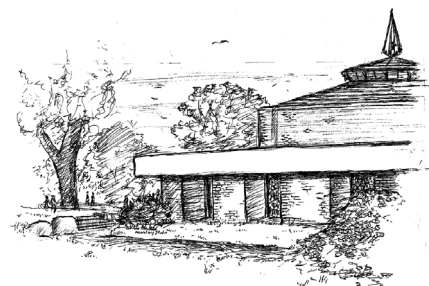


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Year of Faith



With an Apostolic Letter named *Porta Fidei* (Door of Faith) on 11th October 2011, Pope Benedict XVI declared that a "Year of Faith" would begin on 11th October 2012 and conclude on 24th November 2013.

11th October, 2012 marked the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th Anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. During the Year of Faith, Catholics are asked to study and reflect on the documents of Vatican II and the Catechism so that they can deepen their knowledge of the faith. As Pope Benedict puts it: "This year is a summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the one Saviour of the world (*Porta Fidei* 6)". It is an opportunity for conversion – to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with Him. The "door of faith" is opened at our baptism, but during this year we Catholics are called to open it again, walk through it and rediscover and renew our relationship with Christ and his Church. In his opening chapter Pope Benedict sets the theme for the year:-

"The 'door of faith' (Acts 14:27) is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church. It is possible to cross that threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped by transforming grace. To enter through that door is to set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime. It begins with baptism (cf. Rom 6:4), through which we can address God as Father, and it ends with the passage through death to eternal life, fruit of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, whose will it was, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, to draw those who believe in him into his own glory (cf. Jn. 17:22). To profess faith in the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is to believe in one God who is Love (cf. 1 Jn 4:8); the Father, who in the fullness of time sent his Son for our salvation; Jesus Christ, who in the mystery of his death and resurrection redeemed the world; the Holy Spirit, who leads the Church across the centuries as we await the Lord's glorious return".

Pope Benedict goes on to highlight what we must do to enter into an authentic conversion, how to deepen our faith and spread the Good News to the ends of the earth, to become evangelisers (*Porta Fidei* No. 7).

"Caritas Christi urget nos" (2 Cor 5:14): it is the love of Christ that fills our hearts and impels us to evangelise. Today as in the past, he sends us through the highways of the world to proclaim his Gospel to all the peoples of the earth (cf. Mt. 28:19). Through his love, Jesus Christ attracts to himself the people of every generation: in every age he convokes the Church, entrusting her with the proclamation of the Gospel by a mandate that is ever new. Today too, there is a need for stronger ecclesial commitment to new evangelization in order to rediscover the joy of believing and the enthusiasm for communicating the faith. In rediscovering his love day by day, the missionary commitment of believers attains force and vigour that can never fade away. Faith grows when it is lived as an experience of love received and when it is communicated as an experience of grace and joy".

And finally, as he always does, the Pope reminds us that our faith must be expressed in concrete love, care for the neighbour and witness to charity. "Faith without charity bears no fruit, while charity without faith would be a sentiment constantly at the mercy of doubt. Faith and charity each require the other, in such a way that each allows the other to set out along its respective path. Indeed, many Christians dedicate their lives with love to those who are lonely, marginalised or excluded, as to those who are the first with a claim on our attention and the most important for us to support, because it is in them that the reflection of Christ's own face is seen. Through faith, we can recognise the face of the risen Lord in those who ask for our love. "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt. 25:40). These words are a warning that must not be forgotten and a perennial invitation to return the love by which he takes care of us. It is faith that enables us to recognise Christ and it is

his love that impels us to assist him whenever he becomes our neighbour along the journey of life. Supported by faith, let us look with hope at our commitment in the world, as we await "new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Pet. 3:13; cf. Rev. 21:1).

For us in the Parish of St. John the Evangelist, it is a happy coincidence that 2013 is the 40th Anniversary of our Church. The "Year of Faith" is a great opportunity for us to renew our commitment to our Christian calling, to deepen our faith in Jesus as Lord and Saviour and to look back in gratitude for all the grace received over 40 years while going forward with a renewed zeal as new evangelisers for the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Richard

Preparing for Christmas

Carol Concert

Ballinteer: Sun. 16th Dec. at 3.00 pm

Penitential Rite

Marley Grange: Mon. 17th Dec. at 8.00 pm

Meadowbrook: Tues. 18th Dec. at 7.30 pm

Ballinteer: Wed. 19th Dec. at 7.30 pm

Dundrum: Mon. 24th Dec. at 12 noon

Confessions in Ballinteer

Monday 24th December: 3pm - 4pm

Christmas Masses in Ballinteer

Monday 24th 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)

Tuesday 25th December (*Christmas Day*):

9.30 am (Irish/As Gaeilge),

(Craobh Naithí CCE Music)

10.30 am (Schools' Choir)

12 noon (Ballinteer Male Voice Choir)

(No evening Mass)

Wednesday 26th December to

Saturday 29th December: 10 am

Sunday 30th December:

Normal weekend Masses

Mass Time Changes

All Mass times in the Pastoral Area are under review and will be changing from 1st February 2013. Announcements will be made in January.

Parishioner wins Creative Writing Awards

Fergal Casey, Woodpark, attended the annual Graham Greene International Festival in Berkhamsted (NW of London) at the end of September to collect two prizes at its Creative Writing Awards. He won best short screenplay for 'Sir Joshua's Macaw', a comedy of bad art criticism, and best prose fiction for his comedy of workplace anxiety, 'For Whom H.R. Tolls'. He had previously won the best thriller category in 2011 for his short story 'Dieu et Mon Droit'.

The Festival is an annual four-day literary event in Graham Greene's home town. Its purpose is to promote interest in and study of his work. Greene viewed himself as a novelist who happened to be Catholic and Catholic religious themes are at the root of much of his writings. The Festival has become a venue for launching new works of Greene scholarship. Since Fergal had completed a PhD on the Irish influence on GK Chesterton and Hilaire Belloc in 2007 in UCD, the intense discussion of an English Catholic writer was of great interest to him.

We congratulate Fergal on his achievements and wish him well in his future literary endeavours.

Ballinteer Male Voice Choir

Ballinteer Male Voice Choir (BMVC) was formed in 1994 and has a membership of 35. Its Musical Director is Ray Ryan and its accompanist is Graham Walsh. We have a small number of vacancies and can be contacted via www.bmvc.ie. Rehearsals are held each Thursday in Our Lady's Boys' School. In May 2012, BMVC won the Navan Choral Festival's male voice choir competition. In October, it performed in the Mill Theatre with Coro Finlandia. In November, it sang in the Mansion House, at a fundraiser for cancer research. In December, its performances include a charity fundraiser in Greystones Church on 9th, San Remo Nursing Home, Bray on 13th, Grange Golf Club on 15th, the Parish Carol Service on 16th, Marlay Nursing Home on 20th, Simpsons Hospital and Ballinteer House on 22nd, Farmleigh on 23rd and Christmas Day Mass at noon.

In May 2013, BMVC will host its third International Festival featuring choirs from Florence (Coro La Martinella), Angers, France (Le Choeur d'Hommes d'Anjou) and Dublin (Baldonnell MVC). A Gala Concert will take place in our Church on Saturday 25th May. It is our largest festival to date and promises a wonderful evening's entertainment. If you'd like to sponsor us, we'd be delighted to talk to you. The Lord Mayor of Dublin is hosting a reception for the Italian and French choirs in the Mansion House on Friday 24th May. On 28th July, BMVC welcomes Dovre, a male voice choir from Norway to Ballinteer in its centenary year. BMVC has received an invitation to visit Denmark in September 2013 from Mandskoret, Sonderborg, with whom it performed in St. John's GAA Club in September 2011, marking that choir's 90th anniversary.

Children's Church

The Children's Church takes place in the Conference Room during the 10.30 am Mass each Sunday. Typically up to 30 children attend. Angela and her small team would welcome additional help. Feel free to call in and see them.

Parish Website

We are all hoping that "The Gathering" in 2013 will bring home some of the millions who have emigrated and their descendants. However, there will be lots of friends and family who cannot return for a variety of reasons. In a very small but simple way we can still keep those who have moved away informed of what's happening in their old parish. This came to mind recently when a parishioner who attended the Blessing of Pets Mass said that her son, who is now in the United States, was delighted to see a photograph of her with their pet dog on the Parish Website. There is a lot of information, including earlier Newsletters, about our parish on the website and there are also links to parishes in the Pastoral Area. Please check it out - www.ballinteer.dublindiocese.ie - and let your friends and family abroad know about it.

Parish Cell Community

Our Parish Cell community has been privileged to be part of a number of spiritual outreaches over the last few months. These include:

- Pentecost 'Holy Hour with Eucharist' in homes throughout our Parish
 - Special celebration of Pentecost Eucharist on Pentecost Sunday
 - Healing Mass hosted by a Cell group but open to all in our Parish
 - National Cell Seminar in Carrickfergus where the sharings included one from Ballinteer Cell Community. Fr. Don Pigi Pierini attended from Milan where he introduced Cells
 - An outreach in Bray Parish where two new Cell groups have started
 - An Alpha Course, with over 40 participants, which finished after 10 enjoyable weeks at the end of November. Many of those who attended are now very interested in continuing their faith journey by joining Cell meetings or attending a regular prayer meeting.
- Parish Cells are small faith groups who meet fortnightly in homes in our Parish. The meeting lasts approximately one and a half hours and includes prayer and praise and a teaching on the following Sunday's Gospel prepared by Fr. Richard Behan PP. We take this opportunity to thank Fr. Richard for his support and for the really thought-provoking teachings. If you are new to our Parish, or if you would like some more 'spiritual food', please see the noticeboard in the Church or call the Cell Secretary on **085 778 8395**.

Recently, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin appointed Fr. Michael Hurley to the Pro Cathedral Parish to promote Parish Cells in Ireland. Fr. Hurley first brought Cells to Ireland while serving in our Parish.

Parenting Teenagers Course

A very successful course for parents of teenagers was held in the Methodist Church over five weeks from mid October. Around 40 parents attended. The aim of the course was to give parents new skills and insights into communicating with their teenage children. The course was a joint venture between the Parishes in our pastoral area and the Methodist Church. Ahead of the course around 12 facilitators spent a number of evenings doing preparatory training. Our Parish Pastoral Worker, Geraldine O'Keeffe, co-ordinated the programme.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Ballinteer Conference

The Mission Statement of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in Ireland:-

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a Christian voluntary organisation working with poor and disadvantaged people. Members seek to respond to the call every Christian receives to bring the love of Christ to those we serve in the spirit of the Gospel message: "I was hungry and you gave me to eat"

The basic unit of the Society is the Conference and most parishes in Ireland have one. The members of Saint John the Evangelist Parish Conference carry out the Society's mandate mainly by way of home visitation. There in the homes of those in need they offer friendship and support, listening sympathetically and avoiding judgmental and patronizing attitudes. Advice is offered only when requested and members always try to resist the temptation to tell people what they should do. The manner of giving is gentle and ensures that people do not feel unworthy because they need help.

This Conference would not be in a position to respond to those in need in this Parish without the help and support of our clergy and the community living here. Your generosity is wonderful and never taken for granted by those in real need. The monthly collection, normally after all Masses on the second Sunday, is a reliable and constant source of revenue. Your response to the annual Christmas Appeal and the frequent individual donations continue to astound. As you seek to help your neighbour you grow in the love of God.

If you are in need, or know of others in need, please contact the Conference at: **086 194 7194**. Confidentiality is always respected and maintained.

An tAifreann Gaeilge

Tá sé beagnach trí bliana 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. 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 leis an Sagart Paróiste, le Tommy agus Seán, agus le pobal uile an pharóiste as an gcomhoibriú iontach linn.

It is almost three 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 Fr. Richard Behan, 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 10.30 am Mass.

A bi-lingual booklet (Irish and English) and CD with the revised text of the Mass, produced by An Coiste Tréadach of the Diocese, is now available to purchase. It's a practical aid in the celebration of Mass in Irish. Enquiries/Orders: **Glór na nGael: 046-9487573. Website: www.udar.ie**

Methodist Church Services

Saturday 22nd December:

11.00 - 4.00 pm - Live Nativity. Real animals! Drama, music, crafts & coffee. Free!

Sunday 23rd December:

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

Monday 24th December (Christmas Eve):

9.00 pm - Reflection Service

Tuesday 25th December (Christmas Day):

10.00 am - Family Celebration



Parish Accounts Summary July 2011 - June 2012

Income	€
Family Offerings	93,436
(Envelopes & Standing Orders)	
Roof Fund Collections	32,315
Shrines	29,565
Special Collections	37,745
Tax Rebates	27,358
Donations/Bequests	25,651
Bank Interest	5

Total: €246,075

Expenditure	€
Church Expenses	69,634
(Wages, Cleaning, Altar Supplies, Music, Missalettes etc)	
Lighting and Heating	15,482
Property Expenses	74,721
(Insurance, Maintenance etc)	
Parish Office Expenses	11,767
Bank Charges/Prof. Fees	4,034
Roof Loan Repayments	43,860
Misc. – see comments below	26,284
Major Projects	Nil
Special Collections remitted	39,228
Donations	2,100

Total: €287,110

Deficit: €41,035

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who contributed so generously to the upkeep of the Church and grounds. A lot of expense was incurred on the roof of the Church this year as we discovered problems with the downpipes which are hidden in the walls and needed a lot of maintenance. A new sound system was first used in early August and with a loop system now in both the Church and Oratory it should be easier for those with hearing aids. It is hoped to put a radio system in the Church in the New Year for all those who are housebound. It is thanks to your constant support that we are able to make significant improvements to the Church on a regular basis. Thank you also to all of the groups and individuals who give unselfishly of their time to ensure that our Parish runs so satisfactorily and is so much admired by visitors.

Fr. Richard

Roof Fund

A new term loan over 20 years was negotiated in Summer 2010 for the outstanding balance of €650,000. Repayments will vary and are 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 2012	47,106
Repayments to October 2012	95,030
Outstanding balance, 31st October 2012:	€602,076

Nineteen outdoor Roof Fund Collections after weekend Masses, along with some donations, realised €33,878 from December 2011 to November 2012. The success of these collections is attributable to the great generosity of parishioners.

Sincere thanks to Margaret Kelly for organising a fundraising event for the Roof Fund which raised €1,150 and to St. John's GAA Club for hosting it.

The Parish Website is updated with the Roof Fund collections as they occur and every 3 months when we receive the Bank Statement. The next Statement is due at the end of February 2013.

Jimmy Finlay

Eucharistic Adoration in Oratory



Adoration hours are:-

Tuesday - 10.30 am to 8 pm
Wednesday - 10.30 am to 1 pm
Thursday - 10.30 am to 1 pm
Friday - 10.30 am to 8 pm

'The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and One Another'

This was the theme of the very successful and inspiring Eucharistic Congress in June. Beforehand we were all rather nervous about it because of the troubles in the Irish and Universal Church. Those of us who went to some of the many events in the RDS, did the seven-church pilgrim walk or attended

the concluding Statio Orbis Mass in Croke Park on Sunday 17th found it very faith-affirming. The presence of so many people from around the world was a great encouragement to the Church in Ireland and left a very positive atmosphere when the Congress concluded. Not in any way to diminish the faults of the past and its victims, we can look forward to a Church renewed in faith through the Eucharist which is at the heart of all renewal which is authentic. It is good to have Eucharistic Adoration so well established and supported in our Parish. However, to ensure continuity of presence in the Oratory during Exposition it would be great if additional parishioners could commit to some time there between 1.00 and 5.00 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Ballinteer Faith & Light Community

Our Monthly meetings are at 3.00 pm on the 3rd Sunday when we have Fiesta and Mass celebrated by our Chaplain Fr Alan.

Our Regional meetings during the past 12 months were:-

A Christmas Party in Cheeverstown, a visit to Murtagh's Causey Farm in Meath in May with special guests from Hungary. At the last weekend in June we had a National Pilgrimage to Maynooth, also attended by the Faith & Light International Co-ordinator and his family. Lastly we had a Regional Fiesta in Kells with special guests from New Zealand.

After Christmas the monthly meetings resume in the Conference Room at 3.00 pm on Sunday 20th January. To find out more about Faith & Light, join us on that Sunday for a cup of tea and a chat.

Further information from the Community Co-ordinator, **Marie, on 087 271 3265, or e-mail: ballinteerfaithandlight@hotmail.com**

Parish Twinning

The Parish Pastoral Council has decided to twin our parish with St. Peter's Parish, Jangbunu, in the Diocese of Yola, Nigeria. Bishop Stephen Dami Mamza, who served with us in Ballinteer from September 2010 to March 2011 before his ordination as Bishop, recommended this parish to Fr. Richard when the idea of twinning was discussed. It is the poorest parish in his Diocese. The nearest road is 10 kilometres away. From May to October the only means of transport is trekking with donkeys. The school is a ramshackle one where the children sit on stones. Due to lack of medical facilities people die of preventable diseases like malaria, cholera and typhoid fever. The provision of a clean water supply is a priority and our fundraising will be directed towards that project. We have committed our support to the parish for three years. On our part this is a parish-wide endeavour involving parishioners, schools and parish groups.

A Parish Twinning Team under the chairmanship of Iris Byrne has been formed. Recently a sale of children's clothing and blankets by the Thursday Morning Knitting Group realised €1,745 for the project. A parishioner is kindly donating a Mass box for use by the Parish Priest, Fr. Joseph Kofa, in his far-flung parish. Another parishioner has made a twinning banner which will be hung in our Church shortly. There will be other fundraising events in the New Year. Your support for our Nigerian brothers and sisters in Christ is earnestly requested. Contact: **Iris Byrne 086 234 4087** or e-mail the Parish Office at **parishoffice@ballinteer.dublindiocese.ie**

Parish Schools

Our Lady's Boys' and Girls' Schools would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our pupils and their families a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Both schools are working hard on their Christmas concerts and are very much looking forward to performing them. The Junior boys will be performing "Jack and the Beanstalk" on Thursday 13th December at 7 pm in the School Hall, and the girls will be doing a "Nativity Concert" in the Church on Tuesday 18th December at noon. All are welcome.

Enrolment ceremonies have been held for all of our First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates and the 'Do this in Memory' and 'You will be my Witness' programmes will be commencing shortly.

Dates to note:-

1st Confession: Thursday, 7th March at 7.15 pm.

Service of Light: Wednesday, 17th April at 7.15 pm.

First Holy Communion: Saturday, 18th May.

Confirmation: Saturday 27th April

Both schools are now accepting final enrolments for September 2013. We would like to remind all parents who have a child due to start school next year, particularly if they are siblings of existing pupils or live within the parish, that they must submit an application form to the school if they wish their child to be considered for a place. **Boys' School Tel.: 01 494 6647, Girls' School Tel. : 01 494 4052.**

Diaconate Ministry

On the evening of June 4th 2012 I had the privilege of being one of eight men ordained as permanent deacons by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin in the Pro-Cathedral. We were ordained for service in the Archdiocese of Dublin. I received my appointment on the 1st. September to my Pastoral Area of Dundrum/Ballinteer/Meadowbrook, resident in Ballinteer. Over the past months, with the help and support of our Parish Priest Fr. Behan, I have been busy familiarising myself with the many and varied ministries and services to which my appointment brings me. These are baptisms, funerals, weddings, proclaiming the Gospel and occasionally delivering a homily, helping with the First Communion and Confirmation programmes and bringing Holy Communion to the house-bound. There are still many more activities I have to address in the coming months. Since my ordination Annette and I have been overwhelmed by the many good wishes and expressions of support we have received from all sections of the parish. I would like to express our deepest gratitude to everybody and wish all parishioners a peaceful and Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Deacon Noel Ryan

Taney (C.of I.) Parish Christmas Services

Christ Church:

Sunday 23rd December

7.00 pm – Carols by Candlelight

Monday 24th December (Christmas Eve):

11.30 pm – Midnight Holy Communion

Tuesday 25th December (Christmas Day):

10.15 am – Family Service

11.00 am – Holy Communion

St. Nahi's on Christmas Day

11.00 am - Holy Communion



BAPTISMS - April to December 2012

We welcome into our Christian Community:-

Dara Pat Gibbons
Alec Bracken Doyle-Farrington
Brian Patrick English
Finn Harrison O'Leary
Mia Stella Conran
Isaac Thomas O'Hagan
Teagan Beth Murphy-Doyle
Alex Matthew Lamb
Christine Mary McGee
Reiden Kealle Ledema Broas
Jamie Ted Stephens
Ella Jean Green
Billy John McGrath
Kellie Mary Martin
Oscar George Forsythe
Kate Adele Byrne

Zachary Thomas Dalton
Rosie Margaret Lawlor
Patrick David O'Sullivan
Aila Catherine Oldham
James Raymond Martin Fergus
Reynolds
Daniel Joseph O'Leary
Devan Joseph McDonald
Torin James Moses Brennan
Rory Joseph Coyle
Simon Peter Moore
Aimee Lee O'Connell
Erin Eliza Keyes
Mia Jane Caroline McGarry
Setanta John O'Leary
Alfie Thomas Fay

Darragh Francis Frederick Murphy
Eoin Levingston O'Boyle
Charlie Thomas Harmon
Tilly Charlotte Moran
Tadhg Francis Scales
Ellie Mae Warren
Leah Nicole Yourell
Jover Igayac
Riona Brigid Flynn
Max James Graham
Rosanna Margaret Henson
Aoife Fiadh Ní Bhraonáin
James Edward Ryan
Tom Brendan Nangle Ryan
Isabelle Mary Keating
Maura Anne Kavanagh

Alex Christopher Ryan
Megan Theresa Mullins
Lucy Cora Bailey
Maeve Mary McDonagh
Tessa Mary Rickard
David Seán Peter Lee
Dylan Ian McCabe
Jamie Adrian Blackshields
James Richard McGrath
Thomas James McCarthy
Abbie Anne Rowland
Anna Katherine Havelin Cranwell
Jacob Eugene Martin
Darcy Krista Doherty
Jack Deacon Doherty



DEATHS - March to November 2012

Lord, grant eternal rest to:-

Peggy Cotter, St. Anne's Court
John O'Leary, Pine Valley Avenue
Anna Flanagan, St. Anne's Court
Patricia Dunne, Pine Valley Park
Gary O'Shea, Ballycullen
Margaret Larkin, Ballinteer Avenue
Colm Hogan, St. Anne's Court
Eileen Corr, Ballinteer Road
Seamus MacGabhann, Broadford Avenue
John O'Donovan, Broadford Avenue
Sheila Kinch, Rosemount Estate, Dundrum

Tony Bannon, Ballinteer Park
John J. Coghlan, Barton Road East
Anne Cummins, late of Kellystown
Mary O'Shea, Ballintyre Square
Manus McHugh, Broadford Park
Moirá Angela Brophy, Grange Hall Apts.
James Behan, Ludford Road
Ronan O'Callaghan, Clonlea
Fintan Corrigan, St. Anne's Court
Patrick Gilligan, Woodpark, Ballinteer Road
Carmel Kiely, Broadford Avenue

Michael O'Shea, Ballintyre Square
John Kelly, Pine Valley Avenue
William Dempsey, Ballinteer Gardens
Marie Flood, Marley View Apts.
Maureen O'Dea, Pine Valley Grove
Kathleen Casey, The Rise, Woodpark
Tony Fahey, Broadford Close
Andrew Dalton, Kingston Avenue
Mary Nelson, The Green, Woodpark
Aogán Tansey, Pine Valley Grove & London
Annie Trebble, Ballinteer Gardens
Donie Gray, The Glade, Woodpark

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

WEDDINGS - MAY TO AUGUST 2012

Congratulations and best wishes to:-

Stephen John Harris, London and Lisa Mary Duffy, Ballinteer Drive
Shane McCarthy, Crookstown, Cork and Michelle Foody, Broadford Rise

Shane Noone, Eyrecourt, Ballinasloe and Susan Smyth, Broadford Rise

Ballinteer & Marley Youth

Tarny Reilly updated us as follows:

- Teen Masses have moved! They are now monthly at 12 noon on the 3rd Sunday in Ballinteer and the 4th Sunday in Marley.
- Jenny Shannon, one of our Teen Mass readers, will be volunteering in Malawi for seven months from January. We wish her all the best and look forward to having her back!
- Ecumenical Carol Service (for old and young) in Marley Park Courtyard on **Saturday 22nd December at 4.30pm** (weather permitting). Bring a candle in a jam jar and wrap up warm!
- The Youth Choir invites you to Carols by Candlelight (refreshments afterwards) in Marley Grange Church on **Sunday 23rd December from 5pm to 6pm**. Donations in aid of Bóthar.

Parish Pastoral Council

At the Parish Assembly on 26th May parishioners were invited to serve on the Council to replace members who had died or stepped down. Seven parishioners indicated a willingness and have been attending monthly Council meetings since the Autumn. They are Mary Golden (Secretary), Catherine Byrne, Valerie Burke, Brenda Doherty, Brendan Lane, Hilda O'Shea and Hilary Ryan. They join Fr. Richard, Deacon Noel Ryan, Pastoral Worker Geraldine O'Keeffe, Dónal Ó Dálaigh (Chairperson), Méidhbhín Ní Úrdail, Jimmy Finlay and Michael Forde. We wish the enlarged Council every blessing in its deliberations while remembering with gratitude the service of previous members.

The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a worldwide lay Catholic organisation whose members give service to the Church and community on a voluntary basis. The Legion is promoting for Beatification the causes of three Irish members who did great work across the globe:

- Frank Duff founded the Legion in 1921 and was still active in service when he died in 1981 at the age of 90.
- Venerable Edel Quinn was one of Ireland's greatest ambassadors for the Catholic faith. She established the Legion in Africa in the 1930's and, despite suffering from tuberculosis, worked tirelessly for eight years and died in Nairobi in 1944, aged 37.
- Alphie Lambe went to South America at the age of 21, where he worked throughout the continent for six years. After a short illness he died in Buenos Aires in 1959.

The local Praesidium of the Legion meets on Tuesday nights at 7.30 pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre. New members are always welcome. For more information please contact **Mary at 086 361 6453**

Parish Walking Group

We meet at 11.00 am on Saturday mornings in Kilmashogue Wood carpark 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**.



Intercessory Prayer Team

The Prayer Team would like to thank all who have asked for prayers during the past year. It has been a privilege and blessing for us to pray for your needs. Prayer intention forms are available at the entrances to the Church. The Parish Mass at 10.00 am on 1st January 2013 will be offered for all your intentions. We, Jennifer, Ann, Pat and Philip send our good wishes for Christmas and 2013 and can be contacted on **087 174 4839**.

Church Repository Shop

**Cards • Candles • Children's Books
Calendars • Cribs • Sheds • New Missals
Rosary Beads**

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

Thursday Coffee Morning

In 2012 the Thursday Group and Bridge players on Tuesday (am) sent **€1,300** to the following charities:- Capuchin Penny Dinners, Pieta House (Suicide prevention), Aware (Depression support), Concern, Sister Angela project (Nigeria), Jack & Jill Nurses, Peter McVerry Trust, Faith & Light Community, Hospice Foundation, Child Vision (Drumcondra), DEBRA Nurses, Parish Twinning (Jangbunu, Nigeria) and St. Vincent de Paul Society.
We'll done to all!



Happy Christmas and Peaceful 2013 to our readers



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