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Drumcondra Parish

Corpus Christi News

Building Hope - Summer 2022

Most of us have enjoyed a marvellous summer with sun and warmth. We have had time to relax and replenish our reserves of energy. Children have been able to enjoy their summer holidays and it is great to hear their screams of delight and joy as they play outside in the sunshine. One parent observed that there is no problem getting them to sleep after spending the day running around.

As we move forward many issues will continue to focus our minds with renewed vigour. Among these are the challenges of climate change and the matter of security in our troubled world. Our world is growing smaller and the effects of wars, famine, wild fires will impinge more and more on all our lives. We cannot escape the consequences of these.

Our church too will also face huge challenges as we move into the future. We are unclear of what future the Lord is drawing us into and when and how we will arrive.

Earlier this year, in union with all the parishes in the diocese of Dublin we were invited to initiate a process of radical renewal under the title "*Building Hope*". We held a parish meeting to focus on four areas of pastoral development which a taskforce, set up by the archbishop, defined as essential.

Statistics in our Diocese point to the declining number of priests available and they are growing older. We are fortunate however in having many lay volunteers, teams which provide pastoral services, among these are Baptismal teams, Funeral teams, Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Ministers of the Word and of the Eucharist. Included in the Vision outlined in The Mission Statement of the Diocese is the emphasis on the parish being a community of co-responsibility and servant leadership. Moving forward will necessitate providing resources and training for lay volunteers so that they feel supported and equipped to develop their skills in the mission entrusted to us by the Lord.

Fr. Gareth Byrne, the Moderator of the Dublin Diocesan Curia, provides a summary of the process "*Building Hope*" in an article published in the Irish Catholic on 28 July 2022 and can also be read at <https://dublindiocese.ie/radical-renewal/>.

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The question which poses itself is whether parish communities in the diocese have the energy to reinvent themselves and develop a modern way of formulating our mission for a world in need of hope.

It will not be easy as a community to identify our path into the future. The *Building Hope* process is centered on our working together. We will need a grounded faith and hope in the assurance that the Lord accompanies us. In prayer we will need to be attentive to the Holy Spirit and guided by him as we work to bring our gifts and talents together in the new ways into which the Lord is leading us.

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Junk Mail Please

We’re all acquainted with the saying that one man’s junk is another man’s treasure. But what about one man’s ‘Junk Mail’ is another man’s War and Peace? Such ideas crossed my mind as I wandered around the neighbourhood a couple of months ago, calling to people’s front doors, not for any nefarious activity I hasten to add, but to deliver that august publication, the Parish Newsletter. On a bright, warm, spring morning, I relished those few seconds of doorstepping; petting friendly cats and generally enjoying the brief window on someone else’s life that those moments afforded.

But rain soon fell on my parade. I was met at every turn with stern notices of ‘No Junk Mail’, sometimes softened with the addition of a ‘Please’. One particular notice listed the categories of persons not to call: it included salesmen, conductors of surveys, canvassers and presumably unwanted relatives. I almost expected a murder hole to open above me and a pot of ‘liquids most foul’ to rain down upon me in true medieval fashion. It was all very much at odds with the door mat that had ‘Welcome’ emblazoned across it.

A self professed reader of junk mail, I love the opportunity to hear about ‘Larry’s Ladders’ for hire, or Odd Job John, for whom ‘No Job Is Too Small!’ What a man! Or Brian, who says he’ll tackle all those jobs that ‘You Haven’t Got Round To!’ Wonder is he single? Phone Rosemary, if you want her to walk Fido. And if Fido does not report back fully satisfied with the service, she’ll give you a refund. And still in ankle-biter mode, there’s Sheila, a black belt in karate, who will collect, feed, corral and keep those two legged ankle biters in order until their keepers arrive home. Siobhán will iron himself’s shirts for a euro a pop. She may even iron himself if he’s a little crumpled after a night out.

AWARE – SUPPORT & SELF CARE GROUPS If you or those with whom you work with wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, consider using Aware’s phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit www.aware.ie.

The Adult Choir would like to invite new members to join. We rehearse on Saturdays at 5pm and Mass is at 6pm.



The Youth Choir would also like to invite new members to join. We rehearse on Sundays at 09.30 and Mass is at 10.30.

The Child Safeguarding and Protection Service in the Archdiocese of Dublin
This service promotes the safe care of children and vulnerable adults involved in church activities throughout the Archdiocese.
A parish audit was carried out in recent times by the Diocesan Child Safeguarding and Protection Service.
Information on Child protection in our Parish and diocese is provided in the porches of our church.
This provides contact details where concerns can be conveyed.

BALLYGALL CREDIT UNION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS
We are pleased to announce that we have extended our membership and are now delighted to welcome new members from Drumcondra. We are a community credit union with 3 local branches at Ballygall, Ballymun and Fitzgibbon Street and have been at the heart of the community for over 50 years. We are delighted to have already welcomed many new members from Drumcondra and you are welcome to join us.
For more information call us on 01-8347246 or visit our website www.ballygallcu.ie

THE GARDEN CENTRE - GRACE PARK ROAD
A large selection of baskets, shrubs are now in stock.
Contact gardencentre@childvision.ie to place an order. All profits go to Childvision fundraising. See www.childvision.ie for further information.



This was all brought to a head at the door of No. 47, where a contretemps broke out with the owner. An academic discourse followed on what exactly constituted ‘junk’ mail. Eh....., yes Missus, I do realise that Finnegan’s Wake it ain’t..... but Junk Mail? Isn’t that a bit harsh? Believe me dear readers, I put up a valiant argument for this esteemed publication to be placed in the category of Modern Literature but the Missus was having none of it and told me to sling my hook. So off I sloped, with my heart in my boots and my newsletter under my oxter, a feeling all too familiar, no doubt, to the community of doorsteppers.

And the moral of the story? Spare a thought for those purveyors of Junk Mail. It may be someone’s livelihood at stake. And a big shout out to all the Larrys, Brians and Odd Job Johns plying an honest trade. You’re playin’ a stormal lads!

And what about that good burgher at No. 47. Who are they? Now it wouldn’t be fair of me to reveal their identity.....or would it??
Sara Robinson
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We extend the sympathy of all our parishioners to the family and friends of:

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| Elizabeth Mortimer | Maureen O’Brien |
| Phyllis Kavanagh | Kathleen Hassett |
| Philomena Myler | Winifred Maxwell |
| Peter Arkins | Lorenzo Scannell |
| Melissa Doherty | Billy Crowley |
| Jim O’Connor | Stephen Holohan |
| Marjorie O’Kiely | Mary Gallagher |
| Barbara Logan | |

May they enjoy eternal rest and peace

SUMMER DUES

We are distributing DUES envelopes with this newsletter. Your continued support to all our church collections is very much appreciated throughout the year. We will shortly begin acknowledging all

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 6PM

Sunday 10.30 AM

**Tues, Thurs, Fri
10am**

**ALL MASSES ARE
STREAMED ON OUR
WEBCAM
AT**

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