



BAPTISMS – December 2010 to April 2011

We welcome into our Christian Community:-

Kate Poppy Quinn
Uinsean Richardson
John Kuba Salmon
Justin Michael Salmon
Aaron James Gorman
Joseph Patrick O'Dowd Dempsey
Matthew Freddy Stephens
Ailbhe Teresa O'Meara
Ella Kate McGoe

Charlie Stephen Saunders
Aisling Rose Cournane
Rian Fionn Griffin
Alicia Sandrine Traynor
Luca Johnny O'Neill
Siomha Jean Bowen
Liam Kevin O'Flaherty
Cali Cer O'Connor-Vickery

Louise Clare Byrne
Cian Patrick McGrath
Foalan Harry Healy
Peter Luke McDonough
Marc Liam Po Sing Carroll
Maisy Eve Tan
Luke Dylan McSweeney
Donal Rian Clair

Leo Thomas Owens
Stephen Vincent Foley
Alex William O'Sullivan
Neasa Aine Quinn
Tadhg Thomas Murphy
Aoife Noelle O'Buachalla
Ronan James O'Reilly
Saoirse Catherine Byrne



Congratulations to the proud parents.

DEATHS – December 2010 to March 2011

Lord, grant eternal rest to:-

Austin Hanna, Ballintyre Grove
Tommy Brennan, The Close, Woodpark
Mel Boland, Ballinteer Avenue
Eddie Harmon, Ballinteer Park

Joseph Murray, Ballinteer Park
May Miller, Ballinteer Crescent
David Costelloe, Broadford Close
Bernadette Mooney, Ballintyre Square

Seamus Hough, Broadford Rise
Paddy McNally, Ballinteer Drive
Imelda Ryan, The Walk, Woodpark



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



Shane Adderley, Old Bawn, Tallaght
to Lisa Reilly, Taylor's Grange

WEDDINGS - December 2010

Congratulations and best wishes.

Gary Smith, Bancroft Grove, Tallaght
to Rachael Grimes, Ballinteer Crescent



Parish Cell Community

There are now Cell Community small faith groups around the world and Rome has officially acknowledged that these groups are the work of the Holy Spirit. We in Ballinteer believe we are blessed to have these faith groups in our parish. Thank God we are growing and are always happy to welcome new people or welcome back those who were with us before. Many of us remember that it wasn't easy to take the first step and make an enquiry or accept an invitation to 'Come and See' a small faith group in action. What kept us coming back was the warm welcome and how we were always able to be ourselves and take our own time to feel confident enough to take part in the meeting.

Now we can honestly say that we have received far more than we have given as we grow in confidence singing hymns, sharing scripture and praying for all our needs. We all have ups and downs in life and the confidential support and sharing in the Cell helps us to grow in faith and trust in Jesus Christ. For information please call **085 778 8395** or leave your name and number in the Sacristy and we will be happy to call you. If you are new in our parish we would be very happy to meet with you. Our details are on the Church noticeboard and also on the parish website.

Ballinteer Male Voice Choir

We will sing at the 3pm Good Friday ceremonies. The Choir will travel to a festival in Cornwall from 29 April to 2 May, sing in competition in New Ross on 22 May and in a cancer fundraiser in Holy Cross Church, Dundrum on 21 June.

The Choir rehearses mostly on Thursdays in Our Lady's Boys' School. While the Choir's website is under reconstruction, membership enquiries to the Parish Office please.



TO ALL OUR READERS

Teen Masses and Youth Activities

The Quarry! Our local youth club, and Marley and Ballinteer **Youth Choir** going strong. As always, new volunteers (18 years+) are welcome to join the fun and new members are welcome to apply!

Teen Masses! Masses monthly on the 1st Sunday at 5.30pm in Ballinteer and the 4th Sunday at 7pm in Marley. Next Mass: 1st May in Ballinteer. Love to see you there! Call the Parish Office for info or Tarny Reilly (**087 262 7424**) and check us out on the parish website!

Centenarians

Congratulations and best wishes to three ladies who reached the fine age of 100 in recent months. They are Teresa Leycock, Pine Valley Avenue (October 2010), Annie Trebble, Ballinteer Gardens, (December 2010) and Joan Cashman, Meadowbrook Parish (March 2011). We hope they had very enjoyable birthdays.

Thursday Coffee & Library Morning

The Thursday group and bridge players on Tuesdays (am) have, since our last issue, sent to charity: €100 to Capuchin Penny Dinners, €100 to Motor Neurone Association, €100 to Bishop Stephen's 'Wells for Nigeria'.

Parish Walking Group



Now that Spring is here new walkers are especially welcome to join us. We meet in Kil-mashogue Wood car park on Saturday mornings at 11.00am and walk for approximately one and a half hours – a reasonable level of fitness is desirable. Enquiries to **01 494 1948**.

Church Repository Shop

For all your religious cards and gifts for:

Confirmation • First Holy Communion • Easter • Birthday

Get Well • Thank You • Sympathy • Wedding
Also Catholic newspapers, magazines, pamphlets, Children's books and Bibles

Shop open after Saturday evening Mass and all Sunday morning Masses

The Legion of Mary

Members of the Legion of Mary each Summer give up a week or two of their holidays to go abroad to evangelise for Christ. Teams of volunteers go to a parish in Britain or further afield at the invitation of the Parish Priest. It's great - you make friends with Legionaries from all over, you get to see places you might never see otherwise and you get to meet people in their home environment. A member of the local Branch of the Legion is going to London for a week's work in late May.

The Legion of Mary, started in Dublin in 1921, is now in virtually every country in the world and everywhere, where they have the time and the means, the Legionaries are encouraged to do holiday apostolate work. The Legion of Mary meets in the Conference Room in the Church on Tuesdays at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Congrats to Canon Battelle

Canon Battelle celebrated his 80th Birthday on St. Patrick's Day. The occasion was marked by the presentation to him of a beautifully handpainted icon of 'The Washing of the Feet' after the Vigil Mass followed by a cuppa and birthday cake in the Conference Room.

New seat at Our Lady's Grotto

In January the Furlong family erected a granite seat in our Lourdes Grotto in memory of their parents, former Sacristan John and Collette. The seat was blessed by Canon Battelle on 14th February.

Broadford Residents' Association

The AGM of the Association will take place on Tuesday 28th April in Ballinteer St. John's GAA Pavilion at 8 pm. All are welcome. Volunteers will be required to serve on the Executive Committee for the coming year.

Parish Intercessory Prayer Team

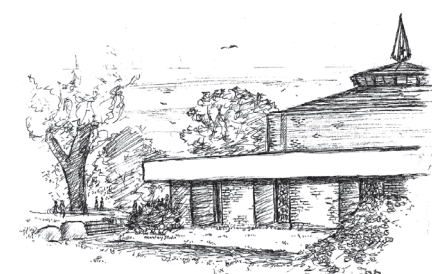
Ann, Jennifer, Pat and Philip meet regularly to pray for the needs of all in our parish and for the particular needs of those who ask for prayer. They can be contacted on 087 174 4839.

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Easter Joy

Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.
Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself,
He made us clean and new.
He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin;
He paid it out of love.
Our Lord died on Good Friday,
But the cross did not destroy
His resurrection on Easter morn
That fills our hearts with joy.
Now we know our earthly death,
Like His, is just a rest.
We'll be forever with Him
In heaven, where life is best.
So we live our lives for Jesus,
Think of Him in all we do.
Thank you Saviour; Thank you Lord.
Help us love like you!

By Joanna Fuchs

With this lovely Easter poem may I take this opportunity to wish you all every blessing for Easter. Thank you to all who contribute in so many ways towards the running of our lovely Parish of Ballinteer. May God reward you all for your goodness.

Fr. Richard

Bishop Stephen Dami Mamza

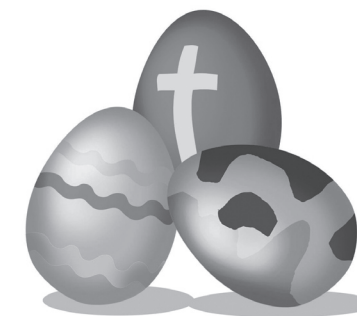
In the Christmas edition of the Newsletter you probably read an interesting article about Father Stephen who was appointed in September last as Assistant Priest for the Pastoral Area of Dundrum, Ballinteer and Meadowbrook, residing in Ballinteer.

Little did we know that the Pope would have greater things in mind for Father Stephen who on 18th February was informed that he was to be appointed Bishop of Yola in his native Nigeria. Father Stephen's ordination as Bishop took place in Yola Cathedral on 7th April. Fr. Behan and Fr. McDermott of Dundrum attended the ceremony as representatives of Archbishop Martin. Parishioners from the Pastoral Area also attended.

Bishop Stephen expects to return to see us in October next when he will be conferred with a Master's Degree in Community Development. His dissertation related to the management of hand-dug well water projects. Water is an important commodity in Nigeria and for that reason a Special Collection took place here in Ballinteer after all Masses on 26/27th March, raising almost €5,000 for 'Wells for Nigeria', which was presented to Bishop Stephen by Fr. Behan on our behalf during his visit.

Welcome to Father Gerald

Archbishop Martin assigned Father Gerald, from Uganda, as Assistant Priest in place of Father Stephen with effect from 29th March. Father Gerald will be with us until November but his involvement will be somewhat curtailed until he completes his studies at All Hallows in May. Uganda has a population of 31 million of whom 48% are Catholic.



Easter Services in Ballinteer

Palm Sunday, 17th April 6.00pm Vigil Mass (Sat.)
Masses: 9.30am (Irish/As Gaeilge), 10.30am, 12noon and 5.30pm

Holy Thursday, 21st April (Morning Prayer at 10am)
Solemn Mass of Lord's Supper (Children's Mass) at 7.30pm

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

Good Friday, 22nd April (Morning Prayer at 10am)

Day of Fast and Abstinence
Stations of the Cross at 12noon
Solemn Ceremony of the Passion with Holy Communion at 3.00pm (Ballinteer Male Voice Choir)
Prayer around the Cross at 8.00pm

Holy Saturday, 23rd April (Morning Prayer at 10 am)
Vigil Mass at 9.00pm with Baptism (Gospel Choir)

Easter Sunday, 24th April
Masses: 9.30am (Irish/As Gaeilge), 10.30am, 12noon and 5.30pm

Easter Monday to Saturday
Morning Mass at 10.00am only
(Vigil Mass at 6pm on Saturday)



Cóineartú/Confirmation

Ar an 15 Márta ghlac 102 páiste ó Scoil Naithí, Scoil Bhride agus Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna Sacraimint an Chóineartaíthe i Séipéal Naomh Eoin Soiscealaí i mBaile an tSaoir. An tAthair Proinsias Ó hEarráin a bhronn sacraimint an Chóineartaithe ar na páistí. Chan cór Scoil Naithí ag an Aifreann agus sheinn roinnt iarscolairí ceol uirlise i rith an tSearmanais. Bhí an ócáid go hálainn agus bhain gach duine sult as an lá.

On the 15th of March 102 children from Scoil Naithí, Scoil Bhride and Gaelscoil Knocklyon received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Ballinteer. Fr. Frankie Herron officiated at the ceremony. The choir from Scoil Naithí sang at the Mass and instrumental music was played by past pupils of Scoil Naithí. This very special occasion was enjoyed by everyone.

Ba mhaith le Scoil Naithí míle buíochas a ghlacadh le Ann Greene, Tommy Baker agus Fr. Richard Behan as a gcabhair agus a gcomhoibriú. Our sincere thanks to Ann Greene, Tommy Baker and Fr. Richard Behan for all their help and co-operation.

Anna Ní Dhombnaill, Priomhoide Scoil Naithí

St. John's Gospel Choir - A Big Cover-Up!

“The number of people in the Choir has risen to 80! It's a great complaint to have” says Mary Lowe (O’Gorman). “Since the start in September 2009, we’ve had people wanting to join nearly every week. We’re unable to take on any more singers for now, but we would encourage the congregation to join in the singing at Mass.” she said.

By September, the ladies and gentlemen of the Choir will finally be dressed in their long-awaited Gospel gowns. All different colours, fabrics and styles have been discussed and decided upon. The Choir will be taking part in a concert to raise money for the Church Roof Fund in October. More details to follow.

Mary and her colleague, Yvonne McDonald, have set up CORus, a new type of choir, in response to the interest shown in being part of a singing group. Venues include Rathfarnham and Dundrum and there will be six new venues to choose from in September. For more information, look up: www.Corus.ie.

An tAifreann Gaeilge

Tá ag éirí go geal leis an tAifreann i nGaeilge gach Domhnach ag 9.30am. Mar cuid de *Sbeachtáin na Gaeilge*, tháinig an cór agus na daltaí ó *Scoil Naithí* chun bheith páirteach linn san Aifreann ar 13ú Márta. Ar Lá Fhéile Pádraig bhí grúpa ceoltóirí againn ó Chraobh Naithí de Chomhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann. Chuir siad gliondar ar ár gcroí agus sinn ag ceiliúradh Aspal mór na hÉireann.

The Mass in Irish, at 9.30am on Sunday mornings, is continuing to draw a good attendance. As part of *Seachtáin na Gaeilge* the pupils and parents of Scoil Naithí attended the Mass on 13th March and the children sang and read beautifully. On St Patrick's Day we had a feast of Irish music from the local Craobh Naithí branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, as we celebrated the feast of our patron saint. *Go raibh míle maith agaibh* to the clergy, the sacristans and parishioners for their support and help.

Tax Benefit on Donations

“**Thank you**” to all who returned the Certificates for Tax Relief on Donations made in 2009. 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 did not return the Certificate, and would still like to be associated with this fund-raising effort, there is still time to return the form, signed, to either Fr. Richard or the Parish Bookkeeper, Jim Kelly, at the Parish Office as soon as possible. Remember, it costs you nothing !

If you did not receive the 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 12noon.

Claims for the Tax Years 2007 and 2008 can also be considered. For Certificates for those years, or if you have mislaid your 2009 Certificate, contact Jim Kelly at the Parish Office, or email him at ballinteerparishaccounts@ireland.com

Faith & Light 40th Anniversary

At Easter 1971, after 3 years planning, the first Faith & Light pilgrimage to Lourdes took place, with 12,000 pilgrims, of whom 4,000 had an intellectual disability. Easter 2011 is the 40th Anniversary of that first pilgrimage. In July 2011 at least 300 pilgrims will go to Lourdes from Faith & Light Ireland as “Messengers of Joy”.

The Faith & Light International Chaplain, Fr Isaac Martinez, explains, in a letter to all the Faith & Light Communities:

“It was the joy of Easter that caused this large family that is Faith & Light to be born. It is what we are celebrating; 40 years of life, 40 years of joy experienced by all our members and especially the favoured of God, the weakest people (Lk. 10,21). This joy is paradoxical: it is difficult to imagine joy despite a disability and suffering, the joy that is born of fraternity with disabled people.”

Today, 1,500 communities of Faith & Light, of different Christian traditions, rooted in their parish or local church, can now be found in over 80 countries. Faith & Light came to Ireland in 1972 and the Ballinteer Faith & Light Community was established in 1988, and meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month in the Conference Room of the Church of St John the Evangelist. We invite those with an intellectual disability, their family and those who wish to be their friends to our meeting. All will be welcomed.

For further information contact the Community Co-ordinator Marie on 087 2713265 or email your query to faithandlight-ballinteer@ireland.com.

Also you can visit the national web site on www.faithandlight.ie where you can see details of recent activities as well as other useful information about Faith & Light.

Our Lady's Girls' School

Haiti Fundraiser: The girls had a non-uniform day and the Parents' Association kindly made pancakes for all and held a coffee morning on Shrove Tuesday. Funds raised on these two occasions went towards the fundraising efforts of a former parent of our school, Maria Collins, who will work as a volunteer in Haiti in the near future. Total amount raised was €1,000.

The Gardens: The Gardening Committee and parent volunteers are very busy helping the children to replant all of our flower-beds with flowers and vegetables.

PATRICK POLLEN – Visions in Stained Glass

In 1955, the stained glass artist, Patrick Pollen, had an ambition ‘to do the windows for a whole church’. In 1959 this dream came to fruition as the artist exhibited his 28 windows for the new Cathedral of Christ the King in Johannesburg, South Africa, prior to their dispatch. The windows consisted of depictions of the Immaculate Conception, Flight into Egypt, Assumption of Mary and Pentecost.

Patrick Pollen's dream was again realised in 1973 when St. John the Evangelist Church in Ballinteer opened with five major stained glass panels by the artist. The panels consist of representations of *The History of Salvation*, *The Nativity*, *The Last Supper*, *The Crucifixion* and *The Resurrection*. Pollen also created the long panel at the back of the altar which depicts various Christian symbols.

The Nativity scene in Ballinteer is similar to the panel of the same name in the Johannesburg church although the treatment of the story is very different. The emphasis in the Johannesburg panel is on Mary and Joseph who ‘frame’ the celestial light which pours down onto the Christ child who lies at their feet. The Ballinteer Nativity places the Christ child in the centre of the panel bathed in light from the star which takes prominence over Mary and Joseph who flank either side of Jesus. Most of the panels in Ballinteer are ‘framed’ by less decorative glass which serves to accentuate the main narratives.

Pollen's masterpiece in this schema is *The Last Supper* panel, a narrative which contains many figures. He has used the space to great effect and gives the observer a ‘bird's-eye’ view of the supper and its participants. Twelve plates and Christ's chalice are all in view as is the important moment of the breaking of Bread. As Christ is at the head of the table, Pollen has placed Judas at the far end, head down, almost remorseful as he reaches towards the plate of bread simultaneously with Christ. The scene is set against a blood-red glass background which also has the result of highlighting the scene and those at the table. Judas, incidentally, sits where we, the observers, are placed in viewing the scene.

Patrick Pollen was born in London in 1928 and after training at the Slade School of Art he moved to Paris to study at the Academie Julien. After viewing Evie Hone's masterpiece ‘Crucifixion and Last Supper’ at Eton College, he came to Dublin with the wish of working with her, which he did. He chose to come to Ireland because he viewed the Irish tradition in stained glass ‘as finer than anything (he had) seen in Europe’. The Irish tradition that Pollen referred to began primarily with Sarah Purser who founded An Tur Gloine (The Glass Tower) in Dublin in 1901; a co-operative society in which studios and equipment were provided for artists, and where Pollen went to work in 1952.

Like his mentor Evie Hone, Patrick Pollen also painted his stained glass and had an ability to contrast colour which aids the clear narrative of each scene. The joyous colours of celebration in *The Resurrection*, the variety of blue, gold and yellow hues are in contrast with the sombre red and green in *The Crucifixion*. A very tender moment is captured by the artist in this scene where the focus is on the direct gaze between Christ and his mother as she strives to understand his sacrifice.

The best time to view these stained glass stories is, naturally, when the sun is shining through them, leaving a pattern of blocks of colour on the carpeted floor of the Oratory. They are a great tribute to the artist who died in November 2010.

Article courtesy of Orla Ryan, Art History Graduate, Dundrum

Eucharistic Adoration in Oratory

Adoration hours are:



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

Support for the Eucharistic Adoration continues and we wish to thank all those who have contributed their time to making this Devotion a success. Now that the holiday season is approaching, we are asking existing participants to continue their support and inviting more parishioners to pay a visit during the times shown. Even a short visit brings many blessings.

Good Friday Appeal

For the past three 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, 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. The donations will be collected from the Church early on Holy Saturday.

For additional information look at www.hearttohand.net or send an e-mail to Dublin-based volunteer, Morgan Sharpe, at sharpem@eircom.net.

Holy Thursday

At the Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper (commemorating the Passover Meal) a number of children will act out the Gospel. They have been rehearsing with Ms Jacqueline McCoy since February. The children's parents have also been involved, one of them having designed the clothes for the drama. Having watched the rehearsals I am sure their involvement will add considerably to the Holy Thursday liturgy in our Church.

Geraldine O'Keefe, Parish Pastoral Worker

Taney (C. of I.) Parish Easter Services

Thursday 21st April – Maundy Thursday
7.15am – Holy Communion
12.00noon – Final Lenten Lunch
8.00pm – Holy Week Service

Friday 22nd April – Good Friday
7.15am – Ante Communion
10.00am – Family Service
8.00pm – Holy Week Service

Sunday 24th April – Easter Sunday Christ Church:
8.30am – Holy Communion
10.15am – Family Communion
Creche in Parish Centre
Tea & Coffee in Parish Centre
7.00pm – Holy Communion
St. Nahi's:
11.45am – Parish Communion

Dedication of Calvary Scene

Readers will recall that the Christmas edition of the Newsletter outlined a number of works which were to be funded from a bequest in the late Fr. Jim O'Sullivan's will. Chief among these was the Calvary Scene on the grounds at the main entrance to the Church.

The Scene depicts Jesus on the Cross with his mother Mary and John the Evangelist gazing at him, taking up the references in St. John's Gospel: ‘Woman, this is your son’ and ‘This is your mother’.

The Scene is appropriate having regard to the titles of the Parish Church and the Schools nearby.

The second anniversary of Fr. O'Sullivan's death occurs on 17th April. The Calvary Scene will be blessed around that time by Canon Battelle on a date to be announced. The ceremony will be attended by relatives and friends of Fr. O'Sullivan as well as parishioners.

Improvements

A number of other projects made possible by Fr. O'Sullivan's Bequest have been completed or are under way:-

- Marking of car park near Lourdes Grotto (completed)
- Painting of Oratory (completed) and Church (in progress)
- An overhead projector and screen have been installed in the Church. They will be used on occasions such as the Good Friday Stations of the Cross Ceremony, Teen Masses and for showing the words of hymns.
- Radio service for the housebound: Enquiries under way in conjunction with Dundrum Parish.
- Sound system in Church: This has been assessed and a quotation for replacement is under consideration.

Other projects which will be undertaken, as other funding allows, include:

- Special seating space for persons with disabilities
- Provision of more railings in the Church altar area
- Provision of a gate in the porch at the left entrance at the front of the Church.

The last three projects arise from Health and Safety considerations.

Óg-Chlub Gaeilge

Tá an eagraíocht *Feachtas* ag eagrú Club Óige Gaeilge i Scoil na Croise Naofa, Dún Droma gach Céadaoin ó 7pm go 8.30pm. Má tá tú idir 11bliana agus 15bliana d'aois beidh fáilte is fiche romhat chuig ár gclub seachtainiúil. I measc na n-imeachtaí bíonn spórt agus cluichí, seans dul ar thurasanna agus gan dabht deis a fháil feabhas a chur ar do chuid Gaeilge.

An Irish speaking youth club organized by *Feachtas* for young people aged between 11 and 15 years takes place in Holy Cross National School, Dundrum, every Wednesday from 7 pm to 8.30pm. The club is open to all young people in the area. If you are interested, come to Holy Cross National School any Wednesday at 7pm. More information from Pádraig at [01 8786424](tel:018786424).

Bereavement Support

If interested, please phone the Parish Office ([01 499 4203](tel:014994203)) who will put you in touch with the Parish Bereavement Support Group.

Book of Life

Every effort is being made to finalise entries for the Book of Life so as to include, under their correct date of death, the names of all those who died in the Parish since its establishment in December 1973.

Unfortunately, it is proving difficult to identify the precise dates of death for approximately 30 people. A number of these resided in St. Anne's Court, Woodpark, Mayfield Terrace, Ballinteer Gardens and Ballinteer Park. In a few cases we have names but no dates or addresses.

The dates of death for a number of the outstanding cases are being checked via the Registrar of Deaths. On completion of that exercise we intend to display a temporary loose-leaf draft of the Book in the Church pending compilation of the final version. This, we hope, will stimulate interest and encourage parishioners to enquire if their loved ones or neighbours are included, giving rise to new information in some cases.

Professional Counselling Service

Everyone faces challenges and difficulties in their lives from time to time. Worry, anxiety, stress and depression are part of our everyday lives and can affect our most important relationships. For this reason the Parish facilitates the provision of this Counselling Service in the Parish Pastoral Centre. Interested individuals are invited to take just one hour a week to talk with someone who will listen without passing any judgment.

Learn basic techniques:

- Challenge unhealthy beliefs
- Focus on realistic and achievable goals
- Connect with your inner strengths
- Think clearer – feel better
- Find a sense of meaning in your life

Begin the process of change now.

For an appointment contact:
Elizabeth 086 609 6928

Margaret 086 102 2468

Counsellors follow the ethical guidelines of the Irish Association of Counselling & Psychotherapy.

Help!

We need more volunteers to help with the following:

- Cleaning the Church at 10.30 am on Mondays.
- Children's Church at 10.30 am Mass on Sundays. An average of 20 children attend.
- Twice monthly Roof Fund collections after weekend Masses.
- Directing traffic/parking in church grounds at peak times such as funeral Masses and Christmas/ Easter. We have the nucleus of a team but need about 5 more to join. High visibility bibs supplied!

If willing to help with any of above, please leave your name in the Sacristy or Parish Office.

Methodist Church United Services for Easter

Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion – Rathgar 8.00pm

Good Friday – Dundrum – 8.00pm

Easter Sunday morning:

Sunrise Service – Three Rock – 7.00am

Followed by breakfast in Dundrum.

Then joint service (with Holy Communion) at 10.00am