



Newsletter

Teams of Our Lady

Irish Region



Equipes Notre-Dame



From the Regional Couple

Dear Friends in Teams,

With the Apostolic Letter “Patris Corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”) Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a special “Year of St. Joseph” from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021.

The Holy Father wrote ‘Patris Corde’ against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of ‘ordinary’ people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble St. Joseph “the man who goes unnoticed, a discreet and hidden presence” who played an incomparable role in the history of salvation. Pope Francis describes St. Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father, a working father and a father in the shadows. He encourages us all to pray together.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust, with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage and defend us from every evil. Amen

Intercessors

At our December Mass 2020 we launched the Intercessors in Ireland on the anniversary of 60 years of Intercessors. We were united with one heart for a Night of Prayer where all the regions of the world participated where the Intercessors are present. The Intercessory movement has been a feature of the Teams movement since 1960. They pray for Christian couples, for couples joined together by the sacrament of marriage, for their lives, their commitments, their trials, their joys, their sorrows and now Covid which has featured large in the prayer requests. Many of the prayer requests are from a ‘non team’ base. This is good as it exercises our apostolic mission. Our thanks to Pat and Carmel Cunneen who have taken on the responsibility of the Intercessors in Ireland and are looking for more Intercessors to join with them.

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If you feel that the Intercessors is for you, could you commit yourselves to pray for the intentions entrusted to you by choosing: -

One hour of prayer per month, at a set time, if possible at night.... or to one day of fasting per month on a set day.... then please contact Pat and Carmel for more information.

Email: pcunneen@gmail.com

We are hoping that we might have Intercessors across all the Sectors in Ireland if possible.

Annual Retreat

Our thanks to the Dublin Sector for the wonderful afternoon of reflection held recently on Zoom and guided by Colette Furlong. Colette is a Chaplain at Sligo University Hospital and a Catechist at Sligo Cluster of Parishes. It was wonderful to see so many of you joining in on Zoom. Our thanks also to Fr. Richard Sheehy for the lovely mass and the warm welcome he gave to Teams at the parish Mass, from the church of St. Columba, Iona Road, Dublin.

Just a reminder that Mixed Team Meetings are ongoing every third Friday of the month. If you are interested in joining in, then please send an email to MixedTeams@TeamsGB.org.uk and they can include you on their list when sending out the monthly Zoom links.

Wishing you and your families many blessings this Eastertime, filled with the life of the Risen Christ.

Jim and Elaine Keogh

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Prayer Intentions

For those who have died:

John O'Donnell, brother of Margaret Fagan, Mullingar

Josephine, sister of John McCarrick, Galway

For those who are ill or are recovering:

Oisín Wills, grand-son of Paddy and Ann Scott, Belfast

Jim and Lynn Jordan, Belfast

Eilish McQuaid, sister of Michael Clenaghan, Belfast

Ciaran Clenaghan, nephew of Michael Clenaghan

Bríd Ryder, grand-niece of Michael Clenaghan

Cecelia Major, sister of Michael Flanagan, Belfast

Cecelia McGlinchy, daughter of Cecelia Major

Michael Flanagan, Belfast

Eddie Lloyd, Galway



From the Regional Chaplain Fr. Peter Sexton SJ

A reflection on the celebration of St. Patrick

This year's celebration of the patron saint of our country was, like everything this year, different – low-key, muted, marked untypically by fine weather! But it has become for many, if not most, a secular celebration with little or no reference to the reason for any celebration that it was Patrick who brought the Christian faith to Ireland in the 5th century. The 17th March today is more associated with the Parade or Cheltenham or Croke Park or Lansdowne Road - all worthy and enjoyable events in themselves – than with the faith that is the bedrock of our lives. The front page of the Irish Times on 17th March, if I read it accurately didn't even mention Patrick's name.

Patrick's story is, of course, familiar: originally a slave abducted from Britain or Gaul and brought to Ireland; put guarding sheep on a mountain for some years: there he came to know the awesome and consoling presence of God, to "to relish God" (his own words). But he was a slave, and he eventually escaped and made it back to his home country. In time he studied for the priesthood, was ordained, and strangely or mysteriously he felt a tug, a call to return to Hibernia, to Ireland, to share the Good News. He surrendered to the call, was ordained a bishop, came to Ireland where he spent the rest of his life – and the rest is history, as we say.

Late in his life he wrote down the story of his life in an extraordinary document called the Confession. Extraordinary because such a personal autobiography was written in the 5th century, quite unique. It's a slim volume, written in Latin, easily available in English in a few translations. And despite the very tough life he had in Ireland the document resonates with a profound gratitude to God for sustaining him in his ministry. It's not for nothing that Bernanos wrote: 'The only sadness is not to be a saint!'

It is equally extraordinary that the Gospel and faith Patrick preached is still alive and well in the lives of many people in this country, despite the multiple critical accounts to the contrary, and despite the failures and scandals in the church, a sad phenomenon that has featured since the beginnings of Christianity. But the vitality and vibrancy of faith in people's lives has survived and is still flourishing for far more people than we might think after nearly 1600 years – this faith has been handed down century after century, most recently thanks to our own parents. Our tradition in this country is long and rich – the faith part of our very identity, which is of course the very centre of that identity – faith meaning that way of seeing things that is rooted in God and in the Gospel of Christ Jesus. To be ignorant of that tradition is to lose part of our memory and part of our identity. It is the Spirit of Christ that continues to attract, and encourage, and prod, and make us laugh at ourselves, that broadens our horizons, that moulds our lives, that continues to enrich us and in turn to enrich others: the kingdom of God is within, and we fragile vessels are the kingdom of God for others – and there are times for us, as there were for Patrick, that we don't understand the rocky path we have to walk, not least in these Covid times – it's in such times that we might relish some lines from the Breastplate of Patrick: 'I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead; His eye to watch, his might to stay, His ear to hearken to my need; The wisdom of my God to teach, His hand to guide, his shield to ward, The word of God to give me speech, His heavenly host to be my guard.'

We pray especially for Donal and Juliet O'Donoghue who died last year within weeks of each other - RIP

Tribute to Donal and Juliet O'Donoghue

When Juliet and Donal died last Autumn, it marked the end of a happy relationship which started some forty years previously when Dublin Team 19 was formed. Juliet and Donal seemed 'ever present' in our Team, steadfast in their loyalty to the Team, to Teams, and to their friendship to us all till the very end. Some newer members recalled Juliet's quirky, mischievous but inoffensive sense of humour, which helped them to settle in.

Their deaths were a great and sudden shock to us all, occurring so close together. Juliet, who had overcome various illnesses for a number of years, helped by her own tenacity and Donal's determination, was taken into hospital suddenly in July 2020, and died on 11 August. Donal, who appeared to be fitness personified, being regularly seen on his long, local, exercise walks, for once seemed unwell at Juliet's funeral, but we incorrectly linked it to his recent trauma.

He was taken into hospital a couple of times after this, but hoped to participate in our Team's coming first Zoom meeting. But near the meeting date, he was re-hospitalised and could not 'attend'. Co-incidentally he died on that very evening, 11 November 2020. The news of his death arrived as we ended the meeting with a prayer for the deceased couple.

Covid-19 made their parting even more tragic: Donal could not visit Juliet in hospital until the day before she died; both funerals were delayed due to quarantine regulations for home-coming family members; both funerals were lacking much community support due to the almost total lockdown of the church and cemetery, though many social distancing parishioners, friends and neighbours lined roads near the church in their honour.

For many years Donal and Juliet frequently visited their children living abroad and all their thirteen grand-children, and later when they could no longer travel, received regular return visits, displaying the closeness of their relationships, despite their enforced separation. The family's efforts to attend their obsequies, together with their family members' eulogies confirmed their mutual devotion.

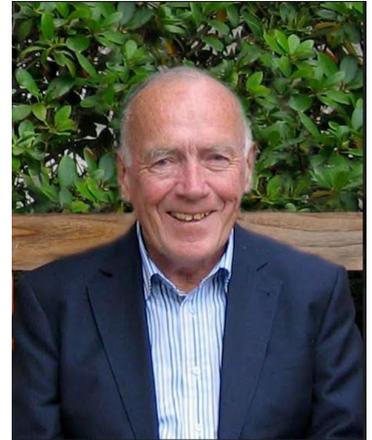
Our Team's deep sympathies go to their bereaved family members, who suffered so much sadness and trauma from their deaths.

The team will miss their contributions, and their level of spirituality both as individuals and as a couple. Donal was so thorough in preparing his contributions for leading the discussions on the study topics; Juliet usually lead our monthly discussion following bible meditation, because of her skill in extracting lessons appropriate to our daily lives. They were great friends, very good company, good storytellers and very humorous. During the years when the O'Donoghues were our responsible couple, they could always be relied to keep the Teams' vision before our minds and our organisation going smoothly.

We have not yet recovered from their sudden departure. We will get back to physical meetings sometime soon, but the permanent absence of this founding and long-term couple, will be hard to replace.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh siad.

Team 19



Beginnings

Sunday, 7th March 2021.

Today it is the 140th Sunday since John went to Heaven. We are still very close “Love never ends”, but the “absence” is still very sad at times; “presence” of family, friends, help to live every day under his guidance and all the souvenirs of our happy 65 years of marriage.

Here are our beginnings in Teams. A French Father, de Lavalette SJ, came to preach a retreat to the French Community. He told us about Équipes Notre-Dame. John and I talked to our friends. Nobody was interested in 1963 to talk about religion, a very private domain in Ireland. A year later on his second visit he told us he had a priest interested to help us. A French friend, Jacqueline McMahon knew two couples. We met with Fr. John Kelly SJ in the McMahons’ home in Howth and we all agreed to meet again each month. A couple from Cheltenham, Harry and Clotilde Meigh, came to help us for three meetings. This was 1964. We all enjoyed these cheerful evenings, frank discussions; we had large young families, busy lives; it was great to meet new friends, trusting, open cheerful evenings, relaxed but deep at prayers. We did not know any priest - it was very helpful to know Fr. Kelly.

We were four couples from Howth to Glenageary, Sandymount, Foxrock. A second team started soon, mainly from Foxrock Parish. Our first retreat was in the Cenacle in Killiney. The nuns agreed to have us stay as couples. The Reverend Mother, an American, said she would tell the Archbishop after the retreat. I think all our children have good memories of these meetings, so noisy and cheerful, in our houses, sharing meals and wine brought by couples.

We learned about how a man prays or a woman prays; the place of God in our busy life – a discipline (Endeavours), an openness and closeness between husband and wife – so precious – A new meaning to the “Faith”, and we grew slowly to Cork, Galway, Mullingar, Belfast – meeting more and more friends and priests.

Wonderful retreats in Belfast in the Troubled times: the British soldier who stopped John and I at a checkpoint had never heard of St. Clement’s Retreat House – he let us go after his dog had inspected our car.

We all feel we belong to a bigger church than the parish, and now so many innovations and reaching out. Thank you Fr. Sheehy for the three words: Mission, Sacrament, Vocation.

We are, I feel, so united despite these difficult times, “zooming” along.

Bernadette Blayney

The Mission of Conjugal Spirituality

Around about 2008, Br. Pat Mullin (Carmelite) led the Dublin Sector retreat. The key ‘take away’ was that the couples in marriage have a mutual responsibility for their souls. Those Teams Couples attending, had completed pre-marriage courses, conferred the marriage sacrament on one another, had been fed through Teams Study Topics, Endeavours (Conjugal Prayer, Sit Down), were struck by this revealed ‘responsibility’ mandate. Teams’ current (2020/21) Study Topic ‘Marriage, a Sacrament of Mission’, Chapter 3 re-focuses on this point, drawing particularly on the writings on Fr. Caffarel and Pope Francis. This is a superb document, worthy of reflection and we have drawn heavily on this source.

So how do we achieve this Mutual Mission (a better word than ‘responsibility’ without dilution?)

Fr. Caffarel offers the plan as follows; ‘the spouses require an attitude of mutual assistance imbued with charity that unfolds in three dimensions; to see as God sees, to advise one’s spouse and to faithfully support them in their efforts. God’s gaze is creative; by looking He creates’. How can we understand that ‘gaze’ that Fr Caffarel mentions? We are reminded of the ‘gaze’ of Jesus reflected in John Ch 1: 47-51 ‘When Jesus saw Nathaniel coming, he said of him ‘There is an Israelite who deserves the name, incapable of deceit’. ‘How do you know me said Nathaniel? Before Philip came to call you, said Jesus. I saw you under the fig tree’. Nathaniel was overawed by the gaze of Jesus, reflected in the words above and even more by the promise of Jesus that there was so much more to see. (‘I tell you most solemnly you will see heaven laid open and, above the Son of Man, the angels of God ascending and descending’) So the gaze of Jesus, freely given, affirmed, loved, encouraged, inspired. That is the ‘gaze’ that couples should employ.

That gaze, Fr. Caffarel believes, should permeate our conjugal relationship. He goes on to say; ‘the loving gaze of the spouses must seek to pierce the shell of appearance and to join in love. First of all, to love is to know. The total love of the spouse calls for one to unite with the gaze of God, who looks at each person in the promise of the glory He offers them in Heaven.’

Fr. Caffarel goes on to say ‘Letting yourself be known, by revealing yourself to your spouse, is part of the mission of the gaze that builds confidence and consoles. This path requires overcoming the fear of the gaze of others, to reveal one’s frailties. To forgive authentically is about joining in the depth and goodness of the other, looking beyond the actions that hurt’.

There is so much richness in this text. How do we ‘break through’; to reveal, to forgive, to console, to affirm, to grow in love of Christ and one another? Surely this point is at the core, the mission, of the conjugal relationship.

We can easily now understand Fr. Caffarel’s key summary of our movement ‘Teams of Our Lady is about married couples striving for holiness, nothing more, nothing less’. The ‘striving’ is somewhat consoling and at the same time challenging us in this ongoing mission.

What other pathways and insights does Fr. Caffarel Offer?

He suggests that couples have discovered that conjugal love does not diminish freedom but opens it up. To the contrary he suggests that (a spouse) who separates from God denies the other their daily bread, namely love.

He is convinced that the conjugal union is worth in human quality and in eternity what the union of the spouses with God is worth. This will be realised by putting God first. Their unified love, capable of crossing death, will be fruitful and missionary. Fr. Caffarel suggests that to love is to want the full success of your loved one. This ultimately sees each spouse realising that the other is not his or her own, but has a much more important master, the one Lord. To get there is demanding; it requires ambition, daily work, of growth, and repair.

Pope Francis weighs in on the same aspect of conjugal love in *Amoris Laetitia*. (134) with a practical approach.



Marital love is helped to grow under the impulse of grace.’ A love that fails to grow is at risk (echoing the words of Fr Caffarel.) ‘Growth can only occur if we respond to God’s grace through constant acts of love, acts of kindness that become ever more frequent, intense, generous, tender and cheerful. Husbands and wives become conscious of their unity and experience it more deeply day by day’. The gift of God’s love poured out upon the spouses is also a summons to constant growth in grace’.

Clearly the Endeavours are the important ‘tools of the trade’ for this Mission. They are integrated; Spirit led. Where would we start on this ‘Mission’ without them? Scripture nourishes us and shows us the path to love; Conjugal Prayer allows the couple to unite before God in prayer. The ‘sit down’ is an important exercise in love, letting ourselves be known, trusting in the God of Love, who is with us and integral to our marriage.

Saint John Henry Newman offers this prayer for us:

‘Flood my soul with your Spirit and life, so that every soul I come in contact with may feel Your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus.’

This speaks to the point of the Trinity; God present in our lives and in our marriage spirituality journey. It is no doubt a journey for life. Fr. Caffarel was right when he said ‘it’s about striving’

Pat and Carmel Cunneen

Team 25

PS We had a wonderful exposure to this ‘Mission’ in the recent Dublin Sector Retreat.

The ‘takeaways’ that stayed with us; ‘Be truly present to your spouse’; ‘Love is a decision; God is revealed through one another’; ‘Intentionality, have a heightened sense of awareness’; ‘Belonging. What do I / we radiate?’

Around the Region

Dublin

Mass for the Feast of The Immaculate Conception was celebrated by the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Okolo, on the Webcam from Our Lady Help of Christians, Navan Road, which is beside the Nunciature. Only eight couples from the Dublin Sector attended due to Covid restrictions. Archbishop Okolo in his wonderful homily spoke of the importance of caring for each other in the family. We are very grateful to Fr. O'Brien, the parish priest, for allowing us to use the church. A gift was given to the Archbishop, which he donated to needy families in the local community. We also made a contribution to Fr. O'Brien, along with a copy of "Conjugal Love, a Path to God". The feedback from Team members was really positive.

The Annual Retreat, a retreat with a difference this year, was held on 6th March on Zoom. Brendan and Rosemarie opened the retreat with a big welcome to all and especially to new members of teams. A big thanks to Colette Furlong, the facilitator, who engaged us all in a very interesting and fruitful afternoon. The breakout groups were very successful, giving us all an opportunity to discuss the points suggested with other team members we had not met previously. There were excellent contributions when the full group came together.

The retreat concluded with a Mass on Webcam from Iona Road Parish, celebrated by Fr. Richard Sheehy, our Sector Chaplain. Many thanks to Pierpaolo and Illaria, who did a wonderful job managing the technology, which was perfect. Thanks also to Mark and Anne, for liaising with Colette in organising the day.

Una and Brian Moore

Amoris Laetitia Family:

Bishop Denis Nulty, from the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin (in his capacity as Chair of the Council for Marriage and the Family) wrote to Teams of Our Lady, on the recent announcement by Pope Francis, that he is dedicating a special year to the family. He is calling it '*Amoris Laetitia Family*'. The year will start on the Feast of St Joseph (19th March) and end in June 2022 at the tenth World Meeting of Families in Rome.

The Council for Marriage and the Family advises the Irish Episcopal Conference on matters relating to marriage and family life. The Council requested the thoughts of Teams Members on specific themes in relation to the upcoming year of dedication to the family.

We thank all those from the Dublin Teams who contributed to this submission, which was forwarded to the Regional Couple for onward transmission to Bishop Nulty.

Intercession: The Intercessors group has been attracting new members from around the Sector since its beginnings late last year. We very much appreciate this work of prayer for the needs of the Movement and for the intentions of Teams members and the wider community.

Hospitality:

In the coming weeks, the Sector Liaison couples will be in touch to invite your Team to host a couple from another Team, at one of your Team meetings. This is an opportunity to show hospitality, give mutual help and ensure that no Team feels isolated, particularly during these difficult times. We continue to welcome couples who enquire about Teams via the website, Facebook and Twitter. Through our website and social media pages, couples get a flavour of the Movement. When these couples like what they see, they are eager to attend a Teams Meeting, so they can experience Teams for themselves.

Team members who volunteer to offer this kind of hospitality feel enriched and privileged to host a couple, who are seeking to walk more deeply with God and with each other. This hospitality is a wonderful way to serve the Movement and is much appreciated.

Links with Marriage and Family Movements:

The Sector Team has been reaching out to some of the Pre-marriage, Couple and Family Movements, to make Teams of Our Lady better known. Contact has been made with Holy Family Mission, Communauté Française, Young Church Dublin, Italian Catholics' Community, Avalon, Together and Living Water. These contacts ranged from email and telephone introductions to presentations and Zoom meetings with some of these groups. We maintain links with Marriage Enrichment, Retrouvaille and Accord and know that through all these groups, couples and families are finding nourishment and support.

Brendan and Rosemarie Gavin

Belfast

Life in our sector has not changed much during the last few months.

One of our teams continues to meet online via Skype with everyone allowed to select their own study topic for the month. The other two do not meet. All three continue to keep in touch by telephone, e-mail and text. The lack of meetings is due to a combination of age and ill-health.

Concern about COVID means that people are very wary of any social contact and continue to self-isolate. A high proportion of our members are vulnerable due to age and/or illness. All sector teams have been affected by COVID with either members or relatives contracting the disease. Thankfully, all our members have survived so far but some have had relatives who have died.

In common with the Republic, we are still in very strict lockdown at present so that planning is very difficult. Most, if not all, of our members have received the first jab of the vaccine and some have received the second jab. We all hope that the roll-out of the vaccine will lead to a return to some sort of normality, but we are likely to be quite restricted for some time to come.

We would all hope to have more contact with relatives, including grandchildren, than we have had during the past year. Some relatives were unable to travel home for Christmas, which made life difficult at the time. Christmas lunch on Zoom became a feature for some.

One effect of restricted movement was that car mileage was limited to 10% (or less) of normal. Mobility was restricted in every way.

On a brighter note, Michael Flanagan, who had been in hospital since December last, came home on 8th March. Whilst he is still under constant medical supervision and needs our prayers this was a very welcome development for both him and his family and, indeed, all of us.

We remember deceased members:

Patsy and Jimmy Muldoon, Tommy and Jean Brady, Fr. Bob McGoran, Stephen McGahan, John Lamb.

Liam and Eileen McKinney

Mullingar

The Mullingar Sector sends their congratulations to the new Super-Regional Couple, Paul and Annette O'Beirne and we will keep them in our prayers.

Mullingar Team Meetings:

Mullingar Teams are meeting regularly via Zoom for discussion and prayer and are keeping in touch by phone, email and WhatsApp groups, sharing short inspiring videos and topics of interest. We are all looking forward to meeting up again when we are vaccinated and restrictions are lifted.

Team 4 celebrated a significant birthday for one member via Zoom. Mary shared that they pray regularly to St Roch who is the patron saint of contagious diseases.

On a really happy note we send congratulations to Tom and Valerie as they welcome granddaughter Lucy Anne Maria to this world.

Team 3 were blessed to be able to have our Christmas Mass celebrated by our chaplain Fr. Frank in the chapel at St. Camillus Nursing centre, Friday the 18th December.

(All social distancing rules were observed)

We in Team 3 feel that our Christmas starts every year when we meet together for this special Mass and we thank Fr. Frank for his constant love and support to us all.

We remember with love Michael McGovern whose anniversary occurs on the 26th March.

Annual Mass

The annual Mass for the Mullingar Sector took place in the Cathedral of Christ the King on Wednesday the 9th December.

Many members of Teams attended the Mass and while Teams did not get a mention on the night, nevertheless we were united in prayer before the Lord. It was really nice to see each other even at a distance. We thank all our priests for their dedication to us all during these difficult times.

Annual Retreat:

We congratulate the Dublin sector on the success of the Teams retreat; it was wonderful to be part of the day and Colette was an inspiring lady. We thank Fr. Richard for uniting us all in prayer at Mass from St. Columba's Church.

Well done to all involved.

RIP

We send our heartfelt sympathies to Margaret Fagan (Team 3) on the death of her beloved brother, John O'Donnell. May John rest in peace.

Mullingar Sector

Galway

Greetings from Galway. Despite current social restrictions we have managed to keep “Team spirituality” flowing. We meet by zoom every month. Although the time given to our Zoom meeting is relatively short we do seem to make more efficient use of the limited time. Our preparation for the meetings is more focused (thanks to our efficient responsible couple). We do come to the meeting more prepared. Of course, we long for the time when we can meet again in person.

Galway is grateful to the Dublin sector for the invitation to take part in their Retreat on 6th March 2021. This was a unique experience to sit in our own sitting rooms and to experience this wonderful Team community event. We were surprised and delighted the way participants were quietly and effectively divided into small groups for discussion and sharing. Having been in virtual lockdown for nearly a year this contact with Team couples was lifegiving. A big ‘thank you’ to the couples in our group.

‘Intentionality’, ‘spirituality’, what big words but how simple and relevant to our lives as married couples and in our lives as Christians. Colette Furlong did a good job in explaining the wisdom of this “mind set”. It was life-giving to hear Colette speak on the spirituality which is really an interior state of mind. It was great to hear the personal reflections of the couples in our groups. It was particularly good the way we were invited to connect our own spirituality with that of scripture. In Philippians 4:8 “whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, pure, lovely anything that is excellent, think about these things” Thanks to Colette and the Dublin Sector for giving us lots to think about.

We ask for prayers for John Mc Carrick whose sister Josephine died. May she rest in peace.

For Eddie Lloyd who is in a Nursing Home. Hopefully the pending relaxation of lockdown restrictions will bring some peace to Eddie and his co-residents.

Jack and Anne Hutchinson



Fr. Richard, Sheehy, Sector Chaplain, Dublin, celebrating mass from the Church of St. Columba, Iona Road, at the conclusion of the Teams Retreat on 6th March.

Teams Retreat 6th March 2021



The Annual retreat, organised by the Dublin Sector, took place on Saturday, 6th March. It was led by Colette Furlong (above). Colette is a Chaplain at Sligo University Hospital and is a catechist with a cluster of parishes in Sligo.

The Zoom Host was Pierpaolo Dondio (below), of the Dublin Sector Team. Pierpaolo was located in Italy and his wife, Illaria, tuned in from Dublin.



Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh.
The blessings of Easter on you.

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We would like to receive contributions for the Summer Newsletter by Sunday 30th May.
