

## Archbishop Martin says thank you

I would like to express my great appreciation to people all over the Archdiocese of Dublin for their generosity in responding to the Church appeal for disaster relief in the Philippines and Syria and for the Crosscare Food appeal.

The collection at Masses within the Archdiocese of Dublin for the Philippines and Syria amounted to Euro 1.3 million and individual contributions are still coming in.

The response to the food appeal was extraordinary. Crosscare staff - with at times up to 30 years' experience – tell me that they have never experienced such spontaneous generosity. To date, Crosscare has received 70 tons of food. The food bank is now replenished but demands are growing also.

I thank you again and pray that we will all – especially the children – experience the simplicity and happiness that comes with the birth of Jesus.

**+Diarmuid Martin**  
**Archbishop of Dublin**



## Recent Deaths in Maynooth Parish

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

Hilda O'Neill (Castlebridge) who died on 15 December, 2013

Arthur (Archie) Brady (Moyglare) who died on 27 December, 2013

Teresa (Terry) Finlay (Kilmessan/Moyglare Nursing Home) who died 30 December, 2013

Nurse Gertrude Hyland (The Harbour/ Maynooth Community Care Unit) who died 6 January, 2014

Trevor Reilly (Kilcock) who died 9 January, 2014



# Parish Newsletter

St Mary's & Ladychapel, Maynooth

19 January, 2014



Dear Reader,

If you were to go for a walk, where would you go? Would it be stroll along the canal, or in a park, over a mountain or along a beach? Often when we talk of "going for a walk" we think of it in terms of health benefits or leisure activity.

But there are other reasons to walk. In some countries people have to walk to find the basics for living, such as water or firewood. In other countries people walk long distances to flee violence or war. We have often seen people walk or march in order to demonstrate or protest.

Walking is an activity. We do something when we walk. In today's Gospel John the Baptist says he is "the witness" that Jesus "is the Chosen One of God". Being a witness demands that you do something and we are all called to be witnesses.

This week is a week of prayer for Christian Unity. During it we are asked to consider what the everyday decisions we make as Christians say about the Christian Faith. We also should consider what it says about us if there is disunity among Christians. What can we do to change that situation?

Perhaps one small thing that we can do is walk. Let the reason for our walk be to do something, to witness that there is more that unites us all than divides us. See if you have the time to take part in Sunday's Ecumenical Walk of Unity in Maynooth.

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### Mass times (Maynooth)

Saturday Evening:  
19:00 (The Folk Group every  
2<sup>nd</sup> week)

Sunday  
08:45, 10:00 (Family  
Mass Group), 11:30  
(Choir) 13:00, 18:00  
(Maynooth Gospel Choir 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sunday of the Month)

(Ladychapel)  
Sunday 10:00 (Adult  
Choir)

Live streaming available  
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### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 – 25 January

The theme for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is – "Has Christ been Divided? (1 Cor 1:13)

Is Christian disunity a scandal before God? Or is it something we have grown accustomed to, as though it were a creaky door that we never seem to get around to fixing? St Paul's words challenge us to reflect upon this question. To suggest that disunity is something acceptable is declaring that Christ himself is divided – and that really is a scandal! We are invited to think about what our decisions say to the world and to each other about the Christian Faith. We join with Jesus Christ in his prayer to the Father, "May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe that it was you who sent me" (Jn 17:21)

### Preparation of Children over seven years of age for Baptism

A short course to prepare children for Baptism will begin shortly. Children over the age of seven years of age are prepared for Baptism by Sr Patricia and Ms Maura Durkin. If your child is not baptised and you wish him/her to be baptised, please contact Martina in the Parish Office (tel: 6293018).



**Men's Shed** continue to meet every Wednesday at 11:00 in the New Community Space (formerly Conroy's Chemist). We are currently finalising a tourist brochure for Maynooth. New members are always welcome. Contact John on 087 2041334.

### Patrician discussion group of the Legion of Mary

Topic: The End Times  
30 January in the Parochial House, Maynooth at 20:00. Everyone welcome. Refreshments served.

Unislim classes are taking place in the Maynooth Community Council Space, beside the Uniform Warehouse in the old Tesco car park every Thursday from 19:00-20:00.

#### Parish Newsletter:

- The next edition of the newsletter will be published on 1/2 February. Items for inclusion should be sent to the Secretary at [maynoothparishnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:maynoothparishnewsletter@gmail.com) by Saturday 25 January
- The committee reserves the right to edit submissions due to space



<b>Sunday 19 January</b>	<b>Walk of Unity.</b> Maynooth Churches Together are organising an Ecumenical Walk of Unity. This walk will start at 16:00 in St Mary's Church of Ireland, Parson Street, will proceed to St Mary's Catholic Church and will end in Maynooth Community Church (Presbyterian) in Manor Mills. After this walk light refreshments will be served. The theme is: <b>Has Christ been divided? (1 Cor 1:13)</b>
<b>Wednesday 22 January</b>	<b>Ceremony of Light for Confirmation Candidates</b> from St Mary's Boys' National School, Presentation Girls' School and Education Together in St Mary's Church at 19:30.
<b>Wednesday 22 January</b>	<b>St Joseph's Young Priests Society</b> meeting in the Parochial House at 20:00. New members welcome.
<b>Saturday 25 January</b>	<b>Pastoral Area Team Gathering:</b> The Parish Pastoral Councils of all the parishes in Bishop Ray Field's area are gathering in the Spa Hotel, Lucan for a one day seminar at 09:00.
<b>Sunday 26 January</b>	<b>Do This in Memory Mass, 10:00</b> for all children of the schools of the Parish who are preparing for First Holy Communion this year.
<b>Monday 27 January</b>	<b>Baptismal Team Meeting</b> in Parochial House at 20:00
<b>Wednesday 29 January</b>	Joint meeting of <b>Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee.</b> Meeting will take place in Oliver Reilly Funeral Home, the Harbour at 21:00.
<b>Sunday 2 February</b>	<b>Blessing of Newly Baptised Babies Mass</b> at 10:00. All babies baptised in the Church of St Mary's during the last 12 months are invited to attend this Mass for a special blessing on this the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple.

Eternal Father,

We praise you for sending your Son to be one of us and to save us. Look upon your people with mercy, for we are divided in so many ways, and give us the Spirit of Jesus to make us one in love.

We ask this gift, loving Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.