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TANEY NEWS



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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
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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 Easter General Vestry on March 29th.



Letter from the Rector

Dear Parishioners,



Easter Vestry

The Easter General Vestry is on Sunday 29th March following a short Morning Service in Christ Church, Taney. The Parish financial report presented by the Hon. Treasurer, Alanna Carter, gives details of Parish Income & Expenditure. In the midst of all the figures and data on major Parish projects and day to day income and expenses, there is a report on our giving to Mission, Charities, Christian partners overseas and those in need.

Holy Week Marathon with Bishop Richard Henderson



Every evening of Holy Week from Tues, April 7th to Good Friday at 8.00pm in Christ Church, Taney our reflections are led by Marathon Runner, Rt Rev Richard Henderson,

Bishop of Tuam. In a few weeks at the end of April, Bishop runs in the London Marathon, raising money for several charities. Well known in our church as an inspiring, thoughtful and engaging communicator he will help us in the rigours of Holy Week as we follow in the footsteps of Christ to the Cross and prepare for the Easter Celebration of the Living Lord. Please don't miss this opportunity to reflect together with one who will challenge our complacency yet help us to think out a faith relevant to our times in a changing world.

Taney Parish Donations to Charities

As a Christian community, we in Taney have always given priority to our support of those who at home or abroad give help to others in need or who lend their support to worthwhile projects. Over the past two years we gave €56,000 (2006) and €67,000 (2007). It is good to report that once again our giving last year (2008) totals. €65,547.

This total is spread across a range of mission partners, charities and worthy causes. Bishop Tucker Theological College and Uganda Christian University, 'Children of Bethlehem', Bishops Appeal, Christian Aid, Trocaire, Near East Council of Churches Relief Work in Gaza, Church Missionary Society Ireland, Deirdre Lloyd in Nepal represent only some of our overseas giving. At home, a range of mission projects and charities, hospitals and church restoration projects are included. Full details of our donations you will receive at the Easter Vestry and in our church's statement of accounts presented at this annual business meeting of our parish to which you are most welcome.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter in Taney Parish

Details of our plan for Holy Week and Easter you will find in this 'Taney News'. Services every Sunday and mid-week, Bible Study and Prayer Group meet every Wednesday morning at 10.30am, our Churches Together Ecumenical evening of reflection in Holy Cross School with our Roman Catholic and Methodist neighbours on Wednesday 25th March at 7.30pm give

us opportunity for something we may find helpful to our personal and devotional life. For something social yet sacrificial, why not drop in to the Parish Centre every Friday 12 noon – 1.30pm for 'Lenten Lunches' for those in need in the developing world. Last year, we raised €4,000 towards the relief of those in need through Trocaire and Christian Aid.

Easter in Taney

Our Easter Day Services of celebration for the Resurrection of our Lord are in Christ Church and St Nahi's on Sunday April 12th. There will be joy, excitement and lots of fun, especially for the young people on Easter morning in Taney. If you are at home for Easter, there is a warm welcome for you! If you are away on holiday, enjoy! Look out for a Church nearby and join the local Christian community for worship. With every blessing for a Happy Easter.

Canon Desmond Sinnamon

Services for Easter

March 2009

Wed. 11th

10.00am Matins

Sun 15th March

3rd Sunday in Lent

Christ Church

10.15am Parish Communion – Rev Stephen Farrell

7.00pm Compline

St. Nahi's

8.30am Holy Communion

11.45am Morning Prayer – Rev. Stephen Farrell

Tues. 17th

St. Patrick's Day

10.00am Holy Communion

Wed. 18th

St. Joseph of Nazareth

10.00am Holy Communion

Sun 22nd

4th Sunday in Lent –

Mothering Sunday

Christ Church

8.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Family Service – The Rector, Canon
Desmond Sinnamon

7.00pm Holy Communion

St. Nahi's

11.45am – Parish Communion – The Rector, Canon
Desmond Sinnamon

Wed. 25th

The Annunciation of our Lord

10.00am Holy Communion

Sun 29th

5th Sunday in Lent

Christ Church

8.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Morning Prayer led by Confirmation
Group followed by Easter General Vestry

7.00pm Holy Communion - Diocesan Lay
Reader, Trilly Keatinge

St. Nahi's

11.45am Morning Prayer – Diocesan Lay Reader,
Trilly Keatinge

Chancel Guild Easter Decorations

Both churches will be decorated for Easter celebrations on Saturday 11th April 10.00am (Christ Church) and 9.30am (St. Nahi's)

Women's World Day of Prayer

Fri. 6th March

10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer (in Holy Cross Church, Dundrum)

This year, the Women's World Day of Prayer will be held in Holy Cross, Dundrum on Friday 6th March at 11.15am. Refreshments will be served from 10.30am. The theme is 'In Christ there are many members yet one body' and the liturgy has been composed by the women of Papua New Guinea. Everyone is welcome.

Forthcoming Services

Sun. 29th March

10.15am Morning Service led by the
Confirmation Candidates

Sun. 5th April

3.30pm – Holy Communion with the 'Care Group'
No Evening Service at 7pm

Sun. 10th May

10.15am Morning Service for Christian Aid Sunday

Sun. 17th May

10.15am Confirmation Service in Christ Church,
Taney

Sun. 24th May

10.15am – Uniformed Organisations Service in
Christ Church, Taney

April 2009

Wed. 1st April

10.00am Holy Communion

Sun 5th

Palm Sunday

Christ Church

10.15am Service of Readings & Hymns

3.30pm Holy Communion with the Care Group and dedication of stair lift in Taney Parish Centre, the gift of Dolly Turner in memory of her husband, Tom.

NO EVENING SERVICE AT 7.pm

St. Nahi's

8.30am Holy Communion

11.45am Service of Readings & Hymns

Wed. 8th (in Holy Week)

10.00am Holy Communion

Holy Week Services

Tues 7th

Christ Church, Taney

7.15am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion (Wednesday only)

8.00pm Tuesday & Wednesday (Evening Service), Thursday (Holy Communion); Good Friday (Evening Service) – Preacher: Rt. Rev. Richard Henderson, Bishop of Tuam

Fri 10th

(Good Friday)

7.15am Ante Communion

10.15am Family Service

8.00pm Evening Service

Sun 12th

EASTER DAY

Christ Church

8.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Parish Communion - The Rector, Canon Desmond Sinnamon

7.00pm Holy Communion

St. Nahi's

11.45am Parish Communion - The Rector, Canon Desmond Sinnamon

Wed. 15th

10.00am – Holy Communion

Sun 19th

2nd Sunday of Easter

Christ Church

10.15am Morning Prayer – Rev Niall Sloane

7.00pm Compline – Rev. Niall Sloane

St. Nahi's

8.30am Holy Communion

11.45am Morning Prayer – Rev Niall Sloane

Wed. 22nd

(St. Mark the Evangelist)

10.00am Holy Communion

Sun 26th

3rd Sunday of Easter

Christ Church

8.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Morning Prayer – The Rector, Canon Desmond Sinnamon

7.00pm Holy Communion

St. Nahi's

11.45am Parish Communion -The Rector, Canon Desmond Sinnamon

Wed. 29th

(St. Philip & St. James)

10.00am Holy Communion

Crèche every Sunday during Morning Service

Taney News

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



Lent & Easter 2009

Holy week in Taney

Our meditations in Holy Week at Evening Services will be led by Rt. Rev. Richard Henderson, Bishop of Tuam, Killala and Achonry.

The Bishop was ordained in 1986 for the Diocese of Oxford, and served as Curate in Chinnor with Emmington and Sydenham until 1989 when he moved to Ireland as Rector of Abbeystrewry Union, Skibberreen, Co. Cork until 1995, when he became Dean of Ross and rector of Ross Union.

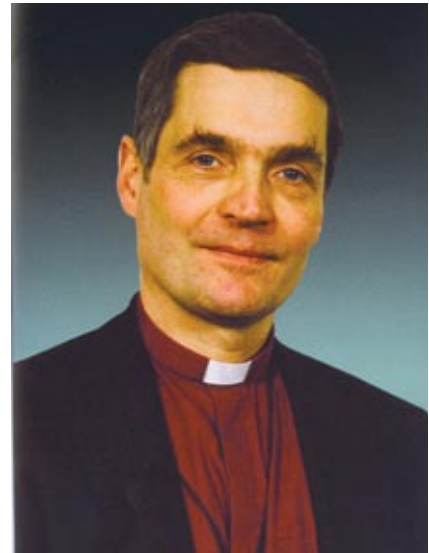
He was a Canon of Ross Cathedral and St Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork from 1993 until 1995, and held the Prebendary of St Fin Barre's Cathedral. Educated in Westminster School, London, Magdalen College, Oxford and St John's College, Nottingham, later obtaining a BA in Botany (Oxon. 1979) and Doctorate in Philosophy (Oxon. 1983) on the thesis "The Genetics and Applications of Copper Resistance

in Yeast".

He passed with distinction the Diploma in Theology at University of Nottingham, 1984, and obtained a Diploma in Pastoral Studies at St John's College, Nottingham. Bishop Henderson has a passion for working with his hands, mostly in woodwork and engineering metal work.

He plays piano, organ and recorder, especially the music of J. S. Bach, reads English literature and a wide range of technical books, and enjoys gardening and building. He has taught music in Darjeeling, been an indoor plant decorator, a self-employed cabinet maker and biotechnology adviser to Andry Montgomery Ltd, which mounts trade exhibitions.

He has just finished a term of office as Chairman of the Church



of Ireland Youth Department, and has conducted Quiet Days, Retreats and the like. He is interested in the pastoral care of those whose faith changes, the marriage of science and Christianity, devotional exegesis of the scriptures, and preaching and teaching the faith.

Bishop Henderson is married to Anita, and they have three children, Cicely, Pippa and Jack. Welcome Bishop Henderson to Taney!

Easter General Vestry

The Easter General Vestry is on Sunday, 29th March 2009 following 10.15am service in Christ Church Taney. It is open to all our parishioners. You may wish to register as a general vestry person of the parish, if you have not already done so. You will find the appropriate form below. Most parishioners are registered as vestry persons.

The Easter General Vestry is the annual general meeting of our Parish. Reports are presented by the Rector and the Hon. Treasurer, Alanna Carter. The Select Vestry will be elected and Church Wardens nominated for the coming year. It is important that your voice is heard and that you are there. We invite and welcome all over 18 years who contribute to the Church to come along. A special plea to our young people – please take up this invitation.

Annual Revision of the Register of Vestrypersons

Each year, every Parish in the Church of Ireland is asked to revise its list of registered vestrypersons. To be officially eligible for membership of the Select Vestry, Diocesan Synod or any other offices of the Church, you are technically required to be registered. Please complete the form below and return it to the Church or Taney Parish Office during this month.

Declaration of Registered Vestrypersons of the Church of Ireland

I/We _____ of the Parish of Taney, do solemnly declare that I/we are member/s of the Church of Ireland, and of the Parish of Taney in the Diocese of Dublin.

Name/s _____

Address _____

Forthcoming Events

Taney Fête

This will be held on Saturday 6th June, 1 – 4 pm in the grounds of the Parish Centre. The theme for this years Fete is 'The Mad-Hatters Party'. Please keep an eye on the website and the announcements sheet for more details nearer the time. Any Volunteers who wish to help out on the day or in the preparations beforehand are asked to contact Carol Eggers on 086 684 9859.



Confirmation

The preparations for Confirmation (May 17th) in the Parish are well underway. Classes are in session in Wesley College on Tuesday evenings. As part of their training the candidates will lead an act of worship in Christ Church, Taney on Sunday 29th March at 10.15am.

Taney Rangers

Please keep an eye on the parish website and announcements sheet for forthcoming events.

Uniformed Organisations

Trips away have been planned for a number of the groups and we are all looking forward to the Organisation Service on the 24th May 2009 in Christ Church, Taney.

Coffee Shop

The Coffee shop is open every weekday from 9.30 am to 2pm. Please feel free to call in anytime and be assured of a warm welcome.

Lenten Lunches

You are invited to the Lenten Lunches, a popular and social event in the Parish and community held every Friday and commencing on Friday 27th February at 12.00pm to 130pm in the Parish Centre. All monies raised are donated to Third World Charities.

Drama Society

The next production is Brian Friel's "The Loves of Cass McGuire", directed by Lynn Pennefather. The performances will be in the Mill Theatre, Dundum 22nd - 25 April. Best wished to Lynn, cast and crew as they get rehearsals underway. We are also planning to participate again in the Centre Stage event in Cabinteely in May, more on this anon. For up to date information visit our website, www.taneydramasociety.com.

Taney School & Taney P.T.A.

The School will be closed for St Patrick's Day - Tuesday 17th March
Easter Holidays - School closes Friday 3rd April and reopens on Monday 20th April

The Annual PTA Dinner Dance will be held on Friday 20th March in the Stillorgan Park Hotel. More details available from Vanessa Greaney (2985491)



Taney Mission Partners in Gaza

The Rector, Canon Desmond Sinnamon



Taney Partners in Mission: Costa Dabbagh, Director of the Near East Council Of Churches Refugee Work in Gaza.

Since the escalation of conflict on December 27th in Gaza, I have kept constantly in touch with our partners in mission and friends who volunteer and work with the Middle East Council of Churches Committee for Refugee Work in Gaza (NECCCRW).

Some years ago Rima was just like many teenagers here. At eighteen years old she was a student in Dublin, studying and speaking English. She lived for a year with us in the Rectory. On Sunday, she worshipped in Christ Church, Taney. During the week, she did the normal things like any teenager in Dublin – taking a bus to town, to College, meeting friends for coffee. Through Rima and her family I learned about what it was really like to be a young person in Gaza and Palestine.

Gaza – Its History and Refugee Camps

She talked about its history and its civilization. Its history is ancient and often complicated. It was there Samson met Delilah. Gaza, like the West Bank and Israel, is part of the Holy Land. Bethlehem where Jesus was born is just 45 minutes away today by car from Gaza. Rima is from a strong and vibrant minority Christian community in Palestine where, for centuries, Christians, Muslims and Jews have lived together and worked together.

In 1948, when the State of Israel was founded, making a place for the newcomers, many of the indigenous people were displaced from their own homes and left their land in fear. Rima's parents originally had their own home in Haifa. Thousands became refugees, fleeing to the relative safety of

Gaza and the West Bank where Refugee Camps were eventually set up for them by the United Nations. The Camps have been there for sixty years, with three generations, awaiting the implementation of UN Declarations concerning refugees. The Camps in Gaza in particular are appalling, with open street sewers, cramped conditions, bad housing, unemployment at over 70%; most below the poverty line living on less than \$2 a day; no prospects and little hope for the young people or their families.

Taney support for Middle East Churches Refugee Work

Rima and her husband Munir, who works with the U.N., her father Costa, Director of Near Eastern Council of Churches Committee for Refugee Work, NECCRW, are refugees themselves. They work with Refugee families of all religions and faiths trying to offer them some hope for the future and skills to improve their lifestyle. For the past few years we in Taney have sent our donations to support the work of NECCCRW. I have been to their workshops where many are trained in secretarial skills, language studies and Information Technology, home skills such as domestic management, nutrition and dress-making, carpentry, metal and aluminium works, general electricity and motor engineering I have witnessed people queuing for help in their Health Care Centres and Dental Clinics one of which was destroyed, bombed in the war. I visited Al Ahli, the Anglican hospital in Gaza city where Doctors, nurses and staff cared for thousands of wounded and comforted those bereaved in the recent war. We have sent a donation of over €3000 to NECCRW in the year past and €3000 this month to Bishops Appeal as part of their recent 25,000E to the Anglican Hospital in Gaza.

Implications for Family Life

When in Gaza we stayed with Costa's family there. Some years ago, with Jennifer and our daughter Sarah, we attended Rima's engagement ceremony – her betrothal to Munir – in Y.M.C.A in Gaza. The following year we returned and stayed in Gaza for her wedding in the Christian Orthodox Church there. Her father brought me on a tour of the Gaza Strip. Its location on the Mediterranean Coast is striking with its beautiful beaches, warm seas, hot and balmy climate. The Gaza Strip is only 40 kms



Gaza has long suffered the effects of Occupation. This picture, 1998, Gazans return home by the beach, their roads destroyed by the occupying Israeli army. The destruction of roads and other transport routes prevents the travel of anyone who is not able-bodied; it also hinders the transport of goods.

long and 10 kms wide, but it is one of the most densely populated places on earth. One and a half million people live in the crowded Refugee Camps and Gaza city.

There are two entrances and exit points for Palestinians – both controlled by Israelis and the Israeli administration. It is virtually impossible for Palestinians to enter or to leave without a permit, and that's impossible to get. Rima and her family have no freedom to travel. They applied to Israel for permission to celebrate Christmas with her sister in Bethlehem – which, had it been granted would have meant they would have escaped the war – but permission was refused. Like their fellow Gazans, they live behind a boundary wall and electrified fence, patrolled by armed Israeli soldiers, gun turrets at regular intervals.

No Escape from War

There is no airport – one built with Europe funding was bombed – no flights in or out. There is no sea port; the sea border is under the control of the Occupier. Gaza is an open prison with no escape for its people. We were with Rima's family when, four years ago, Gaza was attacked by F16's fighter planes and helicopter gun ships. This terrifying attack which lasted for two nights and three days gave us a foretaste of what people in Gaza were subjected to at length, more recently.

Many of us witnessed on TV after Christmas, the weeks of war in Gaza. Its infrastructure, its buildings, colleges and schools – even a clinic run by NECCRW have been destroyed. We keep in touch these days with Rima by phone. She tells us that medical supplies, food, the basics of life are in scarce supply.

Right to security and peace

As Christians, we believe that killing is wrong. I have no truc with state armies flouting the

Geneva Convention, using disproportionate and indiscriminate force, taking the lives of hundreds of innocent people, many of whom in this instance are mothers and children. Nor do I condone in any way suicide bombing, or those who fire rockets endangering innocent lives in Israel, nor the militant Islamist wing of Hamas. But when I hear from Rima and her family of the horrors of the war, of the physical and psychological trauma of families, of their children, taking refuge in fear, hoping their home and family won't be next, of the young who have seen their mothers, fathers, family members obliterated, I question the morality of treating innocent people as the pawns of war, their lives seemingly insignificant and expendable. I believe war and violence is no solution; neither is the building of fortified walls of separation. The coming together of hearts and minds – in a land that has so much to offer – can surely be encouraged and supported by the Churches and the international community. Our prayers and hopes for a peaceful future are with all in the Holy Land – Palestinian and Israeli, Jew, Muslim and Christian. All have the right to live in peace and in security, together aspiring to a homeland where the ordinariness of life and respect for the dignity of others are the norms.



Rima, Munir and their family at home in Gaza in happier times - before the latest invasion.

Parish News

Christmas Bazaar

The festive atmosphere was everywhere as the doors opened for Taney's Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 6th December. With stalls packed high, there was something for everyone. Books, bric-a-brac, DIY, cakes, country produce, Christmas presents, bags & things, toys and computer gear, all attracted the crowds as did the new 'sports stall', thanks to Siobhan. Many had an eye for a bargain and were not disappointed. The Coffee Shop was a buzz of conversation all morning with Taney School Orchestra delighting the crowds with their repertoire of seasonal music. The arrival of Santa was the climax for the children. Their eyes alight, Santa handed out his gifts. Our thanks to all who supported the Bazaar, who

worked on the stalls and helped make it a really sociable and enjoyable morning for all. To Janet O'Sullivan and Miriam Armstrong who co-ordinated the event with characteristic enthusiasm, our thanks! Our mission partners including CMS, USPG and Bishop Tucker College, Uganda, Deirdre Lloyd in Nepal together with parishioners who participate in Christian outreach projects will benefit from the proceeds of almost €10,000 raised on the day. Taney's commitment to our Mission partners is as strong today as when this century-old institution in Parish life first began. Our thanks to all who worked so hard and to you who made the day by just being there.

Envelopes & Standing Orders

Envelopes for 2009 are still available. For other options of giving please contact the Parish Office, 298 5491 or Parish Recorder, James Henry, 490 6901. Your giving is vital for the Church and is much appreciated



Trip to Achonry

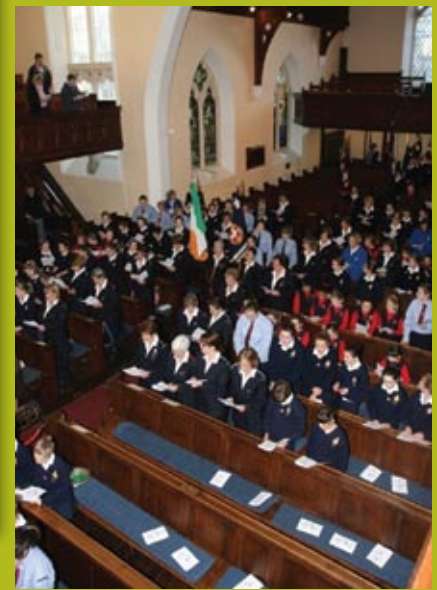
During the Annual Clergy Conference in Sligo this year, Stephen and Niall were privileged to gain access to the historic Cathedral of St Crumnathy in Achonry, Co. Sligo. The Cathedral, now deconsecrated, is believed to be the first site where St Nahi (Crumnathy), established a Christian settlement. From Achonry he travelled East to Dublin where he eventually arrived in Dundrum to establish a Christian Community. It was from the humble beginnings of Achonry that Taney began.

As a symbol of this connection a stone from St Crumnathy's has been placed in the Baptistry of St Nahi's, which will hopefully be a reminder, to parishioner and visitor alike, that we share in a rich and varied heritage.

Taney School

The Taney School Fair was held in the School on Saturday 22nd November. A good turnout on the day ensured a collection of over €4,700.

On February 14th Old Wesley Rugby Club hosted the Table Quiz which raised over €1,000. Thank you to all who supported the School and P.T.A. on these occasions.



Girls Brigade

Taney was delighted to host the National Girls Brigade Service in Christ Church on Sunday 30th November. Many branches were represented from Dublin and beyond. To mark the beginning of Advent the Girl's and leaders worshipped in the context of a service of Lessons and Carols.

Chair Lift

Users of the Parish Centre will notice the installation of a new chair lift. This is the very generous gift of Dolly Turner in memory of her husband, Tom. The dedication takes place on Palm Sunday 5th April at 3.30pm Holy Communion with the 'Care Group' a Service always attended by Dolly before she went to Bangor to her daughter, Ruth.

Remembering the Refugee Children of Bethlehem – Christmas Appeal



St Nahi's

St Nahi's Church hosted a special reception and service on Advent Sunday (30th November). A number of friends and associates of the late Seamus Brennan offered to light a tree in the graveyard in memory of Seamus, for the season of Advent and Christmas. These were formally lit in the context of a short memorial service, led by the clergy of Taney and Monsignor Donal O'Doherty, Holy Cross. It was a gesture deeply appreciated by the Brennan family and the lights were a symbol to many of the Christian witness in Dundrum.

In the light of the deteriorating humanitarian conditions in the West Bank and in Gaza as a result of the escalation of the conflict, our Appeal function for the Refugee Children of Bethlehem and of Palestine was timely. As in previous years, the Appeal event took place after the 'Carols by Candlelight' Service. The 'Bethlehem Group' mounted an exhibition of photographs of the goodwill visit by Taney parishioners and friends last summer to Dheishe Refugee Camp, detailing our contacts with families who have been in the camps over three generations and for the last sixty years. We saw something of the conditions in which they live and of their life-styles in places where seven out of ten people are without work and many live below the poverty line, existing on less than \$2 a day. Following our carols and readings of the birth of Jesus, himself and his family refugees, this evening event remembering the refugee children who live in Bethlehem and Palestine, was a salutary pointer to what life is like today for refugee children in Palestine and all over the world. We raised €2,400 that evening toward the Bethlehem Appeal. Our prayers and our thoughts are with all those terrified little ones and all suffering in the horrific conditions of war torn Gaza. May all in the Holy Land, Palestinian and Israeli, Jew, Muslim and Christian know peace in their land and in their lives.

Ecumenical Links Christian Unity Service

The Annual Service of Prayer for Christian Unity was held in Holy Cross, Dundrum on Tuesday 20th January. It was well attended by members from all the churches in Dundrum. The preacher was Revd Jeremy Nicholl of Dundrum Methodist Church.

D.U.F.E.M. Visitor

On Sunday 22nd February we welcomed Mr Kenneth Lau to our services in Taney. Kenneth is a final year ordinand in the Diocese of Hong Kong Island and will be made Deacon in September. He was visiting Ireland with the Dublin University Far Eastern Mission and spent the month of February getting a 'flavour' of the Church of Ireland.



Churches Together in Dundrum

Our Churches Together will meet on Wednesday 25th March at 7.30pm for an Evening of Prayer, Reflection, Study and an opportunity of sharing faith with our neighbours in Dundrum Methodist and Holy Cross. The topic has been titled 'No Ordinary Man: Live the Passion through the lives of the onlookers'. It will take place in Holy Cross School, Lower Kilmacud Road (opp Garda Station). This Lenten discussion is led by a group of lay people from our three churches. All are welcome.

Drama Society

The Christmas season was ushered in with the society carol singing in Dundrum Town Centre on Friday Evening 5th December. Funds raised at the event went to support the Simon Community.

Congratulations to director George Gogan, cast, crew, front of house and everyone who lent a hand to make 'Allo 'Allo a great success. We had excellent houses and 'Allo 'Allo was just the thing to lift the spirits of our patrons (and ourselves!) in the dark, cold, post-Christmas days of January. Again,

well done to all concerned. Thanks also to William and Jasmine Hourie for hosting a post-production "wrap" party for 'Allo 'Allo in their house in early February. Following it's warm reception on the circuit in November, Madeline Stringer's "Rhyme for Reason" participated in the Bray one-act festival in January. Madeline received a merit certificate for writing the play, all cast received great crits with Fiona Masterson received special mention as a young player with great potential.

Parish Organisations

Mothers' Union

Next meeting on March 10th, we look forward to welcoming Brendan O'Connor well-known Journalist in the Sunday Indo and Big Bad Wolf of 'You're a Star'. I think Brendan could be described as a 'celeb'. We are netting the big fish these days entirely due to our above-mentioned E.M.

We had one of our best-attended meetings ever on Tuesday 13th January, and rightly so, when you consider the eminent speaker our Enrolling Member had managed to acquire for us – Mr. John Lonergan – Governor of Mountjoy Prison. We were very pleased and gratified to see our Diocesan President, Ann Walsh, sitting among the members. Mr. Lonergan spoke on 'Prisoners and Their Relationships' and so fascinating is his line of thought and so direct and common sense

his message, that you could have heard the proverbial pin drop. Mr. Lonergan is a true humanitarian. He sees 'sermons in stones and good in everything'. For twenty-five years he has been Governor of Mountjoy and, if you expected him to be cynical and case-hardened, you would find him to be quite the reverse. Prisoners he sees as unfortunates who have got there through disadvantage and human weakness. I should imagine he is entirely approachable. One can't help thinking the world would be a better place if there were more John Lonergans in the right job. In a glow of hope and fervour Dorothy Blain brought the evening to a close, and Mr. Lonergan joined us as we partook of tea and home-made goodies. A night to remember!

Leinster House played host to us on 10th February. Are we coming up in the world or what? Over thirty of us were brought on a conducted tour of the House and given a history of it. We were permitted to spend time in the Dáil Chamber and in the Senate. Question Time was in progress in the former and we heard the Taoiseach and several members of the opposition parties wrangling away about the banking fiasco and other subjects – just like on TV and radio only louder and more aggressive it seemed. They were debating education cuts in the Senate and we sat in on that for a while. All most intriguing! As arranged by our super E.M., we then adjourned to Buswell's Hotel for a very pleasant 'Early Bird'. How the LUAS has simplified our lives, for that was the means of transport most of us used.

Taney Rangers

The Rangers held their Christmas party on 12th December in the nicely re-vamped Overend Room in the parish centre. It was an evening of food, music and entertainment, with a happy Christmas atmosphere, attended by approximately fifty Rangers, and it was a most enjoyable start to Christmas celebrations. The music was provided by David Adams and we had lovely singing by Naomi Maybury, Maeve McMullan, Betty O'Brien, and by Jack Morrissey from the Dublin County Choir. Bernie's recitation had everyone in stitches and the curates Niall and Stephen excelled themselves with their comedy, rounded off by the rector's amusing story! Thanks to all the committee for a great effort in organising the food and entertainment.

Care Group

On 14th December the Care Group gathered for a service of Holy Communion. This was a very special occasion for some of our 'seniors' in the parish and following the service the committee provided a beautiful candle-lit supper in the parish centre. The evening was enhanced by a nostalgic sing-song with Christmas music provided by Mark & Miriam Armstrong. The next gathering will be the Easter Holy Communion in Christ Church, Taney followed by Supper in the Parish Centre on Sunday 5th April at 3.30pm.

Youth Club

The next meeting will be on 7th March for a 'Cinema Evening' and will meet again on 21st March for a 'Mystery Tour'. On 4th April there will be a 'Chill-Out Evening' and of the 25th of April the term will end with a trip away.

Bible Study Group

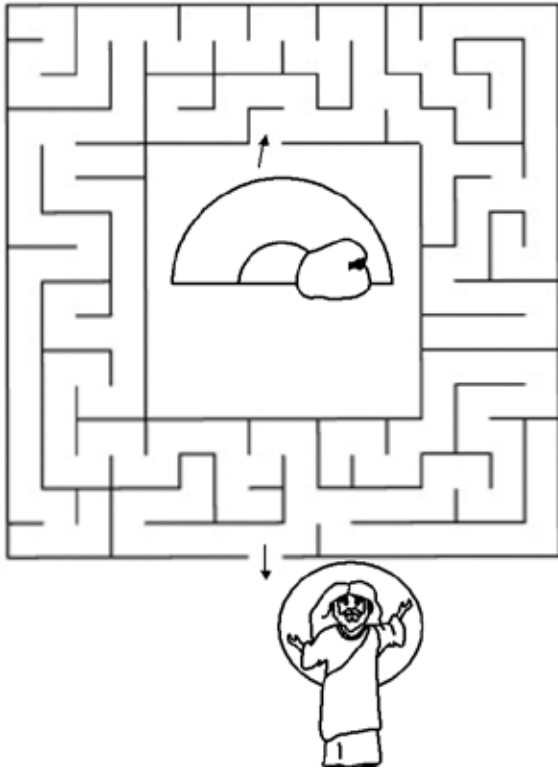
The Bible Study Group continues on Wednesdays at 10.30am after the mid-week service.



Children's Corner

Easter Maze

Help Jesus find his way out of the tomb so he can tell the disciples He's Alive!



Prayer

Dear God,
 Thank you that during Lent we can think more about you and focus on you.
 We pray that you will help us with the positive things we choose to do this Lent.
 We pray also for all those in the world who have no power, no money, no food or have lost their way in life.
 Amen.

Read about the Easter story –
 St John 20:1-18

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.

Junior Choir

The Junior Choir is now celebrating its first anniversary and in the past year has made a wonderful contribution to our worship in Taney. We thank Suzanne Chadwick and David Adams for all their work. The Choir is always looking for new members (male and female). Please speak to Suzanne for more information.

Dublin & Glendalough Summer Camps

These will take place in Gurteen, Co. Tipperary from 5th to 11th July (10 to 12 years old) and from 12th to 18th July (13 years +). More information and booking forms available from the Parish Office.

Sunday School

The children are well underway in their course for the current year and are about to embark on a Lenten Project. This enterprise will support the Sightsavers Foundation which helps to relieve the needs of those who suffer from blindness or other visual impairments. As part of this the March Family Service will be themed to compliment this venture.

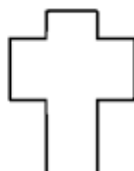
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17th March – St Patrick's Day

Curates Corner

From Church Lodge ...

Our confirmation candidates are now in the midst of their preparations for their big day in May and as part of this we have encouraged them all to use the coming months to take on a project, in which they are challenged to think outside themselves and to be conscious of those less fortunate than themselves. A challenge I propose to all of us is to use the season of Lent as a time to rethink old values, to focus our minds on what really counts and to be thankful for all that we have. We may be in the midst of an economic recession ... of a depression, but, for all this doom and gloom there will, I believe, be a brighter future ahead.

Words from a popular Lenten hymn comes to mind:

*Take up thy cross, let not its weight
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,
And brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.*

May the period of Lent be to you a time of rest and reflection and may Easter bring with it, to you, the joy of the risen Christ.

With every best wish,

Niall.

From Church Cottage ...

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin and the 150th anniversary of the publication of his 'On the Origin of Species'. Darwin is best remembered for his theory of evolution, a theory which has remained controversial despite being backed up by an overwhelming weight of scientific evidence. Evolutionary theory retains this element of controversy through being caught up in the crossfire of an argument in which Darwin had little personal interest.

Those who reject Evolutionary theory because it supposedly removes the place of a creator ought to look again at what Darwin says and acknowledge the weight of proof behind his theory. Evolution and the story of creation in Genesis are not at odds. The biblical account of creation derives its validity not from narrow factual accuracy, but from the profound truths it conveys. It shows the love of God in creation, the never-ending energy of the Spirit in its interaction with the created order and its continual making things new. No theory can remove the faith truth of Genesis. What

Evolution does is show us the ways in which God worked and continues to work in creation. Yes, the theory also shows us how some of our old ideas in this area were wrong, but it is healthy to be called to wrestle with new truths and to re-examine our understanding of God and of the world we inhabit.

On the other hand, those who use Darwin's theories as part of a larger anti-theistic argument should reconsider. Not only are they making Darwin in their own image and enlisted him in a thoroughly alien cause, they are, albeit inadvertently, putting people off the theory of evolution.

This year of commemoration would at best be an opportunity to celebrate a great naturalist, biologist and writer. Christians can feel able to join in celebrating the life and work of a man who helped us see the intricacy of God's creation and pointed to a more nuanced and wonderful created order than could have previously been imagined.

With Every best wish,
Stephen.



Ordination to the Priesthood

We look forward to the Ordination to the Priesthood of our Curate Rev. Stephen Farrell by the Archbishop of Dublin in Christ Church Cathedral Dublin on Sunday 28th June at 3.30pm. The preacher will be The Rector, Canon Desmond Sinnamon. You are all very welcome to attend this event and support Stephen as he makes this very important step in his ministry. Please remember him in your thoughts and prayers. Stephen will celebrate the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday 5th July at 10.15am in Christ Church, Taney.

From the Registers

Baptism

23rd November 2008 (in St. Nahi's) – James Luke, son of Graham and Suzanne Matthews
30th November 2008 (in St. Nahi's) – Zoe Elizabeth, daughter of Stuart and Laura Gibson
22nd December 2008 (in Christ Church) – Oliver Francis, son of Colman and Annalee (Fennell) Buckley
28th December (in Christ Church) – Lily Alice, daughter of Daniel and Stephanie Watson
28th December (in St. Nahi's) – Aisling Mairead, daughter of Andrew and Penny Forbes
25th January 2009 (in St. Nahi's) – Zoe Anastasia, daughter of Keith and Mary Holmes.
1st February 2009 (in St. Nahi's) – Thomas James Moriarty, son of Andrew and Elaine Bowers.
8th February 2009 (in Christ Church) – Stephen William, son of David and Margaret Courtney.
22nd February 2009 (in Christ Church) – Sumeia Emily, daughter of Gareth and Heather Lloyd.
22nd February 2009 (in Christ Church) – Emily Mary, daughter of Andrew and Brenda Kyle.

Marriage

6th December 2008 (in Christ Church) – Patrick Hooper and Barbara Galbraith

Funeral

22nd October 2008 (in St. Nahi's) – Christina (Nina) Taylor.
16th December (in Christ Church) – Memorial Service Rachel Esther (Eshel) Pickering.
2nd January 2009 (in Christ Church) – Kay Kinsella.
10th January 2009 (in Christ Church) – Eleanor (Nell) Jones.
31st January 2009 (in Christ Church) – Laura McBride.
21st February 2009 (in Christ Church) – John McKinney.

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

Cedric and William Hourie on the death of their aunt Nina.

Frank, David and Ian on the death of Kay

Reg, Linda & Ian on the death of Nell

Audrey Harrison on the death of her brother-in-law, Jim

Bobby & Pat Wilson on the death of Bobby's brother, Bill

Jacqueline Matthews and her family on the death of her mother, Laura McBride

Janet O'Sullivan on the death of her father

Corrine White on the death of her father

Carol Kinlan on the death of her father

Jim & Helen O'Neill on the death of John.

Veitch Smyth on the death of her brother in England.

May all know the comfort of God's love at this time.

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.

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1 - 4 PM

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