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From the Rector

Dear Parishioners,

A very Happy New Year!

By the time you read this, Christmas will have been packed up for yet another year.

It will be a distant memory, except perhaps for a few unpaid bills!

It is a magical time of the year, especially children.

However, it can be bitter-sweet too.

And, for those of us who are older, is often a time for reflection.

2022 is not a year that will be remembered with unadulterated pleasure.

It is the year when we saw war return to Europe, with thousands of people killed in Ukraine and millions displaced.

Closer to home, rising energy bills have left many struggling to make ends meet.

As with any year, there will be those who were bereaved and others who will have received a diagnosis with which they have to contend in 2023.

The New Year can be a difficult time, and the month of January especially so.

We may have passed the shortest day, but the nights are still stubbornly long, and the daylight is yet to make a noticeable difference.

When health research at Cardiff University identified the third Monday in January as the most

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Changing the landscape to the glory of God 200 years of worship in St Andrew's Malahide



Dr Tom Healy, the Revd Dr Norman Gamble, Archbishop Michael Jackson, Canon David Gillespie, Archbishop John McDowell, the Revd Ken Sherwood and the Revd Kingsley Long.

Two hundred years of worship and witness to God were celebrated in St Andrew's Church in Malahide yesterday morning (Sunday November 27). There was standing room only in the church as people gathered to mark the bicentenary at the special service, which was celebrated by the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson and at which the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd John McDowell, was the preacher.

Prayers were led by Dr Tom Healy and Retired Rector, the Revd Dr Norman Gamble, read the first reading.

It was most appropriate to have guests from the other churches in the village joining with us on this special occasion. Excellent ecumenical relations exist locally, and we were delighted that the Rev Alistair Dunlop and Fr. Kevin Doherty were able to be present. Indeed, St Sylvester's Parish presented to sets of ribbon markers, in the various liturgical colours, to mark the bicentenary.

The church itself looked resplendent for the occasion – there was nothing out of place and every surface had been polished to within an inch of its life! The flowers, arranged by Christopher White, were stunning in the church, entrance porch and St Marnock's Chapel and the food served at a reception in the Parish Centre after the service was simply beautiful.

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depressing day, I read recently that some church leaders re-designated it as 'Don't Worry, Be Happy Day'.

St Frances de Sales, whose Feast Day is January 24th, could have been talking about what some refer to as the 'January Blues' in his book Introduction to the Devout Life when he described sadness and anxiety as temptations we should hand over to God.

"If, out of love for God, the soul seeks a way to be freed from her troubles, she will seek it with patience, meekness, humility, and tranquillity. She will expect deliverance more from the providence of God than from her own labour, industry or diligence."

He warned: "Do not permit your desires, however small or trivial they may be, to disquiet you... When you perceive that anxiety begins to affect your mind, recommend yourself to God."

I like this idea of 'recommending' ourselves to God, and it seems to me that January is the ideal time to try it.

May I wish you all that is good in 2023 and may you know that God will be with you in it, no matter how it all turns out.

As the prophet Isaiah has it, "I will guide them along paths they have not known. I will make the darkness become light for them, and the rough ground smooth."
Isaiah 42: 16.

David

200 years of worship

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All in all, the whole day was an unqualified success, but special mention should be made of the choir who excelled themselves - even singing The Gloria in Latin!

Much planning and forethought had gone into making the occasion special and we are most grateful to all those who were only too willing to help.

In his sermon Archbishop McDowell noted that when the church was built 200 years ago, it changed the landscape of Malahide. "Your calling and my calling is to do the same. To change the landscape wherever we find ourselves, so that the glory of God may be seen in the land," he said.

"Now, you may be looking at the person beside you and saying to yourself he/she doesn't look very glorious, or you may be looking up at rector and me and thinking they don't look very glorious either. But this is the glory of God and it is his glory that we reflect in the world - to go to the places where people find it very difficult to be fully human for whatever reason, and to bring the humanity of Jesus with us. And of course, to search out those places within ourselves which are not fully human either- those elements in ourselves which are self-regarding or ugly and self-satisfied, which are vindictive and devious. We all have them," he continued.

He said Christian holiness was to be an "involved goodness" not the goodness that was very often

associated with Christianity which was pure and correct and aloof but had no love in it and therefore no redemptive power. "The holiness of God enables people. It helps them to see themselves differently. To see themselves as people who have a part in God and to whom he has joined himself in a solidarity which will never fail. It changes the landscape for them," the Archbishop said.

The full text of Archbishop Mc Dowell's sermon may be found on the parish website by clicking on Home - United Parishes of Malahide, Portmarnock & St. Doulagh's (anglican.org)

During the service, Archbishop Jackson dedicated a number of gifts which had been given to the parish. These included the anonymous presentation of a piano; an altar frontal from the Anton family in memory of their mother and grandmother, Kathleen; a brass cross from the Rector and Tanya Sewell; a set of ribbon Bible markers presented by the clergy and parishioners of St Sylvester's Parish Church, Malahide, and a crib and nativity figures presented by the Mothers' Union.

The service was followed by a reception in the parish centre at which a celebratory cake was cut. Those gathered also bade farewell to Diocesan Reader, Dr Tom Healy, who has moved to Kilkenny. Parish treasurer Brian Brown made a presentation to Tom and thanked him for all he had done in the parish saying he had been a friend to all. Tom thanked the parish for their support over the years and for the welcome he and his partner Bridget had been given.

In conclusion, the Rector said: "This was one of those days that I think we all will remember for a long time to come. It was so good to see the church full and to welcome so many visitors and well-wishers on such a special occasion.

Thank you to everyone who worked so very hard to ensure that the service, and the refreshments, were worthy of the occasion. We certainly put our best foot forward in every respect and not least in the service which was uplifting and joyful."

Christingle

The Family Service on Sunday 22nd January will be our annual Christingle service.

Christingle means 'Christ Light' and the oranges are made up of different parts, each one being there to remind us of something.

The orange represents the world.

The candle reminds us of Jesus, the light of the world.

The red ribbon is the colour of blood and reminds us of the death of Christ.

The four cocktail sticks, on which sweets or fruit are placed, can mean the four seasons or the four corners of the world.

Such services are held at Christmas but can also be held in the season of Epiphany.

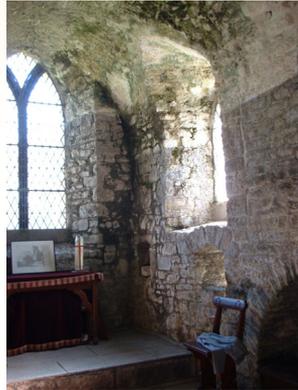
Down MEMORY LANE (and far beyond)

Leprosy

Saint Doulagh's Church – The Oratory

On the South Wall is a leper's window. Leprosy was endemic throughout Western Europe in medieval times. The purpose of such a window was that lepers were not permitted to enter the building but the elements of Communion or the Mass would be given out through the window.

Another example of the provision for lepers can be seen in St. Nicholas Collegiate Church in Galway City. There is a gallery high up in the church, access to which is gained by entering the building via a staircase within the wall which goes up directly to the gallery. Here again although the lepers were in the building, all contact was prevented.



The Irish word for leper embraced all skin ailments- not just leprosy. St Stephen's Green, well known to us is in fact called St. Stephen's Green because it was the site of a church and St. Stephen's Hospital and this hospital was a leper hospital, both church and hospital dated back to the 13th century.

Ireland has of course played a significant role in the fight against leprosy. Not as widely known as it perhaps should be, is the Leprosy Mission. It is a non-denominational Christian Mission which was founded in Dublin in 1874. Wellesley C. Bailey was born in Ireland in 1846. He lived in Dublin but set off to make his fortune as a gold digger in Australia. He booked his passage and set off in 1866. The ship docked in Gravesend and as it was a Sunday evening, he went to church. As a result of that evening he decided to give his life to God. He didn't

make his fortune in Australia or indeed New Zealand or New Caledonia and so returned home. His brother who was serving with the army in India invited him out there to learn Hindu. He went to Faizabad in Northern India and stayed with a German missionary, Rev. Reuther and this drew him towards missionary work. From there in 1869 he went to the Punjab and here he became acquainted with the horrors of leprosy.

He communicated his concerns to his fiancé Alice Grahame and she related these concerns to her two friends – two sisters – The Pims. The Pim sisters undertook to raise £30 a year for work with the sufferers of Leprosy. Within a year this became £500 and within two years £1000 and the Mission to Lepers was born. The name changed to the Leprosy Mission in 1964. For much time it collected about a third of all monies collected for the treatment of Leprosy.

It is said that the cure for Leprosy was discovered in Dublin. Wellesley Bailey died at the age of 91 in 1937. Someone we should be proud of.

Interestingly Rule 443 Sickness or Leprosy of the Knights Templar said that "When it befalls any brother that by the will of our Lord he contracts leprosy and the thing is prove, the worthy men of the house should admonish him and ask him to request permission to leave the house and go to Saint Lazarus, and take the habit of a brother of St Lazarus." (The Order of Saint Lazarus was founded in the Holy Land c.1130. It followed the Rule of Saint Augustine and received many privileges and donations. It was not confirmed by the papacy until 1255. The Knights of this Order wore a green cross on their mantles.

An extract from a book by Michael J. Carroll – The Knights Templar and Ireland.

It is said that the Green Cross spoken of above is in fact the Green Cross that is now used outside pharmacies throughout Europe.

Derek Moffatt

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**Christmas
Market
2022**





St. Andrew's Church – Bicentenary celebration

Tom's thoughtful spot

A few words of thanks

Having migrated from Swords to Portmarnock in 2004 and from there to Skerries in 2016 I recently migrated – for the last time I believe – on to county Kilkenny. Life is full of many twists and turns. I originated from the southside of Dublin (Rathfarnham) and lived in quite a few different places over the years ever before I arrived in Swords in the 1990s. I am afraid that monastic stability, as in being rooted in one place, has not been my life calling up to this point!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the parish for their welcome and support over the many years that I have been a member of this community. I would like to thank, Canon David with whom I have had the pleasure of working since November along with his wife Tanya. I would also like to mention Rev Gamble and his wife Susan who have travelled with me on my spiritual journey over almost two decades. One of my fond memories is that of pioneering along with Rev Gamble the use of the Irish language at a bilingual service on St Patrick's day in March 2018 in what I should point out is the oldest church still in use of these united parishes. I refer of course to St Doulagh's – Clochar Dúiligh.

Thanks to everyone in the parish especially those who accompanied me over the years as well as friends and clergy from other parts of the Diocese. I greatly appreciated your welcome not only to me but to my partner Bridget as she was able to join us here for worship from time to time. Your welcome, inclusion and hospitality means a huge amount to me and, I know, to Bridget as well. I must also mention the kindness shown by members of the parish who stayed in touch with me by phone, email, and online services during the long winter of covid which lasted over two years. Thank you. We got through that time intact, and I hope strengthened in faith, in hope and in love.

And now I must take my leave as the Holy Spirit has been nudging me in the direction of the South East these last years. I will always treasure your friendship, support and example.

May God continue to guide us all in our journey and bring us together again in his own time and ways.

Thank you so much.

Go raibh maith míle agaibh.



MOTHERS' UNION NOTES

TRANSFORMATION - NOW

On 13th October we welcomed Christina Santa Maria from Aoibhneas to our Meeting. Aoibhneas means being aware of your surroundings, the weather, scenery, music and joy. Dublin Corporation built the Aoibhneas Centre in Coolock in 1997.

Aoibhneas supports women and children that are abused in the home. It is funded by Tulsa and they provide education, safe accommodation, advice on Social Welfare, rights and entitlements, budgeting and links to Solicitors and the Gardai, child and youth services. Christina explained how the husband/father tries to control the family by isolation from friends, family and neighbours, creating fear by shouting and using demeaning and menacing behaviour.

Our Diocesan President, Ada Lawson, came to speak to a full room of members and friends on 10th November. She told us briefly about herself and about the worldwide President, Sheran Harper and spoke about how the Mothers' Union supports work combatting gender-based violence. She also brought samples of knitting made by members for Maternity Hospitals and also samples of tumbler blankets which were very much appreciated by Nursing Homes. There was even time for lots of chat and fellowship over a cup of tea.

Many thanks to all who supported and so generously gave to the Christmas Appeal for MU Projects. The sum raised was €640.

Andrea and Olive attended a seminar 'Understanding Gender-based Violence' in DCU All Hallows' College, Drumcondra which was organised by the Mothers' Union, Dublin and Glendalough. The guests speakers were Professor Pat Barker, Volunteer Counsellor with the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre and Ms Lydia Monds, Education Advisor for the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal. The talks were very thought provoking and we gained more insight into this very difficult subject.

At the Service to celebrate the Bicentenary of St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, 27th November, a crib and nativity figures presented by the Branch, were dedicated.

Our Auction in December raised €620 for the Mothers' Union Overseas Development Fund. This was a very enjoyable evening and was very well supported by members and friends.

A very happy New Year to all our members.

Olive Haynes



Tom Healy

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THE ALICE LEAHY TRUST

Daryl and Olive would like to thank all those who supported their Coffee Morning in November in aid of Trust. The amount raised was used to buy specific items Trust had requested including jeans, hoodies, tracksuit bottoms, t-shirts, warm underwear as well as food items and toiletries. The staff in Trust were very grateful for all these donations and sent their thanks and best wishes to all.



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St. Andrew's Church, Malahide: Sunday Services

1st	8.00 am	No Service	
Naming and Circumcision of Jesus	11.30 am	MP (United Service) in St Andrew's	Deuteronomy 30: 11-20; Luke 2: 15-21
8th	8.00 am	HC 1, St Marnock's Chapel	Isaiah 42: 1-9
Baptism of Our Lord	11.30am	MP 2	Matthew 3: 13-17
15th	8.00 am	HC 1, St Marnock's Chapel	Isaiah 49: 1-7
Second after Epiphany	11.30am	Isaiah 49: 1-7	John 1: 29-42
22nd	8.00 am	HC 1, St Marnock's Chapel	Isaiah 9: 1-4;
Third after Epiphany	11.30am	Family Christingle Service	Matthew 4: 12-23
29th	8.00 am	HC 1 St Marnock's Chapel	Micah 6: 1-8
Fourth after Epiphany	11.30am	MP 2	Matthew 5: 1-12

St. Doulagh's Church, Balgriffin

1st	10.00 am	No Service	Deuteronomy 30: 11-20; Luke 2: 15-21
8th	10.00 am	MP 2	Isaiah 42: 1-9; Matthew 3: 13-17
15th	10.00 am	HC 2	Isaiah 49: 1-7; John 1: 29-42
22nd	10.00am	MP 2	Isaiah 9: 1-4; Matthew 4: 12-23
29th	10.00am	MP 2	Micah 6: 1-8; Matthew 5: 1-12

St. Andrew's Church, Malahide: Sunday Services

5th	8.00 am	HC1, St Marnock's Chapel	Isaiah 58: 1-9a
Third before Lent	11.30 am	HC2	Matthew 5: 13-20
12th	8.00 am	HC1, St Marnock's Chapel	Isaiah 49: 8-16a
Second before Lent	11.30 am	MP2, St Andrew's Church	Matthew 6: 24-34
19th	8.00 am	H1, St Marnock's Chapel	Deuteronomy 11: 18-21, 26-28
Sunday before Lent	11.30 am	HC2, St Andrew's Church	Matthew 7: 21-29
26th	8.00 am	HC1, St Marnock's Chapel	Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7
First in Lent	11.30 am	MP2, St Andrew's Church	Matthew 4: 1-11

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

5th	Third before Lent	HC 2	Isaiah 58: 1-9a; Matthew 5: 13-20
12th	Second before Lent	MP 2	Isaiah 49: 8-16a; Matthew 6: 24-34
19th	Sunday before Lent	HC 2	Deuteronomy 11: 18-21, 26-28; Matthew 7: 21-29
26th	First in Lent	MP 2	Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7; Matthew 4: 1-11

Charity Allocations

Ten thousand euro was given to local charities by the Select Vestry in the month of December.

Members, Linda Barry and Richard Firth met with The Rector, to review last year's allocations and to recommend the following which was approved.

The cheques were sent to the charities concerned at the start of December.

Alone	200	Alice Leahy Trust	1,300
Alzheimer's Society	200	Bishops' Appeal	1,000
Capuchin Day Centre	300	Church's Ministry of Healing	300
Diocesan Board of Education	300	Fields of Life	300
Irish Cancer Society	500	Laura Lynn Children's Hospice	200
Malahide Lions Club	200	Malawi Girls	1,000
Mission to Seafarers	200	M.S. Society	200
Protestant Aid	1,000	POS Children's Ed. Fund	200
Rape Crisis Centre	300	SPCK	200
St Francis Hospice	500	St Vincent de Paul	400
Sunday School Society	200	The Salvation Army	200
Togo	800	Grand Total	€10,000

St. Andrew's Recipe

RICH BEEF CASSEROLE

Ingredients:

- 700g round steak
- 2 tins chopped tomatoes
- 2 medium onions (chopped)
- 1 green pepper (cut into fine strips)
- 2 carrots (sliced)
- Seasoned flour (use Schwartz season)
- 10ml olive oil
- 50ml cream
- 100ml water/red wine



Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C
2. Trim steak, cut into cubes and toss cubes in seasoned flour
3. Heat oil in heavy-based frying pan
4. When oil is hot, quickly brown steak on all sides
5. Transfer into large casserole dish
6. Combine onions, pepper and carrots and fry lightly in pan before adding to beef in casserole dish
7. Add chopped tomatoes to pan and sprinkle in remaining seasoned flour with water/red wine
8. Bring to boil, stirring constantly
9. Transfer to casserole dish and place in pre-heated oven for 1½ hr or until beef is tender and stir occasionally
10. Before serving add cream and mix until it is incorporated
11. Serve with boiled potatoes and green vegetables

Enjoy!

Christmas Market --- A Great Success Story

The Parish Christmas Market made a very welcome return to Malahide on the first Saturday in December raising €11,000 for parish funds, which is a very commendable effort in these stringent economic times.

Coming so soon after the Bicentenary Service, it involved even more hard work!

While this is a great result, it was even more gratifying to see parishioners socialise in a way that they had not done for so very long due to successive Covid lockdowns.

There was a real buzz on the day and the teas, coffees and festive refreshments were all kept extremely busy.

Thank you to all involved and especially to the Fundraising Group.

The Rector writes: "This was my first Christmas Market, and to be honest, I wasn't too sure what to expect.

"But I needn't have worried because everyone just seemed to know what they were to do and got on with it.

"The Fundraising Group, under the leadership of Hazel Bolton, bore the brunt of the organisation and we are grateful to them and to those they encouraged to join them as the big day approached.

"Any event that raising €11,000 represents a lot of hard work but it was worth it all, especially to see so many people turn up on the day and enjoy being in each other's company once again."

Next year's Christmas Market will revert to the regular date of the last Saturday in November in 2023.

Choir Retirees

For over 30 years, the choir has led worship at services in Malahide under the direction of choirmaster Rodney Baldwin. In times past, they undertook an annual choir tour and sang the services in several English and Irish cathedrals. After almost 40 years' service each, four choir members have decided to hang up their gowns namely Olive Haynes, Andrea Thompson, Isobel Morris and

Sylvia Leeson. Words alone could not adequately thank these ladies for the very significant and faithful contribution they have made to the worship life of St Andrew's Church. There will be an opportunity in the new year to pay tribute to them properly but meanwhile it is appropriate that we record our very sincere thanks in the Parish Mirror.

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