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# TANEY NEWS

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## Safeguarding Trust

Taney Parish seeks

- To create a safe environment which will promote healthy and fulfilling participation of children and minimise the possibility of harm, either deliberate or accidental.
- To encourage safe practices for those who work with children.
- To safeguard those who work with children from the consequences of unfounded 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

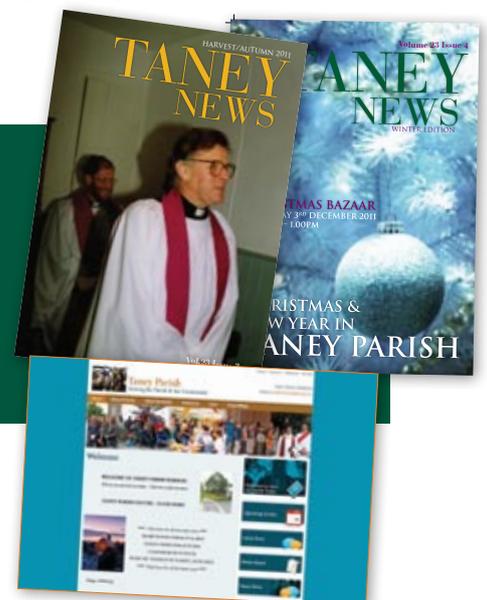
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## Taney News

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'.

## News! News! News!

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



# Letter from Bernie Daly



Dear Friends,

I used to imagine that time stretched out before and behind us in a vibrant straight line. However, as I now find myself experiencing my third 'tour of duty' in Taney, it occurs to me that perhaps time is in fact of a circular nature!

I have never been shy of saying that since I first came to this parish in 1997, a part of my heart has always remained in Taney. And, as the Bible says, 'Where your heart is there you shall find your treasure'.

To belong to a community such as Taney Parish is, I believe, a treasure indeed – especially in this fractured world, where millions of people suffer isolation and loneliness. In our Christian community we share a common purpose: to love God and to care for one another in the light of God's love. Almost every day, concerns about other people are brought to my attention; I witness active, physical care and support on every side; the building up of the parish continues unabated during the vacancy – and all these things reflect the true nature of the parish. It is when a vacancy occurs that the heart and soul of a parish are revealed for all to see.

What I have found in this parish is a dynamic, caring community, taking its place in the world with calm confidence. And, as I said in a recent sermon, Taney Parish brings to mind an image of a great ship, ploughing steadily through the ocean of life and braving stormy waters with fortitude and courage.

We are now in the season of Lent: a time for prayer and reflection and repentance and this is where our weekday and Sunday services find their focus. During Lent we are also part of the Churches Together services that take place in St Nahi's Church at 7.30pm each Wednesday. This time is shared with Holy Cross, Dundrum and the Methodist Church.

And although Lent is a sombre season, we have Easter to look forward to when the bells of St George will ring out in the tower proclaiming resurrection and renewed life. The Easter morning service in Christ Church at 10.15am will be family orientated and when we have given thanks to God in prayer

an worship there will be time to share some treats with the children and to enjoy a social time together in the Parish Centre.

There is always something exciting happening in Taney and as we move towards the summer we will be preparing for the Parish Fête on 9th June. This is quite a highlight in our calendar and plans are already under way with a team of hard-working people. The theme for this year is 'Superhero's Summer' – be a hero in your own community. There will be attractions to meet every taste including live music, Hip Hop dancing and a Fancy Dress competition. If you are free to help out on the day please telephone 298 5491. When the community works together in a venture like this the benefits are enormous.

While we enjoy parish life together, it would be a mistake to look inward all the time. There is so much pain and suffering in the world that it is essential that we continue to look outside ourselves and to support worldwide charities as we have done in previous years.

But apart from giving our support to people in need in a general sense, we can also extend the hand of welcome and friendship to people who may be lonely or distressed in our neighbourhood. Being a hero in your own community can be a quiet act of kindness, a thoughtful telephone call, an offer of practical help.

Last, but not least, I want to thank you for the tremendous welcome I have received in the parish since I arrived last January. 'Keeping my hand on the tiller' for a few months is a challenge – but an enjoyable challenge no less – and I could not meet that challenge without your generous and on-going support.



Bernie

# Services for Easter 2012

## MARCH

### Sun 4th – The 2nd Sunday in Lent

Christ Church

10.15am Parish Communion  
7.00pm A Late Evening Office

St. Nahi's

8.30am Holy Communion  
11.45am Morning Prayer

### Wed. 7th

10.00am Holy Communion

### Sun 11th – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Christ Church

8.30am Holy Communion  
10.15am Family Service with the Confirmation Group  
7.00pm Holy Communion

St. Nahi's

11.45am – Parish Communion

### Wed. 14th

10.00am Matins

### Sun 18th March – 4th Sunday in Lent (Mother's Day)

Christ Church

10.15am Parish Communion  
7.00pm Compline

St. Nahi's

8.30am Holy Communion  
11.45am Morning Prayer

### Wed. 21st

10.00am Holy Communion

### Sun 25th – 5th Sunday in Lent

Christ Church

8.30am Holy Communion  
10.15am Morning Prayer  
7.00pm Holy Communion

St. Nahi's

11.45am – Parish Communion

### Wed. 28th

10.00am Holy Communion

## APRIL

### Sun 1st – 6th Sunday in Lent

#### Palm Sunday

Christ Church

10.15am Service of Readings & Hymns  
3.30pm Holy Communion with the 'Care Group'  
No Evening Service at 7.00pm

St. Nahi's

8.30am – Holy Communion  
11.45am – Service of Readings & Hymns

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### Mon 2nd April – Good Friday 6th April

Christ Church

7.15am Holy Communion  
10.00am Holy Communion (Wednesday only)  
8.00pm Tuesday & Wednesday (Evening Service), Thursday (Holy Communion); Good Friday (Evening Service) – Preacher: Rev'd Garth Bunting

### Fri 6th (Good Friday)

7.15am Ante Communion  
10.15am Family Service  
8.00pm Evening Service: Rev'd Garth Bunting

### Sun 8th – EASTER DAY

Christ Church

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

St. Nahi's

11.45am Parish Communion

### Wed. 11th April

10.00am Matins

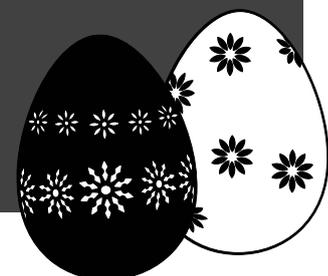
### Sun 15th – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Christ Church

10.15am Joint Service of Parish Communion with the congregation of St. Nahi's followed by the Easter General Vestry in Taney Parish Centre  
7.00pm – Compline

St. Nahi's

8.30am – Holy Communion



### **Wed. 18th**

10.00am Holy Communion

### **Sun 22nd – 3rd Sunday of Easter**

Christ Church

8.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Morning Prayer

7.00pm – Service & Sausages

St. Nahi's

11.45am Parish Communion

### **Wed. 25th (St. Mark)**

10.00am Holy Communion

### **Sun 29th – 4th Sunday of Easter**

Christ Church

8.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Morning Prayer

7.00pm Holy Communion

St. Nahi's

11.45am Morning Prayer

### **Wed. 2nd May (St. Philip & St. James)**

10.00am Matins

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

## **Forthcoming Services**

### **Sun. 11th March**

10.15am – Morning Service led by the Confirmation Candidates

### **Sun. 1st April (Palm Sunday)**

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

### **Sun. 13th May**

10.15am – Morning Service for Christian Aid Sunday

### **Sun. 20th May**

10.15am – Confirmation Service in Christ Church, Taney

### **World Day of Prayer**

This year, the World Day of Prayer was held in Holy Cross, Dundrum on Friday 2nd March at 11.15am. The theme was 'Let justice prevail' and the liturgy was composed by the women of Malaysia.

### **Service & Sausages**

### **Sunday 22nd April at 7pm**

An informal half-hour service for children and teenagers and their parents in Christ Church, Taney followed by chips, sausages and drinks in the Parish Centre.

## **The Vacancy**

There has been a delay in starting the process to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Canon W Desmond Sinnamon. The delay has been due to concern on the part of the Archbishop regarding the finances of the Parish as a result of putting the Taney Village project on hold.

The issues regarding Taney Village finances are now close to resolution and it is anticipated that the process of filling the vacancy will start in the very near future.

However, with the summer holidays intervening it could well be that new Rector will not be in place until September 2012.

Tenders have been issued for the refurbishment of the Rectory. Work will start soon and we will be in a position to provide a very attractive residence for the new incumbent.

The Parochial Nominators, Roger Brooks, Susan Hood, Jim O'Neill and Beryl Tilson, have been preparing for their work over the past months – consulting regularly with the supplemental nominators, and listening to members of the parish who have approached them with ideas - and will soon be fully engaged in the important task of finding a new Rector. Please feel free to approach the nominators before the formal process of nomination begins, as from that point forward they will no longer be able to discuss the vacancy.

# Lent & Easter 2012

## Dundrum Churches Together:

Lent in St. Nahi's, Wednesdays at 7.30pm

Holy Cross and Dundrum Methodist Churches with Taney Parish come together for joint mid-week Services of Quietness and Reflection during Lent in St. Nahi's Church. Every Wednesday we will have a short Service of the Word with a reflection in music or in word. Services and reflections will be led by the laity. The theme for Lent, 'Meeting God in Ordinary Places', is taken up from Claire Benton-Evans book of the same name. Our services will run consecutively from Wednesday 29th February to Wednesday 28th March and you will all be welcome.

## Lenten Lunches

Join us every Friday during Lent 12.00 until 1.30pm in Taney Parish Centre, Dundrum. All monies raised will be donated to Third World charities. (Please note lunch in Holy Week on Thursday 5th April). Last year Lenten Lunches donated over €5,000 to Christian Aid and to Trocaire and were well supported by neighbours and friends from other Christian Churches.

## Church Envelopes

Envelopes for 2012 are now available. For other options of giving please contact the Parish Office or Parish Recorder, Alanna Carter: 087 973 2455 or the Parish Office: 298 5491. Your giving is vital for the Church and is much appreciated.

## Holy Week in Taney

with Rev'd Garth Bunting

Tuesday 3rd April - Good Friday 6th April at 8pm in Christ Church, Taney

Our speaker during Holy Week this year will be Rev'd Garth Bunting, Residential Priest Vicar, Christ Church Cathedral Dublin. Garth Bunting has been working in Christ Church Cathedral for 18 months. After spending 10 years in parochial ministry, Garth studied for an MA in Applied Christian Spirituality at the Milltown Institute and is now using this learning to provide a resource in spirituality for the dioceses. Part of this involves training others in prayer methods like Lectio Divina and centring prayer as well as organising quiet days and retreat. Garth also works as a spiritual director.

## Chancel Guild Easter Decorations

Preparations for the decoration of both churches for Easter celebrations begin on Friday April 6th, 2.30pm in TPC and 10.00am on Saturday morning to place arrangements in Christ Church. St. Nahi's will be decorated at 9.30am on Saturday 7th April.

The Chancel Guild Committee would like to thank anyone who donated flowers in memory of their loved ones and if anyone would like to do this please contact Vera Scully at (01) 298 9797.

## Palm Sunday – 1st April

Christ Church, Taney

- 8.30am Holy Communion
- 10.15am Special Service of Music and Readings for Palm Sunday
- 3.30pm Taney 'Care Group' Service of Holy Communion followed by supper in Taney Parish Centre.

No Evening Service at 7.00pm

St Nahi's

- 11.45am Special Service of Music and Readings for Palm Sunday

## Holy Week – Monday 2nd April - Good Friday 6th April

Christ Church, Taney

- 7.15am Holy Communion
- 8.00pm Tuesday (Compline) & Wednesday (Tenebrae), Thursday (Holy Communion) & Good Friday (Litany of the Cross) Preacher: Rev'd Garth Bunting, Residential Priest Vicar, Christ Church Cathedral Dublin.

## SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK 2012



## Wednesday 4th April

- 10.00am Holy Communion

## Good Friday 6th April

- 7.15am Anti-Communion
- 10.15am Family Service for Good Friday
- 8.00pm Evening Service

## EASTER IN TANEY

## Easter Sunday – 8th April

Christ Church, Taney

- 8.30am Holy Communion
- 10.15am Family Communion for Easter Day: Rev'd Bernie Daly, Resident Priest
- 7.00pm Holy Communion:

St. Nahi's

- 11.45am Parish Communion: Rev'd Bernie Daly, Resident Priest

# Parish News

## Christmas Bazaar

We were delighted this year that our Bazaar could take place on the proposed date of 3rd December (last year we had to postpone due to the snow). The festive atmosphere was everywhere as the doors opened for Taney's Christmas Bazaar. 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. 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 sociable and enjoyable morning for all. To Miriam Armstrong and Ingrid Williams 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, NECCCRW in Gaza together with parishioners who participate in Christian outreach projects will benefit from the proceeds. 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. We are delighted to report that over €9,000 was made on the day. Thank you!

## Friends of Taney (F.O.T.) [www.fot.ie](http://www.fot.ie)

Knowing you can turn to a trusted ally quickly, especially when your needs are greatest, is always a comforting thought. Thanks to a new website [www.fot.ie](http://www.fot.ie) (Friends of Taney) we are now facilitating parishioners and parents of children attending Taney School, in offering and/or finding each others skills and services. We have a very large number of parishioners and parents and the possibility to help each other is considerable, particularly in these recessionary times! Through the website you can now quickly find out if a fellow parishioner or parent has a service or product you have a need for and how to contact them. Any kind of service or company can be listed - architects, painters, lawn cutting, solicitors, babysitters, caterers, logs for sale, window cleaning, accountants, drycleaners, beautician etc. Log on to [www.fot.ie](http://www.fot.ie) for more information.

## Farewell to a Friend

After nine years of dedicated service to Taney Parish, Derek Boyd is retiring on 31st March 2012. Derek came on board shortly after the FÁS Schemes ended and a state of chaos reigned, as the workers involved were no longer there. By his calm and diligent efforts and organisational skills routines were developed and everything settled down in a remarkably short period of time. The Parish should be and indeed is most grateful for everything that was achieved. It wasn't long before both Christ Church and St. Nahi's along with the Parish Centre were getting proper day-to-day care. On behalf of the Parish and myself, we wish you many happy years of retirement with Rosanna, together with your children and grandchildren.

Derek – You don't have to worry about "The Bins" anymore!!!

Ronnie Ellis, Chairman of Taney Parish Centre Management Committee

## Ecumenical Links

### Christian Unity Service

The Parishes of Taney, Holy Cross, Dundrum and Dundrum Methodist were well represented among the good attendance at the Annual Service of Prayer for Christian Unity which took place in Holy Cross, Dundrum on Sunday 22nd January. The preacher was Philip McKinley.

### Armenian Community

As many of our readers are aware we are privileged to host the Armenian Community in Taney for their Sunday worship. On Sunday 11th December the community welcomed their newly consecrated Bishop Vahan Havhannessian to their Sunday Service during which there was a baptism and the celebration of the Holy Communion. Following the Service all present retired to the Parish Centre for a festive and joyful celebration.

### Taney Employment Centre

Have you been made redundant? Unemployed? Seeking work? Are you thinking of change? Taney Employment Centre is based in Taney Parish Centre. It opens on Thursday afternoon from 2pm-5pm. A warm welcome awaits you! Contact Tel: 2984705 or just call in! Email: [taneyemploymentcentre@gmail.com](mailto:taneyemploymentcentre@gmail.com)

### Gifts from Christmas Family Gift Service

As part of Taney outreach the gifts from the above Service were distributed between The Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Temple Street Children's Hospital.



# Forthcoming Events

## Irish Council of Churches

The Annual Meeting of The Irish Council of Churches will be held in Taney Parish on Thursday 29th March 2012. Founded in 1922 the Council encompasses fourteen member churches. At this Annual Meeting the Most Rev'd Richard Clarke, Bishop of Meath and Kildare will complete his two-year term as president of the Council. The Annual Meeting alternates between North and South and is hosted by various member churches. We are very privileged to host this meeting in Taney. There will be a service of Morning Prayer at 12 noon in Christ Church, Taney on 29th. All are welcome to the service.

## Taney Fête

This will be held on **Saturday June 9th, 1 - 4 pm** in the grounds of Taney Parish centre. The Theme for this year Fete is "Superhero Summer" We are looking forward to having a great fancy dress this year using this theme and the Hamley's bear has said he would pop by to look at the outfits "so get planning and sewing"!



We are asking for donations of old crockery for the "Crockery Smashing" this was a huge hit last year and we look forward to having it again this year. The popular Taney outlet will also be back so please hold on to your old clothes and we will be happy to take them from you in mid May. The fête committee are on the lookout for some new volunteers to help out on the day or in the preparations in the days ahead, if you think you will be able to give a hand please give Jennifer Armstrong a call on 086 879 9902.

## Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service for the Gift of Sport

The 63rd Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service for the Gift of Sport will take place this year in St Ann's Church in Dawson St., Dublin on Sunday 25th March at 7.30pm.

This year the address will be given by Tommy Carr the former Gaelic player for Dublin and All Star winner in 1991. He has also managed a number of other county GAA teams since his retirement as a player.

If you are in anyway interested in sport, young or old, you are invited to show your appreciation for all that sport does to bring people together from a variety of backgrounds and interests, by going along to this special Thanksgiving Service at St Ann's Church in Dawson Street, Dublin at 7.30pm on the last Sunday in March.

Taney School & Taney P.T.A.

The School will be closed for St Patrick's Day - Monday 19th March. Easter Holidays - School closes Friday 30th March and reopens on Monday 16th April.

## 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.

## Taney Rangers

Our next trip will be on 21st April to Lockes Distillery Museum, Kibbeggan with lunch in the Bloomfield House Hotel. Further details can be found in this edition of 'Taney News'. Forms will be available from the second week in March in the church porches or from the Parish Office.

## Confirmation

The preparations for Confirmation (May 20th) in the Parish is 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 11th March at 10.15am.

## A Game of Whist

A Game of Whist will be held in the Parish Centre at 1.45pm on the following Fridays. March 9th and 23rd, April 20th and May 25th.

## Mothers Union

On Tuesday 13th March at 8pm an Area meeting will be held in Whitechurch. The speaker is from DSPCA; Thursday 5th April - 10.30am Holy Communion in Christ Church Cathedral; Tuesday 10th April at 8pm - The History of Dundrum, speaker John Lennon, Local Historian; Tuesday 8th May at 8pm - AGM & Bring & Buy Sale.

# Parish Organisations

## Taney Lawn Tennis Club

I think Spring is definitely here again, daffodils are “fluttering and dancing in the breeze”, the days are getting longer and warmer and our thoughts are turning to the new season of tennis ahead. The committee met last night to “get the ball rolling” – excuse the pun – and one of the things that is uppermost in our minds is getting our courts repaired (Mr Fox has had fun digging holes), cut, evened out and rolled now while the ground is not too dry or too wet. We also have major repair work to be done on the fencing around the courts so we will be kept busy over the next several weeks.

Lynda has already had enquiries about our juvenile coaching and membership and will be advertising in the parish school at Easter. As in past years, there will be two coaching sessions a week, Monday evenings and Tuesday afternoons, for five weeks starting early May. The good thing about the coaching is that the children don't mind if the weather is drizzly, cold, windy or sunny, they just love to come and play tennis and on a Tuesday afternoon you'll often see them running down Taney Road after school to get to the club!

Now for dates for your diary – the club will open, weather permitting, on Saturday 28 April and the AGM will be held on Saturday 12 May at 4pm with the usual tea and tennis afterwards. Please try and attend.

The 2012 At Home will be held on Saturday 8 September. The finals of the club tournaments are played on this day and if you wish to play in the tournaments please make sure that you put your name on the entry sheets which will be up in the pavilion in mid May. Please remember that you must be available to play in the finals on 8 September before you enter. There will be a charge for entering the tournaments to help towards the cost of the prizes.

We hope to run the American tournaments on some Thursday evenings again so please watch the Notice Board for information. These are always fun evenings and well attended.

Looking forward to our 2012 season and seeing you at Old Rectory Park on 28 April weather permitting. Margaret Nevin, Hon Secretary – 087 232 2308.

## Taney Drama Society

The outstanding success of our production of 'Philadelphia Here I Come' was dampened somewhat by the untimely death of one of our leading lights so soon afterwards. Caroline Wilson was in so many of our plays over the past 20 plus years that it is very hard to single out any one performance to showcase her talent. She has been so many things to so many of us, on stage and off, that it will be hard to come to terms with our loss. As an actress, she was always superb in her characterisation and delivery. Her comic timing was something else – especially if you were acting opposite her! You could always be assured of a great performance and, just as importantly, great craic when she was around. We will miss her terribly in the Society. How fitting that her last performance should have been in our tribute sketch to Des Sinnamon. We aim to remember her in a more tangible way through the presentation of a memorial perpetual trophy for the Dundrum One Act Festival. Our thoughts are with her family and with her niece Fiona in particular.



In the best traditions of the theatre (and I'm sure as Caroline would insist on it) the show goes on. Rehearsals for our next production will be under way at time of printing. We will be performing two One Act plays at the end of May in Taney Parish Centre. Both plays will be performed on each night so in keeping with these recessionary times, we'll be offering two plays for the price of one! Watch the web site for full details.

We also hope to continue with our social activities by a trip to see Equus in The Mill Theatre in March. We'll be looking for tips for our future performances but fully expect - much to everyone's relief – that we'll remain fully dressed for our shows!! We are also very proud of two of our members, Sean Crawford and Adam Tyrell, who will be performing in The Civic Theatre in Tallaght.

## Taney Mothers' Union

In January 2012, Mothers' Union Members enjoyed a fun 'At Home' night with a beetle drive and a delicious supper. In February, we gave our time slot in the Parish Centre and our support to a charity concert, featuring The Keynotes, and this was well attended by Taney parishioners and friends. It proved to be a wonderful event with superb singing, songs we all knew and great entertainment from the 5 young men in the group and their colleague Catriona. What's more, a substantial amount of money was raised for the very worthwhile charitable work of 'Friends in Ireland', who have developed services in South Africa for children infected or affected by Aids/HIV.

The Taney Mothers' Union Annual Dinner also took place in February and this year we tried a new venue, Green's Restaurant in Leopardstown. The food was good, we had a lovely cosy area to ourselves and the evening was pronounced very enjoyable and a considerable success by all who were there.

In March, we will be visiting Whitechurch Mothers' Union for an area meeting which will be addressed by a speaker from the DSPCA.

On 10th April, we will welcome local historian John Lennon to tell us something of what he has discovered about the history of Dundrum. This will be an Open Meeting. Also in April, our Chairperson/Enrolling Member, Carol, has been invited by Holmpatrick Mothers' Union to give a talk on 'Coping with Hearing Loss', and to speak to Whitechurch Mothers' Union on 'Criminals and the Psychology of Crime'. All members and Taney friends are welcome to any of our Open Meetings, which are advertised on posters around the parish and in the school in the preceding week. C.R.T.

## Taney Rangers

Our next Rangers trip will be on 21st April. Join us for a visit to Lockes Distillery Museum, Kilbeggan, "Believed to be the Oldest Pot Still Distillery in the World". We will have coffee and scones on arrival, followed by a tour of the distillery (optional tasting!). We adjourn to the Bloomfield House Hotel for a relaxed lunch and then on to Belvedere House in the afternoon where there will be a tour of the house and time for a leisurely stroll in the grounds.

"Belvedere House Gardens and Park is a magnificent 160 acre Lakeside estate with fully restored Georgian Villa, Victorian Walled Garden, naturalistic designed 18th century parkland punctuated with Romantic follies including the largest in Ireland the Jealous Wall".

Full details of the trip will be available from the second week of March from flyers in the back of the Church or through the Parish Office. We look forward to seeing all our regulars and welcome any newcomers who want to join us.



## Taney Parish Indoor Bowling Club

Taney Parish Indoor Bowling Club as founded in 1971 in the old hall on Eglinton Terrace with recollections of a very large attendance on the opening night but with little opportunity to play bowls due to the large numbers present.

The ambition of the founders was to create a friendly social club welcoming all comers. The club did not have facilities for regular match play and the emphasis was on learning the game and arranging friendly matches with other local clubs. The highlight of the year was probably the annual dinner dance held in the Royal Starlight Hotel in Bray or the Tara Towers Hotel. The majority of members were and still are parishioners.

The building of the Parish Centre in 1991 provided new opportunities and bowls are now played on a Monday and Thursday evenings and on Tuesday mornings. The members compete in four leagues under the auspices of the United Church's League, and in two knock out competitions. In 2009 the club won the Price Cup and 2010 the Ladies won the Hope Cup. The Club has also on several occasions won the competition run as part of the Dundrum Festival.

The club remains a friendly club and is very much part of the sporting and social activities of the Parish Centre. As with all good clubs, members will always be made welcome!!

# Katmandu Letter

(Part of the proceeds of the Parish Christmas Bazaar goes, through CMS, to support our mission partner, Deirdre Zimmerman, who works on a nutrition project in Nepal. Deirdre and her husband, Mark, and their two boys live in the capital, Katmandu. In this extract from a letter, Deirdre talks about some of the difficulties facing Christians living in a predominantly Hindu country.)

“Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord” Hebrews 12.14

In a country where 95% of the population is Hindu, we live in an environment where almost all our Nepali neighbours, colleagues and friends are Hindu. The first morning light is punctuated with the tinkling of handbells and the chants of Hindu rituals from our neighbours' rooftops. Walking to the corner shop to collect our daily milk, I meet women with small brass plates carrying home the remains of their offerings after worshipping at the nearby temple. I step from the sunny street into the dark shop, where the gloom of lengthy powercuts is intensified by heavy draughts of incense from sticks set in front of a miniature altar, complete with Hindu idol. The shop keeper serves me, a fresh 'tikka' (a mark of Hindu worship) glistening on his forehead. This weekend was Holi, one of the multiple Hindu festivals that punctuate the calendar here on an almost weekly basis. In Nepal it is associated with the god Krishna who is known for his playfulness and his charm with women. Holi, appropriately known as the festival of colours, is celebrated by showering friends and family with water and coloured powders. With bright spring sunshine already lifting daytime temperatures above 20 C (70 F), it is a very popular festival with young and old alike. Excitement builds as brightly coloured water pistols of different sizes appear in the shops. Many find it hard to wait for the day itself, and for up to 2 weeks beforehand children and teenagers will delight to throw water balloons at unsuspecting passers-by. Our boys were thrilled when visitors left a gift of two waterpistols for them. We were less thrilled at having to face the issue as to whether or not they should be allowed play Holi, even as several other missionary families from school planned water parties for the day.

These festivals raise serious questions for many Nepali Christians. Their frequency and their interwovenness with social life here are a significant challenge to separating oneself from Hindu religious practice and ritual, something the church feels is essential to its identity. Hinduism is a religion that embraces multiple deities, religious teachings and practices, and many Hindus are happy to include Jesus Christ in their pantheon of gurus and leaders. The church feels it is important to take a stand that clearly reflects their faithfulness to Christ as their one and only Saviour, without the confusion of practices that may

have Hindu origins. Weddings are an example of an occasion that is steeped in Hindu rituals, and thus it is that Christians not only marry in a church ceremony, but that the brides also generally wear a Western style pink or white gown. The fear is that the traditional red and gold wedding sari may carry some significance for Hindu observers and prevent them from clearly distinguishing the Christian faith.

Some outsiders criticise what they see as the church's inability to distinguish between cultural and religious practice, and its failure to explore a truly Nepali expression of Christianity. They fear that this attitude only reinforces the concept that Christianity is a foreign religion and that Nepali Christians are not truly Nepali, an accusation frequently made by Hindu fundamentalists. At present the church is locked in an argument with the government over the provision by the state of land for Christian burial grounds. They refuse to consider the cremation of Christians because cremation rites have huge significance in the Hindu faith and are a bedrock to Hindu beliefs about proceeding to the next life. Many Nepali Christians report very tangible experiences of oppression by Hindu forces, such as headaches if they visit a Hindu temple, illness and conflict within their family at times of Hindu festivals, bad dreams when Hindu rituals are carried out in their neighbourhood. Even in this day when Nepal is supposed to have freedom of religion, some Christians experience being cut out of their inheritance, denied land that is rightfully theirs, or being thrown out of their families because they have converted. It is not an easy or light choice that people make, and they usually endure far more than we ever will for their faithfulness to Christ. So what to do about our boys valid hopes to try out their new water pistols, and join in the water fights and fun outside our apartment for Holi? At church, we referred the matter to our Nepali pastor, who gently but unwaveringly stated that none of the other children from the church would be playing Holi. After the service, the church showed a film and provided snacks for the congregation as alternative entertainment for the afternoon. Our family instead braved the streets again and went home for our 'traditional' sabbath nap. When the boys woke up the neighbour children were already out on the empty lot waiting for Mark to start a game of baseball. Grabbing mitts and bat, the boys headed out, water pistols left lying in our storeroom, waiting for another day.

Deirdre Zimmerman

# The Road to Emmaus

What did they talk about? Or could they talk?  
Those two bedraggled figures on the road.  
Or could they breathe? For run they did, not walk,  
- Towards Emmaus and a safe abode.

Or could they see within the glaring sun?  
- Or through the blurred vision of their grief?  
Jerusalem, the place from which they run,  
- Had crucified the heart of their belief.

They did not care about prospective danger,  
The craggy nooks where thieves and bandits hide  
They did not care to entertain the stranger,  
Who suddenly was walking by their side.

And still he asked, oblivious to their plight,  
What brought them there within the fading light?

And yet, both noticed in his greeting spoken,  
A distant echo of a peace they knew,  
And out came child-like truths of spirits broken,  
Their friends disbanded, hidden from their view.

And then the village - suddenly upon them  
- And, as if waking from a dream in fright,  
- They find the darkness and its dangers on them  
And beg the stranger join them for the night.

There's something in the way he sits at table,  
The gentle placing hands on bread and wine,  
Their breath is caught, their trembling hearts unable  
- To grasp that they now sit with the Divine.

What joyous thing to see upon that night.  
The face they love within the candlelight.

Are we aware upon our life-long journey  
Perhaps in haste at times, from fears we hide  
Or, walking lonely with a want or yearning,  
There is a quiet stranger by our side?

And do we grasp, within the host of places,  
- The many people in our lives bestowed  
There hides, behind a multitude of faces,  
- The silent stranger from that dusty road.

And do we feel within his quiet calling  
The distant echo of a peace we knew,  
Within the sunlight or the darkness falling,  
- The gentle hand of calm to guide us through?

What joyous thing to witness every day,  
The face we love as we go on our way.

Cathy Hallissey.

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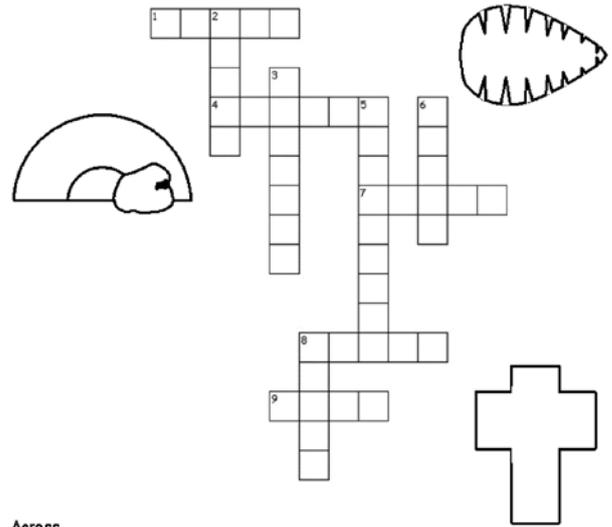


# Children's Corner

Colour In!



## Easter Crossword



**Across**

1. Taking this during the last supper symbolized Jesus' body.
4. Jesus was forced to wear a crown made of these instead of a crown meant for a real king.
7. The angel told the women, "Don't be afraid, Jesus isn't here; He has \_\_\_\_!"
8. Instead of praying the disciples did this when Jesus went off to pray by himself.
9. The main reason that God gave His only son, Jesus to die for each of us.

**Down**

2. On Sunday the two Mary's didn't find Jesus but a tomb that was \_\_\_\_.
3. The word people shouted to Jesus that means blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lor
5. Jesus became the \_\_\_\_ for us, so we could be forgiven for our sins.
6. Jesus was meant to die on this.
8. This was put in front of the tomb so nobody could steal Jesus' body.

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

## Easter Anagram



**Word List:**

alive, crucify, donkey, forgiven, Gethsemane, hosanna, risen, rooster, sacrifice, thorns

aeeeghmnst \_\_\_\_\_

deknoy \_\_\_\_\_

einrs \_\_\_\_\_

aeilv \_\_\_\_\_

accefiirs \_\_\_\_\_

eeorrst \_\_\_\_\_

ccfiruy \_\_\_\_\_

efginorv \_\_\_\_\_

hnorst \_\_\_\_\_

aahnnos \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 Rock Youth News

'Urban Soul' is an active citizenship programme for youth (15 years+ only), which takes place early July each year. This is a mission with a difference, a chance for young people, to make a real difference in local communities. Visit [www.3rock.net](http://www.3rock.net) for more information.

## Dublin & Glendalough Summer Camps

Junior Camps for 10-12 year olds will take place in early July and Senior Camps 13+ in mid-July. Further information may be had at [info@3rock.net](mailto:info@3rock.net)

## Junior Choir

Junior Choir meets every Wednesday at 2.45pm in the Parish Centre.

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

# A Thank you

Holy Trinity Rectory, Killiney

Dear Parishioners

I want to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for the very generous gifts you presented to me on my farewell from Taney. The picture of the cottage has pride of place in Holy Trinity Rectory and is a lovely reminder to not only my ministry amongst you but the many happy years Karen and I spent in Taney. I also want to thank all those who attended my Institution which was greatly appreciated and encouraged me to know that I have the support of so many. I hope that in the future our paths will cross again and I pray for God's richest blessings on Bernie and on the Parish as it journeys into the future.

With every best wish,

Niall

## Following the Master

A curate came to Taney back within the days of bounty, back when the place was draped in priests in rather large amount-he-Did settle in the little house across the way from Stephen, in Spring-time, Summer and when snows were deep and crisp and even. He brought a filing system of the likes we'd never guessed he - was deadily with a label and he organised the vestry, With deft and slick efficiency around the place he zoomed beneath the guidance of our Des the gentle curate bloomed.

He brought his girlfriend Karen who was soon to be his spouse, together they lived happily within the little house. Then Stephen gave his notice – off to Zion with a smile leaving our fantastic parish in the care of Des and Niall. The whole thing ran quite splendidly – the curate awe inspiring until the morning Des announced that he would be retiring, And as an eerie silence fell upon the blessed place, my gaze ran 'cross the altar to the curate's pallid face.

Where would you find a curate's mind who facing this disaster, took up the baton, put the hat on, following the Master. Where would you get the kindness yet, the sense of pure devotion, the steady nerve, the will to serve and keep the lot in motion. It's with regret we lose him yet we're not at all afraid of whatever things Killiney brings – for we know what he's made of. We wish that all the future years, that every step and mile bring much success and may God bless and keep you – thank you Niall.

Cathy Hallissey

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## Easter General Vestry

The Easter General Vestry will be held on Sunday, 15th April 2012 following a joint service, Parish Communion at 10.15am in Christ Church Taney. It will be 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. Many parishioners are already registered as vestry persons.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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# From the Registers

## Baptism

11th December (in Christ Church) – Adelaide Ruth, daughter of Matthew & Laura Steerman

11th December (in St. Nahi's) – Grace Anne, daughter of David & Karen Muldoon

18th December (in St Nahi's) Hugo Trevor, son of Trevor Burns & Sylvia Macken

24th December (in Christ Church) – Adam David, son of Stuart & Elaine Pennefather

12th February (in Christ Church) – Tom Matthew & Noah Samuel, sons of Glenn and Claire Breslin

12th February (in Christ Church) – Emma Grace, daughter of James Fitzsimons & Caroline Fox

23rd December 2011 (in Christ Church) – George Maybury

7th January 2012 (in Christ Church) – David Muldoon

16th January 2012 (in Christ Church) – Veronica Hall-Dare

14th February 2012 (in Christ Church) – Caroline Wilson

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

Lynda, Stewart, Sean and Stephanie on the death of Canon John Crawford sometime Curate of Taney Parish.

Orla Shine on the death of her mother.

Jackie Rohu on the death of her father, Matthew Maguire.

Joyce Hamilton on the death of her brother, Bruce Weldon.

The family and friends of Ina Mitchell.

Derek Boyd on the death of his brother-in-law.

Marion & John on the death of their father George Maybury.

Pat O'Doherty & family on the death of his mother, Rita & his uncle Thomas Carton.

Karen Muldoon & family on the death of her husband David.

Peter Connor on the death of his mother, Oriel.

Mark Sweetnam on the death of his father, Frank.

Stanley Rowe on the death of his sister, Ethel.

Sam Spencer on the death of his sister, Sally.

Laetitia Lefroy on the death of her mother Veronica Hall-Dare.

Robert Wilson and family on the death of his sister, Caroline.

David & Dorothy Mitchell and family on the death of David's father Hugo.

Joy Williams and family on the death of her nephew Derek Williams.

Ann McGarry on the death of her son, Ronan.

May they 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.

## Holy Communion in Church

For anyone who has a difficulty making their way to a Holy Communion point in Christ Church or St Nahi's, please inform a churchwarden or member of the clergy who will be happy to administer to you in your pew.

# TO TANNEY FÊTE AND BEYOND

**TANNEY PARISH FÊTE**  
**SATURDAY JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> 2012,**

**1 -4 PM**

**TANNEY PARISH CENTRE,  
TANNEY RD DUNDRUM**



**MUSIC BY THE  
OOM PAH PAH  
JAZZ BAND**

**FANCY DRESS  
COMPETITION**

**ALL WELCOME**

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SERVING THE PARISH  
& COMMUNITY**