

AUTUMN/HARVEST 2009

TANEY NEWS



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Who's Who in Taney Parish

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| Church Review: | Winston Lew |
| Church of Ireland Gazette: | Stephanie Lloyd |

Safeguarding Trust

Hundreds of children visit the Churches and Parish Centre of Taney Parish for worship, Sunday School, etc and for other social, educational and recreational purposes each week. The Church's ministry to them is a priority for the Parish and it is only possible because of the commitment of adults who are prepared to work with children. Safeguarding Trust is designed to protect and enhance that ministry.

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
Charles Sloane Tel: 295 5008 Trilly Keatinge Tel: 492 2791 Beryl Tilson Tel: 295 3397

Website

We would like to record with sincere gratitude the faithful and dedicated work of our website administrator, Jean Dolan who for many years has maintained with great diligence the parish website. However, Jean has now decided to pass on these responsibilities. During Jean's administration the website was honoured with numerous prizes

including second prize at General Synod in 2006.

We are delighted that John Reddy from 'Paintbox' has very generously given his time and effort to re-design the website to meet the needs of Taney in 2009. We hope that this new site will be launched at the Autumn General Vestry on March 29th.



Letter from the Rector

Dear Parishioners,

St. Nahi's

The Mother Church of the Parish was closed during July and services transferred to Christ Church to enable essential refurbishment and redecoration of the Church. We look forward to the Service of Dedication of our work, much of it voluntary on Sunday September 20th 2009 at 11.45am. We welcome, as preacher, the Bishop of Achonry, Most Rev Brendan Kelly, whose Cathedral St Nathy's, Bellaghaderreen shares our founding Patron. This important link follows our visit last year from the Administrator of St Nathy's Cathedral. Bishop Brendan will also preach in Christ Church, Taney at 10.15am. St Nahi's Day occurred on Sunday the 9th August. We celebrated the life and witness of Taney's patron saint with a service in St Nahi's Church. The day was extra special as it marked the reopening of the church after extensive redecorating and refurbishment. Many thanks to the Churchwardens Mark & Edith Douglas, Glebewarden David Randall, to Jim, O'Neill, Harry Corrigan, Gordon Graves and all who assisted in this wonderful work including Gert and Derek Boyd.

Taney Village

During this year 2009, the Select Vestry and Taney Village Committee have certainly been challenged by the severity of the economic downturn and by the failure of the banking system to support really worthwhile and positive social and community projects. We have worked hard and long to keep the vision of 'a continuum of care for the older person' alive. There are still many positives, not least the fact that thirty-five people were willing to put down deposits of €5,000 signifying their tangible interest. We are still in talks with the Banks and with others of a similar ethos who wish to explore a way forward with us in a joint venture. But in effect, it will be several months before we have clarification and that depends on several factors including bank finance being made available and a partnership with another like minded charity.

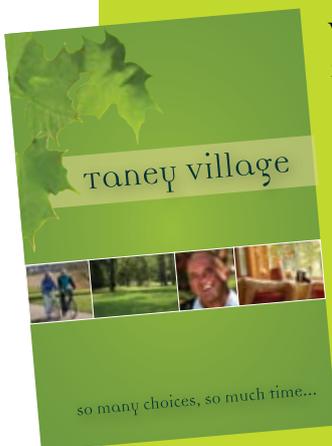
We, in Taney, are fully committed to delivering this much needed facility of independent living and nursing care. Planning approvals are valid until September 2012. Our Project Managers and Design Team are ready to proceed with construction and we have received very competitive tenders. But until the financial climate improves and family homes begin to sell again, it is prudent for us to exercise care and good stewardship. The Select Vestry has rented out the three houses from the site. We will continue to keep you informed and advise you of any further developments.



Taney Employment Centre

Have you been made redundant? Unemployed? Seek work? Are you thinking of change? Many families in Taney and throughout the country are facing sudden and devastating uncertainty in the current economic downturn. With the financial commitment of young families here, school fees, mortgage repayments and normal living expenses become a real and worrying burden often causing traumatic family and personal disruption. We are pleased to facilitate and support a new Diocesan advice and support centre for all who find their work status has suddenly changed. Taney Employment Centre offers the use of facilities, access to materials and laptops etc. Individual career interviews can be arranged with one of a panel of advisors. This new Diocesan initiative is available to offer help and advice to all whose work circumstances have changed.

Taney Employment Centre is based in Taney Parish Centre. It starts on Tuesday 1st September. It opens Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from 2pm-5pm. A warm welcome awaits you from Administrator Mandy Tel:01 298 4705 or just call in!

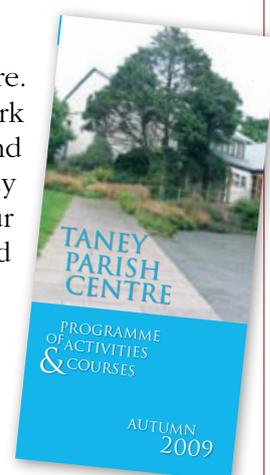


Letter from the Rector (cont)

Welcome Back!

September/October marks the resurgence of life and activity in Church and Parish Centre. As memories of summer recede we get back to the old routines schools, colleges, work and home. But don't be dismayed. With the evenings closing in, we have activities and programmes to suit every taste and age-group. Just drop in and sample a tempting array of interests and organisations at all times of the day and night. Complementing our Church worship is a wide variety of parish and community activities. All are detailed here in Taney News clearly listing What's on? When? and Who to contact?

Information brochures offering a wide variety of activities for parish and community with a host of different and exciting options are enclosed. You are welcome to join in any of the activities.



Join In!

Our parish organisations love to welcome new members, - whether Bowling, Badminton, Snooker, Choir, Bible Study, Mums & Toddlers or Children's and Youth Activities including Sunday School. There is so much choice. It all helps build up the sense of community and warmth of friendship that is so much a part of life in this, our parish.

And at the centre of our parish life is our worship. Never to be overlooked or treated as optional extra, our worship of God is what we as individual Christians and as a Christian community is about. Sunday by Sunday we gather to celebrate the risen Lord, present in all aspects of our lives. Join us each Sunday, Christ Church or St. Nahi's. Bring your young people for Sunday School, your toddlers for Sunday Creche. Worship of God is the gathering together of all people in that special fellowship of love with a warmth of welcome extended to all.

With best wishes,

Desmond
Canon Desmond Sinnamon



Services for Autumn

September 2009

Sun 13th

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Christ Church

- 8.30am Holy Communion
- 10.15am Family Service – Rev Stephen Farrell
- 7.00pm Holy Communion – Rev Bernie Daly

St. Nahi's

- 11.45am Parish Communion – Rev Stephen Farrell

Wed. 16th

- 10.00am Matins

Sun 20th

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Christ Church

- 10.15am Parish Communion – Most Rev Brendan Kelly, Bishop of Achonry
- 7.00pm Compline – Rev Stephen Farrell

St. Nahi's

- 8.30am Holy Communion
- 11.45am Morning Prayer and Dedication of Restoration Work - Most Rev Brendan Kelly, Bishop of Achonry

Wed. 23rd

- 10.00am Holy Communion – visit by Students of St Angela's College, Sligo

Sun 27th – 16th Sunday after Trinity

Christ Church

- 8.30am Holy Communion
- 10.15am Morning Prayer – Rev Niall Sloane
- 7.00pm Holy Communion – Rev Niall Sloane

St. Nahi's

- 11.45am Parish Communion – Rev Niall Sloane

October 2009

Wed. 30th

- 10.00am Holy Communion (St Michael & All Angels)

Sun 4th

The 17th Sunday after Trinity

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Christ Church

- 10.15am Harvest Thanksgiving Service – Very Rev Stephen White, Dean of Killaloe
- 3.30pm Holy Communion with the Care Group
- NO EVENING SERVICE AT 7.pm

St. Nahi's

- 8.30am Holy Communion
- 11.45am Harvest Thanksgiving Service - Very Rev Stephen White, Dean of Killaloe

Wed. 7th

- 10.00am – Holy Communion (St Philip)

Sun 11th

The 18th Sunday after Trinity

FAMILY HARVEST GIFT SERVICE

Christ Church

- 8.30am Holy Communion
- 10.15am Harvest Family Gift Service – Rev Bruce Hayes, Rector of Abbeystrewry Union, Cork
- 7.00pm Holy Communion

St. Nahi's

- 11.45am Parish Communion - Rev Bruce Hayes

Wed. 14th

- 10.00am Holy Communion (St Luke)

Sun 18th

The 19th Sunday after Trinity

Christ Church

- 10.15am Parish Communion – Canon Desmond Sinnamon
- 7.00pm Compline – Rev Niall Sloane

St. Nahi's

- 8.30am Holy Communion
- 11.45am Morning Prayer – Canon Desmond Sinnamon

Wed. 21st

- 10.00am Holy Communion (St James)

Services for Autumn

Sun 25th

The 5th Sunday before Advent

Christ Church

8.30am Holy Communion
10.15am Morning Prayer – Rev Stephen Farrell
7.00pm Holy Communion –
Rev Stephen Farrell

St. Nahi's

11.45am Parish Communion –
Rev Stephen Farrell

Wed. 28th (St. Simon & St. Jude)

10.00am Holy Communion

November

Sun 1st November – All Saints

The 4th Sunday before Advent

Christ Church

10.15am Parish Communion – Rev Niall Sloane
7.00pm A Late Evening Office –
Rev Niall Sloane

St. Nahi's

8.30am Holy Communion
11.45am Morning Prayer – Rev Niall Sloane

Wed. 4th

10.00am Holy Communion

Sun 8th November –

Remembrance Sunday

The 3rd Sunday before Advent

Christ Church

8.30am Holy Communion
10.15am Family Service
7.00pm Holy Communion

St. Nahi's

11.45am Parish Communion

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



The Tower Clock

The clock on three faces of the tower of Christ Church, Taney has not worked for a number of years. It was originally the gift of Naomi Overend in memory of her sister Letitia whose family lived in Airfield since the 1850's. An assessment of the work involved in the restoration of the clock recommended the replacement of the existing clock system, dial restoration and the re-instatement of the hour strike. The work is now almost completed and could not have been achieved without substantial help from Drummartin Trust which was set up by the Misses Overend to administer the Airfield Farm for the enjoyment of the community. Our thanks also to Taney Bell-ringers who liaised with us on this restoration work within the tower. Full details will be available by the end of September on completion of the work.

Our Harvest Preachers

Dean Stephen Ross White

Dean Stephen Ross White is our visiting preacher at Harvest Thanksgiving in Christ Church, Taney at 10.15am and in St Nahi's at 11.45am on Sunday 4th October. Stephen was ordained in the Church of England following his graduation in University of Oxford. He came to Ireland in 1990's, to Donegal where he was Rector of Raphoe and Dean of the Cathedral of St Eunan. In 2002, he was appointed Dean of Killaloe and Rector of Kiltinanlea, Inniscaltra (Mountshannon), Stradbally (Castleconnell) and Tuamgraney. Following his PHD in Queens University, Belfast, Stephen has written extensively. Several of his books, published by Columba Press, include "The Right True End of Love" (2005), "A Space for Belief" (2006) and "A Space for Knowing" (2006).

Rev. Bruce Hayes

October 11th is the Harvest Family Gift Service in Christ Church at 10.15am when our young people present their gifts for children in need. We welcome as visiting preacher, former Wesley College student, now Rector of Abbeystrewry Union of Parishes in West Cork, Rev Bruce Hayes. A native of Tullow Parish and Cabinteely where his parents still live, Bruce served his curacy in St Finnian's, Belfast where he met his wife Samantha. They have three children, Jack (5), Patrick (3) and Samuel (2). Following his academic courses in UCD and Trinity College, Bruce worked for a time with the Simon Community in Sean McDermot Street.

Swine 'Flu

All Churches and Parish Centres have received helpful guidelines as to our response to Swine 'Flu. The Select Vestry has already taken the precaution of placing dispensers of hand-gel disinfectants in accessible locations through our Churches and Parish Centre in Taney.

The Archbishop has addressed the chief concerns with regard to gatherings for worship – the shared chalice and the exchange of the Peace. He "has no hesitation in saying that handshake at the Peace or indeed that at the church door following worship should be suspended during the present pandemic". Most Rev. John Neill in his letter in September Church Review continues "The more difficult area is that of the shared chalice. The shared chalice is at the very heart of our tradition. It represents the way in which the Lord shared a cup with the disciples at the Last Supper, and the unity of the Eucharistic Feast, and is deeply rooted in Christian tradition. Anglicans in insisting on the shared chalice have also highlighted the fact that the sharing in Communion is an activity of the gathered church and not of individuals making their own private communion. However there had also developed down the centuries a separation between priests and laity which began to be expressed by the withholding of the cup from the laity and this was something that the Reformation was determined to reverse. No church today however teaches that the cup should be reserved to the clergy, though frequently for practical reasons, this happens in some traditions. For those in the Church of Ireland, the availability of the chalice to

everybody is therefore a very sensitive issue and for very good reason.

It has been universally accepted that receiving either of the sacred elements is sufficient for the individual communicant if they so wish. For example, those administering the bread will be aware that sometimes somebody will not receive it unless there is a special coeliac wafer offered. More frequently those administering the chalice will be aware that somebody with a bad cold or other illness such as alcoholism, will avoid actually drinking from the chalice. The current situation demands similar adjustment in practice, but an adjustment that will destroy neither the tradition of the single cup nor the availability of it to all alike. In some places, it has been suggested that rather than drinking from the chalice, people should take a wafer and dip it in the chalice. This practice according to best advice available is more dangerous than actually drinking from the chalice. Hands are one of the primary means of passing infection.

The chalice should therefore continue to be offered to all, but it is commonsense during a pandemic not to drink from it, but perhaps simply to hold it and bow one's head as the words are said. As we do this for the sake of one another as much as for ourselves, we are reminded to pray for those who are very ill with this virus, and perhaps also to remember the vast numbers throughout the world suffering from that more deadly HIV/AIDS virus".

Parish News



Taney Garden Fête

On what had to be one of the wettest days of the year we still managed to hold our Annual Garden Fête on Saturday 6th June. From parish and community, from far and wide they came, visitors, parishioners, hundreds of children, many in fancy dress for the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, families and friends enjoyed the day out at one of Dublin's most colourful summer festivals. The marquees and tents packed with books and plants, toys and more toys, 'Granny's Attic' resplendent with junk and left-overs, lots of games and face painting, 'T' shirts and 'Eurostall', gave shelter interest

and bargains to those under canvas. Inside, teas and coffees were served whilst old friends chatted and browsed amongst the 'White Elephant', 'Health & Beauty', 'Music & Video', the 'Deli' stall a hive of activity, DIY, Bakes, Bottles, Sweets. The stalls were endless, bargains plentiful, especially on 'T Bay' – and what about time for a burger and candy floss!! All of this resonated to the happy tones of the Oom-Pah-Pah Band, now encamped in the Church. By the late afternoon, the last stragglers saw the marquees dripping wet but still standing as weary feet made their way home. Drenched but resilient, it was a wonderful day of friendship and fun! All of it brought together by the hard work and preparation of stall-holders and helpers, for many of them a first behind the counters! Our thanks to all, Fête Committee Carol Eggers (Secretary), Jennifer Armstrong, Dave Murphy, Ciara Maleady and Jackie Rohu to Harry Corrigan and Jim O'Neill and the Scouts without whose work we could never have managed and of course to you who came along on the day and without whom it would never have happened. Financially, a great result but socially the Fête was what we always wish for, a parish and its people 'at home' with a warmth of welcome to all in the community and beyond.



Ordination of Priests. Our Curate Stephen Farrell with Robert Lawson (Celbridge) Anne Marie O'Farrell (Sandford) and The Archbishop.

Ordination of Rev. Stephen Farrell

Our Curate the Rev. Stephen Farrell was ordained by the Archbishop of Dublin in Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday 28th June. The preacher was The Rector, Canon Desmond Sinnamon. A reception was held afterwards in Taney Parish Centre at which friends and family from Co. Tyrone and Dublin were present. Special thanks are due to all those who organised the event, Tara O'Rourke, Audrey Harrison, Vera Scully, Colette Brooks, Julie Moloney and Janet McLoone. Stephen celebrated the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday 5th July at 10.15am in Christ Church, Taney and on Sunday 12th July in St Nahi's.



Summer Art School

Today Taney, tomorrow the National Gallery! The Summer Art School began in July and ran for eight consecutive weeks. Despite some coming and going due to holidays the momentum and enthusiasm continued unabated. The traditional exhibition took place on the final Friday when a glass of wine was raised to all the fun we shared together. Thanks to Bernie – who by the way thoroughly enjoyed the experience!

Congratulations

Well done to Eugene Griffin who has been recommended by the Archbishop of Dublin to commence training for Holy Orders in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. Eugene is a member of Christ Church Choir and has made a significant contribution to our worship in Taney. He will join another member of the Parish, Sarah Marry, our Student Reader who take up her studies in The Theological Institute after a sabbatical for family reasons. We wish Eugene and Sarah every blessing in their studies.

Trevor Spendlove

Congratulations to Trevor, Doris and family on the highly merited recognition accorded Trevor by Trinity College, Dublin University. Trevor, who has worked in Trinity a life-time was awarded and graduated recently with a degree from the College. The citation referred to the contribution Trevor had made to all areas of College life and none more so than his helpfulness and ready co-operation with all those with whom he worked. Well done!



GENERAL HOUSEHOLD REPAIRS

Electrical, plumbing,
painting and decorating
Contact – Des Dixon
087 914 3700



Taney School

School reopened on Tuesday 1st September with much enthusiasm, fun and smiles. We warmly welcome back all our children and their families, hoping they will enjoy the time ahead with us. We extend a specially warm welcome to all our new pupils and their families as they begin their time with us. Our past pupils started in their post primary schools this month also and we wish them all the very best in the years ahead. We look forward to hearing how they are settling in as they return to visit us from time to time.

We said farewell at the end of the last school year to Ms Rose Mellon who transferred to another school in Co. Longford due to the education cutbacks. We greatly appreciate her kindly, dedicated and excellent contribution over the past 2 years and wish her well in her new school.

The Board of Management continues to work hard to provide the best facilities possible for all our children. This summer, the flat roof section of the school (comprising 8 classrooms, staff room and ancillary offices) was replaced with a pitched roof. The project was undertaken with the assistance of a 100% grant from the Department of Education and Science under the Summer Works Scheme. All work was completed in good time for the opening of the school for the Autumn Term. The work has been an excellent success adding greatly to the appearance, comfort and warmth of the school and will be a great benefit to pupils and teachers as autumn and winter approach. An outdoor store for Sports Day and Physical Education equipment was also built this summer in the corner of the staff car park. This was badly needed and will be a great help in relieving the pressure on storage space elsewhere.

William Stuart, Principal
Secretary to Board of Management

Diocesan News

Diocesan Synods

Tuesday 20th/Wednesday 21st October

The Diocesan Synods of Dublin and Glendalough will open with Holy Communion in Christ Church Taney at 4pm on Tuesday 20th October 2009. Following this the business of synod will take place in the nearby Taney Parish Centre. The Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr John Neill will open proceedings with his Presidential Address which normally covers issues of local and national importance. Following this, the Synod will over this evening and the following evening discuss and debate reports by the Diocesan Councils, the Diocesan Board of Education, the Diocesan Committee on Social Action, the Ministry of Healing and the Diocesan Council for Mission.



CHRISTIAN AID FAMILY FUN DAY

Christian Aid will host a Family Fun Day on Saturday 19th September from 12 to 4.30pm in Dundrum Methodist Church. There will be lots of fun and activities including Face Painting, Competitions, Farmer's Market, Music, Present Aid Animal Farm, B.B.Q., Ticket Kiosk, Bands, Refreshments, Bouncy Castles and Track and Field Games.

For more information please contact Christian Aid
tel:6110801
or visit www.christianaid.ie



Diocesan Schools Service



This colourful and lively service brings together pupils, principals and teachers from Primary and Junior Schools throughout the Diocese. Young people take an active role in preparing and taking part in the service.

WHEN:
Friday 2nd October 2009 at
7.30pm

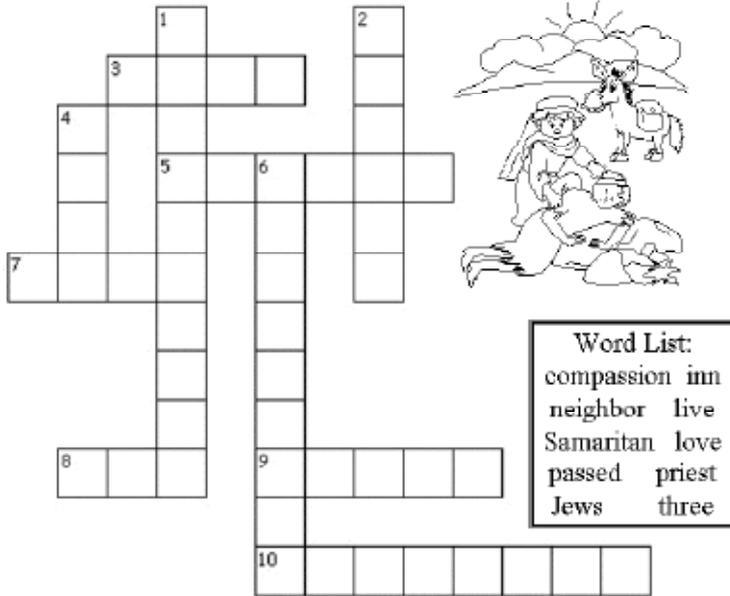
WHERE:
Christ Church Cathedral
THEME: '

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord'

PREACHER:
The Revd. Gary Dowd
(St. Paul's, Glengearry)

COLLECTION:
In aid of Dublin
Simon Community

Good Samaritan Crossword



Across

3. We are to ___ God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind.
5. The man was beaten, yet people ___ the man without helping him.
7. These people did not get along with the Samaritans.
8. The Samaritan took the man to an ___ while he was getting better.
9. The number of thieves that robbed the man.
10. Jesus told this parable to answer the question, "Who is my ___?"

Down

1. We all should have this just like the Samaritan did.
2. This was the first person to pass by and not help.
4. Love God and your neighbor and Jesus said you will do this.
6. This was the only person to help the Jew who was hurt.



Read the story for yourself see St Luke 10:25 -37

Jesus Loves You As You Are

To the tune of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"

Twinkle twinkle precious star, Jesus loves you as you are.
 He loves your smile he loves your voice
 he thinks you are pretty choice.
 Twinkle twinkle precious star, Jesus loves you as you are.

Twinkle twinkle precious star, Jesus loves you as you are.
 He loves your smile, He loves your face,
 He wants to save you by His Grace.
 Twinkle twinkle precious star, Jesus loves you as you are.

Youth News

Youth Club

Youth Club commences on Saturday 19th September at 7.00pm in Taney Parish Centre. All welcome.

Junior Choir

Junior Choir resumes on Wednesday 9th September at 3pm in Taney Parish Centre. Young people are welcome to come along and join in. It's fun and the singing is always enjoyed on Sunday's.
Suzanne

Church & Children

We remind you that the Crèche is open in the Parish Centre during Sunday services. However, for those young people who wish to remain in the Service there are Children's Packs available from the Church Porches. We thank Sarah Marry who has designed and is maintaining these folders.

Diocesan Youth News

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Upcoming Dates

13th September at 7.pm

St. Ann's Diocesan Youth Service

22nd - 24th September

Plowing Championships

5th - 11th October

Enniskerry Youth Festival

12th - 18th October

Reggie Dabbs Schools Tour

Junior Choir and Sunday School take part in S.S. Society Celebrations

The Sunday School Society marked its bi-centenary during 2009 and the climax of the celebrations was a Concert 'A Celebration of Childhood' on Friday 22nd May at 7.30pm in Rathfarnham Parish Church, Rathfarnham Village, Dublin 14. The Concert included junior choirs from parishes in Dublin - Kiltarnan, Taney, Mount Merrion & Rathfarnham - Singer Imelda

Morris and the Stedfast Band. As part of the bi-centenary celebrations the dedicated charity has been Sightsavers International. The Society launched a Lenten Children's Project to raise money for the charity and many parishes from throughout the Church of Ireland have taken part. Taney Sunday School presented a cheque of €400 to the appeal.



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Children's Ministry Conferences

Saturday 14 November 2009
All Hallows College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 (New Venue)

Saturday 28 November 2009
Orangefield Presbyterian Church (New Venue)

www.buildingblocks.ie

Building Blocks Children's Ministry Conference 2009

The Building Blocks Children's Ministry Conference in 2009 is being held in a new venue at a reduced price! The Conference will be held in All Hallows College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9 on Saturday 14th November 2009 and will cost €35 (Tea/Coffee & Lunch are included). This Conference will also take place in Belfast on Saturday 28th November 2009. The key-note speaker is Kathryn Copsey. A trained community worker, she is Project Leader for CURBS (Children in URban Situations) which provides resources and training. Her particular areas of interest are children's spirituality and developmental issues.

A wide range of seminars include Puppets Basics; Working with 4-7s; Christmas Services; Beginning to Teach; Boys will be boys!; Games; Craft for 8+ and much more.

Brochures are available from The Resource Centre Bookshop; Rev. Anne Taylor Tel: 01-4905543 or Email: dublin@buildingblocks.ie. For further information check out www.buildingblocks.ie

Curates Corner

From Church Lodge ...

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.

Alexander Pope

PARISH MAGAZINES CAN SAY THE FUNNIEST THINGS...

More Tea Vicar?

The Mothers' Union Tea for next week has been cancelled. We are sorry for any incontinence this may cause.

The cost of The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5 pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The Curate would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Bring your husbands...

Attention, Parents! There will be a conference on how to help your teen avoid pre-marital sex. The featured speaker will be Molly Kelly, a nationally known speaker on abstinence and mother of eight.

Ladies, don't forget the jumble sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house.

Bring your husbands.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on 24 October in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

With every best wish,

Niall.

From Church Cottage

Samsung, and its advertising team are presently instructing all viewers of their newest advert in the virtue of impatience. Now, the speed of the new Samsung Jet telephone I do not doubt. That most of us dislike waiting I doubt even less. But, that there is no virtue in waiting I do not believe. That there is in waiting a profound and refreshing taste of God's great faithfulness, mercy and peace I am certain. Here below is the text of the Samsung rhyme, and a much older rhyme too.

We thought we'd tell you this up front as we know you hate waiting. Waiting, waiting drives us up the wall. Waiting misses the flight, loses the match. Waiting never gets round to it. Henry is 19 still waiting to be kissed. Waiting does not ask for the pay rise, doesn't get to the front. Waiting never finishes first.

Then there is impatience. Impatience got us faster cars, microwaves, remote controls and jets. Impatience is in first on top at the front. Impatience wants more and more and more. And call her, call her right now why wait for Friday night, what's wrong with Tuesday morning? If the movie is boring, leave. If the meeting is dull, walk out. Read the last page of the book, watch the last 15 minutes first. Get up early stay out late.

Patience is knowing you are bored and doing nothing about it. Impatience is a virtue. Faster, brighter, better.

Advertisement for Samsung 'Jet' Phone

Stephen.

I said to my soul, be still, and wait
without hope
For hope would be hope for the
wrong thing; wait without love
For love would be love of the
wrong thing; there is yet faith
But the faith and the love and the
hope are all in the waiting.
Wait without thought, for you are
not ready for thought:
So the darkness shall be the light
and the stillness the dancing.
Whisper of running streams and
winter lightening.
The wild thyme unseen and the
wild strawberry,
The laughter in the garden, echoed
ecstasy
Not lost but requiring, pointing to
the agony of
Of death and birth.

T.S. Elliot Four Quartets

Parish Organisations & Activities 2009/2010

What's On/When/Who to Contact

Young People

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday School | Sunday | 10.15 - 11.15 am | Iris Dunlop | |
| Children's Crèche | Sunday | 10.15 - 11.15 am | as announced | |
| Mum & Toddlers | Monday Thursday | 10.00 - 12.30 pm 10.00 - 12.30pm | Jane Arpac | 087 978 3677 |
| Ladybirds | Monday | 2.45pm - 3.45pm | Ros Lynch | 295 9007 |
| Beavers | Monday | 6.30 - 7.30pm | Michelle Lindsay | 087 936 4151 |
| Cubs | Friday | 6.30 - 8.00 pm | Mick Long | 298 7195 |
| Brownies | Tuesday Wednesday | 3.45 - 5.00 pm 3.30 - 4.45 pm | Nicola Woods TBA | 086 878 8202 TBA |
| Guides | Wednesday | 7.00 - 8.30 pm | Fiona Walsh | 298 7986 |
| Scouts | Friday | 7.30 - 11.00 pm | Dara Macken | 086 889 4970 |
| Youth Club | Saturday | 7.30 - 9.00 pm | Parish Office | 298 5491 |
| Youth Choir & Music Group | as arranged | | David Adams | 216 9950 |

Recreational/Sport

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| Badminton (Ladies) | Tuesday | 9.00 - 11.00 am | Lynda Welsh | 494 6021 |
| Badminton Club | Monday Thursday | 7.30 - 11.00 pm 7.30 - 11.00 pm | Jennifer Kelly | 087 681 3989 |
| Badminton (C.I.M.A.) | Thursday | 6.00 - 8.00 pm | Alan Cathcart | 298 2216 |
| Snooker (Parish) | Tues/Wed/Fri | 7.00 - 11.00 pm | Ronnie Ellis | 298 7426 |
| Snooker (C.I.M.A.) | Mon/Thurs/Sat | 7.00 - 11.00 pm | Roy Huber | 298 8352 |
| Bowling Club | Mon/Thurs Tuesday | 7.30 - 11.00 pm 10.00 - 12.00 | Stanley Rowe | 298 5215 |

General Parish Interest

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| Bible Study | Wednesday | 10.30 - 11.30 pm | Bunty Strong | 298 6977 |
| Care Group | Regular visits to housebound | | Parish Office | 298 5491 |
| Chancel Guild | Church Flowers etc. | | Jasmin Hourie | 296 5087 |
| Choir - Christ Church | Sunday | | David Adams | 216 9950 |
| Choir - St. Nahi's | Sunday | | David Adams | 216 9950 |
| Christmas Bazaar | December | | Janet O'Sullivan | 298 1986 |
| Coffee Shop | Mon. - Fri. | 9.00am - 1.30pm | Parish Centre | 298 5491 |
| Drama Society | Tuesday Thursday | 8.00 - 11.00 pm 8.00 - 11.00 pm | Mark Parfrey | 298 0146 |
| Taney Rangers | As arranged | | as announced | |
| Mothers' Union | 2 nd Tues of month | 8.15 - 10.30 pm | Dorothy Blain | 497 6311 |
| Taney Change Ringers Society | Every Monday 7.30pm/9.00pm | | Cyril Galbraith | 295 6162 |
| Taney Market | 2 nd Sat. of month | 10am - 1pm | Jennifer Armstrong | 288 1494 |
| Taney P. T. A. | | | Vanessa Greaney | 298 9835 |
| Taney Parish Fête | June | | Carol Eggers | 295 3678 |
| Taney Play School | Tues. - Fri. | 8.45am - 12.15pm | Susan Farrell | 295 1255 |
| Taney School | Monday - Friday | 8.50am - 2.15pm | William Stuart | 298 5015 |
| Third World Group | As arranged | | Jennifer Sinnamon | 298 4497 |

Parish Organisations

Summer Outings for Taney Rangers

The Rangers had two splendid trips much enjoyed by all who took the bus for a 'day out' together. Rathwood Home and Garden World near Tullow, Co. Carlow was our venue on June 13th. On route we stopped in Killashee House Hotel for coffee and scones which were enjoyed by all. On arrival at Rathwood we had lunch, followed by a mini train ride around the grounds, and also some time to browse in the shops and garden centre. We were very fortunate with the weather which made the outing a very pleasant trip.

The last Saturday of August we had a brilliant turn out for our trip to Carlingford. Luckily the day was fairly dry and we set off in good spirits. Our break for refreshments in the D Hotel in Drogheda went down a treat (especially the jam and cream scones)!. The bus driver showed his skill on the narrow roads in Carlingford getting us to our next stop at the Four Seasons Hotel. Betty filled a gap, entertaining us on the piano in the foyer before going for lunch – another feast!



Most of us set off on the guided tour of the Cooley Peninsula up to the Long Woman's Grave. We heard a little of Carlingford's Viking history and the legendary Cooley Bull. The scenery was stunning and the views of Rostrevor and the Mourne, although not drenched in sunshine, were well worth the trip. In the meantime, the rest of the group was enjoying time in the Medieval surroundings of Carlingford, its castle and bay.

It would have been lovely to explore the town as well as the peninsula, but unfortunately time was all too short and we had to come home.

Thanks to the committee for all their hard work.

Anne Mellon

Mothers' Union

The long pleasant summer draws to a close and we anticipate our first meeting of the calendar year 2009/2010. We open our doors on Tuesday 8th September in the Parish Centre. We have invited the very well known Alice Leahy of 'Trust' to speak to us on the plight of the homeless. This is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend. There is a Festival of Flowers to be held in Killiney on 25th September and in all probability we will be arranging an outing to it. We are always delighted to welcome any new members to our meetings. H.M.

Taney Parish Annual Golf Outing

Taney's popular Golf Outing is arranged for Friday 18th September. Tee times 12.30pm – 2.00pm at Rathfarnham Golf Club followed by Supper from 8.00pm. All welcome to golf and or supper. Details from Neil Taylor 086 856 1724 or Taney Parish Office 2985491

Taney Drama Society

Taney Drama Society start back on Tuesday 1st September at 8pm in Taney Parish Centre. Auditions will be held for two one act plays on that night, "Voices in the Park" written by Tony Deegan which has eleven parts in all and "Romeo and Juliet" written in an updated one act by Jessica Fitzpatrick one of our junior members and directed by Mark Parfrey with a cast of ten, six female and four male. These two plays will be performed on Friday 16th, Saturday 17th October in Taney Parish Centre. Tony then intends bringing his play out on the One Act Circuit. Auditions will be held on Tuesday September 29th at 7.30pm for the Murder Mystery which will be directed by Lynn Pennefather and performed as a parish fundraiser on Saturday the 14th November.

The new committee for the year 2009/2010 elected at the AGM held in June is: Mark Parfrey (Treasurer), Maria O'Meara (Secretary), Lynn Pennefather (PRO), Tony Deegan (Social Secretary), Raymond Delaney and Bridget Kelly.

Mabel Gargan was honoured at the AGM in June in recognition of her contribution to the society. The citation read that the society was lucky to have a member with such sharpness of mind, wit, and so supportive of the society's activities. On the circuit last year with "Rhyme for Reason", Mabel won Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress awards, and received nominations in the 3 other festivals. In her acceptance speech, Mabel expressed astonishment at being so honoured, and was immensely proud to realise that the only other member to have been honoured in this way was the late Patricia Hastings-Hardy. Mabel was presented with a silver brooch (star-shaped of course!) and a bouquet of flowers. And on a more practical note, she never has to pay her annual subscription again! On a sadder note, we extend our sympathy to her on the untimely death of her son Trevor, who died in Australia.

Taney Visit to Mission Partners in Gaza



At the end of July, Jennifer and I visited Taney Mission Partners in Gaza city and witnessed their healing and reconciling work among the refugees living in many camps in Gaza city and the Gaza Strip. We stayed with Costa Dabbagh and his wife Samira and family in their home in Gaza, Costa is Director of Near East Council of Churches Relief Work (NECCRW) amongst the 800,000 refugees living in horrifying conditions. Many homes are simply bombed out shells with their facilities, water, electric, sewage and waste disposal non existent. We were shocked by the extent of the carnage and damage caused by the War in January. The poverty and helplessness of many families is unbearable.

In such circumstances, with Gaza borders closed off to the world, NECCRW and other non-government and charity organisations can just scrape at the surface of bringing help and assistance. All recognise the need for a major international initiative to improve the living and employment conditions and to raise the desperately low levels of human existence.

We visited and saw, at first hand, all the help given by NECCRW in their Mother and Child Health Care Centres, in their Medical and Pharmacy Clinics and Mobile Dental Units. We visited their Centre in Gaza city and talked to those participating in Secretarial and Language studies, women doing advanced dress-making, and the Computer Centre. South of Gaza city, in Qararah village, a Centre for learning trades, general electricity, motor and engineering is

combined with the teaching of technical subjects, English language, physics and maths. Job-training is open to men and women from the Refugee Camps. All of these services by NECCRW is provided completely free of charge. On a personal level, we were delighted to meet with Costa's daughter, Rima who many will remember stayed with us in Taney when she studied English for a year. Rima and Munir, her husband, have three children, two in second-level and the youngest in Primary School. Everywhere we went and everyone we met simply said to us – "Welcome, welcome. Thank you for listening. Tell our story and don't forget us."

We are grateful for their friendship, for our partnership with Costa Dabbagh and NECCRW. Thank you to the people of Taney for your continuing support and prayers.

Desmond Sinnamon



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Visit to Kenya

This summer I had the privilege of going on a missionary trip with CMS Ireland (Church of Ireland Missionary Society) to the Kajiado Diocese in Kenya. I went on the 5th July for 3 weeks with a team of 18 others aged from 16-23.

We spent our time in the Kajiado diocese where CMS works with the Diocese in providing sustainable development for the local communities. We visited 3 primary schools in the surrounding communities. In each primary school we followed a program in 3 classes. This involved teaching the children songs, performing dramas from the bible and someone sharing their testimony. We worked for 6 days in a local primary school where we renovated 4 classrooms which involved knocking down walls, taking out and replacing windows, washing walls and painting walls and presses. This primary school is one of several schools in the diocese that is supported by CMS' 'Footsteps' project which aims to renovate and improve schools. We attended 2 church services where members of the team (including myself) gave their testimonies and also gave sermons. We also visited several of the Maasai Rural Training Centres set up by CMS and the diocese. There are 7 Training Centres around the Diocese which each provide training facilities, support and food to the community. They give training in the areas of child survival, child development, crop development, computer training and other important areas.

The last 3 rainy seasons in Kenya have failed so there is a drought which has a huge effect on the quality of life of the Kenyan people. CMS works in partnership with the Diocese and the people to help them during this very difficult time and to also provide food relief, feeding programs and other relief. During the 3 weeks I met members of the local community, pastors from the church, the Bishop and staff in the Diocesan office.

I learnt a huge amount from this experience. I was really touched by the hospitality and kindness of the Kenyan people and how, as people who survive with so little, they can give so much. They seemed so happy and content even though they have so many struggles in life. It was a very eye-opening experience. It really challenged me to come to terms with the fact that these people were so content and thankful for all they have but yet we have so much more and are not half as thankful or appreciative. The strong faith of the people even through this



time of suffering really inspired me. I was amazed by the culture and way of life of the Maasai people. Their lives are very community based, there is no emphasis on the individual and everyone lives to provide for their family and community. As a first world country, we sometimes forget about those who belong to the third world; but yet there is only one world and we can learn from the Maasai to reach out to those whose needs are greater than our own be it in our community or in Africa. There is so much more to life than the lives we lead and I believe we have a responsibility to look beyond our own lives and to support and draw close to people in our world who need our help!

Alison Shine Age 16



From the Registers

Baptism

31st May 2009 (in Christ Church) – Luke, son of Alan and Debbie Chapman.
14th June 2009 (in Christ Church) – Tom, son of Peter and Ciara Squires
19th July 2009 (in Christ Church) – Finn Conor, son of Unseann and Jacqui O'Sealbhaigh
26th July 2009 (in Christ Church) – Jessica Denise Margaret, daughter of Donal and Judy Milmo-Penny
26th July 2009 (in Christ Church) – Andrew Neville, son of Neville and Elizabeth Molloy
9th August 2009 (in Christ Church) – Robert Edward, son of Neville and Martina Thompson.
9th August 2009 (in Christ Church) – Amelia Mae and Oscar Peter, daughter and son of Stephen and Laura Daly.
9th August 2009 (in Christ Church) – Corin James Alexander, son of Tom and Lyn Hagin Meade Halton.
23rd August 2009 (in Christ Church) – Zara Valerie, daughter of Gordon and Suzanne Lindsay.
6th September 2009 (in St. Nahi's) – Lara Sophie, daughter of David O'Brien and Dawn Richards.

Marriage

30th May (in Christ Church) – John McCarthy and Sarajane Bloomer
20th June (in Kiltannel Church, Ballymoney) - Jonathan Graves and Mary McGarry
4th July (in Christ Church) – Dwane Harvey and Yvonne Doherty
12th August (in Christ Church) – Gareth Quill and Wendy Brooks
22nd August (in Christ Church) – Stephen Brolly and Leonie Harrison

Funeral

22nd June (in Christ Church) – Dorothy Owens
15th August (in Christ Church) Marcus Shearer

Our sympathy and prayers are with all who have been bereaved, remembering especially Philip, Valerie and Jackson Owens on the death of Dorothy
Betty Patterson on the death of her brother, Basil.
Mabel Gargan on the death of her son, Trevor.
Neil Metchette and Suzanne Pelow on the death of their father.
Suzanne Pelow on the death of her father
Jessica Dennis on the death of her son, Mervyn
Ian and Orlaith Shearer on the tragic and sudden loss of their son, Marcus brother of Philip & Ruth.
Marcus, who died whilst on holiday, will be dearly missed by his devastated loving family and many friends from Taney, Wesley College and Trinity, where he had just completed his finals in June.

Hospitals

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.

The Archaeological Dig Opposite St Nahi's Church

Following some months of great uncertainty, the future of Notre Dame School was agreed in early 2003. However, this required the selling off for development of a large area of playing fields and the old convent in what was formerly Fernbank. Later permission was granted for a scheme of apartments and houses with the fine new replacement convent built opposite St. Nahi's. A splendid new Junior School at the west end, off Finsbury Park, was opened in 2007. As part of the permission there was a condition that before the development would take place a substantial area at the east end of the playing fields was to be archaeologically investigated.

Few would have guessed that under the now silent playing fields there was evidence of activity in Dundrum going back to the early Christian period (AD600-1000). What is so fascinating is that, as tradition has it, the date of the birth of St. Nahi was around 529AD!

The archaeologists under Excavation Director, Ed O'Donovan of Margaret Gowen & Co. Ltd first used geophysical methods to study the site and identified the presence of possible remains. Subsequently, excavation revealed substantial evidence of three Early Medieval enclosures. These were associated with St. Nahi's church and cemetery; now severed from them by the later Sweetmount Avenue. Remains of a medieval farm along with field systems that developed at the site were also identified.

These enclosures were in the form of curving ditched defensive boundaries and they defined the outer precincts which ran around St. Nahi's church. The first enclosure dates to about 740 AD and was round the 'priest's house' and other buildings. This contrasts with the activity within the inner enclosure at the core of the site where the church and graveyard are still located today – outside the area excavated.

The first phase of the enclosure was a timber palisade of which some 44.7m was within the excavated area. Outside this the second phase started when the whole site was defended by a large earth cut ditch measuring 2.8m (12ft) wide and 1.6m (9ft) deep. This defensive ditch which dated from about 800 AD, would have been further protected by a large bank topped by a defensive palisade (likely to have been a stout timber fence).



These defences earthworks or enclosures were expanded and altered (phases 3 and 4) later in the Early Medieval Period, resulting in a ditch measuring 4m wide and 3m deep (the large ditch in the centre of the photo). Why such substantial features were constructed, it seems, is open to question. It could be that the ditch is an indication of the high status of the site. However, the proximity and influence of the church to the Vikings in Dublin may provide a more plausible explanation for such sizable defences.

Later settlement remains indicate that the church was the administrative centre for a large farm in the medieval period (AD 1200-1500). After that it appears that, with the exception of the lands directly associated with the church east of the original road from Churchtown to Dundrum, nature took over and the lands reverted to agriculture and the gardens of Fernbank and then with the advent of the school they became playing fields.

Among the significant finds is a handsome, almost complete Flemish Redware jug (13th century), typical of the medieval period.