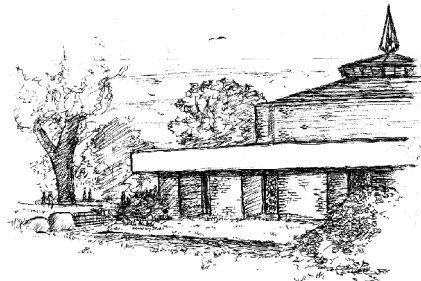


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Easter Proclamation

Most people in Ireland, when they hear of the Easter Proclamation, automatically think of the 1916 Easter Rising. However, in the Church, we have an Easter Proclamation at the Easter Vigil every year. We call it the Exultet and it is a call to rejoice. Why? We rejoice for the gift of salvation given to us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

It is a free gift that can never be merited but is given out of love. This proclamation begins with the words:

"Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, Choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King is risen! Sound the Trumpet of salvation."



And then it goes on to explain that the reason for such great rejoicing lies in an awareness of being loved immensely by God, who sent His only Son to save us:

"It is truly right that with full hearts and minds and voices we should praise the unseen God, the all powerful Father, and his only Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. For Christ has ransomed us with his blood and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father!"

The Church is so full of joy at this that it now calls original sin a happy fault. What has been the source of all our destruction now becomes the source of Grace and the proclamation continues:

"Oh happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam which gained for us so great a Redeemer".

The Church sees all time and creation leading to this moment of salvation and again it declares that God loves the world and all creation immensely, especially humanity. Chiara Lubich, a great spiritual leader of our time, has said this in the context of God's redeemed love:

*"I know: you'll fall. I also fall, often, always.
But when I lift my gaze to Him and see Him there, incapable of revenge,
since he is nailed to a cross because of his boundless love,
I let myself be caressed,
by his infinite Mercy and I know
it's the only thing that must win out in me."*

Celebrating the Year of Evangelisation

As you may know, this year has been set aside in the Church as a year of Evangelisation, the logo for this event is displayed in the Church Sanctuary. Evangelisation simply means spreading the Gospel, a task we are all asked to do at our Baptism and Confirmation.

To mark this special year, our Archdiocese wishes to offer each family a copy of the Gospel of Saint Luke. This Gospel will be central in the biblical readings in Church this year. Saint Luke wished to record the deeds of Jesus and to preserve His memory for all generations. Copies of the Gospel will be distributed throughout the parish after Easter. When you receive your copy I invite you to read it following the directions given in the introduction. During the following weeks I will invite a number of speakers to visit the parish and talk to us on the significance of this Gospel.

Fr. Richard

Preparing for Easter

Penitential Services

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| Marley Grange: | Wed. 24th March, 8.00 pm |
| Dundrum: | Mon. 29th March, 7.30 pm |
| Meadowbrook: | Tues. 30th March, 7.30 pm |
| Ballinteer: | Wed. 31st March, 7.30 pm |

Confessions in Ballinteer

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| Holy Thursday: | 6.00 to 7.00 pm |
| Good Friday: | After all Ceremonies |
| Holy Saturday: | 11.00 am to 12.00 noon and 3.00 to 4.00 pm |

Easter Services in Ballinteer

Palm Sunday, 28th March

6.00 pm Vigil Mass (Sat.),
Masses: 9.30 am (Irish/As Gaeilge),
10.30 am, 12 noon and 5.30 pm

Holy Thursday, 1st April

(No morning Mass)

Solemn Mass of Lord's Supper
(Children's Mass) 7.30 pm.

Adoration at Altar of Repose concluding
with a conducted half hour of Prayer
9.30 - 10.00 pm

Good Friday, 2nd April

(Day of Fast and Abstinence)

Stations of the Cross at 12 noon.

Solemn Ceremony of the Passion with Holy
Communion at 3.00 pm

Prayer around the Cross at 8.00 pm

Holy Saturday, 3rd April

(No morning Mass)

Vigil Mass at 9.00 pm

Easter Sunday, 4th April

Masses: 9.30 am (Irish/As Gaeilge),
10.30 am, 12 noon and 5.30 pm

Easter Monday to Friday, 5th to 9th April

Morning Mass at 10.00 am only

Saturday 10th April

Masses: 10.00 am and 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

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



It is encouraging to report the continuing loyal support for the Eucharistic Adoration. There are, however, two weak periods – between 1.00 pm and 5.00 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays – and parishioners, who may be available, are invited to pay a visit during these times.

Tax Benefit on Donations

"Thank you" to all who signed and returned the Certificates for Tax Relief on Donations made in 2008. The Parish can now get the tax benefit of those donations as a result. This assists the strained Parish funds and is of great benefit to us.

If you got this letter and Certificate and did not return the Certificate, and would still like to be associated with this fund raising effort, please return the form, signed, to either Fr Richard or the Parish Bookkeeper, Jim Kelly, at the Parish Office as soon as possible.

If you did not receive the letter or Certificate, but feel your contributions to the Parish would qualify for the tax benefit under the scheme, then please contact the Parish Office, by telephone 01 499 4203, or call in Monday to Friday between 10.00 am and 12 noon.

Good Friday Appeal

For the past two years parishioners responded very generously to an appeal by the 'Heart to Hand' Charity founded in 1991 by Kieran Byrne, a Wexford Transport Haulier. The charity's trucks still travel to Albania and Romania with much needed aid. The following are the types of non-perishable food gifts which would be greatly appreciated:

Flour, Sugar, Vegetable Oil, Pasta, Jam, Rice, Tinned food, Breakfast Cereals, Porridge, Instant and Packet Soup, Horlicks, Drinking Chocolate, Tea, Coffee, Biscuits, Baby Food. Also Soaps, Shampoos, Creams, Incontinent Pads and Nappies would be most welcome.

Please bring what you can when coming to Church Ceremonies on Good Friday.

Website: www.hearttohand.net

Parish Schools

- The Boys and Girls in Second Class made their First Confessions on 27th February. The Confirmation children had their commitment ceremony at the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday, 28th February.
- The Girls' School marked "Seachtain na Gaeilge" with a céilí for the girls on 9th March and a ceolchoirm on 10th March.
- Special thanks to our Parents' Association who cooked pancakes for us and sent the funds they raised to Haiti.
- Applications for Junior Infants for September 2010 and for the following years are currently being taken in both Schools. Application forms are available in the Secretaries' offices.
- The two Schools had a very successful "Open Day" on Sunday 7th February.
- The Girls' School are planning a clean-up of their grounds on Thursday 15th April, to coincide with National Spring Clean Day and would really appreciate help from parents on that day.

St. John's Gospel Choir

The good news is that St. John's Gospel Choir is now 70 strong! The not so good news is that we have to introduce a waiting list for singers who wish to join the choir. We feel very grateful and humbled that 70 people have wanted to join St. John's Choir and all our members are committed, enthusiastic and joyful at rehearsals and Mass. If someone leaves the choir, we will then offer a place to the first person on the waiting list. We are, however, still looking for musicians (over 18 years of age) to join the choir. Please contact us through the Parish Office for further details. We thank Fr. Behan, Canon Battelle and all the parishioners for their continued support. We will be singing at 12 o'clock Mass on Sunday the 28th of March, at the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday (April 3rd) at 9pm and at the 12 o'clock Mass on the 25th of April. Thereafter, we will sing at the 12 o'clock Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in May and June.

Folk Group

They will be singing at the following services over Easter:

Wed. 31st March - Penitential Service - 7.30pm

Good Friday - Prayer around the Cross - 8.00pm

Easter Sunday - 12 noon Mass

Lectio Divina

Praying with the Sunday scriptures takes place each Tuesday in the Church Conference Room at 10.45 am and continues for an hour. It resumes on 13th April. It is facilitated by Parish Pastoral Worker Geraldine O'Keeffe. All are welcome.

Sacramental Programme

'You shall be my witnesses'

This parish-based programme for candidates for confirmation was completed over four weeks commencing 4th March. It was facilitated by Parish Pastoral Worker, Geraldine O'Keeffe. A number of parents volunteered to be trained as group leaders. It was very edifying to see the parents present join their children in prayer at the close of each session.

Car Parking

The gates at each end of the 'through road' between the upper and lower car parking areas are opened on Sunday mornings and on funeral mornings.

To keep this road free for emergency services it is important not to park on it. Similarly, for safety reasons, cars should not be parked on the marked pedestrian way just outside the railings for the Girls' School yard.

Faith & Light Ballinteer

Faith & Light was established in Ballinteer in 1988. Our meetings are now held on the 3rd Sunday of each month in Ballinteer in the Church Conference Room at 3.00 pm. The meeting after Easter will be on Sunday 18th April 2010. As always, all families with a child with an intellectual disability, and their friends, are welcome to attend. Faith & Light International was founded in 1968 by Jean Vanier and Marie Helene Mathieu for the purpose of planning a pilgrimage to Lourdes for people with an intellectual disability and their families and friends. That first pilgrimage in 1971 saw 12,000 from all over the world gather in Lourdes. Faith & Light Ireland started in 1972. It has 24 Communities throughout the island of Ireland. Worldwide there are over 1,000 Communities in over 60 countries and can be found in every continent. Further information is available from the Community Co-ordinator, Marie, at 087 271 3265, or you can e-mail your query to faithandlight-ballinteer@ireland.com

Charismatic Prayer Group

Join us on Monday evenings at 8.10 pm in the Church Conference Room for an hour of prayer, praise, sharing, reflection and intercession. All are welcome.

John Furlong R.I.P. Former Sacristan

John died peacefully on 9th December 2009. His funeral Mass took place on 12th December and he was buried in Kilmashogue Cemetery. John had retired as Sacristan on 31st December 2007 after 22 years of dedicated service. In recognition of such devoted service he was awarded the 'Bene Merenti' medal, the highest Papal award that can be bestowed on a lay person, on 14th June 2008. John continued to attend daily Mass right up to the time of his death.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2010

Six nights from Tuesday 17th August.
Cost €715 per person sharing.
Includes transport to and from Dublin and Lourdes airports.

Staying in Hotel Agena which is only 5 minutes from Grotto. Price also includes full meals. No extra taxes or levies. Guided visits to the Sanctuaries, Grotto, Baths and Basilicas.

Spiritual Director: Canon Battelle.
Pilgrimage Organiser: Aidan Leonard 087 276 7981.
Booking each Monday in the Church
Conference Room from 7.00 to 7.30 pm.

An tAifreann Gaeilge i mBaile an tSaoir

Thosaigh Aifreann Gaeilge sa pharóiste ar an Domhnach 3ú Eanáir. Tá ag éirí go hiontach leis an Aifreann a bhíonn ar siúl ag 9.30 am gach Domhnach. Tá an tAifreann reigiúnach seo á eagrú ag Coiste Tréadach an Deoise a chuireann róta de shagairt ar fail.

A regional Mass as Gaeilge is held each Sunday since 3rd January in the Oratory and it has been a great success with a large attendance and a number of people providing music etc. A rota of priests has been provided by Coiste Tréadach an Deoise and a local committee organises readers etc. On 14th March the choir of Scoil Naithí sang at the Mass and the children did the readings and brought up the offertory gifts. On St. Patrick's Day musicians from the Craobh Naithí branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann provided music at the Mass. The organisers would like to thank the priests and parishioners for their 'céad míle fáilte' and for all the help and support which they receive each Sunday.

Activity Groups in Parish

Our Parish Website can be of help to you to find information on a variety of activities both within and outside the parish. If you would like to volunteer to become a member of any of the Parish Ministries or Groups, and can afford a few hours per week or month to help out, click on the 'Parish Groups' page where you can view the contact details for over forty Parish Groups. Website: www.ballinteerdublindiocese.ie.

Taney (C. of I.) Parish Easter Services

Thursday 1st April – Maundy Thursday
7.15 am – Holy Communion, Christ Church
12.00 noon – Final Lenten Lunch
8.00 pm – Holy Week Service, Christ Church

Friday 2nd April – Good Friday
7.15 am – Ante Communion, Christ Church
10.15 am – Family Service, Christ Church
8.00 pm – Holy Week Service, Christ Church

Sunday 4th April – Easter Sunday
Christ Church:

10.15 am – Parish Communion
Tea & Coffee in Parish Centre.
7.00 pm – Holy Communion

St. Nahi's:

8.30 am – Holy Communion
11.45 am – Parish Communion

Ballinteer Active Retirement

We meet each Wednesday in Ballinteer St. John's GAA Pavilion from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. We organise talks, activities and outings. We are going to Cork for a 3 night Spring Break on 11th April. We will be going to Lake Como for a week on 2nd June. New members, aged 55+, are very welcome.

Music Ministry

We have a new page on our Parish Website showing the Choirs, Groups, Organists and Soloists who sing at our Masses. The page has an introduction by our Parish Priest, Fr. Richard. It also contains some nice photos of the groups and lists the schedules where available. Just click on "Music Ministry" on the Home Page of the website and it will take you directly to it.

Parish Cell Community

Cell Community 'Home Centres of Prayer' meetings continue every second Wednesday in our parish. They are held in homes in Broadford, Pine Valley, Woodpark, Old Ballinteer and Barton Road and all are welcome. If you would like more information about Cell Community or if you would like to 'Come and See' a Cell meeting, please call Kitty at 085 778 8395.

International Male Voice Choir Festival

Saturday 15th May 2010 at 8 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church. Featuring: Ballinteer Male Voice Choir, Celtic Choristers, Entresol, Choeur d'Hommes du Dauphine, France, Baldonnel Male Voice Choir, Dublin Welsh Male Voice Choir.

Tickets €15 each.

Phone 01-4994203 (mornings only) or log onto: www.bmvc.ie

The Book of Life

In the Christmas edition of the Newsletter we mentioned the intention to enter names of parishioners who died since 1974 under the appropriate date page with the year of death. We wish to thank those who, to date, have reverted to us with details of family members, neighbours and friends. However, it would appear that we are still missing many names of those who died as well as the dates of their deaths, particularly for the years 1981-1989 and 1994-1996 inclusive. To enable us to progress this project, which has been outstanding since a small number of names were entered in 1995, we would appreciate if relatives/friends/neighbours would contact Pat O'Sullivan/Sean Roche c/o The Sacristy with a view to providing relevant information. Also, volunteers to help collate/check such information would be greatly appreciated.

Planned Giving

We have recently put up on the Parish Website a Planned Giving form to facilitate regular contributions to parish funds either by Bank Standing Order or Weekly Envelopes. The forms are also available at the back of the Church or in the Sacristy.

Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo and Sorrento 2010

Eight nights from 24th September. San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio) – 4 nights. Sorrento – 4 nights.

Special Group Price: €1,020.
Spiritual Director: Canon Battelle.
Group Leader: Tom Ryan, Tel. 2986889.

Parish Youth Activities

Tarny Reilly and Team are back in action:-

Kids' net: A living faith for our children. A new programme to build faith and character through stories, games, crafts and music. For kids aged 4 to 9 once a month for just one hour at Marley Parish Parlour. Contact Bernie 086 351 2818

New Youth Council: Got any ideas? Be on the Team! Keeping our fingers on the pulse! Developing activities and events for youth and family in the parish. We need representatives of different age groups.

Marley & Ballinteer Youth Choir: Are you 10-18 with a bit of musical/singing talent to spare? Will you share this with your community in return for fame and fortune (if you're spotted!). We perform twice each month, in Ballinteer Church on the 2nd weekend in the month and at Marley Church on the 4th weekend. We think we live things up! Time for a snack and chat with your friends afterwards. Practices in Marley Church from 7.00 – 8.30pm on Tuesday nights. During the year we do carol singing and have 2/3 social events/workshops. Why not use your talents to make a difference. Give it a go!

Contact Tarny at 087 262 7424

The Quarry: Your local Youth Club in the Conference Room in Ballinteer Church. From 7.00 – 8.30 pm for ages 10-13 and from 8.30 – 10 pm for ages 14 – 18. Join for fun or come to help! Could you be a leader, either a 15 years+ Junior Leader or an 18 years + Adult Leader? Friday nights at The Quarry restarted on 5th March. Come and see! See posters and flyers or look at website: www.thequarryyouthclub.com Call or text 086 314 8067.

E-mail: quarry121@hotmail.com

Youth Masses and Events:

Holy Thursday at 7.30 pm. Mass of the Last Supper. A family Mass with our young readers and musicians.

Good Friday at 12 noon. Alternative programme for children aged 4 to 10 during the Stations of the Cross.

Exam Mass at 6.00 pm on Saturday 8th May. Fill in your name in the Exam Book in Church for Prayer Power beforehand.

Watch out for Youth Masses after Easter.

There is still room for more volunteers and leaders!

For more information contact the Parish Office 499 4203 or tarnyreilly@eircom.net

Methodist Church Easter Services

Good Friday

8.00 pm – Reflection Service

Easter Sunday

7.00 am – Sunrise Service on Three Rock

10.00 am – Holy Communion

BAPTISMS - November 2009 to March 2010

We welcome into our Christian Community:-

Abbey Rose Brady Galvin
Brian David McDonald
Liam John Hughes
Ronan Joseph Collins
Alice May Lyster
Sadie Geraldine Corcoran
Angelee Jane Kratky

Alexander Robert Frazer
Sean Aaron McAra
Rhys Morgan Henson
Noa Maeve Frutos-Bracken
Conor Julius Ryan
Charlie Michael Payne
Milla Mary Rose O'Rourke

James Paul McLaughlin
Andrea Mae Macabuhay
Anna Catherine Kealy Day
Holly Jayne Drennan
Abaigeal Philomena Flynn
James Robert Murphy
Luke Anthony Bates

Masie Lilly McDonnell Armstrong
Ella Jane Peppard
Aoife Bridget Mitchell
Ava Grace Bourke
Katie Helena McGrath
Bobby Noel Bradshaw Dease
Ava Louise Rowland Foley

Congratulations to the proud parents.



DEATHS - December 2009 to March 2010

Lord, grant eternal rest to:-



Miriam McGovern, The Walk, Woodpark
John Furlong - (Former Sacristan), Broadford Lawn
Teresa Phoenix, Ballinteer Gardens
Maureen Farrell, Ballinteer Park
Joan Whelan, Ballinteer Avenue

Rory Collins - (Former Church Collector), Grange Cottages
Vivienne Caulwell, Pine Valley Avenue
Pat O'Connell, Heather Close
George Doherty, Ballinteer Drive

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

WEDDINGS - January to March 2010

Congratulations and best wishes to:

David Connolly, Pine Valley Way and Pamela Ryan, Broadford Close.
Liam McCarthy and Eileen McNally of Broadford Drive.

Ian Moore, Marlay View and Eileen McCabe, Ballinteer Avenue.
Wayne Kenny and Lynsey O'Leary of Jobstown.

The Apostolate of Jesus Christ the returning King

This Apostolate meets on the last Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Oratory for an hour of structured prayer with the highlight being the reading of Jesus' monthly message, as disseminated by Anne, a lay Apostle from the mission house in Bailieboro, Co. Cavan. In February we hosted in the Oratory a presentation by Anne's co-workers, Victor and Catherine Spillane and Emma, who gave a beautiful account of her reconnection with the Church from her reading of Christ's word in Anne's book, which had been presented to her by her mother. A further meeting will be held shortly. Notice will be given in posters and in the weekly Sunday Message leaflet.

Roof Fund

Up to the end of March 2010 we will have repaid €368,000 off the loan of €960,000 including interest. The balance left for repayment (following the March payment) will be €592,000 including interest. We are very grateful to those who continue to subscribe so generously. Go raibh míle maith again.

Children's Church

The Children's Church takes place during the 10.30am Mass on Sunday in the Conference Room. It is a programme geared towards the 4-10 age group. It has been running for over twelve years and its purpose is to make Mass an enjoyable and meaningful experience for the children and to build their faith. The focus of the 15 minutes is on the readings of the day. Using storytelling, drama and music, the scriptures are interpreted in a way that is easily understood by the children. Parents are invited to bring their children along. They will be welcome to stay if desired. If there are sufficient volunteer helpers we would like to have a Children's Church also at another weekend Mass. If interested in helping, please call to the Sacristy after Mass.

Christian Meditation Group

The Group, using the teachings of Dom John Main, O.S.B., meets each Thursday from 8.00 to 9.00 pm. New members are very welcome. Phone 298 2020 for further details.



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. For more information please contact 01 494 1948.

Monsignor Patrick Keaveny, R.I.P.

The death of Monsignor Keaveny took place at Sacred Heart Residence, Sybil Hill, Raheny on 16th February. He had served as a Curate in our Parish for a year in 1995/96 and visited occasionally thereafter, for a short period, when he would celebrate Mass. He was born in 1930 near Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo and also lived in Kells where his family had moved.

After working for some years in Ireland, Mgr Keaveny commenced his studies for the priesthood in England in 1959 and was ordained a priest in Mullingar Cathedral in June 1965. He worked thereafter in England, apart from his time in Ballinteer. He was Private Secretary to Archbishop Michael Bowen, Southwark Archdiocese, for four years from 1978. On his return to England from Dublin he was again appointed Parish Priest, retiring to Sacred Heart Residence in 2007. Monsignor Keaveny was blessed with a very pleasant disposition and went about his work quietly but effectively. He was a keen golfer and enjoyed travelling abroad, especially to France. He was buried with his family in Kells. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Bereavement Support Group

We meet on the first Monday of each month (except Bank Holidays) in the Church Conference Room at 7.00 pm. The loss of a loved one through death can be an intensely painful experience. Working through grief can be a long and difficult process but help and support are available, such that can bring comfort and healing. We offer an environment of:

- Listening
- Confidentiality
- Hope

If interested, please come along to one of our meetings or telephone the Parish Office, 01 499 4203, for an alternative appointment.

The Legion of Mary

A report from South America tells us that the Legion is bringing back to the Faith Catholics who had been poached by sects. In areas where there is no priest the Legionaries conduct Sunday Services. Here at home, the Legion now provides drug addicts in the city centre area with a priest for Confession or a chat. On Friday afternoons there is Eucharistic Adoration in Sean McDermott Street Church and an opportunity for those attending to give their lives to the Lord. Street contact work continues to grow in Temple Bar on Saturday afternoons, especially among young people. A member of the Legion's Ballinteer group joined a group of twelve working in a London parish during St. Patrick's week. The local group also visits the sick, the lonely and the housebound. They meet in the Church Conference Room on Tuesday nights at 8.00 pm.

Taizé

There is a Dublin Diocesan Young Adult Pilgrimage to the ecumenical monastic community of Taizé from Sunday 11th to Sunday 18th July 2010. It is a community of Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant brothers situated in Burgundy, South of France, not far from Cluny. This is a pilgrimage that can change your life! Cost for return flight and coach transfers, meals and basic accommodation is €440 (incl. of taxes and insurance). **Contact: Ewelina 01 8087538 or Mary 01 8087533. www.taize.fr**

Parish 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 087 667 7749.

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Happy Easter to all our readers