

Marino Parish Newsletter

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“We are better than this”

This phrase is very often trotted out nowadays when some disturbing or tragic event happens. It is generally used in media and politics, and it suggests that somehow, we have failed in some way as a society.



Very often the failure is only very loosely identified and while some events lead to changes in the law, as a society, we are very often glad to move on. Recent violent events in the city and around the country have caused these comments and questions to arise again.

To be a better society we must understand the failure and as a mature society identify the causes.

In the past it was easy to blame the Church for moral failures since the Church had been allowed become the moral bulwark of society. But Civil Society needs to have its own philosophy grounded in or around sound social philosophies which enhance people's dignity and freedoms. Its function is to govern within agreed principles and norms acceptable to all its citizens.

So, when we suggest that **'we are better than this'** that implies a need to improve by looking at our society, and by asking ourselves the question.

If Government appears to be asleep at the wheel, as Christians, it is our duty to waken it up to the legitimate concerns

of its people. In many contentious areas in our society today small groups are very willing to become arbiters of the society they want rather than looking at the wider needs and feelings of society as it exists currently.

When people campaign about male violence, about domestic violence, road deaths, they are asking us to help change the attitudes which cause these events This asks us to look at ourselves and how we may have contributed to some of these ills.

Similarly with immigration. We cannot be part of a process which demonises anyone, by virtue of colour or origin. Our children travel the world and are accepted as moral and valuable people. Surely, we then must look at those who come here as the same. They too are sons, daughters, people seeking safety and a chance.

Let us know them and then judge.

Pope Francis in his prayer for immigrants prays that **“We entrust to you all those who have made this journey, enduring fear, uncertainty and humiliation, in order to reach a place of safety and hope”**.

For so many we are that place of safety and hope. Let us not be a refuge where hatred and misinformation terrorise people again and again.

In a slightly different context perhaps the words of James Connolly are worth recalling

“Let no Irishman throw a stone at the foreigner; he may hit his own clansman.”

Summer Dues

The Priests of the parish are grateful for receipt of Summer Dues. Summer dues envelopes may still be placed in the safes at the back of the Church or handed into the Sacristy.

Well done, Marino Mini Marathoners

On Sunday the 26th of May last, Lorraine Doran and her faithful team of Aisling, Roisin, and Rosaleen, took to Griffith Ave to take on the familiar route of the Marino Mini Marathon. Spurred on by the encouragement of their loyal support team of Maria and Emer they set off hoping to raise a substantial sum for the Capuchin Homeless shelter. Unlike last year when the ladies had a sunny afternoon, they completed their run in pouring rain along a deserted Griffith Avenue. However due to the support of the generous hearts of Marino and further afield they collected the marvellous sum of €4,525 for their efforts. Well done to this hardy group and a million thanks to all who sponsored the runners.

€4,525



Our photographs have been supplied by Catherine who is another regular on the run. Father Kevin Kiernan of the Capuchin Day Centre has written to Lorraine and her group expressing his gratitude and to the wider people of Marino for the marvellous donation. Again well done to all involved and hopefully next year will be sunny and dry.

Baptism

Please welcome into our Christian Community all the children baptised recently in our Parish Church

March 2024
Paddy Maguire Monks
Evie Martin
Fiadh Martin
Violet Donnelly

April 2024
Ayla Connolly
Connor Flannelly
Rosie Kaye
Eanna MacAodhagáin
Ciarán O'Donovan
Fiadh O'Neill
Willow Phillips
Isabelle Toal
Luca Bird

May 2024
Maya Murphy
Sam Bates
Aoibhinn Dolan
Bob Harding
Aine Lowry
Eve O'Connor
Nessa O'Connor
Luca Jordan-Peters



June 2024
Ethan Kenny
Mason Tansey
Aoife Toal
Luke Toal
Jack Gillice
Leo Kelly
Polly Kelly
Katarina Jasper-Krsak
Rory Nolan

July 2024
Bran Nicholas Keegan
Jacob James O'Shaughnessy
Ezra Jude Seagrave Redmond
Finn Rian Carroll
Alice Angela Cullen
Isabelle Patricia House
Tommy McCarthy
Jack Oliver Duggan

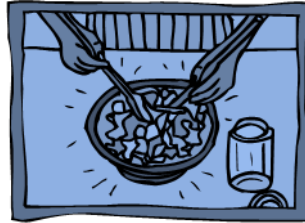
Simply Cooking

Favourite recipes from the late Mary O'Mahony's popular cookery book

Mary's Apple Caramel Sponge

Ingredients

4 apples, peeled, cored and diced into bite size pieces
1 cup sugar
180 g butter/ 6 ozs.
1 tsp baking powder
2 eggs
pinch salt
2 cups self-raising flour
1 cup milk
cinnamon sugar (1 tbsp sugar mixed with 2 tsp ground cinnamon)



Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Butter a lasagne type baking dish.
Cream together the butter and sugar until pale and fluffy. Beat the eggs in one at a time.
Add in the milk gradually and beat well.
Sift in the flour, baking powder and salt and slowly mix in. Pour the batter into the greased baking dish.
Chop up the apples and push them into the dough. The sponge will bake and puff up around the apples, so don't push them in too deep.
Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar and bake for 30 minutes at 180°C.
Simmer the caramel sauce for 15 minutes and as soon as the sponge comes out of the oven, pour over the hot sauce. Be careful not to overcook the sauce as it turns to toffee!
Serve with cream, ice cream or custard.

Caramel sauce

1 cup sugar
250 ml cream; 50 g butter
1 tsp vanilla essence

Editors Note:

Parishioners have asked over a number of issues if we could publish again some of the recipes of our late friend and stalwart of the newsletter team, Mary O'Mahony. When space allows we will publish some of her tried and trusted recipes and in so doing remember her joy in sharing these with her neighbours and friends.



Recent Marriages

May 2024

Kevin Collier & Sarah Cleary

Marino 100 and its links to East Wall



The Marino Residents Association and the brilliant year of activities which they have initiated celebrating the anniversary of the start of the revolutionary housing scheme of Marino are linked with another local housing development in East Wall which is slightly older.

The Rev. Canon D. H. Hall rector of St. Barnabas parish in East wall had begun a housing scheme to build social and affordable housing in his parish based on a model developed in England This involved setting up a Public Utility Society in which members between saving and renting built approximately 170 houses during the period 1921 to 1926.

The house types were innovative, and prospective tenants, and purchasers had an input into the house design. It was the first time that the needs of housewives were considered in a house layout. It is worth noting that child mortality in his parish at the time was almost 40%.

The scheme in St, Barnabas parish provided houses on an ecumenical basis and need was the only requirement. Canon Hall was totally ecumenical in all his dealings and in his support of other housing utilities throughout the country, answering calls for advice to any and every group. Canon Hall was also called upon by the Dublin Corporation to advise on the Marino development, and over his lifetime was committed and involved in housing action.

Today, while his Church no longer stands in East Wall, his Parish is now part of the wider Parish of Drumcondra. He is remembered in East Wall by a plaque placed at the corner of his first housing scheme, St. Barnabas Gardens at West Road, off East Wall Road, where the first 10 houses he built still stand.

Ref: Garret, A. A history of Drumcondra, North Strand, St. Barnabas; Dr. Ruth McManus; The Building Parson.

Recent Bereavements

Please pray for the following deceased members of our parish:

April 2024

John Murphy
Mary Coffey
Doreen O'Dowda
David Conway
Myra Jordan
Eileen Carr
Joseph O'Molloy
Elaine Corr
Susan Savage



May 2024

Patrick Moonan
Mary Keys
Ann O'Meara
Rita Daniel
Frances Nolan

June 2024

Joe Maloney
Thomas Stringer
Elizabeth Dunne
James Brangan

July 2024

Kathleen Monks
Margaret Davitt
Barbara McGough
Desmond Lawless
John Giblin
John Doyle

Acknowledgments

Desmond Connell R.I.P.

The wife and family of the late Desmond Connell, Annadale Drive, wish to thank all those who were part of his funeral Mass. The Priests, Organist and Singer and also the very kind Funeral Team who guided the family through the readings and settled the young ones down.

Again, many thanks and a Mass has been offered for all of your intentions.
Maureen Connell

Teresa Barber R.I.P.

The family of the late Teresa Barber would like to thank everyone for all their sympathy, support and kindness following our mothers recent passing. Your support during this sad time was very much appreciated and of great comfort to our family.

The late Margaret (Peg) Dawson R.I.P.

Mr. Desmond Dawson, husband of the late Margaret (Peg), and her wider family would like to thank everyone who sympathised, sent Mass cards and condolences on the recent death of their beloved, and much missed, wife and aunt. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

The late Chris Darcy; an Appreciation



Parishioners in Marino and all involved in the parish were saddened to learn of the death of Chris Darcy. Chris was a former longtime resident of Marino and he and his late wife Marie took an active part in Parish life being always available to help in any way possible.

Chris for many years was in charge of the Parish Lotto which involved a lot of hands on work every week, He was predeceased by his beloved wife Marie in 2017 and he himself passed away at the age of one hundred in April 2023. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Chris' s wider family on his passing



The late Margaret Davitt ; an appreciation

The residents of Calderwood Road and the wider parish of Marino were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Margaret Davitt. Margaret was a long time resident of Calderwood Road and of the parish of Marino.

She was one of a group of women who for many years worked tirelessly in the parish in various ministries. Not only did they work for the parish but their innate Christian spirit saw them involved in visitations and other charitable efforts outside of that.

Margaret was a Minister of the Eucharist and the Baptism team, a Reader and of course the Hospitality group.

Not only that she was always on hand to undertake cleaning and other assignments with her great friend and neighbour the late Mary O'Mahony.

We extend our deepest sympathy to her grieving family and her neighbours and many friends.

"The world doesn't need what women have, it needs what women are". Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

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PARISH NEWS

New Parish Pastoral Council:

The newly reconstituted Parish Pastoral Council introduced themselves to parishioners after all Masses on the weekend of the 25th /26th May last with people getting to know one another over a cup of tea or coffee. It was also a chance for council members to encourage parishioners to volunteer for various pastoral areas in the parish such as Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist and as members of various groups such as Liturgy, the Parish Choir, and the Funeral team and also those willing to assist in other ways way in the life of the parish.

What is a Parish Pastoral Council?

The Parish Pastoral Council is a group of parishioners working with the Parish priest on planning for the parish and in looking at ways in which the parish can grow and develop into an open, welcoming community for everyone. It is interested in issues that affect the lives of parishioners and in responding to present and future needs. It is focussed on developing a parish which includes all parishioners working together for the benefit of our community.

In 2004 when the PPC was initiated in our parish, Father Liam Murtagh, our then Parish Priest used these words from the Archbishop and Martyr, Saint Oscar Romero, who was trying to encourage a model of love and care in the parishes of El Salvador.

"We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. It may be Incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs." .

Since then the PPC has worked to encourage the faith life of our parish and the incoming pastoral Council has taken up the baton heeding these words but also setting out to work tirelessly with all of us to meet the challenges of the time, a time which throws up so much for believers to confront .

The Pastoral Council is asking all of us to work with them through helping in any way we can to work towards Pastoral Renewal within the diocesan framework where we concentrate on four main areas as follows

- ◆ Building up faith filled communities
- ◆ Sharing responsibility and leading by example
- ◆ Being welcoming and open to all
- ◆ A focus on social justice and care for the poor

The Pastoral Council has responsibility for Child Protection and has completed the garda vetting and safeguarding training for for all volunteers and the compilation of a volunteer register.

The members of the Pastoral Council are as follows: Fr. Tom Noone, Parish Priest, Teresa Ayres, Chairperson, Mary Dillon, Alan Eustace, Paul Hennessey, Cora Farrell, Mairead Rushe.

The PPC may be contacted at Phone 01 8332772 or by e-mail at ppc@marinoparish.ie

Congratulations to all the young volunteers

Congratulations to the boys and girls of the sixth class Confirmation group who undertook to volunteer in a special programme designed to show the practical side of the confirmed Christian life. The children were drawn from Scoil Mhuire and St. Vincent de Paul Girls school and undertook to collect donations of monetary gifts and practical gifts such as toiletries and so on and visit the Fairview Community Hospital. The children purchased additional gifts and little treats with the money raised along with donated gifts.

On the 13th of May last they visited the Hospital not only bearing gifts but bringing their talents for song and music to entertain the patients there. Their visit was welcomed by the patients as it gave them a breath of delight to be in the presence of young people setting out on the journey of life.

In a follow up to the experience the group of volunteers enjoyed a short ceremony in the church on Tuesday evening, the 21st of May, to mark the end of this initiative. They told their volunteering 'story', from accepting the challenge, to meeting to identify who they'd like to help, right through to planning the visit and the visit itself. They reflected on how that 'story' might be linked to the story of Jesus who helped so many in need. Afterwards they enjoyed refreshments provided by the Hospitality team.

It is hoped that this venture will be repeated and will become a learning for the children as to how so little can mean so much to patients in hospital or long stay homes.

Well done to our Catechist, Ms. Anne Dooley and the teachers and children involved. And of course, well done to all who contributed in any way.

New Archbishop from Dublin Diocese



Pope Francis has recently appointed Monsignor John Kennedy, a Dublin diocesan priest, as titular Archbishop of Ossero. Monsignor Kennedy, from our neighbouring parish, was ordained a priest on 13th July 1993 in the Church of St John the Baptist, Clontarf. After his ordination he served as a Curate in the parishes of Crumlin and Francis Street before he was assigned in 1998 to study Canon Law at the Gregorian University in Rome. In 2003 he was seconded to take up an appointment in the Vatican within the Department of the Doctrine of Faith having both the required canonical knowledge and language skills..

The Archbishop of Dublin, Most Reverend Dr. Dermot Farrell warmly welcomed the news, and congratulated the Archbishop-elect Kennedy, and wished him every blessing in his ministry. He said that his appointment was a sign of the personal appreciation of Pope Francis for the work of Monsignor Kennedy.

Furthermore Archbishop Farrell said that as a bishop he shares profoundly in the mission of Christ, the Good Shepherd – the one who is true and faithful in the service of God's pilgrim people. He wished Monsignor Kennedy every blessing as he prepares for his episcopal ordination and assured him of his prayers and fraternal support as do the parishioners of Marino.