

Changing Times

I was a young student preparing for the priesthood when Pope John Paul II visited Ireland in 1979. I can remember traveling in the early morning hours to get to Maynooth College where the Pope was to meet seminarians. It was wonderful to be able to see him and there was great joy and welcome for him. I was also privileged to be able to attend the mass in the Phoenix Park where there were over a million and half people gathered. The sight of the Pope's airplane, escorted by the Aer Corps, over the Phoenix Park brought great cheering and joy.

On Sunday 26th August, I had the privilege again of participating in the mass at the Phoenix Park. It was a long day but worth it. The build up to the Pope's visit has been difficult. As a Church and as a country we have to face honestly the terrible harm that was done. I was reminded also of the many thousands of psychiatric patients from State-run hospitals buried in fields with no headstones. They do not ever get a mention. As a country we have a lot to atone for.

The Church as it is currently structured in Ireland had already begun to decline in 1979. It was a church whose current structure was very much formed by Cardinal Cullen in the 1800's and one that had reacted to our colonial past. It was a church where frequently almost everything was directed by the priest, who tended to not only be in charge of the parish but was also a community leader involved in the social, political and sporting events of the area. I remember in one parish I was in, the Parish Priest was automatically the President of the local GAA Club. That "Church" has died.

It is appropriate that Pope Francis is also a very different kind of Pope who is challenging and who has words that people today can understand, words that touch hearts.

The road ahead is unclear but the Lord never ceases to call us to a more fulfilled and loving life. Change is never easy and there can be a kind of grief for what has passed and an apprehension about the future. The solution is not to try to resuscitate an old structure but to be open to a new one. Therein lie the tension and the challenge.

Fr. Aquinas T Duffy



First day of school. Girls and boys from St. Brigid's Girls' and Boys' schools on their first day (see page 3)

Sunday Mass times:

Saturday Vigil at 6.30pm Sunday: 10am and 12.30pm

The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.

The Parish Centre is open 9am to 10pm weekdays. Coffee dock open from 10am daily.

World Meeting of Families, Dublin 2018



Parishioners **Gus Geoghan**, Sacristan **Ken Heffernan**, **Claire Norris**, **Simon Holmes**, **Suzanne Cunningham** and **Barbara Sheridan**.

Many parishioners from our local community visited the RDS for the World Meeting of Families (WMOF), participating in talks and workshops, musical entertainment and theatre and taking part in many moments of prayer and deep contemplation offered during the week. Several local people volunteered their hospitality, talents and time at WMOF and were very impressed by the work that went on 'behind the scenes'.

The weeks leading up to the event and logistics of putting this unique experience together had been very challenging, but at all times the communication and interaction with the organising teams bore a consistent witness to Gospel values in action ... even the 'messy bits' were lived in a spirit being a family!

A special thanks to Fr. Aquinas, Susannah Ryan, Kathleen Kinsella and Anne Corcoran for acting as our enthusiastic Parish WMOF representatives over this past year, and to our Wednesday Senior Social Club for their help in preparing the art work and posters displayed in the Church and Community Centre during the summer months. They contributed a much-appreciated creative element that aided many in our community to share their thoughts on 'What Family Means.'

Congratulations to members of our Cabinteely Gospel Group and Marshall Academy of Dance who performed at the World Meeting of Families Ceremony, attended by Pope Francis in Croke Park.

Not everyone who wished to participate in the Pope's Mass in Phoenix Park could make the journey,

so a live screening of the mass was offered in the Pastoral Center on Sunday 26th August. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality and the chance to gather together as a 'Parish family' and share in a memorable and uplifting occasion. A big thanks to all who helped prepare the hall and deal with the technical issues ... days like this would just not happen without your faithful presence and enthusiasm.

Pope Francis talked a lot about leaving a 'legacy' following these days:

As we left the Phoenix Park we noticed some young people going to the aid of an older pilgrim who was having difficulty walking; they offered to stay by his side and help him as he continued the journey home. I was reminded that these are the acts of kindness we are all invited to live ... actions that build up the Christian community, give hope and witness to the Joy of the Gospel put into life.

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Members of the Gospel Choir



World Meeting of Families Boys School Banner



Marshall Academy of Dance

Parish Golf Outing



A wonderful meal was provided in the Parish Centre by Frank Quinn Catering. This was followed by the prizegiving and a raffle for wonderful prizes all donated by local and neighbouring businesses.

The 18th St Brigid's Parish Golf Outing was held on Thursday, May 17th in Old Conna Golf Club. The weather, golf and the meal and prizegiving in the Parish Centre after the competition was superb.

19 teams of four played in a rumble and the winner had a choice of prizes – Glasson Golf Club and overnight B & B or Ballykisteon Golf Club 4 ball and overnight B & B or a 4 ball in Trump International Donbeg. All prizes were keenly played for and in total we had seven prizes, all fourballs, including Tulfarris, St Margarets, Woodbrook and Powerscourt. A huge thank you to all the Golf Clubs involved for their sponsorship of these prizes.

An added incentive on the day was a competition for a hole-in-one on Old Conna's 13th hole par 3 with a prize of €10,000 for the winner. Unfortunately this prize was not won!

The winners were the Horse & Hound Team of **James Gregg**, **Matt Malone**, **Des Malone** and **Kevin Foy** (pictured) with a great score of 92 points. Second prize went to **Mick Lernihan**, **Kieron Murphy**, **Richard Temple** and **Stephen Ryan** pictured.

The longest drive winners were Anne Manning and Kevin Foy and the nearest the pin winners were Ann Lehane and Ken Heffernan.

Thanks to all our sponsors of prizes for both the golf and the raffle, to those who sponsored 'holes' on the day, to Frank Quinn for the wonderful meal and goody bags and to the hard working committee of Denis Kane, Paddy Derivan, Paul O'Flaherty, Leo Kearns, Mike Holland, Simon Holmes, Marian Monaghan and Ann Lehane.

A great day was had by all and over €5,500 was raised on the day for the Parish.

The First Day!

New starts, new schools, new friends, new experiences... and that's just for the 'grown ups'!

St. Brigid's Boys' and Girls' schools welcomed all our 'first timers', the many young girls and boys and their parent/guardians that walk through the doors of our local schools for the first time this month.

For all the challenges, there is much to be happy and excited about... these young students can be assured of a warm, caring welcome in Mart Lane, Foxrock and Park Drive, Cabinteely.

We are so fortunate that our children have the

best of attention and education, so we encourage everyone (in particular first time parents) to make the most of parental peer support and take advantage of advice and counsel from our wise, experienced teachers.

We celebrate this new beginning as parents 'let go' and enable their children discover new friendships, learning and an exciting world of yet-to-be discovered opportunities.

May the year ahead be full of joy and insight for all.

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Pictures (girls) by John Hickey and pictures (boys) courtesy of the Boys' School.



Hollie Plunkett



Amy Elliott



Akito



Madeline O'Brien



Kitty Kennedy



Leni Stack



Kevin



Zayn



Rachel Mee



Sarah Bradley



Ruth Keane



Cian



Katie Nhung O'Rourke



Jesse



Keilana Mc Gonigle



Bobby



Amy Gavan



Kaylee Xu



Ava Li



Jack, Alex and Caibhan



Jenny Murphy

Confirmations and Communions 2018

It has been a very busy few months in Cabinteely Parish. Since the last edition of the Contact Magazine, we have celebrated Confirmations and Communions for the Boys and Girls' Schools and it is wonderful to see the photographs in this magazine.

I would like to also congratulate the chil-

dren from the second classes in St. Brigid's Boys and Girls' Schools who made First Holy Communion in May. There were three First Holy Communion masses over two weekends.

The Girls had their First Holy Communion mass and Confirmation in Foxrock Church this year. Thank you to all the parents and teachers

and parishioners in Cabinteely and Foxrock Parishes who made these occasions so special. It was a wonderful celebration and the boys and the girls were fantastic.

Thank you to **John Hickey** for the photographs.



Girls Communion



Boys Confirmation



Girls Confirmation



Amber Bryan, Nina Moran, Vanessa Zak and Oriana Perez



Joe Jordan, Séan O'Keeffe, J J Nolan



Chloe McCartan and Alba Molloy.



Ella O'Leary, Chloe Goode & Lucy Corcoran



Daniel Francis, Conor Regan & Charlie Meagher



Ethan Moore & Andrew Loughman



Lauren Downey & Lauren Barrett



Kate Bolger & Gemma Spain



Twins Abigail & Aisling McGowan



Boys Communion



Calum Maher, James Mc Guinn, Zack Egan-Ruane & Adam O'Toole



Lahita Javadpour & Kate Duffy



Ardan Fullam-Smith and Zenon Chambers.



Calum Maher, James McGuinn, Zack Egan-Ruane and Adam O'Toole.



Ella O'Leary, Chloe Goode & Lucy Corcoran



James Quinn & Fionn Morris



Chloe McCartan & Alba Molloy



Dylan Murray & Cian Rossiter



Alfie Hogan and Max Cassidy



William Hegarty & Richie Carroll



Grace Tyrrell & Amy Winter



Jack Cunningham & Christopher Lysaght-Walsh

Dancing at the Crossroads, Ceili Mor, July 2018

Yet again the organisers and supporters of the Ceili Mor in Cabinteely Village, July 28th, did themselves proud!

Through the hard work and commitment of so many faithful volunteers, the village was transformed yet again, showcasing the best of local community partnership and celebrating a feast of hospitality, good food, traditional music and ceili dance.

The young and the not so young enjoyed an

evening of the best community inspired entertainment.

While hundreds of happy dancers took to the streets, we have it on good authority that many of the participants were seen taking advantage of a much-needed sugar hit at the very popular Candy Floss stall at the side of the church!

Indeed all of the food and beverage offerings provided grateful punters with much appreciated sustenance during a wonderful, fun-filled

evening. An evening like this brings out the best in us all and offers a valuable, much appreciated occasion to experience belonging, connection and encounter the larger local 'family'.

A huge thanks to all, but especially to our Tidy Towns, Local Business, Residents Committees, Church, County Council and Gardaí for their enthusiastic, good humoured support of the event.

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Annabelle Wozniak & her Granny Alicia Baran.



Diana & John Champion.

Pictures by John Hickey



Niamh, Zuzanna & Robert Gajewski.



Dominik, Emma & Dorota Roman.



Rodhan, Meg Hickey & Jenny Mangan.



Harry, Alan, Suzanne & Charlotte Coyne-Doyle & Cillian Ryan



Maeve, Sean, Anya, Rory & Rachel O'Driscoll



Fr.Aquinas with Tomás & Sheila Murphy.



Jackie Long, Barbara, Amy, Nicole & Lauren Ferris.



Mary, Abi, Aisling & Thomas Gormley.



Louis, Paul, Mia & Lisa.



Baptism of Rose Campion on 30th June. Pictured is Noelle Aherne 'Granny', sister Olivia Campion, mum Jennifer Campion, baby Rose Campion and Jo Campion 'Nana'.



Baptism of Jack Peter Byrne on the 23rd August pictured with his parents Louise Flanagan and Ian Byrne



Baptism of Dylan Patrick Gallagher-O'Mahony on 24th June pictured with his parents Declan Gallagher, Aine O'Mahony and Fr. Aquinas



Congratulations to Stephen Lynch and Katie Redmond who were married in St. Brigid's Church Cabinteely on 4th August.



Congratulations to Aoife Lehane and Dave Murphy who were married in St. Brigid's on 14th July.



Congratulations to Dr Kent Klemmer and Dr Colleen Harnett who were married in St Brigid's Church on 30th June. They are pictured here with bridesmaid Clare Wardell and bestman, Craig Klemmer.



Congratulations to Stephen Haugh and Aileen Lambe who were married in St Brigid's Church on 20th July. They are pictured here (centre) with Laura Gale, Nikki Keane, Avril Grogan, Declan Haugh, Barry Haugh and Kevin Haugh.

Church Refurbishment

St. Brigid's Church in Cabinteely was opened in 1836. It is a most beautiful church with Stained Glass windows by Leo Earley and also one by Joshua Clarke (father of Harry Clarke). A visitor to the church recently commented that it was so beautiful but it looked tired and in need of refurbishment. Recently we have had a number of maintenance issues so I had a detailed audit of the Church done. The results reveal urgent need for addressing electrical issues including complete rewiring of the Church replacement of all internal and external lighting, maintenance of the Stained Glass windows and dampness issues, plastering and painting. This is not the complete list. Some of the electrical issues were so serious that they had to be addressed immediately to make safe.

The overall project will cost a few hundred thousand Euro. Exact cost has yet to be estimated but items will be prioritised in terms of health and safety first. We will be starting a major fundraising drive soon. It is a huge financial challenge but I know that people in Cabinteely are generous and love their Church. In addition to whatever fundraising strategy is devised, we are looking for patrons who would be willing to make a contribution towards the cost. It is such a beautiful church, which carries many memories of life events for many. Let's hope that we can maintain it so that it can be passed on to the next generation.

Fr. Aquinas

Bethany Bereavement Support

It is wonderful to report that Cabinteely Parish now has a Bethany Bereavement Support group established. Thank you to those who put themselves forward and who underwent training. The Group have a "drop in" meeting on the last Friday of every month in the Parish Pastoral Centre from 10.30am to 11.30am. If you are someone who is bereaved and would like support please do drop in to any of the gatherings on the last Friday of the month. The group can also be contacted through the Parish Office.

Foxrock-Cabinteely

Over the Summer, Fr. Aquinas Duffy was asked by the Archbishop to look after Foxrock Parish in addition to Cabinteely Parish, while the Parish Priest in Foxrock is absent. Clearly it is a challenge and a reminder of the need to plan appropriately for a future that will have less and less clergy available for ministry in parishes. It has also been a difficult time for Foxrock Parish with the death of Fr. Gerry Doyle a few months ago. Your prayers, patience and support are appreciated.

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