



# Taney News

*Christmas 2022*



# Who's Who in Taney Parish

## Clergy Contacts

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## Parish Contacts

<b>Parish Administrator</b>	Tara O'Rourke	298 5491
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### Churchwardens in Christ Church, Taney:

Gillian Haine (Rector's) and Ian Geoffroy (People's) assisted by Carol Eggers, Rod Lucas, Julie Maloney, Harry Masterson, Pat O'Doherty and Barbara Tomlin.

### Churchwardens in St. Nahi's:

Elaine Wynne (Rector's) and Richard O'Donnell (People's).

**Glebe Wardens:** William Hourie (Rector's) and Pat O'Doherty (People's).

**Hon. Secretary:** Victoria Singleton.      **Hon. Treasurer:** Joe Wright.

**Select Vestry:** Miriam Armstrong, Caroline Brennan, Peter Connor, Helen Geoffroy, Ian Geoffroy, Gillian Haine, Vivien Hood, William Hourie, Paul Kingston, Graeme Murray, Pat O'Doherty, Richard O'Donnell, Rachel Riordan, Victoria Singleton, Jill Thorn, Joe Wright, Elaine Wynne

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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 accusation.

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

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Rev Nigel Pierpoint | Tel: 298 4497     |
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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 recognised 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!

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

## Church Services in Taney

### Christ Church, Taney

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| 10.15am | Sunday Morning Service or Holy Communion |
| 10.00am | Wednesday Morning Holy Communion         |

### St. Nahi's, Dundrum

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| 8.30am  | Sunday Morning Holy Communion |
| 11.45am | Sunday Morning Service.       |

There is a crèche for toddlers and young children available every Sunday in the Minor Hall during the 10.15am Service. We are always looking for helpers. Please contact Tara in the Parish Office 298 5491. Please keep an eye on our weekly email 'Taney News Extra' for up-to-date information on our Services.

# Rector's Letter

## Preparation for Christmas

I am somewhat astounded that each year the Christmas decorations seem to appear in the shops earlier than ever and the preparations begin in earnest at the end of September. This year, for example, I saw decorations appear in the first week of October. It would appear that we, as consumers, are ready to embrace the Season of Goodwill well in advance, even before Advent starts. The waiting game gets longer and longer. I can just imagine the excitement and the discussions as to what Santa will bring, only for the 'Santa' list to change many times before the big day arrives. My own grandchildren are no exception!

As we look at the retail industry and the preparations being made, we in our churches are making preparations for the birth of Jesus. The clergy are preparing for the Advent and Christmas Services for both St Nahi's and Christ Church. Details of all services during the month of December are published elsewhere in this issue of Taney News. I would like to thank Bernie, Trilly and Caroline for their continued support to the ongoing work of the ministry team. It is not only services that we are planning for Christmas. The landmark of the Dundrum skyline is the iconic Christmas Lights that appear from early December to mid-January at the top of the tower. These just don't appear. There is a lot of work involved in getting them in place and our thanks go to Roger Brooks and his team for their commitment in making this happen. These lights can be seen for miles around and once illuminated, people always comment that Christmas has begun, so in a way, we in Taney help people prepare for Christmas. There is also the Christmas Fair which returns after an absence of two years, full details of which can be found elsewhere in this publication. Patricia Parfrey, Helen Geoffroy and their team of volunteers are busy planning and preparing for what plans to be a great day.

The Chancel Guild, Bellringers, Organist and Choir are also gearing up for a busy time with a number of services returning after the hiatus of the previous couple of years. Church Wardens are also bracing themselves for the extra services that are an important part of Christmas. I would personally wish to thank all those involved in the planning and preparation and for the extra workload that such a busy time brings.

## Rev'd. Jane Burns

By now, most of you will have met Jane in and around the Church and Parish Centre. Jane joined the ministry team in Taney at the end of September following her ordination to The Diaconate. I would like to welcome Jane to Taney as she spends the coming year in training for her future ministry. Should you meet Jane in Church or in the Centre, please make yourself known to her - she has a remarkable memory for names and faces. I pray that she enjoys her time with us in Taney. Welcome and every blessing, Jane.

## Rev'd. Terry Lilburn

Terry has recently joined the team of clergy to assist with services and pastoral visiting. Terry is no stranger to parishioners and I know you will make him feel very welcome. I would like to thank Archbishop Michael Jackson for allowing Terry to be part of such a vibrant and exciting parish. He is with us for a period of six months.

## Thank you

A word of thanks to everyone who brought gifts of non-perishable food stuffs to the Church for the Family Harvest. All donated items have been distributed to the Rosemount Family Resource Centre in Dundrum. This is a local charity that provides assistance

to over 48 families who otherwise would struggle. A member of our Parish is actively involved in volunteering in Rosemount and it is always nice to support parishioners in their charitable work. As a result of such a successful appeal, I decided to leave collection baskets at the doors of both St Nahi's and Christ Church on an ongoing basis and parishioners have been very generous in their support by placing non-perishable food in the baskets. I have, over the past number of weeks, been able to drop much needed supplies to the centre. Thank you for your ongoing support and kindness.



## Christmas is just not the same for some people

When I look around me at this time of year and see the decorations in Dundrum Shopping Centre and other retail facilities, it is a happy time for families to enjoy each other's company. When you see young children's faces light up with the anticipation of Christmas, I can't help but think of the families where Christmas can be a difficult time of sorrow. For many families within our parish community who have lost loved ones during the past year, Christmas will most certainly be a time of loneliness when memories come flooding back of happier times. 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.

## Rector's Discretionary Fund

As you are all aware, the cost of living continues to cause concern for many people and Taney Parish is no exception. I am very aware that there are parishioners within our parish community who struggle financially. This comes into sharp focus particularly at this time of year, with the expectation of providing for a family at Christmas. Given the rising cost of living at what can be an already stressful time of year, the Rector's Discretionary Fund is used to support families who are in need of financial assistance. Such a fund is not offered as a charity, but is there to meet a growing need throughout the year. This fund is strictly confidential and any donations into the fund or payments from the fund are known only to me personally. Donations are received each year from parishioners and should you wish to make a donation to this much needed and necessary fund, you may do so by sending your donation to me in an envelope marked 'Rector's Discretionary Fund' either to the Parish Office or by placing it on the offertory plate on a Sunday morning.

## Parish Centre Coffee Shop

Although the Coffee Shop has not returned to its pre-COVID business schedule, Jo Bourke has kindly stepped in to provide much needed tea, coffee and sometimes baked items for those attending classes / services from Monday to Wednesday mornings. We thank Jo for providing this much needed service. Even I partake of the fresh baking when no one is looking!!!

## Parish Centre

The Parish Centre continues to operate at almost full capacity and it is no short way attributable to our Parish Administrator, Tara O'Rourke, who oversees the bookings and makes sure the Centre is utilised to its full capacity. Tara is assisted in the office by Helen Geoffroy. In operating and maintaining the Parish Centre, we have a number of staff who prepare the various rooms and keep the place clean and ready for the next user. On all our behalfs, I would like to thank Tara, Helen, Ian, Ray and Kevin for their ongoing dedication and commitment.

# Rector's Letter continues

## 2023

As we look towards the New Year, there is much to anticipate. Patrick Dexter, the renowned Cellist, will give a recital in Christ Church and joining him will be his father John Dexter and his sister, Elis Dexter, a well-known soprano. This is sure to be a sell out so please keep an eye out for further information. Also in January, there is a Table Quiz planned for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. Further details will be made available nearer the time.

## Confirmation 2023

There are now 20 young people enrolled in the Confirmation Class for 2023. The date of the Confirmation Service has now been advised by the Archbishop's Office as Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the 10.15am service. Classes are due to start towards the end of February.

It only remains for me and Anne to wish you all a very Blessed, Peaceful and Happy Christmas and our good wishes for a Prosperous New Year. Please do try and make time over the Christmas Season to join with us in either of our churches that best suits you, as we celebrate the birth of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Rev'd Nigel Pierpoint.**  
Rector.

## Christ Church Taney & St Nahi's Serving the Parish and Community

### Legacy Giving

**Planning for the Future?  
Think Ahead and Make a Difference  
Remember your Parish in your Will.**

In Taney Parish, we welcome all gifts of bequests, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference to the work of your Parish Church, thus securing the future of the Parish for future generations. Our Parish Legacy Policy is to use your gift to help significant development projects, whether buildings, equipment, mission or staff.

Since needs change over the years, we encourage you to consider leaving a gift in your will for the general purposes of the Parish. You can be confident that your gift will be used to make a real difference to our future mission and ministry and will help our Parish to continue to flourish.

**It is always advisable to consult your legal advisor when drawing up your Will**



# Christmas in Taney



**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> November** Advent Carol Services in both churches at the usual times.

**Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 1.00-4.00pm** Taney Christmas Fair.

**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00pm.** The annual blessing of the Crib at Dundrum Town Centre.

**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Movie

This year's Christmas movie is 'The Santa Clause' starting at 7.00pm sharp in Christ Church, Taney.

**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December Christ Church, Taney 10.15am - Family Carols & Gift Service & Holy Baptism**

This year once again we are asking for gifts of children's hats, scarves, gloves, socks, underwear, colouring books, crayons, etc. .

These items should be **NEW** and unwrapped. These in turn will be donated to those who find this time of year a struggle.

We say a big 'Thank You' in advance for your kindness and generosity. During the course of the week following the Gift Service they will be distributed.

**Taney Parish Primary School Carol Services in Christ Church, Taney**

**Junior Carol Service** Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am.

**Senior Carol Service** Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December at 11.00am.

Parents and friends are most welcome.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christ Church, Taney**

**10.15am** A Service of Christmas Readings, Reflections & Carols This has proven to be a very popular Service and we thank the Rev Bernie Daly for collating this Service.

**7.00pm - Carols by Candlelight** After a hiatus of two years the Annual Service of Carols by Candlelight will once again take place in Christ Church, Taney.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December - St. Nahi's 11.45am** A Service of Christmas Readings, Reflections & Carols

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve in Christ Church, Taney 11.30pm** – Midnight Eucharist for Christmas

**Christmas Day Services**

**St Nahi's:** 9.00am Christmas Eucharist

**Christ Church:** 10.30am Family Service for Christmas Day followed by a short said service of Holy Communion.

**Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> December** Holy Communion Christ Church, 10.00am

**Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> December** Midweek Holy Communion Christ Church, 10.00am

# Parish Organisations

## Taney Badminton

We are very happy to be back in action since the start of September with no Covid restrictions, the return of post-match suppers and best of all, a lovely, newly re-surfaced floor in the hall.

After the reduced season last year and no badminton at all the previous year, we were delighted to have teams featuring in the Dublin and District League finals last May and we hope to build on last year's experience this season. Weekly training is sociable, fun and not too serious! New members (age 18+) are always welcome to come along to try us out - some basic experience is necessary, but even if you haven't played for years, you will be assured of a warm welcome. We play on Mondays and Thursdays from 7.30pm to 10.30pm, with members dropping in for games whenever suits.

## Taney Parish Indoor Bowling Club

Taney Parish Bowling Club is back in action and are delighted to have some new participants. We meet on Monday evenings from 8.00pm until around 10.00pm and Tuesday mornings from 10.00am to 12 noon.

All parishioners and their friends are very welcome. Come and have a go! For further information, contact Carol on 085-7228977.

## Taney Mothers Union

The Mothers' Union began its 2022-2023 season with two excellent and very well attended meetings. In October, John Deane-O'Keefe fascinated and challenged us with his talk on 'Bad Men in Good Jobs – Psychopaths Among Us'. Meanwhile, in November, Rachel Young gave us lots of very good advice when she spoke on 'Nutrition and Health'.

In January, we will look forward to Carley Minchin telling us about Alone, a national organisation which helps and supports older people who live alone.

Our MU meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month from October to May at 8.00pm in the Minor Hall. All are welcome to these Open Meetings and you do not have to be a mother, so if the topic interests you, do come along and join us.

For further information, contact Carol on 085-7228977.

## Taney News Extra - Are you getting it every Friday?

'Taney News Extra' is our weekly Parish news sheet which is distributed by e-mail, usually every Friday.

This provides up-to-date information about our Services and Parish activities and is circulated by e-mail only.

To sign up, please e-mail the Parish Office [info@taneyparish.ie](mailto:info@taneyparish.ie).

Taney News Extra is also posted on our Parish Website: [www.taneyparish.ie](http://www.taneyparish.ie)

## Taney Drama Society

It is with some sadness but with much pride that Taney Drama Society have decided to face the final curtain after a quarter of a century or so. During that time we have produced memorable shows providing entertainment to thousands and camaraderie, self-help, personal development and just good fun to hundreds of members and supporters, be they on stage, back stage or offstage. We are currently in the process of finding 'good homes' for our props, costumes and sets so that we can return the storage space for wider parish use.



*"Good night, good night! Parting is such sweet sorrow, that I shall say good night till it be morrow."*

## Taney Rangers

Well, it's been a quiet time for Taney Rangers since the first lockdown but we will be back with some organised outings in 2023. Please keep an eye out for the weekly Parish email for upcoming events.

Happy Christmas to all!

## Taney Chancel Guild

Thank you to everybody who helped decorate our churches so beautifully for Harvest Thanksgiving. How lovely it was to see so many members' faces and to the new faces who joined us, you are so welcome!

Christmas is fast approaching and in the last few years, we have decorated both Christ Church and St. Nahi's in poinsettias in memory of our Departed Loved Ones. We would appreciate your support again this year, or perhaps you would like to donate towards the flowers in the churches at this time. We will have a list in Christ Church and St. Nahi's of our Departed Loved Ones. (Only loved ones names will be on the list). This year, a donation of €10 per poinsettia would be greatly appreciated. You can put your donation in an envelope with names of your loved ones on the plate any Sunday or into the Parish Office before the Wednesday 14th December. Please address the envelope to the 'Chancel Guild'. This is our only fundraiser and it helps us to decorate the churches for all the festivals during the year.

We will be decorating Christ Church on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am and St Nahi's on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.

ALL WELCOME!

Looking forward to seeing everybody and have coffee and a chat.  
*Kind regards to all. Lynn, Vera and Jasmin.*

# Parish Organisations

## Taney Bellringers

### *IN HONOUR OF CYRIL*

When we held our first Galbraith Cup competition, pre-COVID, in honour of Cyril Galbraith, he was with us at that time and took a very active part in the day. He was one of the judges of the competition and gave one of his amazing speeches at the prizegiving when Archbishop Michael Jackson was attending.

A couple of months ago, in September, we held our second Galbraith Cup competition. Although Cyril was not with us this time, he was very much in each of our memories and thoughts.

The invite goes out to all bell ringers in Ireland and so they came from many places to join in the fun competition. There were a few very special things about this year. One of the ringers who came from St. Donard's in Belfast was Jean Jefferey. She was a former President of the IACR and an enthusiast of bellringing. She was always ready to encourage learners and experienced ringers in progressing to another level. She had not been able to ring for a couple of years due to poor

health but on the day of the Galbraith Cup, she was adamant that she was going up to the tower to ring a bell with us. With great determination, she walked up every step to the tower and stood to ring Bell 2 in our sequence of 4. I have to say, I found it to be a very emotional moment. I was choking back the tears and felt so inspired by her. We had a little gift for her of a Galbraith Cup limited edition keyring to present to her. Our Ringing Master, Brian, had come up with the idea of the keyring as a memento of the day. I just about got through the first few sentences (trying not to cry) when I was asked to start again so the speech could be recorded. My second attempt was less successful as I was speaking through choked back tears but somehow I got through it. Jean was delighted with her gift and said she would treasure it. Her son had high praise for our efforts to make sure her wish of ringing that day came true. What none of us knew at the time was, this would be the last time Jean would ring, as she died in October.

In the competition, the teams are made up of ringers from different towers. We had three judges who sat out the front of the

church and as they listened to the bellringing they gave marks for each team. When the scores were counted up later, it turned out that David Galbraith was on the winning team. That worked out perfectly given the year that was in it!

One of the other special moments of the day was when Ann Taylor arrived at Taney. Ann's late husband, Lesley Taylor, was the Ringing Master in Christ Church for many years until poor health prevented him from being able to continue with the bellringing he loved so much. He had purchased a set of portable bells on a frame from England and although they had originally been used for many years, in later years they were in storage. We contacted Ann and she was delighted to donate them to Taney knowing they would be in use again. On the day of the Galbraith Cup, it was lovely to see Ann ringing the Taylor Bells once again even though she is now wheelchair bound.

Both years we have run the Galbraith Cup have been very different but also special in lots of ways.

*Helen Little*

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

25<sup>th</sup> September (in Christ Church) – Zara Charlotte, daughter of Rebecca (nee Burke) & Peter Cronin.

9<sup>th</sup> October (in Christ Church) Maximilian Conor, son of Rachel (nee Ganly) & Conor Duke

9<sup>th</sup> October (in Christ Church) – Penny Cora, daughter of Maebh (nee Horan) & Gareth Watkins

13<sup>th</sup> November (in Christ Church) - Marnie Tate, daughter of Ross & Sandra Varian

13<sup>th</sup> November in Christ Church) - Max Alexander, son of Aileen & Ian Horsfield

### Funerals

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 (in Christ Church) - Sandra Brooks

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022 (in Christ Church) – James Coleman

19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (in Christ Church) - Alan Cathcart

26<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (Mt Jerome) - Lesley Gibney

11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (in Christ Church) - George Whittaker

17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (in Mt Jerome) – Hilary Buttimore

28<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (in Christ Church) - Grace Cox

### Bereavements

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

Helen Little and family on the death of her son Luke Doherty.

Geoff Brooks and family on the death of his wife Sandra Brooks.

Astrid Coleman and family on the death of her husband James Coleman.

The family & friends of Alan Cathcart.

Glynis Gibney and family on the death of her husband, Lesley.

Jenny McNulty and family on the death of her husband, John.

The family and friends of George Whittaker.

The family and friends of Hilary Buttimore.

Alan Cox and family on the death of his wife, Grace.

### Remembering Loved Ones

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at the 10.15am Service in Christ Church, we remembered all those loved ones who have passed away during the year.

Our guest celebrant and preacher was The Rt. Rev'd Michael Burrows, Bishop of Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe.

This was an opportunity to give thanks to God for the memories we treasure of loved ones no longer with us.



# Patrick Dexter Live in Concert at Taney Church



## PATRICK DEXTER

LIVE IN CONCERT

with special guests John Dexter  
and Éilis Dexter

7.30pm, Friday 6th January 2023

Taney Church, Dundrum

Tickets: [www.patrickdexter.com/tickets](http://www.patrickdexter.com/tickets)

Patrick Dexter brings his world-renowned cello performance to Taney Church. His intimate cello arrangements of classical, traditional Irish folk and contemporary pop music, saw him skyrocket to international fame online in recent years.

Originally from Dundrum, Patrick now lives in the west of Ireland where he is often seen playing cello outside his family's tiny stone cottage in County Mayo, surrounded by immense amounts of nature.

With a unique mixture of music and storytelling, Patrick's live show weaves through the complex and fascinating history of traditional Irish music, as well as his own personal history. Exploring themes of home, the natural world, and the dichotomy of despair and joy found in both the landscape of the west of Ireland and the sonic depth of the cello (one of classical music's most arresting instruments).

His cello playing has been described as: "Incredible, tender, powerful, raw, passionate, sensual, just perfect!" - Oscar winning singer-songwriter, Markéta Irglová.

Patrick will be joined by his sister Eilis Dexter, the award-winning mezzo-soprano, and also by his father John Dexter, one of Dublin's top organists. John will be accompanying his son's cello playing on the beautiful Taney organ. Cello and organ are two instruments that, when played together, create a uniquely sonorous blend that never fails to stir the heart. Join Patrick for this unforgettable evening of cello music to soothe the soul.

Tickets €25 (Taney parishioners use the code "TANEY" when buying tickets online to get a 10% discount)

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Contact Alicia ☎ 086 393 4070  
✉ [aliciaoakeffe@icloud.com](mailto:aliciaoakeffe@icloud.com)

## TANEY PARISH DUNDRUM

# TABLE QUIZ

Taney Parish Centre  
8pm Friday  
27th January  
2023

Great Prizes and Raffle! - €40 for table of four



## Taney Christmas Fair

The annual Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in the Parish Centre from 1.00 to 4.00pm. A list of stalls and stallholders is below. Please have a rummage through your cupboards for any unwanted (and unused) cosmetics, raffle prizes, etc. We would really appreciate if you were able to do some baking for the Cake Stall. Donated items can be dropped into the Parish Centre from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November (obviously not the cakes – save those for the morning of Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December!). As usual the School Orchestra will be on hand to welcome all our attendees and we have it on good authority that Santa Claus will pop in from the North Pole. Spread the word and please bring your friends on the day. This is our main fundraising event for donations to our Mission Charities and good causes.

**Please note, there will be no Toy, Bric-a-Brac or Book Stalls this year so we kindly request you do not donate these items.**

## Taney Christmas Fair—List of Stallholders

<b>Beauty Stall</b>	Sue Farrell	086-835-1000
<b>Bottle Stall</b>	Helen Little	086-258-4823
<b>Cakes, Jams &amp; Chutneys</b>	Sue McConnell Susie Copeland	087-956-0686
<b>Christmas Jumper Competition</b>	Elaine Platt	086-083-0208
<b>Christmas Stall</b>	Linda Dwyer Joyce	086-827-7254
<b>Hot Dogs</b>	c/o Taney Parish Office	01-298-5491
<b>Kids Christmas Craft</b>	c/o Taney Parish Office	01-298-5491
<b>Raffle</b>	Jo Bourke	086-336-5404
<b>Teas / Coffees</b>	Vera Scully	086-826-6040

## Mistletoe, Mince Pies and Marzipan – Some Traditions of Christmas

**Mistletoe** Mistletoe is the common name for a group of hemi-parasitic plants in the order *Santalales* that grow attached to and within the branches of a tree or shrub. (Not many people know that.) The word mistletoe is of uncertain origin, however it may be related to the German *Mist*, for dung and *Tang* for branch, but Old English *mistel* was also used for basil. According to a custom of Christmas cheer, any two people who meet under a hanging of mistletoe are obliged to kiss. The custom is Scandinavian in origin. It is also traditional that each time this happens, a berry is removed. The pundits tell us that this year, mistletoe is in plentiful supply so there will be lots of opportunities for spreading some happiness around this Christmas.

**The Mince Pie** The origins of the mince pie begins with the medieval pastry, 'chewette' which was either fried or baked. The chewette actually contained liver or chopped meat mixed with boiled eggs and ginger, and dried fruit and sweet ingredients would be added to the chewette's filling for variety. By the 16th Century, 'mince' or 'shred' pie was considered a Christmas speciality, but in the 17th Century, Oliver Cromwell made the eating of mince pies on Christmas Day illegal.\* The name 'mincemeat' comes from the original recipe. Up to the Victorian era, the mince (meat) pie would actually have been a spiced meat pie with some dried fruit. Today the only remnant of the original meat is the inclusion of suet. Typically fillings today consist entirely of fruit-based mincemeat containing dried fruit such as raisins, currants, glace cherries, apricot, candied peel, along with spices such as cinnamon or nutmeg, nuts such as walnuts or chopped almonds, suet and some kind of alcohol, usually either brandy or rum. Mince pies are suitable for vegetarians only if the suet is replaced by vegetable fat. (Not a lot of people know this!)

**Marzipan** Stollen is a bread-like cake traditionally made in Germany, usually eaten during the Christmas season as *Weihnachtsstollen* or *Christstollen*. Stollen is a fruitcake made with yeast, water and flour, and usually dried citrus peel, dried fruit, almonds, and spices such as cardamom and cinnamon. The dough is quite low in sugar so the finished cake is sprinkled with icing sugar. Sometimes there will also be a filling of marzipan running through the centre. The shape of the cake was originally meant to represent the baby Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes, and was one of a number of baked goods created to represent aspects of the life and death of Jesus. For example, the pretzel represented Jesus' bonds and the (hole-less) doughnut represented the sponge given to him on the cross.

**The Yule Log** A Yule log is a large log which is burned in the hearth as a part of traditional Yule or Christmas celebrations in some cultures. It can be a part of the Winter Solstice festival or the Twelve Days of Christmas, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, or Twelfth Night. The expression 'Yule log' has also come to refer to log-shaped Christmas cakes, also known as 'chocolate logs' or '*Bûche de Noël*'. (A lot of people know this!)

\* This law is still on the U.K. statute books (Not many people know this either!)

Rev'd. Terry Lilburn

## Dundrum Brownies

Dundrum Brownies has been a hive of activity this year, taking full advantage of the lifting of Covid restrictions. We have been on outings and enjoyed some guests joining our pack meetings.

Our first meet-up was in Larch Hill Scout Centre, where we had a great day learning outdoor survival skills, such as water filtration, shelter building and trail reading. For one of our early meetings, we took advantage of the bright evenings by taking a trip to the local playground. Shortly after, we were joined by nine brand new members, which we call Tweenies until they are enrolled as Brownies. These girls have been working on a list of tasks in preparation for making their Brownie Promise where they will become full members of our Brownie pack. As the Brownies have been working on a Personal Safety badge, we all took a trip to Dundrum Garda station. The Brownies got a tour of the station, the cells and even got to go into one of

the Garda vans. It was a great visit and we thank Dundrum station for being so welcoming to our pack. Local artist Laura Steerman kindly joined us and lead the Brownies in a wonderful art class where they created unique masterpieces. The Brownies really enjoyed this art class and we are so grateful to Laura for giving up her time. Most recently the Brownies have been working on their Europe badge. This badge involves learning more about the EU and the work of MEPs. Neale Richmond TD paid the Brownies a visit where he fielded questions requesting more playgrounds in the area and if a rule could be made to ban homework!!! The Brownies made some wonderful suggestions for improvements in their local community. We thank Neale for visiting the girls and explaining his role so well.



## Dundrum Ladybirds

Dundrum Ladybirds meet Tuesdays at 5.30pm in the Taney Parish Centre. We resumed in September and welcomed 15 new Ladybirds to our group. As part of the fun activities we have planned for this year, we have already made our outdoor nature bracelets, Halloween crafts, had a Halloween parade, learned the Ladybird story with actions, talked about traffic lights safety, enjoyed playtime and making new friends. We have four exceptional new Leaders who volunteer their time each week to make the meetings educational and fun for our Ladybirds. We look forward to more community-focussed activities, including a Crosscare collection as part of our Christmas Good Turn and helping others while learning more about the world around us through play and group activities. The Ladybirds will be working towards new badges and Enrollment is planned for our new Ladybirds in December.

Here are some photos of the Ladybirds in action and their posters to illustrate "What Ladybirds means to me" created recently by our Bumblebees, Fireflies, Dragonflies and Butterflies.



# Scouting News

## Beavers

The 20<sup>th</sup> Dundrum Beavers started back in September with 24 girls and boys which was great to see, of which 10 were new children that had their investiture of the 17<sup>th</sup> October. The Beavers meet every Monday evening between 6.00 and 7.00pm and so far, they have enjoyed fun and games in the hall, held a Halloween party and begun to learn about scouting.



The Beavers enjoyed their first hike of the term on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November where 19 Beavers, Leaders, parents and three dogs met to walk up and down Bray Head (successfully and quickly I might add) which they greatly enjoyed.

The Beavers are currently supporting 'Crosscare' by asking parents and friends to collect food parcels so if you have any food that you would like to donate, please drop it behind the foyer desk in the Parish Centre. (Please label it for the Beavers!)



Crosscare will be coming to one of the Beaver meetings in November to talk more about the important work they do for people in need in Dublin.

The Beavers have had a visit from a Dun Laoghaire fireman, with a visit planned from the Order of Malta Service who will be bringing along their ambulance for the children to see and to learn about first aid. The Beavers are also hoping to have a visit from a beekeeper to learn more about bees and wildlife.

We welcome girls and boys from the age of six to nine years old, and it is a place where they can have fun and start their scouting journey of adventure and working within teams. We will require more leaders to help run our meetings in September 2023, so if you are a parent or an ex-scouter yourself and would like to get back into Scouting, then please contact the Dundrum Group Leader, Phil Marsden, on 086-7752530 who will tell you more and arrange a time to pop along to one of the Beaver meetings in 2023.

## Cub Scouts

The Cubs have had a great start to the year with a hike around Ticknock on a beautiful evening in mid-September. With a total compliment of 28, the highlight so far was a fun weekend in Beckettsfield in mid-October. We were joined for the camp by Scouts and Venturers, which always proves popular as they successfully led the activities, including backwood cooking, pioneering, the seisel trail and the pully challenge for what was a busy Saturday. Given that the camp was later in the year than normal, it was a little wet and cold at times but thankfully we all survived the elements in true scouting spirit.

We're very lucky to be joined by two transition year Venture Scouts this year to help on Friday evenings, something that the Cubs really enjoy and benefit from. These evenings are made up of various activities to learn new skills and earn badges, such as first aid, tent pitching, lashings and knot tying. The calendar also includes the all-important dates such as Halloween and Christmas where the evenings are less structured and allow for lots of games to let off some steam.

While 28 is a large troop, there's always room for more and we're happy to hear from other boys and girls in 4<sup>th</sup> Class and 5<sup>th</sup> Class in particular, to make sure we keep the numbers up and to have future Scouts as they move up through the ranks.

If you're interested, please e mail [20dublincubs@gmail.com](mailto:20dublincubs@gmail.com) for more information.



## Scouts

The Scout troop has had a busy start to the year since we started in September. We began with a night hike to Three Rock Mountain, with wonderful views over the south city lights, and participated in Culture Night, with a visit to the Islamic Cultural Centre in Clonskeagh. We joined the full 20<sup>th</sup> Dundrum group for a camp in Beckettsfield in mid-October. The scouts camped for two nights with activities during the day to practice their scouting skills of pioneering, fire lighting, camp cooking and first aid. They completed the day with a BBQ, an evening hike in Saggart Woods and camp songs around the campfire. We are planning to participate in several county events in the spring, where our scouts will compete in camp activities and survival challenges. The scouts are also planning a lot of activities for the coming year including hiking, kayaking and climbing.

Scouts is a great opportunity for anyone aged 11 to 15 years old (girls and boys) to come together and learn new skills of teamwork, leadership and life skills. We always welcome new young people to our troop, both girls and boys aged between 6 and 18, so please contact our Group Scout leader for more information.

# Taney Playschool

Another new year began in Taney Playschool on 25th August as we re-opened our doors. For the first time since 2019, it feels like we are getting back to normal with parents delivering children all the way up to the classroom door again. Both the existing pupils who returned from June 2022 to do their second ECCE year, and the teachers were very excited to be back. We were also joined by some new entrants. All the children amazed me once again and had settled really well into playschool by October. However, they were all exhausted and really needed the break for midterm.

We have been enjoying our old favourites of Playball with Dara and Music with Sheilagh since the start of September, as well as doing some yoga with Ger and Sue in October. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November was National Pyjama Day for Early Years and we all wore our Pyjamas to school. We always get some strange looks as we walk around the Parish Centre in our PJs (and this year was no exception!) but are so thankful that these 'normal' things are possible once more.

## Taney Parish Primary School

We welcomed our pupils back in September and it is hard to believe we are busy preparing for Christmas already! We were delighted for a return to a more 'normal drop-off for all the students this year, no longer requiring the staggered drop-off from the previous year. It has been lovely to see so many normal activities return such as assemblies, in-person visitors to the school and class trips. The parents even had a chance to visit the classrooms offering a lovely insight into their child's school experience.

The PTA were pleased to host a coffee morning welcoming the new Junior Infant parents to the school. We would like to thank the parents from both classes who volunteered for the Class Representative roles.

A new in-house extra-curricular programme was introduced this year with classes such as choir, art, dance, keyboards, guitar and languages now on offer. The after-school sports programme also returned with Junior and Senior hockey and soccer. This term, pupils have also had Mark (gymnastics

coach) and Andrew (rugby coach) keeping them active and learning new skills in PE.

Both 5<sup>th</sup> Class and 6<sup>th</sup> Class have been taking part in the Marathon Kids Daily Mile Challenge running a mile every day helping improve their fitness levels and concentration levels in school.

2nd Class were delighted to participate in the 'Picker Pals' programme. Each pupil has had a turn to bring home their Picker Pal sets in order to get active and get involved in tidying up their neighbourhoods. This fosters a great sense of community spirit and awareness of how we can get involved to clean up and help out in our community. They were all very excited to get involved.

The School was pleased to facilitate the 'Lunch Bag' this year. For the first time, parents have the option to order lunches to be delivered directly to the classroom. The service offers high quality food for as little as €2 a day for a three-piece lunch.

The students immensely enjoyed the opportunity to dress up for the school

day at Halloween and there were some fabulous costumes on show at our Halloween parade.

The PTA has been busy with fundraising this term. We held our first Bottle Sale of the year and we were delighted to host an in-house coffee morning to raise funds for Harold's Cross Hospice. We would like to extend sincere thanks to all the community who attended the coffee morning and we were delighted to raise over €850 for such a good cause.

The students once again took part in the shoebox appeal this term. Kathy and James Malseed spoke to the children at assembly and showed pictures of children receiving their boxes and how happy they were. We would like to thank all the families who participated in this wonderful cause.

Our Principal, Staff, PTA and Sports Committees would like to wish all of our school families, and the families in the Parish, a very happy Christmas and New Year.

**Laura Gittinger, PTA Secretary**

## Taney Eco

We are so familiar with our green bins now, it's easy to take them for granted. But it's no harm to remind ourselves what can go in ... and what can't!

According to the Panda website ([panda.ie/recycling guide](https://panda.ie/recycling-guide)), the following items are suitable for recycling:

Tinfoil (clean), aerosol cans (empty), drinks cans, aluminium food trays (clean), foil takeaway trays (clean), lids from glass jars, anything Tetra Pak including juice and milk cartons (rinsed out), steel food tins (clean), all paper such as newspapers, magazines, junk mail, envelopes (with the plastic address window removed), yoghurt tubs, light cardboard (cereal boxes, toilet rolls, egg boxes etc.), plastic bottles (rinsed out) such as shampoo bottles, drinks bottles, washing-up bottles etc., fruit and vegetable trays, bread and pasta bags, bubble wrap, crisp and sweet packets and disposable coffee cups. It is vital that all products that go in our green bins are clean with no food product on them at all, otherwise they can't be recycled and end up in landfill.

Things that can't go in our green bins include dirty nappies, dirty plastic and tinfoil food contaminated material, sanitary waste, wallpaper, wax-paper wrappings or wooden materials. Most importantly, DO NOT put batteries into your green bin – they are a fire hazard! Most supermarkets have special boxes for recycling batteries so best bring them there. Also, glass must be brought to your local bottle bank.

Panda also ask that you make sure you can close your bin lid at all times as any rainfall will soak the materials inside and make them unsuitable for recycling.

**Jo Bourke**

# Parish Organisations and Activities 2022/2023

## What's On | When | Who to Contact

### Young People

Beavers	Monday	6.00 – 7.00pm	<a href="mailto:dundrumbeavers@gmail.com">dundrumbeavers@gmail.com</a>
Brownies	Monday Tuesday		<a href="mailto:dundrumbrownies@gmail.com">dundrumbrownies@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:taneybrownies@gmail.com">taneybrownies@gmail.com</a>
Children's Crèche	Sunday	10.15 – 11.15am	<a href="mailto:info@taneyparish.ie">info@taneyparish.ie</a>
Cubs	Friday	6.30 – 8.00pm	<a href="mailto:dundrumcubs@gmail.com">dundrumcubs@gmail.com</a>
Guides	Wednesday	7.00 – 8.30pm	<a href="mailto:dunolaf@hotmail.com">dunolaf@hotmail.com</a>
Ladybirds	Tuesday	5.30pm	<a href="mailto:dundrumladybirds@gmail.com">dundrumladybirds@gmail.com</a>
Scouts	Friday	8.00 – 10.00pm	<a href="mailto:20thdublindundrumscouts@gmail.com">20thdublindundrumscouts@gmail.com</a>
Sunday School	Sunday	10.15 – 11.15am	298 5491
Youth Club (Andy Waller)	Saturday	7.30 – 9.00pm	086 662 5021

### Recreational & Sport

Badminton (Ladies)	Tuesday	11.00 – 12.30pm	298 5491
Badminton Club	Monday Thursday	7.30 – 11.00pm 7.30 – 11.00pm	<a href="mailto:dundrum_badminton@hotmail.com">dundrum_badminton@hotmail.com</a>
Badminton (C.I.M.A.)	Thursday	6.00 – 7.30pm	298 5491
Snooker (Parish)	Tues/Wed/Fri	7.00 – 11.00pm	298 5491
Snooker (C.I.M.A.)	Mon/Thurs/Sat	7.00 – 11.00pm	298 5491
Bowling Club	Tuesday Thursday	9.00 – 12.30pm 2.00 – 5.00pm	298 5491

### General Parish Interest

Chancel Guild	Church Flowers etc.	Jasmin Hourie	296 5087
Choir - Christ Church	Sunday	David Adams	298 5491
Choir - St. Nahi's	Sunday	David Adams	298 5491
Christmas Fair	3rd December 2022	Patricia Parfrey	086 357 9314
Mothers' Union	2nd Tuesday of month @ 8.00pm	Stephanie Lloyd	298 5271
Taney Bell Ringers	Every Monday Beginners Wednesday	Brian McCann	<a href="mailto:taneybellringers@gmail.com">taneybellringers@gmail.com</a>
Taney P. T. A.			<a href="mailto:pta@taneyschool.ie">pta@taneyschool.ie</a>
Taney Parish Fête		Gillian Haine	298 5491
Taney Play School	Tuesday - Friday.	Vanessa Larkin	083 096 9939
Taney School	Monday - Friday	Rachel Fraser	298 5015

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