

ST MATTHEW'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM REV NIALL STRATFORD

In years to come, a possible trivia question may well be- 'When did the 2020 Olympics take place?' To some this may appear to be a ridiculous question. Not unreasonably one suspects, some are likely to answer – but in 2020 of course. As we all know, the 2020 Olympics occurred in 2021! On the assumption that no event prevents the 2024 games from proceeding, this year's games will therefore be the only games to have taken place during an 'odd' year, since the year the 'modern' Olympics commenced in 1896.



Sport brings success and joy, heartache and pain. We congratulate all the athletes who attended the 2020 Olympics- all these Olympians - especially those who succeeded in being members of 'Team Ireland'- who have represented their country and themselves with pride and participated with great dignity.

Athletes - Sportswomen and Sportsmen the world over are an inspiration to all of us, in the manner in which they overcome adversity, their relentless pursuit to achieve, to improve, to attain new goals. Their example should indeed be an inspiration to us all - to exhibit a 'can do spirit' in all aspects of our lives.

Imagine- if society- all of us as individuals, all of us together, relentlessly pursued the myriad of issues of life that require resolution, attention and action, what the outcome might be. What might be achieved? Could the seemingly impossible become reality? Imagine!

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength" Philippians 4 v 13

Best wishes

Niall

Rev Niall Stratford

A FINAL RESTING PLACE

The St Matthew's Church Columbarium Wall is now available to book a final resting place for your loved ones in the Community. For more details and to receive a Brochure, call the St Matthews Parish Office on 087 254 0378 or email Jonny Bell at

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Ms Vivienne Darling 1927 - 2020

On the 15th July 2021 on a beautiful sunny afternoon, the Ashes of the late Vivienne Darling were interred in the Columbarium Wall. Vivienne was a Parishioner and Select Vestry member of St Mary's Parish in Donnybrook for over 40 years. The interment service was given by her brother Bishop Edward Darling and was attended by members of her family.



ST MATTS LIVE BROADCAST

We continue to Live Stream our Service every Sunday morning at 10.30am. Our Parishioners have been logging in from all parts of the world to worship with us. If you would like to view our Sunday Service please visit: www.stmatts.live



ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH ENVELOPE SCHEME



If you would like to donate through the Church Envelope Scheme, you can put an Envelope on the Collection plate at Sunday Service. As a registered Charity St Matthews can depending on amounts donated reclaim Income Tax on Parishioner donations.

For more details please contact the Parish office on 087 254 0378, or ask one of the Church Wardens.

OLD PARISH HISTORY

Our thanks to Ger Siggins and family, who donated old Parish History Records that were compiled and kept by local Historian, the late Brian Siggins. Here is a front and back cover of a Parish Newsletter from October 1935. All Parish History records are currently being archived and filed and will be able to view in the Parish Office



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