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with Strawberry Fair.



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The Rector's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

The question was once asked: what is a Parish? The answer given was: a group of like-minded people who come together socially and liturgically as the people of God in a certain area with a view to making God known. It was a very good answer and one which warrants a closer look. Is that what we are and is that what we do here in Clontarf? It has three elements, not unlike a good evangelical sermon: three points well made and each relating to the other. They can be seen as looking across, looking up and looking out.

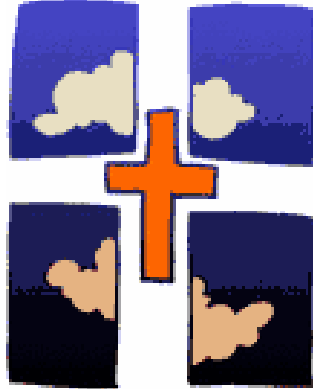
We, as a Parish family, have worked hard on the social area over the last three years. Each September we have a Parish Family Fun-Day which caters for all ages. It takes place in Greenlanes National School, by kind permission, as indeed it will this year (Sunday 3rd September). It starts at 11am with an All-Age open-air service. This is always very well attended and is an easy way for new families and individuals to learn more about our Parish. This very much focuses on all three aspects. It is social, liturgical and outward looking. A number of new parishioners have first experienced the Parish Family at this event. Following the Service we have a BBQ with salads followed by a great array of scrumptious desserts. This is of course not what the doctor means when he speaks of a good balanced diet, though we all need some distraction now and then.



We gathered in the IWA for a Cheese and Wine evening on Friday 28th April. This was a great social event enjoyed by all who attended and we hope to do this again in the autumn. On Sunday 11th June we will again be in Greenlanes NS for our open-air Service which will be followed by a Strawberry Fair.

This is another first for us and we thank Michelle Harper and her team for organising it.

Liturgically, we offer a broad base of Services. The 8.30am service frequented by the "Early Christians" as they like to call themselves is well attended and takes the form of a Holy Communion Service other than when I am away.



The 10.30am Service alternates between Morning Prayer, Parish Family Communion and either All-Age or a Service of the Word. The attendance of children, younger people and young adults at these services is poor. Later in the year we will be looking at doing a more informal type service at a later time in the morning, which will be organised for that group and others who prefer more informality in worship. Due to near zero attendance at the 7pm evening service, it was discontinued from May. From the third perspective, that of looking outward, we need to continue to be open to the working of the Holy Spirit. Some people are uncomfortable with the idea of speaking about their faith openly and see it as a personal matter between themselves and God. The Bible is clear on placing a very basic and primary focus on this whole area. It is our *raison d'être* as Christians as we read in Jesus' final words to his beloved disciples on the Mount of his Ascension, which we have just celebrated. Jesus tells us in Matthew 28: 19: "Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations..." This is the commissioning of the Church and it is a command laid on each one of us. It is no longer a command for ordained ministers or people set aside for the ministry of evangelism, but rather a requirement placed on every Christian no matter who or where they are. Parishes approach this task in many and varied ways. It is for us to find the way that most suits us here in Clontarf.

Yours in Christ,
Derek

Clontarf Branch Mothers' Union

The 75th. Anniversary celebration was a lovely joyful occasion. The Rev'd. Charles Baker reminded us that when Mrs. Nelligan started the branch, women had very little support for their families. It was during the war years when everything was rationed. Fellowship and fun was the order of the day. We are thankful for the dedicated women who down through the years have kept the branch in existence. We will look back with gratitude and look forward with hope to reach the centenary!! Two prayer desk kneeler covers, made by Anne Keenan, were dedicated to mark the event. The celebration continues with a lunch outing to Howth Yacht Club on Wednesday 14th June at 1pm. Please let Isobel or Iris know if attending, and if a lift is needed. We regret the passing of May Davis, a member for over 50 years. In latter years she was an Indoor Member and was kept up-to-date with MU news in the Nursing home where she resided. We extend our deepest sympathy to Leslie, Carol and Pamela and all her family and friends.

I Acheson

PASTORAL VISITATION TO THE SICK



Please contact the Rector as soon as you hear someone is unwell at home or in hospital. This is the only way he will know. Don't leave it to someone else.

BB Junior Section

The Boy Activity Weekend takes place from 9th to 11th June in Ovoca Manor, Avoca, Co. Wicklow. This weekend is for boys aged 10 and over. Hopefully some of our boys can attend this. Our next notes will be in September when we will be getting together again. Please let any boys in the age group 8 - 11 years know about Junior Section. And remember help with leadership and classes is always welcome.

M. Acheson.

Clontarf Indoor Bowls Club

We are now at the end of our winter season, and we held our AGM at "The Yacht" beside St. Lawrence Road. As a result, Pat was voted as Captain with Dudley as Vice-Captain. Eileen was returned as Treasurer and Helen as Secretary. Louie, Henry and Violet comprising the Committee.

We were in very pleasant surroundings and following the meeting we enjoyed a tasty supper partly supplied by the staff and partly by the committee and no washing up!. Ray entertained us with his recitations. We commenced bowls on 23rd May and will play on alternate Tuesdays for the summer months.

H. Erskine



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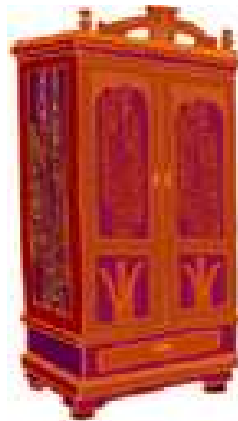
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Narnia Parish Summer Camp



Our Parish Summer Camp runs from
Monday 24th July to Friday 28th July.

It is open to all 4-12 year olds



If you would like to attend please give
your name to Susan, Aisling or Derek

Time and cost to follow.

5th Company G.B. Ireland - Clontarf Presbyterian

Our 98th Display took place on Friday 5th May 2006 in St. Paul's College, Sybil Hill Road, Dublin 5. Once again the hall was packed to capacity. We received good feedback and we hope that the audience found the items varied and that they enjoyed the girls' performances. We are lucky to have such a large vibrant company which hopefully will continue to grow as we approach our centenary in 2008. All the girls received prizes and many also received awards.

We are very grateful to the parents, past members and others who help behind the scenes. Without them the night wouldn't run as smoothly. We were delighted once again to be able to give the entrance donations to charity and this year we are sending 1200 euros to the Central Remedial Clinic in Clontarf.

We are beginning to start preparations for our Centenary for what promises to be a spectacular weekend. However, before that we have next year to think of so we are taking a break over the summer and will open again in mid September. We meet on Saturday afternoons for the 2-8 year olds and on Monday evenings for anyone over 8, in Howth Road School. If anyone over the age of 2 would like to join us please contact either Lesley O'Byrne 01-8334371 for the Saturday classes or Margery McElhinney 01-8312807 for the Monday classes and we can put your name on the list. Also, if anyone has any ball bearing skipping ropes that are surplus to requirements we would love you to donate them to us as the manufacturer of the skipping ropes we have used for years has ceased trading.

Lesley O'Byrne

Sunday Morning Creche



Creche facilities are available during the 10.30 am Service on Sunday mornings. During the singing of the first hymn we leave for the Creche which is under the Rectory.

Please speak to Breda before Service if you wish to use it. For more details ring her at the Rectory on 833 1181.

Youth Groups

Well I have landed and have been on the go since. I started by getting to know the young parishioners. We have had great fun playing games and singing songs with the Klub (4-6). Sadly this group is coming to an end for the season on the 24th so we are celebrating this with a trip to Fitzone!! Connect and Wired have been great groups. We have been discussing faith and how that effects their lives. While these clubs officially come to an end on the 27th of May, we will be meeting up for day trips and camps such as the youth alive camps in Gurteen and Breakout camps.



I would just like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome and hope that I will continue to get to know everyone better!! Please pray for the youth and the youth groups as they learn more about their faith.

Susan

Sunday Club

Outing - Sunday Club is finishing with an outing to Newbridge Farm and playground hopefully on Sunday 28th May 2006 (weather permitting). All children involved in Sunday Club during the year are invited to come. Hopefully by the time you are reading this we will have had a good day out!

Letter received - We heard from our sponsored girl from Thailand, Kratae. This letter was received towards the end of April and as you will see the post can be a couple of months behind.

This was written the end of November.

Here is roughly what she wrote: -

She let us know she is keeping well and that she received the bracelet we sent her and she thanks us very much.

She is being good and trying to study hard in school.

In wintertime she finds the night very cold and morning very foggy. She takes care to wear an overcoat. She asks that everyone takes care of themselves in Sunday Club too in winter. For New Year's Day she is being brought to visit a zoo in Chingmai to see the Panda bear. She would hope sometime we could visit Thailand. Finally, may you in Sunday Club and your families be blessed with happiness.

Thank You - I, as co-ordinator, would like to thank all those who helped out in a leadership capacity throughout the year. Both Stephanie and Conor were there weekly for the junior members and Ashling and Declan did wonders with our senior members with a lot of them being confirmed in March of this year. We were also assisted during the year with a great bunch of helpers who gave of their time and talents too. Thanks go to Cheryl, Keith, Kirsti, Cian, Victoria, Rebecca, Casey, Lauren and Laura. We have yet to fully test out all Susan's talents but have enjoyed getting to know her as our new Youth and Children's Pastor.

Hopefully, most of the team will be available to come along in September for another year.

We are taking a break from Sunday Club from now until September due to holidays.

Sunday Club Membership - Any child/children aged four years or older who would like to try Sunday Club, please come along one Sunday to 'Belgrove Boys School Hall (directly opposite our old hall) from 10.30am. The dates will be in September's Magazine when we are open.

Alternatively phone Rev'd Derek on 833 1181, Susan Connolly (Youth & Children's Pastor) on 086 8827258 or Jean Acheson (Sunday Club coordinator) on 831 8645 for further information.

I would like to wish everyone a great holiday break and look forward to meeting again in September, refreshed and ready to go, for another exciting year in Sunday Club!

God Bless

Jean Acheson (Coordinator).

GB Past Members

We all felt saddened at the passing of our dear member May Davis and send our support and prayers to Leslie and families. A coffee morning was held at Isobel's house on Thursday 25th May from 10.30 to 12.30. There will be a celebration lunch by the Mothers' Union on Wednesday 14th June at 12.30 pm in Howth Yacht Club. Approximate cost is €21. Please notify me at 8332543 or 8530356 to attend.

I. McMullen

Greenlanes N.S.

The school is getting ready for summer holidays. We have been enjoying athletics over the past few weeks and the children absolutely love it. We had a great time on the 14th May as we celebrated with Sandra the Baptism of little Freya. We look forward to having her back in school (Sandra, that is) in June. Great to see so many of the children at the service.



We look forward to our graduation service in the Parish Church on Wednesday 21st June at 11am with the children going home early at 12 afterwards. It is lovely to see Susan on Wednesday mornings both taking assemblies and teaching in the classes. We are applying for two prefabs for the extra two teachers (we are now a 6-teacher school) and also we are looking for a bike rack through Dublin City Council.

Clontarf Young Women's Group

We are finished for this season. We all enjoyed our closing meal at Hin Keng's Restaurant. See you in the autumn.

B. Sargent/ H. McCullagh

CLONTARF PARISH PLANT AND GARDEN SALE



Following on from last year's success, we are having the annual Clontarf Parish, Plant and Garden Sale on Saturday the 27th of May from 11 to 2.30 in Mount Temple School. While we've had a change of venue, do come along and get some flowers and colour for your garden and patio.

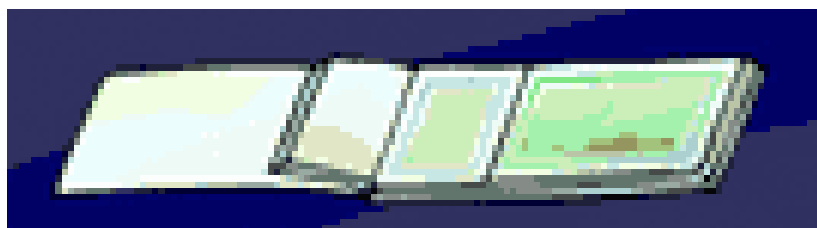
As always, there will be experts on hand to answer any of those plant questions that have been 'bugging' you.

"Gardens are not made by sitting in the shade"

Rudyard Kipling.

For queries and plant donations contact Hugh Cassidy at 8472410 or Ed McKenna at 8328423.

PARISH REGISTERS



Baptismal Register

Sargent, Freya Alexandra

14th May 2006

Parish Church

READINGS

JUNE 2006



- June 4** **Pentecost**
Acts 2: 1-21; Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b;
Rom. 8: 22-27; Jn. 15: 26-27; a6: 4b-15.
- June 11** **Trinity Sunday**
Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 29;
Romans 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17.
- Jun 14** **St. Barnabas t/f**
Acts 11: 19-30; Psalm 112;
Gal. 2: 1-10; John 15: 12-17.
- Jun 18** **1st Sunday after Trinity**
Ezekiel 17: 22-24; Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15;
2 Cor. 5: 6-10, 14-17; Mark 4: 26-34
- Jun 25** **2nd Sunday after Trinity**
Job 38: 1-11; Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32;
2 Cor. 6: 1-13; Mark 4: 35-41.

READINGS
JULY 2006



- July 2** **3rd Sunday after Trinity**
2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27; Psalm 130;
2 Corinthians 8: 7-15; Mark 5: 21-43.
- July 9** **4th Sunday after Trinity**
Ezekiel 2: 1-5; Psalm 123;
2 Corinthians 12: 2-10; Mark 6: 1-13.
- July 16** **5th Sunday after Trinity**
Amos 7: 7-15; Psalm 85: 8-13;
Ephesians 1: 3-14; Mark 6: 14-29.
- July 23** **6th Sunday after Trinity**
Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Psalm 23;
Eph. 2: 11-22; Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56.
- July 30** **7th Sunday after Trinity**
2 Kings 4: 42-44; Psalm 145: 10-19;
Ephesians 3: 14-21; John 6: 1-21.

Reflection

Like it or not, at time of writing, the Eurovision Song Contest is looming over Europe. Mercifully, many would say, that the viewing of it is optional! That said, we recall Ireland's past successes and we topped the points poll on several occasions, but the success best remembered was Dana's "All Kinds of Everything". One remembers well the theme and the innocent freshness of the performance. For a long time, it continued to have enormous appeal. From the first hearing on that night several years ago, we were reminded of the hymn taught to successive generations of children, viz. "All things Bright and Beautiful". Its praise of the Creator's handiwork is appreciated by all ages. Dana, quite validly at that level, associated the things of varied beauty with romantic thoughts of the "man of the moment". By contrast, Christians singing their hymn of praise are reminded that "the Lord God made them all". We are assured in Genesis that he was pleased and satisfied with his creation, the supreme creation being a human being. "He saw that it was good".



In Psalm 139, verse 14 we read that we praise him for we are "fearfully and wonderfully made". In this context, wonder has tones of awe. This spring we can truly say that we have been awed by the profusion of beauty all around in nature. Our "man of the moment" indeed central to life itself, is the Lord of all creation and at the cross he recreated us, restoring the years that the caterpillar and cankerworm had eaten away. Let us sing unto the Lord our thanks and praise.

A. Maharry

PARISH DIARY



2006

JUNE

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| June 1 | 8.00pm | Badminton AGM in Clontarf Cricket Club. |
| June 4 | | Pentecost Sunday. |
| June 11 | 10.30 am | Open-Air Service at GNS with Strawberry Fair to follow. |

JULY

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| July 24 | mornings | Start of week-long Parish Summer Camp "Narnia". Details in separate advert in this Magazine. |
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SEPTEMBER

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| Sep 3 | 11.00am | Parish Family Fun Day at Greenlanes National School following All-Age Worship. |
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Mrs. H. McCullagh (8535594)

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Ms. N. Flynn (8476110)

Mothers Union: *Mrs. I. Acheson* (8338288)

Sunday Club: *Mrs. J. Acheson* (8318645)

PARISH WORSHIP - JULY



2nd
8.30am
10.30am

3rd Sunday after Trinity
Morning Prayer
Morning Prayer

9th
8.30am
10.30am

4th Sunday after Trinity
Holy Communion
Parish Family Communion

16th
8.30am
10.30am

5th Sunday after Trinity
Morning Prayer
Morning Prayer

23rd
8.30am
10.30 am

6th Sunday after Trinity
Holy Communion
Parish Family Communion

30th
8.30 am
10.30 am

7th Sunday after Trinity
Holy Communion
Service of the Word with Holy Baptism

10.30 am

Parish Family Communion

Rector's Church Warden: Mr. Declan Barry

People's Church Warden: Mr. Grahame Walsh

Rector's Glebewarden: Ms. Lindsey O'Toole

People's Glebewarden: Mr. Nigel Darragh

Honorary Secretary: Mr. Bruce Maxwell

Honorary Treasurer: Mr. Ronan Kelly

Further Members of the Select Vestry

Mr. Mark Acheson

Mrs. Aisling Cassidy

Mr. Philip Godden

Mrs. Heather Hunter

Mr. Clive Jackson

Mr. Ronan Kelly

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