



Welcome to St. Joseph's Church Terenure - Newsletter 4th Sunday of Easter 22nd April 2018

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Oh to be a Minoritee!

Every now and then, I get the opportunity to read a paper from cover-to-cover! This I did on the Sunday after Easter. The Article 'Sex and the Syllabus' caught my eye!

There has been lots of media interest in 'Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE)' since the Rape Trial up North. If that trial had happened in the South, then we wouldn't have had any media reports, as the media is only allowed to report such trials after a guilty verdict.

The article started with a quote from a Website of a Secondary school's policy RSE "The human body is sacred and sexuality is a gift from God. Marriage is the natural context in which sexual love should be expressed because it is oriented both to the loving unity of a couple and to co-operation with God in bringing new human life into the world"

It was informed by the Characteristic Spirit of the School (The Ethos)

The implication in the article was that it was very outdated, and out of touch, and, tainted by being too Catholic! So, I looked at it again and I'm proud of the statement and policy. If it were adhered to, we wouldn't have a rape trial in the North, the issue of Consent wouldn't have been on our radar. Equally, if adults and Priests adhered to it, we'd have no Child Sexual abuse either!!

But now it seems that the government are going to force schools and thus Parents (who in the Constitution, are the primary educators) to accept a very different policy which ignores the Parent's and the 'Characteristic spirit of the school.'

On Thursday last, I heard a discussion on Radio, where a Socialist politician (who seems to be driving this change) and a FF Politian 'battled it out' about the policy.

The FF man was saying we need change, but not so fast. And we must be Conscious of Minorities, and by implication, allow them to have their ethos!

I'm proud of the policy, it can and should be under review, but the Ethos of the School (the Characteristic Spirit) must have an influence. Not just the Minorities.

Fr Philip Adm Looking for EqualitEE)

Last weekend's collections
First collection (**Common Fund**) amounted to **€1,439.39** and the 2nd collection (**SHARE**) amounted to **€1,205.21** . Thank you.



A farewell Mass will take place next **Sunday, 29th April at 11.30** to celebrate Fr. Tom's 17 years in our Parish and to wish him well in the future. There will be refreshments in the Parish Hall after Mass. All are welcome. It is intended to make a presentation to Fr. Tom on the day."



Thank you to those who have already returned their **Easter Dues**. Dues envelopes may be placed in the collection bags at Mass, given to one of the priests or handed into the Sacristy or the Parish Office



Terenure Tea Dance

Come sing-a-long & dance with us. Celebrate Spring Time with Angel and her Band
Friday 27th April from 2-4pm
The Evergreen Club.



Daniel Varley will be hosting a coffee morning/cake sale in the Parish Hall **THIS Sunday,**

22nd April from 10.30 to 1pm in Aid of disadvantaged children in Nepal.
Please come along and support.



"**Sisters of St. Peter Claver** thank everyone who attended & supported their Spring Sale last

week-end. Their gratitude goes also to all those who worked hard on the day and beforehand. Thank you for your donations & contributions, especially for cakes and sweets, your support after the Masses on Saturday 14th April that added €379.55. Even though we had only a small group of people on the day, we reached over €4,000.00. With other donations we have almost enough money to help those 37 students with their school fees. The holy Mass was celebrated in the Sisters chapel for your intentions".



The Sunshine Fund would like to thank most sincerely the congregation of this parish for their generous contribution of €1,853.42 on Palm Sunday. We rely heavily on the funds generated through this collection and your support is greatly appreciated.



Tai Chi for Everyone
St. Joseph's Parish Hall,
Thursday Nights 7 - 8.30pm
Contact: Declan 086 3975979

www.taichiclassesdublin.com

Vocations Sunday

The Diocesan collection for vocations to the priesthood takes place this Sunday 22nd April and replaces the Share Collection. Vocations Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to promote and pray for vocations in our Church

'A **Recycling Workshop**' will take place on next **Monday April 23rd** at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Hall (at the rear of Three Patrons Church, Rathgar). This workshop will help you get your recycling bin sorted.

'**The Dawn Chorus**' will take place in Ranelagh Gardens at 4.30am on **Sunday, April 29th**. See and hear a host of different birds in the company of Eanna Ni Lamhna.

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is available at both ends of the Church. It is also available for download at www.dublindiocese.ie/choose-life-2018

Prayer for the Child in the Womb

Lord Jesus, you are the source and lover of life. Reawaken in us respect for every human life.

Help us to see in each child the marvellous work of our Creator.

Open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique and wonderful gift.

Guide the work of doctors, nurses and midwives. May the life of a mother and her baby in the womb be equally cherished and respected.

Help those who make our laws to uphold the uniqueness and sacredness of every human life, from the first moment of conception to natural death.

Give us wisdom and generosity to build a society that cares for all.

Together with Mary, your Mother, in whose womb you took on our human nature, help us to choose life in every decision we take.

We ask this in the joyful hope of eternal life with you, and in the communion of the Blessed Trinity.

Amen