



PARISH INFORMATION Saint Anne's Church & Parish Centre, Strand Road, Portmarnock, Co.

Dublin. Phone 846 1561

email: stannes@portmarnockparish.ie
www.portmarnockparish.ie

Parish Office (in Parish Centre) Open 9.00 am to 5pm, Mon to Fri. Signed Mass cards (including Irish text) available, arrange baptisms, get baptism/confirmation certificates, Freedom to Marry forms, book rooms in Parish Centre etc.

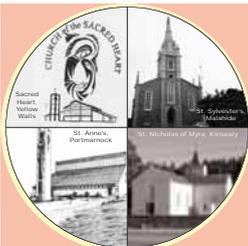
Parish Secretaries Margaret Corcoran & Gabrielle Moore.

Anniversary Masses: All weekend Masses are 'shared'. Call or phone the Parish Office to book Masses.

Confessions Saturdays after 6.30 pm Mass.

Baptisms are held on the 1st Saturday at 1.30 pm and the 3rd Sunday at 1.30 pm. Preparation Meeting for parents and godparents held usually on last Wednesday of each month in Parish Centre. See more details on web-site or contact Parish Office.

Marriage - please see website for important information on church and state requirements or contact Parish Office.



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TEAM MINISTRY OF MALAHIDE-KINSEALY- YELLOW WALLS-PORTMARNOCK

PORTMARNOCK: St. Anne's Church, Strand Road, Portmarnock. Parish Office—846 1561.

Fr. Jimmy McPartland Co-PP, St. Anne's Parochial House, Strand Road, Portmarnock. Phone 846 1081. (from 23rd Dec 2018).

Fr. Conleth Meehan, Co-PP contact through the Parish Office 846 1561

MALAHIDE: St. Sylvester's Church, Main Street, Malahide. Parish Office—Phone 845 1244.

Moderator: Fr. Kevin Moore, address as above. P 549 6615.

YELLOW WALLS: Church of the Sacred Heart, Estuary Road, Malahide. Parish Office—Phone 845 4783

Fr. Martin Noone, The Parochial House, 7 Seabury Drive, Malahide. - 845 1902.

KINSEALY: St. Nicholas of Myra, Kinsealy. Ph 846 0028.

Fr. Mattie O'Farrell, Co-PP "Aghadoe" Kinsaley Lane, Malahide, P. 846 1767.



*Like the Shepherds
On the first Christmas night,
We have come to meet the
new-born Saviour.
Let us welcome him
into our hearts and lives.*

Welcome to Portmarnock Fr. Jimmy

Fr. Jimmy McPartland will join the Team Ministry of Malahide, Kinsealy, Yellow Walls and Portmarnock as Co-PP on Sunday 23 December.

Fr. Jimmy will be based in Portmarnock and will live in St. Anne's Parochial House on Strand Road. We hope he will have many happy years in the community.

Fr. Jimmy has enclosed a letter of greetings to the people of Portmarnock from Jerusalem. See Page 3.





*We offer the sympathy of
all parishioners to the families of*
William Farrelly, Lr. Carrickhill Road
Phil Tonkin, Martello Court
Tiernan Cawley, Portmarnock Drive
who died recently

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group offers support to bereaved people by listening to them. Many Bethany members have themselves been bereaved.

We are trained to listen with understanding and are here to support anyone dealing with the very painful experience of grief. For further information please contact Parish Office: 846 1561.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Portmarnock Bethany Bereavement Support Group is currently seeking new members. Are you a good listener? Would you like to help people in their grief? Excellent training will be given by professionals. If you be interested, please contact the Parish office at 846 1561.



PARISH COUNSELLING SERVICE

in the Parish Centre. Payment negotiated. By appt only.
Phone Mary Ryan 0872709767.



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GROUP PILGRIMAGE 2019

7 NIGHT PILGRIMAGE PACKAGE DEPARTING FROM DUBLIN

12—19 June 2019 - €645 per person sharing

**Price includes €50 discount* *Early Booking Discount if
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Return Day flights from Dublin. Full Religious programme.

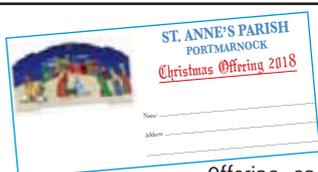
7 nights accommodation near to St. James' Church with
breakfast and dinner included. Luxury coach transfers
accompanied by local guide. Comprehensive Travel

Insurance up to 84 years of age.

All airport and local taxes.

For more information on joining the group please contact

Derek & Anne Farrell 086 257 3824 or 087 922 4077



CHRISTMAS DUES OFFERING

To facilitate parishioners who would like to contribute to the Christmas

Offering, an envelope has been included with this Edition of Progress. You can drop your offering into the special box available at the back of the church at Mass times or to the Parish Office.



Mary visits Elizabeth

Reaching Out

Have you ever wondered why Mary travelled to visit Elizabeth? At first it is the excitement that comes through. Caught up in her wonderment at being pregnant and the news that her cousin is also expecting, Mary hurries off as quickly as she can. Perhaps the journey gives her time to reflect on everything that is happening. The precious moment when Elizabeth greets her is a lovely glimpse of the close friendship between the two women. We know that Elizabeth is advanced in years, and that she and her husband Zechariah had not expected to ever have a child. After this encounter, we are told that Mary stays on with Elizabeth for three months; as a younger woman, it is fair to assume that she is there to help and support her cousin.

Pope Francis has described the visit as a lesson in service and joy, as well as demonstrating great courage. 'Being of service and reaching out to others both require going out from themselves: going out to serve and meet others, through that encounter, our Lord's promise is renewed and makes it happen now, just as it did then.'

The lead up to Christmas is a busy time. But it is also a time that offers many opportunities to reach out, whether it is to build bridges with family members, offer our time to someone who is lonely, or support a friend or neighbour who finds this time of year difficult.

*Triona Doherty
Athlone, Co. Roscommon
Email trionad@gmail.com
Courtesy of INTERCOM Magazine*

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS 2019 – ST. ANNE'S PARISH

FIRST EUCHARIST 2019

DATES FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

St. Helen's Saturday 11 May at 11.30 am

St. Marnock's 18 May at 11.30 am



"Do This in Memory of Me" MASSES IN PREPARATION

All in St. Anne's Church Sundays 10.30 am

16 December 2018 Third Sunday of Advent

27 January 2019 Third Sunday Ordinary Time

10 March 2019 First Sunday Lent

14 April 2019 Palm Sunday

5 May 2019 Third Sunday of Easter

23 June 2019 Corpus Christi



CONFIRMATION 2019

DATES FOR CONFIRMATION

St. Marnock's Wednesday 3 April 2019 at 11.30 am

St. Helen's Friday 5 April 2019 11.30 am

MASSES IN PREPARATION

All in St. Anne's Church Sundays 10.30 am

3 February 2019 Fanning the Flame of Faith

3 March 2019 Ritual of Blessing

Sacrament of Penance in St. Anne's Church

St. Marnock's Tuesday 12 February 2019 1-2pm

St. Helen's Wednesday 13 February 2019 at 12.30 pm



CONTACT DETAILS

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

91-92 Sean McDermott Street, Dublin 1.

Tel. 855 0022; email: info@svp.ie



Who was Vincent de Paul?

Education was vital to the life of our patron. Vincent was born in the parish of Pouy, in South-West France, the third of six children.

The family farmed poor marshy land and their old home survives at *La Berceau*. As a boy, Vincent herded farm animals on the desolate plain of Landes. Enough money was scraped together to give him a good education.

This brought a transformation to his life. He attended university (working as a tutor to fund this). At twenty-one he decided to become a priest. Ordained in 1600, it is believed that, while at sea near Marseilles, he was captured by Barbary pirates and sold as a slave in Tunis. He eventually escaped and returned to France. In Paris, Vincent dedicated himself to the poor and outcast, pursuing an austere and simple lifestyle. He gained considerable influence with the French Court and got members of well-off families to assist his work. He founded the Vincentian Order and co-founded the Daughters of Charity. He died in 1660 and was canonized in 1737. In 1828, his native place, Pouy was renamed '*St. Vincent-de-Paul*'. In 1833, what became the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded by (now 'Blessed') Frederick Ozanam. Just as Vincent once did in Paris, we ask the comfortably-off now to assist the less fortunate. Like the de Paul family in the 17th century, many families we visit struggle to meet education expenses. In recent years, this Conference has been devoting an increased proportion of funds to help such families.

In the period November 2017-October 2018 incl. a total of €20,761 was donated in ten monthly collections. Our special **Christmas Appeal** came to €34,564, of which €8,709 came from individuals, organisations, etc., in the weeks following the appeal. The national collection in March for **Sunshine House** amounted to €2,105.

Our funds are used helping needy families and individuals with the cost of food, education, heating, clothing and furniture. Our spending on education, which continues to stretch our resources, exceeded €15,000. It is our policy to provide support, where possible, to those otherwise unable to meet such costs.

Locally, SVP runs charity shops, holiday homes, youth and homework clubs, refugee services, and hostels for the homeless. Respect, acceptance, practical help and guidance are core values of the Society, within a context of justice and charity. Portmarnock Conference is principally engaged in visits to families and individuals in Portmarnock and parts of Belcamp and Darndale areas. If you would like to become involved, please contact us. **Contacting SVP:** Society of St Vincent de Paul, 91-92 Sean McDermott St., Dublin 1. Tel. **8550022**. E-mail: **info@svp.ie** (Messages will be forwarded to the appropriate Conference.)

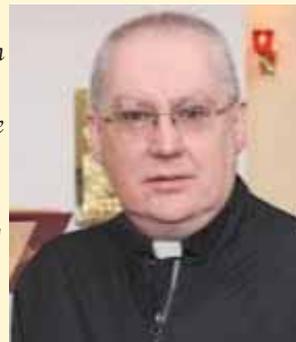
Special Collection Saturday December 8th (6.30 pm Mass) **and Sunday December 9th** (10.30 am and 12 noon Masses). Also, you may leave your contribution with any member of the Conference or with the Parish Office (beside church). **Note-tax benefits may accrue to SVP** from donations exceeding €250 in one year. (e.g. **€250** donated by a PAYE or self-assessed donor allows Portmarnock SVP to claim an extra **€113** in tax-relief.) Name and address required with donation for personal acknowledgement and issue of CHY3 ('Enduring') certificate, if required.

We depend on the community at large for the funding of our work-thank you for your Generous Donations in the Past Year!
We wish you all a Happy Christmas.

A LETTER FROM JERUSALEM

To all in Portmarnock

Greetings from the Holy land. I am studying here in Tantur, an Ecumenical Institute between Jerusalem and Bethlehem on the Hebron Road. I have been praying for all of you during my visit but I am really looking forward to coming home and settling in to the Parish. I am here with six American catholic priests on the Course as well a one Canadian, three Australians and two Irish including myself. For the first time in Tantur all participants are catholic priests.



I am looking forward to coming to Portmarnock Parish on the 4th Sunday of Advent (23rd December). As you may know I am on sabbatical, kindly granted to me by his Grace the Archbishop when I had finished my term in Brookfield, to celebrate 30 years of ministry in the Dublin Diocese.

The Tantur experience is going well with lots of trips to sites where Jesus ministered or it's claimed he was there, as well as many other biblical characters. We have met Jews, a High priest of the Samaritans, Muslim Imans and Judges, Muslim and Christian Palestinians, Greek Orthodox Patriarchs priests and monks, and Catholic faithful: I have attended Mass in Latin, Syrian, Maronite Rites and attend Mass in Arabic Greek and German. I have had a wide variety of experiences including Friday Shabbat services in Synagogue followed by a Shabbat meal in a Jewish home.

All the Lecturers have been excellent. We have lectures on the Meaning of the Old Testament for the New Testament, History of the Land Judaism, Greek Orthodox, different Christian denominations in Jerusalem, Islam, Politics, and a week's tour of Galilee. Visits to Hebron, Jaffa, Madala, Qumran Nazareth, Haifa, two Emmaus's and Jericho to a tree like the one Zacchaeus climbed. Please God I will be able to remember some of the information when I return home. Lectures can be tiring but very informative.

The time I believe has been well spent and has been very prayerful, intense in study and great fun. But the time is drawing to a close and I am eager to get back to work. Looking forward to working with the clergy, staff, volunteers and all the people in Portmarnock and the wider Pastoral Area. I will be home for Christmas.

God bless..... or should I say Shalom!
Fr. Jimmy

GRATITUDE

“Gratitude is a vaccine, an antitoxin, and an antiseptic.”

~ John Henry Jowett, 1863–1923

As 2018 draws to a close, it's important to take some time to reflect on what undoubtedly has been a great year for some and a difficult one for many. President Trump, Brexit, the Cervical Check scandal, our creaking health service and a homeless crisis of epidemic proportions– the barrage of negativity in our news feed is relentless. Long periods of negativity can have detrimental effects on your mental, emotional and physical health. In contrast, studies over the past two decades have consistently identified the huge benefits of gratitude for our minds, bodies, and relationships and it's a concept worth reflecting on over the Christmas and New Year period.

What is Gratitude and why does it matter?

Gratitude is a recognition that...

- There's goodness in our lives, gifts or benefits that we enjoy and often take for granted.
- This goodness is often due to the actions of another person, taking time and effort out of their daily lives for our benefit.

Gratitude increases happiness and life satisfaction. Grateful people are more resilient to stress, get along better with others, are less depressed, achieve more and are more helpful and generous. Numerous research studies have concluded that expressing gratitude is associated with improved health and more loving relationships. It turns our attention to what we have, rather than what we don't have. It prompts us to notice what is positive in our lives, which magnifies the pleasure we experience in life.

Physical Benefits:

- Stronger immune system
- Fewer aches and pains
- Lower blood pressure, lower fat intake and cortisol levels
- Increased energy and vitality
- Improved quality and duration of sleep
- Reduced substance abuse

Psychological benefits:

- Magnified levels of positive emotions
- Improved overall mental health
- Increased ability to manage stress and reduce anxiety
- Higher sense of self worth
- More joy and pleasure
- More optimism, hope, happiness and life satisfaction
- Increased ability to maintain an exercise routine
- Improved compliance with medication

Social benefits:

- Stronger interpersonal relationships
- Increased feelings of connectedness with others
- More forgiving
- More generous and compassionate
- More outgoing

There are lots of ways of incorporating gratitude into your day to day life. Practitioners advise to keep a daily gratitude journal. Make it a habit to write down three things you are thankful for. Express appreciation. Tell a spouse, partner, family member or friend something you appreciate about him or her every day. Acknowledge yourself. Look in the mirror and think about something you have done well recently or something you like about yourself. Write a thank-you note. Let someone know how much you enjoy and appreciate their generosity, gift or impact on your life. Expressing gratitude is one of the simplest ways to feel happier, healthier and increase our overall wellbeing. Can you keep this resolution for the thirty one days of January??!!



The HSE is not expected to include proposals to ban leave for nurses and doctors over the festive season as part of a new plan for tackling the anticipated surge in hospital patient numbers in the new year.

Observers argue the HSE's 'Winter Plan' and its additional funding should have been agreed much earlier. Meanwhile, Minister for Health Simon Harris is to start a second recruitment drive for the Head of the HSE after a high-profile process has failed to find a successor to Tony O'Brien for the €250,000 health role.

KIDS CORNER

The HSE has recently informed us of an outbreak of Pertussis (whooping cough) in the community. In 2015 there were 117 cases of whooping cough in Ireland, up from 73 cases in 2014.



Most cases have been in babies less than 6 months of age who were too young to be fully vaccinated as per the National Immunisation Guidelines. Sadly two babies died as a result of whooping cough in 2012, one in 2015 and again in 2017.

All pregnant women should receive the whooping cough vaccine from 16 weeks gestation (in every pregnancy) to confer protection to their newborn child. Contact your GP for further information.



Gratitude is most powerful when shared!

Moments of Grace

When you think of Christmas, what is the image that comes to mind? Do you have a favourite tradition, or is there a moment on the day itself or in the lead up that you are always enjoy? Our festivities can offer many moments of grace, if we are willing to slow down a little and let them speak to us.



Putting up decorations: As we adorn our home with Christmas trees, lights and decorations, we reflect on our inner preparations for the day. Are we ready to welcome Jesus into our homes and hearts?



Exchanging presents: A reflection of our love for one another, and a reminder of the many gifts God gives to us. Christmas is a celebration of the greatest of these gifts, the Word made flesh.



Sharing Christmas dinner: If we have plenty of food to eat, let us thank God for his goodness and pray for those who are not so fortunate. Have we helped someone in poverty or in need this Christmas?



Watching a family movie or playing a board game: Christmas can offer a rare opportunity to sit down together as a family. Simply being in one another's company and sharing experience can be a sacred time.



Lighting a Christmas candle: The flame represents the true light that has come into the world, the light that shines in all our darkness and despair. Placing a candle in the window also reminds us of our duty to be welcoming to strangers and all those in need of support, comfort or refuge.



The shepherds who encountered Jesus at the first Christmas were changed by this moment of grace. They carried the good news with them. May we bring the grace we experience this Christmas back into our daily lives in the coming weeks and beyond.

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Courtesy of INTERCOM Magazine



If YOU look
for Me at
Christmas.....

You wont need a special star -
I'm no longer just in
Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.

You may not be aware of Me
Amid the celebrations -
You'll have to look
beyond the stores
And all the decorations.

But if you take a moment
From your list of things to do
And listen to your heart,
you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.

You're the one I want to be
with, You're the reason that I
came, And you'll find Me in the
stillness
As I'm whispering your name.

Love, Jesus

St. Anne's Parish, Portmarnock Mission Statement

To create a parish in
Portmarnock where people treat
each other with love and
compassion and work together
to build up a dynamic Christian
community characterised by
faith, mission, worship and
service.

CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE IN THE PARISH CENTRE

(Supporting the work of the Divine Word Missionaries)

Packets
of 6
Christmas
Cards
€3.50



**Novena[✽]
Mass
Cards
€3 each**

*A novena of Masses will be said
in the parish before Christmas
for the intentions of the
recipients of the Novena Cards.
The card contains a 'message'
from Portmarnock.





Portmarnock Community School ADULT EDUCATION SPRING TERM 2019:

"The perfect Christmas Gift!"

Classes take place mostly on Tuesday Nights or Saturday Mornings (Programme subject to change) Get in touch if you wish to order a course as part of our Programme.

Archery; Art/Painting; The Artist's Way-Recovering your Creative Self/Baking:Have Fun with Baking (open to all); Ballroom Dancing (Sat)/Badminton/Bridge Beginners Continued and Improvers (both Wed. pm); Cake Decorating (Sat); Child Psychology QQI L6; Chinese (Mandarin); Computers: Digital Skills for Citizens (free, Sat); Computers: Love your iPad (Sat); Computers: for Business; Cooking: Healthy Dishes from around the world; Craft Beer Brewing; Creative Writing (Beginners); Criminal Law and Policing in Ireland; Dance: Latin in Line (Sat); Development Education; English as a second language-preparation for Cambridge FCE and also CAE exam (ideal for au pairs etc); First Aid; Fashion Design: Beginners; Golf; Guitar (Beginners and Improvers); Gardening for Beginners and Improvers; Italian Beginners and Improvers Courses; Keyboard (Piano) for Beginners; Mindfulness; Philosophy (Introductory and Improvers Course); Photography DSLR Camera (Improvers on Sat); Pilates Beginners and Improvers; Pilates Pre and Post Natal (Thursday); Psychology (Introductory course on Sat); Singing for Beginners and Improvers; Spanish Beginners and Improvers (Tues) and Advanced Conversational (Wed); Special Needs Assisting QQI L5 and L6; Tai Chi Beginners and Improvers (Wed); Tin Whistle Beginners and Improvers; Ukulele; Volleyball (Thurs); Yoga (Tues) + Pregnancy Yoga (Mon); Zumba.

**Course info and Enrolments open online at
www.portmarnockcommunityschool.ie**

**or at our Enrolment nights: Tues 15th and Mon. 21st
and Tues 22nd Jan. 2019 7:30-8:30pm**



**Naomh Mearnóg GAA,
Portmarnock
Thursday 10th January 2019
Doors open 7pm. Show starts 7.30 pm
Tickets €10 -
Children under 12 free**

Phone 087 125 7153



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**Saturdays & Sundays until
16th December**

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THANK YOU



Gillian Roddy (nee Campion) on behalf of the Kevin Bell Trust wishes to thank St. Anne's Parish for their very generous contribution of €1,000 made to a charitable event organized in memory of her late husband Andrew Roddy.

The Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust aims to alleviate the financial hardship of bereaved families repatriating the body of a loved one who has died abroad in sudden or tragic circumstances back to Ireland.

Gillian with her family and friends (pictured above) who organised the event were delighted to present a cheque for €10,000 to the founder of the Kevin Bell Trust.



Portmarnock Pitch and Putt Club

Founded 1953

The Club is now enrolling New Members for 2019.

Portmarnock Pitch & Putt is a Championship Graded Course and is the only Links style course in Co Dublin. This means that you can play all year round on the best Greens in the country.

Competitions are held every week for Ladies and Gents and New Members will be allocated an appropriate handicap commensurate with their average playing abilities.

Thinking of a new pastime for the New Year? Then look no further! Portmarnock Pitch & Putt Club is where you can learn and develop your short game skills while enjoying our Course and facilities in the company of new friends and acquaintances.

**Membership of your Local Club would make an
ideal Christmas/New Year present.**

We are located at the top of the Lane behind St Anne's Church in the centre of Portmarnock village.

Please contact 089 445 8313
or email portmarnockpitchandputtclub@gmail.com
for further details.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



Coffee Morning
WEDNESDAYS AFTER 10.00 MASS IN
THE PARISH CENTRE Enjoy fresh
scones and tea/coffee €2
All welcome



Parent and Toddler Group
MEETS EVERY TUESDAY IN ST. ANNE'S PARISH
CENTRE EVERY TUESDAY MORNING FROM
10.30am TO 12.00 noon



BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP

run by the local HSE Public Health Nurses.
Every Thursday 11.30—12.30 in Portmarnock Parish
Centre. All Welcome. Ph 846 0311 for further information.

Portmarnock, Kinsealy and Malahide "Care and Repair"

is a group of volunteers who carry out small repairs and minor tasks e.g. minor gardening, changing plugs, cleaning windows etc. for people aged 60 plus. Where a job is too big or requires a professional tradesman we have a list of people we can recommend. For more information please contact us on 086 865 3311. The service is Free and we WANT to help.



THE CRAFT CIRCLE meets 3rd Saturday every month in the Parish Centre from 10.00 am until 1.00pm. Work night— first Thursday of each month, 7.30pm - 9.30pm also in Parish Centre. You would be very welcome to come along and share your craft. For further information contact Pauline at 087 629 3744.



Do you know what you're entitled to?
Employment, Health Services, Social
Welfare, Tax or Housing.

Answers for all of life's questions. **Phone 076 107 7480.**
(Malahide CIC, 2nd Floor Malahide Library **Ph 845 0627**)

Legal Session last Saturday of every month 10.30 am—12.30 pm



Portmarnock Musical & Dramatic Society

Presents

"Little Shop of Horrors" Show

April 2019

Fancy a part in this great musical?

AUDITIONS:

10th December 2018 at 20.00 hours

in the

Portmarnock Arch Club (rear St. Anne's Church)

If you would like to be in the chorus or help backstage come along on the night.



We meet each Wednesday evening in The Arch Club from 8-10pm. New members are always welcome. Our Business meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month and on the other nights we arrange activities or guest speakers on various topics:

- Vincent Sex spoke on the Flora and Fauna of Portmarnock Golf Club.
- We welcomed Cathy from Dogs for the Disabled who visited us on another night. She was accompanied by a man with mobility issues and his assistance dog. He kindly allowed us to interact with his dog and got the dog to demonstrate how she assists him. Cathy also brought with her a dog in training. It costs €15,000 to train a dog and they get no Government funding.
- We had an information evening with Catherine Scuffil, DCC Historian in Residence, Dublin South Central, on housing and homelessness in that area in the early part of the last century.
- Craft evenings, short story readings, Fitness and Line dancing also featured in our programme.
- We had a very successful Arts & Crafts Day in October when members from other Dublin Guilds took part.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GUILD CHOIR



The photo above shows Patricia Mackenzie (Right), choir conductor, who was presented with the Honor Gahan Cup by the Dublin Federation President Joan Canning (Left) pictured with Portmarnock ICA President Brigid Ward.

Congratulations and well done to our Portmarnock Guild ICA Choir who won the Honor Gahan Trophy recently. The requirement for the competition was to perform two contrasting songs. The Choir sang **Memory** from CATS and **Mamma Mia** by ABBA. Thanks to Tallaght Guild for hosting the competition and providing a beautiful supper. Patricia Mackenzie conducts the choir and her ever patient husband Colin is the accompanist. Due to their dedication and the hard work of the choir members, this is the 2nd win in 2018. The Choir won the Beaumann Shield for Music in May in An Grianán.

We wish our outgoing National President and Portmarnock Guild member, Marie O'Toole well on her well-deserved retirement. She represented ICA nationally for the past three years with grace and commitment.

We will resume after the Christmas break on January 16th 2019 with a fun night facilitated by Anne Davis.

**Guímid sonas oraibh i rith na Nollag
agus athbhliain fé shéan agus fé shláinte daoibh.**



DK PORTMARNOCK CHESS CLUB

With the club continuing to take part in the Leinster Chess Union League, we are also looking for new adult members, all grades and can offer a special low rate of subscription to those who wish to play a friendly/social game. Junior players (from 6 years up) meet at 7.30 pm every Wednesday in Naomh Mearnóg G.A.A. Blackwood Lane. Adults meet at 8.30 pm on Thursdays.

Contact Ken 086 337 3582



A Christmas Legend



Three trees shivered
in the cold moonshine,
A date palm, an olive
and a dark green pine.

They whispered together, saw a light in the
sky, Paused, secrets forgotten, heard a new
baby's cry

They stood in the yard near the child's
manger bed, 'What can we give him?' the
gentle pine said.

The olive gave oil

to soothe his small feet. The palm promised
dates, all sticky and sweet.

'But what about me?'
the poor pine tree cried.

'I can't think of a thing. I've tried and I've
tried!'

Hearing her cries
all the stars tumbled down To light up her
branches like a bright
golden crown.

Then the pine tree stood
tall so the baby could
see

On that first
Christmas Day, his
first Christmas tree.

Moira Andrew



Christmas Candles

by Eveleen Stein

When the Christ-child comes again
Softly down the street to-night,
Twinkling through the window pane.
Let our candles shed their light.

Though the clouds are dark above
And the golden stars are dim,
We can tell Him of our love
If we set a light for Him.

Oh, the blessed Christ-child dear,
In His robe of shining
white,
Let our candles give
Him cheer
As He passes
by to-night!



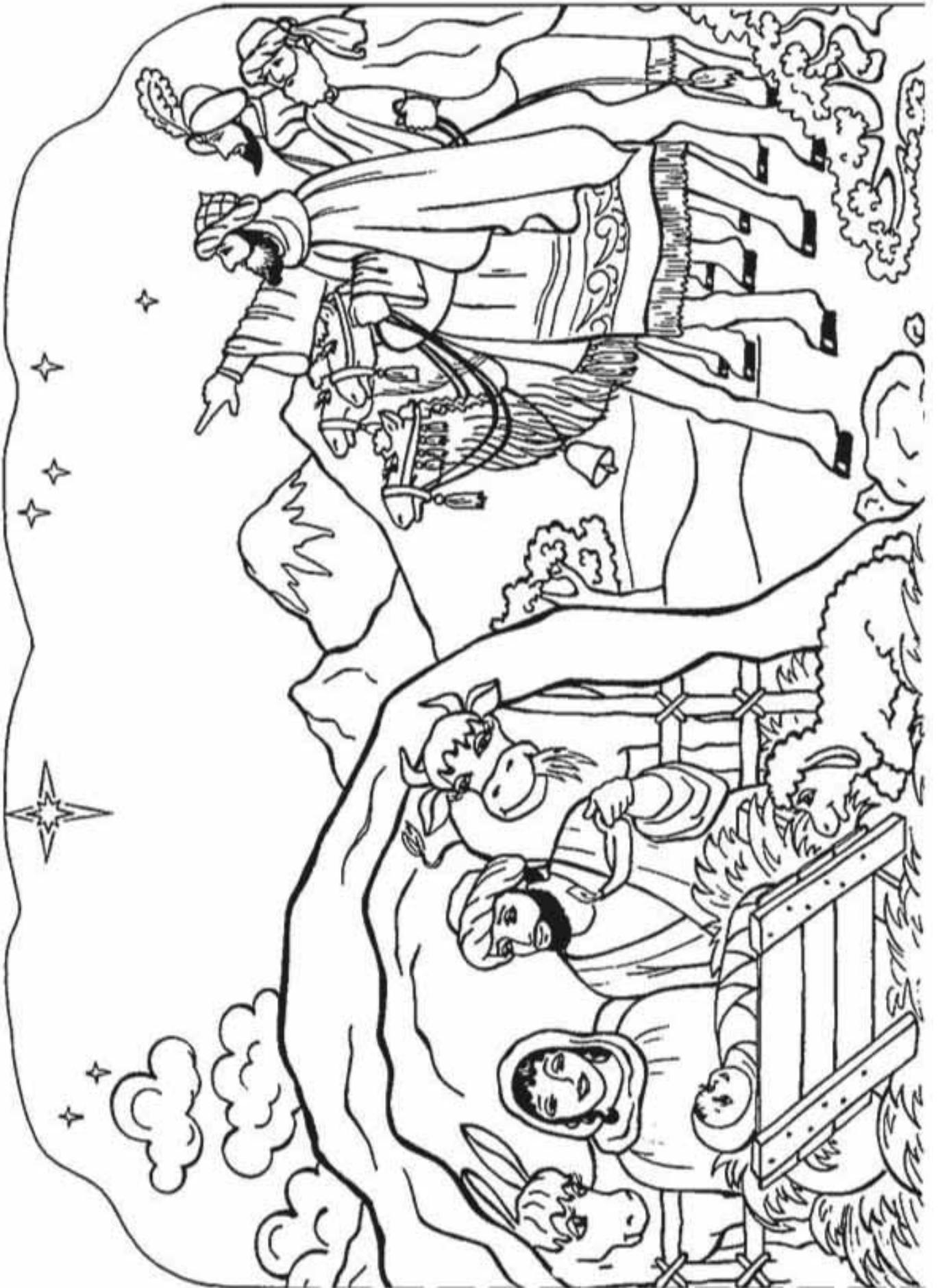
Christmas Quiz

1. How many wise men took gifts to the baby Jesus?
2. What are usually pulled at the dinner table on Christmas day with a paper hat, joke and small toy inside them?
3. Where on a Christmas tree do you place a big star or sometimes an angel?
4. Which fictional reindeer has a glowing red nose?
5. Which plant with prickly green leaves and red berries is a traditional Christmas decoration?
6. What do we call the decorative sparkling material of thin strands attached to a thread which we often throw or place on a Christmas tree?
7. What day do we celebrate after Christmas day?
8. When building a snowman, which vegetable is often used for its nose?
9. Widow Twankey is a female character in which pantomime?
10. What sort of calendar is often a large rectangular card with 'windows' to open on each day of December leading up to Christmas Eve?
11. Which animated film tells the story of a fearless princess setting off on a journey with an iceman, pet reindeer, and a snowman?
12. Can you tell us the name of Jesus's mother?
13. The Ugly Sisters are horrible and mean in which panto?
14. Who are Santa's helpers in green-clad clothes and pointy hats, with pointy ears?

Check the answers on the parish website: www.portmarnockparish.ie



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PORTMARNOCK UNCOVERED



Thanks to everyone who contacted and supported us after our recent article, providing information on the Irish Water planning application lodged with An Bord Pleanála. This application is for a monster sewage plant in Clonshaugh with outfall off Ireland's Eye, and is known as the Greater Dublin Drainage Project, or GDDP. We asked for your help, and you know what, we were overwhelmed by the response. Over 1600 signed the petition, others lodged objections, and a large number came down to the beach for a photo for the Irish Sun newspaper. To date it hasn't appeared in the paper, but fingers crossed it will, and that they will do a good piece for us. We lodged our objections and signatures with the Bord, mid October, and have been informed that as so many objections were lodged, and it is such a controversial planning application, that an oral hearing will now take place in the new year. This gives us more time to work with other groups, and legal and environmental experts, who will present our case.

We are very concerned about Ireland's Eye as it is the closest land mass to the outfall. It plays host to a large variety of seabirds, including guillemots, razorbills, fulmars, and gulls. A gannet colony is established on the Stack area. There is also a large cormorant colony on the island and breeding puffins. All around Ireland's Eye, grey seals can be spotted. In fact the most recent count last month by Feelgood Scuba Diving Club was 75. We went over with some of the swimmers recently, to take part in a clean up, but that's a story for another day! There is no admission and access is not restricted. As Ireland's Eye is only 1km from the proposed outfall it should be strongly considered when making any decisions, as it is an area of ecological significance, an Special Protected Area, SPA and a Special Area of Conservation, SAC. But surprise, surprise it was not considered in the planning application. For some strange reason it was screened out!

In our research, we made contact with two sea angling groups in Howth, the Phoenix Sea Angling Club and the Howth Sea Angling Club. Both clubs knew nothing about the planning application. We also spoke with Ralph Brady of Feelgood Scuba, and with Ken, who runs Ireland's Eye Ferries. In a recent interview with Dublin Live, Ken spoke about seabirds and sea life on the island and in the waters around the island and how the proposed outfall could have a disastrous effect on the island and subsequently on his enterprise, and Ralph, of Feelgood Scuba Diving, spoke about his concerns as to what impact it will have on his business, as there are very few people who would feel comfortable or safe diving in the vicinity of a sewage outfall, no matter what standard the sewage is treated to. We are aware that Irish Water did have a public consultation process, but the majority of Howth and Sutton residents, Howth fishing community, Howth restaurants, and Fish Mongers whom we spoke with, knew nothing about it. We asked around and checked but did not locate any site notices in Howth. The ones located in Portmarnock were at the Golf Road carpark area and along the coast road near the Moyne Road. Very few people from Portmarnock even noticed them. One fishing family we spoke with, Brian Doyle Senior and Junior and David Doyle went so far as to check the coordinates, as they didn't believe that anyone would plan an outfall so close to Ireland's Eye and Howth Harbour. All the fishermen said the area wasn't suitable for an outfall. Their concern is that the depth of this area can change, as it has shifting sand banks that alter with

adverse weather conditions. It was also noted that at times in the past, areas of this sand bank have been exposed due to shifting sands. The coordinates indicate that the outflow enters the sea at an area of the sand bank which is on the edge of a swirl pool, which will make it impossible for the discharge to disperse out to deeper waters, and also could cause the effluent to return into shore during higher tides or severe tidal flow. The areas most affected by this, would be Portmarnock, Baldoyle Estuary or Howth depending on currents and weather conditions. All agreed that Ireland's Eye, regardless of tides, weather or currents, would be negatively affected by the discharge. All agreed that they have no trust in Irish Water and want to know what the back-up plan is, if something goes wrong. Obviously, we are not maritime experts ourselves, but we recognise the vast knowledge of those who spoke to us regarding these matters, and believe that their concerns should be noted and investigated.

Residents of lower Portmarnock have not been given proper consideration when looking at the possible effects from noise and vibration during 24 hour construction and tunneling works at compounds 9, Moyne Road and compound 10, Golf Road area. In our opinion vibrations during the construction stage of the marine outfall, will travel along the water table and impact on the wellbeing of residents. It is ridiculous to think that the lower end of Portmarnock will not hear the noise and feel the vibrations from the works and compound activities. Also, depending on the direction of the wind, dust could be a problem for residents too. It is noted by FCC that occupants of the house at the entrance to Old Portmarnock Golf Club may have to be relocated at construction stage (12 months +), if noise and vibration is likely to have an adverse effect. The high volume of traffic to each compound will impact on the Village, Moyne Road and Station Road, which at certain times of the day can be at a standstill. These are all issues that have not been addressed.

One of the objectives of Fingal County Council (Objective Portmarnock 6) is to; Protect and preserve the character and amenity of Portmarnock Beach in view of its importance to the identity of the town and as an amenity for the domestic and foreign visitors, by protecting the beach from any development likely to adversely impact on water quality, integrity of the dunes ecosystem, biodiversity, visual amenity or excessive noise pollution while supporting activities or developments which would add to the amenity.

It is baffling to us how FCC can support the proposed development, when clearly it contravenes the above objective. Portmarnock beach has excellent bathing water quality, but this proposed project indicates that the aim is to achieve 'good' standard rather than continue with the excellent standard, that has earned the beach a Blue Flag award each year. Our beach is visited by thousands of people each year. Even the idea of a waste water outfall so close to the Velvet Strand, (2.2 km from some areas of the beach during low tide) is enough to stop people visiting the area. Those of us who swim daily off the beach for health, wellbeing and recreational purposes will not have the same confidence swimming in waters that potentially could contain bacteria, prions, superbugs and in the event of plant or pipeline malfunction, raw sewage from 500,000+ people. That's the starting figure!. Portmarnock is a small community with no discernible village or town centre. The beach is our centre, the heart of our community and paramount to our identity within the Dublin region. To jeopardise this incredibly beautiful, natural amenity, shows a lack of regard, not just for the environment, but for the people of Portmarnock and the thousands who visit each year. By recommending that An Bord Pleanála grant this application, FCC are failing to 'protect and preserve the character and amenity of Portmarnock Beach'.

We will keep you updated. **Catherine & Betty**

After a fairly miserable start to 2018 when we had high rainfall for the first few months followed by snow in March it seemed we were facing into another bad year weather wise. But lo and behold the sun came out in the middle of May and was followed by a glorious summer that every child in Portmarnock will remember for the rest of their lives. Some farmers even did well! – they got great prices for their grain and the best prices for straw in many years.

The Kiosk Joe O'Reilly who runs one of the institutions of Portmarnock at the beach has requested that I pay a well-deserved compliment to all those in Fingal County Council who take care of our beach. Alan Devine's team who clean the beach, keep an eye out for hazards and manage the toilets together with Colin Gilhooly's group in the Parks Department who plant the bulbs, cut the grass and supply Tidy Towns with many of the flowers you see throughout the village do a great job. We have distributed daffodils, tulips and anemones to estate groups throughout the village. If there are estates who still wish to plant more bulbs contact me and I will try to source more bulbs even though it is a little late.

Tidy Towns Our thanks are due to the Department of Rural and Community Development for their generous grant of €3,000 which we will use for small projects and the purchase of gardening equipment. If you have any suggestions feel free to pass them on to me.

Larry's Hardware When we first came to Portmarnock there was a small hardware shop on the green opposite Texaco called Kingfisher. Some years later Larry opened his shop and provided an excellent service to the people of Portmarnock for over 30 years. What was great about Larry was that you got great advice and the benefit of his wide-ranging knowledge as well as the item you were actually purchasing. We all wish him well for the future. We now welcome Portmarnock Hardware to the village and wish Darryl and her team well for the future.

Hedges Encroaching on to Public Footpaths I have been asked to raise this issue by a parent who loves walking around the village with their new baby. Could everybody who has a hedge beside the road check that it is not growing out over the boundary wall and limiting the use of the path for walkers. This person also raised the issue of low branches on trees in gardens and on the public footpath. It only takes a few minutes to prune away any offending branches. This is the ideal time of year to prune. Where there are low branches on roadside trees contact the council on Fix My Street (on the web) – click on Submit a Report and your request will get to the relevant person

Proposed Coffee Shop at North Lodge, Strand Rd. A planning application has been lodged for a coffee shop at North Lodge. At the request of local residents PCA submitted an observation on the development. Our main points concerned entrances, traffic, the use of the public carpark by the enterprise and any effects on the proposed new cycleway through Portmarnock- the route of which is due to be announced shortly

BusConnect Yet another public consultation is taking place in relation to the "Core Bus Corridors for Dublin". The corridor that affects us is the Swords to City Centre route. Look at the route and see how it may affect you as a commuter. Make an online submission through the online form in the Public Consultation section of the Core Bus Corridor page on the website www.busconnects.ie

Messine to Carrickhill There will be a talk in the Presbyterian Hall in Malahide on 12th December at 8.00pm based on the book "Messines to Carrickhill" by the author Thomas Burke. It is based on the letters 19 year old Lieut. Michael Wall wrote to his mother in Portmarnock during the 1st World War. The book would be an ideal present for that "difficult to buy for" person in your family. The talk should be fascinating. During the Christmas break you could also visit the two War Graves in the old cemetery on Strand Rd. (see photograph).



Finally

Our thanks are due to all the volunteers who work for our children, our elderly and make Portmarnock such a great place to live. We should also remember all the people who work in our community and provide such excellent services.

Happy Christmas and Best wishes to everybody for 2019.
Pat Suttle 087 248 6287

Contacting the PCA: If you wish to contact the PCA on any issues in our community or volunteer for any of our committees why not call us 087 248 6287 (leave a message) or email portmarnock1@gmail.com. You can visit our website/Facebook at www.portmarnock.org

A Christmas Prayer From the Trenches

*Not yet for us may Christmas bring
Good-will to men, and peace;
In our dark sky no angels sing,
Not yet the great release
For men, when war shall cease.*

*So must the guns our carols make,
Our gifts must bullets be,
For us no Christmas bells shall wake;
These ruined homes shall see
No Christmas revelry.*

*In hardened hearts
we fain would greet
The Babe at Christmas born,
But lo, He comes with pierced feet,
Wearing a crown of thorn,
His side a spear has torn.*

*For tired eyes are all too dim,
Our hearts too full of pain,
Our ears too deaf to hear the hymn
Which angels sing in vain,
'The Christ is born again'.*

*O Jesus, pitiful, draw near,
That even we may see
The Little Child who knew not fear;
Thus would we picture Thee
Unmarred by agony.*

*O'er death and pain triumphant yet
Bid Thou Thy harpers play,
That we may hear them, and forget
Sorrow and all dismay,
And welcome Thee to stay
With us on Christmas Day.*

Cyril Winterbotham

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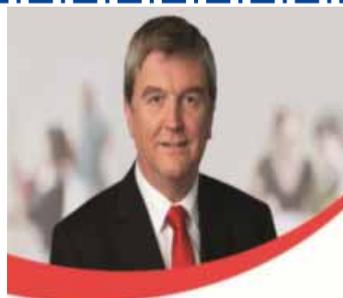
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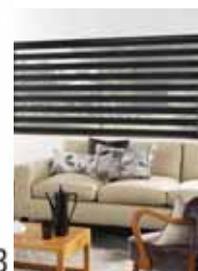
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Forgive an enemy. Listen.
Apologise if you were wrong.
Think first of someone else.
Be kind and Gentle. Laugh a little.
Laugh a little more.
Express your gratitude.
Gladden the heart of a child.
Take pleasure in the beauty
and wonder of the earth.
Speak your love. Speak it again.
Speak it still once again*

Anonymous



NAOMH MEARNÓG CLG - The huge contribution made to Naomh Mearnóg CLG by Timmy Maher was acknowledged recently at a very well attended function in the Club. Timmy served as Chairman for 3 years and as Secretary for 6 years. As the Club began to grow, he, along with his wife Neasa coached the younger u/age groups down on the Woodland pitches. On behalf of the Club, our Chairman, Michael Hannon made a presentation to Timmy as a token of our indebtedness to him and to wish himself and Neasa every happiness in their new home in West Cork.

Our u/8 to u/11 girls will have a visit from Santa at their Christmas Party on December 2nd (1 pm - 2.30 pm). The AGM will be held at 8 pm on December 6th, while the LGFA will host afternoon lunch on December 12th (4 pm) in gratitude for the organisation of the All Ireland 7s and Gaelic 4 Mothers tournaments. The annual 'Married V Singles' Football and Hurling games will take place on Dec 26th.

Congratulations to All Ireland Junior A Camogie winners Aoibhe Dillon, Grainne Power, and Laura Walshe who were on the Dublin Team which defeated Kerry in Croke Park. Well done to the many teams who reached Finals as the club year draws to a close. Our Senior and u/13A Camogie teams won Shield Finals while the u/13B and u/15B were beaten finalists. The boys u/15 and u/16 hurling teams also reached Finals. Our Jun A hurlers lost the Co. Final to Maurs, while the Sen. Football team finished well up the table, narrowly missing out on a promotional spot. U/21 hurlers are still in contention.

Please consider contributing to your local community by providing voluntary services to assist in managing and maintaining our Club facilities for the benefit of our members and our Community at large. We have an active 'Ground Force' (all of whom are retirees) who work on a monthly rota basis. If you are interested contact 087 285 7655.

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Portmarnock Lions Club

The Portmarnock Lions Club was founded in 2004 and serves the community of Portmarnock and its surrounding areas and is one of 113 other Lions Clubs based in Ireland.

District 133

We hold our meetings in the Portmarnock Hotel and Golf Links on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm. New members are always welcome.

The Lions motto is "WE SERVE" and all our members are local volunteers taking the opportunity to assist worthy causes where the administration costs of all Lions Clubs are funded by their members, i.e. they incur no professional or management cost.

This means that every euro and every food parcel, etc we collect goes directly to the beneficiaries concerned with no deductions.

Throughout the year we organise various fund raisers and local projects to finance the work that we do—e.g.

- Golf classic on the Portmarnock Links Course
- Church gate collections
- Bag packing in Dunnes Stores
- Annual Table Quiz
- Annual Poker Classic
- Food appeals, e.g., Christmas Hampers
- Suicide/alcohol awareness programmes for school
- Diabetic Screening
- Support for Homeless families
- Buddy benches for the local schools
- Message in a bottle
- Etc. etc.

We would welcome your support for these events. Watch out for the announcements, remembering that as a registered charity, donations of €250 or more can be considered for a tax refund.

We also assist from time to time with donations to international emergency relief projects that may be organised by Lions Club International.

Are you interested to learn more? If so, please visit our website—www.portmarnocklionsclub-eclubhouse.

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in which the Son of Man was born
of the most pure Virgin in a stable
at Bethlehem at midnight in piercing cold.
In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God,
to hear my prayer and answer
my request, through the merits of
Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
and His Blessed Mother

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CEREMONIES FOR CHRISTMAS

Our Parishes Working Together

TEAM MINISTRY OF MALAHIDE/YELLOW WALLS/KINSEALY/PORTMARNOCK



COMMUNAL SERVICE of RECONCILIATION *St. Anne's Church, Portmarnock Mon 17th Dec at 7.30 pm*

CONFESSIONS



ST. ANNE'S CHURCH Portmarnock - each Sat after 6.30 pm Mass. Mon 24th Dec 10.30 am to 12.00 noon
KINSEALY CHURCH - After each morning Mass for the 2 weeks prior to Christmas (Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri)

TIMES OF CEREMONIES FOR CHRISTMAS

CHURCH	MONDAY 24th, CHRISTMAS EVE	TUESDAY 25th, CHRISTMAS DAY
CARMELITE CONVENT	7.30am Vigil: 9.30 pm	9.00 am
YELLOW WALLS	Morning: 9.30am Vigils: 5.00 pm; 7.00 pm; 9.00 pm	10.30 am (Family Mass); 12.00 noon
KINSEALY	No morning Mass Carols at 8.00 pm; Vigil Mass at 8.30 pm	9.00 am; 11.00 am
MALAHIDE	Morning: 10.00 am Vigils: 6.00 pm; 7.30 pm; 9.00 pm	10.00 am; 11.15 am; 12.30 pm NO EVENING MASS
PORTMARNOCK	Morning: 10.00 am VIGILS: 4.00 pm <i>Ceremony specially for parents and very young children</i> 5.30 pm (Family Mass) Music/Singing by 10.30 Family Mass Group both Masses 7.30 pm Fingal Gospel Choir 9.30 pm Burrow Singers and Musicians	9.00 am Organist and Cantor 10.30 am Organist and Cantor 12.00 noon Burrow Singers and Musicians

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES AFTER CHRISTMAS

Church	Wednesday 26 Dec St. Stephen's Day Bank Holiday	Thursday 27 Dec	Friday 28 Dec	Saturday 29 Dec	Monday 31 Dec
Convent	9.00 am	9.00 am	9.00 am	9.00 am	9.00 am
Yellow Walls	10.30 am	10.30 am	10.30 am	—	10.30 am
Kinsealy	—	—	—	—	—
Malahide	—	10.00 am	10.00 am	10.00 am	10.00 am
Portmarnock	—	10.00 am	10.00 am	—	10.00 am
Church	Tuesday 1 Jan Bank Holiday	Wednesday 2 Jan	Thursday 3 Jan	Friday 4 Jan	Saturday 5 Jan
Convent	9.00 am	8.30 am	8.30 am	8.30 am	9.00 am
Yellow Walls	—	9.30 am	9.30 am	9.30 am	—
Kinsealy	—	—	—	—	—
Malahide	10.30 am	10.00 am	10.00 am	10.00 am	10.00 am
Portmarnock	—	10.00 am	10.00 am	10.00 am	—

PORTMARNOCK PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS DURING CHRISTMAS PERIOD

MON 24 December Christmas Eve CLOSED	TUES 25 December Christmas Day CLOSED	WED 26th December St Stephens Day CLOSED	THURS 27th December OPEN 9am-1pm	FRI 28th December OPEN 9am-1pm
MON 31 December New Year's Eve OPEN 9am-1pm	TUES 1 Jan CLOSED	WED 2nd Jan OPEN 9 am-1 pm	THURS 3rd Jan OPEN 9 am-1 pm	FRI 4th Jan OPEN 9 am-1 pm

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