

ST PAULS CHURCH, PARISH OF GLENAGEARY



SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES



8.15 am - 10.30 am - 7 pm

PATTERN OF SERVICES

(One = Traditional Language: Two = Contemporary Language)

First Sunday of the Month

**8.15 a.m. Holy Communion (One) (Said)
10.30 a.m. A Service of the Word
7 p.m. Holy Communion (One)**

Second Sunday of the Month

**8.15 a.m. Holy Communion (One) (Said)
10.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Two)
7 p.m. A Service of the Word**

Third Sunday of the Month

**8.15 a.m. Holy Communion (One) (Said)
10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Two)
7 p.m. Holy Communion (Two)**

Fourth Sunday of the Month

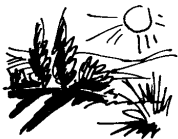
**8.15 a.m. Holy Communion (One) (Said)
10.30 a.m. Parish Communion (Two)
7 p.m. Evening Prayer (Two)**

Fifth Sunday of the Month

**8.15 a.m. Holy Communion (One) (Said)
10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Two)
7 p.m. Evening Prayer (One)**

Every Wednesday

11 a.m. Holy Communion (One)

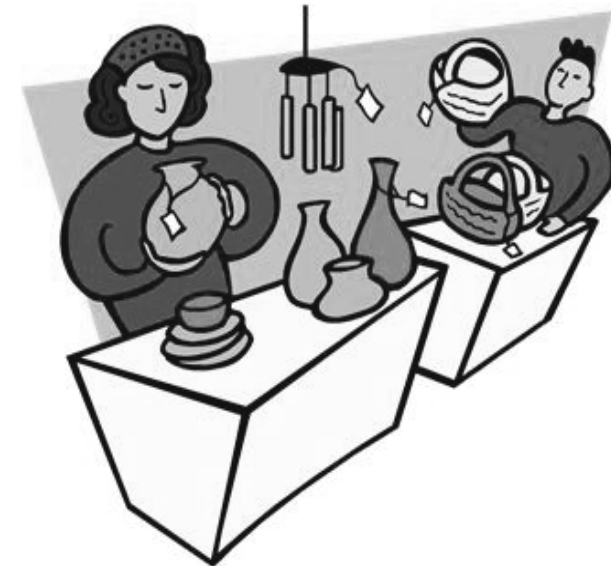


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PARISH MAGAZINE

MAY – JUNE 2013

ST PAUL'S SUMMER FAIR



**Saturday 25th May 2013
10.30 am – 2.00 pm**

**in the Parish Centre, Church and
Church Grounds**

PLEASE SUPPORT

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, THE PARISH OF GLENAGEARY

Rector:	The Rev Gary Dowd The Rectory, 1 Silchester Road, Glenageary, Co Dublin Tel/Fax 01 2801616 e mail garydowd@eircom.net	
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Rector's Glebewarden	Erica Pickering	2844263
People's Glebewarden	Frank Gunning	2043054
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Church Linen	Ann Barrett	2720397
Parish Facilities Coordinator	Cynthia Gray	087 9637008

SELECT VESTRY 2013/2014

The Rector (Chairperson), Geoff Barry; Diane Middleton; Rita Dalton; Erica Pickering; Deborah Burke; Dominic Galvin, Joe Harvey; Marianne Fegan; Gary Holohan; Sheila Wayman; Roger West; Mary Heseltine; Frank Gunning; Karene Hilton, Alan Lowther (Hon. Treasurer) and Margaret Woods (Hon. Secretary).

USEFUL NUMBERS

Glenageary Killiney National School (Principal Mrs Sadie Honner) 2856011
Parish Centre enquiries and bookings (Cynthia Gray) 087 9637008

Church Web Sites

Our Parish Web site:	Currently being updated
Church of Ireland	www.ireland.anglican.org
Diocesan Web site	www.dublin.anglican.org
Representative Church Body	www.rcb.ireland.anglican.org

registry office. *The couple are responsible for doing this.*

Collections: The loose plate collection taken at 8.15 a.m. on Sunday and at the 11 a.m. service on Wednesday are lodged to St Paul's No 3 Account which is administered by the Rector and is available to be used at his discretion to help those in need or difficulty.

Announcements: Any announcements/notices given to the rector for your attention or information appear on the "Noticeboard" at the back of the weekly readings leaflet. As all the details of these are always referred during worship, you are encouraged not only to read the "Noticeboard" each week but to bring one of these leaflets home with you for reference and to act as a reminder.

If you have anything you would like included on the weekly "Noticeboard" please have it with the Rector on or before Thursday of each week as these leaflets are usually printed on Fridays.

TRUST is a charity which provides clothing for the homeless in Dublin. If you have any unwanted clothing and other items it can be left at the back of the church where it will be passed on to Trust. Your support is always appreciated.

Trust Wish List: Jeans (Men's Waist 30/32/34 Ladies all sizes) Tee shirts: jumpers: fleeces/hoodies: shoes/runners (Men's 7/8/9/10/11 Ladies All sizes): sleeping bags: shirts: tracksuits: anoraks ladies/men's, socks (in good condition): underwear new/unused: towels, toiletries hair brushes and combs, soap, shampoo, deodorants, after shave (please note only aerosols) Mugs/cups cutlery, tea/coffee. Cup- a- soups, biscuits/cakes, sugar, hats; caps, gloves, scarves, magazines, paper backs , dog food /lead, small bars/ sweets.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please ensure all items of clothing are ready to wear –as Trust have no washing/ironing facilities.
Contact Numbers for Trust: Alice Leahy, Director and Co founder, Bride Road, Dublin 8 Tel/Fax: 01 4543799 email info@trust-ireland.ie www.trust-ireland.ie
(Copies of their "Wish List" can also be found on the table at the back of the church).

Mr Leslie Bannister (Tel: 2804405) faithfully brings all donated goods from St Paul's into Trust in the city centre on a regular basis.



SOME GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

Sunday Club meetings usually coincide with school terms.

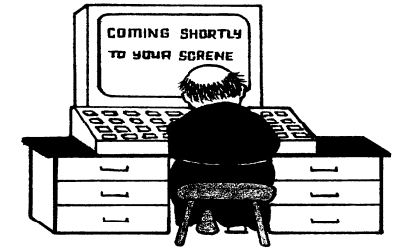
Parents/guardians are encouraged to bring their children to church for the start of the 10.30 a.m. morning service. (for approximately 15 minutes). Time in church on these Sundays will include a short children's address and a children's hymn, before the children leave for Sunday Club in the Parish Centre.

Holy Baptism. Anyone wishing to have a child baptised in St Paul's are asked to contact the Rector to arrange a suitable time and a preparatory meeting. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, all baptisms will take place at a regular 10.30 a.m. Sunday morning service. In baptism we welcome a new person into the fellowship of the Church therefore it is usually much more meaningful when representatives of the parish family can be present.

WEDDINGS. Those wishing to get married in St Paul's should contact the Rector in order to agree a date (please give plenty of notice). At least one of the parties to the wedding needs to have been baptised and be a member of the Church of Ireland or a church in communion with it. If either or both parties are divorced and their previous partners are still living; the Bishop's opinion must also be sought before the marriage is solemnised. Couples **MUST** then visit the Civil Registrar by appointment, giving at least three months notice of their intention to marry. Giving more notice is recommended. The couple can visit any civil registrar office in the country, but must visit together and in person. The couple will be required to bring certain documentation. (Ask the Rector or see the website www.groireland.ie getting_married)

When the registrar is satisfied that all required details have been provided and that the couple are free to marry, a **Marriage Registration Form** (MRF) will be issued to the couple, this is essentially a civil authorisation for the marriage to proceed. This document should be presented to the Rector as soon as possible, and certainly no less than 5 days prior to the wedding. Clergy need to check it for mistakes. At the service the new act requires that each of the parties makes a positive declaration that they know of no impediment of kindred or affinity or other lawful hindrance to the marriage; this may be incorporated into the service or it may be made prior to the service. At the end of the service the Marriage Registration Form (MRF) will be signed by the solemniser, the couple and the witnesses, and given to the couple. The completed Marriage Registration Form should be posted back to the

Write on Rev



May 2013

Dear Parishioners

Welcome to the latest edition of our parish magazine. **May** means one thing in the life of our parish— it is **SUMMER FAIR** time.

Under the direction of Joe Harvey, the Fair Committee has been working hard to make sure that this year's event will be as good as ever. At the time of writing volunteers are still needed so **please** help if you can. The proceeds from the Fair are a significant proportion of our annual income **SO WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT** more than ever. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to attend as well. There has been a wonderful, vibrant "village" atmosphere since the Fair has moved to the church grounds.

Over the past year support for the Sunday Club has fallen dramatically which has long term implications for the future of the parish. The Forward Together Committee are planning to host a social and consultation evening for parents of young children to explore how we can encourage more of our children, and their parents, to get involved in Christian nurture. This will take place on Saturday 15 June, more details to follow. Invitations will be sent out but if for any reason you do not receive one, and you fall into this category, please do come along. We want to hear what you have to say.

I look forward too seeing you at our **Summer Fair on Saturday 25th May.**



FREE LUNTIME CONCERTS in St Paul's Thursdays June and July 1.15 pm –1.45 pm. Tea/Coffee from 1pm. June 6, 13, 20, 27 July 4, 11, 18, 25. Details on church noticeboard.

May 19: Pentecost/Whit Sunday – the birthday of the Church

Pentecost took place on the well established Jewish festival of Firstfruits, which was observed at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was exactly 50 days after the Passover, the time of Jesus' crucifixion.

A feast day to celebrate the country's wheat harvest does not sound exactly world-changing, but that year, it became one of the most important days in world history. For Pentecost was the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit - the day the Church was born.

Jesus had told his apostles that something big was going to happen, and that they were to wait for it in Jerusalem, instead of returning to Galilee. Jesus had plans for his apostles – but he knew they could not do the work themselves – they would need his help.

And so the apostles and disciples waited in Jerusalem, praying together for several days. And then on that fateful morning there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues – to the astonishment of those who heard them. The curse of Babel (Genesis 11: 1- 9) was dramatically reversed that morning.

That morning the Holy Spirit came to indwell the apostles and disciples of Jesus: and the Church was born. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves. The change in them was permanent.

Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian church that morning: proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus 50 days before. And 3,000 people responded, were converted, and were baptised. How's that for fast church growth!

Of course Pentecost was not the first time the Holy Spirit had acted in this world. All through the Old Testament there are accounts of how God's Spirit guided people and strengthened them. But now, because of Christ's death and resurrection, he could INDWELL them. From now on, every Christian could have the confidence that Jesus was with them constantly, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

23rd December 2012 Olivia Lauren, daughter of Deanna Altman and Wayne Gaw, San Francisco, USA.

3rd March 2013 Hannah Florence, daughter of Aleya and Catherine Chambers, Mountain View Road, Killiney.

24th March Sofia Deasy, daughter of Niall Deasy and Lizzie Kelly Deasy, Dundela Haven, Sandycove.

31st March (Easter Day) Joshua John Francesco Finiguerra, son of Ruth Allen and James Finiguerra, Pottery Road, Dun Laoghaire

We welcome Olivia, Hannah, Sofia and Joshua into the family of the church



FUNERALS

John Lambert, Sharavogue on Friday 21st December in St Brigid's Church Stillorgan (By kind permission) followed by cremation in Mt Jerome

Clive Cody, Dublin, on Tuesday 12th February in Christ Church Cathedral Dublin and afterwards to Mt Jerome Cemetery

Gladys Tallon, Glasthule, on Saturday 6th April followed by cremation at Mt Jerome

Kitty Horsfield, Albert Road Lower, on Wednesday 17th April and afterwards to Deans Grange

Robert Pocock, Royal Terrace, Dun Laoghaire on Saturday 27th April at Ballynure, Grange Con Co Wicklow

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, they are blessed indeed, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labours". Rev 14.13



Recent bereavements

We extend our sympathy to **Anne Elliott** and to her family following the death of her husband Dr Alexander George Patrick (Pat) Elliott who died peacefully in the care of Ashford House Nursing Home on 1st December. A service of thanksgiving for Pat's long life took place in Mount Jerome Victorian Chapel on Thursday 6th December.

We also extend our sympathy to **John Hewitson** and his family following the death of his wife Mary. Both were well known to us here at St Paul's. For such a slight person physically Mary was incredibly strong and courageous as she faced many battles with illness in recent years. A Thanksgiving Service for life took place in Monkstown on Saturday 19th January.

We also sympathise with

Dorothy Rea following the death of her brother Evans Hadden, Tinahely.
Ms Stella Mew and family following the death of her brother Clive Mew, late of Chapelizod, on March 22nd.

Karene Hilton and family, Silchester Road following the death of her father Richard Moynan of Ballacolla, Co Laois on April 8th.

Badminton Club Report.

As another season draws to a close its good to report that we had a very successful year.

We entered three teams, two Ladies and one Mens, into the Leinster Branch Competitions. The 1st Ladies won their final against P.B.A.I on Saturday 27th April which is the first ladies team from St Paul's to do so. Congratulations to Valerie Heavey, Michelle Barry, Diana Pain and Gay Greene. (see picture on page 18) The 2nd Ladies also did very well, winning their section, but unfortunately they were narrowly beaten in the quarter-finals of their play-off.

Our club tournaments are in full swing at present and we have had many exciting, close fought, matches. Our At Home night was played on Thursday 9th May and our AGM was held on Tuesday 7th May.

Hopefully when the Parish Fair is over we will be able to use the hall one evening a week for Summer Badminton. Anyone from the parish is welcome to join in at a cost of €2.00 per night.

Diana Pain,

Summer Fair

The Summer Fair is very important to our Parish on two fronts. Firstly, as a social event enjoyed by young and old alike. We often have three generations of families - indeed in one case we have four - and it is always great to see so many enjoying themselves. Secondly, it is also a great source of badly needed revenue which is always welcome.



Obviously as with all social events volunteers are very important to keep the show running. We have been blessed over the years that we have had so many people to run the various stalls - indeed some have been doing it for 20 years. We feel it is unfair that in a parish the size of Glenageary that we have to rely on the same people year in year out. In the short term we badly need people to run the clothes stall and a couple to help run the Deli stall, in the case of the latter we have two People to run it already. If two or three people, friends or families, got together to run these, the workload would obviously be shared so it would be easier. We do have people to explain what is needed and to give guide lines on how to proceed. So maybe some of you out there would be willing to give it a go. I promise it is not as difficult as you may think and there is every chance you will enjoy it thoroughly.

To be very honest, the long term survival of our Summer Fair is in doubt due to the lack of new people willing to come forward. It would be a very sad indictment of our parish if this were to occur; I know you are not going to let that happen, so please contact me if you feel you can help in any way.

And we look forward to a yet another great day on May 25th in the surroundings of our beautifully restored church!

Joe Harvey

on behalf of the Summer Fair Committee

St PAUL'S PARISH SUMMER FAIR 25 MAY 2013

Items sought

RECTOR'S BOTTLE STALL: We would very much appreciate any offer of liquids in a bottle. Wine, soft drinks, bubble bath, you name it we will take it! Please (gently) drop your bottles into the centre during the week prior to the summer fair.

Alternatively you could bring them along to church, leave them into the Rectory, or contact **Gary/Pamela 2801616** to arrange for collection.

COLLECTOR'S CORNER "Wanted old glassware pottery china pictures and ornaments for collectors corner stall" **Roxanna Allen**

TOY STALL. All kind of toys wanted for our mega toy stall. No cuddly/soft toys please! Helpers needed, both on the day and on the week prior to the Fair. Please contact **Joy Wilkinson 086 8030040**

GIFTS and JEWELLERY Please support us and let us have your ~ Unwanted and unused gifts and All items of jewellery in good and saleable condition. For our stall at the Parish Fair. To make the day a success I urgently require helpers both on the day of the Fair and some evenings before to assist in sorting items & setting up the stall. Contact **Cynthia Gray** mob. 087 6239434. Thank you

CAKE STALL We need your help. Cakes, Buns, Scones, Bracks, Tray-bakes, Bread, Tarts, Biscuits, all gratefully received. Can be collected or bring to Fair. Many thanks. **Diana Pain and Lynn Wiley.**



Trinity Sunday (May 26) – how do you explain it?

Trying to explain the doctrine of the Trinity has kept many a theologian busy down the centuries. One helpful picture is to imagine the sun shining in the sky. The sun itself – way out there in space – unapproachable in its fiery majesty – is the Father. The light that flows from it, and which illuminates all our lives, is the Son. The heat that flows from it, and which gives us all the energy to move and grow, is the Holy Spirit. You cannot have the sun without its light and its heat. The light and the heat are from the sun, are of the sun, and yet are also distinct in themselves, with their own roles to play.

The Bible makes clear that God is One God, who is disclosed in three persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit. For example:

Deuteronomy 6:4 'Hear O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one..'

Isaiah 45:22 'Turn to me and be saved... for I am God, and there is no other'

Genesis 1:1-2 'In the beginning God created.... And the Spirit of God was hovering...'

Judges 14:6 etc 'The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power...'

John 1:1-3 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.'

Luke 24:49 actually manages to squeeze the whole Trinity into one sentence. Jesus tells his disciples: 'I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power (the Holy Spirit) from on high.'

In other words, the sun eternally gives off light and heat, and whenever we stand in its brilliant light, we find that the warmth soon follows.

SOME DIARY DATES

MAY

- 9-11 General Synod , Armagh
- 10 Alzheimer Tea Day Parish Centre from 10.30 am
- 14 Forward together Committee Meeting
- 16 Parish Outing to Rathwood, Co Carlow 9.30 a.m. from church
- 19 Pentecost Last Sunday Club of year and Fun Day 10.30 am
Choral Evensong 7 pm
- 25 **SUMMER FAIR Parish grounds from 10.30 a.m.**
- 26 Holy Baptism



JUNE

- 3 Bank holiday weekend
- 11 Forward Together Committee Meeting
- 15 Forward Together-Consultation/social evening with Parents of children of Sunday Club age in the parish centre.
(Details to follow)



The first ever winning ladies badminton team from St Paul's-Congratulations

Gardening Stall Good fun (- weather permitting!) We are putting together our rota for the Stall - help valuable on Friday afternoon and evening, for preliminary preparations: and, of course, Saturday morning and afternoon, to sell everything.... all types of plants welcome: flowering plants of all sorts, bedding plants and herbaceous: tomatoes, other vegetables and herbs; bulbs and rooted cuttings and shrubs; everything welcome, from your own garden, or your local supplier. If you would like to be involved, please contact Linda : 2806360 ; or Deborah: 2855486.



KEEPING YOU

The **notices** that appear on the service sheet are now also being circulated by email each week to every household that opted, in the recent parish survey, to be contacted in that way.

NEW INTERIOR CHURCH NOTICEBOARD

There is a new noticeboard on the right hand side wall as you enter the church through the fire doors.

If you did not receive last week's emailed newsletter but would like to get future copies, please email stpaulsdub@gmail.com to ask for your name to be added to the circulation list.

"Fitness League Classes - General classes continue every Wednesday and Friday at 10am. A new Active Retired Class has started on Fridays at 11.15am. If you would like to find out more, please contact Lesley on 087 7485154."

It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.

Church of Ireland Bishop's Appeal Funds 40 School Gardens with help of Plan Ireland

In April, the Church of Ireland's Bishop's Appeal donated €7,500 to Plan Ireland to help build 40 school gardens in primary schools in Moyamba Sierra Leone. These school gardens will help to tackle the issue of poor nutrition among primary school children in Sierra Leone which is a major obstacle for effective learning. The gardens will grow essential vegetables and other crops for children's school lunches. The gardens will improve the children's health during their key early years, help them to participate more in school while also educate them on nutrition, basic gardening and farming practices.



Plan Ireland is a global children's charity working to develop a brighter future for children. For 75 years Plan has been taking action and standing up for children's rights to help them fulfil their potential.

Sierra Leone is a small country in West Africa that was ravaged by civil war for over 10 years. Currently many children in Sierra Leone do not have access to an adequate and balanced diet. As a result, 5% of children are malnourished. Income is so low in Sierra Leone that many children and their families cannot afford two meals a day and many children attend school without breakfast or any food for

away").

He accuses the father of favouritism.

The younger son's wandering life wasn't with loose women. In their society this was a slanderous accusation, and the father could have punished the older son for it. But he overlooked this in his desire to be reconciled.

He thinks the celebration is a treat for the younger son. In fact it's the father celebrating the reconciliation.

The older son is angry. He assumes that the father doesn't understand his anger. But the father must himself have been angry with his younger son, but had learned to re-direct his anger into grace. Therefore he does understand – he invites him into the house, where his anger can be talked through.

But for some, grace is not so much amazing as infuriating. The story is left open-ended because the older son is invited to respond. Similarly, the Pharisees were invited to respond – and so are we, who read the story. In the end, both brothers are in similar positions – estranged from their father, in need of reconciliation.

For Ken Bailey, the theme running through the whole story is *the suffering father*. His pride and reputation were at stake. He had to empty himself to be reconciled with his sons – a hint of Jesus' forthcoming passion.

I finish by quoting Bailey – "How we personally define repentance defines, in large part, how we interact with God and others. When we feel responsible for our own repentance (like the Pharisees), there is tremendous pressure to be 'good.' The problem is that, when we focus on being 'good', we forget the importance of the relationship with God and

COMING-UP

Choral Evensong 19 May in St Paul's at 7pm with combined choirs of Monkstown and St Paul's

BOOKLETS. At the back of the church there are spare copies of the colour booklet giving details of the recent restoration project. Please feel free to take extra copies for family and friends.

With Pentecost in mind

To be filled with the Spirit is to have the Spirit fulfilling in us all that God intended him to do when he placed him there. L S Chafer

The fruit of the Spirit is not excitement or orthodoxy: it is character. GB Duncan

Before Pentecost the disciples found it hard to do easy things. After Pentecost they found it easy to do

The prodigal son story – a Middle Eastern view

Recently I came across a series of talks on the internet on the prodigal son story by Ken Bailey, who has experience of living in the Middle East, and throws light on some of the features of the story (www.eprodigals.com).

In the Middle East, the son's request for his inheritance is effectively saying, "I wish you were dead". It was a denial of his parentage. It was "the pits" of behaviour. It's much more serious than the normal youthful rebelliousness that comes into songs like "The wild rover" or "Tie a yellow ribbon round the old oak tree". So Jesus and his audience (the Pharisees) are not in disagreement about the rights and wrongs of the prodigal's behaviour. The issue is how to handle behaviour that is unquestionably wrong.

The moment when the son came to his senses was not an occasion of repentance. He was starving; his main concern was to fill his empty stomach, not to be reconciled with his father. He was admitting a bad business move, not regretting that he had brought great sorrow and distress to his family. According to custom, he knew that his only hope was to be trained as a craftsman so that he could eventually pay back what he had lost. Hence the rehearsed speech. The story doesn't use the word "return".

That moment when the father spotted his returning son in the distance, and ran to meet him, was probably on the edge of a village. The commotion would have brought local people out to watch. The father didn't know the son's motive for returning. When he put the robe and sandals on his son in front of everyone, he was risking his reputation in front of the local community. He could have been called a fool! It was visible, costly love. The initiative was the father's; the son's role (repentance) was simply to accept being found by the father. He gave up his own effort to solve his problem. Thus the banquet was a celebration of the success of the father's costly efforts. The neighbours turned up to honour the father, not the son.

Many people feel sorry for the older brother. So let's see how Ken Bailey handles this.

The father shows costly love once again by leaving the banquet — a humiliating act in the Middle East — to entreat his older son. The latter is wrong on four counts:

He thinks in terms of earning, not relationship ("I've been slaving

the day which means they can't concentrate or learn.

Children are the centre of everything Plan Ireland does, and with the support of the Bishop's Appeal and their contributors, Plan Ireland will be able to address the issue of lack of nutrition which has hindered children's performance at school. The school gardens will benefit more than 4,000 children initially, with hundreds more in years to come. For more information call Ciara on 01 6599601 or visit www.plan.ie

Ciara Mealy

Fundraising Officer

Plan Ireland

126 Lower Baggot Street

Dublin 2

COAST 2 COAST

Three years ago, Colin Dalton, son of Alan and Rita, decided to put one of his hobbies to good use. As a keen cyclist, he gathered a few of his friends and they cycled from Clifden to Sandymount raising 4,000 euro for The Alzheimer's Society. He named the venture the Coast 2 Coast Charity Cycle complete with its own logo.



Last year more people joined the team and this time they cycled from Ballybunion to Sandymount increasing the amount raised to 9,000 euro.

Last Easter weekend, Achill was the chosen starting point and some 30 brave souls, including his sister Carla, plus a supporting crew of 10, set off against a savage easterly wind and icy rain showers. They arrived in Sandymount, saddle sore and weary, after three hard days peddling, having cycled 337 kms.

The total raised this year to date is almost 11,000 euros. Well done to everyone involved, especially Colin's wife Orla, who arranged the accommodation and meals at each stop (the journey is over three days) and water and bananas en route.

Alan Dalton

Text of the sermon by the Archbishop of Dublin The Most Rev. M.G. St A. Jackson at the Service of Thanksgiving for Restoration of St Paul's on Sunday April 21st 2013

Readings: Jeremiah 31.31-34, psalm 127, 1 Corinthians 12.14-31

Psalm 127.1: Except The Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.

The completion of a work of restoration in any church is a double delight and a double achievement. I have been there, done that and there is NO tee shirt.

Why do I congratulate this parish on a very special achievement in relation to the work you have brought to completion and on a double achievement? I do so precisely because everyone simply assumes a roof and repairs and all of the things that go with this and imagines it to be an entirely normal state of affairs. It is something entirely to be expected and something which just happens in the regular course of events. People, even the most sensible of people, sometimes do not work out the economy of scale between their own house and the house of God. We drive past a parish church, we park and come in to church, we take for granted the fact that the roof is safe and does what roofs do, that is keep out the elements and keeps us all warm and dry, and we are shocked at how much it costs to replace when that day comes. But in our day and in our time the people of this parish today have taken up the challenge and have risen to it and we are here today to celebrate with thanksgiving the completion of an essential work and an expensive work. This is a tremendous credit to the parish itself, to all benefactors and all craftspeople, to the rector and Select Vestry of St Paul's. We are now well placed to make our contribution to the total life of this community.

St Paul's Church is without doubt a response on the part of the Church of Ireland in the middle of the nineteenth century to the

ST PAUL'S INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

The end of the bowling season completes what has been a very busy year. **Competitions:** The McIlwaine team did well but did not get through to the play-offs. The Price team got through to the finals but lost to Dalkey Parish, which was hard luck. The players were John Hewitson, Sara Fallon, Mark Barrett, Dorothy Green, Roy Brown, Ivor Moloney, Eileen Hall and Ken Homan. The Miller Men's team got as far as the quarter finals. The Ladies Hope Team got through to the final where they had an exciting victory over Coolock, which was a great achievement. The players were Rosie Brown, Margaret Corrigan, Joan Needham and Myrtle Sullivan.

We have had a few sad events in the Club this season. The first being the death of our President John Lambert who died on 15th December last. He is remembered fondly by our members and is greatly missed. On 15th January our Captain John Hewitson lost his wife Mary.

We have just had the Champion of Champions competition which was held this year in St Thomas's Mt. Merrion. We were represented by Champion Johnnie Greene who reached the final but was beaten by Paul Kingston from Dalkey Parish. Hard luck Johnnie!

We held our A.G.M. on 26 April at which Vilma Lambert was elected as our President. Committee: Joan Needham (Captain), Johnnie Greene (Vice Captain), Myrtle Sullivan (Hon. Sec.), David Pain (Hon. Treas.) Margaret Corrigan. (A/League Sec) Ivor Moloney, Rosie Brown and Nigel Teggin.

Our club tournament results were; Ladies Championship Winner: Rosie Brown Runner Up: Joan Needham. Men's Championship Winner: Johnnie Greene, Runner Up: Ivor Moloney. Mixed Pairs Winners: Roy Brown and Ruth Moloney, Club Championship Winner: Rosie Brown Runner Up; Johnnie Greene.

The new season begins on Wednesday 11th September at 7.30 pm. Anyone who would like to participate please feel free to join us any Wednesday or Friday. You will be made most welcome.

Myrtle Sullivan, Hon. Sec.
3.5.2013

NEWS

WELCOME

We welcome The Rev Bruce Hayes and The Rev Arthur Young who were recently instituted to serve in the parishes of Dalkey and Kill O' The Grange respectively.

Visitor from Kisiizi Hospital, Uganda.

Dr Ian Spillman and his wife Hanna have been working again in Kisiizi since May 2012 when Ian took over as Medical Superintendent.

The Spillmans' were back in the UK for Christmas and they took the opportunity to come over to Ireland to meet supporters of the hospital here. Dr Ian spoke at our main morning service on Sunday 13th January about his hopes and plans for the future of the hospital in the face of many challenges.

St Paul's are continuing to maintain the link with Kisiizi which they have had for over 50 years and are currently financing the cost of training a Ugandan Doctor as a surgeon. Our thanks must go to Michael and Melissa Webb for so generously hosting the Spillmans throughout their stay.

You can follow Ian's blog at spillmanuganda2.blogspot.ie

Parish Social Events and Outings

We have been trying to increase the number of social events in the parish with varying degrees of success. Unfortunately our insufficient numbers, however a trip to the Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin on 11th April was well supported and enjoyed by all who travelled despite the damp weather on the day.



The next outing will be to **Rathwood Co Carlow** on Thursday 16th May Departing 9.30 am return approx. 5 pm. Cost to include a trip on the "Rathwood Express" €13. (A train!)

Please contact Diane Middleton to reserve your seat 087 1270342.

Thanks to Diane for organising these trips.

population explosion is south Dublin. It is in fact one of the seven churches which were built in the old parish of Monkstown. To the benefaction of Miss Shannon from Belfast in the third quarter of the nineteenth century our diocese owes Zion Church, St Barnabas and St Kevin, as well as St Paul's. Each of these churches points to a concentration of living in different parts of the emerging city of Dublin as we can identify with it today in its suburban personality. The report in The Daily Express of 3rd January 1868 almost reads like the dimensions given us of the Ark of Noah in Genesis: "The building measures 101ft 6 inches internally by 35ft 6 inches wide and 55ft 6 inches high to the ridge. It comprises a nave and chancel measuring 18ft 6 inches by 21ft." Clearly the Victorian breakfast table was rather interested in statistics. Over the next almost fifty years the building was added to with organ, bells, transept, chance apse to give us substantially the St Paul's we have and love today but with the relocation of the organ as the most noticeable alteration.

Such settlement gives to a parish a sense of security. It also faces a parish with a very clear decision. Does it simply enjoy this heritage or does it do something with it? To express it more starkly: Does it lie back or does it get on with it? This challenge continues once the work is completed. It does not go away. This getting on with it falls into two parts and each I think has led to the joyous celebration of completion which we celebrate today. The first is the dynamic work of mission which St Paul's has undertaken and sustained in Uganda in particular. It has involved buy in by all the generations and has given that tangible expression of who we are in relation to others whom we many never see as children of God and as disciples of Jesus Christ. The humility and the generosity involved in putting your own abilities, your talents and your money at the service of others in fact enriches all that you are and do at home. And it is therefore no real surprise that generosity has come to the work of completion of what you have done in this church building in order to challenge and to enhance the mission of St Paul's at home. This shows itself in the work which we dedicate for use this evening and

in service of the community here as it will change and develop over the next century. Roof, attic, spire external and internal stonework, glazing, electrical works, heating, bells, sensitive access for all through universal access doors at the entrance; that period piece the wash hand basin in the Vestry has been replaced and shelving has been added, the main robing room has been refurbished and decoration undertaken throughout. All of this enhances the beauty and the life of this church and also makes a place from which the witness of hope and generosity can continue to grow.

Psalms 127 speaks about building. The person who wrote psalm 127 speaks not from the position of sitting in a comfortable suburban church on a Sunday in early Spring but from a situation in which there is danger all around. The presence and the involvement of the Lord in every part of this city and its buildings is most important to the person who wrote this psalm. His spiritual antennae are sharp and he sees the need of The Lord everywhere: in the building and in the safeguarding, in the daily work and in the children. He talks about the house, about the city itself and about the next generation who are essential to the defence of the city. Their security is vital for the city to fulfil its function and to perform its role of being a community where people can flourish and where people, can ward off evil, where people can display confidence and where people can - in this case literally - live to fight another day; and the psalm concludes on a note of realism:

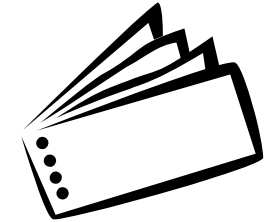
They shall not be put to shame when they dispute with their enemies in the gate. The psalmist is entirely and essentially practical. He enjoys the construction itself of the city; he also enjoys its security and its capacity to enable life to flourish within its walls. This surely is the opportunity which the work which we all dedicate tonight offers to St Paul's as a people and a community.

Jeremiah speaks of a new heart in the people of God. St Paul himself in writing, not quite to the Glenagearians but to the Corinthians, speaks of the ways in which we are bound together in

interdependence. All of this spirit of service and priority of the needs of others is shown in the work completed here to the glory of God and the good of the people of this community. Our thanks go to the Project Manager Dave Stanley who previously worked with the parish in the Kisiizi Hospital work which truly is a part of St Paul's

SUPER PRIZES FOR RAFFLE AT THE SUMMER FAIR

Accompanying this magazine are some raffle tickets being sold in conjunction with our Summer Fair on 25th May.



As you can see from the tickets there are some great prizes, many thanks to those who donated them. The Fair Committee are asking each family to attempt to sell as many books as possible in advance of the Summer Fair and hope that every family can sell at least one book, enclosed. The tickets are only €2 each or €10 for a book of 6.

Please return all tickets sold and unsold to Joe Harvey or hand them to the churchwardens or to the Rector before 25th May. Thank-you.

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EASTER GENERAL VESTRY 2013

There was a very encouraging attendance at the Annual Easter General Vestry (A.G.M.) held on Sunday 28th April. Three new people were elected to serve on the Select Vestry for 2013/2014. They are Marianne Fegan, Karene Hilton and Gary Holohan. We thank each of them for their willingness to allow their names to go forward.

We also thank Deirdre Moppett, John White and Paul Hatton, who each served on the previous vestry, for their time and commitment over recent years. There were no other changes. (*See page 2 for full list of current membership of the select vestry*)