

# ParishMirror

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2014

ISSUE 25

## From the Rector

Dear parishioners,

Christmas is coming, but it is not a happy time for many for whom resources are badly strained this winter. The preacher at one of our harvest services spoke of arriving into a seemingly prosperous part of greater Dublin and discovering loneliness and deprivation to the extent that she is working to establish a soup kitchen, receiving so much response that the parish is now seeking a permanent venue for the venture.

So often Christmas, which should be a celebration of God's arrival among the poor and outcast, has become a season of selfishness rather than generosity. As a community of Christ perhaps we should be keeping an eye out for avoidable need in our own community rather than simply giving generously to ourselves and those near and dear to us?

Our society has become selfish and materialistic and is suffering for it. What gifts can we give as a community and individuals of faith, that will make our society a more caring place, not just for a few dark winter weeks, but for years to come?

Yours in Christ,

*Norman*

## Robert Turner

As we go to press, we learn that Robert Turner, sexton of the Parish for over 50 years, died on 29th October 2014. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Molly and his family.

## CHRISTMAS MARKET

On **Saturday, 29th November**, 2014, our annual CHRISTMAS MARKET, will be held in St. Andrew's Parish Centre, from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. As this is our main Parish Fund raising event, we appeal to all Parishioners to help make this one the best ever! Tell all your friends and neighbours about it, and shop for Christmas.

Contribution to the stalls will be gratefully received.

- **Cakes:** Home-made Cakes, Biscuits, Tray Bakes, Tarts, Buns – lots needed.
- **Deli:** Jam, Marmalade, Chutney, Pate, Sauces, Meals, Mincemeat.
- **Curios:** Your "Clutter" could be treasure for someone else!
- **Books:** In good condition, DVD, Jig Saws etc.
- **Toys:** Only in good condition – no soft toys.
- **Bottles:** Plenty of them needed. If every family gave 1 bottle, what a great stall that would create!
- **Gifts:** All unwanted gifts could find a home here.
- **Food:** Food for thought available all day.
- **Raffle:** Great Prizes – sell lots of tickets.

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## Parish Registers

### Holy Matrimony

26th September, in St Andrew's, **Brian William Sugrue**, 9 Cowper Street, Dublin 7 and **Catherine Irene Conway**, 507 South Circular Road, Dublin 8

Brian and Catherine were married on a beautiful day in late September by Rev Ken Sherwood, assisted by Mgr Peter Briscoe, who came back specially from Milltown for the occasion. Catherine's roots are in Malahide where her parents are very involved in the life of St Sylvester's.

We wish them both a long and happy life together, as they begin their married life in Kilmainham, and it was great to see them back in St Andrew's on their return from their honeymoon.

### Christian Burial

29th August 2014, in St Andrew's, **Hilary Mary Catherine Davidson**, 65 Marina Village, Malahide.

Although Hilary had lived in Brussels for many years and had only relatively recently returned to Ireland permanently, she had always maintained her many contacts in Malahide. She died after a short illness. We offer our sympathy to her husband, Alan, her children Gail and Alexis, (both in London), and to all the family and her many friends in their loss. The esteem she was held in was shown by the overflowing attendance at the service, filling church, chapel and porch. Hilary had a deep personal faith in Christ. May that same faith support and comfort those who will miss her so much. May she rest in peace.

### Sympathy

We offer our deep sympathy to Paula Delaney (Marina) and her family on the death of her father, Jim Fulton, in Kilnaleck, Co Cavan, to Norma Sherwood (Donabate) on the recent death of her sister in Clontarf, and to Debbie Sweeney, (St Doolagh's Park) on the recent death of her mother.

## Racial Justice Sunday

This has traditionally been held on the 2nd Sunday of September, and this year was marked by a special preacher, Rev Kevin Ronne, Rector of Dunleckney, and a native of South Africa. Kevin shared his experiences of his youth in South Africa at the height of the apartheid state and drew lessons from this for us today in a society where it can still be a very 'cold' experiences to be part of a linguistic, racial or cultural minority

## St Doulagh's

During National Heritage Week in August, we were very busy indeed, running varied programmes on five separate days. We had between 400 and 500 visitors, many who had never been there before, others for a second visit and bringing friends or family members along with them. We had two excellent speakers during the week, the first was Stella Mew who spoke about W. B. Yeats, his life, family, and poetry. Stella is a former CEO of the Sligo Yeats Society.

Dr Rachel Moss from TCD, well known archaeologist and historian, spoke on 'Churches and Chapels within the Pale, St. Doulagh's in context'. As the Heritage Council omitted details of these talks in their information book, very few of our visitors were aware that they were on, and attendances were sadly lower than expected.

The Flower Festival over the Harvest Weekend was a great success. The decoration was inspiring and we thank Trevor Sargent for opening the event on the Friday evening, and the two preachers, Dean Raymond Ferguson and Rev Asa Bjark Olafsdottir for their very inspiring, appropriate and challenging addresses.

The Harvest Home was also very successful, and we thank our artists, Rev Anne Marie O'Farrell (a professional harpist), the Young Dublin Symphonia and David Lamb (keyboard) for their contributions.

## St Doulagh's 150

In the early 1860s, St Doulagh's was rebuilt into its present form. The names mentioned were Nathaniel Hone, a renowned artist who lived in St Doulagh's Park, opposite the church which had fallen into a state of decrepitude, his friend William Henry Lynn, a partner in Lanyon, Lynn and Lanyon, the leading architectural practice in Ireland at the time, and Rev Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Perpetual Curate of St Doulagh's.

**Hone** whipped up the money for the project from his friends and neighbours, which was opened for worship at the end of 1864 and consecrated early in 1865

**Lynn** designed a new church to the side of the 12th century monastic building, and replacing an 18th century structure no longer fit for use. Among the many other achievements of the firm were Chester Town Hall, the Unitarian Church in St Stephen's Green, St Andrew's Church in Suffolk St, Queen's University Belfast, and many other buildings in Dublin and Belfast.

**Studdert-Kennedy** went from us to Worcester in 1867 where he ministered for many years. Among his children was the famous Geoffrey, better known as the WWI chaplain, 'Woodbine Willie' who was also a poet and advocate of education of the working classes and a worker with the Industrial Christian Fellowship. His grandson, Andrew, is Rector of Marlborough and will be the preacher at the 150th anniversary Service of blessing and thanksgiving to be held in St Doulagh's on Sunday 16th November at 7pm, (the Vigil of St Doulagh's Day) in the presence of Archbishop Michael Jackson. All are welcome to this once in a couple of lifetimes experience!

## Parish Finances

At the October Select Vestry meeting we were made aware of a very serious situation in regard to our parish finances. We are currently operating a large and unsustainable deficit which is right at the limit of our overdraft facility due to a number of factors.

One will hopefully be corrected with time, as there has been a delay in the annual charitable rebate from the Revenue but that is only one item!

However, the following actions are also needed:

**Every family should be on the envelope scheme**, or (preferably) using a standing order. If using envelopes, we ask you to fill the envelopes up week by week and ensuring that they are got to church regularly. This will increase our revenue, improve our cash flow and greatly increase the tax rebate the parish receives in the following year. A large part of our problem comes from parishioners who have only been filling envelopes for the weeks they are in Church! Away for the summer? Many of us were and it was a lovely summer! Can you make up the

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backlog? Either fill in the envelopes or ask for a standing order form!

**Review the level of your financial support to the Church as a matter of urgency.** Is it really meaningful? Has it increased if God has blessed you, even through the past few difficult years?

**Make a great success of the Christmas Market** on November 29th. Fill the stalls, with bric a brac, gifts, books, bottles, deli, cakes, etc. etc. Get your friends and neighbours along, (remember that we must cast our net as widely as possible) return your raffle tickets promptly having been sold to your friends and neighbours!

**DON'T LEAVE IT TO OTHERS DO IT YOURSELF**

## Advent Carols

This service of reflection and music will be held at 7pm on Sunday 30th November, St Andrew's Day. All are welcome, as we begin Advent, the season of preparation for the joyful celebration of Christmas, God's bursting into human life in a stable in Bethlehem.

## Children's' Carol & Gift Service

For many years, our Children's' Carol Service has seen the children present gifts which will be used by Barnardos so that children living, as many sadly do, in straitened circumstances, will receive a Christmas present they might not otherwise have.

We ask all children and families to come along and bring a gift to the 11.30 am service on Sunday December 14th. Wrap it up and put a removable sticky label indicating the gender and age of the child for which it is intended.

## Nine Lessons and Carols

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will be on Sunday 21st at 7pm with refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre. All are welcome, so why not invite your friends and neighbours for some excellent Christmas music old and new. Relax afterwards with a glass of mulled wine, or a cuppa, and a tasty mince pie!

THE CASH COLLECTION AT THIS SERVICE WILL BE FOR EMBRACE THE MIDDLE EAST (formerly known as the Bible Lands Society) which supports the beleaguered churches of the Middle East and Egypt

## Christmas Day

In addition to the usual morning times of worship, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 11.30 pm on Christmas Eve night. This marks the night-time birth, and since the earliest days of the Christian faith has been the traditional time for Christmas observance. If you have not been before, why not come along and join in?.

The services at 10.00 am and 11.30 am are specially geared for those with young families.

## Watchnight Service

Why not start the New Year by reminding yourself God should play a leading role in it? There is a Watchnight Service in St Andrew's at 11.30pm on New Year's Eve, making the Holy Communion the first act of the New Year. After the service, we

## BOOK STALL - CHRISTMAS MARKET



Good as new books needed for the Book Stall in November as well as jigsaws and DVDs. Please no books that are soiled or in poor condition as we have difficulty in disposing of these if unsold. Thank you!

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adjourn to the Rectory for refreshments and fellowship.

## *Trevor Richmond's retirement*

Trevor's retirement after forty two years at the helm of St Andrew's School was marked in two ways. Firstly, St Andrew's Church was packed to capacity by parishioners and many of his friends on September 28th for Evensong when we gave thanks for his long and fruitful ministry as Principal and at a reception afterwards in the Parish Centre he was presented with a gift to mark the occasion. The collection at the service was also donated to Barnardos, a charity nominated by Trevor.



**Richard Firth presenting a cheque to Trevor Richmond on behalf of parishioners and friends, following the service of thanksgiving. Also in the picture Trevor's wife Valerie.**

The school also organised a dinner in the Portmarnock Hotel on 17th October which was attended by over 200 parents, past pupils and friends of Trevor and Valerie, when he was presented with a number of gifts, including a personal book of his life in the school, a caricature, and a book of letters and tributes from his pupils, as well as a celebration cake of books, a desk tidy and a mug.

On both occasions, speakers pointed out his remarkable ability to create a community, and instil loyalty and affection, and also that over forty of his pupils have been so inspired by him that they have followed him into a career in education. We wish him and Valerie, who has been such a great support to him, a long and happy retirement together.

## *St Doulagh's Harvest and Flower Festival*



The Flower Festival over the Harvest Weekend of 10-13th October was a great success. The decoration was inspiring and we thank Trevor Sargent for opening the event on the Friday evening, and the two preachers at the Sunday services, Dean Raymond Ferguson and Rev Asa Bjark Olafsdottir for their very inspiring, appropriate and challenging addresses.



We are thankful all those who put so much time and energy into making the event so successful, Isobel Morris, Norma Sherwood, the Sutton Floral Art group, Naul Flower Club, and North Dublin Flower Club, who gave of their time & talents not just for the few days, but for many weeks beforehand. Thanks are also due to those who acted as ushers and guides. The Harvest Home which concluded proceedings on the Monday evening was also very successful, and we thank our artistes, Rev Anne Marie O'Farrell (a professional harpist) the Young Dublin Symphonia and David Lamb on the keyboard for their contributions, as well as those who provided supper afterwards, and those who restored everything to normal afterwards.



To: Dr Gamble, the Select Vestry and fellow Parishioners,

I would like to say how grateful I am for the amount of work and effort that went into organising a most memorable service and evening for me on the occasion of my retirement after 42 very happy years in the school and the parish.

It was so nice to be able to say thank you to the Parents and Parishioners. Lastly I would like to thank the Parishioners and Parents for their very generous gift and for the beautiful flowers presented to Valerie.

Yours sincerely,

*Trevor and Valerie*



## Mothers' Union

# Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Thursday 11th September 2014, we opened our first meeting with a service in St Andrew's Church conducted by our Rector Norman. Betty Burnby read the lesson and Rosaleen O'Loughlin organised the music. Afterwards we went back to the Centre for a welcome cup of tea and chat.

On Thursday 9th October, we welcomed parishioner Don O'Donnell, who gave us a very informative and extremely interesting talk about the First World War and in particular the huge amount of Irish men who took part. Don did an immense amount of research and work this year which celebrated a hundred years since the start of the war. We thank him very much for coming to our meeting which included a few men who were most welcome!

6th November 2014 – Holy Communion in Christ Church Cathedral at 11.15 am.

10th November 2014 – North Area Meeting in Raheny at 8.00 pm when there will be a flower arranging demonstration and supper. Lifts will be available. As usual a tray bake please from each car.

13th November 2014 – The Laura Lynn Foundation. Speaker: Jane McKenna. Mothers' Union stall at this meeting.

From the 11th – 13th October 2014, the Friends of St Doulagh's held a Festival of Flowers, the theme being 'Lord, for the years we give our thanks today'. The Mothers' Union was delighted to sponsor an arrangement which was on the pulpit entitled "The Harvest is Truly Great". St Doulagh's has been a place of Christian worship for many centuries. This year celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the building of the Victorian church, the newest addition.



11th December 2014 – Our annual seasonal refreshment at 7.00 pm followed by our very enjoyable Christmas Auction. A night not to be missed.

If anyone is interested in coming to any of our meetings or to find out more about our Mothers' Union please contact our Secretary Norma Williams at 8461063 or any committee member.

Meetings are normally held on the second Thursday of each month from September to April at 8.15 pm in St Andrew's Parish Centre.

*Christine Mullock  
Chairperson*

## St. Andrew's School

It is the first time in 42 years that Mr Richmond was not here for the opening of the school. We wish him all the best for his retirement.

Congratulations to Ms McElhinney, the new Principal of St Andrew's. We also welcome Ms Avril Cornwall, Ms Amy Sherlock and Ms Julie Patterson to the teaching staff. A very warm welcome to all our new families.

Congratulation to **Amelie Kearney** overall winner of the painting competition at the Flavours of Fingal Show back in June. Amelie won €500 for the school and an iPad for herself! Amelie's picture can be seen just outside the Junior Infants Classroom.

**A wonderful achievement!** During the summer **Maria O'Halloran** decided to do something for a really good cause. She had her hair cut short and donated her hair to the Rapunzel Foundation. This is a charity that uses the hair to make wigs for children who have had serious hair loss. In addition she raised over €1,400 for the Irish Cancer Society through sponsorship.

**Sporting Achievements** Congratulations to **Oliver Jeffrey-Carrick, Matthew Jeffrey-Carrick, Oliver Manks, Elliot Manks, Matthew Clarke** and **Elizabeth Deacon** who all received an award at the Cricket Club's award night. Congratulations to **Sarah Burns** and **Finn Ellingboe** winners of a Bronze medal for under 11 Basketball in the Community Games and to **Gina Murray** who was part of the U10 mounted team who came 7th at the Ploughing Championships. Some 6th Class children ran a cross country race this week. Well done to everyone who took part in very bad weather conditions.

## The Importance of Being Earnest

**Mary Gamble** our school secretary will be performing in Oscar Wilde's wonderful play 'The Importance of Being Earnest' in the Helix on 12th to the 15th November. Tickets can be booked with the Helix directly.



**Recently appointed school principals.....both former pupils of St. Andrew's National School.**

**Rev. Norman Gamble** pictured with **Lynn Harley**, principle of The Burrow School, Sutton and **Lesley McElhinney**, principle of St. Andrew's School, Malahide following a presentation made to both teachers to mark their new appointments. Also in the photograph **Hazel Bolton**, hon. secretary of the Select Vestry.



## 29th Girls' Brigade Company

Malahide Girls' Brigade has recently started its 2014/2015 season in the Parish Centre on Saturday afternoons after the summer break. We welcome back all the girls and are delighted to see new girls too. The girls are enjoying a varied programme of singing, skipping, drill, dancing, bible stories and drama.



**New members from 2 years of age and older are most welcome.** Please see the leaflet below for information and contact details.

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- 2 - 4 year olds - Tiny Tots - 1.30 - 2.30pm
- 5 - 8 year olds - Explorers - 1.30 - 3.30pm
- 9 - 11 year olds - Juniors - 2.30 - 4.30pm
- 12 - 13 year olds - Seniors - 2.30 - 4.30pm
- 14 - 17 year olds - Brigaders - 12.30 - 1.30pm
- 18 years+ - Associates - 12.30 - 1.30pm

**For further enquiries contact Ruth on 0879389727**

## Ideas Forum

The Select Vestry wishes to thank all who attended the Parish Ideas Forum on the 23rd of October and also all who have made submissions in writing. As a church we need to have services, programmes and activities that our people want to be involved in now and into the future. We want to communicate well, increase awareness, enable people to express their spirituality and care for our society - all in a welcoming way. The committee is currently compiling the inputs and will bring them to the Rector and Select Vestry for consideration and action. The views expressed will be presented as collective ones and will not be attributed to any one individual unless otherwise agreed. Feedback on the outcomes of the forum and relevant follow up will be outlined in the next Parish Mirror. It is never too late to give your views or offer to help, our work is continuous. Become involved, stay involved.

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## Daily Service at 9.15am

Morning Prayer each weekday at 9.15 am in St Andrew's EXCEPT DEC 25th-27th. All are welcome to attend and pray for the needs of Church and society. The service lasts about 15 minutes and provides an opportunity for reflection upon the scriptures, and for prayer for private and public needs.

A book for prayer requests is in the porch

N.B. Traditional Language services (BCP Form One) are normally the 8.00 am service on Sundays and the 11.00 am service on Wednesdays, and also at 10.00 am on the first two Sundays of a month in St Doulagh's and Compline at 7.00 pm on the 5th Sunday of a month.

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## Church Services

November

### St. Andrew's Church, Malahide: Sunday Services

2nd <b>All Souls' Day</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion 11.30 am Holy Communion and Holy Baptism 7.00 pm Thanksgiving for the Faithful Departed
9th <b>3rd before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion 11.30 am Morning Prayer with Act of Remembrance 6.30 pm Holy Communion
16th <b>2nd before Advent</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.30am Toddlers' Service 11.30 am Holy Communion with Children's Church 7.00 pm NO SERVICE: ST DOULAGH'S FESTIVAL SERVICE AT 7.00 PM
23rd <b>Sunday before Advent</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion 11.30 am Girls' Brigade Enrolment 7.00 pm Ministry of Healing
30th <b>Advent (also St Andrew Apostle and Martyr)</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion 11.30 am Holy Communion and Children's Church 7.00 pm Advent Carol Service

### Weekday Services

Saturday 1st <b>All Saints' Day</b>	9.15 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 5th	11.00 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 12th	11.00 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 19th	11.00 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 26th	11.00 am Holy Communion

### St. Doulagh's Church, Balgriffin (all services at 10.00 am)

Sat 1st	10.00 am Holy Communion ( <b>All Saints' Day</b> )
2nd	10.00 am Morning Prayer ( <b>All Souls' Day</b> )
9th	10.00 am Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance
16th	10.00 am Morning Prayer 7.00 pm Service of Thanksgiving for 150 years since the Rebuilding of 1862-64 <b>Preacher, Rev Andrew Studdert Kennedy</b>
Mon 17th	10.00 am Holy Communion ( <b>St Doulagh the Hermit</b> )
23rd	10.00 am Holy Communion
30th	10.00 am Holy Communion

December

### St. Andrew's Church, Malahide: Sunday Services

7th <b>2nd of Advent</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion 11.30 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Holy Communion
14th <b>3rd of Advent</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion 11.30 am Children's Carol & Gift Service 7.00 pm Ministry of Healing
21st <b>4th of Advent</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.30am Toddler's Service 11.30 am Morning Prayer 6.30 pm Festival Service of the Nine Lessons and Carols
28th <b>The Holy Innocents</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion 11.30 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Evening Prayer

### Weekday Services

Wednesday 3rd	11.00 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 10th	11.00 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 17th	11.00 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 24th <b>Christmas Eve</b>	9.15 am Matins NO 11AM SERVICE 11.30 pm First Communion of Christmas
Thursday 25th <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion 11.30 am Family Communion
Friday 26th <b>St Stephen the Martyr</b>	11.00 am Holy Communion
Saturday 27th <b>St John the Evangelist</b>	11.00 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 31st	11.00 am Holy Communion 11.30 pm Watchnight Service of Holy Communion

### St. Doulagh's Church, Balgriffin

7th	10.00 am Morning Prayer
14th	10.00 am Holy Communion 4.00 pm Carols by Candlelight
21st	10.00 am Morning Prayer
25th	10.00 am Holy Communion <b>Christmas Day</b>
28th	10.00 am Morning Prayer <b>Innocents' Day</b>



**Stage2theatre company** under the directorship of Jean Goslin will present **The Importance of Being Earnest** by Oscar Wilde in The Helix from 12th –15th November at 8.15. Tickets available from the Box Office at 7007000 or at [www.thehelix.ie](http://www.thehelix.ie).

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