



# Johnstown/Killiney Newsletter

## Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel

### June - 2010

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#### Mission Project 2009 Progress Report

Each year in the parish community of Johnstown/Killiney we support a different mission project. Last year, we supported the work of Fr. Frank Taylor in Malawi. Fr. Frank recently sent us a progress report, and it is printed below. The address he gave was: St Kizito Parish, Chigoneka, Malawi, Central Africa. The letter is dated May 21st 2010.

*Dear Peadar, Aidan, Parish Council and all Christians,*

*Greetings from Malawi. I am writing to give you an update on the very generous donation you gave to the Mission work here. Initially I had hoped to use the money to help people to improve their houses, especially those whose houses were damaged in the high winds we had last year. However I found it unworkable - too many houses.*

*So I have used the donation to build two houses for the poor. The houses will be rented out & the monthly rent will go to our Vincent de Paul type group called 'Atumiki a Chifundo'.*



Fr. Taylor at work!

*They will use the money to assist families during times of sickness, death, or other immediate needs of those who are widowed or orphaned.*

*The houses should be ready for renting by the end of June.*

*It is a project with a long term future as the houses should be good for 20 or 30 years.*

*Thanks again for your generosity.*

*Yours in Christ*

*Fr. Francis Taylor.*

#### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

There are still a limited number of places available on the pilgrimage to the Holy Land from October 22nd to November 1st. Details are on the church noticeboards. Enquiries to the Parish Office.

#### Fun Afternoon - 30th May 2010

A very special word of thanks to all who helped to make the Parish Barbecue and Fun Afternoon so enjoyable for so many. There was a lovely atmosphere around the church grounds and Pastoral Centre for the afternoon.

In particular, our thanks are due to parishioners who organised the barbecue, the hospitality in the Pastoral Centre, the jumping castle and the raffle. There were of course generous and enthusiastic souls behind every activity on the day, thanks to every one of them. Thanks also to the following businesses and organisations who supported the event: Patrick O'Donovan & Sons, Café Solo, Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, Watson/Killiney Residents Association, Cabinteely FC and also Caroline Smith who generously donated a painting for the raffle. The band 'Straight Shooter' once again gave great entertainment for the afternoon.

The final figure has not yet been finalised, but it looks like approximately €2000 has been raised for Fr. Michael Mernagh OSA and his work in Crossroads, Western Cape, South Africa. Thank you all for your generosity. The proceeds from the Golf Classic will also be donated to Fr. Mernagh, and there will be another event or two during the rest of the year. *Fr Aidan Kieran*

#### Trocaire Boxes

Thank you to parishioners for donations of €2208 forwarded to Trocaire for their traditional Lenten 'Trocaire Box' Campaign.

#### Life In The Spirit

The 'Life In The Spirit' seminars ended on Wednesday 2nd June. For eight Wednesdays, the group of about 50 people celebrated the reality of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church. Those attending gave enthusiastic support to the evenings of prayer, praise and reflection. The evenings were led by Joe O'Callaghan of the Irish School for Evangelisation. Our thanks to Joe and his helpers from Youth 2000.

#### Thanks for Easter Dues

We wish to thank parishioners for your contributions to the Easter Dues. Acknowledgements will soon be sent out. We would like to acknowledge some anonymous donations to the dues, including one very large donation. The Dues form a very important part of the income earned by the priests of the parish and of the Dublin Diocese. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

**Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Knock, Co Mayo**

On Sunday April 25th, a group of about 50 of us set off by coach for Knock. The intention of the pilgrimage was to seek the intercession of Our Lady of Knock for the sick and infirm of the parish and for the special intentions of the individual pilgrims. The pilgrimage organiser was Gerry Murphy whose meticulous attention to detail ensured that all the practical arrangements ran smoothly so that the pilgrims could experience a prayerful, spiritual day. Gerry had also planned an excellent spiritual programme for the journey with special hymn sheets and booklets provided for the day which greatly added to our involvement in the pilgrimage, we were led in prayers, hymns and reflections by various pilgrims. One pilgrim, a Filipino nurse, Alma Ausan, shared with us the story of the Catholic Faith in the Philippines starting with the arrival of the Spanish in the 16th century and dealing in particular with the devotion to Our Lady and the central place of the Family Rosary.

On arrival at Knock the weather soon improved and we had time to visit the Shrine and for those who wished to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the special chapel set aside for that purpose. The central event of the day was the concelebrated Mass and Anointing of the Sick which took place in the Basilica.

We broke the journey home for an excellent meal in the Greville Arms Hotel in Mullingar.

Spiritually refreshed by the day's devotions the pilgrims relaxed on the final leg of the journey and after the hymns of the earlier part of the day there was some singing in a lighter vein. Paddy Barry, Chairman, Parish Pastoral Council, thanked all for taking part so prayerfully and particularly thanked Gerry Murphy for all his work in organising the Pilgrimage.

**Gerry Kirk**

**Johnstown Parish Library  
Special Notice.**

Library assistants attend each morning after 10a.m. Mass. A self service system operates now also and books may be taken on loan at any other time when the centre is open. It is felt appropriate that a Library Group should be formed to help in it's development.

For further information contact **Sean, The Librarian** on  
**01 2857267**

**Thank You** from the **Justice and Peace Group** to all who sponsored a group from our parish walking for **RUHAMA** in the Women's Mini Marathon on June 7th. **The amount raised is €550.**

RUHAMA'S mission is to reach out and provide support to women involved in prostitution, including women trafficked to Ireland.

**Parish Finances**

Sincere thanks to all those who contribute so generously to the Family Planned Giving.

In Honour of the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
**THE ROSARY** will be recited in the church **from 3p.m.-4p.m.** on Fri June 18th.

**SUMMER CAR BOOT SALE**

Sunday June 13th, 10a.m. - 3p.m. at St. John's N.S. Ballybrack. Gates open for cars/vans from 8.a.m.

**CARS €10, VANS €15.**

Tea/Coffee/Hotdogs/Cake sale/Raffle. All welcome.

**'ECO TIPS' WHY BUY RECYCLED ?**

*One of the major factors limiting the scope for recycling is the demand for the end product. There is no point in investing time and energy collecting and recycling something if no one wants it. The consumer has an important part to play by choosing products made from recycled materials, increasing demand for recycled produce overall.*

*Buying recycled sends a strong message to manufacturers and retailers and effect sustainability policies and practice.*

**We remember in our prayers those who died recently -**

**Peggy Doherty  
Miriam Gilleran  
Anne Martin  
Eileen Flanagan  
Patrick Morgan  
Greg Cleary  
Thomas Delahunt**



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**The Parish Code of Behaviour for Safeguarding Children is available on request.**

**We welcome to the Parish those who were Baptised recently -**

**Louis Blackmore  
Cameron Pilkington  
Jack Parsons  
Samuel Vance  
Charlotte Hannon  
Stephen Mulvey  
Jacob Clifford**

