

Easter Rising

As we approach the celebration of Easter in this centenary year in Ireland of 'The Easter Rising', we do so mainly from a historical perspective - of 'rising' with a small 'r'. That said however and more importantly at this time of the year 'Easter Rising' with a capital 'R' is the theological perspective in which every Easter is best celebrated.

The 'Easter Rising' of year c.0000 has all thinking trans-national people challenged about 'Resurrection', whereas the 'easter rising' of 1916 has all thinking Irish nationals specifically wondering about 'insurrection'.

The Christian Church around the world at this time each year, unites as one in its celebration and proclamation of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. That such a claim doesn't fit comfortably within the known world of possibility or human experience, is the ongoing conundrum/challenge for those who claim to believe in the resurrection, as for those who claim not to - right up until the present day.

The ordinary shared experience of reflective people everywhere, is to filter our questioning on any subject, through the sieves of How?, Why?, Where?, When?. The Rising of over 2,000 years ago continues to challenge a questioning mind on either side of any stated conviction in relation to it. For those of us who say we believe or wonder before it, the wonder is ever expanding, the challenge is ever demanding - but the experience is remarkably and increasingly rewarding.

Living as all of us do under a cloud of unknowing, may we have the confidence to thrust an outstretched hand into it and trust that it will be held secure on our journey through and beyond.

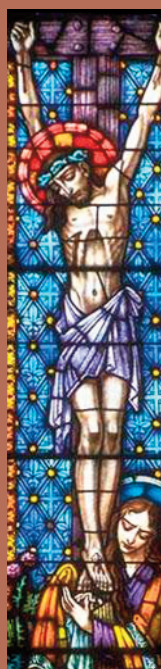
Chet Raymo from Sceptics and Believers puts it:

It is in the nature of God to reside in mystery - ineluctable, inexhaustible mystery. We do not need to understand the cabala of mathematical physics to apprehend the mysterium tremendum. We need only look out the window. So too Pierre de Chardin S.J.: After close on two centuries of passionate struggles, neither science nor faith has succeeded in discrediting its adversary.

With this reflection we wish Easter Greetings and blessings to all and from all at St. Brigid's.



Holy Week and Easter Celebrations



Holy Thursday, 24th March

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7.30 pm
followed by Watch and Pray

Good Friday, 25th March

Way of the Cross (Mass Centre, The Park) 12 noon
Celebration of the Lord's passion 3.00 pm
Stations of the Cross followed by Taize Style 7.30 pm
Prayer around the Cross

Easter Saturday, 26th March

Morning Prayer 10.00 - 10.30 am
Easter Vigil Mass 9.00 pm
(no 6.30 pm Vigil Mass)

Easter Sunday, 27th March

Parish Church 8.30 am
(Choir) 10.00 am
(Gospel Group) 12.30 pm

The Park Mass Centre:

(Family Mass) 11.15 am

Communal celebration of the Sacrament of Penance for those who wish to receive it for Easter will be in **Johnstown** on Mon 21st March at 7.30 pm and **Foxrock** on Tue 22nd March also at 7.30 pm. Here in **St. Brigid's** individual celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after the **Holy Thursday** and **Good Friday** ceremonies as well as **Saturday morning and afternoon**.

On Mon 28th, Tue 29th, Thurs 31st March and Fri 1st April mass will be celebrated at 10 am only each morning. **No morning mass** on Wed 30th and Sat 2nd. There will be 11.15am Mass in the Mass Centre on Sunday, 3rd April.

Also a reminder that after Easter Sunday, there will no longer be an 8.30am Sunday Mass in St. Brigid's Church.

The Parish office will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday, 28th March. From Tuesday, 29th March to Friday, 1st April, it will be open from 10am to 1pm.

Raising the Roof



Organiser **Tim Cronin** with **Faye Marshall**

Oh what a night!

Our Parish Church has rarely (if ever!) been witness to such a spectacle and range of musical, singing and dancing talent. For those of us lucky enough to get seats, we were treated to almost 3 hours of magnificent entertainment.

A parish fundraiser to celebrate St. Brigid's day on 1st February, the night opened with many well know classics including a medley of Louis Armstrong hits. Harpist Helen Taaffe Richardson was followed into



The Faye Marshall Academy of Irish Dance

another world of beautiful sounds, played with such composure and maturity from one so young.

Baladeers Andy and Tommy gave us a series of folk and traditional songs, leading seamlessly into a lively, foot stomping performance from the Faye Marshall Academy of Irish Dance...shades of Riverdance in D.18!

One of the highlights was the performance by Irish Soprano, Niamh Murray... it was 'edge of the seat' entertainment and so appreciated and enjoyed by

all. A huge thank you to everyone who participated and gave so generously of their time, both in the planning and setting up of the night, through providing hospitality, supplying flowers and offering sponsorship for the evening.

Tim Cronin was responsible for producing and putting the spectacle together, should be very happy and is deserving of thanks from all. Proceeds/profits will go towards the cost of painting and repair of the exterior of the church. **MD**

Community Champion



If you attend the 11.15am Sunday Family Mass in St. Brigid's GNS, Cabinteely, you might be familiar with the friendly, open face of **Brian Moore**.

Did you ever wonder who opens up gates, sorts alarms, organizes the benches and chairs, checks

sacramental supplies, sets up the altar, supervises the collections which help support Parish and Diocesan needs? Who is the 'port of call' for the legion of parents who coordinate the scores of children during their Communion preparation? Who is 'always there' throughout the often-unpredictable dynamics of this lively, integral community celebration? Brian is!

Brian Moore has been a faithful presence for over 20 years at this weekly celebration, quietly working behind the scenes, or in front, depending on how the sound system is behaving or on the need for a Eucharistic Minister.

Brian gives huge credit to the many others who also gave up precious hours on a Saturday evening and Sunday morning to support the needs of this 'temporary' mass centre in its very earliest days...Tom Field, Christy Fitzgerald, Kevin Naughton and Gerry Quinlan amongst others, to mention but a few, all responsible for handing over the baton so effectively to Brian.

Brian's personal interests include a passion for music from the 60's, 70's and 80's. The Eagles, Jackson Brown, and Dan Fogelberg are amongst his favorites. He has DJ'd extensively in his spare time and in his humble opinion, referenced 'music as the

highest form of art.'

Another talent lies in poetry. He published his first book, *Unfinished Times*, in 2011 and is close to completing a second book.

He lives locally and is married to Siobhan and they have 3 adult sons, John, Robert and Kevin. He is a man who has "always been interested in community" and "liked to be doing things rather than just sit by." Brian talked about how the 11.15am Family mass is open to all, not just young families. He acknowledges many 'regulars' are the Grandfather's and Grandmother's of children who attend, but many are not...people come because they like the atmosphere and feel at home.

His Mum, who had a great belief in prayer, influenced his faith in a particular way. "I try to be open and take stock of other people and situations and try to see God in them. The Mass keeps me focused...I listen to the Gospel and this helps me for the coming week." He says if the mass weren't there, "it would leave a gap."

We would add, if Brian weren't there, we would feel the gap too. Many thanks for so many years of faithful service to our community. We all look forward to many more! **MD**

Village life 100 years ago

In this historical year, we take a look back at life in Cabinteely village one hundred years ago with thanks to the Foxrock Local History Club. In this issue of Contact, we reflect on life in the village through the 1911 census.

The census lists nineteen houses for Cabinteely village, nine of which are listed as uninhabited. Ninety-two people are listed as living in the village (forty-four males and forty-eight females), all except one being Roman Catholic. One house is listed as Grocery and Spirit shop, Farrells. Another Farrell is listed as a butcher. There were four policemen in the barracks and the sergeant's wife. There was also a post-office, Broderick's groceries and bakery, the library was then being built and it opened in 1912. Also among the occupants of the houses are listed a national school teacher, a postman, a bread van driver, a coachman, three blacksmiths, a carpenter, a clerk, a dressmaker and a seamstress, with ten or so labourers, a cook, servants, wives and children mak-

ing up the balance. In 1914 a new National School for Cabinteely was built on Mart Lane, Foxrock replacing the old Cabinteely National School which was in Cornelscourt village, the older building is now an Indian restaurant.

With the promise of Home Rule and the then threat of it being attacked by the Ulster Volunteers, the Irish National Volunteers were formed in 1913 to meet that threat. One-thousand five hundred Irish National Volunteers turned out for a parade at Cabinteely in October 1914, accompanied by one band, The O'Byrnes Pipers Band, Blackrock.

Cabinteely House was vacant up to 1914 after the Ormsby Hamilton's, who leased the premises, had left the house in 1903. Captain Keith, who was a descendant of the Pim family, who owned Cabinteely house from 1883, was out fighting in the war. As reported then in the *Bray Herald* of 29 August 1914: 'Mrs. Keith, wife of Captain Keith, one of our brave defenders at the front, has offered the use of their beautiful residence, Cabinteely House, for wounded soldiers during the war, if it were found necessary.' The house was not used as a war hospital, but a 'War Hospital Supply Depot' was opened there. In these depots splints, band-

ages, sphagnum moss dressings, crutches, hospital clothing etc, were made by the local nursing division of Carrickmines St. John's Ambulance Brigade and the County Dublin branch of the Red Cross. The house was used as a medical supply depot right up to 1918.

The I.R.A. engagements in Cabinteely mainly consisted of sniping attacks on the RIC barracks. A twenty-four year-old constable Albert Skeat was killed during one of these engagements on 28 May 1921. Fire was returned and the bullet marks are still to be seen on Sam's Barber shop. One of the local IRA unit's men was killed in an ambush on Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire when a group of Black and Tans were returning from the mail boat and they were ambushed on Marine Road. This volunteer was Lieutenant James McIntosh; McIntosh Park off Pottery Road is named after him.

A full frontal attack of Cabinteely barracks was planned but orders were received from Dublin not to go ahead with this. Cabinteely R.I.C. barracks was taken over by the South Dublin Brigade I.R.A unit on Wednesday 16 February 1922. They in turn handed the barracks over to representatives of the Provisional Government on Sunday 19 February 1922. **MR**



Monsignor Conor Ward

This Easter edition of our quarterly Contact Magazine would not be complete without an expression of thanks and good wishes to Fr. Conor, as he has relocated his home from Cabinteely to Roebuck, just before Christmas.

Fr. Conor still recalls how he came to be a help in St Brigid's for one year! — and stayed for sixteen!! Such was his experience of the warmth of affection and respect he experienced in Cabinteely and that he returned in equal measure to everyone - he is greatly missed.

It is over a quarter of a century since Fr. Conor officially retired from his position of leadership and responsibility in the Diocese and in U.C.D.. As he is renowned for throughout the whole of his life, so too he continues to exemplify graciousness, courtesy, and a wisdom that exudes an inner calm which continues to win the admiration of all.

With our grateful thanks we wish him ongoing health and happiness, which he richly deserves as a gentleman, a scholar and a living witness as a faithful and devoted priest. **St Brigid's Parish**

Changing Times

The changing times in which we live in Ireland at present and that have most recently presented all of us with a political-line up that few of us would have envisaged, even twenty years ago, so too the Church in Ireland is having to reconfigure to that same social reality from its perspective. Times and things aren't, nor won't necessarily be again the way they used to be. That's the way history inevitably evolves.

No better local example either, than the changes and adjustments of Mass times here in St. Brigid's within our Pastoral Area of Cabinteely, Foxrock and Johnstown. We owe a debt of thanks to all who facilitated that adjustment here, albeit at times it didn't and doesn't suit everybody best. We are the first of these three parishes to have chartered this path, with the others preparing to follow us at the end of this academic year.

Unfortunately, some will inevitably be discommoded, some disappointed, others quite accepting of "needs must", faced with times in which we live. The expression of parochial practice might change, but the essence never does.

Helping hands in our community

We wanted to take the opportunity of this Easter Newsletter to highlight and to say thanks for the wonderful support this Parish community has received in recent months.

Fr. Vincent McMahon, Fr. Aaron Vinduska and Fr. Daniel Reynolds, members of the Legionaries of Christ Missionary Congregation, have been stepping in on a weekly basis to help with masses in the Parish Church and the Family Mass Centre in St. Brigid's G.N.S. in the Park over the last few months.

Fr. Vincent was born in Limerick but has spent the last 50 years as a priest, working in Italy, Mexico, the USA and the Netherlands. "I have always worked as a foreigner and preached in some other language, so now I am getting used to being a native and preaching in English!"

He has been very impressed by the work of Fr. Arthur and Fr. Tom and by the enthusiasm of the young families involved in the First Communion programme. He praised the spirit of service, initiative and involvement of the parishioners and the support and help from the schools.

He recognises it's difficult to compare the Ireland he knew with the Ireland he has found on his return! "Very much has changed but one still feels at home, thanks to the natural goodness of the people and their unique sense of humour. If I were asked what special challenge I would notice for Irish society nowadays,



I would say it is the same for most European countries. We live in a world where image, appearance and immediate success have acquired excessive importance at the expense of realism and simplicity. It is important that our hearts and minds not give way to illusions but be firmly grounded in the truth and reality. I think the words of the Gospel are more meaningful than ever."

Thank you from all of us to the Legionaries from Leopardstown and the many other priests also who have helped us during the past year. Their contribution to the community of St. Brigid's is deeply appreciated. We hope our relationship of mutual support and friendship will continue. **MD**

Chris O'Sullivan

Chris O'Sullivan attended his last mass as musical director of the Gospel group on the 13th of December. Chris had been leading the group for the past seven years and over that time had been responsible for the musical arrangements, the harmonies, the seeking out of new music and of course the teaching of all this to the group.

Sile Keogh spoke on the day and expressed the gratitude and appreciation of the group. Chris was presented with a beautiful marble treble clef made by local craftsman Paul O'Neill and a lovely new watch and was treated to a standing ovation by the congregation.

It was wonderful to see that we obviously weren't

the only ones who appreciated Chris. Sile spoke of how young Chris was when he came to the group and yet so talented. With such great talent he is moving on to make his career in music and is currently working with a group of Irish musicians in Florida. The mass was an emotional one for the gospel group as we have been through a lot with Chris. We had many highs, singing in lots of concerts including a concert in Vicar St. and the Button Factory and very sadly singing at the funeral mass of our own lovely member Pamela Dalton. Through it all Chris was a loyal leader, a consummate professional and ever kind. We miss him dearly but wish him so much success in his music career. **MK**



Date for Diary: Gospel concert with Chris will take place on Friday 24 June.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2016

A greeting to all the families for whom this celebration this month could and should mean so much. To the pupils in both our schools we extend congratulations, along with a wish that their lives, now and in the future, will be the better because of the challenge and the promise of this Sacrament made to them in St. Brigid's in March 2016. A huge word of thanks is due to both schools, their Principals and their teachers, for their commitment, which always takes them that extra mile.

Life doesn't come much better than when the foundation of our being is 'confirmed' in faith and in fact. This pledges light in times of darkness, hope in times of hurt, inner strength in times of weakness. What more could any parent wish for their children? – or themselves?

Pictures by John Hickey



Oscar Singleton, Conal Murphy, James Monaghan



Callum Hurley and Max Hennessy



Andrew Kavanagh and Conor Downey



Garvan Molony and Kamaran Shirazi



Bobby Dowling, James O'Donoghue, Cuan Shaffrey



Kevin Campbell, Kealan Morton, Robert Theunissen



Phoebe Freeman and Alicia McCoy



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Hanna O'Leary, Jane Storey and Sarah O'Doherty



Kylabelle McKinney, Emma O'Driscoll and Caoimhe McGrath

Home Contact

Would you or anyone close to you like a friendly person to call to see you once a week? The Home Contact Group visits people in their own homes for a chat, to share a cuppa or just to say hello. Please let us know if you would be interested in having someone call to you. Please phone Yvonne on **0851248131** if interested.

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Rainbows

This is the name given to the movement in Irish society that tries to reach out in a supportive way to children who are finding it difficult to cope with loss of any kind. Those who try to help address this need in any local area are volunteers who are trained through a programme organized centrally through the Rainbows Central office in Dublin. This outreach can prove so helpful for many children whose lives have been blighted by the experience of loss in any way.

Here in St. Brigid's we are in a position to restart a Rainbows group this coming September if we have enough volunteers. For those who might be interested, why not enquire what's involved from the parish office as a first step **(01) 2858835**.

Cherrywood

The 'cherrywooddublin.com' website is of interest for those who like to keep up with plans and planning for this area within the St. Brigid's parish catchment area – as of now.

It is a most informative webpage with the enticing title of 'redefining quality of life' under the headings; residential, commercial, retail, leisure all within its master plan as well as location details and latest news. Although these headings are not presented as prescriptive or exhaustive, it is interesting to note that as yet no social, cultural, environmental or indeed spiritual headings have been added to that list, to further redefine and enhance the quality of life – no doubt they soon will.

Well worth a viewing and a comment as feedback, especially from those residents already living there.

What Really Matters

An exhibition of photography, stories and artwork, highlighting the launch of our project 'What Really Matters: Our Stories and Memories Matter' will be hosted in St. Brigid's Parish Pastoral Centre on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th May 2016.

All are most welcome to drop by the Centre during opening hours or after masses that weekend.

Golf Classic



**St. Brigid's Parish
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Congratulations to **Trish Clarke & David Fitzpatrick** on their wedding in St. Brigid's on 1st January 2016



Baptism of **James Adam Murphy** with parents **Brian Murphy** and mother, **Jean Mullan**.

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Baptism of baby **Lea Radkowska** with (from left) brother **Leo**, father **Robert**, brother **Sebastian**, Godfather **Krzysiek**, Godmother **Ola** and mother **Dorota**.

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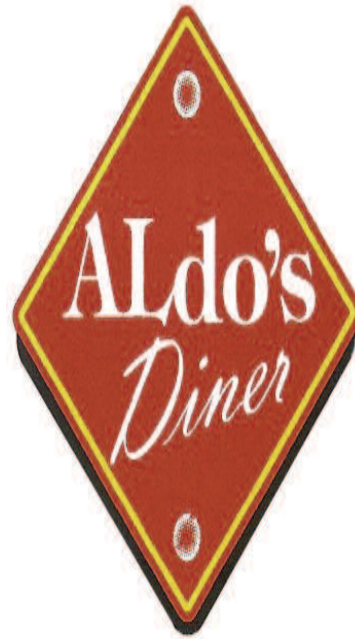


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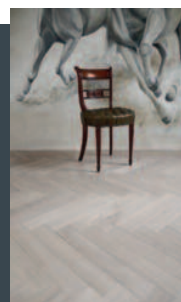
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