



# TANEY News

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**EASTER** IN  
**TANEY PARISH**

## Taney welcomes new curate



### New Curate - Jack Kinkead

I was born and raised in Lisburn, and was an active member of our local church (Legacurry Presbyterian) from an early age. At the age of 15, I discovered the Church of Ireland and started singing in the choir of St. Peter's parish, in north Belfast. After finishing school, I moved to Dublin in 2002, to read a degree in History at Trinity College, graduating in 2006. Following a year of full-time work (during which time I went through the selection process for ministry in the Church of Ireland) I entered the Theological College, in Dublin, in September 2007. I was ordained Deacon in June 2010 for the parish of St. Finnian's, Cregagh, in Belfast (Diocese of Down).

I have enjoyed my time in St. Finnian's, working with a Rector who is a former Curate of Taney – Jono Pierce!

I am a keen musician – during my time in Dublin I was a member of the choir of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and I have sung with a number of other groups in Dublin and Belfast since ordination. In my spare time I am also a keen (though unsuccessful) golfer.

This coming summer I will be getting married to Rachael, who will just have graduated from Trinity College. We are very much looking forward to beginning our married life in Dundrum.

I am looking forward to moving to Taney to take up the post of Curate Assistant, and am excited to meet new people and make new friends.

### Dream Auction

We extend slightly belated but sincere thanks to the group that organised the Auction last November. It was a wonderful night with lots of fun and huge community spirit. Congratulations to Mark Armstrong and his team who raised €10,000.00



Dear Parishioners

I'm sure, like me, you are delighted to see the days lengthening again and the signs of spring in evidence in gardens and parks. It strikes me that it is more than coincidence that the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ took place at this time of year when we can see so much evidence of 'new life' all around us in God's creation. With this in mind we are looking forward to Holy Week (24th to 30th March) and the celebration of Easter (on 31st March). Details of our Holy Week and Easter Services are contained elsewhere in this edition of 'Taney News'. Please do join us for our special ceremonies as we travel towards the celebration of Christ's Resurrection on Easter Day.

Looking forward, we shall be bidding farewell to the Rev. Bernie Daly who shepherded the parish through the prolonged vacancy last year and has been such a help to me in the recent months of transition. Sunday 7th April will be Bernie's last Sunday with us in her capacity as Assistant Priest. We will have the opportunity to thank Bernie following the service on April 7th, however, I would not want this opportunity to pass without expressing my heartfelt thanks to her for all her support, advice and friendship which has made my arrival as your Rector so much easier. I know we will continue to see Bernie around and about and I would want her to know there will always be a welcome for her here in Taney.

In turn, we look forward to welcoming the Rev. Jack Kinhead as Curate Assistant of the Parish. Jack comes to us from Cregagh Parish in Belfast (where the Rector is Jonathan Pierce – himself a former Curate of Taney!) where he has been Curate since 2010. I know you will all extend to him a warm Taney 'Cead Míle Fáilte'!

Later in the year we will be welcoming an Intern Deacon, David Bowles. David is currently in training for the ordained ministry. His arrival with us will complete the ordained ministry team in the Parish.



The annual Easter Vestry will take place on Sunday 7th April following the united parish service at 10.15am in Christ Church, Taney. This is the meeting where the church officers for the year are appointed and elected, along with the Select Vestry. The financial accounts for the year ended 31.12.2012 will be presented by The Treasurer, Mrs. Alanna Carter. This is an important meeting. Please do plan to be present.

Finally I would ask you to keep in your prayers those preparing for Confirmation at present. They will be confirmed by the Archbishop of Dublin in Christ Church, Taney on Sunday 12th May. Those to be confirmed are noted in this issue.

With every blessing,

Yours,

*Robert*

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Letter from Bernie

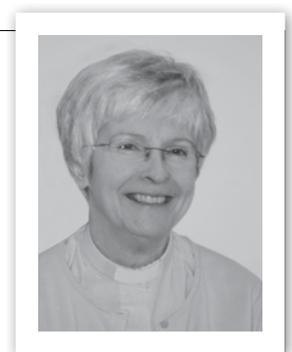
Dear Friends

I have had a bit of practice writing goodbye letters to Taney Parish! This time around I prefer to use the word 'farewell'. Farewell is an old fashioned word but it really expresses my very good wishes for every single member of this parish. Being back in Taney for fifteen months has been an exciting and challenging experience for me. The support and encouragement I have received has been quite overwhelming at times and, as always, the teamwork in Taney was, and is, second to none.

With the invaluable support I received from Trilly – with the sterling assistance of Tara and Audrey – always one step ahead of me, and with so much quiet kindness received from so many of you – I felt surrounded by heart-warming positive energy throughout my time here. All in all this has been a very happy and fulfilling experience. I wish Robert and Jack and all of you, every blessing in the years ahead.

Yours

*Bernie*



**MARCH**

**Sun 3rd - The Third 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. 6th**

10.00am – Holy Communion

**Sun 10th - The Fourth Sunday in Lent/Mothering Sunday**

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

**St. Nahi's**

8.30am – Holy Communion  
11.45am – Parish Communion

**Wed. 13th**

10.00am – Holy Communion

**Sun 17th March - The Fifth Sunday in Lent/St. Patrick**

**Christ Church**

10.15am – Parish Communion  
7.00pm – Compline

**St. Nahi's**

8.30am – Holy Communion  
11.45am – Morning Prayer

**Wed. 20th**

10.00am – Holy Communion

**Sun 24th - The Sixth 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**

**Tues. 26th March - Good Friday 29th March**

**Christ Church, Taney**

7.15am – Holy Communion  
10.00am – Holy Communion (Wednesday only)

8.00pm – Tuesday & Wednesday (Evening Service), Thursday (Holy Communion)

**Fri 29th (Good Friday)**

7.15am – Ante Communion  
8.00pm – Evening Service

**Sun 31st - EASTER DAY**

**Christ Church**

10.15am – Family Communion  
7.00pm – NO EVENING SERVICE

**St. Nahi's**

8.30am – Holy Communion  
11.45am – Parish Communion

**APRIL**

**Wed. 3rd April**

10.00am – Holy Communion

**Sun 7th - The Second Sunday of Easter**

**Christ Church**

10.15am – United Service of Parish Communion followed by Easter General Vestry in TPC  
7.00pm – A Late Evening Office

**St. Nahi's**

8.30am – Holy Communion  
10.15am – United Service of Parish Communion in Christ Church, Taney

**Wed. 10th**

10.00am – Holy Communion

**Sun 14th - The Third Sunday of Easter**

**Christ Church**

10.15am – Family Service  
7.00pm – Holy Communion

**St. Nahi's**

8.30am – Holy Communion  
11.45am – Parish Communion  
10.00am – Holy Communion

**Sun 21st April - The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Christ Church**

10.15am – Parish Communion  
7.00pm – Compline

**St. Nahi's**

8.30am – Holy Communion  
11.45am – Morning Prayer

**Wed. 24th - St. Mark the Evangelist**

10.00am – Holy Communion

**Sun 28th April - The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Christ Church**

10.15am – Morning Prayer  
7.00pm – Service & Sausages

**St. Nahi's**

8.30am – Holy Communion  
11.45am – Parish Communion

**Wed. 1st May -**

**St. Philip & St. James**

10.00am – Holy Communion

**FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

**Sun. 10th March**

10.15am – Morning Service led by the Confirmation Candidates

**Sun. 24th March**

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

**Sun. 12th May**

10.15am – Confirmation Service in Christ Church, Taney

**Sun. 19th May**

10.15am – Morning Service for Christian Aid Sunday

**Service & Sausages - Sunday 28th April at 7pm**

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

**Crèche every Sunday during Morning Service**

### Palm Sunday in Taney

Our services for Holy Week begin on Palm Sunday, 24th March with a special service of Music and Readings in Christ Church at 10.15am with the Blessing and Presentation of Palms by the young people of the Sunday School. A Service of Music and Readings will take place in St. Nahi's at 11.45am. At 3.30pm, the 'Care Group' Service of Holy Communion will be in Christ Church, followed by supper in the Parish Centre for those not normally able to come to worship.

### Holy Week with Rev. Dr. Maurice Elliott

Holy Week is marked by services of Holy Communion each morning at 7.15am followed by breakfast. The 10.00am celebration of Holy Communion on Wednesday takes place as usual. Evening Services for Holy Week will be at 8.00pm in Christ Church, Taney from Tuesday 26th March to Friday 29th March. Our reflections for Holy Week will be led by Rev. Dr. Maurice Elliott, Director of Church of Ireland Theological Institute. On Maundy Thursday the Service will be a celebration of the Holy Communion and the music will be led by the University of North Alabama Chamber Choir. On Good Friday there will be a devotional Service of Readings, Hymns and Prayers at 8.00pm. Join us in Holy week as we reflect on our faith and what it means to us in a fast-changing world.

### Easter Day in Taney

On Easter Day, 31st March, The Resurrection of Our Lord will be celebrated with a Family Service of Holy Communion in Christ Church, Taney at 10.15am and with Parish Communion in St. Nahi's Church at 11.45am. If you are at home for Easter, there will be 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.

### Chancel Guild Easter Decorations

Preparations for the decoration of both churches for Easter celebrations begin on Good Friday March 29th, 2.30pm in Taney Parish Centre and 10.00am on Saturday morning to place arrangements in Christ Church. St. Nahi's will be decorated at 9.30am on Saturday March 30th.



### Lenten Lunches

Join us every Tuesday during Lent (beginning on Tuesday 18th February) 12.30 until 1.30pm in Taney Parish Centre, Dundrum. All monies raised will be donated to those in need.

### Easter General Vestry

The Annual Easter General Vestry will take place on Sunday 7th April following 10.15am Joint Service in Christ Church, Taney. The meeting is open to all our parishioners. This Sunday will be the Rev'd. Bernie Daly's last Sunday with us as Assistant Priest. Bernie will be the celebrant and preacher at this Service which will be a 'united' Service for the Parish at the usual time of 10.15am. We thank Bernie for her faithful ministry and the wonderful contribution she has made to the running of the Parish during the prolonged vacancy and the recent months of transition for our new Rector.



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This year in Taney we are having our collection for the Bishops' Appeal Fund during Lent.

The projects being supported by the Fund in 2013 are outlined below. A special envelope is enclosed with this edition of Taney News. Please return your contribution by Easter Day, by placing it on the offering plate in Church or by hand or post to the Parish Office. Cheques should be made payable for 'Taney Parish'.

Thank you for your support.



### Bishops' Appeal 2013: Nurturing Hope: Supporting Women to Change Their World

This year Bishops' Appeal is focusing on supporting projects which enable women to lift themselves and their families out of poverty. By educating a woman, she is three times less likely to contract HIV. She will earn 25% more income and will raise a smaller, healthier family. She will invest 90% of her income and learning in to her family as opposed to 30-40% for a man.

Among other projects, the Bishops' Appeal will be supporting the three projects below as part of this focus:

#### **Literacy and Numeracy Project, Mothers' Union, Burundi.**

This was supported in 2012 and continues to address the most basic needs of men and women throughout Burundi. Once they can read a newspaper, they can go on to learning basic savings and accountancy. They can save with a small group and take out loans to help them expand a small business, such as the selling of palm oil or fruit. Then, they have access to cash if a child falls ill or a roof caves in and they have more security than when they were completely dependent upon a small plot of land where they grew what they ate. The literacy programme also provides basic development discussion and participants learn about the importance of sending their own children to school as well as basic hygiene and sanitation in the home and household budgeting. Due to the grassroots nature of the programme (run through the MU but voluntary facilitators), it costs a mere €30 to educate one adult and 59,000 adults have been accredited to date.

#### **Rehabilitation of Trafficked Women. Tearfund, Mumbai, India.**

This project will support women and children who are being sexually exploited and have been trafficked or are at risk of being trafficked. Through education, alternative livelihoods training, ongoing counselling and support, such as the provision of safe houses and continual support when integrating back into the community, these women and

children can radically transform their circumstances and have the opportunity for a secure future. The cost of education for one participant is €24 for a year.

#### **Micro-financing, Christian Aid, Ethiopia**

As Christian Aid partners continue to support communities in the Horn of Africa to recover from drought and to become drought and famine resistant in the future, one focus is on increasing food production, but also on training in order to diversify their sources of income. Christian Aid local partner, Women's Support Association (WSA) facilitates self-help groups and micro-credit schemes that enables women to be active agents in securing their homes and communities against any future calamities. Contributions as little as €4.60 can buy a chicken for a woman in a self-help group. She will, in time, give 25% of this into the saving scheme allowing savings and loans to continue.

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likely to contract HIV.

### Christmas Fair

The festive atmosphere was everywhere as the doors opened for Taney Christmas Fair. With stalls packed high, there was something for everyone. Books, bric-a-brac, cakes, country produce, Christmas presents, toys and computer gear, all attracted the crowds. 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 as Santa handed out his gifts. Our thanks to all who supported the Fair, who worked on the stalls and helped make it a sociable and enjoyable morning for all; to Ingrid Williams who decorated the centre so beautifully; to Carol Eggers and Patricia Parfrey who co-ordinated the event with characteristic enthusiasm. Congratulations to all who worked so hard and to you who made the day by just being there. We are delighted to report that we raised over €9,000! Thank you!

### Robert Siva

Last January we said farewell to Robert Siva – a much-loved figure in our Parish. Robert lived in Simpson’s Hospital for 28 years. He was a loyal presence at our 10.15am service on Sundays and when he was in better health, Robert was often to be seen in the parish centre enjoying tea and toast and chatting to every passer-by. We will miss Robert and we give thanks for his gentle presence in our lives.



### Heather Rutledge

1st Match was a very special day for Heather Rutledge. On this day the coffee shop team organised a surprise Birthday Party for Heather with balloons, birthday cake and a superb lunch shared with Parish friends.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Heather for the inordinate amount of support she gives to this parish. Heather is like a will o’ the wisp’ – you see her here – you see her there! Heather’s generosity of

spirit and unwavering good humour, her quiet, obliging nature has graced so many functions in Taney – Heather, we wish you health and happiness and long may you continue to enrich our community.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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 Dundrum Methodist Church. The preacher was the Rector, Canon Robert Warren. We thank the members of D.M.C. for hosting this year’s Ecumenical Service and for the welcome refreshments that followed.

### Summer Art School

Once again Bernie will run the Summer Art School in the Parish Centre during the summer months from Wednesday 3rd July for six to eight weeks from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Please contact the Parish Office for bookings and information.

### Women’s World Day of Prayer

This year, the Women’s World Day of Prayer was held in Dundrum Methodist Church on Friday 1st March at 11.00am. The theme for the day was ‘I was a stranger and you welcomed me’ and the liturgy was composed by the women of France.

### Taney Fête

This year’s Fête will be held on Saturday June 8th in the grounds of Taney Parish centre. The theme this year is ‘Into the Future’. As always we will use this theme for our fancy dress parade which is always a lot of fun - so thinking caps on and start making your winning outfit.

We are looking for donations of crockery for our most popular stall ‘The crockery Smash’. We will also have ‘The Taney outlet ‘ so please do keep some clothes for this (we know this might be hard as everyday we are being asked for clothes for different charities in the the area but do keep the Fête in mind). If you have some items and would like to get rid of them now please call the parish centre and we will arrange to have them collected

The Fête Committee will be hosting Tea and coffee on Sunday April 28th

As always we are looking for new volunteers to help on the day and to help with the preparations, if you think you would like to give a hand please give Jennifer a call on 086 879 9902



### Tax Relief on Charitable Donations

The Church of Ireland for many years has benefited from being able to claim tax refunds through tax effective giving. In December 2012 the Minister of Finance, Mr. Michael Noonan announced changes to the Tax Relief for Donations to Approved Bodies under Section 848A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997. It is important that parishioners are aware of these changes.

### The old tax giving process

Any taxpayer who donated €250 or more in a year to the Church of Ireland under the previous tax refund scheme would:

- Complete a CHY2 form if they were a PAYE worker and allow the Charity to reclaim the tax on donations
- Claim the tax themselves if they were self assessed or corporate donors.

### New changes to Tax Relief Scheme on Charitable Donations effective 1st January 2013

In December 2012 the Minister for Finance announced the following changes:

- All donations of €250 or more from individuals (PAYE and Self-Assessed) will be treated the same, with the tax relief in all cases being repaid to the charity.
- Tax relief is to be given at a blended rate of 31% to all taxpayers, regardless of their marginal rate. All donations will be grossed up as is currently the case with PAYE donations.
- An annual limit of €1m per individual, which can be tax relieved under the scheme has been introduced.

This blended rate will be subject to regular review. These changes will take effect in respect of all donations made by individuals on or after 1 January 2013. We are very grateful to all those parishioners who participate in this scheme – it means a lot to us in terms of our annual budget. If you are not yet involved in the Scheme and would like to join, please contact the parish office: 298 5491.

## Beckettsfield

Beckettsfield is the official Scout Camp and Activity Centre for 20th Dublin (Dundrum) Scouts. It was established in memory of Roger Beckett, a beloved Scout and Scout Leader in 20th Dublin, who passed away in 1978 at a young age. Scouting and youth groups have enjoyed the site ever since. However, in recent years, the lodge became outdated and eventually had to be closed for Health & Safety reasons.

Thanks to the contributions of Scouts, Cubs and Beavers—and their families—renovation of the lodge is now underway. Phase 1 was completed in March 2012 when we:

- Slabbed all ceilings, in compliance with Fire Regulations, installed a fire alarm system, and fitted two new emergency doors
- Rewired and updated all lighting—including full Emergency Lighting—throughout the cottage
- Widened all doors to accommodate wheelchairs
- Reconfigured the bunkrooms to incorporate a new en-suite
- Insulated bunkroom walls and ceilings
- Laid new underground piping for surface and foul water
- Installed a new septic tank and percolation piping
- And laid the floor slab and foundations for the Phase 2 Extension.

Now the pressure is on to raise a further €35,000, which is required to complete Phase 2 before Planning Permission expires. The work for Phase 2 includes:

- Building the internal and external for new dormitories and toilets
- Roofing this extension
- Plastering the walls and insulating the new ceilings
- Installing Emergency Exits, lighting and windows
- Installing a wet room for full disabled compliance
- Fitting out the bunkrooms and en-suites.

Fundraising efforts are proceeding apace. Before Christmas, leaders, parents and Scouts sold Christmas trees in front of the Church. February saw us packing bags at Dunnes Stores, The Beacon. March featured a Race Night: a truly enjoyable fundraising and social occasion. Our Parents and Friends Committee has also set up a facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/beckettsfield>) and a website: <http://beckettsfield.wix.com/20th-dundrum>. Besides giving the latest information on the renovation of the site and activities of 20th Dublin, the site allows viewers to Buy a Brick to assist in the renovation of Beckettsfield. We'd like to encourage all former and future Scouts (and their parents) to help with fundraising for Beckettsfield, so that we can keep this valuable resource for our Scouts in top shape for years to come.



### Taney Mothers' Union

John Bowman, historian and broadcaster, was our guest at November's Mothers' Union meeting and a wonderful evening it was too!

John educated, informed, entertained and amused the large crowd present, reminding us of key moments and controversies which shaped the first fifty years of RTE Television, telling us of attempts at religious and political influence which were vigorously resisted and of high quality production values interspersed with amateurish moments, whilst reminding us of the emerging social changes in the 60s and 70s and of how television and a modernising society influenced each other.

December saw our Carol Service, led by members ourselves with Beryl providing the music and Canon Robert and Reverend Bernie leading the thoughtful and helpful prayers. As always we adjourned to the parish centre afterwards for warming mulled wine and mince pies, and a great chat with our friends.

Traditionally our January meeting is an in-house one and so it was this year. After a short presentation on healthy ready meals, Helen produced her excellent quiz questions and members proved that brains and good memories are not in short supply in Taney Mothers' Union! In February we will head out for our always convivial annual dinner and after that, if you are interested in attending any of our spring talks, do look out for the advertising posters which will be displayed around the parish in the fortnight before each meeting.

And emerging news – we are busy forging links with a Northern Ireland Mothers' Union branch, Derriaghy in the diocese of Connor, and are looking forward to a fruitful and mutually-educating friendship with them.  
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### Taney Parish Indoor Bowling Club 2012/2013

Our Winter/Spring season started last September when we welcomed four new members, Hazel Armstrong, Lynn O'Connor, Marie McEwan and Nigel O'Neill. We wish them many years of happy bowling with our Club.

In November some of our members enjoyed five days in Yeat's County Club Hotel playing competition bowls. Congratulations to Esme Williams who was the overall winner.

We had our annual Target Bowling Competition on 13th December 2012, with thirty members attending a good time was had by all.

At present we are involved in league and club matches, as well as our social evenings.

We play every Monday and Thursday night in the Minor Hall at 7.30pm and Tuesday mornings from 10.00am to 12 noon.

Myrtle McCoy, Hon. Secretary

### Care Group

The Care Group met on Sunday 9th December at 3.30 pm for Christmas Communion Service which was lead by Rev Robert and Rev Bernie. The service was followed by a festive supper which included a wonderful iced Christmas Cake, mince pies and other treats. We were delighted to have Jean Dolan as our Special Guest this year all were thrilled when she sang 'O Holy Night'. Jean lead the group in a thoroughly enjoyable sing-along of festive songs and carols. Thank you Jean for being with us and rounding off a very enjoyable evening. We look forward to seeing you all again for our Easter Service which will be held on Palm Sunday, 24th March. We were deeply shocked at the sudden passing of our dear friend Robert Siva on 14th January 2013, he will be greatly missed for his gentle manner and caring sense of humour. May he rest in peace.

### Rangers Christmas

We had a great evening in the Overend Room for our Christmas party on Saturday 8th December. There was a good turnout and Adrienne Hickey did us proud as we feasted on a meal of turkey and ham with all the trimmings, followed by delicious plum pudding and coffee.

The atmosphere was warm and cheery and our entertainment of a very high level with Naomi on the piano accompanying Suzanne who sang well-loved favourites and carols which we all joined in and really enjoyed.

Bernie, modelling her Christmas fairy best (complete with wings and wand!), took time off her Christmas tree duties as Angel and regaled us with the problems one faces being perched at the top of the Christmas tree. Angela O'Duffy brought back warm memories of how Christmas used to be, compared with now, in a lovely recitation of her own. Thank you both for the very enjoyable and humorous recitations!

The Committee would really like to thank everyone for the entertainment we enjoyed. Thanks to Naomi and Suzanne who always come up trumps with a brilliant performance and well chosen pieces and Bernie and Angela who made us laugh so hard – thanks for the enjoyment and humour. Thanks also to Ivan Rafter who helped with decorating the room.

Happy New Year to you all and we look forward to seeing you at the next outing which will be coming up soon.

### Taney Drama Society

Every now and then in the world that is amateur drama, you have the privilege to be part of something really rewarding and satisfying on a number of fronts. Our January production of Martin MacDonagh's 'The Cripple of Inishmaan' was one of those occasions. It's not too often that an amateur group gets a standing ovation at the end of a show. To get three was just amazing! We were delighted this time around to welcome three new actors to our group, Jessica Plunkett, Jamie Lloyd Belton and Iain Faulkner. Great performances from all of them and we hope they enjoyed their experiences as much as we enjoyed having them as part of the ensemble and as much as our audiences obviously did. The remaining cast all brought their own well experienced talents to the overall production. There were so many good performances that it's hard to single out anyone.



Our Director, Mary McCoy, displayed her usual calm exterior and guiding hand throughout the whole process. She has a great blend of being able to get the best out of her actors and crew, without ever forgetting that we are all amateurs and doing this for fun. It's makes it a very enjoyable experience for all.

Our next production will be "The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon. The is a hilarious comedy based around two very different men, Felix and Oscar, who share an apartment. It will be directed by the award winning director Niall Jordon whose forte is directing comedy. The play will run in the Mill Theatre Dundrum during the week of the 19th to 25th May 2013.

### Confirmation Candidates

Please pray for all those who will be confirmed on May 12th: Rosanna Angel, Mikeyla Arpac, Lauren Baird, Tom Brophy, Jenny Clarke, Ray Comerford, Adam Culbert, Craig Elmes, Madeleine Fitzgerald, Ellen Foster, Francesca Greaney, Jack Hudson, Serena Huggard, Sophie Kavanagh, Garreth Kelly, Deborah Knaggs, Michael Long, Emily McLoone, Sarah Minehane, James Murray, Isabelle O'Connor, David Robinson, Emily Ryan, Rachel Sheerin, Molly Tyrrell, James Wills, Christopher Wilson, Katharine Woods.

### Taney Bellringers

The Taney Parish Bellringers held their annual(ish) AGM on Monday Feb 11 chaired by the Reverend Robert Warren. After the minutes of the previous AGM and Ringing Master's and Treasurer's reports were read, the important business of electing the officers for the coming year was attended to.

Congratulations to Michael Ryan, elected as Ringing Master for 2013/2014. He is to be ably assisted by Chairman Cyril Galbraith, Darrell Brislane (Secretary and Assistant Ringing Master) and Kate Shearer (Treasurer).

The Taney Parish bellringers would like to offer a big thank you to David Galbraith and George Strong (outgoing Ringing Master and Treasurer respectively) for the huge effort they have put in over the past number of years ensuring the continuation of the art of campanology in Taney Parish. As always, the bellringers are looking to add to their numbers, and if you are interested in learning the ropes (pun intended) or just to want see how the whole thing works, please join us for practice on Monday evenings at 7.30pm. Contact Darrell Brislane on 087 952 2181 for further details.

### Whist

We all enjoyed the first whist Christmas lunch on December 14th it was well attended and a lot of fun. Many thanks to Jenny and Yvonne for the great food and decorations. The dates for the coming months are March 8th and 22nd, April 19th, May 3rd and 17th. Please remember that Taney whist is a social and fun event, everybody is welcome experienced and beginners! Whist starts at 1.45pm and finishes at 4pm, if you need a lift please give the office a call and they will try and arrange a lift for you.

### Taney Parish Lawn Tennis Club

Taney Parish Lawn Tennis Club will re-open on Saturday 27th April (weather permitting). Circulars to enroll children in our juvenile coaching programme will be circulated in Taney National School just before the Easter holidays and as this is very well supported with a waiting list each year, we would encourage you to return the form as quickly as possible to ensure that your child has a place. We're hoping for a dryer summer this year so that we can enjoy many long hours at the club!

Margaret Nevin  
Hon Secretary

### Junior Choir

The Junior Choir had a busy autumn term, which started in fine style in September with the Institution Service for our new Rector. The choir also sang for the Harvest Family Gift Service, Remembrance Sunday and for two services in December. A special highlight was a performance of 'I saw three ships' at the Parish Carol Service on 16th December, at which the children joined forces with the Senior Choir. Just before Christmas there was great excitement for the choir when they took a trip to St Ann's Church on Dawson Street to sing carols for the annual 'Black Santa' appeal. The Easter term will see the Junior Choir singing regularly for our Family Services, including Mothering Sunday and Palm Sunday.

The Junior Choir is always looking for new members who will commit themselves to regular practices and Sunday services. All children are welcome, although the choir is best suited to children aged 7 years and older (from 2nd class upward). Choir practice is at 2.30pm on Wednesday afternoons in the Parish Centre. Please contact Suzanne Chadwick on 087 757 4156 for more information, or come along and try us out!



### Youth Club

SPARX - we were delighted to see the junior youth club start up again with this year's 6th class from Taney school. A huge thank you to Niamh Jennings, Melissa Flynn and John Dunlop for their help in organising the activities.

FLAMEZ - The senior youth club which is open to anyone who has attended Taney school, is being run once a month in the Parish Centre. Many thanks to Armina Comerford and Malcolm Curtin for their help in co-ordinating the activities.

### Beavers

The Beavers of 20th Dublin have had a fantastic few months. In honour of the 2012 Olympics, we commissioned a special golden badge emblazoned with DYB for Do Your Best, an essential belief for scouts. We also held our own Silly Olympics. In the autumn, all the Beavers climbed Carrickgollogan, and a few went on to scale the tower at the Leadmines (until the leaders made them come down). Our third class Beavers had an overnight adventure at Ovoca Manor in Wicklow, which included lots of football in the hall, as well as a night hike and campfire.

Since January we have had drumming lessons, a jokes night, a sports skills night and we have transformed forty empty juice bottles into birdfeeders. It has been great fun, and as the days get longer, we are looking forward to more adventures outdoors, including the Third Class Campout at our beloved campsite, Beckettsfield. Beavers is presently at capacity, but if you'd like to put your son on the waiting list, please contact Mary Ann Williams at 087 998 4643.

### Ladybirds

Taney Parish Ladybirds continue to enjoy a busy schedule of activities in the Parish Centre every Monday afternoon (2.45pm-3.45pm). We welcomed eleven new girls to the pack last autumn and they were enrolled before Christmas.

Easter term is full of fun for the group, with lots of games, crafts and badgework and perhaps, even a surprise visitor or two! This term is also a time for the girls to focus on Thinking Day, when they learn about other Ladybird groups around the world. The run-up to Thinking Day is also a time for the girls to learn to carry out helpful jobs at home and earn a EURO each week, which is sent towards those in need in other parts of the world. Ladybirds is open to girls of 5-7 years. If you would like to find out more about how to join, please contact Susan Moore at 087 2430130.

### Taney Brownies

Taney Brownies meet on Tuesdays in the Minor Hall for fun-filled afternoons. We are currently at full strength, with 25 Brownies and 5 leaders. In the run-up to Christmas we all piled onto the Luas for a trip to the Gaiety Theatre to see Cinderella. The excitement was huge, with much planning and discussion of what to bring for the packed lunch! Food is of enormous importance to your average Brownie. (The leaders are just happy when the last tired Brownie is handed over to the waiting parents and we realise that we haven't left anyone behind.) Food also took centre stage when we had a stall at the Christmas Fair and sold chocolate Brownies to raise funds for our Pack Holiday. The girls and their ever-helpful parents baked hundreds of the delicious treats, which sold like the proverbial hot cakes. We made over €200, which will pay for some extra activities when we go to Larch Hill for a weekend in May. Our next big event was the enrolment ceremony for the six new Brownies who joined in September. They had worked hard to learn their Promise, but even so there was a bit of stage fright, and they were very glad of the help and support of their Sixers, who are now very experienced Brownies. The formalities were followed by tea, with a special cake baked by Megan, a former Brownie. Our last meeting before Christmas was party-time, with games and, you guessed it, lots of sweet treats! However, New Year brings a new regime, so the focus now is on more serious things. The Brownies are working hard for their Book-Lover Badge, and reading lots of books at home and reporting back to the Pack. February brings Thinking Day, when we learn about Brownies in the developing world, and collect some money to send to Guiding projects in other countries. And, of course, there is the Pack Holiday to look forward to, which is the highlight of our year. It is the most exhausting weekend you could imagine, both for leaders and children. And none of us would miss it for anything.

# A Day in the Life... *Karen Gibney* Parishoner

Living with a disability can be challenging. I was born with spina bifida – a condition which develops in the womb and affects the spine. An operation on my back immediately after my birth helped to limit the damage. Nevertheless I face the challenge of my disability each day.

In 1999 I suffered severe kidney failure. In 2000, thanks to the generosity of another family, I had a kidney transplant which changed my life in that my health improved and my energy levels were raised considerably.

I spent many happy years in Taney School where I received lots of support despite the lack of social awareness surrounding disability. These happy days continued during my time in Wesley College.

My family, my parents Les and Glenys and my brother, Robert, his wife Tanya and my three nephews Ross, Ben and Jack have been a great source of motivation to me throughout my life. I have always been encouraged to be independent and this independence developed throughout my schooldays into adulthood.

Down through the years my mobility has decreased and I am now dependent on a wheelchair. Many people might see this as a step back, on the contrary my wheelchair has opened up my life and given me a new freedom. Nowadays, I can travel almost anywhere in the world I choose. This underlines the fact that wheelchair accessibility has improved greatly – but there is always the need for further development in this area.

When I was nineteen, I learned to drive and while I was always grateful for lifts from other people, driving has given me a great sense of independence – now I can do my own thing! Disabled car parking spaces are vital as the extra space required for my wheelchair is not available in general car parking areas.

The incidence of Spina Bifida in Ireland is the second highest in the world. In Ireland, an average of eighty babies are born each year with Spina Bifida. When I was born, there was very little awareness about spina bifida and therefore, very little support for parents of children born with the condition. About forty years ago a group of parents whose children were born with a disability, got together to form a support group. This is now known as Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland. Website: [www.sbhi.ie](http://www.sbhi.ie) phone: 01 4572328.

From small beginnings, this group grew in strength. SBHI is a national voluntary organisation representing over 8,000 people with Spina Bifida. This is made up of 2,000 primary members and up to 6,000 parents, siblings and carers and I am now an active volunteer in the association.



SBHI promotes the care, welfare, interest, education, advancement and rehabilitation of persons with Spina Bifida. The organisation does its work by providing professional support and advice through its family Support Workers to people with Spina Bifida, their families, friends and carers.

I had a lovely job up to about two years ago, but due to the economic downturn the company closed down. It was when I lost my job that I decided that, rather than sitting around in a pool of self pity, I would put something back into life. My life has been hugely enhanced

through this voluntary work. As a committee member, I help to organise parties, weekends away, anything that will help people in my position to develop independence. We also host awareness meetings created to introduce families to one another, thus creating extensive network support and a more widespread awareness about spina bifida.

As part of my committee work I have travelled extensively: Strasbourg (to the European Union) Brussels, Prague and USA and each year we take a group to the Calvers Trust in Keswick, U.K for strenuous outdoor activities. These include rock climbing, horse riding and sailing, in fact every outdoor activity imaginable. This is great for team-building and encourages people to recognise that their abilities stretch beyond their imagination.

I was thinking about living on my own for a while and was lucky to get a apartment in the Irish Wheelchair Association in Clontarf for a month to see if I really wanted to live independently. Talk about thrown in at the deep end – I didn't know the northside of the city at all. It was very cold and dark. I loved it! A couple of years later I moved into a apartment in Stillorgan and I am very happy there today.

Looking back over my life I realise that facing up to the challenges of my disability has made me a stronger person. In some strange way this disability has enriched my life. My experience has deepened my appreciation of my family and has brought me many new friends along the way. I am grateful for all the help and support I have received. My whole philosophy of life is to encourage people with a disability to get out there and to reach out for as much independence and fulfilment that they can find.

## Baptism

9th December 2012 (in Christ Church) – Zachary Hamilton, son of Traoloch and Kate Collins  
9th December 2012 (in Christ Church) – Joshua Guy and Freya Charlotte, children of Benjamin and Fiona Bryant  
30th December 2012 (in Christ Church) – Molly Susan, daughter of Andrew and Naomi O’Kane  
13th January 2013 (in Christ Church) – Lauren Katherine, daughter of Niall and Louise White  
13th January 2013 (in Christ Church) – Archie, son of Paul and Sarah Wymes

## Wedding

29th December 2012 (in St. Martin’s, Culmullen) – Daniel Hill and Janet Chapman

## Funerals

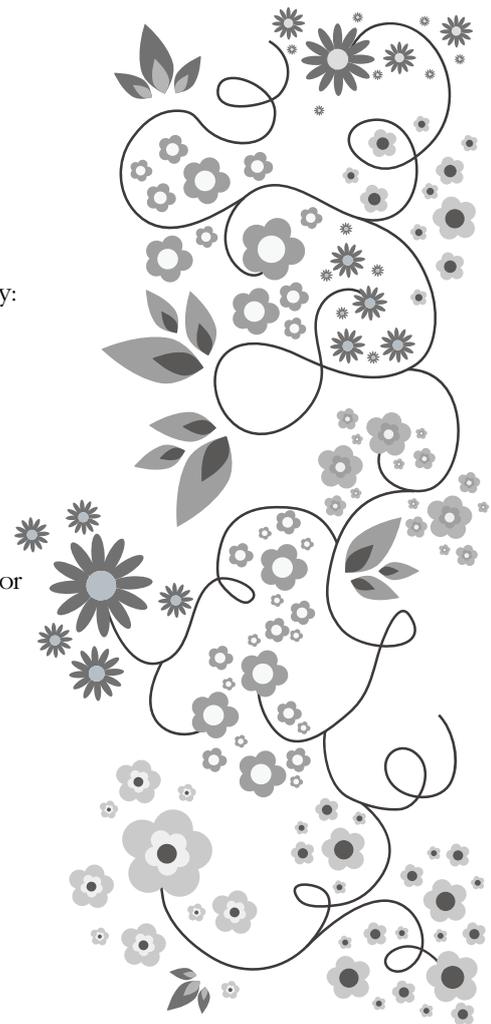
17th November 2012 (in Christ Church) – Betty O’Brien  
2nd January 2013 (in Christ Church) – Roy Cookman  
15th January 2013 (in St. Nahi’s) – Joan Alston  
17th January 2013 (in Christ Church) – Robert Siva  
21st January 2013 (in Christ Church) – Niall Harnett  
28th January 2013 (in Christ Church) – Joyce Keatinge  
9th February 2013 (in Sandford Parish Church) – Hilda Adams

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

Dermot O’Brien on the death of his mother, Betty.  
Dave Harland on the death of his father  
Hazel Riordan and her family on the death of her husband, Michael  
Hazel Connor on the death of her mother, Phyllis Cox and father, Bob Cox  
Elizabeth, Valerie, Leonard and Keith on the death of Charles (Roy) Cookman  
Geoffrey Alston on the death of his mother, Joan  
The staff of Simpson’s Hospital and the friends of Robert Siva  
Niall’s partner, Carol, parents, Humphrey and Ann, and his siblings, Annemarie and Conor  
Tim and Trilly, Terry and Jacqueline and their families on the death of Joyce Keatinge  
Victor Rainsford on the death of his brother-in-law, Ken Meates  
Joy, David, Stephen and Brian on the death of their mother, Hilda Adams

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

We extend our sympathy to Jean and Dudley Dolan on the death of their beloved son Trevor, aged 47 years, who tragically ended his life in Sweden on 20th February, to the inexpressible grief of Pia and their daughter Stella. He is deeply mourned by his broken hearted parents and his loving sisters Andrea and Judith. Cremation in Malmö, Sweden on 14th March. A celebration of his life will be held in Christ Church, Taney on Saturday 11th May at 11am.



**TO RENT – HOLIDAY HOME**

SPACIOUS THREE-BED MOBILE HOME TO RENT IN QUIET FAMILY-FRIENDLY PARK IN BRITTAS BAY. LARGE DECK AREA WITH DECK FURNITURE AND BBQ. FIVE MINUTES WALK FROM BEAUTIFUL BEACH.

ENQUIRIES: 085 7060419 AFTER 6.00PM

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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

The next training session will be in October.

Should you have any concerns or questions contact a member of the Parish Safeguarding Trust Panel

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Tel: 492 2791
3. Beryl Tilson  
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Thank you to those of you who attended the general training session in October. The next training session will be in the autumn.

## 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 will agree that it is a top quality production that 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)



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down through the years



**TANEY PARISH FETE**

**INTO THE FUTURE**



**SATURDAY  
JUNE 8TH**

**1-4 PM  
TANEY PARISH CENTRE,  
TANEY RD DUNDRUM**

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

**FANCY DRESS  
COMPETITION**

**ALL WELCOME**

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SERVING THE PARISH  
& COMMUNITY**