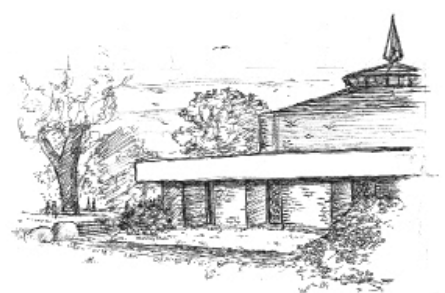


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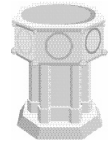


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BAPTISMS – Since November 2013

We welcome into our Christian Community the following children and congratulate their proud parents:

Toby Saunders	Joshua Fazande	Eoin Gearoid McGoe	Emmanuel Splendid Yakubu
Cian Luke Dalton	Daragh Kevin Patterson	Leo Thomas Regan	Kevin Jiakai Zhang
Sam Brendan Noone	Joshua Patrick Ryan	Aidan Noel Gorman	Lucas Scott Aston-Furlong
Bruno Miguel Loureiro	Nicholas Leonard Allen	Zoe Francis Rooney	Luke Seán Kelly
Sienna Louise Horan	Polly Anna Robinson	Noah Thomas Carroll	Fredric Peter Forsythe
Charlie Graham Caulwell	Nancy Summer Kavanagh	Noah Rory O'Connor	Shauna Carmella Lucy Mooney
Saul Daniel Doran	Oliver Fitzgerald McDonnell	Caitlin Alice Wall	Emily Mary Foley
Cora Juliet Hodgins	Ava Elizabeth Grist	Arthur Robert Thomas Mulligan	Anabel May Caddle
Jacob Fazande	Noah David Young	Tom Laurence Coleman	Joshua Liam Cleary
Jacob Vincent Downer	Oisín Seán McKeon	Aoife Catherine Jaffrey	



DEATHS – Since November 2013

Lord, grant eternal rest to:

Frank Twomey, Broadford Avenue	Richard Burke, Broadford Park	Joan Petty, The Green, Woodpark
Deirdre Hammond, Castlebrook, Dundrum	Christina McGuirk, Pine Valley Avenue	Doris Burt, Ballinteer Grove
Anne McCann, Ballintyre Demesne	Liam Moore, Blackglenn Road	Maria Hickey, Marlay View Apartm
Maureen Dempsey, Ballinteer Gardens	Nancy Molphy, St. Anne's Court	Frank Feeney, formerly Ballinteer Pa
Una O'Neill, Ballinteer Park	Maureen Power, Kingston Drive	Gus Byrne, Broadford Rise
Mary Paul Clancy, Ballintyre Square	Dermot McCarthy, Broadford Avenue	David Corbet, Pine Valley Park



Parish Cell Community

We meet fortnightly in homes in our Parish and have been doing so for over twenty years. Our meetings last approximately one and a half hours. During that time we sing praise and share scripture (usually the Gospel for the following Sunday). This is followed by a teaching by Fr. Richard on this Gospel passage (on CD). We then pray for our own needs and the needs of all in our parish. Finally we enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit. Cell meetings happen in homes in Woodpark, Broadford, Pine Valley, Heather and also in the Parish Centre on Friday mornings after the 9.30 am Mass. If you are new in our Parish or if you would like to experience a Cell in action please call **085 778 8395** for more details. Alternatively, see the Church Noticeboard.

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**.

Easter Services in Meadowbrook

Holy Week Confessions
Mon. 14th– Wed. 16th April – After morning Mass
7.30 pm – Tuesday 15th April – Penitential Service
7.00 – 7.30 pm Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday, 17th April
No morning Mass
7.30 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration at Altar of Repose until midnight

Good Friday, 18th April
Day of Fast and Abstinence
No morning Mass
3.00 pm- Good Friday Liturgy
7.30 pm - Liturgy of the Way of the Cross

Holy Saturday, 19th April
No morning Mass
9.00 pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 20th April
Masses: 10.00 am (Adult Choir), 11.30 am (Folk Group)
No evening Mass

Easter Services in Holy Cross Dundrum

Holy Thursday 17th April
7.00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Followed by Holy Hour at Altar of Repose until 9.00 pm

Good Friday 18th April
Day of Fast and Abstinence
12 noon - Children's Stations of the Cross
3.00 pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
8.00 pm - Way of the Cross
Followed by Taize Prayer around the Cross (led by Young People)

Holy Saturday, 19th April
12 noon - Sacrament of Reconciliation (Pastoral Area team of Priests)
9.00 pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 20th April
Masses:
9.00 am, 10.30 am Family Mass, 12 noon (choir)

Tax Benefit on Donations

Major changes to the way in which the scheme operates were announced in Budget 2012. These changes will be effective for donations made to Parishes from 1st January 2013. The main changes come under the following headings:-

- 1. Self-Assessed taxpayers**
These are people who are not on the PAYE system such as the self employed. If they made a donation in the past they claimed the tax relief themselves. Under the new arrangement Parishes can now claim the tax relief directly on donations from self-assessed taxpayers.
- 2. Standard refund rate of 31%**
Under the old arrangement relief was granted at the taxpayer's marginal rate of tax; the refund was given at the actual tax rate paid by the donor i.e. 20% or 41%. Relief will now be granted at a flat rate of 31% for all donors. Refunds will now be given at the rate of €112 on a donation of €250 and pro rata.
- 3. Administration**
Currently Parishes were required to obtain a signed CHY2 form from donors for each tax year pre 2013. Under the new arrangement an "enduring declaration" [Form CHY3] can be signed by the donor which will be valid for five years. This will remove the need for Parishes to obtain an annual signed declaration. At the end of the five year period the declaration can be renewed by phone, text or online methods. The donor will still be given the option of a one-year declaration [Form CHY4] . The qualifying threshold of €250 per annum is unchanged.

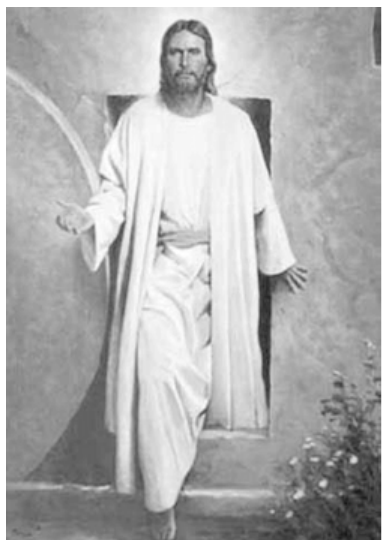
The distribution of Certificates and forms for completion is in progress to the qualifying donors. If you do not get one and feel that you qualify, please contact the Parish Bookkeeper at the Parish Office.

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

Pope Francis: Be courageous. Go to Confession!

Recently during his Wednesday audience, Pope Francis encouraged the pilgrims filling St. Peter's Square to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.



"Everyone say to himself: 'When was the last time I went to confession?' And if it has been a long time, don't lose another day! Go, the priest will be good. And Jesus, (will be) there, and Jesus is better than the priests - Jesus receives you. He will receive you with so much love! Be courageous, and go to confession," urged the Pope on February 19th.

Acknowledging a popular objection to the sacrament, Pope Francis noted, "someone can say, 'I confess my sins only to God.' Yes, you can say to God, 'forgive me,' and say your sins. But our sins are also against our brothers, against the Church. This is why it is necessary to ask forgiveness of the Church and of our brothers, in the person of the priest."

"While the celebration of the sacrament is personal, it is rooted in the universality of the Church," which "accompanies us on the path of conversion," he explained.

"Forgiveness is not something we can give ourselves," cautioned the Pope. "One asks forgiveness, one asks it of another person, and in confession, we ask forgiveness from Jesus."

Preparing for Easter Penitential Services

Monday 14th April	Marley Grange 8.00 pm
Tuesday 15th April	Meadowbrook 7.30 pm
Wednesday 16th April	Ballinteer 7.30 pm
Holy Saturday 19th April	Dundrum 12.00 noon

Confessions in Ballinteer

Mon-Wed.:	After 9.30 am Mass
Holy Thursday:	After 9.30 am Morning Prayer
Good Friday:	After 9.30 am Morning Prayer
Holy Saturday:	Only in Dundrum at 12 noon

"Forgiveness is not a result of our efforts, but is a gift. It is a gift of the Holy Spirit who showers us with mercy and grace that pours forth unceasingly from the open heart of Christ crucified and risen."

The Pontiff went on to recognize that many people feel ashamed at the idea of confessing their sins and might say, "but Father, I am embarrassed!"

"Even embarrassment is good. It's healthy to have a bit of shame... it does us good, because it makes us more humble."

"Don't be afraid of confession," Pope Francis stressed. "When someone is in line for confession he feels all these things - even shame - but then, when he finishes confessing, he leaves (feeling) free, great, beautiful, forgiven, clean, happy."

"The sacrament of reconciliation is a sacrament of healing," he pointed out.

"When I go to confession, it's for healing; healing the soul, healing the heart because of something that I did to make it unwell."

... "But I say to you", he stressed to the many pilgrims, "every time we go to confession, God embraces us."

In our Church confessions are heard after 9.30 am and 6.00 pm Masses each Saturday.

Easter Services in Ballinteer

Holy Thursday, 17th April
9.30 am - Morning Prayer in Oratory
7.30 pm - Solemn Mass of Lord's Supper (Children's Mass)
Adoration at Altar of Repose concluding with a conducted hour of Prayer 9.00 - 10.00 pm

Good Friday, 18th April
Day of Fast and Abstinence
9.30 am - Morning Prayer in Oratory
12 noon - Stations of the Cross
3.00 pm - Solemn Ceremony of the Passion with Holy Communion (Ballinteer Male Voice Choir)
8.00 pm - Prayer around the Cross

Holy Saturday, 19th April
9.30 am - Morning Prayer in Oratory
9.00 pm - Vigil Mass (Organist and Singers)

Easter Sunday, 20th April
Masses:
9.30 am (Irish/As Gaeilge),
11.00 am (Organist and Singer),
12.30 pm (Gospel Choir).
No evening Mass

Easter Monday to Saturday
Morning Mass at 9.30 am only
(Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm on Saturday)

Good Friday Appeal

For the past six 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, Incontinence 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.

Additional information at **www.hearttohand.net**



HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OUR READERS

ParishTwinning

Late last year a well, funded by our Parish, was bored to supply water to the people of Jangbunu, Nigeria. The following is an extract from a letter of December 2013 from their Parish Council: *‘We write on behalf of the entire community of St. Peter’s Parish to show our appreciation for all that you are doing for us. The twinning (of our parishes) has touched and transformed our lives in so many ways, both physically and spiritually Before now we had so many challenges which made us feel rejected but now we see a ray of light at the end of a dark tunnel. We now have access to good drinking water thanks to the borehole.....’*

The next project, selected by the community and backed by their Bishop, which our Parish Twinning Committee has agreed to support, is the provision of a Nursery School for 4-8 year olds at a cost of €39,000, fully equipped. To generate steady income for this project the Committee launched a 300 Club in February which, if it continues to be fully subscribed, will generate a profit of €2,000 every ten weeks. With this and an occasional special fundraiser plus other donations, the Committee is hopeful that the building of the Nursery School (for which drawings and a bill of quantities have been submitted) could commence in about two years’ time. Approximately €10,000 is already on hand for the project.

Jangbunu is in the diocese of Yola. Bishop Stephen Dami Mamza, who served in our pastoral area in 2010/2011 before he was ordained bishop, will be visiting us in early May. He is looking forward to thanking parishioners in person for their generous support for the poorest parish in his diocese.

Bereavement Support Group

The loss of a loved one through death can be a painful experience. It helps the healing process to talk to others who have lost loved ones too. If interested in contacting the Group please telephone the Parish Office **(01 499 4203)**.

Tues. Bridge &Thurs. Coffee Mornings

Since Christmas these groups have contributed to charity:
€100 – St. Joseph the Worker Hostel, Medugorje
€100 - Bro. Kevin’s Capuchin Day Care Centre
€100 - Little Co. of Mary Aids Clinic, Zimbabwe
€100 – Aware (Depression support)

Eucharistic Adoration in Oratory



Adoration hours are:

Tuesday - 10.00 am to 8 pm
Wednesday - 10.00 am to 1 pm
Thursday - 10.00 am to 1 pm
Friday - 10.00 am to 8 pm

‘Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us’. *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

There are slack periods of attendance between 1pm and 5 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please come if you can.

ParishWalking Group



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

Ballinteer MaleVoice Choir (BMVC)

JubileeYear 1994 - 2014

Twenty years ago, Ballinteer Male Voice Choir (BMVC) was founded. The Choir has 30 members. Rehearsals are held in Our Lady’s Boys’ School library on Thursdays between 8pm and 10pm, from September to May. The Choir will sing at the 3 pm Ceremony in our Church on Good Friday.

In May 2013, BMVC presented the Third International Male Voice Choir Festival in St. John the Evangelist Church, featuring choirs from Italy, France and Ireland. During the year, it also hosted choirs from Norway and Finland. From 23rd to 27th October 2014, to celebrate its jubilee year, the Choir will travel to Italy, where it will perform in Florence with Coro La Martinella. In Rome it will perform in the International Pontifical College, Maria Mater Ecclesiae, and at Sunday Mass in the Pontifical Irish College. Enquiries for membership are welcome. See **www.bmvc.ie** for further information.

Faith & Light

Faith and Light is an International Christian movement founded in 1971 by Jean Vanier and Marie Helene Mathieu and was established in Ballinteer in 1988. It brings together people with a learning disability, their families, carers and friends. The communities meet regularly to pray, share and celebrate together. The next Ballinteer Faith & Light meeting will be on Sunday 11th May at 3 pm in the Church Conference Room.

Further information from Marie at **087 271 3265** or e-mail **ballinteerfaithandlight@hotmail.com**

Taney (C. of I.) Parish Easter Services

Thursday 17th April – Maundy Thursday

7.15 am – Holy Communion
8.00 pm – Holy Communion

Friday 18th April – Good Friday

7.15 am – Ante Communion and Liturgy
8.00 pm – Stainer’s Crucifixion

Sunday 20th April – Easter Day Christ Church:

10.15 am – Family Communion
7.00 pm – Holy Communion
St. Nahi’s:
8.30 am –Holy Communion
11.45 am –Parish Communion

Dundrum Methodist Church Easter Services

Good Friday, 18th April

8.00 pm - Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday, 20th April

7.00 am - Sunrise Service – Three Rock, (combined with St. John the Evangelist Church), followed by breakfast in Dundrum Methodist Church

11.00 am – Easter Sunday Service

Pentecost 2014

If you would like the opportunity of prayer in your home with friends and neighbours in the presence of the Eucharist on the four Wednesdays leading up to Pentecost Sunday (8th June), please leave your name address and contact phone number in the Sacristy by 7th May.

Parish Schools

Fr. Kieran McDermott, Episcopal Vicar and Co-PP Dundrum, conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on 42 children from the Schools and 2 children from Wesley College on Saturday 5th April. It was a special occasion. Congratulations to all of the boys and girls.

The Boys’ School would also like to congratulate their pupil Emmanuel Yakubu on his recent baptism.

Safety: For the safety of children there is a new traffic system in operation between the Boys’ School and the Church. It is now a one-way system from the entrance from Broadford Road going back on to Broadford Rise. It is working well and we would like to thank the parents and members of the community for their assistance in making it successful.

Sport: The girls in 4th class are partaking in a six-week cycle-training course sponsored by Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The Girls’ camogie team are currently involved in the Primary Schools’ League, while the table-tennis teams are participating in ongoing matches in the Leinster Schools’ League and Cup.

Coineartú

Ar an 13ú lá de Mhárta ghlac 81 páiste ó Scoil Naithí, Scoil Bhríde agus Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna Sacraimint an Chóineartaithe i Séipéal Naomh Eoin Soiscéalai i mBaile an tSaoir. An t-Athair Proinnias Ó hEarráin a bhronn Sacraimint an Chóineartaithe ar na páistí. Chan cór Scoil Naithí ag an Aifreann agus sheinn múinteoirí agus páistí ó Scoil Naithí ceol uirlise i rith an tSearmanais.

Ócáid an-speisialta a bhí ann agus bhain gach duine taitneamh as an lá.

Jennifer in Malawi

Jennifer Shannon, Marlay Wood, wrote for us:

I had the privilege of spending seven months from January 2013 in the rural village of Mantchewe, Livingstonia in Malawi. I was 18 then. Every day I witnessed children searching for food in rubbish pits, women carrying piles of firewood on their heads up a 10 km long steep mountain road and young men desperately seeking employment wherever they could. I saw hardship and struggle at its worst. I was surrounded by people who had none of our mod cons. Nevertheless they had hope, laughter, friendship, determination and a remarkable vigour for life. From the start, their infectious attitude made myself and my Australian counterpart feel immediately at home.

I worked on a variety of projects. I taught in the equivalent of fourth class, ‘standard six’, which had 35 children, aged 9 to 19, who had a great desire to learn. We were lucky that there was a very good community centre in the area. We worked closely with the community to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS, human rights and mental health

My desire to return has driven me to study primary school teaching so that one day I might return and make an impact on the people who changed my life. I would never have made it to that magical place without the support of family, friends and the community of Ballinteer who bought at all those cake sales! I kept a blog of my experiences: **jshannonmalawi.blogspot.ie**

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2014

(Ballinteer, Meadowbrook and Dundrum Parishes)

26th June - 1st July.

Accompanied by a Spiritual Director. Hotel Roissy*** €709 per person sharing, inclusive of all meals, taxes and insurance. Deposit €200 per person. Single room supplement €150. For further details contact: Ann Forde **086 085 9725** or Mary O’Kelly **086 858 6480**.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council meets monthly to discuss a range of issues including preparations for the main liturgical events of the Church’s year; initiatives in relation to on-going faith formation in the parish, including scripture courses and the very popular ‘Catholicism’ course; Child Safeguarding and Protection in line with Diocesan policy and procedures; improvements to the fabric of the Church building and environs. The Council also considers issues raised by parishioners.

Youth Stuff!

Marley and Ballinteer Youth Choir:
(Contact 087 217 7270. E-mail: MarleyandBallinteerYouthChoir@vodafone.ie)

5th class upwards: singers and competent musicians. Up to 3 Masses per month, with practice before and after Mass. Extra practice Tuesdays. Regular Pizza/Film/Games sessions!!

Choir events open to non members:

•Carol singing for charity

•Sing at the Gospel Rising Festival in Limerick on Sunday 11th May. <http://gospelrising.com/about-us>. Spaces limited! 6th class and upwards.

Teen Masses: (Contact 087 217 7270):

5th class+! 2 masses a Month. Music from our Youth Choir. Come along, relax, reflect and meet friends old and new! You can also help with reflections, readings, drama, processions, powerpoint, refreshments, a friendly welcome and more..! Regular Pizza/Film/Games sessions for helpers!!!

The Quarry Youth Club, 7.30 to 9.00 pm every second Friday, Parish Conference Room, Ballinteer. New members welcome! Current members aged 11-14. Pool, wii, food, chat, fun and more..Come and see! Friday 11th April (parent/guardian please come and say Hi too!) Contact: **086-314 8067. E-mail: quarry121@hotmail.com**

Fusion: Dundrum Methodist Church fun Saturday night youth group for 1st – 6th years from 7-9pm.

Must see! Dramatization of the Way of the Cross in St. Attracta’s Church, Good Friday at 7.30 pm: Details coming.....

Young People! Help immigrants confined in Direct Provision Centres. Details coming...

Family Offerings

Parishioners contribute to the Family Offerings by Bank Standing Order or through the weekly Envelope collection. These monies are directly used in the upkeep of the Church and grounds and for parish administration. The new yearly cycle for the Family Offerings commences on 1st May. Should you wish to become a regular contributor through a Standing Order or a weekly Family Offering Envelope, please call to the Sacristy or contact the Parish Office **(01 499 4203)**. Forms are also available on tables at the Church entrances.

Liturgy Group

The Group is in existence in our parish for a little over a year. Its function is primarily to enrich the Liturgy itself, but also to involve more parishioners in our Church ceremonies. Many of you will have noticed at a number of Masses that just before the celebrant’s Opening Blessing, a Minister of the Word provides the congregation with a brief synopsis of the Word of God (the readings and the Gospel) and shares a reflection after Communion. It is hoped that this initiative will be extended to all Sunday Masses in the future.

The Group decided on setting up a Lenten Garden in front of the pulpit at the start of Lent. This garden reminds us of our individual acts of penance in pruning away anything either unwanted or unneeded in ourselves. Moreover, in response to the theme chosen by Pope Francis for his Lenten message ‘He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich’ (2 Corinthians 8:9), parishioners were invited to make a small donation to the Lenten Garden in aid of the Peter McVerry Trust.

We welcome your ideas for further initiatives or feedback on any aspect of the Liturgy or, indeed, your interest in participating in, or leading, vespers in our Church. We may be contacted via the Parish Office. E-mail:

parishoffice@ballinteer.dublindiocese.ie

Meidhbhin Ní Úrdail

Church Improvements

When I arrived eight years ago there was ongoing work on the Church at the time. Part of this work was to have metal gates placed on all the entrances. When I saw one of the proposed gates erected at the Broadford entrance, I asked that the idea be dropped as I feared that they would make an already industrial-looking front of the Church look more like a prison.

I had hoped that we would not need to put any gates in place; however, for a variety of unpleasant reasons it has been deemed necessary. I asked a local Architect and artist, Eamon Regan, to design gates, based on the stained glass window in the Church on the altar, for the front two porches to enhance the look of the building. He has done a splendid job and we now have a beautiful artistic addition to our Church. Representing the Four Evangelists, and applying different symbols from each Gospel, he skilfully designed both functional gates and works of art.

Another area that has received a facelift is the crying room. Two murals have been painted onto newly plastered walls. They are of Noah’s Ark and the Last Supper, chosen because they represent God’s undying love for all of humanity. They were painted by Tanya O’Keeffe and Antoinette Emoe. These murals can be an instrument in teaching small children as well as adding colour and brightness to what was a very drab room. New seat covers have also been added and new shelving for books is on the way – all in an effort to make our Church more child-friendly.

Our next projects will focus on ramps and wheelchair access plus a room in which to meet people, especially the bereaved. The design for the room has been submitted by the Architect and is awaiting clearance from the Fire Officer.

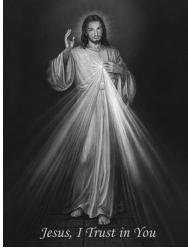
I thank you for your ever generous support for the Weekly Envelope Collection, Standing Orders, Tax Claim forms and Roof Fund Collections, all of which enable us to do projects from time to time to enhance our beautiful Church.

Fr. Richard

Feast of the Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday.

Leaflets are available on tables in the Church.



Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday after Easter (27th April). **Devotions in the Oratory with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 3.00 to 5.15 pm.** All are welcome. Confessions

for the feast are on the day before, after 9.30 am and 6.00 pm Masses.

Music

After 17 very successful years Miriam Walsh decided to retire as musical co-ordinator of St. John’s Parish last year. A celebratory Mass and function was held in her honour in September to thank her for her work over the years. We warmly welcome Maria Byrne who replaces Miriam as our Church organist. Mary O’Gorman, who also leads the Gospel Choir, has been appointed musical co-ordinator in Miriam’s place.

The parish now has three organists, Maria Byrne, Greg Doyle and John Dillon, ten soloists, five choirs and numerous musicians. Not bad!

St. John’s Gospel Choir will be singing at the 12.30pm Mass on Easter Sunday. It will be singing again on 10th May for the ‘Darkness into Light’ 5km run/walk in Phoenix Park in aid of Pieta House. If you’re interested in participating in the event you can register online on the website ‘Darkness Into Light 2014’. The Choir will sing at the 12 noon Mass in Knock, Co. Mayo on Sunday 18th May.

The Choir has invested in a new PA system which will be used at Mass and for away performances.

The Choir’s Musical Director, Mary, will conduct the end-of-year Córús concert featuring the largest choir in Ireland, with 650 members, in the RDS on Thursday 29th May at 8.30 pm. All proceeds to Pieta House. Tickets cost €20 and can be bought online at **www.corus.ie**

Ballinteer Parish Website

www.ballinteer.dublindiocese.ie

We now have a Webcam in the Church. This new facility allows you to watch all ceremonies which are celebrated at the Altar from the Parish Website on your computer or smartphone. This facility has been particularly appreciated by people at home or abroad who cannot attend a Funeral Mass, a special occasion Mass or indeed a wedding. When you logon to the Parish Website click on the colorful “Live WebCam” image on the Home Page.

Roof Fund

The balance on the 2010 term loan as at the end of January 2014 was €376,084, having made payments of €349,855, including €200,000 from the sale of 14 Pine Valley. Six Roof Fund Collections after weekend Masses realized €10,177 from January to 30th March 2014. Roof Fund information on the Parish Website is updated after each collection and also quarterly on receipt of Bank Statements.