as part of health and safety. More details will follow in the New Year. May God bless you all for your kindness.

*Fr. Richard*

**Editor's Note:** If anyone would like to contribute towards the running of the parish through a Standing Order or a weekly Family Offering Envelope, please call to the Sacristy or contact the Parish Office (01 4994203).



## Eucharistic Adoration in Oratory

Adoration hours are:

Tuesday - 10.30 am to 10 pm  
Wednesday - 10.30 am to 1 pm  
Thursday - 10.30 am to 1 pm  
Friday - 10.30 am to 10 pm

**'Come let us adore Him'**

As we approach the 50th Eucharistic International Congress next June, perhaps we could prepare for it by making an extra effort to support this Devotion during the times shown.

## Roof Fund

With the approval of the Archdiocese a new term loan over 20 years was negotiated in Summer 2010 for the outstanding balance of €650,000. Repayments will vary and will be in the region of €4,000 per month plus interest which is added quarterly. The current position is:

Loan amount	€650,000
Interest to August 2011	21,877
Repayments to October 2011	51,170
Outstanding balance, 31st October 2011:	€620,707

Twenty two outdoor Roof Fund Collections after weekend Masses, along with some donations, realised €36,407 from September 2010 to November 2011. The recent concert featuring The Seafeld Singers, Clontarf and our own Gospel Choir raised a welcome €3,435 for the Fund. Thank you Marie Melly for organising it.

*Jimmy Finlay*

## Book of Life

The Book, listing the names and addresses of those who died from the Parish regardless of religion or were buried from the Church since its opening on 8 December, 1973, is now displayed in the glass case near the XIVth Station of the Cross in the Church. The page for the particular day is opened each morning showing the entries relevant to each person whose anniversary occurs on that day.

Some 1,100 names of deceased - from stillborn to over 100 years of age - have been verified for inclusion in the Book. There may be more names that we are not aware of. We would like to hear from anyone who feels their loved one should be included - contact Sean Roche or Pat O'Sullivan, c/o Sacristy with details. Currently we are aware of only one person, a Mrs Casey, Woodpark, whose details we have been unable to verify - she died around 22 August, 1977. There may also be some residents in Saint Anne's Court who have died, and whose funerals were from other churches, whom we should include. If you can assist us in these cases or wish to check the entry for a loved one, please contact Sean or Pat. Since the Book went on display we have received five new names for inclusion.

Also, if you become aware of a parishioner who died and was buried/cremated from another church or chapel, please let us know so that he/she can also be included in the Book. It is, of course, impractical to include deceased persons outside of the two categories mentioned.

We would like to thank all who provided information or helped in any way to advance this project.

## Newsletter - Help needed

This Parish Newsletter is prepared twice a year at Christmas and Easter for delivery to each household in the Parish. Anyone interested who feels that he/she has the necessary skills to assist should please call to the Sacristy or contact the Parish Office. Apart from the editorial side, help is always welcome for deliveries, particularly to apartment complexes where access for non-residents is difficult.

The Newsletter is complemented by the Weekly News-sheet prepared in the Parish Office and made available to weekend Massgoers. This lists Mass intentions for the coming week and upcoming events in the Parish and outside it.

## Methodist Church Services

**Sunday 18th December:**

10.00 am - Family Worship  
11.30 am - Contemporary Worship  
7.00 pm - Carols by Candlelight

**Saturday 24th December (Christmas Eve):**

9.00 pm - Reflection Service

**Sunday 25th December (Christmas Day):**

10.00 am - Family Celebration

## Taney (C.of I.) Parish Christmas Services

**Saturday 24th December (Christmas Eve):**

Christ Church:

11.30 pm - First Holy Communion of Christmas

**Sunday 25th December (Christmas Day):**

Christ Church:

8.30 am - Holy Communion

10.15 am - Family Service

11.00 am - Short Service of Holy Communion

St. Nahi's:

9.15 am - Parish Communion

11.45 am - Parish Communion

## BAPTISMS - April to December 2011

*We welcome into our Christian Community:-*

Laila Ewa Renwick Sandach  
Oliver Daniel Sharkey  
Rosamund Mary Catherine  
Finnegan-Quirke  
Oisín Javier Rizo  
Lennox Edward Fortune  
Oran Dennis Bartelink  
Aoibhe Rose Keating  
James Ciaran Evans  
Emma Sinéad Farjady Fard  
Rachel Ruth Colleran  
Kendrick Joseph Enorme  
Aaron Patrick Carry  
Oisín John McBride  
Thomas Dean Lee  
Edward Christopher King  
Adam James Slowey

Benjamin Quentin Smith  
Carla Kinsella-Ras  
Jack O'Neill  
Alex O'Neill  
Mia Dymna Matthews  
Aaron Brendan Valentine Fitzpatrick  
Abigail Katie Cunningham  
Freya Bláithín Ní Shúilleabháin  
Ryan Conor Kealy Richardson  
Henry James Fahy  
Eimear Louise O'Leary  
Luke Liam Shorten-O'Reilly  
Sophie Grace O'Farrell  
Robert Patrick King  
Carys Ava Hogan  
Freya Marie Barry Daly

Amelia Annabel Conway  
Maria Ana O'Donoghue  
Lara Ann O'Grady  
Sarah Siobhán McDonald  
Abbie Rose Byrne  
Laura Mary Morgan  
Jack Thomas Bambury  
Patrick John Hosey  
Shane Woods  
James Matthew Oliver O'Connell  
Jamie John Mullan  
Fiona Kathleen Perry  
Honor Joan Nolan  
Abbie Milena McCormack  
Rose Elizabeth MacDonald  
Éireann Elizabeth Walsh

Martin Rory Breen  
James Philip Feely  
Mary Kate Keane  
Nyah Ava Aston Furlong  
Dylan Turlough Greene  
Colin Pauric McHugh  
Grace Anne McLaughlin  
Milo James Williams  
Ali Elizabeth Morrissey  
Liam Gerald Reddan  
Alexandra Michelle Kane  
Tori Olivia Doyle  
Max John Shirley  
Seán Daniel French  
Laura Mary-Anne Gray-McNamee



## DEATHS - April to November 2011

*Lord, grant eternal rest to:-*

Albert (Bertie) Thompson, Ballinteer Park  
Peg Foley, College Park Close  
Dermot Paul French, Evian-Les-Bains, France  
Dolores Taylor, Grange Manor House  
Sr. Breeda Treacy, Little Company of Mary,  
Braemor Park  
Bridie Lacey, Pine Valley Way  
Patricia Richardson, The Close, Woodpark

Pat Hynes, The Oaks  
Alice Sarsfield, The Heights, Woodpark  
Brian Kenny, Ashlawn  
Jack McKenna, Ballinteer Close  
Tony Hawkins, Meadow Park  
Paul Delaney, Ballinteer Crescent  
Ria Darcy, Pine Valley Avenue  
Teresa Leycock, Pine Valley Avenue

Eddie Mongey, Woodpark, Ballinteer Ave.  
Geraldine Maher, Broadford Park  
Dónal Ó Dálaigh, Ballinteer Gardens  
Rosaleen Sheridan, Ballinteer Drive  
John Cleary, Broadford Park  
Ina McPartling, Ballinteer Gardens  
Carmel Brohoon, Broadford Rise

*Our sympathy and prayers are with their families, friends, relatives and neighbours.*

## WEDDINGS - April to October 2011

*Congratulations and best wishes:-*

Cathal Ryan, Ballinteer Grove and Lesley Anne Hynes, The Walk, Woodpark  
Colm Duffy, Ballincarr, Sligo and Caroline Kelly, The Oaks  
Malachy Coghlan, Birr, Co. Offaly and Michelle Monaghan, Pine View, Tallaght  
Desmond Field Corbett, Pine Valley Ave., and Anja Regling, Munich

Colm McGarrigle, Heather View and Maria Rudden, Ballinteer Grove  
Brendan Herlihy, Woodpark and Nadia Potapenko, Ukraine  
Barry Renwick and Lynsey Martin, Kingston Avenue  
Shane Deegan, Monalea, Tallaght and Elaine Brennan, Ballinteer Close

### Parish Walking Group



We meet at 11.00 am on Saturday mornings in Kilmashogue Wood car park and walk for approximately one and a half hours. A reasonable level of fitness is recommended. New walkers always welcome to join us. For more details please call 01 494 1948.

### Pastoral Area Parish Retreat

A Retreat for parishioners from Dundrum, Ballinteer, Meadowbrook and Marley Grange parishes will be hosted by Ballinteer Parish and will take place (in our Parish) from 10th to 16th March 2012. It will be conducted by Fr. Kieran O'Callaghan, Redemptorist, plus a team of two. It promises to be challenging and inspirational. Watch out for more info coming through your door in the New Year!

### Do This in Memory

The 'Do This in Memory' programme of preparation for First Holy Communion is run by a co-ordinating team of parents with an overview by the Parish Pastoral Worker. They had their first 'Do This in Memory' Mass on Sunday 20th November.

### Intercessory Prayer Team

*Ann, Jennifer, Pat and Philip meet regularly to pray for the needs of all in our parish and for the particular needs of those who ask for prayer. They can be contacted on 087 174 4839.*

### Faith & Light Ballinteer

The Ballinteer Community - called Little Lights- which was established in 1988, meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month in the Conference Room of the Church at 3 pm. Because of the Faith & Light Eastern Region Christmas celebrations, there is no meeting in December in Ballinteer. The meeting after Christmas will be on Sunday 15th January. As always, all parents and their child with an intellectual disability, as well as other family members and friends, are welcome to attend. Further information is available from the Community Co-Ordinator, Marie, at 087 2713265, or you can email [faithandlight-ballinteer@ireland.com](mailto:faithandlight-ballinteer@ireland.com).

### Marley & Ballinteer Youth Choir

For 10 - 18 year olds. We sing monthly at Sunday evening Masses in both Ballinteer and Marley Grange. On Sunday 18th December we will be singing carols for Focus Ireland from 2.00 - 4.00 pm at Superquinn. Enquiries to Tarny at 087 262 7424.

### Church Repository Shop

Normal Opening: After 6.00 pm Mass on Saturday and after all Sunday morning Masses  
Special Opening: After 10.00 am Mass, Mon - Fri, until Christmas

*Keeping Christ in Christmas!*

Candles • Cards • Calendars • Cribs  
Sheds • Children's Books • Small Gifts

### The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is 90 years old having started in Dublin in 1921. It is also celebrating the 830 envoys (mostly Irish) who worked full-time over several years to spread the Legion throughout the world and the millions of Legionaries on every continent in every diocese.

Many of these Legionaries, from Asia etc., have already booked their tickets for the International Eucharistic Congress. There will be a shuttle bus to bring them to the headquarters of the Legion, the hostels for the homeless run by the Legion, Frank Duff's house and his grave in Glasnevin.

Our local Branch meets in the Church Conference Room on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm.

### Thursday Coffee Morning

Since our last issue the Thursday Group and Bridge players on Tuesday (am) have sent to charity:-

€72 - DEBRA Nurses  
€100 - Little Company of Mary Aids Project Zimbabwe  
€280 - Trocaire & Concern for East Africa famine  
€160 - Our Lady's Hospice Coffee morning  
€100 - Faith & Light Ballinteer  
€50 - Fr. Gerald's Orphanage Uganda  
€100 - Fr. Peter McVerry Trust

Happy Christmas and Prosperous 2012 to our readers

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