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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR IN TANEY

# TANEY NEWS

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## Safeguarding Trust

Taney Parish seeks

- 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

A Training Session has been held in the Parish giving all those who work with children a full introduction to child protection and best practice.

Should you have any concerns or questions contact a member of the Parish Safeguarding Trust Panel

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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 agree in saying that it is a top quality production and this has been recognized at a Diocesan and National level. If you would like to make a contribution to the publication costs (annually in the region of €4,000) please leave it on the collection plate or drop it into the Parish Office. Please mark the envelope 'Taney News'.



## News! News! News!

For all up to date news and information on forthcoming events please check out the Parish Website [www.taneyparish.ie](http://www.taneyparish.ie)

# Letter from the Rector



Dear Parishioners,

## Prelude to Christmas

The Christmas/New Year's 'Taney News' gives you all the details of our preparations for Christmas, Taney's "Christmas Bazaar", an indispensable feature of parish life since the 1890's and still going strong, catches the spirit of the season on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Miriam Armstrong & Ingrid Williams (Co-ordinators) are quietly confident that stall-holders and their helpers are well prepared and expect delivery of goods for the stalls and people for the main event. Here is one of Dublin's vintage Bazaars with all proceeds given to alleviate humanitarian need and to our partner churches in the developing world, especially Bishop Tucker Theological College and also the support of our own Christian outreach projects.

## Christmas Services

Our Choirs with Music Director, David Adams, are preparing the music for all our Christmas services, fully detailed in this 'Taney News'. David, on the organ, accompanying the Choirs enhance our worship week by week and their Christmas music is a special treat. We appreciate that inspiring atmosphere they create in the realisation that God is present with us. Our Junior Choir with Music Director, Suzanne Chadwick, is making a really joyful contribution to our worship. They meet each Wednesday for practise and they bring that something special to our Christmas worship. Watch out for the Carol Services beginning with Christmas Family Gift Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10.15am; Christmas Communion and Supper with the 'Care Group' at 3.30; on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 'Nine Lessons & Carols' is at 10.15am in Christ Church, Taney and 11.45am in St Nahi's; that night 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm the Community 'Carols by Candlelight' is followed by a Reception in the Parish Centre at 8.15pm for "Refugee children of Bethlehem" with eastern savouries, music and entertainment.

And the Christmas Trees shining out the radiant message of joy to the world! Thanks to the Scouts and their leaders Mark Sweetnam, Harry Corrigan, Jimmy O'Neill and Roger Brooks who scale the tower of Christ Church, Taney and put up what must be the highest and most visible tree in the city and county of Dublin.

## Church Envelopes

Envelopes for 2011 are now available. For other options of giving please contact the Parish Office: 298 5491 or Parish Recorder, James Henry: 490 6901. Your giving is vital for the Church and is much appreciated

## Parish 'Special Needs' Fund

In my years in this Parish, I have never encountered the level of real need that has become apparent in this deepening recession. Letters I have received spell out the sense of despair

..."to be honest, I had hoped to be writing to you to let you know we'd be in a position to make a donation back to the Church. .... but things in fact have gone from bad to worse for myself and family ..." and another

..."It is with a heavy heart I write to have to ask for help but I know if there is anything available that you would keep us in mind ..." and again

..."my unemployment benefit has been reduced. As it was, we were barely keeping our heads above water and the bills are mounting daily as they are for everybody. We contacted MABS and were told they wouldn't be able to see us for at least six weeks due to the huge need for their services ..."

Need I say it more clearly that these heart-felt messages. And, as I write, with the IMF & ECB in Dublin, with a tough budget ahead, many more will feed the harsh bite of recession and its grip upon the lives of homes and families. Cut backs in pay and social welfare; rising unemployment with its impact upon family lifestyle; school fees and mortgage repayments; very little short term hope of work – all spell out the tangible need of support and encouragement. Christmas time helps focus our attention on all those who are finding increasing difficulty in coping with life financially and emotionally. It is truly a traumatic time for many people and their families.

It is indeed a traumatic time for many. Taney Employment Centre has already been of practical assistance to some of our parishioners who face a new year without work. Throughout the year and at Christmas, many people receive some small help from the Parish 'Special Needs' Fund. That help is given not as a charity but to meet a real need at a critical time. If you need help or know of someone who is in need this Christmas, please contact me or one of the Clergy in confidence. By its very nature, the fund is confidential and is administered by the Rector. Donations are received each year from parishioners and from the parish. If you would like to give towards this very necessary and much appreciated 'Special Needs Fund' please send your donation to The Rector (marked – Taney Special Needs Fund).

# Letter from the Rector (cont)



## Taney Village

The Select Vestry of Taney Parish through Taney Village Committee has worked over the last number of months to bring resolution to the Taney Village Project. The Parish retained professional advice to assist in considering the best way forward in the present financial climate. All options ranging from immediate disposal to development of the approved scheme were carefully considered.

In order to maximise the value of the scheme:

- Twelve potential operators/developers were identified and approached.
- A short list of six was drawn up from those who demonstrated real interest and capability in respect of the project.

A request for proposal (RFP) was issued to the short list, setting out both absolute and negotiable requirements from Taney Parish including an ongoing involvement with Taney.

In response to this, several substantive proposals were received. The Select Vestry at its October meeting

decided to accept a recommendation from Taney Village Committee that we progress negotiations with one potential partner and enter into a stage of three month's due diligence with this Company, a well established and viable Irish Company in nursing care and supported living. Included in their proposal is a Nursing Home, independent living units, underground carpark and an appreciation of the ethos of the Parish.

Continuing contact with the Archbishop the Diocese and the RCB is maintained with recent meetings during October and November 2010. The Select Vestry believes that it is pursuing a distinct resolution of The Taney Village Project which seeks to leverage the work carried out to date and at the same time to meet the needs of the community development of Taney Parish.

All of the above implies the transfer of the land, both Parish and Glebe for the purpose of resolution of the Taney Village project but the timing of all of this will be decided in consultation with the Diocese, the RCB and the Parish of Taney.

## A Happy Christmas to You

As we retell the story of the birth of Christ, we look forward to giving you, your family, and friends the warmest and most heartfelt of welcomes at our services in Taney over Christmas.

I know that there are times when the narratives of our lives don't fit the mood of the liturgical calendar. Everything about Christmas says Celebrate! Happy Families! Presents! Joy! But some of us may feel dread, loneliness, or the anticipation of exhaustion and disappointment. You are not alone. The Christmas story itself of the Christ-child born in poverty, marginalised by homelessness, the image of vulnerability, speaks to us of the ambiguities and contains within it, the difficult parts of our own stories.

I know that there are times when our lives don't always fit the mood of the liturgical calendar. Everything about Christmas says Celebrate! Happy Families! Presents! Parties! Joy! But for many this year, feelings of dread, loneliness, uncertainty, desolation are very real. The anticipation of exhaustion, disappointment, failure, even anger are already the story of many lives. You are not alone. The frightened and anxious despair of the Holy Family is often overlooked. This Christmas story is about the Christ child born in poverty, marginalised by homelessness, the image of vulnerability. It speaks to us clearly of those ambiguities and contains within it the difficult ups and downs of our own stories.

As families come together, the children play, memories linger, presents are given and received and old, dear friends are remembered, wherever you find yourself and whatever your circumstances may you feel the warmth of celebration in our belief that "Emmanuel", God is with us.

From Niall and Karen, Stephen and Laura, Jennifer and me, a very happy Christmas to you and yours.

Canon Desmond Sinnamon

# Services for Winter

## DECEMBER

### 5th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Christ Church

10.15am Parish Communion: Rev. Niall Sloane  
7.00pm A Late Evening Office: Rev. Stephen Farrell

St. Nahi's

8.30am Holy Communion  
11.45am Morning Prayer: Rev. Niall Sloane

### Wed 8th

10.00am Matins

### 12th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Christ Church

8.30am Holy Communion  
10.15am Christmas Family Gift Service – Young people bring gifts for children in need  
3.30pm Holy Communion with the 'Care Group' followed by Christmas Supper.  
NO EVENING SERVICE AT 7.00pm

St. Nahi's

11.45am Parish Communion: Bishop Sam Poyntz

### Wed 15th

10.00am Holy Communion

### Fri 17th

11.00am Taney School Junior Carol Service

### 19th December – 4th Sunday of Advent

Christ Church

10.15am Parish Carol Service of Nine Lessons & Carols  
7.00pm Carols by Candlelight for All

St. Nahi's

8.30am Holy Communion  
11.45am A Service of Carols & Readings for Christmas

### Tues. 21st

11.00am Taney School Senior Carol Service

### Wed. 22nd

10.00am Holy Communion

### Friday 24th December

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

Christ Church

11.30pm The First Holy Communion of Christmas:  
The Rector

### Saturday 25th December

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

Christ Church

11.30pm (Christmas Eve)  
The First Holy Communion of Christmas:  
The Rector  
8.30am Holy Communion  
10.15am Family Service for Christmas Day:  
The Rector & Curates  
11.00am Short Service of Holy Communion

St. Nahi's

9.15am Parish Communion: The Rector  
11.45am Holy Communion: The Rector & Curates

### 26th December – St. Stephen's Day

#### 1st Sunday of Christmas

Christ Church

11.00am United Service 'Carols at the Crib' with the congregations of Christ Church and St. Nahi's

### Wed 29th – 'The Naming of Jesus'

10.00am Holy Communion

## New Year

## JANUARY 2011 in Taney

### 2nd January – 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Christ Church

10.15am Parish Communion:  
7.00pm NO EVENING SERVICE

St. Nahi's

8.30am – Holy Communion  
11.45am – Morning Prayer:

### Wed 5th – Eve of the Epiphany

10.00am – Holy Communion

Crèche for Toddlers and young children every Sunday in the Minor Hall during 10.15am Service

# Services for Winter

**9th January**

**1st Sunday after the Epiphany**

Christ Church

8.30am Holy Communion  
10.15am Service of the Word:  
7.00pm Holy Communion:

St. Nahi's

11.45am Parish Communion:

**Wed 12th**

10.00am Matins

**16th January**

**2nd Sunday after the Epiphany**

Christ Church

10.15am Parish Communion:  
7.00pm Compline:

St. Nahi's

8.30am Holy Communion  
11.45am Morning Prayer: The Rector

**Wed 19th**

10.00am Holy Communion

**23rd January**

**3rd Sunday after the Epiphany**

Christ Church

8.30am Holy Communion  
10.15am Morning Prayer:  
3.30pm Community Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Christ Church, Taney

NO EVENING SERVICE AT 7.00pm

St. Nahi's

11.45am Parish Communion:

**Wed. 26th January**

**The Conversion of St. Paul**

10.00am Holy Communion

**30th January**

**4th Sunday after the Epiphany**

Christ Church

8.30am Holy Communion  
10.15am Morning Prayer:  
7.00pm Holy Communion:

St. Nahi's

11.45am – Parish Communion:



## Christmas Holy

### Communion

Christmas Holy Communion (for those who are sick or housebound) will be administered by the Clergy. Please let us know if you are not already expecting us.

## Chancel Guild

The Churches will once again be decorated for the Christmas season – Christ Church at 3pm on Friday 17th December and St. Nahi's on Saturday 18th from 9.30. Gifts of flowers and greenery will be greatly appreciated and of course, anyone who would like to join us would be most welcome as extra helpers are always needed.



# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS IN TANEY 2010

## November

- 28 Advent Sunday 8.30 am - Holy Communion, Christ Church  
10.15 am – Advent Readings and Carols, Christ Church  
11.45 am – Advent Readings and Carols, St Nahi's  
7.00 pm - Holy Communion, Christ Church

## December

- 4 10.00 am - 1.00 pm - Christmas Bazaar in Taney Parish Centre  
6.30 - 8.00 pm Youth Club trip to Christmas-on-Ice at R.D.S.
- 5 Advent II 8.30 am - Holy Communion, St Nahi's  
10.15 am - Parish Communion, Christ Church  
11.45 am - Morning Prayer, St Nahi's  
7.00 pm - Late Evening Office, Christ Church
- 7 7.00 pm – Taney Drama Society Carols in Dundrum Town Centre
- 11 7.30 pm - Taney Rangers Christmas Party in the Parish Centre
- 12 Advent III 8.30 am - Holy Communion, Christ Church  
10.15 am - Christmas Family Gift Service, Christ Church  
11.45 am – Parish Communion, St Nahi's  
3.30 pm - Care Group Holy Communion, Christ Church & Christmas Supper
- 14 8.00 pm – M.U. Annual Carol Service, Christ Church
- 17 Taney Playschool closes for Christmas  
11.00 am - Junior School Carol Service, Christ Church  
12.00 pm - Coffee Shop Christmas Lunch in Taney Parish Centre  
3.00pm – Chancel Guild Decorating for Christmas in Christ Church
- 18 Chancel Guild Decorating for Christmas in St Nahi's
- 19 Advent IV 8.30 am - Holy Communion, St Nahi's  
10.15 am - Parish Nine Lessons & Carols, Christ Church  
11.45 am - Parish Nine Lessons & Carols, St Nahi's  
7.00 pm - Carols by Candlelight, Christ Church  
8.00 pm - Reception for Children of Bethlehem, Taney Parish Centre
- 22 10.00am – Holy Communion, Christ Church
- 23 11.00 am - Senior School Carol Service, Christ Church  
12.00 pm - Taney School closes for Christmas  
12.00 pm - Taney Parish Centre for Christmas
- 24 Christmas Eve 11.30 pm - The 1st Holy Communion of Christmas
- 25 Christmas Day 8.30 am - Holy Communion, Christ Church  
9.15 am - Parish Communion, St Nahi's  
10.15 am - Family Service, Christ Church  
11.00 am - Holy Communion, Christ Church  
11.45 am - Parish Communion, St Nahi's
- 26 St. Stephen's day 11.00 am – United Service of Seasonal Carols and Readings in Christ Church, Taney  
No Evening Service

# Parish Organisations

## Jingle Bells for Christmas – Taney Bell Ringers

Bells and Christmas are inseparable. Our Taney Bell Ringers play their special part in our Christmas Celebrations when on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day the old St. George's Bells in the tower of Christ Church, Taney ring out their call to worship and their message of peace and goodwill. And for the eleventh year in their new home, they ring in a New Year 2011. Not only at Christmas, but every Sunday in the year, our team of Bell Ringers gather in the Ringing Chamber up there in the tower to welcome us to worship. It is truly a joyful sound and is much appreciated by us all and not least by happy young couples on their wedding day and by families left bereft as the mournful toll helps them in its comforting way bid farewell to their loved ones.

The Bell Ringers meet for practise every Monday evening 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Practice time is happy and sociable and open to anyone who wishes to learn the ancient art of campanology. Particularly welcome are some young people who each transition year sign up to learn and, who knows, become the Bell Ringers of the future.

At their recent AGM the Taney Society of Change Ringers (that's their official title) reported an active year with visits from 5th and 6th classes of Taney School, Bell Ringers from other churches in Ireland and summer visits from churches overseas. All were pleased to listen to the dulcet tones of Bells immortalised by James Joyce in "Ulysses". More recently, an open day, brought some interested people from our own parish. If you want to find out more, drop in to the tower any Monday evening or Sunday morning for information.

At the AGM, following reports from the Ringing Master, David Galbraith, and Hon. Treasurer, George Strong, the following Committee was appointed:- Ringing Master: David Galbraith, Assistant: Darrell Brislane, Hon. Treasurer: George Strong, Hon. Secretary: Kate Shearer and Tower Captain: Cyril Galbraith.

In closing the meeting, the Rector thanked Taney Bell Ringers for their support and dedication and for the joy they give to us all week by week.

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## Taney Helping Hands

A reminder that we are still looking for any photos, information or historical artefacts relating to Taney so that we can file them in the Parish Archives. If you have any such records we would be grateful to receive them.

The Helping Hands are also responsible for organising readers each week for the Parish service, we are always happy to welcome new members and usually you only read about 3 times a year. We are also responsible for people to count the money on a Sunday morning and again we are always happy to have new people on board.

We would like to mention that Dundrum Citizen Information service has given us some information booklets notably "Entitlements for the over sixties" so please ask at the desk for a copy if you know someone who might be interested. If you would like to volunteer for any of the above or have a query please contact Carol 086 684 9859



## Yoga

Tone-up, Strengthen and Stretch,  
Relax, Pause and Breathe

Monday nights at Taney Parish Centre, Dundrum, D14  
Beginning Monday 10th January 2011  
Time: 7.30 - 8.15pm €14 drop-in or €110 for 10 weeks

Join me for an hour and a quarter class - we'll stretch and tone and then have a proper relaxation. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a blanket for relaxation. Call: Ailbhe on 087-6886440 or email: [ailbhekeegan@gmail.com](mailto:ailbhekeegan@gmail.com) to book or for more information

## Mothers' Union

When you are charismatic in the true meaning of the word, ie. gifted, when you are very well informed and passionate on a variety of subjects, the possessor of a spontaneous sense of humour and equipped with a prodigious vocabulary, when you can tell wonderful stories with endearing self-depreciation, then nobody, but nobody, can hold a candle to you when it comes to giving a TALK. All of the above attributes were in evidence of 12th October when we held our Area Branch Meeting and Senator David Norris came to speak to us. 'What was the subject?' you well may ask. My answer to you is 'everything'. Our meeting held on Tuesday 9th November was a Table Quiz which was enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting will be our Annual Carol Service in Christ Church, Taney at 8pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Centre.

## Chancel Guild

As we prepare to begin a New Year, The Chancel Guild welcomes anybody who would like to give flowers or money in lieu of flowers (which the Chancel Guild will arrange) in memory of a loved one. Please contact the Parish Office Tel:298 5491.

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## Taney Employment Centre – A Diocesan Initiative

Have you been made redundant? Unemployed? Seeking work? Are you thinking of change? At Taney Employment Centre the emphasis is on welcoming, listening and supporting. Clearly we cannot promise jobs, although we will help in any way possible, but the focus will be on providing the equipment and material to help individuals with their job or retraining search. We have relevant books and magazines, various undergraduate and postgraduate prospectuses, and a range of material produced by for example FAS, The Department of Social Welfare, The Citizens Advice Bureau, etc. All the above will be available on a no-charge basis (as will tea and coffee). We have a panel of volunteer advisers each with experience in areas such as general management, human resources and financial services. Each is available for a confidential discussion covering such areas as CV preparation and interview skills. Taney Employment Centre is based in Taney Parish Centre. It opens Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from 2pm-5pm. A warm welcome awaits you! Contact Tel:01 298 4705 or just call in!



## Taney Junior Choir – Coffee for Children's Hospital

From: The Children's Medical & Research Foundation  
Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin

Dear Junior Choir,

On behalf of the Children's Medical and Research Foundation, Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin, I would like to thank you and all who took part in the Coffee Morning for your kind donation of €319.52.

Our Lady's Hospital is a National Referral Hospital for the seriously ill children from every part of Ireland. It has the responsibility of providing the best possible treatment and care for each child.

To maintain the highest standards and improve services, each year supplementary funding must be raised to purchase high-tech equipment and fund important research projects. It is the generous support of many friends that enables us to do this.

Once again many thanks for your wonderful kindness and support.  
Yours sincerely

Gerry Cully  
Community & Fundraising Executive

# Refugee Families of Bethlehem



The Parish of Taney continues to provide help in various ways to the refugee families of Bethlehem. As a direct result of our Appeal after 'Candlelight Carols' last December our help focused on educational medical and financial needs of ordinary families

- School bags, books, paper, writing materials to some fifty children
- Physiotherapy for a severely disabled mother, Sa'ada
- diabetic monitors – to help meet the high incidence of diabetes in the Camps. For one child, we provided an 'Insulin pen' so that she could administer her own medication
- For two children in one family, a girl (7yrs) and a boy (5yrs) who are blind, we have supplied a Perkins Braille printer, not otherwise available. This will enable them to go to the local school for the first time with other children. Their parents, like many others have no work and no source of income
- Dental Care for several children and emergency financial help for diagnosis and medication is ongoing.



With your help, lives have been enhanced.

## ... and Gaza

We continue our support of the work and ministry of Middle East Council of Churches Committee for Refugee work (NECCCRW) in the crowded, inhospitable camps of the Gaza Strip. Last year, Taney gave €2000 to NECCCRW and its Director, Constantine Dabbagh to assist their vital work amongst one million refugees in one of the most crowded places on earth. We also applied to Bishops Appeal who granted a further €15,000 towards their work and witness. In Gaza, the small Christian Community of some 2,500 people make a significant contribution to bring much needed assistance amongst one and a half million people, mostly Muslims, who are prisoners behind high security boundaries. Last year when Jennifer and I visited Gaza following the war, we saw the vital help given by NECCCRW in their Mother and Child Health Care Centres, in their Medical and Pharmacy Clinics and mobile Dental Units. In their Centre in Gaza city courses are organised in Secretarial and Language Studies, Dress-making and Computing. In other Centres along the Gaza Strip job training, trades, motor and engineering are combined with the teaching of technical subjects, English language, physics and maths. All of these courses are open to men and women from the Refugee Camps and are provided by NECCCRW completely free of charge.



## Our gift at Christmas

All proceeds from the Reception after Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 19th December at 7.00pm will go directly towards the specific needs of Refugee families in Bethlehem & Gaza. It is our message of Peace to them as we convey our concern and tangible help. Any contribution towards this appeal may be made through Taney Parish, marked 'Children of Bethlehem Appeal'.



### Inter-Faith Summit at Farmleigh and the Aras

Thursday October 28th, I was invited to participate in a discussion involving leaders of Irish Abrahamic faiths, Christians, Muslims and Jews. Along with Siraj Zaidi, a Shia Muslim from Milltown Mosque, we represented the Three Faiths Forum. Among those present were Cardinal Sean Brady, Archbishop Alan Harpur, who with Dr Susan Hood was instrumental in initiating the conference, the President of the Methodist Church, Rev. Paul Kingston, the Presbyterian Moderator, Rev. Norman Hamilton, Rabbi Lent from the Jewish Community, Imam Sheik Halawa, (Sunni Muslims from Clonskeagh and Sheik Ali Saleh (Shia Muslims from Milltown Mosque) along with a number of other members of each faith. The setting was Farmleigh House where the host was Dermot McCarthy, Secretary General of the Department of the Taoiseach, with lunch in Aras an Uachtarain, hosted by the President, Mary McAleese and Dr. Martin McAleese.

The first session focussed on Peace as we understand it in our differing traditions, with reflections from Rabbi Lent, Cardinal Brady and Sheikh Halawa (Clonskeagh). Following group discussions, the next session was on 'widening experiences and focussed on the Challenges and Opportunities for faith traditions in an increasingly diverse and secular Ireland. Following lunch, the final session began with an address by Dr. Martin McAleese giving his perspective on working with people who have made their own journeys to peace and his own contribution to dialogue and reconciliation on the island of Ireland. He spoke movingly of his own often lonely and sometimes dangerous journey to help build bridges, reaching out to all communities but particularly the loyalist paramilitary communities in the North. When Mary McAleese was elected President in 1997 she declared the theme of her Presidency "Building Bridges". He felt that unless we reached out to all communities, the Peace process may not succeed with paramilitaries and their communities left outside. In making those contacts, often finding himself in a lonely place, he followed several principles which were the basis of dialogue. These principles included following ones instinct, finding commonality, taking risks, moving outside comfort zones, doing the unexpected, offering solidarity and reassurance. These six principles are the basis of a relationship built on trust. Trust in a recognition of being generous to each other. Trust encourages us to move beyond stated points. I felt that these principles could apply to dialogue in any situation, within the family, at work, Inter Church and between faiths.

### Irish Hindus celebrate 'Festival of Light' in Taney

Over two weekends, the Hindu community of Ireland celebrated 'Diwali'. First, the India Club brought their community together joined by the Indian Ambassador and his wife in Taney Parish Centre. Then, on Saturday November 6th, Jennifer and I called into the Parish Centre to wish some two hundred and fifty members of the Irish Hindu Cultural Society a joyful Festival. For the Hindus, Diwali is like Christmas for Christians. All of them had celebrated the 'Festival of Light' with 2,500 of their Hindu Faith members in the early afternoon in R.D.S. They continued their Festival here with dinner, music and dancing for all the families. Wearing their colourful national costumes, their music was a mix of Indian, Western and Irish. For me, this gathering demonstrated an Irish Hindu community which is young, cosmopolitan, confident and integrationist. For Hindus, Diwali celebrates the light of knowledge overcoming the darkness of ignorance. Dr Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, remembers some inter-faith discussions between Christians and Hindus which helped us all perceive each others belief systems more clearly. One of their leaders spoke about how this world was nothing but two-fold division between good and evil. Another spoke about a Trinity of God, soul and nature. We Christians spoke about the three cosmic dimensions, of God, as Father, son and Holy Spirit – dimensions that we believe shape all creation. During a break for more personal reflection, one of the Hindus, anticipating Diwali, (their Festival of Light) spoke about the light in each person and said "the lamp is burning but the chimney is full of soot." He spoke about the power of prayer to clear away darkness and bring light. As Hindus have just celebrated Diwali, I pass on their message of peace and light to you.

# Forthcoming Events



## Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 4th December 10.00am – 1.00pm in Taney Parish Centre. Santa arrives 11am. This is one of Dublin's oldest fairs dating back to 1890's. A recent exhibition in Dundrum's Open Farm at Airfield presented original receipts of produce bought and sold at the Taney Bazaar in its first few years. Some of the old stalls are with us still; cakes; country produce, books, bric a brac; the tea room and Christmas stall. New attractions added include toys, deli, computer and video, sports, with lots of childrens games and activities. Fun for all the family on a day not to be missed! Music by Taney School Orchestra – always a highlight. Bazaar Co-ordinator, Miriam Armstrong with her team of helpers are preparing to give us all the atmosphere of the Festive Season. Further information from Miriam at 296 5101 or the Parish Office on 298 5491.

### TANEY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Donations can be left at the Parish Centre Mon 29th Nov – Fri 3rd Dec between 12.30pm and 2.30pm

Thank you for your support

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GAMES	Siobhan Madeley	087 906 6379
SANTA	Jane Arpac	087 978 3677
TEAS & COFFEES	Vera Scully	086 826 6040
TOY STALL	Esther Walsh PTA	086 8538013

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## Taney Drama Society

Our Annual Carol Singing evening, when we sing in aid of the Simon Community, in Dundrum Town Centre will take place on Tuesday 7th December from 7.00pm-8.30pm. We will have a Christmas party afterwards in Taney Parish Centre.

## Taney Rangers

Taney Rangers Christmas Party in the Parish Centre on Saturday 11th December at 7.30pm. Bookings may be made through the Parish Office 298 5491. A fun and entertaining evening is guaranteed.



## Taney Care Group

Thanks to Ivan Rafter and the Care team for an enjoyable Harvest Supper following our Thanksgiving Communion at Festival time. The Centre Coffee shop is serving lunches every Friday from 12.30pm for Parishioners and friends. Christmas Communion and Supper is on Sunday 12th December at 3.30pm.

## Christmas lunch – Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop Christmas Lunch will be on Friday 17th December 2010 from 12 noon. This will be followed by a Game of Whist in the Parish Centre.

## Taney Fête

The 2011 Fête will be held on Saturday 11th June. In preparation for this any unwanted gifts, vintage clothing, bags and jewellery would be gratefully received. Please contact Carol Eggers or the Parish Office.

# Parish News

## Diocesan Synods

The Parish was delighted to host the Diocesan Synods in our Parish Church and Centre on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th October. Our thanks go to Carol Eggers, Tara O'Rourke, Vera Scully and all our parish volunteers who with the staff of the Parish Centre worked so hard to ensure the smooth running of the Synods.



## Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Services were held in Taney on Sunday 3rd October in Christ Church and St. Nahi's. The Preacher was the Director of the Theological Institute, The Rev. Dr. Maurice Elliott. The Family Harvest Gift Service was in Christ Church on Sunday 10th October when the Rev. Peter Campion, Precentor of Christ Church Cathedral and Chaplain of Kings Hospital School preached. Thanks to our Choirs, Music Director David Adams, Junior Choir Music Director Suzanne Chadwick and the Chancel Guild who decorated our Churches with artistic flair and all who enhanced our worship during this autumn season. Our special preachers were warmly received! Thank you to the young whose gifts were given to children in need.



## Harvest Appeal

Thank you to all who gave generously towards the Harvest Appeal which this year goes towards the restoration of Christ Church and St. Nahi's. As a result of your giving, just under €14,000 was raised. This is most helpful to our efforts in helping to pay for necessary work which has secured both our churches for the future. You will remember that major items in the restoration work included a completely new roof with insulation etc. on Christ Church along with its decoration and the refurbishment of St. Nahi's. If you wish to make your special contribution and have not yet had opportunity, please do so before year end. Again, our thanks to all who responded to the Harvest Appeal.

## Autumn Study Course

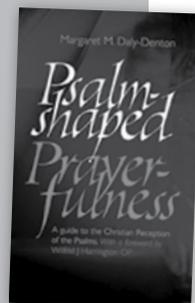
During the month of November the Rev. Stephen Farrell led a Study Course exploring different aspects of the Christian Faith. The evenings were well attended and certainly provoked lots of discussion and theological reflection.

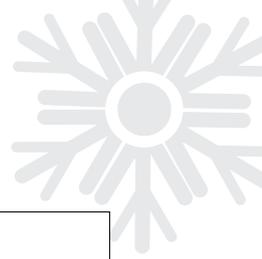
## Church Review & Church of Ireland Gazette

The Church Review and The Church of Ireland Gazette are two publications which keep parishioners in touch with news in the Diocese and in the wider Church. The Review is published monthly and will cost €40 in 2011, while the Gazette is published weekly and will cost €40 in 2010. Parishioners who wish to start new subscriptions for 2011 should contact Winston Lew: 2983309 (Review) or Stephanie Lloyd: 2985271 (Gazette) or put their names on the sheets in the church porches.

## Congratulations!

We offer our congratulations to Dr. Margaret Daly Denton on the publication of her most recent book "Psalm-shaped prayerfulness: A guide to the Christian reception of the Psalms". The book seeks to be a guide through the long and ongoing process of re-interpretation of this important part of Christian worship. Copies may be obtained through the Resource Centre in Rathmines  
Tel: 497 2821





## Armenian Christian Community meets in Taney

Sunday October 17th was a momentous day for the Armenian Community in Ireland. For the first time in this country, this small community of 250 families gathered for worship in Christ Church Taney. They welcomed their local Primate from London, shared together the great symbols of faith, bread and wine, baptized nine of their children, prepared five couples for marriage blessing and celebrated the marriage of two young people in love. Following their service they sat down to dinner in the Parish Centre. What a day of worship, of festivity, of happiness and fun together. For the past two years each Sunday, they have been meeting here in Taney for children's Sunday school, informal worship, and then language classes for the young. Through their Irish Consul, they contribute to our Parish and enjoy the facilities as they get together, exchange news from home and encourage each other in their new life here in Ireland. Their families have stories to share of genocide by the Turks during the First World War when one and a half million Armenians were slaughtered and millions had to flee their homes.

All of them are members of the Apostolic Orthodox Armenian Church which is the world's oldest National Church and one of the most ancient Christian communities. Their country borders Turkey to the west, Georgia to the north, Aberbaijan to the east and Iran to the south. Once a republic of the former Soviet Union, it is a beautiful and landlocked unitary, multiparty, democratic, nation state. Today about 94 percent of Armenians consider themselves to be Armenian Christians, having derived their faith directly from Christ's apostles. Their faith has shaped Armenian culture so intimately that it permeates the very landscape at virtually every corner of the country. Armenia became the first nation to declare Christianity as its state religion in 301 AD and the Armenian Apostolic Church traces its origins to the missions of Apostles Bartholomew and Thaddeus in the 1st century.

Here in Taney, we are glad to host the Irish Armenian Christian diaspora every Sunday and the Rector along with Jim O'Neill, Select Vestry brought our greetings to all when we gathered with them at their service and the dinner following. WDS



'I got my head shaved'.....  
As some of you will have noticed, former Churchwarden, Carol Eggers, shaved her head in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. Anyone who would like to support this cause can contact the Parish Office Tel:298 5491.

## Archbishop John Neill

Most Rev John R W Neill has announced his retirements as Archbishop of Dublin & Glendalough as from 31st January 2011. The Archbishop has brought fine gifts of scholarship and spirituality to his office and pioneered initiatives in ministry to immigrant, asylum seekers and refugee communities whilst supporting clergy and laity throughout the parishes of our Dioceses. During the past eight years, as Archbishop, together with his wife, Betty, he has been with us in Taney for



Confirmations, Special Services and other social occasions where we have come to appreciate his qualities as pastor and friend. There will be opportunity to show our appreciation of his ministry amongst us on Tuesday 25th January 2011 at 6.00pm in Christ Church Cathedral at a farewell Eucharist followed by a presentation to which all are welcome.

## Ecumenical News

We extend to all our neighbours in Dundrum a Happy and Peaceful Christmas. We look forward to all coming together for our annual Ecumenical Service on Sunday January 23rd at 3.30pm in Christ Church, Taney. The theme for this year will be "One in the Apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer".

# Parish News

## St. Nahi's

On Remembrance Sunday, 14th November, St. Nahi's played host to a Service of Choral Evensong with the Choir of Christ Church, Taney. We thank Dr. David Adams and the Choir for their contribution to our worship in what proved to be a very moving and memorable service.

St. Nahi's has also launched its iPod podcast tour of the graveyard. This was the initiative of Harry and Dave Griffith. More information on this may be accessed through the Parish Website ([www.taneyparish.ie](http://www.taneyparish.ie)).

As many parishioners are aware St. Nahi's shares a close link with St. Nathy's, Ballaghadereen. This year 2010 saw the 250th anniversary of the re-dedication of the present Church of St. Nahi. It also was the 200th anniversary of the opening of St. Nathy's College, Ballaghadereen. We congratulate our brothers and sisters in St. Nathy's and wish them many more years of ministry and happiness in the future.

During September children from Taney Primary School were shown around St. Nahi's Church and learnt more about the history and heritage we are privileged to care for. As part of its tour the children produced some art work which was displayed in the Parish Centre. One work by Hannah Milligan summed up the occasion well:

"In old Dundrum, St. Nahi's does stand  
Bright stained glass windows make it so grand.  
The small stone church set in its own land.  
In the graveyard, the Yeats sisters lie hand in hand.

Over the years it has changed its view.  
Of thirty ancient stones it holds just two.  
To the age of the church this may give a clue.  
But now still stands proud looking over Dundrum so new."



## Christ Church, Taney

A big 'thank you' to all those who helped out with the 'Parish Clean-up' around the grounds of Christ Church. As anyone who goes through the parish grounds will see an amazing transformation has taken place and highlights the beautiful surroundings in which the Church and Parish Centre is set.

A recent exhibition took place in the National Photographic Centre in Temple Bar displaying photographs from the early 1900's. As part of this an online display was launched and included a photograph of Christ Church, Taney from the same period, which we include here.



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TANEY'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR  
ON  
SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2010  
FROM 10AM - 1PM  
IN TANEY PARISH CENTRE  
MAKE THE MOST OF OUR STALLS  
AND SHOP EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS  
TOYS, CRAFTS, GIFTS, BRIC-A-BRAC,  
BOOKS, SPORTS, COUNTRY PRODUCE,  
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SANTA IN HIS DEN FROM 11.00AM  
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# Children's Corner



## Bethlehem Lullaby (To the tune of Brahms Lullaby.)

Long ago, there was born in the  
city of David,  
A sweet, holy babe, who was  
Jesus our King,  
Angels sang at his birth,  
“Peace on earth, peace on earth”  
Angels sang at his birth,  
“Peace on earth, peace on earth.”

Read about the 1st Christmas!  
St Luke, Chapter 2

### Christmas Word Jumble

Unscramble these words that you might expect to find in the Christmas story.  
If you need help, the words are listed – but not in order!

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|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. NNI _____       | 8. RTAS _____    |
| 2. ESEHHDPSR _____ | 9. NYOKDE _____  |
| 3. HWORISP _____   | 10. YABB _____   |
| 4. JHOPSE _____    | 11. RMGENA _____ |
| 5. TEHMHELBE _____ | 12. SSJEU _____  |
| 6. YMRA _____      | 13. IGFST _____  |
| 7. LATESB _____    | 14. AGLSEN _____ |

Mary  
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# Youth News

## Taney Primary School

Well done to all the boys and girls who brought in Shoe Boxes, on the last count over 260, for the Operation Christmas Child Appeal. These will be a great gift to many Children on Christmas Day! We look forward to hosting once again the School Carol Services in Christ Church on Friday 17th and Thursday 23rd December at 11.am. Following the Carol Service on 23rd Taney School will close for the Christmas holidays and re-open on 10th January. We hope all the children from Taney Primary School and indeed all those from other schools have a great Christmas Break as they prepare for Santa's arrival.



## Youth Club

On 4th December the Youth Club will go Ice Skating at the RDS, Ballsbridge. On 15th January 2011 it's 'Chill Out' night in the Parish Centre and on 29th January an Activity Night of Fozzball in the Parish Centre.



## Diocesan Youth News

ESSENTIAL, Christmas Service organized by 3Rock (The Dublin and Glendalough Diocesan Youth Office) will be held in Christ Church Cathedral on Friday 3rd December at 7.30pm. All welcome to attend. More details in church porches.

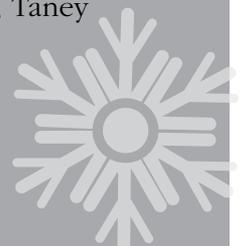
## New Youth Leader

We welcome Andrew McCormick as our new Youth Leader who along with the Curates and Cathy Hallissey will be running the Youth Club. Andrew is no stranger to many of the Youth Club members as he taught for a period in Wesley College. He comes to Taney with a vast knowledge of youth ministry having served in Canada, London and more recently in Dublin. We thank him and indeed the other Youth Leaders for all their ministry to our young people.



## Confirmation

Preparation for Confirmation has started with our first two Sunday classes having been held on 31st October and 21st November. Our classes will resume in the New Year at the end of January. Confirmation Service will be on Sunday 15th May 2011 at 10.15am in Christ Church, Taney



# Curates Corner

## From Church Lodge

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

This is the message of Christmas: We are never alone. *Taylor Caldwell (1900-1985), English novelist.*

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION – The things that really matter

Blessed are you

If you have food in the fridge, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep ... you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace ... you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you woke up this morning with more health and strength than illness and weakness ... you are not to be one of the million people in the world who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the terrors of war, imprisonment, torture, or the pangs of starvation ... you are better off than 500 million people in the world today.

If you can attend a religious service without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death ... you have more freedom than three billion people in the world.

If you can even read this ... you have more formal education than over a billion people in the world today who cannot read at all.

ON A LIGHTER NOTE...

Christmas is on the way so, time for some 'crackers'!!!

Mum, can I please have a cat for Christmas:  
No. You'll have turkey the same as the rest of us.

What's the most popular Christmas wine?  
'I don't like Brussels sprouts!'

What happened when the snowman annoyed the snow-woman?

She gave him the cold shoulder.

May the love and peace of the Christ Child be with you and all those you love this Christmas.  
With every best wish,

*Niall & Karen*

## From Church Cottage

Christmas is the season when we buy this year's presents with next year's money". I am not sure who said that, but they had a point. Not that Christmas is all about commercialism, it is also a time for traditions repeated year on year, like trying to get parked at Tesco.

My preferred method is to spot someone walk out of the shop and drive very slowly behind them and, like the wise men guided by a star on that first Christmas, I will be led to a parking space. This is not quite what is meant by living according to the bible, but it is a useful tip. Once inside the shop one marvels at people masterfully negotiating their way round the aisles with up to three laden trollies, it is as though we all suspect Christmas to be followed by seven years of famine. At home, time is spent trying to get the dog to pose wearing fake antlers for that perfect Christmas card photo - animals can be so unreasonable and

unhelpful in the pursuit of such truly tasteful works of art.

This Christmas things may be a little different than in previous years. There may not be the same over abundance. Prioritising what we spend our money on has taken on a new importance. Perhaps this might lead us into some more significant prioritising too, a rediscovery of the importance of spending time with family, devoting more time to our sons and daughters than to decorations, to our parents than to presents. Yes, this is all hopelessly twee, but behind every good cliché there is a kernel of truth. Let us make something good out of a tough Christmas, let's spend more time and less money, and let's embrace all the toe-curling good will the season has to offer.

Wishing you a very happy Christmas,

*Stephen & Laura*

# From the Registers

## Baptism

29th August (in Christ Church) – Geneviève Veronica Rose, daughter of Tom & Lyn Hagin Meade Halton.  
4th September (in St. Nahi's) – Shane Woulfe, son of Paul & Naomi O'Reilly.  
12th September (in Christ Church) – James Andrew & David Sean, sons of Rory & Deirdre Walsh.  
17th October (in St. Nahi's) – Alex Teresa, daughter of Malcolm Curtin and Armina Comerford.  
24th October (in St. Nahi's) – Leatrice Georgina Evann, daughter of Desmond & Désirée Siberry.  
13th November (Christ Church) – Emily Rose, daughter of Toman MacGinley and Nicola Darley.  
14th November (in Christ Church) – Toby John, son of Dermot and Julie Strong.  
14th November (in Christ Church) – Layla Judith, daughter of Philip Wilson and Jillian Lawlor.

## Marriage

6th November (in Christ Church) – Hilary Boyd and Gregory Glynn

## Funerals

22nd September (in Christ Church) – Ronald Killeen  
29th September (in St Nahi's) – Walter Layton  
1st October 2010 (in Christ Church) – Emmeline Dunn  
16th October (Memorial Service in St Nahi's) Lila Horgan  
5th November (in Mount Jerome) Peter Kunath  
19th November (in Christ Church) Clive Dukes

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

Marie, Ronnie, Derek and Peter on the death of Ronald Killeen

The family and friends of Walter Layton

Betty and John on the death of Emmeline Dunn

Barbara Elmes on the death of her niece

Letitia Lefroy and Veronica Hall Dare on the death of Veronica's sister

Daphne Dukes, Wendy, Susan, Trevor and Neville on the death of Clive

Geoff & Richard Duke on the death of Geoff's father George

Joan Kirk on the death of her father'

We also think of all those journeying through this Christmas for the first time without a loved one.



## Hospital Visiting

The clergy would appreciate being told if parishioners are in hospital, going into hospital, are being transferred or if they have been discharged, and will be pleased to offer pastoral support. A selection of prayers is available from the Clergy or in the Church porches.

## Prayer Points

A selection of prayers is now available which pay particular attention to the current financial and economic situation. There are also leaflets available for monthly prayer points. Both these documents are available in the church porches or from the Parish Office.

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**A MESSAGE OF PEACE**  
PARISH OF TANEY SPECIAL APPEAL FOR  
REFUGEE FAMILIES OF  
BETHLEHEM & GAZA

RECEPTION

Sunday 19th December at 8.15 pm  
After Carols by Candlelight at 7.00 pm

in Taney Parish Centre  
Traditional Middle Eastern & Seasonal Fare

Reception (includes wine and finger food)  
Retiring Collection after Carols. Plates in Porches or in Parish Centre.

All proceeds go directly to meet specific needs

**ALL WELCOME!**