

Newsletter

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
DONNYBROOK



A PENTECOST CHALLENGE!

There is much diversity in our world. Harmony is not easy to achieve. War, violence, corruption and disregard for human life can give the feeling that the world is in disarray.

Cynicism towards institutions, including the church at times, can lead to the feeling that the world is hopeless and devoid of God's presence.

However, our faith tells us that God's Spirit is living in us. That's why we pray, forgive and open ourselves to God's Wisdom.

People of my age learned the seven gifts which come to us from God's Spirit. Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel,

Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord. Ask the younger people in your lives to say the words they learned and compare them with the ones I have just mentioned.

We often hear it said that human beings use only ten percent of their brain potential. How many of the gifts have we opened in our lives?

They should be opened and shared. If we do so, we can achieve the harmony we need in our wonderful world of diversity. We are people of faith, can we explore these gifts in our lives and share them simply with others in our day?

Fr Declan Gallagher

CONFERENCE FOR PRIESTS

On the 9th and 10th of May last, 350 priests of Dublin Archdioceses met to think about forward pastoral planning. We were aided in our thinking, talking and prayer by three excellent but diverse speakers.

Bishop Crispian Hollis from the diocese of Portsmouth talked about how the people and priests worked with him in creating new diocesan and parochial structures. Michael Paul Gallagher S.J. helped us look at the culture of today and explored ways in which we might bring God's Word to a rapidly changing world.

How to present God's Word that would capture the imagination of the so called post modern World was a question explored by poet John Deane. Religious poetry forms part of his work and so he led us to reflect on the issue of re-languaging the 'Holy'.

The two days were very worthwhile. Much to think about but more importantly, an awful lot to do!

Fr Declan Gallagher

MASS ON RTÉ TELEVISION

Congratulations to Fr Pat and all who took part in the televised Mass from RTÉ on 15th April. It was a great success.

CHURCH CLEANING

Help Needed for just one hour each month. On the 1st Tuesday each month after 10 a.m. Mass a group of us (men and women) clean the church and have tea/coffee afterwards.

If you would like to join us please telephone Enda - 660 4754

THE LATE BENEDICT KIELY

The late Benedict Kiely was above all else, a storyteller. The need we all have to hear the 'story' was fulfilled for us by him in an unrivalled fashion. His spell binding voice and meticulous power of recall could hold his listeners in a state of rapt attention. Moreover, his mellifluous narrative was unfailingly kindly. Ben virtually never spoke ill of anyone; surely a sign of nothing less than wisdom, in a society all too given to cynicism and backbiting. The idiom Ben made his own was composed off benevolence, learning and lore. In my personal experience of his company, he was a man of welcome and encouragement; always.

The medium of story is of course closely connected to our understanding of the Christian way. The God of Christianity is, in the first place, identified through story. God is characterised for us, principally through relationships, activities and events unfolding over time in particular situations. This story is written in the Bible. When all is said and done there is nothing to beat the story! And that is what Ben was best at. There are some twenty-five published books of his stories. His passing leaves a sad gap in the lives of all of us story seekers.

May he rest in peace now that he has reached the completion of his own unforgettable story.

Tom Stack

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Fr. Tom Stack on becoming Monsignor.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Donnybrook, Ballsbridge and Ringsend Historical Society was founded in November 2006 and has had three successful lectures since. The Society plans to organize lectures, walks and events every two months. The next event is a Walkabout of Historical Donnybrook conducted by John Holohan on 23rd June at a time to be confirmed. Membership is €10, €15 family. Events €3 to visitors, members are free. Application forms and details of events are available at Pembroke Library on Anglesea Road.

MARY AIKENHEAD DAY CENTRE

Mary Aikenhead Day Centre was a very busy place. RTÉ broadcaster Derek Mooney and gardener Dermot O'Neil approached Sr. Marie with the idea of creating a garden for the elderly of the centre.

One afternoon during Derek's program he and Dermot outlined their ideas for the centre and asked for help. They needed materials, plants, and labour. Before the program was over donations started coming in for paving slabs, a fountain, and other building materials.

A landscaper – Brendan Birchall, thought it would be a good practical project for his class to participate in so he phoned in his classes help. Many of the class members rescheduled their day jobs to take time to get involved in the project. It has all come together in the last few weeks and was formally opened by President Mary McAleese.

Besides providing a beautiful garden for the elderly they provided them with a great source of interest for the last few weeks watching the project take shape and they are all looking forward to enjoying the summer in it.

Joanne Connell

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina, sacred reading as a way of prayer, is held each Saturday morning at 11am in Avila on Morehampton Road.

All are welcome. The reading is usually that of the next day, Sunday. Mass in Avila is celebrated at 12 noon on Saturday and Sunday and at 6pm on weekdays.

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Special Section for the Sick.

Application Forms available from:

Lourdes Pilgrimage Office,

The Red House,

Clonliffe,

Dublin 3.

Tel: 837 6820

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY

On behalf of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland and those for whom we care, may I express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for your most generous response to National Tea Day and the magnificent sum of €1500 which was raised. Be assured that it will be well spent where it is most needed.

A particular thanks to Father Pat Carroll for his continuing support and encouragement and to Mrs Mary McDonogh and all who helped make Tea Day such a success.

Niall Tierney

Chairman,

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland.

COLLECTORS

There was an excellent attendance at a meeting of Mass collectors in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 2nd May 2007. Fr. Pat Carroll thanked the 23 present, and those who could not attend, for their dedication over many years. There was a full discussion on the issues involved in undertaking the two collections at each Mass throughout the year including the shortage of volunteers during holidays and long weekends. More volunteers are regularly required, particularly for the 12.30 and 5.30 Sunday Masses, so make yourself known to the collectors at the back of the church or if someone asks you to help please do your best.

SAINT PIO

There is a Saint Pio of Pietrelcina Prayer Meeting in the Sisters of Charity Convent Chapel on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 8.00 pm with the Rosary and Mass and the Blessing of Saint Pio's relic. Fr. Tony Little is spiritual director. All are welcome.

POOR CLARES

Mother Brigid and the Sisters of the Poor Clare Convent on Simonscourt Road would like to thank all those who donated towards the cost of the recent renovations of their convent.

Any further donations would be gratefully appreciated and can be delivered directly to the Convent on Simonscourt Road.

YOUTH CORNER

WORLD YOUTH DAY



World Youth Day was established by Pope John Paul II in 1986 as an annual event to reach out to the next generation of Catholics and spread the Church's teachings. Every few years this important event is marked by a pilgrimage to a city where they are invited to join the Pope. This event gathers thousands of young people from around the world to celebrate and learn about the Catholic faith. The next World Youth Day will be held in Sydney, Australia from 15-20 July 2008 and the event will mark the first visit to Australia of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI.

The pilgrimage culminates in a walk to an overnight Vigil where all pilgrims gather together with the Pope, the week's celebrations ending with the final mass the next morning.

As someone who has taken part in these trips I would highly recommend it. It is a chance to befriend other Catholics, spend some time exploring your faith and listening to the teachings of the church's leaders as well as the Pope himself!

Catholic Youth Care is now taking bookings for WYD on their website www.wyd.ie. They will only accept bookings from young people who will be aged 18 by July 1 2008. A pastoral preparation

course 'Activ8' will begin in September and bookings will close towards the end of the year. Pilgrims are also encouraged to join the CYC choir and take part in the music and liturgy of the masses throughout the trip.

Donnybrook Parish is considering offering part sponsorship and/or assistance with fundraising to those who would like to take part in World Youth Day. Those interested should contact Fr Pat.

For further information please see:
www.wyd.ie
OR
www.wyd2008.org

Mary Plunkett

OPENING NEW SCHOOL



Interior of school

On the 19th April 2007 the new school at Muckross Park College was officially opened by the Minister for Education, Mary Hanafin, T.D. and blessed by the Archbishop, Diarmuid Martin.



Barbara Cusack carries the Bible during the Eucharistic Celebration

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



St Mary's National School First Communion Class, 5th May 2007
Photo Courtesy of John Roch Simons



The Teresian School First Communion Class, 12th May 2007
Photo Courtesy of The Teresian School

THE LATE EOIN O'MALLEY

Professor Eoin O'Malley, who died on the 19th April, was the pioneer of open heart surgery in Ireland. Born in Galway in 1919 into a well known medical family - his father was a surgeon and four of his uncles were doctors - it was not very surprising that he decided to enter the medical profession also. His medical studies in Galway and subsequently in Dublin were rewarded with a first class honours degree and gold medal in 1942.

After further studies abroad in England and America he returned to the Mater Hospital in Dublin as resident surgical officer. In 1952 he was appointed consultant surgeon there.

It was about that time that he began to take a particular interest in the techniques of open heart surgery. In a joint effort with Surgeon Keith Shaw of Baggot Street Hospital they developed ground breaking procedures that eventually led to the first open heart operation in Ireland. It was performed in the Mater Hospital and was the first of many to follow.

He officially retired in 1985 but continued to give of his time and experience to all who sought it. The unit that he founded now bears his name - The Eoin O'Malley National Cardiac Surgical Unit - and is on a par with any in the world today. It is a fitting tribute to a great life's work.

SISTER LORETO

We offer our condolences to the Sisters of Charity on the death of Sister Loreto who was buried on Good Friday.

Sister Loreto worked in the Day Care Centre and as Parish for over 30 years. She was famous for her driving style and very fondly remembered.

May she rest in peace.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration Chapel

Monday & Wednesdays 9 am - 5pm

Tuesdays 7 am - 9 pm

All welcome.



DECEASED

We extend the sympathy of the parish to the families of the following who died recently.

Anne Nutley

Olive O'Reilly

Brian Leonard

Batt O'Shea

Patricia Quigley

Eoin O'Malley

Irma O'Connor

Jim Deasy

Dr Michael Ffrench O'Carroll

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following, recently baptised to the Christian Community in Donnybrook.

Sophie Elizabeth McMahon

Ella Darcy Owens

Alexander Kevin Anderson

Lea Anne Carrigy

Ava Marjorie Hannigan and

Chloe Angela Hannigan

Joseph Oden Igbo

Iseult Mary Shields

Michelle Catherine Crofton

DVDS

The Library in the Parish Shop has just taken delivery of a number of DVDs.

Titles include:

'Jesus of Nazareth' (Zeffirelli),

'The Gospel of John', Part 1, Jean Vanier and

'Lourdes - Pilgrimage and Healing'.

INFORMATION

For information about the different organisations and events in the Parish please refer to the Parish Directory, available in the Parish Book Shop.

MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday Vigil Mass at 6 pm

Sunday Mass at 9.30 am, 10.30 am, 11.30 am, 12.30 am, 5.30 pm

Daily Mass at 7.30 am and 10 am

PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Fr. Patrick Carroll, Parish Priest,
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Fr. Declan Gallagher, Curate,
Tel: 269 2052

Monsignor Richard Sherry,
Pastor Emeritus
Tel: 269 2102

OLIVE O'REILLY RIP

BATT O'SHEA RIP

The newsletter team extend deepest sympathy to the families of Olive and Batt who died recently. Both families have been generous sponsors of our newsletter.

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter team invite parishioners who may like to submit short articles or notices for publication in the Newsletter (subject to space and relevancy) to write care of the Parish Office

E-MAIL

Newsletter@vodafone.ie

NEXT ISSUE

We propose to take a rest for the Summer and publish our next issue in the Autumn.

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SPONSOR

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