



# Clontarf & Scots Newsletter

  
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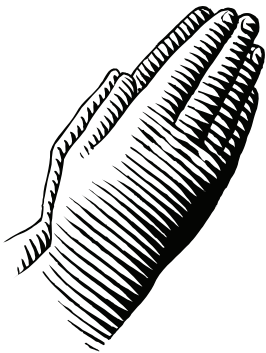
## Message from our Minister

### Let us Pray

I was asked recently to look up quotes about prayer. I liked these two; *'waiting for an answer to prayer is often part of the answer'* and, *'we dare not limit God in our asking nor in his answering'*.

Prayer is essential to our walking with the Lord. Talking to God about ourselves and giving Him all our concerns about others is part of every Christian's life.

Jesus took time to pray and Paul has left us many examples of praying for others. But prayer is a mystery; our God, who knows all and is Almighty, takes our prayers seriously and answers them. Asking Him honestly for what we believe is right and trusting Him to unfold His will. This quote from Oliver Barclay brings this all out beautifully; *'To spend an hour worrying on our knees is not prayer. Indeed, there are times when it is our duty, having committed a problem to God in prayer, to stop praying and to trust and to do the necessary work to arrive at a solution.'*



As we pray for each other, those who are ill, those struggling, as well as for the wisdom we need as we move into our new buildings, may these words from Jesus encourage us; *'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.'* Matthew 7:7-12

Lorraine

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## Announcements



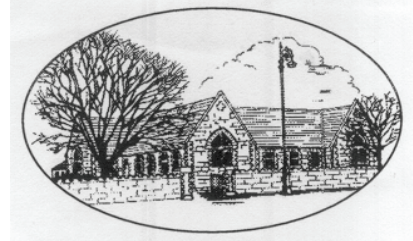
**Elizabeth (Betty) Martin** passed away in the early hours of Saturday morning 21<sup>st</sup> January 2012. The service of thanksgiving and remembrance was held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, in the church with the graveside service in Castleblaney. Our prayers go to her nieces and nephew and their families at this time of loss.

**James (Jim) McLaren** an old member of Ormond Quay & Scots Church died in Beaumont hospital aged 91 in October 2011. Jim and his wife Jessie were blessed to be able to celebrate their diamond jubilee. Jessie is still able to enjoy life in Raheny House Nursing Home. Jim trained as a mechanical engineer with the RAF during the 1939 - 45 war and on his return spent the rest of his working life with Irish Shell. He was a member of the church committee and was a staunch worker in the maintenance, with the Grealey brothers, of the fabric of Scots church.

We extend our love and sympathy to Jessie, daughter Jean and the rest of the family.

## News from Howth Road Mixed National School.

This term, the pupils continue their music and GAA training each week, as well as the usual studies. Only last Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012, the Sam Maguire Cup visited the school, along with players from the victorious Dublin team. Photos of the day are on the front window.



This term the pupil will be striving towards achieving their second 'Green Flag' – marking an achievement in learning about and conserving energy.

Also the pupils intend to run their 'Shamrock for St. Patrick's Day' campaign again this year. Pupils will be selling living shamrock, in order to fundraise for new resources in school. Our thanks go to the student council, steered by Ms N Gilleran for their organisation of this.

After-school sports take place every Tuesday for pupils in 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class. Currently the senior pupils are honing their Tag – Rugby skills, in order to participate in a blitz with a number of other local schools in early March. The best of luck to them!

On a larger school perspective, the Board of Management are focusing on our 'Building Project'. The final draft plans are in place and the discussion process at planning level now begins. Please pray that this process is successful and relatively smooth. Our Parents' Association have been fundraising to purchase new I.C.T. equipment for the pupils. The quotation and purchasing process will begin shortly. Thank you also to the Endowments Committee who has generously contributed to the project also.

With all of the above on-going, it is a little bemusing to think that Christmas was only a month ago. Many thanks to all of you who made 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class feel so welcome at the Community Carol Service. They thoroughly enjoyed meeting you (and the tea and cakes, I suspect).

*Martha Woolmington  
Principal*



## News from the 5<sup>th</sup> Company of the Girls' Brigade



It is now coming towards the end of January and the 5<sup>th</sup> Company is busy in all Sections working towards the various PE Competitions (both at National and District level) and we've also started rehearsing our Musical Theatre pieces in both the Jnr/Snr Section and the Brigader/Associate Section. A great deal of hard work is being put in by both the girls and also the Lieutenants.

The Girls' Brigade Scripture Course has been completed in the Jnr/Snr Section and revision is now taking place under the guidance of our Scripture teachers – Margaret and Kate. The Examination will take place in early March.

We've just about warmed up again following on from our Christmas Carol singing on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December last! We had a great turn-out of girls and their parents and were ably led by our past Captain - Margery McElhinney. We were so pleased to be able to send a cheque for €455 to the Children's Hospice in Leopardstown as a result. A huge 'Thank You' to all who joined us and to all who contributed. A special 'Thank You' goes (as usual) to John Mitchell who came out with us and minded us!

Just a small update on our numbers as at 20<sup>th</sup> January:

TINY TOT CLASS (2 yrs – 4 yrs)	14
EXPLORER CLASS (5 yrs – 8 yrs)	31
JNR/SNR CLASS (9 yrs – 13 yrs)	26
BRIGADER CLASS (14 yrs – 17 yrs)	15
ASSOCIATE CLASS (18 yrs +)	6
LIEUTENANTS	11

**A date for your diaries: Annual Display on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012.**

Jacky Anderson (Captain)  
086 3336089

### Age Action Ireland Announcement.

Are you 60+ years of age? Have you a small repair job which you would like to have done for you? The Care and Repair programme (run by Age Action Ireland) uses a pool of trustworthy volunteers and handypersons to carry out minor repairs for older people.

All volunteers are vetted and carry official Care and Repair identification cards. The service is free; you only pay for the materials used. For your bigger jobs, we maintain a register of reliable and honest tradespersons. We are also accepting requests for small gardening jobs. You can arrange to have a job done for you by phoning the Age Action Care and Repair number which is 01 4756989.

### Presbyterian Women.

The next PW meeting will be held at the Manse on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February from 7:45pm. All ladies welcome. The speaker is Ann McDonald, a local Clontarf lady, who will talk about her time with the IBI – the Irish Bible Institute



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### Congregational Dates for January 2012

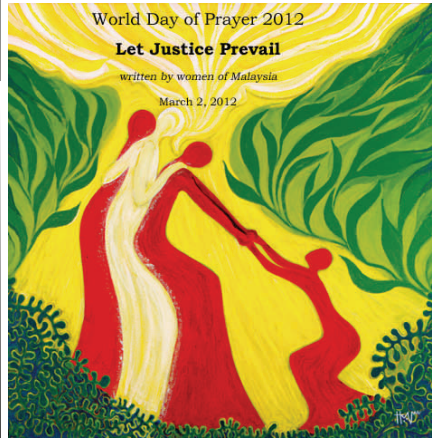
29	Morning Service, 11:00 Rev. Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie
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### Congregational Dates for February 2012.

1	Presbyterian Women, Manse, 19:45
2	Afternoon Bible Study, Manse, 14:30
5	Morning Service 11:00 Rev. Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie
8	Evening Bible Study, Manse, 20:00
9	Afternoon Bible Study, Manse, 14:30
9	Congregational Committee Meeting, Church, 20:00
12	Morning Service 11:00 Education Sunday Rev. Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie
16	Afternoon Bible Study, Manse, 14:30
19	Morning Service 11:00 Rev. Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie
23	Afternoon Bible Study, Manse, 14:30
26	Morning Service 11:00 Rev. Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie
27	Kirk Session, Church, 20:00

### Early Congregational Dates for March 2012

1	Afternoon Bible Study, Manse, 14:30
2	World day of prayer - see side panel
4	Morning Service 11:00 Rev. Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie
11	Morning Service 11:00 Rev. Lorraine Kennedy-Ritchie
14	Evening Bible Study, Manse, 20:00
15	Afternoon Bible Study, Manse, 14:30



## Word Day of Prayer 2012. 2 March 2012

The World Day of Prayer in the Republic of Ireland is part of the global movement of "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action".

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement led by Christian women of many traditions, who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Through this World Day of Prayer Christian women:

- Affirm their faith in Jesus Christ;
- Share their hopes, fears, joys, sorrows, opportunities and needs;
- Are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures; and,
- Become aware of their own talents and use them in the service of others.

Venues will be announced in this newsletter and on this website: [www.worlddayofprayerireland.org](http://www.worlddayofprayerireland.org).

### You are never too old to learn!

Jean Mills has let me know that congratulations are due for Robert Mills who has just been awarded the degree of Master of Economics in Archive Administration from Aberystwyth University, 40 years after gaining his previous degree.

Thanks you to all who have contributed to this months newsletter - If you have something for inclusion in the next newsletter, then don't hesitate to contact me on my email address - the deadline is 27 February 2012.

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*The Editor*

Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes - Psalm 119.124