

BAPTISMS – Since December 2014

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

Ella Kate Clarke,
Matthew James Connaghan,
Lucas Joseph Bottomley,
Sadhbh Margaret Roche,

Raymond Thomas Kelly,
Emma Rose McCourt,
Liam Charlie Rowland,
Harrison Paddy Doyle,

Oisín Derek Kelleher,
Lois Jean Julian,
Peter Anthony Jones,
Eirinn Rose McMahon,



Ailbhe Claire Dempsey,
Tiarnán Antoine Quinn,
Darren Alexander Gogan,
Luca Christopher Bulman

(Baptisms from April to December were listed in the Sunday Message of 21st December 2014 – see Parish Website)

DEATHS – Since April 2014

Lord, grant eternal rest to:

Emher Foley, Wyckham Park Road,
Maura Lacy, Marlay View Apts.,
Tommy Gaughan, formerly Broadford Park,
Gena Saenko, St. Anne's Court,
Pat Cummins, formerly Broadford Drive,
Frank Hanlon, Ballinteer Park,
Mary Fitzpatrick, Ballinteer Drive,
Bosco Maguire, Kingston Lawn,
Myra McGowran-Carroll, The Rise, Woodpark,
John Cooney, Pine Valley Park,
Audrey Chisholm, Broadford Lawn,
Helen Heneghan, Ballinteer Close,
Millie Masterson, Ballinteer Park,
Ailish O'Reilly, Ballinteer Avenue,
Mary O'Sullivan, Broadford Rise,
Bill Campbell, Pine Valley Avenue,

Michael Brierley, Meadow Mount,
Liam O'Conchubhair, Acorn Road,
Peter Church, Pine Valley Grove,
Margaret Kidd, Broadford Rise,
George Fox, St. Anne's Court,
Michael Doyle, Ballinteer Park,
Maura Larkin, Ballinteer Close,
Jim Peters, Broadford Rise,
Breege Fahey, The Rise, Woodpark,
Tony Harris, Ballinteer Park,
Josephine Reid, The Glen, Woodpark,
Kevin Grattan, Spain & Broadford Rise,
John Costello, Pine Valley Avenue,
Brenda Murphy, Marley Court North,
Enda Fagan, Broadford Rise,
Robbie Brady, Wedgewood,

Mary McIntyre, Ballinteer Crescent,
Louie Kingston, Broadford Avenue,
Patricia Hurley, The View, Woodpark,
Brendan McGrane, Ballintyre Grove,
Eddie Caswell, Ballinteer Avenue,
Eddie O'Connor, Ballinteer Crescent,
Pauline Moore, Blackglan Road,
Bertha Cullen, Broadford Lawn,
Janet Magee, Clonlea, Woodpark,
Mary McNally, Kilmacud,
Gerry Kelly, Broadford Walk,
Michael Burke, Broadford Close,
Rose Roote, Grange Cottages,
Liam Kelly, Kellystown,
Tommy Carmody, Delbrook Manor.



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. Requests for prayers can be made (without disclosing identity) on the forms provided on clipboards at the entrances to the Church.

My Week of Guided Prayer

Suddenly on a Sunday in late February I remembered I had agreed to meet with other parishioners and Prayer Guides for the start of a Week of Guided Prayer Retreat in the Church Oratory.

We were told: 'you are here because God has asked you to come'. I wondered why I had come. As a Christian I do all the basics, but I felt that there must be more to it than just reciting prayers and asking for things.

Learning to pray through Scripture was what we were taught on that first night. We were asked to relax, park our mental baggage, get comfortable and listen to our breathing. Then one of the Guides slowly read a piece of Scripture. Then we reread it in silence a few times. We were invited to repeat to the group words or phrases that had a meaning for us. We were asked to bring home that piece of Scripture and, for 30 minutes before we individually met our Prayer Guide the following evening, to repeat the process. I had to find a space in my house (thank you wife and six young children!) where I could light a candle and do this. I felt a communication with Our Lord and, from the Scripture reading, an understanding of what He meant for me to get from it. Later I was very willing to tell my Prayer Guide about the experience. I was given a new piece of Scripture each evening by my Guide. I looked forward to the prayerful Scripture reading each evening and then meeting my Prayer Guide, all of which I found spiritually uplifting. It was a wonderful week. If you have an opportunity of doing a similar Retreat, learning to pray through Scripture, do answer the Lord's invitation. You will enjoy it!

Stephen Finn



HAPPY EASTER
TO ALL OUR READERS



Legion of Mary

The local Legion of Mary Group meet in the Parish Centre on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm. The meeting lasts an hour and a half. Our main Legion work is home visitation in the three clustered parishes of Ballinteer, Dundrum and Meadowbrook. We also do nursing home visitation, work in the Legion of Mary hostels for the homeless and street contact in town. We usually do 2 hours of Legion work each week. 'Proclaiming the Good News' is what we in the Legion of Mary try to do.

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

Easter Services in Meadowbrook

Holy Week Confessions

Wed. 1st April – After morning Mass

7.30 pm – Tues. 31st March – Penitential Service

Palm Sunday, 29th March

Blessing of Palms at all Masses

Holy Thursday, 2nd April

No morning Mass

7.30 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration at Altar of Repose until midnight

Good Friday, 3rd 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, 4th April

No morning Mass

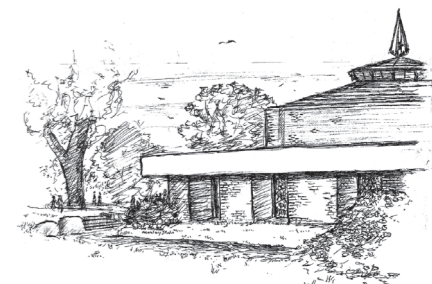
9.00 pm – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 5th April

Masses: 10.00 am (Adult Choir), 11.30 am (Folk Group)

No evening Mass

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Sorrow to Joy

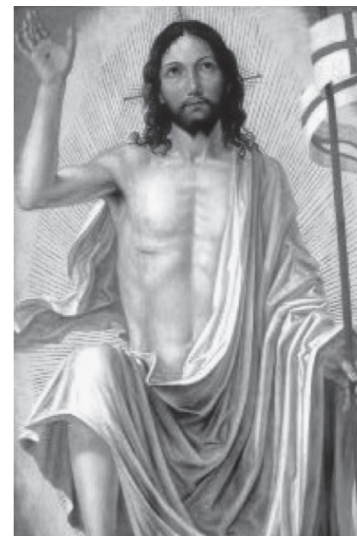
Arthur Wellesley, better known as The Duke of Wellington, was in fact an Irishman. He is most celebrated as commander of the Allied European Army that defeated Napoleon Bonaparte at the Battle of Waterloo which took place two hundred years ago on Sunday 18th June, 1815.

There is an interesting story relating from this event. While the battle was taking place, the people in England were dependent on a system of semaphore signals to learn of the tide of the battle. The signal would be sent by ships and then to towers on land. One of these signals was on the tower of Winchester Cathedral.

Late in the day it flashed the disheartening signal: 'Wellington defeated.' Just at that moment clouds of fog obscured the signal, the whole countryside was plunged into deep despair. Suddenly the fog lifted and the remainder of the message became clearly visible: 'Wellington defeated ... the enemy!' Within the space of a moment sorrow was turned into joy, and defeat was swallowed up in victory.

For those who believe in the Resurrection of Jesus his victory over death is our salvation and, through Baptism, we too become heirs to eternal life.

Like Our Lady and the Apostles our sorrow when we contemplate Good Friday turns into the joyful celebration of the Easter Vigil, when darkness gives way to light and with St. John the Evangelist we joyfully proclaim: 'God loved the



world so much that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him ... may have eternal life.' (John 3:16).

Happy Easter!

Fr. Richard

Church Improvements

I would like to say a special word of thanks to all who volunteer in our lovely Church and keep it looking so well and welcoming. As you will have noted there have been a few changes since last year both inside and out. For me the biggest improvement is the Shrine to Our Lady. This was designed by Eamon Regan (Architect) and I think his design excels. The idea of carrying the design of the organ into the background of the shrine works very well and is a great focus. The craftsmanship of Paddy Kenna and his sons completes this wonderful design and we now have a worthy place of honour for Our Lady in our Church.

For health and safety improvements we have added a light at night time to illuminate the steps from the Girls' Schoolyard, where people park, so as to make progress to the Church much clearer. We have also had a portable ramp made for easier access to the Church, especially for funerals. There are also rails at the main entrance and planted boxes to enhance the front of the Church.

Two statues have been donated to the Church, one of the Sacred Heart with hands raised in blessing, situated near the door leading to the Conference Room

Easter Services in Ballinteer

Palm Sunday, 29th March

Blessing of Palms at all Masses

Holy Thursday, 2nd April

9.30 am – Morning Prayer in Oratory

7.30 pm – Solemn Mass of Lord's Supper
with Children's Drama

Adoration at Altar of Repose concluding with a
conducted hour of Prayer 9.00 – 10.00 pm

Good Friday, 3rd 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 (Folk Group)

Holy Saturday, 4th April

9.30 am – Morning Prayer in Oratory

9.00 pm – Vigil Mass (Organist and Singers)

Easter Sunday, 5th April

Masses:

9.30 am (Irish/As Gaelige),(Comhaltas Musicians)

11.00 am (Organist and Singer),

12.30 pm (Gospel Choir).

No evening Mass

Easter Monday to Saturday

Morning Mass at 9.30 am and

Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm on Saturday

porch. The second is of St. Martin de Porres (soon to arrive in the Oratory) and we thank our benefactors.

People have been requesting statues of St. Patrick and St. Brigid for our Church and, despite great effort, we have been unable to find them. We were given a small statue of St. Patrick from the Kiltegan Fathers a few years ago which is now in our entrance porch. But suitable statues for the Church could not be found. So, in an attempt to comply with these requests, I asked Patrick Shannon to make copies of icons of both Saints and these now adorn the walls on either side of the main Church adding both colour and prayerful focus and reminding us of our great Christian heritage.

Finally, it is hoped to enhance the Baptismal area with an Ambry (Shrine for Holy Oils) and floor covering to highlight its central importance as the gateway to eternal life.

Thanks to you all for your support and kindness.

Fr. Richard

Parish Twinning

Our Motto: Though we are many, we are one Body.

For the past three years our Parish has been twinned with St. Peter's Parish of Jangbunu in the Diocese of Yola in North East Nigeria. Bishop Stephen Dami Mamza, who served in our Pastoral Area in 2010/2011, asked that we twin with this the poorest parish in his diocese. The first project we sponsored was a borehole for a clean water supply for the village. This was completed in January 2014 at a cost of €4,000 which we funded. When I visited the parish in the previous May I was told that their next preferred project was a Nursery School for the 4-8 year-old children. The Bishop was in agreement. He gave a written assurance that all funds sent on would be used solely for the borehole and the school. The cost for the school was projected at €39,000, fully fitted. Our Twinning Committee agreed to fundraise for the project, anticipating that it would take around three years.

Happily I am able to report that we have raised the necessary money in about half of that time due to the generosity of parishioners and grants from ESB Electricaid and Bank of Ireland Group Staff 3rd World Fund. The Twinning 300 Club, which generates around €2,000 every 10 weeks, has been a very successful fundraiser. Another great source of income has been the Kiddies' Trolleys in Supervalu, Ballinteer. Special thanks to the Thursday Knitting Group and those who baked for Cake Sales. The final payment for the school, which is due to open in early May, was sent recently.

The twinning is an ongoing project between our parishes and I am confident that the good people of Ballinteer will want to continue to support their brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ in Jangbunu in future projects. I know that their church, for example, has a leaking roof and other inadequacies. On their behalf and on behalf of the Twinning Committee, I wish to thank you all for your great generosity to date.

- Iris Byrne

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 – Simon Community
€100 – Little Co. of Mary Aids Clinic, Zimbabwe
€100 - Alzheimer Society of Ireland

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

In his recent Lenten talk in the Oratory, Mickey Harte, Tyrone Football Manager, strongly recommended Adoration as a way of getting closer to the Lord. He said that the thought of an hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament may be daunting at first but one grows to love it.

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

Ballinteer Male Voice Choir (BMVC)

20th Anniversary Celebration

In 2014 BMVC was 20 years old. To celebrate, the Choir, accompanied by spouses/partners, visited Italy from 23rd to 27th October, 2014. BMVC was invited to Florence by Coro La Martinella, the Italian Choir that performed so memorably in St John the Evangelist Church during BMVC's Third International Festival in May, 2013. In Renaissance Florence, the host Choir themed the reunion, "Let's sing together again". After being heralded by trumpeters in Renaissance costume, the choirs performed to a full house in Palagio di Parte Guelfa, a 15th century concert hall in the heart of Florence. After Florence, BMVC was warmly welcomed to Montefiascone, a hilltop town, 100 km north of Rome, performing a lunchtime concert in the 13th century Papal summer residence, followed by a wonderful buffet of the best local produce.

In Rome, the Choir stayed at the International Pontifical College, Maria Mater Ecclesiae, under the care of our host, Fr. Eamonn O'Higgins, LC, who teaches philosophy there. BMVC performed for the diocesan students, who hail from Mexico to China. Students from India then performed a song for BMVC, written in Bengali and Sanskrit. The song, a hymn to the Motherland, played a vital role in the Indian independence movement. On Sunday morning, BMVC was privileged to sing at Mass in the Chapel of All the Saints of Ireland, at the Pontifical Irish College. After Mass, the Choir enjoyed coffee on the Loggia and a memorable guided tour of the College by its Rector, Fr Ciarán O'Carroll. On Sunday afternoon, the Choir strolled through traffic-free streets by the Coliseum and Roman Forum before ending the day in a typical Trastevere restaurant. After a day at leisure on Monday, Irish eyes were smiling on return to Ballinteer and singing the praises of BMVC's Florentine and Roman friends.

Parish Music including Gospel Choir

With the joyful celebrations of Easter, we reflect on the wealth of musical talent that supports our Parish. We have eight soloists, three organists, four choirs (five including the Ballinteer Male Voice Choir) and numerous musicians that ensure most Masses are accompanied by music.

Our Gospel Choir are looking for Bass and Acoustic guitarists to join our wonderful musicians. Rehearsals every Wednesday from 7.30 to 9.00 pm. If you're interested please leave your name and contact number in the Sacristy or Parish Office.

St. John's Gospel Choir had the privilege of singing for President Higgins and his wife on Friday 27th February in the foyer of Trinity College Dining Hall. We had been asked to sing for the Annual ACCA Dinner, and the icing on the cake was having photographs taken with the President!

A trip is planned for October to Rome and Florence where we have been inundated with requests to sing in various Cathedrals and the Irish College. We look forward to our first trip abroad representing our Parish.



Mary O'Gorman

Our Lady's Boys' School News

This year the Boys' School presented 21 candidates for Confirmation by Mgr. Dan O'Connor on Saturday 21st March. This is our largest number for some years and looks set to be the beginning of a trend with numbers across the school increasing each year. The number of boys making First Penance and First Holy Communion this year is 28. They are all very excited about celebrating the Sacraments and the whole school community looks forward to sharing their special days with them. In particular their class teachers Mr. Gibson (6th class) and Mr. Clabby (2nd class) will be thrilled to see all their hard work come to fruition.

The school currently has 236 pupils and 17 teachers. This year we welcomed three new members of staff who have settled in very well. Ms. Mc Donnell joined us from St. Agnes' NS in Crumlin, whilst Mr. Clabby and Ms. Roycroft joined us directly from St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra.

In recent months the boys have engaged in a number of interesting and exciting events and activities including Maths Week, Book Week and Seachtain na Gaeilge. We also held a pyjama day in aid of Irish Autism Action, a cause which is very close to our hearts. The boys looked very cosy in their onesies and fleecy pj's!

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate one of our Junior Infant teachers, Ms. Kiely, on her recent marriage to Ballinteer local, Ross Blake. Ms. Kiely not only chose well in picking a man from the Parish but her new husband is also an ex-pupil of Our Lady's BNS.

Also at this time we would like to keep in our prayers two valued and much loved members of our staff who are currently on long-term sick leave. You are both in our thoughts and prayers.

Our Lady's Girls' School News

Our school continues to grow as we welcome more new families into the school community. Next year we expect to have over 300 pupils in 11 classes. Most classes are now full with a few places remaining in the two Junior Infant classes. We have a very active after-school sports programme which includes Gaelic, Camogie, Basketball and Table Tennis, in addition to School Gaelic Training for all classes given by a GAA coach and a series of Netball sessions for senior classes. All of our sports teams participate in Leagues or friendly matches. Our school Music Programme continues to develop and we look forward to our next concert at the end of April. All pupils will participate, with infants playing percussion instruments, middle classes playing violin and senior classes playing guitar. We have just had a school review for our next Green Flag themed on biodiversity. We are very hopeful of achieving our 6th Green Flag this year. We have just finished a very successful and fun 'Seachtain na Gaeilge' with events including a concert featuring songs, dramas, dancing and 'Haka Gaeilge' Ceilis for Juniors and Seniors, Trath na gCeist and Write a Book as Gaeilge.

Twenty three Sixth Class girls were among those confirmed by Mgr. Dan O'Connor on Saturday 21st March. Thirty two girls in Second Class will have their First Penance on 30th April and celebrate their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 23rd May. The children and their teachers are very busy with their preparations.

Pilgrimage to Shrines of

France 2015

(Dundrum, Ballinteer and Meadowbrook Parishes)

30th August – 7th September.

2 nights Paris, 1 night Nevers, 1 night Rocamadour, 3 nights Lourdes. €859 per person sharing, inclusive of taxes and insurance. (Single room supplement €245). Accompanied by a Spiritual Director. For further details contact: Ann Forde **086 085 9725**, Mary O'Kelly **086 858 6480** or Bridget Conneely **087 123 9166**

Parish Outreach to Mosney Direct Provision Centre

For the past year our Parish has been involved in a youth Outreach to Mosney Direct Provision Centre for refugees. Mercy Ikolo, our Schools' Chaplain, who comes from Cameroon, had spent three years in a Centre with her young daughter and found it very difficult. Mosney is a centre for families and is one of the best run in the country. Despite the best efforts of the management and the active involvement of young parents, it is still, in effect, like an open prison. Children can leave to attend local schools and parents can leave during the day (but cannot work). Adults receive €19 each per week from the Government and €9 for each child. This has to cover all expenses other than the three meals a day which are provided by the Centre. Most of the refugees in Mosney have been there for 5 - 8 years.

During the past year our parish has taken a group of young people to sing in Mosney and to have an afternoon of sports and games with the children there. We collected 350 Easter Eggs through the parish schools last Easter and, thanks to parishioners' generosity, 350 boxes of sweets to include in a Christmas sack for each of the families. Our teenagers and theirs have also met up for a fun day out in Glendalough and a night of bowling in Blanchardstown. We hope to have an overnight away with their teens in the near future. Fr. Richard has been very supportive of this project and we are very grateful to him and to all who have helped this Outreach in any way. God bless you.

Annette Farrell,

Faith Development Co-ordinator.

Holy Communion for the Housebound

Anyone who is housebound and wishes to receive Holy Communion should contact the Sacristy or Parish Office at 01 499 4203.

Taney (C. of I.) Parish Easter Services

Thursday 2nd April – Maundy Thursday

7.15 am – Holy Communion

8.00 pm – Holy Communion

Friday 3rd April – Good Friday

7.15 am – Ante Communion and Liturgy

8.00 pm – Stainer's Crucifixion

Sunday 5th April – Easter Day

Christ Church:

10.15 am – Family Communion

St. Nahi's:

8.30 am – Holy Communion

11.45 am – Parish Communion

Roof Fund

The balance on the 2010 term loan as at 19th January 2015 was €345,642 having made payments of €393,715 (including €200,000 from the sale of 14 Pine Valley). Five Roof Fund Collections after weekend Masses realized €10,551 from 4th January to 15th March 2015. Roof Fund information on the Parish Website is updated after each collection and also quarterly on receipt of Bank Statements.

Jimmy Finlay

Ballinteer 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. Communities meet regularly to pray, to share and to celebrate together. In this way we get to know each other and nobody is left out. Meetings take place on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 3 pm in St. John the Evangelist Church Conference Room.

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

Good Friday Appeal

For the past seven years parishioners have 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 Soups, 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. Everything will be collected early on Holy Saturday. For additional information look at

www.hearttohand.net

Parish Cell Community

Parish Cell meetings started in Ballinteer in 1990, so we are celebrating 25 years this year. We thank God for the gift of these years of prayer, praise and scripture sharing in homes throughout our Parish. We always welcome new people and parishioners are invited to 'Come and See' a Cell meeting – our contact numbers are **01 494 1948** or **085 778 8395**. As part of our 25-year celebrations we are hosting the 2015 National Cell Seminar from 2nd to 4th October – more information available on the above contact numbers. Please keep us in your prayers.

Dundrum Methodist Church

Easter Services

Good Friday, 3rd April

8.00 pm - Good Friday Service

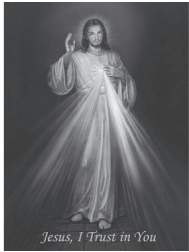
Easter Sunday, 5th April

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

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 (12th 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.

Ballinteer Parish Website

www.ballinteer.dublindiocese.ie

As most parishioners know, we now have a Webcam in the Church. An extra camera has recently been added so that you can now watch Baptisms as well as Masses, Weddings and Funerals.

Just logon to the Parish Website and click on the colour image of the Altar on the left hand side of the page and you will see the services. If you are watching on an iPad or smartphone, the "Altar" image will direct you to the live ceremony.

Jimmy Finlay

An tAifreann Gaeilge

Mar cuid de Sheachtain na Gaeilge, tháinig an Cór agus na daltaí ó Scoil Naithí chun bheith páirteach linn san Aifreann ar 8ú Márta. Ansin ar Domhnach 15ú Márta craoladh an tAifreann Gaeilge beo ag 11am ar Raidió na Gaeltachta. Bhí féasta de cheol agus canadh againn ó bhail áitiúla de CCÉ agus Muintir Uí Lorcáin agus léigh daltaí Scoil Naithí. Dhá lá ina dhiaidh sin ar Lá Fhéile Pádraig bhí Aifreann faoi leith againn arís a chuir gliondar ar ár gcroí agus sinn ag ceiliúradh Aspal mór na hÉireann. Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas ó chroí a ghabháil don Athair Richard, do Tommy agus fhoireann uilig na hEaglaise as a gcuid cabhrach agus comhoibriú.

The weeks leading up to Easter have been exciting for the Irish Mass community. As part of Seachtain na Gaeilge the pupils and parents of Scoil Naithí attended an tAifreann as Gaeilge on 8th March and the children sang and read beautifully. The following Sunday, 15th March, the Irish Mass was broadcast live from the main Church at 11am. We were fortunate to have beautiful music provided by local members of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann and singing in harmony by Méabh and Gráinne Ní Lorcáin, with readings by pupils of Scoil Naithí. A special treat was a solo on the harp by Niamh Denmead. Two days later on Féile Naomh Pádraig these musicians and singers again provided music and song as we celebrated our national saint. Our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Richard, to Tommy and all the Church team for their help and support.

Parish Walking 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**