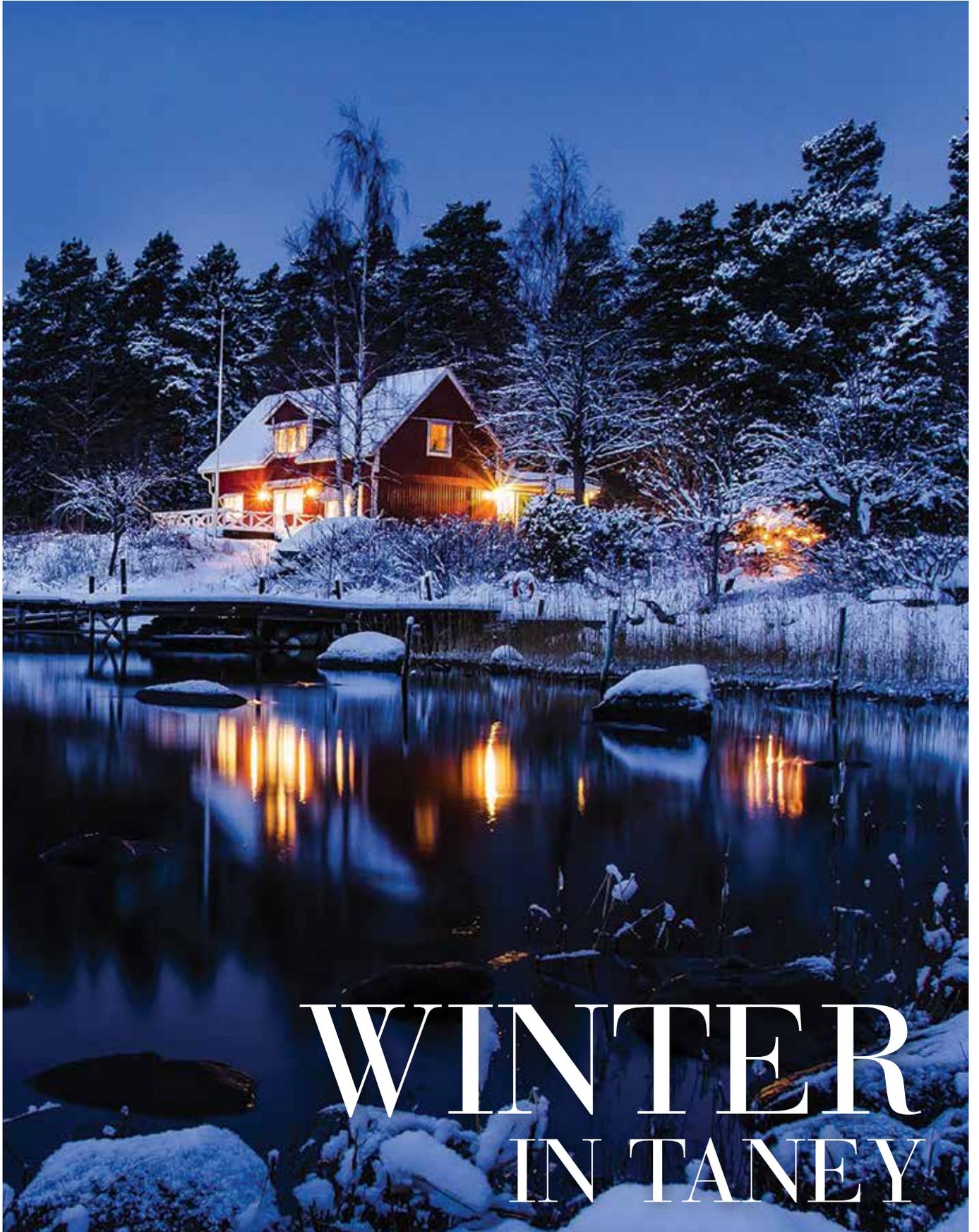


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- To create a safe environment which will promote healthy and fulfilling participation of children and minimise the possibility of harm, either deliberate or accidental.
- To encourage safe practices for those who work with children.
- To safeguard those who work with children from the consequences of unfounded accusations.

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Taney News

The magazine is a vital means of communication in Taney and is distributed to every household in the parish free of charge. We hope you will agree that it is a top quality production that has been recognized at a diocesan and national level. If you would like to make a contribution to the publication costs please leave it on the collection plate or drop it into the Parish Office. Please mark the envelope 'Taney News'.

News! News! News!

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Taney News Extra

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Dear Parishioner

What a lovely dry and mild Autumn we have had! It comes as quite a shock therefore to see the first flurry of snow-flakes falling as I pen this letter to you for the Christmas edition of Taney News! The sudden drop in temperature and the sight of albeit just a few snow-flakes is a salient reminder that winter beckons and that Christmas is almost 'in the door'! This shouldn't of course be any great surprise, as for the past few weeks we have been busy here at Taney making plans for this busiest of seasons. Your clergy have been preparing for the special Advent and Christmas Services – details of which are listed in this edition of Taney News. The parish school and the parish organisations have started preparing for their carol services and our parish choirs, including the Junior Choir and the Occasional Chorus have been preparing the hymns, carols and seasonal music to enhance our worship and the Chancel Guild will shortly be decorating the churches.

While for most of us Christmas is a happy family time when we can relax with family members in the comfort of our homes, we must also remember that for many people Christmas can be and is a time of fear and dread and even sorrow. Even with a welcome improvement in the economy in recent times, as your Rector, I am acutely and confidentially aware that there are people within our parish community who struggle financially. This is particularly acute at this time of year with heightened expectations and increased heating costs, all of which put undue pressure on family finances just at the most expensive time of the year. Throughout the year and

especially at Christmas time, many people receive some financial assistance from the Parish Special Needs Fund. This help is not given as a charity, but to meet a real need at a critical time. By its very nature this fund is confidential and is administered personally by myself. Donations are received each year from parishioners and the parish. If you would like to help and give a donation towards this very necessary and much appreciated work of the parish, please send your donation to me at the Parish Office, or place it on the offering plate in the coming weeks, marked 'Taney Special Needs Fund'. Conversely, if you find yourself in difficult financial circumstances and are in need of some financial help, please do not hesitate to contact me in the strictest of confidence.

In my letter to you in the last edition of Taney News, I wrote of the repair and renovation work which was under way at Christ Church in preparation for the bi-centenary of the church in 2018.

I should like to thank you for your generous response to our Harvest Appeal this year which was earmarked for the renovation and restoration of the stained glass windows. Your Select Vestry and Buildings' sub-committee have been working hard over the past number of months as we strive together to make our wonderful church building fit for purpose for a third century of worship and Christian witness. Some of this work has already been undertaken and the work on the windows is on-going. The work will continue in 2017, some of which may be disruptive and we ask for your patience and forbearance as we continue our programme of renovation. We



will keep you informed as we go along.

Patricia Parfrey and her dedicated group of helpers and stall-holders have been busy preparing for our annual Christmas Bazaar which this year will be held in the Parish Centre on Saturday, 3rd December. This is our major fundraiser for our donations to Charities and Mission. Please do support us by providing produce and items for sale as well as being present on the day to pick up a bargain or two and to meet with friends while being entertained by our Junior Choir and School Orchestra – and of course we confidently expect an appearance of the big man himself! Weather permitting, we are planning to have a Live Crib in the Overend Garden.

Vera joins me in wishing all of you a very Blessed and Happy Christmas and every good wish for a peaceful and prosperous New Year and we do encourage you to make time over the Christmas Season to join us in our churches for the celebration of what Christmas is really all about – the celebration of the birth of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Robert

Rev'd Canon Robert Warren.
Rector.

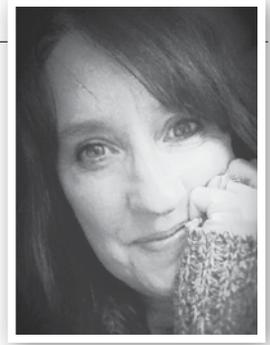
LETTER FROM CATHY

Just this morning I pulled some strings of ivy from our back fence and wound them together to form a crown. It was an interesting exercise. The ivy lent itself perfectly with its sinewy rough bark twisting and holding together in much the same way as it had grown on the fence. The exercise was in preparation for the next day's sermon on the Kingship of Christ. Its counterpart in headgear was a crown of gold and the objective was to prove the difference, even visibly, between the reign of Christ in this world and worldly standards and authorities.

In the light of recent events surrounding the presidential election in the USA, I have become even more transfixed on the understanding of Christ's Kingdom values, as ancient as all our histories of war and worldly domination. In Christ, our God is presented as a listener, a forgiver, patient, and encouraging the redemption and

renewal of all, rather than the promotion and glorification of one. I wonder what type of God has been presented in the past to those who seek revenge and a harsh form of justice?

As we seek for the Christ child this coming Advent to find him, as always, within a lowly manger, may we all recognise God's way of using unlikely figures, oftentimes inept, unprepared and incapable, transforming them from the inside out to do his will. My ivy crown is softer and more easily worn than the crown he chose to wear for us, but it incorporates, in its simplicity, the beauty and strength of things we cannot buy and a different power, stronger in the silence and perseverance of its love.



TIMES PAST

Is Christmas shopping wearing you down? Spare a moment to glance at the shopping list of a fourteenth-century aristocrat – this may help to keep your task in perspective!

Item: for two cloths of scarlet for the Earl against Christ-mas, one cloth of russet for the Bishop of Angew, seventy cloths of blue for the knights, fifteen cloths of medley for the lords' clerks, twenty-eight cloths for the esquires, fifteen cloths for officers, nineteen cloths for grooms, five cloths for archers, four cloths for minstrels and carpenters, with the sharing and carriage for the Earl's liveries at Christ-mas, £460.15s

Item: for seven furs of variable miniver [powdered ermine] seven hoods of purple, three hundred and ninety-five furs of budge for the liveries of barons, knights, and clerks, one hundred and twenty-three furs of lamb for esquires, bought for Christ-mas, £147 17s 8d.

Item: twenty-four silver dishes, so many saucers and many cups for the buttery, one pair of pater-nosters, and one silver coffin [piedish] £103.5s 6d.

Item: for two thousand three hundred and nineteen pounds of tallow candles for the household, and one thousand eight hundred and seventy lights for Paris candles, called perchers, £31 14s 3d.

From an Account of Expenses in the house of Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, Michaelmas 1314.



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LETTER FROM NIGEL

It is hard to believe that yet another year is drawing to a close. It has been a year that has seen the completion of my Master in Theology degree. It is a year that has also brought me back to Taney to serve the parishioners as one of two curates. No sooner was I back in situ than the Mothers' Union annual Diocesan Festival Service took place in Dunlavin, and given my background in coach driving I was wheeled in (pardon the pun) to drive a coach full of members from Taney to Dunlavin for the service. I was ably assisted by my good friend and colleague Cathy. It was a great evening and we all enjoyed a little singsong on the return journey home.



My ordination to the priesthood took place on Sunday 25th September. It was a very special day that was shared with my family and friends. I was completely humbled by the great turnout of parishioners from Taney and St Nahi's, your presence meant so much to me.

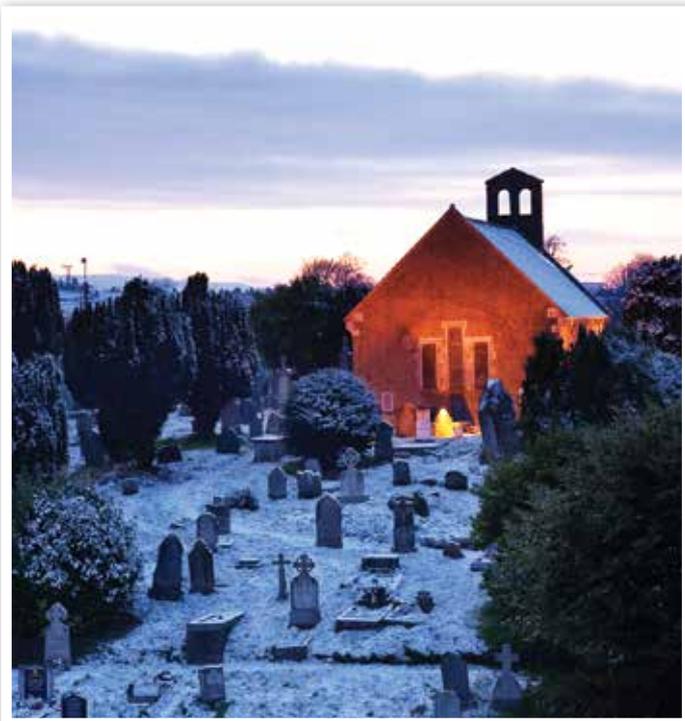
As a cleric, I can honestly say that no two days are the same. There is never a dull moment and I never waken up with that Monday morning feeling. From school assemblies, to hospital visitation, house calls, administration work, and clergy planning meetings, the day just flies in. There are days when my feet do not touch the ground and I would not change a thing.

As we approach the Christmas season I am aware that for some, it will be a happy time as family and friends join together to celebrate homecomings and spend time catching up. For others however, the season of Christmas is faced with dread as a loved one is no longer physically present, and there is a very obvious empty space at the dinner table. I would ask you all to spare a thought and a prayer, for those of our parishioners and loved ones for whom this Christmas will be difficult.

Everything about the Christmas season yells 'Celebrate'. But perhaps this year I would suggest, trying to take some time out for reflection on the wonder of the nativity story. The season of Advent is the time to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child, 'Emmanuel', God with us. The ironic thing is, that Christmas is one of the busiest times of the year, not just liturgically but also for parishioners, when the excitement

of planning and doing can exhaust even the most energetic of us. I would encourage all of you to take some time out from the busyness of shopping and running around, to reflect and give thanks for all your blessings, for family, friends and colleagues. With this in mind, I plan to open St Nahi's Church on Tuesday the 13th December from 7am to 9:30am and again on Tuesday 20th December from 6pm to 8:30pm to facilitate anyone who may wish to pause and reflect, or just to take time out to slow down. Come and stay for as long or as short a period that is suitable for you.

During this Christmas season may you know the peace of the Christ Child who came into our broken world with the message of love, joy, peace, compassion and hope. On behalf of Anne and our family, may I wish you every blessing for Christmas and the coming New Year.



4TH DECEMBER – 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christ Church

10.15am – Parish Communion
7.00pm – Holy Communion

St. Nahi's

8.30am – Holy Communion
11.45am – Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 7TH

10.00am – Holy Communion

11TH DECEMBER – 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christ Church

10.15am – Christingle Family Gift Service
& Holy Baptism
7.00pm – Holy Communion

St. Nahi's

8.30am – Holy Communion
11.45am – Parish Communion

WEDNESDAY 14TH

11.30am – Holy Communion followed by Taney
Friends & Social Christmas Lunch

FRIDAY 16TH

11.00am – Taney School Junior Carol Service

18TH DECEMBER – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christ Church, Taney

10.15am – Short Said Communion
7.00pm – Christmas Carol Service by Candlelight
followed by Festive Reception

St. Nahi's

8.30am – Holy Communion
11.45am – Parish Carol Service

WEDNESDAY 23RD

10.00am – Holy Communion

THURSDAY 22ND

11.00am – Taney School Senior Carol Service

24TH DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS EVE

Christ Church

11.30pm – Midnight Holy Communion Service

25TH DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY

Christ Church

10.30am – Family Service for Christmas Day
followed by a short Service of Holy Communion

St. Nahi's

9.00am Parish Communion for Christmas Day

26TH DECEMBER – ST STEPHEN'S DAY

Christ Church

11.00am – Holy Communion

1ST JANUARY – CHRISTMAS 1

Christ Church

11.00am – United Service with St Nahi's:
Carols, Readings and Communion
7.00pm – NO EVENING SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 4TH

10.00am – Holy Communion

CRÛCHE

Crèche for toddlers and young children every
Sunday in the Minor Hall during 10.15am Service.
Our thanks to Chloe Kavanagh and Kate Smith for
all their help during the past year.

The Holy Communion is celebrated in Christ Church, Taney, on Wednesdays at 10.00a.m.

Christmas Holy Communion (for those who are sick or housebound) will be administered by the Clergy.
Please contact the office if you would like to receive Holy Communion at home, by Friday 9th December.

CHANCEL GUILD

It was with deep sadness last September that we learnt of the sudden death of our friend and colleague, Audrey Harrison. Audrey was a long-term member of the Chancel Guild and was always a cheerful, loyal and willing member. She touched so many of us with her warmth and laughter and will be sadly missed by all.



Both churches were beautifully decorated for the Harvest Festival, which took place in Christ Church on Sundays 2nd and 9th October and in St Nahi's on 9th October. The display of vibrant autumnal colours in the flowers and foliage was outstanding, as was the abundance of fruit and vegetables. Many thanks to everyone who brought their artistic talents to bear on the respective days. Our thanks also go to everyone who contributed flowers, foliage, fruit and vegetables; and to those who gave donations in memory of loved ones, a big 'Thank You!' After the Harvest, all the vegetables were donated to the Simon Community to make soup for distribution to the homeless.

Christmas is fast approaching and we have decided to follow the same pattern as the previous three years and to decorate Christ Church and St Nahi's with red poinsettias. As in the past three years, parishioners and friends of both churches donated a poinsettia in memory of their loved ones at Christmas. All who participated thought it was a lovely idea. So this year, once again, we invite you to donate €10 to buy a poinsettia. To take part in this scheme, please leave an envelope on the collection plate any Sunday marked 'Chancel Guild' with details or, alternatively, leave it into the Parish Office. The people who have been remembered in this way will be listed in the Church porches over Christmas. Many thanks.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR SIMON

Following on from our association with the Dublin Simon Community at Harvest-time, we are again planning to give help to the homeless and those sleeping 'rough' on the streets of our city this Christmas.

To this end we are asking parishioners to donate gifts of woollen hats, scarves, gloves, socks and warm thermal underwear (for both men and women). **THESE ITEMS SHOULD BE NEW.**

We would ask you to bring these gifts (unwrapped) to the Churches over the coming Sundays, culminating at our Family Gift Service on Sunday 11th December.

Thank you in advance.



BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Bible Study Group ended their autumn gatherings in November with a short meeting followed by lunch in a local hostelry. Recently, the group was very pleased to welcome Ruth Bridcut from Irish Church Missions who gave a very interesting talk on the Psalms.

A GAME OF WHIST – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th & 20th January
3rd & 17th February
3rd & 24th March
7th & 28th April
12th & 26th May

BEAUTY FOR EVERYONE - WINTER EDITION

My, but it's a bit parky! We all know we should be protecting our faces from winter weather by using a heavier moisturiser than we do in the summer, but our hands are just as exposed and need tender care during these cold months.

Invest in a heavy hand cream. Keep it beside your bed and make it part of your ritual to use it every night. Your hands should have a good eight hours of nourishing cream overnight to keep them soft and supple.

Another recommendation is Argan Oil. This is a fantastic organic oil (from the argan tree in Morocco) and has heaps of beneficial properties. Packed with Vitamin E and essential fatty acids, you can use it for many applications, including skin moisturising and even conditioning your hair. It is particularly good for brittle nails, dry hands and is excellent for cracked hard skin on feet. It is easily absorbed, is non-greasy and non-irritating. Rub some Argan Oil into your cuticles and nails each night and you'll soon see a marked improvement! You should be able to get this oil from your local chemist.



And don't forget the essential pair of gloves when you venture outdoors! Happy Christmas, everyone!
Jo Bourke

CYCLE RACE ROUND IRELAND

Last August, two Taney parishioners, Christine Ryder and Philip Culbert, took part in a charity Race around Ireland. Christine has kindly sent us this account of the race.

We started out on August 28th in Trim Co.Meath. Race Around Ireland is a non-stop cycling challenge where teams cycle throughout Ireland taking in most of the Wild Atlantic Way and plenty of mountain routes. We cycled in relay both day and night to complete the 2204km and to reach the finish line in Moynalty Co. Meath. Philip and I were both part of the Think Bike Indreni Team, which is a team of four cyclists and their crew. Philip was a cyclist and I was a crew member, helping with massage, cooking and driving! I hadn't met Philip before so it was only when talking that we realised we were both in the same parish!

Our team finished in fourth position in 76 hours and 50 minutes in the four-person team category. We were raising money for Indreni, a fantastic charity, which supports children in Nepal. The vision of Indreni is to create a positive and caring environment where every child in their care has the chance to enjoy their childhood; to grow in self-respect, self-esteem and dignity, and to develop their full potential. The long-term aim is to bring lasting and permanent change to Nepali society through greater education and healthcare.



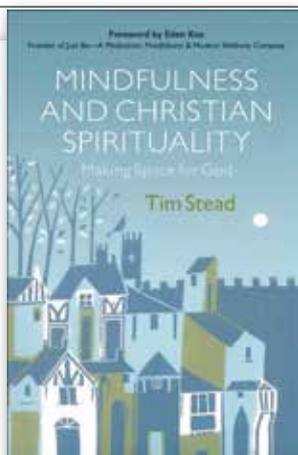
HARVEST APPEAL

Special thanks to everyone who contributed to the Harvest Appeal this year, which raised over €7,000. This fund serves to maintain the very special heritage we enjoy in Taney.

Our collection this year was earmarked for the renovation and restoration of the stained glass windows in Christ Church, Taney in advance of our bicentenary celebrations in 2018. Your generosity has given us a great start towards this goal. We hope you will notice the difference. In a parish of this size we will always be faced with ongoing maintenance and we are extremely grateful to you for your support.

FRIENDS & SOCIAL GROUP

The Friends & Social Group Harvest Service took place on Friday 7th October and was followed by lunch in the Parish Centre. The Christmas Service will take place on Wednesday 14th December at 11.30am followed by a Christmas Lunch in the Coffee Shop.



MINDFULNESS AND CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY: MAKING SPACE FOR GOD.

Tim Stead.
SPCK, London 2016. p/b 140pp

I have just returned from a trip to India, the birthplace of contemplation and meditation. During the trip I visited temples and witnessed people worshipping during Diwali (festival of light), and observed with joy the open, smiling presence of the people who seem to have a natural capacity to live in the present moment. The Sanskrit word yoga refers to the discipline of bringing together the soul with the ground of existence. Many people in the West are drawn to yoga, and more recently the practice of mindfulness, recognising the benefits this can bring to physical and emotional wellbeing. So what, if any, do these practices have to do with Christian Spirituality?

Tim Stead, ordained Anglican priest and accredited mindfulness teacher, sets out to address this. His book is divided into three parts: *What is Mindfulness? From Believing to Knowing* and *From Doing to Being*. He describes mindfulness as “being more fully aware of your own experience in the present moment in a non-judgemental way”. Stead emphasises the four vital strands of awareness, experience, the present moment and non-judgement. He reminds us that too much time is spent re-living the past or anticipating the future, both of which are associated with stress. The trick is to suspend the tendency to judge our experience, particularly when something painful surfaces and instead, simply notice it, thereby allowing it to be healed. He argues that mindfulness has huge benefits for the Christian. It is a bit like prayer: we can be taught the basics then we need to practise regularly in order to experience awareness of a non-judgemental and healing God. In part two of the book from *Believing to Knowing*, he suggests three simple descriptors: God is one, God is love, and God is now, which can be helpful when dealing with challenging aspects of faith. The author believes that bringing mindfulness to understanding the sacrament of Baptism liberates us from the controlling power of the past and anxiety about the future, allowing us to live in the present.

Part three moves the reader from *Doing to Being* with insightful chapters on trusting God, knowing God’s will, finding peace, inner healing, prayer and worship, practising love, reconnecting with nature and daily living.

Stead offers several practices throughout the book from mindful eating to a simple kindness exercise. He acknowledges that people often struggle with this, particularly those suspicious about things that are more experiential than rational! He examines mindfulness in the Gospels with a lovely exploration of the parable of the prodigal son who ‘came to his senses’ and then offers a practice based on it. I really liked his comment that “John the Baptist is to Jesus, as mindfulness is to prayer” i.e. that John helped people to prepare so that when the moment arrived they were ready to receive Jesus!

Stead’s book offers Christians a practical and sensitive approach for making space for God through Mindfulness practice, providing a method for openness to experience, to life, and to the moment-by-moment presence of God. It is an accessible, easy read that can be downloaded onto kindle and the book would make a nice Christmas present!

If you would like to explore further there is a good website called The Mindful Christian (<http://www.themindfulchristian.net/>) which provides lots of useful information.

Fionnula Drury

OLD PHOTOS

As many of you know, a new updated history book is being written for publication to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the commissioning of Christ Church Taney.

We now have enough photographs from the 1980s onwards. However, we are still looking for a few older ones.

If you have any good quality photos of Taney events from the days of Canon Burrows, Canon Orr or even earlier, we would love to borrow them.

Contact the parish office if you can help. Please remember to write your name and phone number on the back, and if you know the date or the names of those pictured, please write them down too.

The publisher will ultimately decide which are published, but we will make sure that all are returned to you.

Thank you, Carol Robinson Tweed.



SPECIAL NEEDS FUND

The Taney Parish 'Special Needs Fund' exists to give a helping hand to parishioners who find themselves in financial difficulty from time to time. The fund is administered in strict confidence by the Rector who is always willing to meet with anyone who feels they require some assistance.

The fund is supported by the generous donations from parishioners, especially at this time of year, along with small bequests, donations and thank-offerings. These are supplemented by an allocation from Parish Funds. Your donations are greatly valued.

Should you wish to make a contribution to this fund, please send your donation to the Rector (clearly marked 'Taney Special Needs Fund'), via offering plates or to the Parish Office.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2016 are now available. For other options of giving please contact the Parish Office (298 5491 or Parish Recorder, Darren Bowling (086 794 5161. Your giving is vital for the Church and is much appreciated.





TANEY MOTHERS' UNION

On Tuesday 8th November, new member of the Seanad Neale Richmond, spoke to an enthusiastic and varied audience about his role as a new Senator.

Neale grew up in Taney Parish and attended Taney School and Wesley College. Our meeting was held in the Minor Hall and Neale has fond memories of wearing a little green jumper as a member of the Cubs in the same hall. Coming from a family who believed in service to the community, Neale sees his move into politics as a furthering of these values. He first served as a counsellor for Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, then worked hard to be elected as a Senator and ultimately hopes to become a T.D. with a view to making a real difference to his country.

He described to us how, in practical terms, government works in Ireland. He is a member of the Fine Gael party and, referencing Yeats' poem, *The Second Coming* in which the poet wrote "Things fall

apart; the centre cannot hold", Neale talked of the importance of the centre holding in Ireland today, of our voting for mainstream parties which would maintain stability in Ireland.

Some interesting questions were posed by audience members and it was felt that he answered them with candour. Afterwards, many remarked that it was good to see a young member of our community making his mark on national politics and that Neale was a very interesting guest speaker.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th December at 8pm, when we will have our Carol Service, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

MU meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday, September to May at 8pm in the Minor Hall – do come along, young or older, male or female, married or otherwise, parent or not, you will be very welcome!

Carol Rboobinson Tweed

TANEY RANGERS

Our autumn outing took place on Saturday 5th November. We met at Taney car park and set off by coach to Leighinbridge Indoor Garden Centre. On arrival, we tucked into tea, coffee and scones. We then had one and half hours to browse around the many shops eg. Edinburgh Woollen Mills, kitchen utensils, furniture and Christmas shops. A LOT of purchases took place!! We had a late lunch at the Salmon Leap Restaurant in Leixlip, where a delicious meal was served by helpful and friendly staff. At the end of the day we were homeward bound once again and very pleased with the whole experience!

Date for your diary.

Our Christmas event will be held on Saturday 17th December at 12.45pm. This will be a Christmas Lunch and party in Taney Parish Centre. Booking forms are in the Church porches or Taney parish Office. €25 per person.

PARISH GOLF OUTING 9 SEPTEMBER 2016

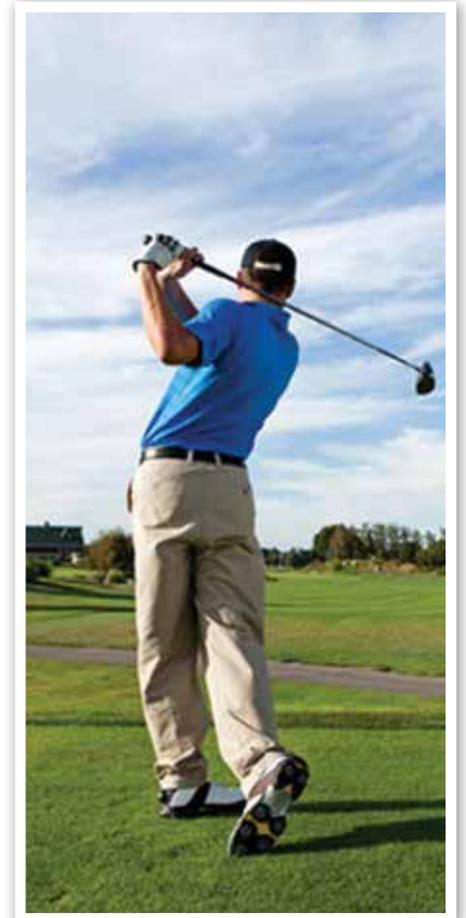
It was a wet and blustery Friday – which seemed to herald the end of summer and start of autumn – when thirty-nine golfers, men and ladies, braved the elements for the annual parish outing in Rathfarnham Golf Club. This year we got very wet but everyone entered into the spirit of the event.

At stake was the much sought after Leslie Harrison trophy presented many years ago by Audrey in memory of her late husband Leslie. Audrey's untimely death earlier in the week of the golf outing was a massive shock for everybody in the parish, and especially those of us who knew her so well through her support of the annual golf event. Audrey will be greatly missed.

After the golf, which was won by our very own curate, the Revd Nigel Pierpoint with an impressive score of thirty-five points, some fifty-two golfers and friends enjoyed an excellent buffet in the clubhouse. The evening was tinged with extreme sadness, but all agreed that Audrey would have appreciated the support shown by all and the decision to play and carry on. She and Leslie will not be forgotten in our future golf outings. Thanks to the generosity of our members we were pleased to make a donation to the Royal Hospital in her memory.

Next year's outing is planned for Friday 8th September.

Andrew Bowers & Vivien Hood



TANEY DRAMA SOCIETY PRESENTS

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

December 9th, 10th-Taney Parish Centre at 8pm

This production, directed by Lynn Pennefather with her usual flair, is crammed full of people you know, young and old, with superb talent and extraordinary characterisation.

Please come see Scrooge (played by Brian Lucas) confront his past, present and future in an evening of lively entertainment. Meet the Cratchit family (The Rudden's in real life), plus Heather Dean (Mrs Cratchit), Fred (Mark Parfrey), Charwoman (Jacinta Madden), Fezziwig (Tony Deegan) and a host of other characters.

Featuring Taney Primary School Choir plus a mean Marley played by Nigel Pierpoint and an endearing Spirit of Christmas past played by Cathy Hallissey. It is a show not to be missed.

Family tickets €25 (2 adults + 2 children).
Tickets €10.00. Children under 12 €5.00.

Reservations: 086 606 6637 Text only.

TANEY ECO

Food Sustainability and Health

Christmas is the time of the year we associate with feasting and plenty, but it is also the time of the year when we dispose of a lot of left-over food. Disposal of unused food reaches a peak at Christmas. Wasted food is a waste of money and resources and a major contributor to climate change. www.stopfoodwaste.ie

A few tips to reduce waste:

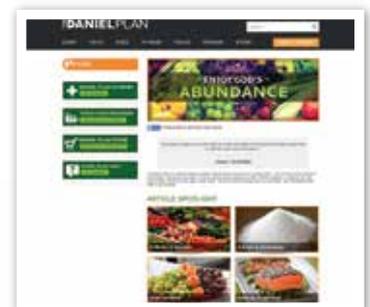
- Buy less fresh food and shop again if you need to.
- Re-use or freeze leftovers for later use.
- Don't leave perishable food out of the fridge any longer than necessary.
- Share extra food. Invite friends and neighbours or send guests home with goody bags.

Learn to eat sustainably by eating local and organic food where possible. Doing so will be better for your health and better for the environment. Buy Fairtrade coffee, bananas, cocoa, chocolate etc. If you feel Fairtrade and organic is too expensive for every day use, make a special treat at Christmas and other celebrations. Buy quality rather than quantity.

The World Wildlife Federation has devised the LiveWell Diet to help us eat in a way that supports environmental sustainability and good health. It promotes eating less processed food and meat and more vegetables, fruit and grains. www.livewellforlife.eu

The Daniel Plan is a healthy lifestyle programme founded on biblical principles and focused on the five Fs: Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus and Friends. Coincidentally, the Daniel Plan pastor is a Rev'd R. Warren! www.danielplan.com/food

Enjoy a Happy Blessed Christmas, share good food and the best of Health for 2017.





Mavis Johnson, Judy Kavanagh, Hilary Graves and Hazel Howe enjoying the sunshine and the afternoon tea at the end of season celebrations.

TANEY LAWN TENNIS CLUB

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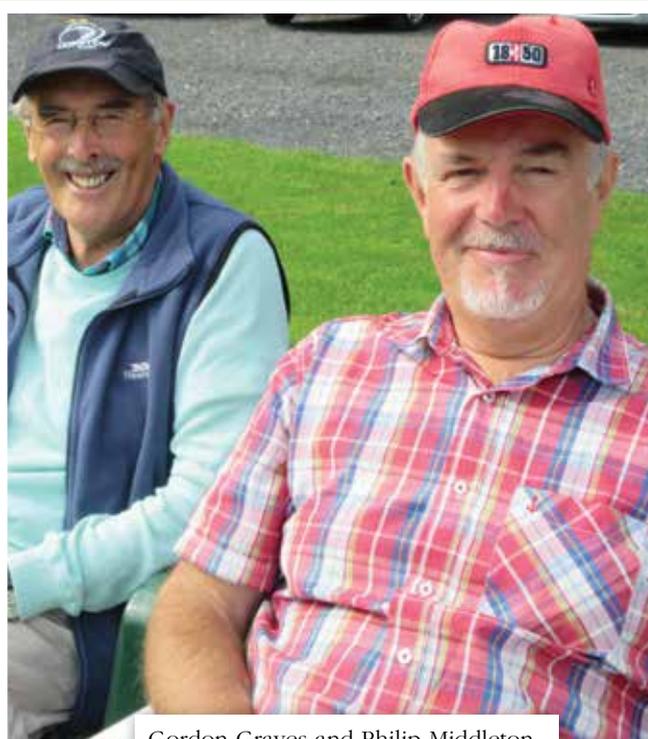
I am writing this in late October for the Christmas newsletter and I just cannot believe that the Christmas season is almost upon us again - the years seem to fly round faster and faster! Maybe I'm just getting old!!

Our club is going to be 80 years old next season and we are planning to have a bit of a 'do'. We hope that as many past members as possible will be able to join us for the celebration.

We had a wonderful season with great weather and lots of tennis. In September we had a small party to celebrate Marjorie Marshall's 90th birthday. It's only a few short years since Marjorie was playing tennis and nowadays she comes to the club to watch matches during the week and always on Saturdays to join in with some chat and tea.

We coached the 9 to 12 year-olds from Taney National School on Monday evenings and Tuesday afternoons and held a tournament for them at the end of the six weeks. We had approximately 45 children and we all had great fun. After the coaching was over we opened the club on

Wednesday afternoons for the children to come and play tennis with their friends.



Gordon Graves and Philip Middleton

We also welcomed some new members who all won prizes at the At Home.
The prize winners were:-

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| Men's Championship singles | Winner - Robert Dalzell
Runner up - Tom Allen |
| Men's Handicap singles | Winner - Robert Dalzell
Runner up - Aiden Hanley |
| Men's Handicap doubles | Winners - Tom Allen and Richard O'Neill
Runners up - Charlie Sloane and Dinos Christodoulides |
| Ladies Championship singles | Winner - Judy Kavanagh
Runner up - Emer Allen |
| Ladies Handicap singles | Winner - Lynn Hanley
Runner up - Julia Tscherning |
| Ladies Handicap doubles | Winners - Hazel Howe and Lynn Hanley
Runners up - Judy Kavanagh and Julia Tscherning |
| Mixed Handicap doubles | Winners - Lynn Hanley and Richard O'Neill
Runners up - Hazel Howe and Charlie Sloane |

Congratulations to all our prize winners - none of the matches was won too easily.

Our 2017 season will commence on the last Saturday in April weather permitting and if any of you are contemplating joining a tennis club next year please give us a try and contact me for more information.

Happy Christmas to all.

Margaret Nevin
Honorary Secretary
Ph: 087 2322308



Barry O'Connor, Dino Christodoulides and Charlie Sloane



Rejoicing in Early Worship. We use arts and crafts, story telling, games to come together and have fun, learn and worship each week during the service. For more information about our activities and joining us each week, please contact Reverend Cathy or Laura Steerman on 086 3095535. Our week is punctuated by the glorious cheerful chiming of Taney Bells. But what do we know about our bells? How many are there, who rings them, where did they come from and.... and how on earth did they get up into the tower of Christ Church Taney?

The Sunday CREW teachers and the children were intrigued and eager to learn more about the bells. So, during the service on Sunday 16th October we went on an adventure with Darrell to discover the bells!

Darrell Brislane is one of Taney's Bell ringers. He started learning the art of bell ringing (campinology) at age 11 in St. Mary's Cathedral in Limerick. It's a family tradition for Darrell as his granddad, dad, two uncles and two brothers all rang bells. Our 20+ Sunday CREW members are in the 4 – 10 age group and Darrell kindly volunteered to give them a lively presentation followed by a tour up the tower – with each child having a unique opportunity to ring the bells themselves!

The children got 'hands on' with a set of hand bells, learning how to use this percussion instrument and after some practice and



"I had so much fun learning about the bells. The best bit was when we got to pull them. I always have so much fun in Sunday school!"

Abigail McCarthy

learning the range of each bell, the children rang out their handbells in a tuned set to All things Bright & Beautiful! After watching video about bell ringing, it was time to split the children up into two intrepid groups for the tour up the tower! They ooh'd and aaah'd as they crept up the narrow spiral staircase, venturing high up into the church roof. At the top of the dark and windy wooden staircase the space seemed to mushroom, almost miraculously, into an open circular chamber filled with bright light and space – we had reached the bell tower!

"The most interesting thing was learning the names of the bells. The Smallest is the treble and the biggest is the tenor"

Alex Creighton Towmey.

Eight thick ropes with knotted loops at the end hang from the ceiling of this space, which is known as the Ringing Chamber. The ropes have a blue fluffy piece on their ends, and this is called

the Sally. The ropes are attached to the eight bells high up in what is known as the Belfry or the Bell Chamber.

When pulled, the rope moves the bell in a full circle causing a metal clapper to hit the bell, which creates the ringing sound. We also learned that there is a Ringing Master who controls and directs the choice of peals for each occasion.

If you would like to learn more about the history of Taney's Bells check out the Bells section in Parish Activities on www.taneyparish.ie



A Day in the Life... Ivan O'Brien

Book Publisher

First things first: a peek out the window as the weather decides what manner of bike gear to throw on myself and the kids for our trip into school. We are really lucky that we are close enough to cycle and that the route is fairly safe! The new bike parking in Taney School is brilliant, and it's really good to see a growing number of children and parents cycling. The twins are in fifth class now, so there's no more dropping into the classroom and having a chat with the teacher – once inside the grounds they just vanish into the middle-distance to play with their friends.

Then into the office to see what has landed. As a book publisher I've always got my eye on the news for ideas about what people might want to read: what new political story has broken? Which celebrity or sports star has an interesting story to tell? I also have to keep an eye on book publishing trends worldwide to ensure we don't miss a step: should we do an adult colouring book, maybe? And, of course, we have to look at the current sales figures and stock levels, to be sure that we have enough copies of what's selling to keep the shops happy.

The days can be very unstructured with heaps of emails, newsletters, manuscripts etc coming from all sides! In a small company you never know what's around the corner, from accounts or hiccups with individual books to dealing with the media, and everything in between. Thursday morning is when we have our main meetings, which really drive what the company does. First up is the Covers Meeting, where

concepts and developed ideas are discussed, dissected and reworked. Everybody judges a book by its cover, so it's essential that we get it right. Our amazing designer will often create a dozen completely different looks for a forthcoming book, and we tease apart the qualities of each. Normally there are two or three versions of a cover before everyone is happy, and sometimes the process takes



months! It can be quite intense, so we all take a brief coffee to decompress before leaping into the Editorial Meeting. This is the heart of the company, in many ways, as it's where we decide what books we are going to publish. Manuscripts and concepts have been circulated to the whole company, so that everyone gets their say. Ideas bounce around, with everyone free to express their opinions as we aim for a consensus. If we like a book, how big should it be? How many pages? Should it have photographs, or illustrations, or both, or neither? And when should we aim to publish – is it a Christmas gift?

Books take time – we have just published one which was over thirty years in the making, though 1-3 years is more common!

We attend bookfairs in London, Frankfurt and Bologna each year, when the whole world of books gathers. Those days are very different from the norm, with pre-arranged half-hour meetings running the whole day, making contact with publishers, agents, printers, distributors, tech companies and others. Exhausting and exhilarating in equal measure, a book fair gives us a chance to see how what we are doing stacks up against the best in the world. It's a remarkable thing to walk through the halls and see just how different books are in each country, whether it's in terms of cover design, price or size. Even for the same book by the same author the variety can be bewildering.

Of course, a book is only as good as the team that makes it, and at the core are the author and editor. One of my tasks is to decide who edits which book. Everyone has their own strengths, and it's really important to make the right decisions. In the evenings, work is left to one side as our job as cab drivers takes over! Between hockey, soccer, GAA, cycling, Irish dancing, violin, piano, playdates, parties and the rest of it, our children's lives are so full of activity that I love to hear the occasional "I'm bored", to show that there is still a space for our children to fill with imagination and creativity. How about reading a good book?

TANEY HELPERS



Cliff Johnston and Ray Hamilton



Harry Corrigan and Jim O'Neill



Adi and Yvonne



Ian Geoffroy



Heather Rutledge



Nigel O'Neill



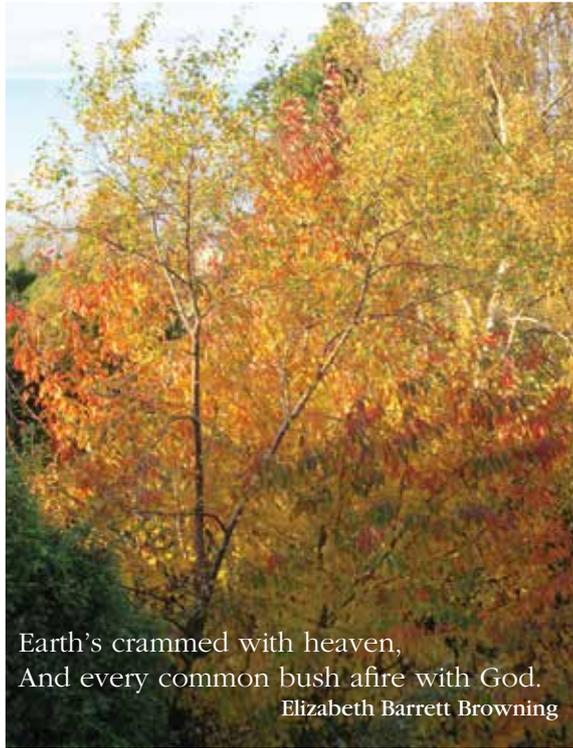
Enjoying a a good chat after the Wednesday morning service: Sheila Hillis, Nigel Pierpoint, Eileen McCarthy, Angela Bradley, Harriet Pomeroy



Dr Bethany Flanders who was recently awarded a Ph.D in Classics by Trinity College Dublin. Bethany was a member of our parish during her years of study and she has now returned to her native Australia. We wish Bethany every success in the future.



Marjorie Marshall who celebrated her 90th birthday this year.



Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God.
Elizabeth Barrett Browning

TANEY PLAYSCHOOL

We have settled back into another exciting year at Taney Playschool, with lots of new children and also some friends returning from last year. It has been fun getting to know each other over the last few months. We have been doing lots of fun activities and have had a number of birthday parties. The dry weather has been a great blessing during our autumn term and we have been able to get out into the Taney garden almost every day. The children really love the garden and the fresh air and surrounding nature bring lots of health benefits as well as learning opportunities. We also meet plenty of people from various other parish organizations as we walk out to the garden and have lovely little chats along the way.

As the weather gets colder we are reminded that before long we will be preparing for Christmas with the children. They are already starting to talk about it and we can't wait to share this wonderful time with them all. Who knows what special visitors we might have coming to see us!

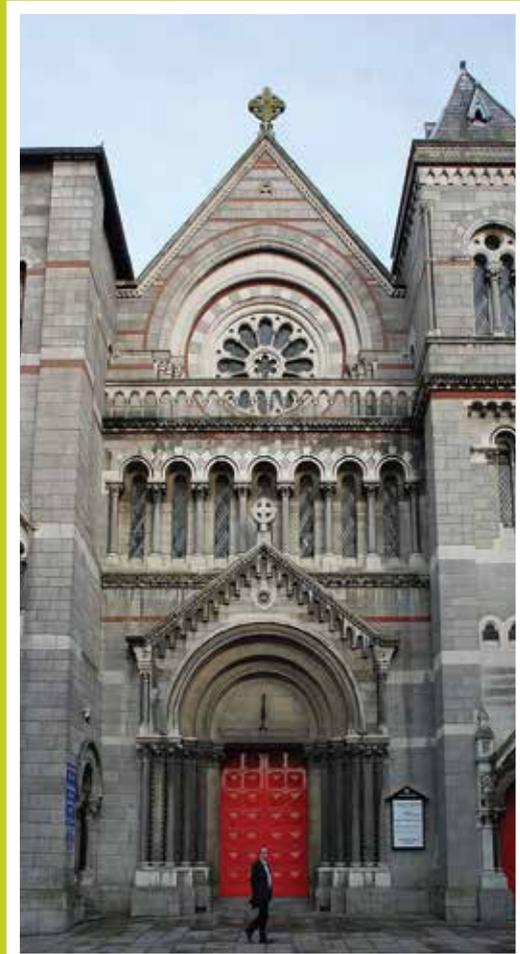
JUNIOR CHOIR

The Junior Choir resumed its busy routine in September after the summer break, and has been delighted to welcome six new members. There are now twenty-three children on the choir roll, which makes for very spirited Wednesday practices!

The season started in fine style as we quickly found ourselves back in the routine of monthly Family Services. The Harvest Family Gift Service in October was a real highlight and the newly expanded choir produced some wonderful singing in the song *Beautiful World*.

We are now speeding towards the Christmas season – always a highlight for the Junior Choir. This year, as ever, the children are looking forward to the Family Gift service on December 11th. We will also be making our annual visit to St Ann's Church on Dawson Street on December 14th, to sing carols for the Black Santa appeal.

The Junior Choir is always looking for new members who will commit themselves to regular practices and to Sunday services. All children are welcome, although the choir is best suited to those aged 7 and older (from 2nd class). Choir practice is at 2.30pm on Wednesday afternoons in the Parish Centre. Please contact Suzanne Chadwick on 087 757 4156 for more information.



TANEY SCHOOL PTA

New Parents' Coffee Morning

The PTA hosted a welcome coffee morning for the parents of the new Junior Infants on Friday the 9th September in the main hall in the Parish Centre and the occasion was very well attended. It was a great way for the parents to get to know each other and it was also an introduction to the PTA and members of the clergy.

School Fair

Taney Parish Primary School and the PTA then kicked off with the main fundraiser of the year and one of our biggest events, the School Fair. This was held on Saturday 15th October and was a huge success. Pupils from 6th Class organised and ran their own stalls from hot dogs, decorating cupcakes, wet sponge throwing and many more! The Suzuki Group welcomed everyone with fantastic music. They will also be playing at the Taney Parish Christmas Bazaar and will accompany the congregation at our upcoming Junior Carol Service, while our School Orchestra will be playing at our Senior Carol Service. The Cake Stall and Sweet Stall as always were extremely busy, we had face painting, lucky dip, entertainment with Reuben the Entertainer which always goes down well with both pupils and adults, and we held a Raffle at the end with fantastic prizes.

As part of the School Fair we hold a Cake Decorating Competition for the pupils from 4th, 5th and 6th Classes. The entries as always were of an extremely high standard. Once again, the pupils showed their creative and imaginative streaks, with their attention to detail and the sheer effort involved. Our nineteen lucky winners this year were treated to a behind-the-scenes restaurant experience, very kindly facilitated by China Sichuan (Sandyford), Jamie's Italian and Wagamamas Dundrum. They prepared their own food, learned about healthy eating, inputted orders through the system and served customers. All-in-all, a wonderful experience! We would like to thank the restaurants for being so obliging and for giving our winners such an exclusive prize.

We raised very close to a whopping €8,000. Funds will be used to support projects for the year, such as our Sports Day and our other fundraising goals. A big thanks to everyone involved, including pupils, parents, volunteers, teachers, big spenders, little spenders, bakers, stallholders and local businesses. We couldn't have done it without you!

School Christmas Cards

This project is now complete and there are more than 8,000 Christmas Cards out there specially designed by our children! Thanks to Lesley Ellis for all her hard work and for managing this project so well.

Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will be held in The Bank, Dropping Well, Milltown on Friday 25th November and it promises to be a great evening as always with finger food, DJ and dancing!

Christmas Bazaar

The P.T.A. will be running the Toy Stall again this year at the Taney Parish Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 3th December.

Carol Services

The Junior Carol Service will be held in Christ Church Taney on Friday 16th December at 11.00 a.m. and the Senior Carol Service on Thursday 22nd December at 11.00 a.m.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

11th September 2016 (in Christ Church) – Henry Brendan, son of Brendan and Amanda Maher.
11th September 2016 (in Christ Church) – Arthur Michael, son of James and Kathryn Simpson.
9th October 2016 (in Christ Church) – William Alan, son of Alan and Jean Bothwell.
9th October 2016 (in Christ Church) – Katie Jessie, daughter of Gareth and Hilary Makim.
9th October 2016 (in Christ Church) – Graham Lionel, son of Graham and Natasha Walker.
30th October 2016 (in Christ Church) – Matilda Peggie, daughter of Christopher and Hana Bull.
20th November 2016 (in Christ Church) – George Peter, son of Jamie and Nicola McConnell.
20th November 2016 (in Christ Church) – Ryan Simon, son of Simon and Naomi Kenny.

Marriages

21st August 2016 (in St. Nahi's Church) – Kevin McNamara & Susan Gibson.
16th September 2016 (St. Nahi's Church) – George Geoffroy & Ciara Joyce.
21st October 2016 (in Christ Church) – Robert Hourie & Jacqueline Steenson.

Funerals

4th September 2016 (in Christ Church) – Audrey Harrison.
1st October 2016 (in Christ Church) – Charles Nangle.

Bereavements

Our sympathy and prayers are with all who have recently been bereaved, remembering especially:

Brian Blennerhassett and family on the death of Brian's mother, Nancy Blennerhassett

David Lang and family on the death of David's wife, Maura Lang

Stephen Harrison and Arlene Clinch and family on the death of Stephen and Arlene's mother, Audrey Harrison

Aine Magee and family on the death of Aine's mother, Moyra Magee

Stan Bloomer and family on the death of Stan's sister, Rhona Ronan

Betty Nangle and family on the death of Betty's husband, Charles Nangle

Ray O'Doherty and family on the death of Ray's wife, Aileen O'Doherty

Philip Culbert and family on the death of Philip's father, Ted Culbert

Pamela Doyle and family on the death of Pamela's father Thomas Hull

Carol Eggers and family on the death of Carol's uncle, Victor Brophy

May those coming to terms with life without a loved one, know the comfort of God's love at this time.

CONFIRMATION

Preparation for Confirmation has started; our first two Sunday classes were held on 16th October and 20th November. Classes will resume on Sunday 15th January 2017.

Any potential candidates should call the Parish Office immediately. Confirmation Service will be on Sunday 7th May 2017 at 10.15am in Christ Church, Taney.



STALL HOLDERS		
BOOKS	Monica Timmons	087 809 0798
BAGS & HATS	Linda Dwyer Joyce	086 827 7254
BRIC A BRAC	Jean Corrigan	494 4424
CAKES	Heather O'Doherty	087 672 7597
CHRISTMAS STALL	Jen Armstrong	086 879 9902
CHRISTMAS DECORATION	Patricia Parfrey	086 357 9314
RAFFLE	Yvonne Rankin	087 232 9557
SANTA	Armina Comerford	086 129 3704
SWEETS/HOT CHOCOLATE HOT DOGS/POPCORN	Hannah & Mark Parfrey	086 357 9314
TEAS & COFFEES	Vera Scully	086 826 6040
TOY STALL	Viv Cox	086 304 5376

CAKE STALL

Come on all you domestic goddesses! Out with your whisks! All delicious, homemade goodies, mince pies, Christmas puddings, cakes and meringues, jams and breads, chutneys and biscuits are welcome. Please remember a list of ingredients for all our allergy sufferers – all items should be labelled and dated. Ring Heather Dean 087 672 7597

BRIC-A-BRAC

Curios, Ornaments, anything old or new, unwanted gifts. Plates, lamps, pictures house clearance. Rumble in the cupboards and let's have it! Contact Jean on 4944424

BOOKS

All books accepted.
Contact Monica Timmons on 087-8090798

Donations can be left at the Parish Centre from Monday 28th November - Fri 2nd Dec between 12.30pm and 2.30pm.
CENTRE WILL CLOSE AT 7.30PM ON THE 2nd.
Toys & Books can only be accepted up to 7.30pm on the 2nd
Thank you for your support

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TANEY'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 3rd December
10.00am – 1.00pm

Make room for Christmas – have a clear out.
• We would welcome your bits and bobs for our various stalls – books, toys, bric-a-brac, good quality bags, hats, scarfs, costume jewellery.