**The Parish of Saint Catherine & Saint James with Saint Audoen**

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**Service times every Sunday**

10.00 Eucharist*,* St Audoen, Cornmarket. *(Parking in Francis Street is free on Sundays)*

11.30 Eucharist (and Sunday School, in term time) St Catherine & St James, Donore Avenue. *(Family Service and Church Coffee, usually Second Sundays)*

**First Wednesday of the Month**

10.30 Service of Wholeness and Healing, with Laying-on of Hands and Anointing.

**Holy Baptism**

On Sunday 1 May 2016 we welcomed Sabi Redmond, daughter of Audrey and Ronan and younger sister of Jonty, into the Church of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Her Godparents are Cormac Weldon and Tracey Kelly, and Audrey’s sister Lina Noel who travelled from South Africa for the service. We keep Sabi and her family in our prayers and wish her every blessing as she begins her journey of faith.

*Martha Waller*

**The days ahead**

Sunday 5 June will be Killian Farrell’s last day with us as he moves to London to pursue a course in conducting. While we will miss him greatly we wish him all that is good in the years to come and pray that he may have many of them. On Tuesday 7 June David Caron, the stained glass expert who lives nearby, will bring a group of American students to see the celebrated Michael Healy windows in the Church of St Catherine & St James. He is currently searching for the Michael Healy window of Faith, Hope and Charity from St James’ Church James St, which was to have been removed to a Church in the North fifty years ago, but never got there. Very likely it’s in storage somewhere in Dublin, now forgotten.

On Friday 10 June the Canadian medical student Matt Pierce will return to the Rectory, his abode of three years, with his family, for the conferring of his doctoral degree at Trinity College Dublin. During the seven years of his course it was his custom to attend St Catherine’s Thomas Street, where the Revd Craig Cooney has been ministering but is now about to move. We wish him well on the way the Lord has set before him. The Sunday School excursion will take place on Saturday 11 June to the Zoo, and we are most grateful to the volunteers who make it possible for this very old Sunday School to continue into the future. St Catherine’s Sunday school was originally founded by a group including one Arthur Guinness. Sunday 11 June will be marked by Family Service and the end of Sunday School term. There will be a lunchtime concert at St Audoen’s.

The Rector will be in residence in Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday 3 July. There will be a concert in St Audoen’s, by a madrigal choir, on Monday 4 July, and a wedding on Saturday 9 July. The bride’s mother lives in Essex Street West.

**St Catherine’s National School**

Parents have been asking who will be teaching which classes next year! Junior Infants: Tracy O'Donnell, Senior Infants: Karen Jordan, 1st Class: Jane Honner, 2nd Class: Not yet assigned, 3rd Class: Stephanie McSweeney. 4th Class: Jane Malone, 5th Class: Fiona Gillan (returning from her career break), 6th Class: Caroline Brown (returning from maternity leave) and Roisin Judge, job-sharing. Learning Support / Resource: Sharon Healy, Gemma McColgan and two other part-time teachers, not yet assigned.

*April Cronin*

**Charitable Trusts**

The new Charities Regulatory Authority has been set up in response to a sense of scandal surrounding a certain medical charity. As a result, every charitable fund is now required to give an account of its stewardship. The trustees of the Atkinson Trust and the Matthew Neary Trust have recently met in St Patrick’s Cathedral Deanery and assigned significant amounts to the maintenance of Brabazon House and Cowper Care, as well as several Parochial Schools in the vicinity. Many in the Parish will remember the house in New Street which still has Atkinson’s name over the door. The funds now support many residents in Brabazon Hose and similar institutions. A huge effort has been made to regulate and to register officially the many charities and charitable funds which exist in this Parish. They are many and various I know!

**St Audoen’s Park**

Dublin City Council has drawn up proposals for the renewal of the park in front of the Church. This is in response to significant anti-social behaviour in the park and the chronic problem of drug abuse. The plan intends to focus on the approach to the Church, and to create a pedestrian way from Cornmarket to the tower of the Church and on through St Audoen’s arch to the Civic Offices and Temple Bar, to supplement the ‘Dubline’ which runs from Trinity College through the principal streets past numerous Churches and all the way to the Royal Hospital Kilmainham. The Office of Public Works and the Parish have raised several concerns about the plan, which proposes to do away with perimeter gates and railing entirely. While we can see that these barriers are no deterrent whatever to those who abuse drugs, we are determined to preserve and restore the semi-circular railings which protect and dignify the principal entrance of the Church. They were designed in the late nineteenth century to evoke the spirit of an Episcopal association, with quasi Bishop’s crosiers, with reference to St Audoen, Bishop of Rouen, the city which perpetuates his name.

‘The RCB in 1972 conveyed St Audoen’s Park to Dublin Corporation (now Dublin City Council) but such conveyance did not include the semi-circular area to the front of St Audoen’s Church. Permission would have to be given by the Select Vestry, the Diocesan Council and the RCB to any proposed addition or alteration by Dublin City Council to St Audoen’s Church property vested in the RCB. *Trevor Stacey’*