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Archbishop's Letter

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Many of you, I imagine, probably give only a brief glance at The Instructions on the wrapping of food you buy. Such instructions point us towards its preparation and cooking. You probably know what you like and you have probably cooked this before. You have, therefore, a good sense of what you are doing if you are going to produce something edible and attractive as hunger moves from bare ingredients to finished delicacy. You are often in a rush and your natural efficiency kicks in as the clock ticks on. But today there simply are so many new and different cooking opportunities that sometimes it is important to read The Instructions. Any of us might get caught out in terms of when we add what or how long or short a particular set of ingredients takes to blend before everything goes badly wrong. Flair and panache will take us only so far when the end product is for eating.

Lent has been a time of preparation and this holds, whether we have taken it as seriously as we had intended to or whether we got waylaid or sidelined and, in a sense, fell by our own wayside. The great thing about God is that God does not hold grudges nor does God stop giving us chances. Lent, as a Season, comes once every year but there are opportunities every day of the year both for penitence and preparation and for consolidation and celebration. We simply need to learn to recognize them and to use them, however and whenever they present themselves. We do this through attentive prayer. Lent nonetheless does something special. It gives us a sustained focus in our thinking, our praying and our understanding of ourselves as children loved by God. And it does so not only in relation to religion but also in relation to creation in its totality. Day after day in Lent we say in the Collect for Ash Wednesday: God hates nothing that God has made.

During the month of April, Christian people transition from Lent to Easter via Holy Week. It is for the purpose of Holy Week and for Easter that there is Lent. It is for the intensity of both of these that we will have lived with Jesus Christ in the wilderness. The Collect for Ash Wednesday is a bit like The Instructions to which we rarely refer and feel we do not need. And it may just be worth our looking at them before Lent disappears totally and at the point where Lent takes on a new tempo in Holy Week. Lent continues in Holy Week. The Collect for Ash Wednesday is designed to give us hope in the love of God who knows our sins and forgives us our sins; who can and does repeatedly create and make in us something new – hearts ready to receive from God the forgiveness that God offers. This is a good set of good Instructions that can offer us wholesome spiritual food every day as children of God. Let us continue to use this Collect of hope and love:

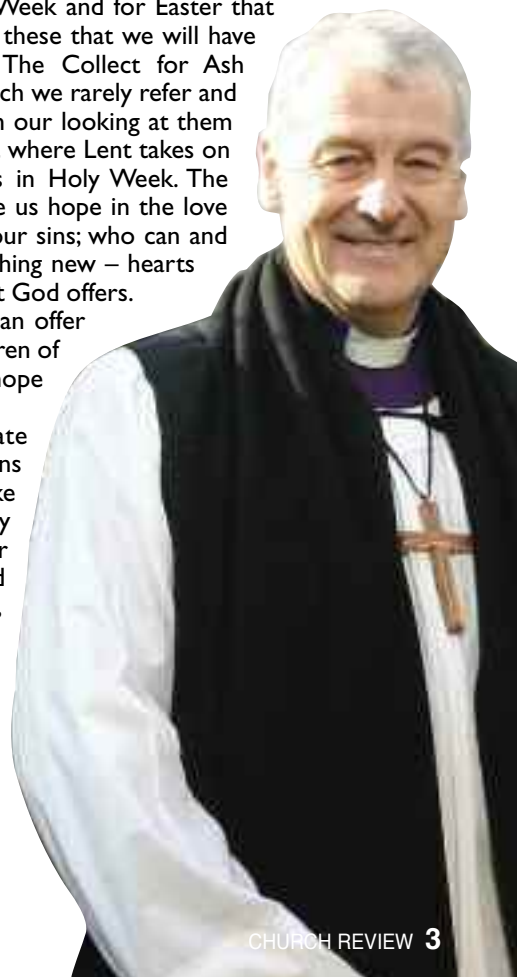
'Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

There are still some days to read and to repeat The Instructions!

† Michael

COVER STORY:

Mark Finlay of Bowhill Developments, Archbishop Michael Jackson, Brian Brown, the Revd Dr Norman Gamble, Ian Watkins and Dr Tom Healy at the rededication of St Andrew's Church, Malahide.



Making a Difference – Charities Receive €45k from Black Santa in Dublin

Dublin's Black Santa continued to spread joy on a stormy Sunday in February as the proceeds of the bumper 2019 appeal were handed over to charity. Representatives of 15 charities were at the annual Black Santa Service in St Ann's Church, Dawson Street, on Sunday February 16 when the cheques from the 2019 appeal were given out.

A record €45,000 was donated to the 2019 Black Santa Appeal. The Vicar of St Ann's, Canon David Gillespie, and his assistant Fred Deane, backed by a team of parish volunteers, collected their largest ever amount outside the church in the days before Christmas.

The speaker at this year's service was Jane McKenna, founder of LauraLynn Children's Hospice. On the weekend that Storm Dennis was blowing across Ireland, Jane spoke movingly of the worst storms that came to her and her husband Brendan when they lost their daughters Laura and Lynn within two years of each other. Laura was born with a heart condition and was undergoing treatment in hospital when Lynn who had been feeling a bit unwell was admitted for investigation. She was diagnosed with Leukaemia. Laura died the next day. Lynn went through her treatment and was in remission for five months before she relapsed. At the age of 15 they were told that there was nothing more that could be done for Lynn.

"Lynn was determined to live the life she had left. She lived for three weeks and for two weeks she was amazing. I don't know how she had the courage or energy. In her last week her body began to wind down as we knew it would. She wrote her letters. One of her last wishes was to die peacefully at home," her mother recalled.

Jane spoke of trying to continue their lives without their girls and wondering what would



Canon David Gillespie thanking everyone for their support for the Black Santa appeal and the Church Review for placing them on the cover.

have happened if Lynn hadn't been able to die at home. "The hospital was great but she wouldn't have wanted to die there," she commented. In 2001 she and Brendan started looking into children's hospices which provided a home from home for children with very complex illnesses. "No one ever wants their children to be sick or to die before them but it does happen. And after a long journey and the help of thousands of people the LauraLynn Hospice opened in 2011. I always wish that we didn't need it but we do. It's so important at the end to have these memories. I am astounded by the kindness and generosity of all those who have helped us and thank you to St Ann's. It's wonderful what you do for charities," she said.

Speaking after the service Canon Gillespie thanked all the charities for the work they do



Founder of Laura Lynn Children's Hospice Jane McKenna and Canon David Gillespie at the Black Santa Service in St Ann's.

and all in St Ann's who help out with the appeal, in particular the ever enthusiastic Fred Deane. "To raise €45,000 in the week before Christmas is no mean feat and in this church we should be very proud of that," he commented.

Speaking on behalf of the charities, David Webb of Protestant Aid thanked St Ann's for their amazing generosity. "Your efforts make a real difference to people's lives," he commented.

The charities who benefited this year were: The Solas Project, Protestant Aid, Diocesan Refugee Project, Alice Leahy Trust, St Vincent de Paul, Peter McVerry Trust, Focus Ireland, the Samaritans, Discovery Gospel Choir, Jack and Jill Foundation, LauraLynn Foundation, Here2Help, PACT, Dublin Street Pastors and Brabazon Trust.

Bishop John McDowell Elected as New Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland

The Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher, was elected by the House of Bishops as the new Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland on March 11. He succeeds Archbishop Richard Clarke who retired on February 2 this year.

Bishop McDowell (aged 64) was ordained in 1996 and has served as Bishop of Clogher since 2011. He was previously Rector of St Mark's, Dundela, in East Belfast (2002–2011), Rector of Ballyrashane (1999–2002), and Curate of Antrim (1996–1999). He has also served as an Honorary Secretary of the General Synod (2008–2011) and is currently Chairman of the Church of Ireland's Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue.

Speaking on his election, Bishop McDowell said: 'I am overwhelmed by the confidence which my fellow bishops have placed in me to fill this ancient office. I look forward to working with them in the time to come and to serving

the people of the Diocese of Armagh and the Church of Ireland in whatever way I can.'

The translation will take effect from Tuesday April 28 and the enthronement date will be announced in due course. Upon taking up his responsibilities as Archbishop of Armagh, Bishop McDowell will be the 106th in the succession of abbots, bishops and archbishops of Armagh since St Patrick.

The Rt Revd Francis John McDowell grew up in Belfast and pursued a career in business prior to training for ordination. He was an Honorary Secretary of the General Synod (2008–2011). He has also served as the Church of Ireland's contact person for the Porvoo Communion (2007–2013) – a communion of Anglican and Lutheran Churches in Europe which share a common life in mission and service.

He was elected Bishop of Clogher in May 2011 and consecrated as bishop in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, in September of that



year. Bishop McDowell holds a BA (Hons) in History from Queen's University Belfast (1978), a Diploma in Business Studies from the London School of Economics (1984), and a BTh in Theology and Biblical Studies from Trinity College Dublin (1996). He is married to Mary, who teaches in Enniskillen Royal Grammar School, and they have one daughter, Dorothy, a student at Oxford University.

Gospel Readings in Iambic Verse Provide Novel Way to Access Scriptures

Two new books which present the Gospels as poems offer a novel way to read the Scriptures. 'Meet the Apostles' and 'The Gospels in Iambic Verse' by Canon Prof John Bartlett were officially launched in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute.

Canon Prof Bartlett, a former Precentor of Christ Church Cathedral and former Principal of the Church of Ireland Theological College, has been working on the project to render the Sunday Gospel readings from the Revised Common Lectionary into iambic verse. He has illustrated them with his own quirky line drawings.

'Meet the Apostles' is a prequel which provides an introduction to the Apostles of the New Testament in iambic verse. 'The Gospels in Iambic Verse' is the first volume of a series of three which will take the reader through the three year cycle of the Revised Common Lectionary.

The books were launched by musician, liturgist and theologian, Dr Margaret Daly-Denton. She described the poems of the Sunday Gospel readings and the accompanying drawings as "a novel way to 'hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them'".

"The Revised Common Lectionary's design on a three year cycle is intended to help the people of God to experience and appreciate the distinctiveness of each Evangelist's writing: Matthew's in Year A, Mark's in Year B, Luke's in Year C and John's during Lent, Easter and Christmas. This is exactly what this iambic project with its quirky illustrations does in a most attractive way," she explained.



Some of those who attended the launch of Canon Prof John Bartlett's new books in CITI.



Canon Dr Maurice Elliott, Dr Margaret Daly-Denton, Canon Prof John Bartlett, Dr Kenneth Milne.

She reported that for the last three liturgical years the author had been emailing her a



weekly 'fix' of iambic pentameter. She said she had found herself "deeply touched by the devotion of an elderly priest faithfully preparing, as each Sunday approached, to hear what the Spirit would be saying to all of the Churches throughout the world as they assemble for worship".

Dr Daly-Denton performed the launch on behalf of Bishop Michael Burrows who was unable to be present but sent a message. "His work on the iambic pentameter gospels is an absolute triumph of brain and (in the proper sense) wit. Readers as they enjoy his work will scarcely realise the depths they are plumbing. And all enriched by his own line drawings. It is a perfect example of what the Irish hymn writer Herbie O'Driscoll would call the 'simplicity beyond complexity,'" he said.

Canon Prof Bartlett described how the project began when he was listening to the Gospel one Sunday and the words fell into iambic pentameter: 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.' From that point on it became a hobby, he said. He thanked everyone who supported him in getting the books published. He said that the proceeds, after costs, would go to Christ Church Cathedral in thanks for them putting up with him for 34 years.

'Meet the Apostles' is published by Christ Church Cathedral. 'The Gospels in Iambic Verse' is published by Church of Ireland Publishing. Both are on sale in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, and will be available from the Church of Ireland online store - <https://store.ireland.anglican.org/> - in due course.

Exploring God's Call at CITI Fit for the Purpose Weekend



Participants, leaders and facilitators of the Fit for the Purpose weekend at CITI.

The 2020 'Fit for the Purpose' weekend took place at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute from February 21 to 23. The programme combines an introduction to the Foundation Course with exploration of God's call.

Canon Dr Christina Baxter led the weekend together with the Revd Canon Dr Maurice Elliott, director of CITI. There were 16 candidates. The facilitators were the Revd Dr Will Murphy and the Revd Ruth Jackson-Noble.

Also in attendance were the Revd Dr John Tomlinson and Ms Jacqui Brown from St John's College, Nottingham.

'Every Voice is Worth Listening To' – Faith in Democracy Lecture by Bishop Rowan Williams

"It is crucial for a democracy to be liberated from the idea that majority votes end arguments." So said former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Rowan Williams, who delivered the latest in the Featherstonhaugh Lecture Series in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute on Wednesday February 18.

Bishop Williams invited his audience, which exceeded the capacity of CITI's Hartin Room, to consider 'Faith in Democracy' and asked if global politics is currently exhibiting deep confusion about the nature of democracy and the moral case for it. He also explored Christian theology and practice on the subject.

Setting out the stall for democracy, Bishop Williams said it was not quite as straightforward as may be imagined. We need to question why it should work and understand what it is as well as what it is not. He suggested democracy is often defined by what it is not – it is not autocracy, oligarchy or dictatorship. Democracy raises the question of what is lawful in human society and what kind of system has a proper claim on our loyalty and obedience. It also asks what it is that we can recognise that represents our voice and our interests. "Democracy may be a mess but it's our mess. It may have strange ideas but it reflects our ideas," he stated.

The Bishop pointed out that democracy does not happen automatically when other systems disappear, citing Iraq and Libya as examples. He said that the advance of democracy went hand in hand with certain advances in secularism but did not agree that democracy is secular. "The fundamental of democracy is that it represents who we are, what we want and what we care about. But there is a risk of populism. Is something made right by the majority vote?" he asked.

The paradox of democracy, he contended, is that it believes that every human agent is worth



Canon Dr Maurice Elliott, Director of CITI, the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson and the Rt Revd Rowan Williams.

listening to. But if every human agent is worth listening to, then that includes minorities as well as the majority. "Democracy is a system in which every voice has a claim to be heard. But that can be a challenge. The voices that have not prevailed are still worth listening to... We go on arguing and that is a sign that democracy is working because the minority voice is still being taken seriously," he said. "The majority decision may be lawful but it is still up for debate... It is crucial for a democracy to be liberated from the idea that majority votes end arguments." He added that freedom of speech must be safeguarded (with certain limits) if democracy is to be a means of change in society.

However, he said public debate does not mean that we allow our neighbour to shout for a while before taking our own turn to shout. We must recognise that the person who opposes us in an argument has goals which we can recognise as intelligible. That recognition stops us descending into polarisation, he said. We must work out why our opponents seek good by means which we see as bad, he explained. Opponents are increasingly being seen as enemies, Bishop Williams suggested,



Bishop Rowan Williams also visited the RCB Library where he is pictured with Bryan Whelan and Dr Susan Hood.

which is a threat to democracy as it feeds the idea that we need a once and for all victory.

Bishop Williams said that when we talk about democracy and faith, we are to a certain extent talking about faith in democracy: the belief in human dignity; the belief that every perspective has a right to be tended to; the belief that every voice has the right to be heard; the belief that the state cannot delegitimise a minority. "To believe in democracy is to believe that democracy is good because human beings are fallible. That builds in the possibility of change... Democracy spreads the load of fallibility and limitations. In a mature democracy we have both a strong and robust commitment to the dignity and voices of all perspectives and an equally strong commitment to the partiality of our own perceptions," he explained.

The Bishop said that the theology the Christian Church offers to democracy is the body of Christ which is a metaphor for society itself when it is flourishing – there is a sense of interdependence, continuing engagement, listening and the labour of recognition. Considering what might constitute moral politics, he outlined a number of principals including awareness of where our convictions come from, empathy, strategy and understanding the relationship between the means and the ends, patience and courage and self-respect. "All of these are virtues which sustain an ethical democracy, a democracy in which it is possible to have faith," he contended. "We have work to do as exercising these virtues are the means to seismic change. When you have a society that is passive and consumerist, expecting this change to take place elsewhere, then you will have a society that makes peculiar decisions."

The Christian Churches have a significant role in modelling democracy, Bishop Williams said. "Because of what we believe, the way in which we behave with one another will be part of creating a democratic culture," he said. "When politics collapses into personality cults, there is a need for communities of faith to show why faith in democracy is a good idea and democracies need communities of faith to remind the state and society that ethical questions are not to be determined by plebiscite."

Archbishop Pays Tribute to Fr Godfrey O'Donnell



It is with great sadness that we share the news of the death of Fr Godfrey O'Donnell, Romanian Orthodox priest and ecumenist, who died at his home in Swords on Friday February 14.

In 2004 Fr Godfrey became the first Irish-born person to be ordained as a priest of the Romanian Orthodox Church. The Derry man had been a Jesuit priest but left the priesthood in 1985. He felt increasingly drawn to the Orthodox Church and was instrumental in establishing the Romanian Orthodox parish in Dublin in 2000. His work for the Romanian Orthodox Church in Ireland was honoured in 2013 when he was awarded the accolade of Stavrophore, the highest award given to married priests in that tradition.

Known for his active ecumenism, he represented the Romanian Orthodox Church on both the of Dublin Council of Churches and the Irish Council of Churches. He was chair of Dublin Council of Churches and became the first representative of the Orthodox traditions to hold the role of president of the Irish Council of Churches from 2012 to 2014.

Paying tribute to Fr Godfrey, Archbishop Michael Jackson recalled a priest of tremendous vitality. "All of us who knew Godfrey recognised his faithfulness to God and rejoiced in his tireless and joyful presentation of the Romanian Orthodox tradition within Irish Christianity. He was always ready and willing to participate in the promotion of a better understanding of faiths and advocate for ecumenism through the Dublin Council of Churches. The sympathies and prayers of all of us in the United Dioceses lie with his wife, Ruth, and the Romanian Orthodox community," he said.

‘Where is the Love?’ – We Have Opportunity to Show Love that Shatters Fear and Greed

“We are currently living in very strange, uncertain and confusing times, and the pandemic that is Covid-19 seems to have brought out both the best and the worst in people.” So said Canon Sonia Gyles in her sermon in Christ Church Cathedral yesterday Sunday March 15, the Third Sunday in Lent and the first Sunday after the introduction of Government guidelines in response to the spread of the Coronavirus Covid-19. Congregation numbers in the cathedral were limited and the seats were set far apart so as to enable social distancing. The service was, as usual, livestreamed via the cathedral’s webcam and many viewers joined the service online.

Driving in her car last week, Canon Gyles said a song by the music group, Black Eyed Peas – ‘Where is the love?’ – came on the radio. She read some of the lyrics: “Whatever happened to the values of humanity, Whatever happened to the fairness in equality, Instead of spreading love we spread animosity, Lack of understanding, leading lives away from unity. Father help us, send us some guidance from above, cause people got me questioning, where is the love?”

She suggested that this was rather ironic as she had just come from a supermarket in which she had witnessed two women arguing over the last tray of tinned tomatoes. The pandemic resulted in us seeing the best in the medical and



A screenshot from the livestream of the service from Christ Church Cathedral.

caring professions in hospitals, nursing homes and in the community who continue to care for the sick and vulnerable and those most at risk despite the risk to themselves. Charities continue to help, shops offer to deliver to the

elderly and housebound and hotels and cafes offering to deliver meals.

But on the other hand there are people who only look out for themselves - bulk buying without a thought for those who can't afford to bulk buy or elderly people who cannot carry large amounts of shopping. There are people stealing face masks and hand sanitiser from hospitals. “Where is the love?” she asked.

“In the midst of panic, we seem to be losing sight of the value of others and of the importance of caring for one another, not least those who are most vulnerable and who are left feeling less important, less worthy or, indeed, forgotten altogether. We seem to be losing something of our humanity,” Canon Gyles said. “How at odds we are, then, with the message in our Gospel reading [John 4: 5-42] wherein we see humanity at its best. Of course, the scenario is very different but the message is still the same.”

The Samaritan woman had come to the well with a thirst to be seen, heard, acknowledged, accepted and to be loved, she said. Jesus responded to that thirst, ignoring the fact that by engaging with her he would have been considered a traitor to the Jewish religious tradition. “Where is the love? There is the love. Right there in Christ who by satisfying her thirst, exemplifies humanity at its best,” Canon Gyles said.

She continued: “During these weeks, maybe months, we have an incredible opportunity to show love for one another. Love, not as doctrine or feeling, but as an attitude from which we operate, a love that shatters greed and fear and selfishness. We will get through this, and when we do and when we look back on these times, may we, or those who come after us, never have to ask the question ‘where was the love?’”

John Sullivan Remembered as a Holy Ecumenist at Annual Service



“John Sullivan was entirely Anglican and totally Roman Catholic and thoroughly Jesuit,” Archbishop Michael Jackson said at the annual service of commemoration and thanksgiving for the Dublin priest who was beatified three years ago. Speaking in the Church of St Francis Xavier on Gardiner Street, the Archbishop added: “In an era pulsating with social and religious wastage, John Sullivan today as a Holy Ecumenist can take us forward into the space we must all inhabit, as people whose identity is that we are made in the image and likeness of God, where no one party, no one tradition, no one church must again own the narrative of Irish identity”.

Archbishop Jackson observed that John Sullivan was revered as someone who grew up in one Irish tradition and moved to another Irish tradition with a sense of fulfilment in the present and without a sense of rejection of the past. He said that across Ireland today we are very conscious of traditions.

“They [traditions] matter to us because it is through our traditions that we give voice to our identities. Traditions and identities are to be shared and explained and offered openly to others as part of a cultural tapestry in today’s Ireland. They are not to be weaponized. Right across Ireland, opportunities of difference are opening up for self-understanding through the understanding of others. The churches need to take a role of compassionate leadership and attentive service over the next critical years. It is one thing to accept and to articulate that we are part of the problem; it is quite another thing to swallow our pride and open up the wounds for healing,” he stated.

Brexit had brought into sharp relief the years of uneasy truce and fractured identity of one hundred years of our modern history, the Archbishop said. He said that change and accommodation over the years had resulted in a cycle of political maturing.

John Sullivan’s life straddled what are now two parts of Ireland, two traditions and two denominations, the Archbishop said noting that the Archbishop of Canterbury, during his visit last November, described the Church of Ireland as a ‘Church with no borders’. Archbishop Jackson said that this applied to all church traditions in Ireland who had a “vocation to be a church of no borders”.

Fr Sullivan was raised and spent half his life as a member of the Church of Ireland. He was born on Eccles Street in 1861, the son of Edward Sullivan who would become Lord Chancellor of Ireland and Elizabeth Bailey from Cork. He attended Portora Royal School near Enniskillen and then Trinity College Dublin before studying law in London. He converted to Catholicism in 1896 at the age of 35 and was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1907. He taught at Clongowes Wood College until his death in 1933 aged 71. He was known for his life of prayer and work with the poor and ill.

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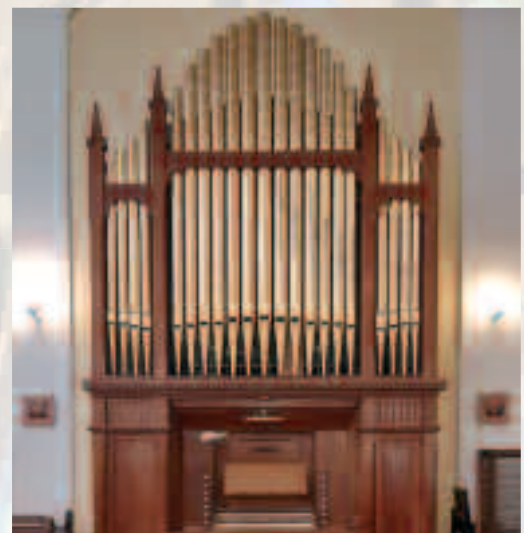
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STAIÉAR AR AN mBÍOBLA: Is Domhnach Cásca chugainn, cad air a chuimhneoidh tú? An raibh a fhios agat go bhfuil Aiséirí Críost ar an tarlachaint is cinnte i seanstair an domhain – nó i gcuid mhaith de nuastair an domhain le roinnt céadta bliain? Ciallaíonn an méid sin, muna greideann tú gur tharla an tAiséirí i bhfírinne, nach féidir bheith cinnte, mar shampla, gur fheallmharaigh Brutus agus Cassius an deachtóir lúl Céasar ar an 15 Márta sa bhliain 55 Roimh Chríost! Nó nach féidir a bheith cinnte faoi aon rud faoi Alastar (Alexander) Mór na Gréige? I mbeagán focal, is laige go mór an fhianaise doiciméadach (documentary evidence) faoi na daoine sin ná an fhianaise faoi Aiséirí Íosa!

Cén fáth, mar sin, nach greideann daoine san Aiséirí? Ar thrí mhórchúis: (1) aineolas; (2) nach gcreidid i míorúltaí; (3) ní toil leo glacadh le fírinne nach dtaitníonn leo nó atá as faisean.

Guígí d'Éirinn faoi bhunú rialtas nua agus faoin ngalar COVID-19.

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POS Children's Education Fund

There have been a number of changes at the Fund in recent weeks.

With the impending move of Protestant Aid from Leeson Street we have found new offices at Church Cottage, Kiltiernan Parish Centre, Enniskerry Road, Kiltiernan D18CF79.

Jennifer O'Regan is standing down from the position of Administrator. She has completed six years of exceptional service to the Fund. She has run an efficient office and adapted to company formation, GDPR and other new regulations for charities. But above all she has established a relationship with all the families on our books. They regard her as a friend and she has shown great support and empathy towards them. She will be missed. We wish her every blessing for the future.

The Board has appointed Clive Christie as the new Administrator. He is a member of Killiney Parish, a retired business man, and is well known in various Church of Ireland voluntary capacities.

We would remind all Rectors and school authorities that the Fund is here to support children from the Dioceses during their years in education. The POS Children's Education Fund supports children who have lost a parent; the Meath Trust supports other children in need.

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Context and Consequences of Disestablishment Explored at RIA Conference



Archbishop Michael Jackson speaking at the beginning of the RIA Disestablishment conference.

'Church of Ireland: Disestablishment and Beyond' was the subject of a conference organised by the Royal Irish Academy to mark the 150th anniversary of the Disestablishment. The conference, which was fully booked, took place in the RIA recently and dealt with the moment that the Church of Ireland lost its status as the established church, the challenges that arose and the responses to them.

A wide range of speakers addressed multiple aspects of Disestablishment from the concept of establishment and disestablishment to the social, political and cultural consequences in the first 100 years of disestablishment. The challenges faced by the Church since the commemoration of the centenary of disestablishment in 1969 were examined along with the Church of Ireland's role in the future of the island of Ireland.

Welcoming delegates to the conference, the President of the RIA Professor Michael Peter Kennedy said they had received a great deal of interest from people in a range of disciplines when they sought volunteers to take part in the conference. He added that the RIA was delighted to be part of the Disestablishment 150 commemorations.

Archbishop Michael Jackson said members of the Church of Ireland very much looked forward to hearing the different perspectives on the church during the afternoon's interchange.

While the church is marking 150 years since Disestablishment, he said it was still a work in progress. "We are continuing to feel our way in contexts that are changing all the time. We continue to make our contribution and there have been number of interesting trajectories that have come to bear on us as a small



Archbishop Michael Jackson and RIA President Prof Michael P Kennedy.

community," he stated. "In November the Archbishop of Canterbury, preaching in St Patrick's Cathedral... spoke of his idea of the Church of Ireland as a church without borders and that is something with which we can work."

Panellists on the day included Prof Jacqueline Hill, MRIA (Maynooth University), Prof Alvin Jackson, MRIA, (the University of Edinburgh), Dr Marie Coleman (Queen's University Belfast), Dr Ian d'Alton (Trinity College Dublin), Prof Alan Ford (the University of Nottingham), Dr Miriam Moffitt (St Patrick's College Maynooth), Senator Ivana Bacik, the Revd Prof Anne Lodge (Dublin City University), Dr Martin Mansergh, MRIA, and Dr Andrew Pierce (Trinity College Dublin).

You can listen to a podcast of the conference here: <https://www.ria.ie/news/humanities-and-social-sciences-committees-historical-studies-committee-social-sciences>

Malahide Parishioners Celebrate New Beginnings as Renovated Church Reopens

“The Holy Spirit of God is here and ready to lead,” Archbishop Michael Jackson declared yesterday as parishioners in Malahide celebrated the reopening of their newly renovated church on Sunday March 1. The Archbishop rededicated St Andrew’s Church in Malahide following its unexpected overhaul. Emergency works had to be undertaken in the church but after months of work it has been restored to its former glory.

Parish treasurer Brian Brown who, along with glebe warden Ian Watkins, oversaw the works for the parish outlined the renovations which were carried out in the church which ranges in age from 150 to almost 200 years old. He said that €100,000 had been spent restoring the building to its former splendour after being hit by major structural difficulties. Work began with restoring the main aisles, replacing the old plaster with lime plaster and repainting with suitable paint. They thought the job had been completed with the plaster began dropping off the ceiling. The entire ceiling has been restored and insulated, securing the church building for generations to come. The clock in the tower has also been replaced.

In his sermon, the Archbishop drew on the Collect for Dedication: Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship here, and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you through Jesus Christ our Lord. He said that the prayer sees us as a living temple and we have to do its work and enables us to hold together the sense of the temple being a place of spiritual energy as well as the church being a building.

Archbishop Jackson said that the work carried out in St Andrew’s to the glory of God and the benefit of the community was intricate and expert. He paid tribute to all involved and added that good use had been made out of the opportunity offered by a real crisis. Now, he said, it was time to look ahead to the next chapter.



The beautifully renovated St Andrew’s Church in Malahide.

“The next chapter of our faith is a chapter that we ourselves must write by the ways in which we live. Jesus returned from The Temple to Nazareth and grew strong. He grew strong for others every bit as much as he grew strong for himself. In fact, it was more for others than it was for himself - because he underwent temptation and suffering to offer to all who would receive him that open-hearted word we found in St Luke’s Gospel: redemption. We need to rise up and do exactly the same as the disciples of The One who was sent by The Father – in our day, in our time, in our hour. So my question is a simple one: What will you do now? What will you do next? – now that your church building is restored and rededicated for use. The Holy Spirit of God is here and ready to lead,” he concluded.



Mark Finlay of Bowhill Developments, Archbishop Michael Jackson, Brian Brown, the Revd Dr Norman Gamble, Ian Watkins and Dr Tom Healy at the rededication of St Andrew’s Church.



Area Coordinator

We are delighted to welcome Stephen Byford as area coordinator in both Wicklow and North Dublin. Stephen comes with lots of experience in youth work and is excited by this new initiative as we begin to see what we can do for young people and parishes in these areas.

St. Columba’s College

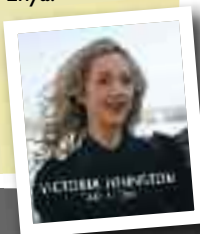
I spoke on Matthew 4:1-11 at Chapel and while studying this passage three words came to mind; Purpose, Patience and Perseverance. Our purpose can be something that grounds us and keeps us steadfast on that journey but its important to note that it might not happen in our timeframe (Patience) and that there will be obstacles and different turns that we will need to go through (Perseverance).

Kiltiernan Parishioner Releases Debut Single

Kiltiernan parishioner and Spirit Radio producer, Victoria Johnston, released her debut single on Friday March 13. The single, which features her original solo tracks 'Tar Liom' and 'You Are The Peace', went to Number 1 in the overall top Irish iTunes Music Charts.

The songs were recorded and produced by Grammy nominated Producer Denis Woods, previously of Windmill Lane Studios and who has worked with artists including Clannad and Enya.

'Tar Liom' also went to No. 1 in the 'World Music Charts' in Ireland. 'You Are The Peace' also went to No.1 in the 'Christian / Gospel Music Charts' in Ireland. Both of Victoria Johnston's debut songs are available to download on apps including iTunes and Google Play Music.





'A Place of Joy and Hospitality' – Newly Renovated Ashford Hub Reopens

Storm Dennis didn't dampen the spirits of parishioners of Killiskey and the wider community in Ashford who turned out in force for the reopening of The Hub on Saturday February 15. The newly renovated facility which includes Ashford Charity Shop and a parish and community meeting room, was reopened by Archbishop Michael Jackson.

The charity shop and meeting room first opened eight years ago. They play a vital role in the life of Killiskey parish as well as the wider Ashford community. The meeting room provides a venue for a weekly Knit & Stitch group as well as regular community coffee mornings and parish meetings. Over the last month the charity shop has had a total make-over with a new layout, heating and floor covering. The meeting room, kitchen and toilets have also been refreshed.

The Hub is run entirely by volunteers. When it first opened the aim was to provide meeting and office space for the parish but just as importantly it was to act as a gathering point for the whole community. It initially depended on the parish for support but over the last three years it has been able to stand alone through its sales of second-hand clothing, greeting cards, books and bric-a-brac. They have been able to give €2,000 to the parish for charity and over €15,000 has been raised by the regular community coffee mornings for a wide variety of good causes.

Archbishop Jackson described The Hub as a tremendous success story. "It's about companionship as much as it is about the transactions. People come here to meet other people and that brings life back to the heart of the community. People have come here and found themselves comforted. It is important that the Church can play its part in the building



Archbishop Michael Jackson cuts the ribbon at the newly refurbished Hub in Ashford. Also pictured are the Revd Ken Rue, local businessman Pat 'Bash' Barry and manager of The Hub Lesley Rue.

of community and volunteers are the lifeblood of community. Thank you to all who have transformed this building and to the volunteers for your continued willingness to make this a place of joy and hospitality," he said.

The Archbishop paid tribute to the Revd Ken Rue for his consistently effective work for the parish and the community and to Lesley Rue who manages The Hub.

Lesley Rue said it was hard to believe that The Hub had been open for eight years and thanked all the volunteers who helped make it such a success. "Over the years we've got to know the people who come into us week after week; they're more like friends than customers.

We appreciate their loyalty, custom and the support that they have given," she commented. She also thanked all who had assisted with the renovation project.

The Revd Ken Rue pointed out the importance of The Hub. "It may look like a shop and it is a shop. But for many people it is also an opportunity to come and have a chat. It is also a room for meetings and for building up community. We are blessed with our neighbours and with the great support we get from the community, especially from Fr Eamon. The money raised by the coffee mornings comes from the people of the whole area," he explained.

'Become a New Creation in Lent' – Ash Wednesday Service at DCU

"Lent sets us free for God, for ourselves and for others." So said Archbishop Michael Jackson at the Ash Wednesday Service in Dublin City University's Interfaith Centre last week. He suggested that most people were so confused by what Lent is that they either vaguely remember it or promptly forget it.

"We think somehow that it has to be about giving things up, about self-denial as a trial and a tribulation, about self-punishment, about withdrawing from the world and the flesh in order to do battle with the devil: and because we no longer understand the idea that there is any such thing or such person as the devil, an expression of personal evil, we cannot take it seriously," he commented.

But, the Archbishop continued: "Lent is something quite different. It is our annual effort to abstain from sin itself and to set us free for God and for ourselves and for others. You may wonder why previous generations personalized evil. You need look no further than our own generation to see that they may well have had a point in doing this. Time and again, so much of



Fr Seamus McEntee, Revd Prof Anne Lodge, Archbishop Michael Jackson, Prof Brian MacCraith and Revd Viji Varghese Eapen in DCU's Interfaith Centre.

the evil of our day is personal. The structural and systemic evil we see enfolding us tends to be the brainchild of people seeking power and influence, dominance and destruction, malice and wickedness – either over individuals or over nations. From child abuse the whole way

through to digital pornography, time and again we see individuals at the heart of the evil that is being done and being shared and being trumpeted. So I am not sure why we cannot, with all of our sophistication, simply accept that we too understand and experience evil today in intensely personalized ways. It would greatly help us care for ourselves and for others if we did, even if we tried to".

During Lent we become a new creation, he said. This new creation is to be in tune with the totality of the living creation because we are part of the totality – "its custodians and its wreckers all in one," he contended. Archbishop Jackson concluded by suggesting that we can use Lent to change our focus on things that are real in order to cope in a complex scientific and spiritual world. "Our world has always contained more questions than answers and we need the power of prayer to take these questions as children of God and to do something with them," he said.

Archbishop Marcus Gervais Beresford, Primate of All Ireland

By Revd Robert D Marshall

After the Irish Church Act received the royal assent on 26 July 1869, the focus of the disestablishment process moved back to Ireland. Much vexed discussion had continued in Ireland while the legislative process of disestablishment proceeded in London. In addition, there was learned analysis and discussion of constitutional precedents within the family of Anglican churches that would point the way forward.

Twelve bishops presided over the twelve united dioceses of the church, then somewhat differently configured to those now current. Armagh and Clogher were united as were Down and Connor. Kildare was united with Dublin and Glendalough. Cashel and Emyl; Killaloe; and Ossory, Ferns and Leighlin stood as three separate sees, following the pattern laid down by parliament in the Church Temporalities Act, 1833.

A pre-disestablishment clerical career

The primate in Armagh was Marcus Gervais Beresford, (1801-1885) second son of a former bishop of Kilmore and his wife Frances (nee Bushe), a niece of Henry Grattan. Beresford was educated in England going up to Trinity College, Cambridge and graduating from the university in 1824. Made deacon in 1824 and priested the following year; he successively held two incumbencies in the diocese of Kilmore. He was appointed Archdeacon of Ardagh in 1839 a position he held until his appointment as Bishop of Kilmore in 1854. Beresford played little part in church affairs outside his diocese in the early years of his episcopate. In 1862 he was appointed primate on the death of his cousin, Lord John George Beresford who had been primate since 1822.

With his appointment to the primacy of the established church, MG Beresford became ex officio part of the administration of the state. He became entitled to sit in the house of lords, alternating session after session with the



Marcus Gervais Beresford, Archbishop of Armagh and prelate of the Order of the Knights of St Patrick © and courtesy NPG London.

archbishop of Dublin. He became the senior member of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, the civil service which administered almost all church property across the country. He was sworn of the Privy Council Ireland and acted from time to time as a lord justice, one of a small committee which exercised functions of state in the absence of the viceroy. Beresford was the last prelate of the Order of the Knights of St Patrick. For advice he turned to John Thomas Ball QC his vicar general and conservative member of parliament for Dublin University.

Exercising prudence in the eye of the storm

Gladstone in pejoratively regretting the "lack of ability" in Armagh, misconstrued the action of Beresford and the other bishops in standing aloof from the political process of disestablishment. A priest and prelate who had served all of his ministry in north Leinster and Ulster, Beresford was well aware of the temper of those who adhered to the Church of Ireland and the tensions which would have to be negotiated in reconstructing the church. Beresford appreciated that negotiating the terms of disestablishment with the government would be impolitic and diminish the standing of the bishops in the eyes of their often sceptical flock.

Convocation was the 'ecclesiastical parliament of the nation'. It comprised the bishops and clerics of the church and had no lay membership. It had not met since 1715. In early 1869, Beresford on behalf of the bishops endeavoured to have convocation called but the government refused. The Irish bishops regretted that the government would not allow them meet to do their own business. In truth, before the legislative process was complete, the government would not create a platform from which the church as an institution could challenge disestablishment.

As primate, Beresford became central to the reconstruction of the structures of the church following disestablishment. Yet, when the process of reconstruction began, Beresford had not chaired either convocation or a provincial synod of his clergy. Scion of an aristocratic episcopal family, Beresford's sense of noblesse oblige, and of the prerogatives of the bishops had to meet the passions of artisans and farmers on ecclesiastical matters as they flexed new found political muscle. Beresford climbed a steep learning curve at clerical synods and organisation committee meetings between August 1869 and February 1870 when the general convention of the church opened in Dublin.

Upon him as chairman of the convention much would depend.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE Rathfarnham Parish and the Kwasa project in S.Africa

Parishioners from Rathfarnham first visited a township in Springs near Johannesburg in South Africa in 2005. We found 15,000 inhabitants living in 3000 shacks, no electricity, no sewage and only five water taps. Most of the people were illiterate, unskilled and unemployed.

We had been invited there by Revs. Sharron and Don Dinnie of the local Anglican church who had set up the Kwasa project to try and break this cycle of deprivation, mainly through setting up a school. Kwasa is a Zulu word meaning 'hope' or 'light shining through the storm' and we were blessed to play a part in such a Christian enterprise. We learned how privileged we are in Ireland and we also experienced the joy of Christian sharing with those in need.

On that first trip, about thirty adults went from our parish to work on the project. On subsequent trips in 2006 and 2008 50% of the group were teenagers. We undertook renovation/reconstruction work on the school buildings (dilapidated mining hut's and old containers) and mended roofs, decorating classrooms and an old church that could be used as a medical centre as well as for worship. Another breakthrough was when we bought the land for the school. This allowed them to get recognition and financial support from the state. They now have a Pre-Primary and Primary school educating 311 children. Our presence there touched the consciences of parishioners in Springs who had never shown much interest before and many of them became involved. Rathfarnham Parish evangelized by setting an example of Christian love through action.

Today some Rathfarnham parishioners still contribute to a Scholarship Programme (bursaries, uniforms, books) for children who progress from Kwasa Primary to a state-run Secondary School.

Kwasa has given hope to many young people who had no hope and has been a powerful Christian experience for all involved. So much can be achieved by doing and giving a little.

Christ Church Cathedral



A Message from the Dean

The cathedral needed to close on 13 March following directives from the department of An Taoiseach. This has had many negative implications for the cathedral. First of all we felt it essential that all prayer services would be maintained. Morning and evening prayer were celebrated behind closed doors while the 11am Sunday Eucharist was celebrated with the choir and seventy people. This felt quite a surreal experience, but it ensured that we could keep going. We also offered that service on our webcast system which I hope was of service to those who couldn't travel outside their homes. We have sixty staff on our books all of whom were put on protective notice. The cathedral relies heavily on visitor income without which we are unable to meet our many financial commitments. March is the beginning of the tourist season and with no visitors in the cathedral our entire finances suffered a major blow. The priority however was and continues to be the welfare of our staff. To this end we have employed many measures to contain the spread of the virus and to protect all concerned. We are committed to celebrating the Easter Triduum which will begin with the Chrism Eucharist on the morning of Maundy Thursday, 9 April at 11am. All are welcome to that service. On Maundy Thursday evening we will celebrate the Eucharist of the Last Supper at 6pm with the stripping of the altars. On Good Friday, 10 April we will celebrate the liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3pm. On Easter Eve, Saturday 11 April at 9 pm we will celebrate the Easter Vigil. On Easter Sunday we will celebrate the Eucharist at 11am and Choral Evensong at 3.30pm. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the cathedral staff who have given of their best over the past while and who have borne the brunt of the cutbacks during a very trying time.

Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week Pilgrimage in movement and music

Monday, 6 April, 7:00 pm

This unique experience balances music, silence, movement through the space, and experiential prayer. Followed by a bring-and-share supper in the cathedral crypt. Bring along something to share as we break bread together in preparation for the celebration of Easter. Email the Dean's Vicar on: abigail@christchurch.ie for information.



The cathedral set for Sunday morning Eucharist on 15 March, with seating arranged to comply with guidance regarding 'social distancing'.

Chrism Eucharist and Renewal of Ordination Vows

Thursday, 9 April, 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

Thursday, 9 April, 6:00 pm

Reflections at the Cross

Friday, 10 April, 12:00 noon

A simple service of bible readings, prayers and silence, spending an hour at the foot of the cross.

Good Friday Liturgy

Friday, 10 April, 3:00 pm

Choral music, bible readings and prayers shape this devotional service recalling the Lord's Passion.

Easter Vigil

Saturday, 11 April, 9:00 pm

Beginning in the cathedral crypt, and moving later to the grounds for the lighting of the Paschal fire, this service dramatically presents the story of God's work of salvation through symbolism, music and readings.

Easter Day

Sunday, 12 April

Festal Eucharist, 11:00 am

Festal Choral Evensong, 3:30 pm

Please check our website for updates in regards to service schedules, as further modifications may be required as the situation of Covid-19 continues to evolve.

Preachers and Canons-in-Residence

5 April Palm Sunday, No sermon

12 April The Archbishop

19 April The Dean

26 April The Archdeacon of Glendalough

Services: Monday – Friday

10.00 Said Morning Prayer

12.00 Peace Prayers

12.45 Said Eucharist

Monday – Saturday

17.00 Evening Prayer or 18.00 Choral evensong (Normally Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, during choir term)

Sunday

11.00 Sung Eucharist

15.30 Choral Evensong (during choir term) or Said Evening Prayer (outside of choir term)

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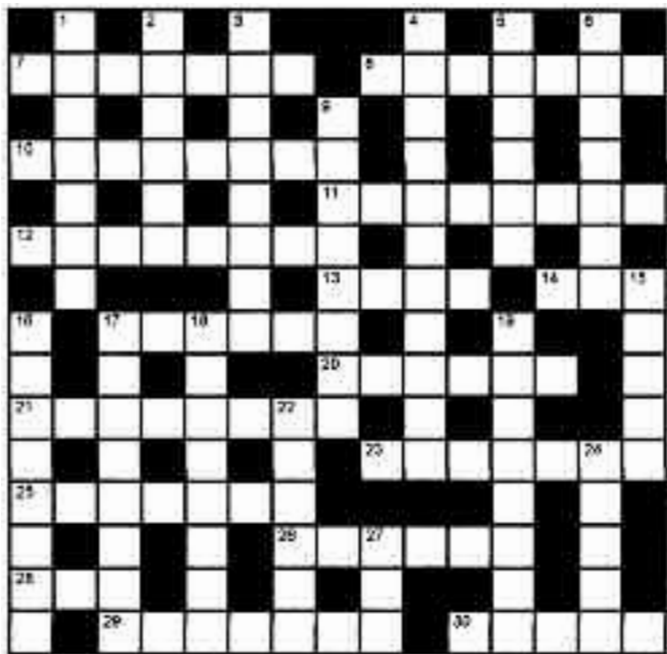
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The Editor's Crossword Competition

April Bible Crossword compiled by Randal Henly



Entries to the Editor by 12.00 noon on Wednesday 15th April 2020. No photocopies. The first correct answer drawn will receive a cheque for €25.

NAME _____

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Clues Across

1. A first old book! (7)
8. A first new book! (7)
10. *Be fruitful and and replenish the Earth* (8)
11. He was twice governor of Syria; Luke reports him (8)
12. Biblical town on Israel's coast, half way between Tel Aviv and Haifa (8)
13. God created it on the fourth day (4)
14. Parable: *It is easier for a camel to go through the ... of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God* (3)
17. He was a priest of Midian, and gave his daughter Zipporah in marriage to Moses (6)
20. Religious or solemn ceremony performed according to a prescribed order (6)
21. Sicilian port visited by Paul (8)
23. Quakers, or the Religious Society of (7)
25. The angel that had a name (7)
26. Whence came the Wise Men (6)
28. The Old Testament ruler strangely found in Hiram and Sapphira! (3)
29. A puzzle, as Paul so reported to the Corinthians: *Behold, I shew you a; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,* (7)
30. Devotional religious paintings used in the Byzantine and other Eastern churches (5)

Clues Down

1. Abraham's wife (7)
2. He was the successor of Felix, as Roman governor of Acts 24 tells all (6)
3. The wife of Moses (8)
4. Our Father (5,6)
5. City visited by Paul on his second missionary journey (6)
6. The mythological Roman god, herald and messenger of the gods, strangely found in the sky (7)
9. The type of tree allegedly climbed by Zacchaeus, so that he could see Jesus (8)
15. As which Elijah is referred in the New Testament (5)
16. Distinguishing badge or emblem of an office or organisation (8)
17. He was the first king of Northern Israel, an enemy of Solomon and an advocate of Pagan ways. It's all in I Kings (8)
18. He was an Asiatic Christian who accompanied Paul on his journey from Macedonia to Jerusalem (8)
19. Displaying great grandeur, dignity or loftiness, as in the hymn: *God, how is your name* (8)
22. She was the daughter of Herodias and Herod II, and was renowned for dancing (6)
24. A national deity of the ancient Philistines, represented as a fish-tailed man; it's not Gonad though (5)
27. It complements holly in the Christmas carol (3)



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NEW CD

The Cathedral Choir recently de-camped to the church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel to record an Advent CD, as the roof replacement works left the Cathedral unavailable for recording after hours. So our near and dear neighbours the Carmelite Fathers offered us use of their church, whose fine acoustic and equally fine organ made this an especially attractive offer. Our two institutions enjoy a close relationship, and we're very grateful to Prior Fr Simon Nolan, O. Carm., and his confrères, for their kindness and generosity.



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MUSIC AT SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

HIGHLIGHTS 2020

Friday 12 June at 6:15pm CHORAL FOUNDATION CONCERT

Join us for our annual summer concert packed full of great music sung by the Cathedral Choir. Admission free with a retiring collection in aid of the Choir Tour Fund.

Saturday 4 July at 6.15pm THE WONDROUS MACHINE at the movies

This year's Independence Day concert given by organists of Saint Patrick's takes us back to a little 1980's movies nostalgia. Admission free

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AT SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

We are currently seeking 12 choristers for the next season aged 7 to 12 years old. You will receive a stipend to purchase school uniforms, a weekly allowance of €40, and a collection of CDs. The Cathedral Choir is a wonderful experience for young people and we would love to hear from you. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact the Cathedral Administrator, Gavan Woods, on 453 9472 or email info@stppatrickscathedral.ie. We will be happy to discuss the details with you.

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with a retiring collection in aid of STEWARDS CARE. (Promoting meaningful and fulfilling lives for people with intellectual disabilities). <https://www.stewartscare.ie/>

Saturday 31 October at 6.15pm THE WONDROUS MACHINE after Dark

This year's ever popular All Hallows' Eve concert includes Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Saint-Saens' Danse Macarabe and Dukas' Sorcerer's Apprentice. Admission Free with a retiring collection in aid of the IRISH CANCER SOCIETY.

Friday 18 December at 7.30pm HANDEL by CANDLE

Following its success last Christmas, the Cathedral Choir will be giving another performance of part one of Handel's Messiah (alongside other seasonal offerings) in aid of the Cathedral Roof. Tickets €30-€50 available shortly from www.stpatrickscathedral.ie

Sponsor a chorister

A donation of €50, or whatever you can afford, will contribute towards the cost of sending the Cathedral Girl Choristers and Scholars on their respective tours this year. These tours are a fabulous experience for the Choristers but can happen only with your support, so please give generously.

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April 12 – The Very Revd W.W. Morton, Dean and Ordinary

April 19 – The Revd B. M. McKay, Prebendary of Clondalkin

April 26 – The Very Revd C. McMullen, Prebendary of Finglas

SERVICES: Sunday

09.15 The Holy Eucharist (said in the Lady Chapel)

11.15 Sung Eucharist / Choral Matins

15.15 Choral Evensong

Monday to Friday

11.05 The Holy Eucharist (said in the Lady Chapel on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saints' Days and Festivals)

17.30 Choral Evensong (except Wednesdays)

Saturday

11.05 The Holy Eucharist (said in the Lady Chapel)

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Please note that all events, including church services, are subject to directives from the HSE and the Archbishop of Dublin, at this time. Like so many others, we continue to pray for all those affected in any way by the corona virus Covid-19.

Founder's Day

Founder's Day for the Scout Movement is 22nd February which is the birthday of the founder of Scouting, Lord Robert Baden-Powell. On the Sunday nearest Founder's Day many parish scout groups hold special service or mass. We celebrated Founder's Day for 25th Dublin (Mount Merrion) Scout Group with a special service at our united family service on the fourth Sunday of the month in St Thomas' Church. Members of 25th Dublin, read, prayed and gave thanks for all that they share in scouting, as well as sharing with the congregation some of the activities that they have done over the last year and that they wanted to give thanks for. The members of each section renewed their promise.

St Thomas' Summer Fête

St Thomas' Summer Fête will be on Saturday 23rd 2020, 12.00 – 15.00 hours. All the usual stalls will be there, Cakes, Toys, Ice Cream, BBQ, Bric-a-brac, Books and Media, Bottles, Plants, and a 'Second Outing' Stall... and we will be serving lunches, as well as tea/coffee and goodies! We are currently doing some essential work on our parish hall to make it compliant with fire regulations - the Summer Fête is our major fundraiser for this, so your support and generosity is much needed.

Boosterstown National School Art Exhibition

On Sunday 8th March 2020, after the services, the pupils of Boosterstown National School held an Art Exhibition in St Philip and St James' Parish Hall. We were delighted to welcome the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Josepha Madigan, to the exhibition. As well as enjoying the wonderful art, there was tea/coffee and lots of lovely baked goodies to enjoy. Thank you to the PTA, particularly Aileen O'Donoghue for organising this event, which was a fundraiser for the Trim Trail that we are hoping to install in the school playground.



The Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Josepha Madigan, at Boosterstown National School's Art Exhibition, with (left to right), School Principal Rachel Fraser, the Rev Canon Gillian.

Sausage Service

Please note that as the Second day of the month in April falls on Easter Day, there will be no Sausage Service in April. The final Sausage Service before the summer break will be on Sunday 10th May 2020 in St Philip and St James' Church at 18.30.

Easter General Vestry Meetings

The Easter General Vestry Meeting for Booterstown and Carysfort Parish will take place in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of the Parish Centre on Thursday 2nd April 2020 at 20.00 hours, and the Easter General Vestry Meeting for Mount Merrion Parish will take place in The Monk Gibbon Hall on Monday 27th April 2020 at 20.00 hours,

Blessing of the Animals

This year the service of Blessing of the Animals will take place at the United Family Service in St Philip and St James' on Sunday 24th May 2020 at 10.30.

Lenten Focus

This year our Lenten focus has been Time Out, Tune In which has taken place each Wednesday evening in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre. We have used a variety of contemplative and meditative ways to be still, to listen and to be in God's presence.

Rural Deaneries Meeting

The clergy of the Rural Deaneries of Monkstown North and Monkstown South met in Booterstown Rectory on Shrove Tuesday for pancakes and chocolate sauce! All items being used up before Lent!

Christian Meditation

The Christian Meditation Group continues to meet in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre on a Tuesday afternoon, 15.30-16.10 hours. Beginners welcome. Contact Irene on 087-2755423.

Holy Week and Easter

Monday 6th April 2020 – 20.00 in St Thomas' Church Mount Merrion
Tuesday 7th April 2020 – 20.00 in St Philip and St James' Church Booterstown

Wednesday 8th April 2020 – 10.30 in St Thomas' Church Mount Merrion and 20.00 in St Thomas' Church Mount Merrion

Thursday 9th April 2020 (Maundy Thursday) – 20.00 The Passover with Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church Booterstown.

Friday 10th April 2020 (Good Friday) – 14.00-15.00 hours, An Hour's Reflection on the Cross in St Thomas' Church, and at 19.30, Prayers at the Cross with our neighbours from St Andrew's and the Church of the Assumption in St Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Mount Merrion Avenue.

Easter Day

6.00 (To be confirmed) Sunrise Service on Sandymount Strand.

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church Booterstown

10.00 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church Mount Merrion

11.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church Booterstown

Congratulations to

The Right Rev. John McDowell, currently Bishop of Clogher, on his election as Archbishop of Armagh. His translation takes effect from Tuesday 28th April 2020.

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From the Rectory: 'Sharing is Caring'

What started as a quirky Valentine's Day gift may all too soon become a necessary tool for survival. Avril and I had a good giggle about heart-embossed toilet roll a month ago, never realising what an essential and valuable gift she was giving me. The current run on toilet rolls, and other basic survival items would be hilarious were it not so serious. It is said that everyone grieves in their own particular way, well it is certainly true that most of us panic in a communal way. It began with some joined-up thinking; as the first microscopic molecules of

Covid_19 were making their merry way towards Europe, someone realised that much of the world's supply of toilet paper originated in China. This has prompted remarkable scenes across the world, where once civilised and reasonably well-mannered individuals end up fighting among the emptying aisles of supermarkets for the last available stocks of hand gel, wipes, bars of soap and yes, toilet rolls! Where snowstorms send us rushing to snap up the pans of bread, the looming threat of isolation sends us scuppering for that which we once took for granted.

The key to this behaviour is fear, but also a deeper unease. The uncertainty of how long this crisis might last has helped us realise that packs of white pan will not see us through, sales of bread making books have gone through the roof as people prepare for the long haul. If we are going to be isolated, we are going to be prepared and well-stocked with the essentials.

However, that fear of isolation has resurrected another old favourite of the Irish psyche – individualisation. A number of people have rightly pointed out that if you buy up all the soap and hand gels, you leave all the people who might have the dreaded virus without the basic essentials that might stop them sharing the virus with you. More seriously is the mass buying of face masks rapidly reducing the stocks available to those who actually need them, those with the virus and medical professionals (remember, the masks are useless in protecting you from Covid 19 – they are much more effective on the faces of those who have already contracted the virus, in stopping them from spreading the molecules when coughing or sneezing. Our panic and our individualistic self-centredness are actually increasing the risk of more people getting sick. We are rapidly losing our ability to be community, to look to the needs of others before our own.

There is a video emerging on social media that I haven't yet had the courage to share. It is a mini-movie of a group of people waiting in the morning rain at a pedestrian crossing. All of the people are wearing face masks, and one of the men is coughing quite heavily. He clears his throat and removes the mask to spit the phlegm onto the ground in front of him, which happens to be covered in water. As he replaces the mask, a passing car hits the water and sprays every single one of them from head to toe. It is important to make every effort to prevent the spread of this and every virus and vomiting bug that we encounter but it is critical that we don't lose sight of the value and vulnerability of others; nor the importance of caring and sharing for everyone: It's called Love and it literally keeps the world going around no matter what hits us.

Shalom,

Baden

Israel Trip 2021

The Rector and Rev. William Bennett are planning a trip to the Holy Land in April 2021. At this stage we are gauging interest and would appreciate expressions of interest from anyone who would consider joining us. A 10-day trip will cost approximately €2,000 per person. If interested, please contact Baden. Expressions of interest do not commit you to going nor guarantee you a place.

Dates for your Diary April

Sunday 5th April, Palm Sunday	8.30am Holy Communion 1 11am Holy Communion 2
Wednesday 8th April	8pm Evening Prayer
Maundy Thursday 9th April	8pm Holy Communion and Tenebrae
Good Friday 10th April	10am Bray Head Way of the Cross 3pm Vigil (Shared with Holy Redeemer Church)
Easter Sunday 12th April	8pm A Service of the Passion 6am Bray Churches Together Easter Sunrise Service 8.30am Holy Communion 1 11am Family Holy Communion
Sunday 19th April	8.30am Holy Communion 2 11am Morning Prayer
Sunday 26th April	8.30am Holy Communion 2 11am Family Service
Wednesday 29th April	10.30am Recycled Teenagers

Save the Date

Saturday 6th June	Garden Fete
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CASTLEKNOCK AND MULHUDDART WITH CLONSILLA

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Sunday Services in April

Castleknock: 8.30am, 11.30am. Clonsilla: 10am.

Mulhuddart: Night Prayer (3rd Sunday) 7pm.

Wednesdays

Castleknock Parish Centre: 10.30a.m. HC followed by coffee.

Dear Parishioners

I write to you at a time of great anxiety in our country, with the Corona Virus. Schools and colleges have just been closed, and we have to cancel any mass gatherings for over 100 people.

I hope we will be able to carry on our worship over the next weeks. We will keep our congregation at 100, and people can make their own choices as to whether they come to church.

We have 3 churches, so we can spread people over the parish.

Holy Week and Easter is approaching. I have invited Canon Charles Mullen, Dean's Vicar of St. Patrick's Cathedral, to preach during Holy Week, he is taking as his theme Prayer.

Easter tide is the season of hope, that is surely what we need at this time of worry and anxiety. The resurrection of Jesus Christ showed the power of God even over death.

We extend our sympathy to families who have suffered bereavement due to this virus, and all suffers. Also, we remember all those scientists working to produce a vaccine. All those caring for the sick.

We remember too that 'nothing is able to separate us from the love of God'.

With very best wishes,

Canon Paul.

Services in April: For Lent, Holy Week & Easter

1st April

10.30am Holy Communion, Castleknock Parish Centre.

5th April – Palm Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion, St. Brigid's.

10.00am Holy Communion & Sunday Club, St. Mary's.

11.30am Holy Communion & Sunday Club, St. Brigid's

Holy Week Services

Monday to Thursday: 7.30am Holy Communion, St. Brigid's

Good Friday, 7.30am Anti Communion Service, St. Brigid's

Monday 6th: 8.00pm Evening Prayer, St. Brigid's

Tuesday 7th 8.00pm Evening Prayer, St. Mary's

Wednesday 8th 10.30am Holy Communion, Castleknock Parish Centre.

8.00pm Youth Service, St. Brigid's

Maundy Thursday 9th 8pm Holy Communion, St. Mary's

Good Friday 10th: Procession of the Cross from Laurel Lodge beginning at 10am to Our Lady Mother of the Church, then to St. Brigid's Castleknock.

2pm An hour before the Cross Service, St. Mary's

Easter Saturday 5pm Easter Egg Hunt followed at 6pm by the Easter Vigil, St. Thomas' Mulhuddart

12th April – Easter Day

8.30am Holy Communion, St. Brigid's.

10.00am Family Holy Communion, St. Mary's.

11.30am Family Holy Communion, St. Brigid's

15th April

10.30am Holy Communion, Castleknock Parish Centre.

19th April – Easter 2

8.30am Holy Communion, St. Brigid's.

10.00am Holy Communion, St. Mary's

11.30am Holy Communion, St. Brigid's

Mothers' Union

We enjoyed the Diocesan Breakfast Meeting on Sat 29th Feb., which was a lovely sociable gathering. At our March meeting Ena Norris spoke about homelessness, from the prospective of women and she was a very informative speaker. On Thursday 5th March we were pleased to meet and socialise with members from Down and Dromore who came to Christchurch Cathedral for the monthly MU Communion.

Now spring is in the air and thousands of daffodils are in bloom in Dublin 15 bringing joy to our hearts as we travel around the area. We are reminded that Easter is approaching with resurrection hope and new life after the darkness of Good Friday. Our members will take part in the Holy Week Service on Monday 6th April.

On 20th April (please note change of date) we will be Dining Out in the Anglers Rest and look forward to sharing food and friendship together, both equally important.

We pray for our members and friends who are housebound and have been in hospital. Praying also we may all stay well in the days ahead.

Anne

General Easter Vestry, Clonsilla

This will be held on Sunday 26th April at 10.00am, in St. Mary's. The meeting and election will take place after the Holy Communion service in the Parish Centre.



Castleknock National School

Castleknock National School, which was founded in 1720, is celebrating a unique anniversary this year as it 300 years old. Plans are afoot to welcome President D Higgins in May. We welcome any historical information on the school and if you are a past pupil and would like to take part in recording 'Memories of CNS' please contact the office on 01-8202611. We have a new banner to celebrate 300 years on the school gates.

From the Registers – Holy Baptism

23rd February: Justin Eric George Ellis, St. Brigid's
8th March: Odhran William Treacy, St. Brigid's.
Our best wishes go to the Parents and Godparents.
"Let the children come to me"

CLONDALKIN & RATHCOOLE

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Assistant Priest: Rev Martin O'Connor

Readers: Mrs Sylvia Armstrong, and Mrs Barbara O'Callaghan.

Services: Sunday – St John's 11.15 am; Rathcoole 10 am

Wednesday – St John's 11 am. Holy Communion

Women's World Day of Prayer

On Friday 6th December women (and 2 men) came together in the Church of the Immaculate Conception to celebrate this year's Women's World Day of Prayer. This year's service had been designed by the women of Zimbabwe and was entitled "take up your mat and walk" Each year women from both the Immaculate Conception and St John Churches come together in late January each week to prepare the service. Readings are discussed and assigned, hymns are learned, and various props obtained.

On the day the service was slightly delayed due to a funeral service We were joined, as in previous years, by girls from Colaiste Bride who took part in the service. The congregation of 50 joined in the responses and hymns. Refreshments were provided in the Parish Centre afterwards. Talk during that was about next years' service which will be held in St John's

Due to a clash of events the Rathcoole Service was not held until Friday 13th March in Rathcoole Parish Church. Books had been handed out and readings assigned. Things had all changed due to the corona virus. The decision was made that the service would go ahead using the church's guidelines. A small congregation representing women from St John's and the Church of the Holy Spirit (and two men) joined in this well thought out act of worship.

Our thanks go to the the ladies of Zimbabwe for the service, the Irish Committee for their choice of hymns (very singable), and to Barbara, Claire, Sylvia and Charlotte, and Peter (who provided the music at both services).

It is a great pity that these services are not not better attended, particularly by men. Next year's services will be held on Friday 5th March in St John's (Clondalkin) and the Church of the Holy Family (Rathcoole). Put the dates in your diaries.

Notice

Due to the Corona virus pandemic a decision was made on Sunday 15th March 2020 to close the churches in the Parish until further notice. This takes in consideration the age profile of our Congregation and Government guidelines. This will be kept under constant review and Parishioners will be notified immediately should the situation change in the coming weeks.

And finally

A small boy visiting his Granny found the Bible Bible and looked through it. While doing so something fell out and picked it up, finding that it was an old leaf which had been pressed between the pages. "Look what I found" he told his Granny "What is it" she asked "I think that it is Adam's underwear" was the reply.

A church was in a bad need of a coat of paint. To save money the Rector decided to do the job himself. He had one tin of paint and decided to water it down so that he would have enough to cover the church. He spent all of the day painting and just had enough to complete the job.

That night it rained heavily, and all the paint was washed off. In his anguish he asked God "Why did you let it rain and wash away all my hard work?"

God thundered back "Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more"

A teacher asked her class to draw something in class and as she walked around, she noticed one child drawing very hard. "What are you drawing?" she asked "God" was the reply. "But nobody know what God looks like" Without stopping the girl replied "They will in a minute"

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Holy Baptism

We were delighted to baptise little Ben Walshe on 8 March – first child of Emma and Bryan Walshe who were married in our church a few years ago. We keep this little family in our prayers.

Parish Breakfast

On Sunday 23 February around 60 parishioners enjoyed a wonderful breakfast together in the Parish Centre cooked by Jill O'Neill, ably



The parish breakfast.

assisted by her hubby John and a team of helpers from the Needs Group. This annual event is always a wonderful occasion and it brings together the 8.30 and 10.30 worshippers of all ages, one of its many delights. Many thanks to all who made it happen (and cleared up after it!)

Postponements due to COVID-19

Unfortunately, like the rest of the world many of our planned events had to be postponed indefinitely due to the spread of the coronavirus. In due course we hope to reschedule the Theatre Royal Remembered show in aid of St. Francis Hospice, and the parish Retreat in Mount St. Joseph's Abbey, Roscrea. The Pilgrimage to the Holy Land being planned by the Diocesan Council for Mission and announced in last month's Review has been postponed til 2021.

All worship services including our Holy Week/Easter ceremonies are dependent on being able to adhere to all the current or future governmental health and safety guidelines. We continue to pray for all those affected by this pandemic in any way and offer practical help and support where possible. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" Psalm 46:1

Provisional Holy Week/Easter Services Times

Maundy Thursday 8pm
Good Friday 3pm
Easter Sunday 8.30 & 10.30

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I am Morning Praise

Dear Friends

As I write these notes we are in the middle of the Corvid19 epidemic. Fear has gripped the country. My mind thinks of the disciples in John 6 when they were in the boat and a great storm arose. My personal belief is that the fear they faced was not the storm, (as these guys were mostly experienced fishermen) but if you read Matthews

account of the same story, when they see someone walking on water they thought it was a ghost. It was the fear of the unknown that gripped them. That is the fear gripping us today, the fear of the unknown.

But remember God's promise to Joshua, 'Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your GOD WILL BE WITH YOU wherever you go.' Joshua 1:9

And that's OUR promise as well. God has promised us "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

That's the Jesus we believe in. The Jesus who can heal the sick, raise the dead, feed 1000s with a little bit of nothing. The Jesus who can walk on water. But more than that. He's the Jesus who not only has such great power... but has such great love for us, that we need to fear NOTHING.

It's little wonder, that after Jesus stepped into the boat with His disciples, Matthew 14:33 tells us: "... those in the boat worshiped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'"

Every blessing,

Trevor

Church Life

Our love and prayers are with David Mathews at this time, as he grieves the death of beloved wife Edna on Friday 6 March. May David know such comfort, peace and his Father's loving embrace, safe in the knowledge Edna has gone to be with her Saviour whom she loved so much.

Over the next couple of weeks, three couples in our church family are preparing for their weddings. Our prayers are with Sarah & Karl, Peter & Agata and David & Rachel. We wish each of these couples every blessing and happiness as they make plans for their future.

Crinken Youth

We're just back from our Youth Weekend away! We had a terrific time with lots of games, food, sports and becoming better friends with each other. Together we looked at 2 Samuel and the amazing promises and grace of God shown to David and available for us all. It rained and rained all weekend so we got creative and came up with 6 team challenges; our most popular one: eat a watermelon as fast as possible!

On Saturday 7th March we had Torrential, which is a gathering of many different church youth groups. It's so encouraging to see over 150 teens and their youth leaders gather together. The talk was about 'Sharing your faith', how the love of God is such good news to share. But it's so hard to! How can we say anything? By looking at Joshua 1: 7-9 we saw that God tells us to be courageous, to trust him, be filled with God's Word. Then as we personally know him, his character it'll overflow out of us when our lives are full of him. We had lots of games and food and a great chance to catch up with friends who are in different youth groups. Looking forward to the next one!

Crinken Kids on Sunday

Our church kids took on the challenge of reading the Gospel of Mark for Lent using Chris Morphew's book 'Best News Ever'. Some of our Crinken Kids attended the Core Camp in Drewstown House where they had great craic with other Christian kids learning about God in such a fun way!

Crinken Kids on Tuesday

Our Club Kids created Lent Prayer Challenge journals - the challenge was to write to God every day. Every week, we enjoy our usual mad games, prayer circle time and the odd crazy moment when a kid gets to 'Pie the Leader'!! We also learnt how to use sign language to say the Lord's Prayer which we hope to teach their parents shortly :)

CRUMLIN AND CHAPELIZOD

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Rarely has the two letters, DV, had so much poignancy as at this time and as I write these notes. 'Deo volente', latin words meaning 'God Willing', are often shortened to DV and would be often included in Church announcements in olden days. Days when the reality that life is

truly uncertain was more of daily reality than it has been in my lifetime. Up until now, that is.

It really is one day at a time, Lord, as we face into these tough days. The passage that has been in my head and heart in these days has been St Paul's words of encouragement formed in his experience of prison:

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:4-9)

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

Pancake Tuesday

Netta Edgerton raised over €1,600 for the work of the RCBI in St Agnes' Parish Centre. It was a great celebration, especially since Netta had decided that this was the last year of the event. In honour of this, Netta was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award from NCBI, the first ever present.

The St Laurence's Coffee Morning, like so many events, was postponed due to virus concerns.



Netta Edgerton being presented with her NCBI Lifetime achievement award by a representative of the NCBI and accompanied by Fr Tom from St Agnes Parish.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES (DV)

PALM SUNDAY: 5th April

Usual service times.

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

8pm: Compline with Chapelizod Community Choir

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

10.30 am St Mary's, Holy Communion.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

8pm St Laurence's, Holy Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY

10.30am St Laurence's
Service of readings and music for Good Friday.
8pm St Mary's, Tenebrae.

EASTER DAY:

10am St Mary's, Holy Communion for Easter.
11.30am St Laurence's, Holy Communion for Easter.

SUNDAY 19th APRIL

Morning Prayer in both Churches

Regular events will be cancelled until such time as the restrictions are lifted.

Every Wednesday, 10.30am: mid-week service

St Mary's Bowls

St Mary's Whist

Keep in touch

Keep an eye on the parish Facebook pages for up to date information and news: St Mary's Church Crumlin and St Laurence's Church Chapelizod. If you would like to be part of our regular email, text or Whatapp messaging services, please contact the Rector.

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Sunday Services for April

6th April	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
12th April	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
19th April	9am Eucharist	10.15am Eucharist
26th April	9am Eucharist	10.15am Morning Prayer

Midweek

Every Thursday 10.30am Eucharist

Our Lady's Manor

The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on the 14th and the 28th of the month. An updated leaflet entitled 'Pastoral Care Information for Residents & Their Families' is now available from the Parish office or from reception in the Manor. The leaflet gives details of service times, some prayers for personal use and contact details for the chaplain.

Craft Group

If you would like to drop in for a chat, or if you would like to try your hand at a craft, then you will find us in the gallery room of the Northover Hall any Tuesday afternoon from 3pm. The chat and the cup of tea is always good.

Select Vestry and AGM

There will be a church AGM and meeting of the Select Vestry after service on 26th April.

St Patrick's Dalkey Annual Table Quiz (S.P.D.A.T.Q.) 12

"The promotional literature for SPDATQ 12 bore the tagline "SUFFER NOW AND LIVE THE REST OF YOUR LIFE AS A CHAMPION", a quote from Muhammad Ali. And by 8pm on Friday 21 February the Northover Hall was as full as Croke Park on that summer night in 1972 when Ali took on Al 'Blue' Lewis. Not a seat to be had, notwithstanding the loan of tables and chairs from St. Paul's, St.



The winners this year: Vandra and her mob.

Matthias' and Cuala in expectation for another SPDATQ full-house." – Quizmaster, Gary Jermy

A big thank you to Gary, our legendary Quizmaster, the judges, the organizers, the volunteers and everyone who supported the SPDATQ 12. We had a fun night and also raised funds for the church.

St Patrick's Annual Summer Fete

The Fete this year is scheduled for Saturday 9th May, with festivities due to begin at 10am. Please remember to tell your friends about the Fête, encourage them to come along and to bring new faces, both young and old, to our fun packed family day. If you would like to help, you'd be most welcome, just give the parish office a ring and leave your name and number.

DONNYBROOK AND IRISHTOWN

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Just two days before the start of Lent, something happened which made me think about a word which we both over-use and misunderstand: community. It's one which has enormous power for us Christians.

Jane Hixon was a Church of Ireland parishioner in Irishtown; after her marriage to William Cummins they were blessed with eight children. William passed away at only 45 years of age, and Jane (Jinny) raised her family in this close-knit community. Twelve years ago, Jinny moved to Kiltipper Woods Care Centre, cared for by the chaplain, Canon William Deverell. In the reality of the time, all their children had been baptised Roman Catholic. Nevertheless her wish was that her funeral would be in St. Matthew's, and so, on Monday 25th February it took place.

The outstanding aspect of this was the attendance at this celebration of her life. In a full congregation of Christians from the area and from the extended family, I and Jinny were the only members of the Church of Ireland. It (again) taught me the importance of community, and the reverence for Jinny's memory of everyone who attended on that cold day. Togetherness is to be cherished, worked for and defended. Those who are joined together by our Christian faith should always outweigh any rules, ordinances and prohibitions. That's what Jinny Cummins taught me as we said goodbye to her. May she rest in peace. May she rise in glory.

Rev John Marchant

Funeral Service of Edith (Edie) Willoughby

On Wednesday 15th January, a thanksgiving service was held in St. Matthew's Church to celebrate the life of Edie Willoughby. In Rev. Marchant's absence, Canon Adrian Empey kindly took the service. Edie was a member of St. Matthew's Church for over 20 years. In her later years Edie was cared for in the wonderful surroundings of Brabazon House alongside many other St. Matthew's Parishioners. During the service, Edie's family expressed their heartfelt thanks for the loving care shown by Susan and the staff of Brabazon House.

Edie was the loving wife and much loved best friend of the late Bill. She was the wonderful and inspiring Mum to Olga, Trevor and Avril (Pope). She was also the devoted Granny to her six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She will be sadly missed by her brother George, her sisters-in-law, her extended family and her many friends in Brabazon. We in St. Matthew's Parish extend our sympathies to Edie's family. May she rest in peace.

Services for Holy Week – 7pm in St. Matthew's Church, Irishtown

Monday 6th April – Compline
Tuesday 7th April – A Late Evening Office
Wednesday 8th April – Evening Prayer Rite I
Thursday 9th April – The Last Supper
Friday 10th April – Good Friday Liturgy

Sunday 12th April – Easter Day

St. Mary's 10am – Holy Communion
St. Matthew's 11.30am – Holy Communion

THE FRIENDSHIP HOUR

"Prayer and its Ministry" was the topic addressed by Mrs. Avril Gillatt, our Parish Reader, at St. Matthew's Church on Monday 3rd February. Avril based her talk on Ecclesiastes 3 v. 1-8, "A time for everything", this book helps us discover the true purpose of life, saving us from the emptiness of a life without God. True satisfaction comes from knowing what we are doing is part of God's purpose for our lives, in God's perfect timing.

Avril shared a very significant event in her life on a River Cruise in USA visiting the Elvis Presley Centre where his theme song was played "How Great Thou art". She spoke from personal experience of times of grieving and also of remarkable healing in her family; she mentioned building relationships and especially of value of the Churches Ministry of Healing. Her concluding remarks were 'Be thankful for all that God has given you!', a grateful spirit is a characteristic of a Christian. Avril, our close attention showed our appreciation, thank you for your TIME with us, seeds sown that will sprout!

F.H

DRUMCONDRA, NORTH STRAND AND ST. BARNABAS

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North Strand 11:30 Sunday and 10:30 Wednesday

Covid-19/Coronavirus

At the time of writing advice on the global pandemic and how it is impacting our country, city and parish is developing rapidly. It is clear from attendance at church services in our parish on Sunday 15th March that people are concerned and are choosing to isolate themselves from groups and gatherings.

Decisions on church services are being taken on a week by week basis and up to date information about those decision will be publicised on the parish Facebook page and spread around our parish community by telephone calls and emails.

Many of us are rightly concerned about our families, friends, other congregation members and ourselves, and making decision about right courses of action can be difficult. If you are feeling anxious in any way, please give the rector a call to talk or drop him an email. Please do not be anxious on your own. The rector is also asking parishioners to pray daily for all in our country who are working on the frontline with those already affected by Coronavirus.

Boys' Brigade

All BB Activities have been suspended until further notice. Things like our ZIPIT adventure activity, marching competitions, displays, and even our ordinary meeting nights are just not happening now.

While it could be said that things like competitions & displays can be run at a later date, this is not in fact a practical proposition, and it looks like the Session 2019/2020 will go down in 7th Company and wider BB



Clean hands at the 7th Company.



Winners at the 'Bangers and Darts' night.

history as one of massive disruption, combined with strong measures to keep all our members and their families safe.

As it happened, shortly before the shut-down, we had a "hand hygiene" activity. This involved "Glitter Germs", in which the boys found out how important washing hands properly is, and just how quickly germs – and particularly the current COVID-19 virus can spread. At the end of the exercise we took a group photo of all our pristinely clean hands (while they were still clean!). See photo.

Our last major activity before the shut-down was our "Bangers & Darts" Family Fun Night on 7th March. This was a great success, with over 80 people there, from toddlers to grandparents, and our thanks to all who supported it in any way. Our photo of the winners, (father & son team of Stephen & Cian Jones) shows them being congratulated by the Company Captain, Stephen Vincent, using the "Elbow Shake", mindful of the Coronavirus!

Mothers Day

What a great idea from our Sunday Club this month. In preparation for our Family Service on Mothering Sunday, they made up little gifts for all ladies in our congregations. These were little decorated envelopes with wild flower seeds inside. They are certainly going to keep us smiling in the months ahead as they grow, bud and flower.



Mothering Sunday gifts made by our Sunday Club.

DUN LAOGHAIRE

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5th April – Palm Sunday

9.00 Eucharist; 10:30 Holy Communion 1, followed by Easter-egg-hunt and coffee morning in the Rectory and grounds

12th April – Easter Day

9:00 Eucharist; 10:30 Morning Prayer

19th April

9.00 Eucharist; 10:30 Holy Communion 2

26th April

9:00 Eucharist; 10:30 Family Service

Thursdays

11:30 Holy Communion One

When you read this, you will know more...

...about the situation here in Ireland than I when this is written.

I am sitting at my desk, on 14th March, having made the brave but very difficult decision to cancel all Church Services until the end of March, not knowing what the situation will be in our country and willing to reconsider when new information and guidance is available. Keeping parishioners safe as well as ministering to them is my priority. The long phonecalls are very rewarding and make up for a lot of the visiting not possible at this time.

It is my intention to write an encouraging message to parishioners every day that we are not having services, as we must remain a Church, though our worship is different from what we are used to. Social distance and isolation are difficult for many, but we must keep faith and hope for a better time when this will be over. The experience will change us, we will not take everyday things for granted and we may need to learn to hug and shake hands again – all in good time.

Remember that God loves you and please take time to listen to his answers to our prayers. We are his children and he will watch over us. When we see the proof of His existence in the wonders of creation, as the vegetation comes alive and each wee flower blossoms, we know He is reminding us of His almighty and all loving existence. For that we will be grateful.

Please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Was an absolute success! Thanks to Stella and the whole gang for a well prepared Service in DEC.

Easter General Vestry

Was postponed and we will see how things go.

Palm Sunday Easter-egg-hunt and Coffee morning

It is our intention to have our annual Easter-egg-hunt in the Rectory garden, weather permitting and a Coffee morning in the Rectory after the 10:30 Service on Palm Sunday, but it may not be up to us, so please watch out for guidance.

Holy week 2020

During Holy week, we walk the road with Christ and his followers towards the end and the beginning.

If church services are back to normal, this will be our schedule:

*Palm Sunday Services at 9 and 10:30. After the latter Service we will have an Easter-egg-hunt in the Rectory garden and a Coffee morning in the Rectory. *7:30 Early morning Eucharist will be here in Christ Church on Monday to Thursday mornings.

*On Tuesday at 12 noon we are hosting an Ecumenical Service with our friends in Dun Laoghaire area and further afield.

*On Good Friday we also have our Service here at 2 p.m.

As before, we will celebrate Holy Week with our sisters and brothers in the Cluster. Our evening Services will be travelling from one Church to the next and will all start at 8 p.m. See programme below:

*Holy week Evenings at 8 p.m.

*Holy Monday 6th April, Compline, St Paul's, Glenageary

*Holy Tuesday 7th April, A Late Evening Office, St Matthias' Killiney/Ballibr.

*Spy Wednesday 8th April, Tenebrae, Holy Trinity, Killiney

*Maundy Thursday 9th, H.C. + Washing of feet, here in Christ Church, Dun Laoghaire

*Good Friday 10th April, Liturgy of the Cross, St Patrick's Church, Dalkey

On the other hand, if we are staying low key, but having the minimum of Services, they will be:

*On Good Friday we have our Service here at 2 p.m.

*Maundy Thursday 9th, H.C.

On Easter Day we hope to have our Eucharist Services at 9 and 10:30.

GLENAGEARY

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Holy Week and Easter 2020

All services in St Paul's unless otherwise stated

Palm Sunday 5th 8:15 am, 10:30 am and 7 pm

There will be a Soup and Roll Lunch in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre on Sunday 5 April (Palm Sunday) after the 10.30 am service. All proceeds to Kisiizi Hospital.

Mon 6th – Thurs 9th Holy Communion 7.15 am

Wed 8th Holy Communion 11 am

Monday 6th – Friday 10th Combined Evening Services around the “Cluster” Parishes at 8 pm.

Monday 6th St Paul's, Glenageary

Tuesday 7th St Matthias, Ballybrack

Wednesday 8th Holy Trinity, Killiney

The speaker on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night will be the Very Rev. Maria Jansson, Dean of Waterford.

Maundy Thursday 9th Christ Church, Dun Laoghaire.

Good Friday 10th St Patrick's Dalkey.

Good Friday (10th) One hour at the cross 2 pm in St Paul's

Easter Day (12th) 6.30 am Sun Rise Service at the Obelisk, Killiney Hill followed by a light breakfast in the Carry Hall, Killiney Hill Road 8.15 am H.C. and 10.30 am Parish Communion. No service at 7 pm

Funeral

17th February Ada Miriam Martin, formerly of Silchester Park and Bray Manor Nursing Home. Following the funeral service cremation took place at Mt Jerome and subsequently Ada's ashes were buried in the family plot at Dean's Grange Cemetery. We extend our sympathy to her son Ray, daughter Ann and to the wider family circle.

Happy Birthday

Congratulations to leaping Mervyn Cooper who on 29th February celebrated his 22nd birthday!!

Coins for Kisiizi Lent 2020 Appeal

Parishioners have been invited to collect any spare coins they may have throughout Lent and to donate them to Kisiizi Hospital, SW Uganda. St Paul's Kisiizi Support Group hopes to be able to continue to fund the annual salary of a surgeon at the hospital, which is the equivalent of €1,000. A Soup and Roll Lunch is planned in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre on Sunday 5 April (Palm Sunday) after the 10.30 am service. All proceeds to the Kisiizi Hospital Fund.

And finally, time to smile...

The Lord is my Shepherd

A Sunday school teacher decided to have her young class memorise one of the most quoted passages in the Bible, Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the Psalm, but little Charles did not find it easy to memorise much of anything.

On the day that the children were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Charles stepped up to the microphone and began proudly, “The Lord is my Shepherd...” He knew that much, but the rest of the Psalm suddenly deserted him. So, he concluded bravely: “... and that's all I need to know.”

What God looks like

An infant's teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. One little girl was working away furiously, and so she asked her what the drawing was. The girl replied, “I'm drawing God.”

The teacher paused and said, “But no one knows what God looks like.” Without missing a beat, the little girl replied, “They will in a minute.”

Family

A mother and son were washing dishes while the father and daughter were watching TV in the family room. Suddenly, there was an almighty

crash of breaking dishes, then complete silence. The girl looked at her dad and said, “It was Mum.”

“How do you know?” asked her father in amazement.

“She didn't say anything.”

Environmentally friendly transport

While driving in the countryside, a family caught up to an old farmer and his horse-drawn cart. Attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign: ‘Ecologically efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust.’

Palm waving

It was Palm Sunday, but five-year-old Jamie stayed at home with mum because of a bad cold. When his father and sisters returned, they were carrying several palm fronds. His sister explained: “People held them over Jesus' head as He walked by.”

“That's not fair!” Jamie protested. “The one Sunday I don't go, and He shows up!”

HOLMPATRICK AND BALBRIGGAN

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Church Services: 9.30am Kenure; 10.30 Holmpatrick;

12 noon St. George's, Balbriggan.

Dorothy Fullerton

Holmpatrick Church Select Vestry were delighted to place a plaque in Holmpatrick Choir in memory of our dear friend Dorothy Fullerton. The plaque was dedicated on Sunday 16th February 2020. As we fondly remember Dorothy, we give thanks for her great love of the Church and her great generosity towards it.

New Organist

We warmly welcome our new organist at St. George's Church, Catriona Grimes to the parish. We take this opportunity to acknowledge with gratitude the many years of service that Anne Corry gave to the parish. May she rest in peace.

Easter Services

Palm Sunday 5th April – Holy Communion Service at both Kenure Church and St. George's Church; Morning Prayer Service at Holmpatrick.

Ecumenical Services in Holy Week

There will be a short Service each morning (Thursday – Saturday) in Holy Week at 10am each day in the following venues:

April 9th – Maundy Thursday Methodist Church, Skerries

April 10th – Good Friday Holmpatrick Church

April 11th – Easter Eve St. Patrick's RC Church, Skerries

ALL ARE WELCOME

April 12th – Easter Day Holy Communion Service at all three churches.

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Sunday Services

5th PALM SUNDAY

9.00 Holy Communion

10:30 Holy Communion

HOLY WEEK SERVICES – under review

12th EASTER DAY

6.20 Ecumenical Sun Rise Service (TBC)

9.00 Holy Communion

11:00 Family Communion

19th 9.00 Holy Communion
10:30 Morning Prayer
26th 9.00 Holy Communion
10.30 Family Eucharist

Wednesday

10:30 Mid week service.

In these pages we generally read of all that is going on in Parishes, forthcoming Fetes, Displays and other festive gatherings. In a few short weeks all has changed, changed utterly.

Here in Howth all our midweek activities have been suspended with the exception of the mid week service.

We are continuing to hold Sunday Services at the appointed times for those who wish to attend. We are grateful to Rev Ken Rue for compiling worship material for each Sunday for those who feel uneasy attending Church – this can be located on the Diocesan Website and I will be circulating details of this each Friday to all those on our Parish email list.

We need to be very conscious of those who are alone, who may be in isolation, our housebound and our elderly. We also need to be aware of those whose businesses may well be threatened by the very necessary measures the Government has put in place. People have already offered to be available to help those who are isolated with shopping and other simple errands, ways in which we can lift the aloneness of those who are alone.

Maybe one thing we will re-discover out of all this will be the importance and power of community.

KILLINEY, BALLYBRACK

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Services in April

Sunday 5th Palm Sunday

9am Holy Communion 10.30am Messy Palm Sunday Service

Sunday 12th Easter Day

6.15am Sunrise Service (Killiney Hill)
9am Holy Communion 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th

9am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship
4pm Messy Church

Sunday 26th

9am Holy Communion 10.30am Holy Communion

Mid-week services of Holy Communion take place on Wednesdays at 10.30am.

Holy Week Services take place on each evening (Monday to Good Friday) at 8pm with our neighbouring parishes. Venues to be confirmed. The speaker this year will be the Rt Rev John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher.

Messy Church

Dear Friends, Please join us for our Messy Palm Sunday Service on Sunday 5th April @ 10.30am as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Everyone is encouraged to dress-up, Tea Towels etc, - It's Dressy Church! We will have craft activity, Procession, Celebration, Praise & Fun. Please invite family, friends and neighbours, everyone is welcome.

Messy Church is a way of being Church for Families and is for All ages. Its values are about being Christ-centred based on creativity, hospitality, celebration and Fun.

There is now almost 4000 churches of many Christian denominations running Messy Churches in over 30 countries worldwide, a staggering 500,000 people get involved in MC each month.

For more information visit messychurch.uk.org or Find us on Facebook @StMatthiasDublin #messystmatthias

Every Messy Blessing, The Messy Church Team.

If you would like to discuss anything about Messy Church, please contact me at alistair.doyle@messychurch.com, Cheers Alistair.

Fete

It's never too early to start planning! The date for this year's fete has been set for Saturday, 6th June and planning has already begun. We look forward to another successful day.

KILLINEY, HOLY TRINITY

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Services for April 2020

Sundays: 8.30am Holy Communion, 10.45am Morning Service.

Midweek Services: Thursdays at 10.30 am.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Cluster Holy Week Services:

Evenings at 8 p.m. Our Speaker at the Monday to Wednesday evenings will be Maria Jansson, Dean of Waterford.

Holy Monday 6th April - Compline - St Paul's, Glengary

Holy Tuesday 7th April - A Late Evening Office - St Matthias' Ballybrack

Spy Wednesday 8th April – Tenebrae - Holy Trinity, Killiney

Maundy Thursday 9th April - H.C. and Washing of feet - Christ Church, Dun Laoghaire

Good Friday 10th April - Liturgy of the Cross - St Patrick's Church, Dalkey

Also: Good Friday, 12 noon. The Way of the Cross, an ecumenical service of meditation and prayer between the Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic Parishes.

Easter Sunday

Sonrise Service, 6am, Killiney Hill at the Obelisk, with light breakfast afterwards in the Carry Centre. Other Services at the usual times of 8.30am and 10.45am.

From the Rector

Our sympathies and prayers are with everyone who is affected or made anxious by the Covid Virus. Please look out for older people, or people living on their own at this exceptional time.

At the time of writing Parish organisation events are cancelled due to Covid19. Please check with the relevant organiser if the planned events below are going ahead. It is also unclear whether Easter Services, above, will go ahead as planned, so please check the Parish Facebook page and website.

Parish Variety Concert

Many, many thanks to all who took part, organised, cleared up or catered for this wonderful success of an evening. Such a wealth of talent in a small parish!

Service and Social

Our next Service and Social is planned for Palm Sunday, 5th April at 3pm, DV. For further information contact the Rector.

Flower Guild

We look forward to decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 11th April at 10am. Donations of flowers and evergreen foliage would be most welcome. For further information contact June Hurley.

Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild meets in the Carry Centre at 2.30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. Our latest meeting was to watch a film which was enjoyed by all judging by the laughter. On Tuesday 14th April,

Ros Christie is going to talk to us about her teaching experience. For further information contact Libby McElroy.

Sheep Thrills

We continue to sell our knitted products in the Victoria tea Rooms Killiney with a wide range to choose from at great prices. We are still recovering from the Variety Show held in the Carry Centre on the 28th February. We excelled ourselves singing Baa Baa Sheep Thrills and Ruth gave a terrific recitation of her recomposed Little Bo Peep. This was followed by Michael our designer and Caroline who danced the Tango to finish our performance. Phew! Our community group meet every Thursday at 11am in the Carry Centre, no joining... €3, fresh coffee and homemade biscuits. Everyone welcome. Contact Joan 087 2460078.

The Y Club (Killiney Men's Society)

In view of the Covid19 restrictions, the Y club season has now finished and we hope to start again in Sept or Oct 2020. Any queries please contact Paul O'Brien or Nigel Tegglin.

Bible Study and Prayer Group

This month's meeting is planned for Tuesday 21st April at 10.30 in the Carry Centre, when we will be doing Lectio Divina (prayerful reading) of the Sunday readings. Everyone is very welcome to come along. For further information contact the Rector.

Table Tennis

We meet each Monday evening in the Carry Centre at 8pm. Enquiries to Sandra Moore 087 6291568.

Diners Club – The KWDs

Winey Diney's latest meal was held in the Guinea Pig, Dalkey on 20th February. The date of our next outing is Thursday 30th April 2020, venue not decided at time of writing. Please contact Zandra Laing at zandrалаing@hotmail.com for details as they become available. New members always welcome.

The Carry Centre

For booking enquiries please contact the Centre Manager, Sandra Moore (contact details above).

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Rector's Letter

As we come into the season of Easter I am very aware that we are living in very unknown territory. Fear, uncertainty, confusion may be only some of the feelings that we have experienced in these days due to COVID-19. All the more reason we need to know, feel and experience the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In John 20:19,20 we read: "Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord."

A.W. Tozer once wrote: "If man had his way, the plan of redemption would be an endless and bloody conflict. In reality, salvation was bought not by Jesus' fist, but by His nail-pierced hands; not by muscle but by love; not by vengeance but by forgiveness; not by force but by sacrifice. Jesus Christ our Lord surrendered in order that He might win; He destroyed His enemies by dying for them and conquered death by allowing death to conquer Him."

May you know the peace of Jesus as He stands with you where you are. May you know the love of the Father as the resurrection of His Son brings you hope, and may the voice of Holy Spirit bring comfort to your heart, soul and mind.

Blessings,

Alan

Sunday Morning Services

Our Sunday services are at 8.30 a.m. (Holy Communion) and 10.30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Services

Monthly Sunday evening Prayer Services will be held in the church on Sundays 26th April, 31st May and 28th June, from 6.30 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. Do please join us!

Services for Holy Week and Easter

PALM SUNDAY 5th APRIL

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion Kill O'The Grange Church (KOTG)

10.30 a.m. Service of the Word Kill O'The Grange Church

7.00 p.m. Palm Sunday Service Dún Laoghaire Evangelical Church (DEC)

MONDAY 6th APRIL

12.00 – 12.30p.m. Mid-Day Service Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, Kill Avenue

8 p.m. – 9 p.m. Evening Service Kill O'The Grange Church*

TUESDAY 7th APRIL

12.00 – 12.30 p.m. Mid-Day Service Christ Church, Park Road, Dún Laoghaire

8 p.m. – 9 p.m. Evening Service Kill O'The Grange Church*

WEDNESDAY 8th APRIL

12.00 – 12.30 p.m. Mid-Day Service Kill O'The Grange Church

8 p.m. – 9 p.m. Evening Service Kill O'The Grange Church*

MAUNDY THURSDAY 9th APRIL

12.00 – 12.30 p.m. Mid-Day Service Dun Laoghaire Methodist Church, Northumberland Avenue

8p.m. – 9 p.m. Evening Service Kill O'The Grange Church*

FRIDAY 10th APRIL – GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

12.00 – 12.30 p.m. Mid-Day Service Dún Laoghaire Evangelical Church (DEC)

5p.m. – 7 p.m. Messy Church Kill O'The Grange Church

EASTER SUNDAY 12th APRIL

7.30 a.m. Dawn Service Grange Abbey (Refreshments afterwards at KOTG)

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion Kill O'The Grange Church

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion Kill O'The Grange Church (Family Service)

*Speaker for Evening Services in KOTG: The Very Revd. Dr. Trevor Morrow.

PLEASE NOTE

Owing to the prevalence of the coronavirus, all the events above are subject to change. Please check with the Parish Office for details.

New Church Administrators

We are delighted to announce that, as from Sunday 8th March, our new Church Administrators will be Jane Winning (Monday to Wednesday) and Caroline Plascott (Wednesday and Thursday.) We congratulate Jane and Caroline on their appointment, and wish them every blessing.

South America Calling!

At the 10.30 a.m. service on Sunday 8th March we were delighted to welcome as our guest preacher the Rev. Stephen McElhinney, Director of Mission, South American Mission Society. He spoke on the work of the Society, and linked his talk to the reading from John 3: 1-17. Stephen was



Left: Caroline Plascott (left) and Jane Winning. Right: Stephen and Cathy McElhinney.



Presentation to Alan Jeffers by the Rector with beautiful music. Thank you, Alan!

our Curate from 2005 to 2008. It was good that his wife Cathy was with him, so we could renew our friendship with them both.

Presentation to Alan Jeffers

It was fitting that on Sunday 8th March the Rector made a presentation to Alan Jeffers, who retired recently as our organist, and paid tribute to him for his many years of service, enhancing worship

KOTG Youth

Here at KOTG Youth, we have spent the last month trying to power through this time of uncertainty. Youth group has continued for as long as it is safe, as we always try to keep ourselves and those around us safe. We have had the opportunity to join events like Torrential, a gathering of youth groups in south Dublin. And have already bought our tickets for Summer Madness.

Please join us as we pray for this summer. There are so many great events that we love to go to every year. We are praying that God will help our leaders and medical professionals get a handle on the current situation. And that we will also be safe and able to join these events.

Here at KOTG Youth we have Core, our weekly Saturday night youth group, and JYF our Sunday morning Discussion group; for more info contact Jonathan on (089) 436 2287.

Jonathan Byford, Youth Pastor

KOTG Children

March has been different than expected. We started strong with all groups meeting up and seeing great enjoyment and learning. We have started a new Easter programme using CMS material for Sunday Club. This looks at the Easter story as well as learning about a choice third world country, which this year is Burundi. We have plans to host a bake sale to raise money for those in need in Burundi, which is now facing uncertainty for obvious reasons. With the government measures that were put in place, it means less going on with the children since the first week of March. School has not been on so Maxpack has not been going ahead, Sunday Club has not been happening due to no service.

For the time-being prep continues for the Easter Children's Bible Camp, for which we will be collaborating with DEC and Dún Laoghaire Presbyterian Church. I'm really looking forward to this, and should it be possible to go ahead, will be a great time for all kids, teens and leaders involved.

Seb Dungan, Children's and Family Worker

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast this month is at the new date of Saturday 18th April, at 8.30 a.m. in the Parish Centre.

Young at Hearts

Our next meeting will be in Rosemary Knight's house, 43 Clonkeen Drive, on Friday 3rd April, at 2.45 p.m. New members will be very welcome. This will be our final meeting until the autumn.

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As I write the review notes for April, I'm mindful how difficult a month March has been. Many have experienced illness, anxiety, and loneliness. At Kiltiernan we have sought to prioritise the safety and well-

being of parishioners. I'm grateful to those who offered to pick up groceries and prescriptions etc. for vulnerable people in the community, and for Lynn and others who produced activity packs for families. I'm thankful for all the staff team and volunteers who adopted a flexible and pragmatic approach to worship and organisation.

Along with others, we had to halt many of the activities planned for March. Some of these will be picked up on later in the year, but we hope that the following will be sustainable throughout April. Of course, the following is contingent on health advice and may change.

Church Services at the 10:30 service

April 5 Palm Sunday

April 12 Easter Sunday

April 19 Service of the Word

April 26 All Age Worship

Sunday Night @ the Gathering Grounds at 8pm
[Anglicanism 101]

There is a regular service of Holy Communion or Matins at 11:30am on Tuesdays. All are welcome to come and join us for soup afterwards.

Parish Register

We mourn the death of George Luke who died on the 6th March. Our prayers are with his family.

Easter 2020

8th April – Wednesday Seder Meal: 7:00pm

9th April Maundy Thursday: 8:00pm

Maundy Thursday is the Christian holy day falling on the Thursday before Easter. It commemorates the washing of the disciple's feet and Last Supper of Jesus with his Apostles. At this service we experience the stripping of the sanctuary in preparation for Good Friday.

10th April Good Friday

10:00am. Walk pilgrimage.

8:00pm. Good Friday Liturgy. The Tenebrae

Tenebrae is described as the reversal of the Advent wreath: starting Lent with the brightness of six candles, the darkness grows as a candle is extinguished in anticipation of Jesus dying on the cross on Good Friday.

12th April Easter Sunday

6:30am. Easter Sunrise Service

8:30am Holy Communion

10:30am All Age Holy Communion

Holy Week Easter Lego Brick Challenge

Looking ahead to Holy Week and Easter Sunday we have a challenge for all the family to enjoy. You are all invited to take part in the Kiltiernan Holy Week Easter Lego Brick Challenge, which will be fun for all the family as you share and explore the story and events of Holy Week at home together. The Lego Challenge will keep everyone busy and learning more each day about the journey through Holy Week to Easter Sunday.

The challenge lasts 8 days, starting on Palm Sunday and finishing on Resurrection Sunday.

Each day of the challenge, there is a scripture reading. You can read the bible passage from a children's storybook Bible or straight from scripture. The children in Sunday Club will be given a booklet which will include all the instructions and the bible readings all ready to go! However, we would love for as many people to get involved in the challenge and the booklets will be available in the Gathering Grounds from Sunday 29th March.

Use Lego to respond to the bible passage you have read to create a different scene each day. Depending on your age, you can use the easier or more difficult challenge. You can use a children's Bible or look up pictures online for inspiration on how to build the challenges. Above all, have fun and use your imaginations!

No Lego – don't worry! We will have an assortment of Lego in the Gathering Grounds each day during Holy week for you to use and take part in the challenge. It will also be an opportunity for us to gather together and for you to bring your creations to display. All the times and details you will find in the booklet.

If you are unable to come to the Gathering Grounds, you are invited to take pictures of your finished product to share with friends and family! You can also send your photos each day to Lynn on 087-6957061 using WhatsApp or email them to lynnstorey14@gamil.com.

The challenge is not just for the children the whole family can join in on the action. For anyone wanting to share the challenge with family, grandchildren or godchildren please do take a copy of the challenge or get in touch with Lynn to receive an electronic version that you can send on. Let's see how far the Kiltarnan Holy Week Easter Lego Brick Challenge can travel! We do hope you enjoy using the Holy Week Easter Lego Brick Challenge.

The Happy Easter Eggs

The Happy Easter Eggs are a local project based in Co Wicklow. As well as delicious fair-trade chocolate, each box has the Happy Easter Story booklet which tells the Easter story in easy-to-read rhyme and with great illustrations. For every Happy Easter Egg purchased, a 10c donated is given by the manufacturer to the Hope Foundation.

Eggs are available for purchase in the Gathering Grounds for €8 each from 29th March.



Kiltarnan World day of prayer Carol Barry.

Women's World Day of Prayer

'Rise, take your mat and walk'. Well done to Carol and team who organise our annual Women's World Day of Prayer held in Kiltarnan Church of Ireland on Thursday 5th March.

It's always a pleasure to meet with the representatives from St. Mary's, St. Patrick's, Wayside and Balally churches, as we work together to organise this ecumenical service which has become a highlight in the church calendar.

We were delighted when Gráinne Prior agreed to lead us in our meditation and we thank her for her wonderfully moving and inspiring address. Our thanks also to Kevin O'Sullivan and the choir for providing the music for this event.

This year a special candle bearing the logo of the Women's World Day of Prayer was commissioned (see picture). The logo shows four figures representing North, South, East, and West kneeling in prayer for our world. The candle was lit at the beginning of our service and, at the end was passed on to Alice and Brid from Ballally who will host next year's service from the women of Vanuatu.

A retiring collection was made for the invaluable work of Brother Kevin of the Capuchin Day Centre which provides meals and food parcels for the homeless.

Hot Press New Artist to Watch 2020

We congratulate Victoria Johnston on her double debut single release on the 13th March. Victoria is a regular singer in the worship group at Sunday Night at the Gathering Ground

Her original solo tracks are titled You Are The Peace and Tar Liom and were recorded and produced by Grammy nominated Producer Denis Woods. These debut songs will be available to download on iTunes on Friday 13th March. Hotpress Magazine recently double-featured Victoria Johnston as 'New Artist' and 'New Music' to watch for in 2020.

Junior Choir at the Wesley Music Festival

The Junior Choir have just competed in the Wesley Interschools Music Festival. Well done to all who took part, they did their school & Parish proud.

THE KING'S HOSPITAL

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It is hard to write about events that are upcoming as most things are on hold or have been cancelled as a result of Covid-19. This past week had an apocalyptic tone to it as we received the information as a school at 12pm on Thursday and ordered to shut down by 6pm. That is particularly difficult for a boarding school as parents and Guardians had

to be contacted immediately. It was particularly upsetting for one-year only students many who knew that they would not be back again to the school. There were a lot of tears as the students had little time to gather their belongings and vacate the premises. It was all very smoothly handled by the Headmaster, Mark Ronan and the Senior management team. Everyone was extremely cooperative and helpful. Sometimes these crisis situations bring out the worst in people but not this time. The Housekeeper said that the rooms were left in immaculate condition by the students and almost everyone was picked up by 6pm. Six boarders stayed the night at the school and were taken to flights the next morning. Apart from the sadness of the goodbyes it was also quite frightening for the students who were very confused and anxious about everything from family to exams.

Many events such as the play Romeo and Juliette were cancelled, as was the Transition Year Play which made it to the finals in Cork again this year. Many sporting events as well as Confirmation are all up in the air at the moment. It is important to remember that as we see the Spring flowers coming out at the moment, there is always hope that after a time of hibernation things will spring back to life again. In this season of preparation and penitence we can be thankful for our faith which leads us to the death of Jesus on the cross but also the springing to life again of Jesus on Easter morning.

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Morning Prayer 2nd, 4th & 5th.

Wednesday Service: 10.45am.

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Activities

As we write all activities are suspended until further notice and we are following all HSE guidelines.

Worship

For the moment Holy Communion will be celebrated less frequently and will be distributed in one kind. Attendance at the Chapel is restricted to residents up to a maximum of twenty four at any one time due to spacing arrangements. We have moved to a totally digital system using slides.

Sympathy

We express our sincere sympathy to Mrs Winnie O'Thuama and her family on the recent death of Fergus. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Sick

We assure those of our number who are unwell at the moment of our prayers for them and we hope that they will be back with us soon.

Harvest

Despite the current emergency we believe there is a future and as a sign of our hope we announce that the Ven. Gordon Linney has agreed to be our Harvest Thanksgiving preacher on the 10th October D.V.

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Service times

Malahide (St Andrew's) 8am, 1130am, 6.30pm (Suns) Matins 9.15am Mon-Sat, (but not 4th to 19th Feb): Eucharist on Weds at 11am. Holy Days as announced.

Balgriffin (St Doulagh's) 10am (Suns).

By the time this appears in print, the Archbishop will have visited us on 1st March to rededicate St Andrew's Church after the major renovation forced upon us by the failure of the ceiling plasterwork, and the church now looks absolutely magnificent! Thanks to our contractor, Bowhill Development and also to Ian Watkins and Brian Brown who went well beyond the call of duty on behalf of the Select Vestry.

The February meeting of the Select Vestry, among other matters, revised the register of those entitled to vote at the Easter Vestry. This year 6 names were removed having moved away from the parish, and no less than 15 added, and we welcome Cathy Carey, Colin Carey, John Chambers, Bruce Edwards, Sally-Anne Edwards, William Flynn, Bryan Harley, Jessica Harley, Audrey Moran, John Moran, Susan Oemmon, Anish Paul, Andrew Staunton-Smith, Niamh Staunton-Smith and Fiona Young to the Register. Interestingly, for the first time in living memory, it was noted that no name had been removed through death!

Much of the time was taken up with a review of our financial situation, and we were delighted to learn that a number of parishioners had made donations, or had generously lent us money to tide us over until fundraising gets under way in earnest. One event had already been held, a very successful and enjoyable Table Quiz which raised about €1000, and the Organist and Soloist in St Sylvester's RC Church will be organising a concert later in the year in St Andrew's. These are just the preliminaries in our effort to restore our finances to the state they were in in October so that we can undertake certain other essential works that need to be undertaken, including much-needed improvements to the Parish Centre.

It never rains but it pours! Not just a comment on our recent weather. When the Rector was away on holidays in mid-February at the far side of Europe, illness struck the lay reader who had agreed to take the service in St Doulagh's. We were indebted to two of our parishioners, Ken McAllister who stepped into the breach and read Morning Prayer and to John Young who shared his thoughts on the scripture readings of the day: before the Archbishop panics, John works for the Whitcliff Bible Translators and knows his stuff, and everything was organised late on Saturday evening!

Illness also struck the parishioner who was providing music by CD in St Andrew's, and one of our young folk who was helping with leading the Toddler's Service was unable to come along at the last moment: thanks to Solome Keegan for stepping into the breach.

Thanks also to Canon Cecil Hyland who celebrated the Eucharist in St Andrew's, and Revs Kingsley Long and Ken Sherwood for covering the smaller eucharists in the Rector's absence.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Anne Corry, longtime organist in Balbriggan parish. Anne was a great supporter of the 29th Co Girls' Brigade, and played the piano for them at their meetings. She will be sadly missed.

The Annual Malahide Area service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was held this year in St Nicholas of Myra Church, Kinsealy, and was very well attended. The address was by Rev Dr Katharine Meyer, Minister of Sandymount Presbyterian/Methodist Congregation whose well thought out and inspiring address led to many positive comments over the usual 'cuppa' afterwards. The continuing good attendance on this annual occasion is a testimony to the wisdom of asking the preacher to be open, honest and challenging in his (or her!) words!

Our local ecumenical Lenten meetings which have been a prominent part of the local church scene for many years are being held again. This year the ecumenical Committee has altered the time from 8 to 7.30pm. The first meeting was held in St Ann's Portmarnock on 4th March and the second in St Sylvester's, Malahide when 6th from pupils from Scoil Iosa investigated Christian responsibilities in the Climate Crisis. The coronavirus clampdown meant that the next two meetings sadly had to be cancelled.

The restrictions announced by the government in an effort to halt the spread of coronavirus have meant a general toning down of worship. On 1st March, when the Archbishop was with us, the regulations related to physical activity at the peace and when receiving the Eucharist. By the time we go to press, some of our Holy Week and Easter services will be in doubt: at present most services will take place but we have cancelled the Toddler's Service and Messy Church, and also the 6am Eucharist on Easter Day in St Doulagh's. There is also a question mark hanging over Confirmation on May 3rd in Clontarf. Thankfully at present we do not normally have to be concerned about the congregations exceeding 100, although Easter Day may prove a challenge in this regard! We have also suspended refreshments after the

services in St Andrew's. Hopefully the situation will improve whereby normal parish life can be restored as soon as possible.

MOTHERS' UNION NOTES – "BUILDING HOPE AND CONFIDENCE"

On 4th January, twenty-six members and friends met at the Pavilions Shopping Centre, Swords, to attend an Andre Rieu Concert showing in the Cinema there.

Unfortunately the speaker for our Branch Meeting on 13th February, Nieve White from Aoibneas Women's Refuge, Coolock, was unable to be with us due to illness. However, Hazel Caird stepped in at very little notice and gave an excellent talk on looking after our health and covered all aspects of our lives relevant to our age group. Many thanks to Hazel from the Branch.

A speaker from Mustard Seed Communities Charity was to have been with us at our Branch Meeting on 12th March but the coronavirus restrictions announced that morning meant that it was both prudent and politic to postpone it. This Charity works in Jamaica, Dominican Republic and Zimbabwe as well as in other countries in Africa where they care for children with disabilities and those affected by HIV/AIDS.

The Mothering Sunday Service on 22nd March will be in St Andrew's Church at 11.30 and as in other years, the Mothers' Union will take part in planning this. We hope as many families as possible will attend this Service to celebrate this special day.

On April 2nd our Closing Service will be in St Andrew's Room, Parish Centre, followed by the AGM and Committee Supper.

Olive Haynes

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Quiet Day 'By Whom, with Whom and in Whom'

This was held on Saturday 22nd February at the Mageough and was facilitated by Revd Adrienne Galligan. Adrienne introduced us to the theme through three objects: a bunch of grapes for Thanksgiving, wood from a cedar of Lebanon for the Temple, and a candle for the Transfiguration.

With thanksgiving we were led into reflection as to how our churches are designed to give us an idea of what heaven is like, how these sacred spaces draw us into a sense of awe and longing for God. The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives may be likened to the work of the Sanctuary Guild in church, revealing areas which need to be cleansed, since we are Christ's dwelling place, because of His saving grace. It is good to have a sense of God's place for us here on earth while remembering that there is also a place for us in the heavenly realms.

In considering the temple we noticed how it was constructed of stone, covered with cedarwood which in turn was covered with gold panels, reminding us of how God's love envelops, shields and protects us. Many properties of cedarwood remind us of Jesus' love. Cedar of Lebanon trees can grow for up to 1,000 years and their roots are strong enough to drill through rock...reminding us how nothing can stop Jesus' love from reaching us.

Beautiful Biblical truths and deep questions which fostered deep reflection were shared through supportive printed material on the day, the following being just a few of these:

Did you ever wonder how Jesus who has numbered even the very hairs on your head might be interceding for you today?

The shepherds were brought in from the fields into the very presence of God in Christ. We too are in Christ; how does God's favour rest on you today?

Just like the children of Israel following the pillar of cloud, we follow Christ the light of the world; what promised lands has He already led you into?

We are extremely thankful to Felix Blennerhassett and Stan Bloomer for all their organization towards making this day happen and also for

their kindness in making sure that there were ample refreshments available at regular intervals. We extend thanks to Revd Robert Kingston who joined with Revd Galligan in celebrating Holy Communion, to the prayer ministers who offered prayer for healing and to the Mageoughs for so kindly opening up their meeting rooms to us. We are enormously grateful to Adrienne for all she offered to us throughout this encouraging and blessed Quiet Day.

Wellspring

Wellspring is a one-day retreat, offering some time apart: to be nurtured in silence; to engage with Scripture, healing prayer and mindfulness; to participate in guided reflections; to avail of one-to-one discussion with a spiritual director; to walk outside or just take time to read. The day will conclude with Compline. Our next date is Saturday, 18th April 2020. Registration is from 9.30am and the first session begins at 9.45am. We finish by 4.00pm. The venue is St Patrick's Church, Dalkey. It is a lovely location overlooking the sea with a short walk to Bullock Harbour and close to the DART. Iva Beranek and Carol Casey will be glad to welcome you. Please bring your own snack for lunch. We will provide tea and coffee. The suggested donation to CMH:I is €25. Please note that places must be booked in advance at either: 087 4392669 or hello@ministryofhealing.ie. We look forward to welcoming you.

Website

Have a look at the lovely prayers which may be found in the service of Healing and Wholeness liturgy, under the 'Resources' section of our website which is www.wholenessandhealing.org.

CMH: I News

CMH:I now has an Instagram page @cmhireland which you might like to follow. It features lovely images, reflections and information.

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Wednesday: 10:45 Eucharist

Eucharist in Carrick Manor on 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10.00.

Coronavirus

The difficult decision was taken on Sunday 15 March to suspend all church services until further notice. Our parishioners are receiving services to use on Sunday's in their homes by email and post and the Parish Pastoral Care Committee, Rector and Parish Administrator are available at all times by telephone or email to deal with any worries or concerns from our parishioners and friends. At the time of writing we continue our prayer for the healthcare professions and all who are trying to support others and to allay fear. I am extremely appreciative of the love and support I have received from our parishioners, friends and fellow clergy over these past few weeks and together with prayer, hope, goodwill and cheerfulness we will, with God's help get through these difficult days together. Roy

Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer Service took place on Friday 6 March in Monkstown Parish Church. This year's Service was prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. Valerie Duncan did a wonderful job leading this act of worship and I know she joins me in thanking everybody for helping her make the service and the refreshments afterwards happen. We had a large congregation and the event was much enjoyed by those who attended.

Lent 2020

John McEvoy began our Lenten Wednesday evenings reflection on 4 March with a thought provoking account of his life and spiritual journeying, crisscrossing between the Christian Brothers and the Anglican church, and the challenges facing the whole Christian Community. Julie Parsons spoke movingly on 11 March telling us about

the many clergy of the Church of Ireland in her family tree, her years of not attending church, and her coming back once again to regular church attendance. Both of our speakers gave us much to think about and we found their stories inspiring and thought-provoking and thank them most sincerely for sharing with us. Alas, we have had to cancel our remaining Lenten services but our three remaining speakers will keep their talks on hold for when things return to normality.

Funeral

The funeral of Joy Fernie took place on Wednesday 19 February in Dardistown Crematorium and was conducted by the Rector. Joy was a much loved parishioner of Monkstown and for many years nursed in St Vincent's Hospital. Her funeral was attended by many of her old nursing colleagues and golfing companions. We thank God for her life which touched so many people through her care of others and continue our prayers for her family and many friends.

Do you like to sing?

Monkstown Parish Choir is looking for new members - soprano, alto, tenor, bass. Please contact our organist Raymond Russell by email: raymondarussell@gmail.com or mobile 087 769 2269 for further information.

Parish Facebook Page

Followers of Facebook are invited to find and 'like' our page 'Monkstown Parish Church, Dublin'

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Exodus

In recent weeks the worldwide spread of COVID-19 has given us some appreciation of what life might have been like during the biblical plagues of Egypt. Among the events which were not cancelled were the enthusiastic Prayer and Praise service in St. Johns, the Springdale clothes collection, the JAM club tour of All Saints' Church, the hoedown led by Douglas Appleyard on 29 February, that extra day of the leap year and the Boys' Brigade Bangers and Darts night in early March. (Some further detail is set out below). The celebration of St Patrick's Day by Communion Service followed by Irish coffee the AS Youth Club wall climbing at Awesome Walls, the Jam Club Sponsored Walk for Cystic Fibrosis, the G4J & Breakfast Club green event and the St. John's Santry River event remain on the agenda as we pen these notes.



Andrea Lazenby-Simpson shows the mechanical wonder of the baptismal font to JAM Club members.

Mothers' Union

A good number of members and friends enjoyed the annual MU lunch in Clontarf Golf Club at the beginning of March.

The branch thanks everyone who supported the Coffee morning on Sunday 8 March, the proceeds of which will go towards the MU Overseas Fund.

On Tuesday afternoon 7 April the members will welcome a former parishioner Dee Huddleston (nee Gilbert) to talk about Christian Aid.

JAM Club

All Saints' JAM Club have started work on their Easter stop motion animation entitled "A Play about God's Love" which will premiere at the Easter Sunday Service. All of the younger children were involved in



A scene from JAM Club animation "A Play about God's Love."

making Plasticise models whilst some of the older kids have taken turns at shooting some of the initial scenes for the play.

Springdale

Over the last number of years, Springdalers have entertained the residents of the Raheny Community Nursing Unit with Christmas carols and songs every December. In the summer term of 2019, they were invited to sing again at their annual Alzheimer's Tea Day. Following this event Springdale invited some of the residents to join the school community in the yard for the annual Ice Cream Day. It was over an ice cream cone that a wonderful relationship with our neighbours began and a fantastic project of cooperation and inter-generational friendship commenced.

The children are very fond of their next door neighbours. They spend an hour each week catching up with each other while taking part in many different activities such as discussing their favourite books and movies over a cup of tea and juice, having a sing song and dance along, arts and crafts and board games. Through these activities the members of the group share stories, learn about each other and build friendships.

The children have all thoroughly enjoyed each session. The school has had very positive feedback from all involved - children, parents, teachers, residents and staff. It has so far been a wholly enriching experience and a link that the school is keen to continue to nurture this over the coming months and hopefully years.



Springdalers welcome their neighbour.

Easter Vestry

The All Saints' Easter Vestry is scheduled for Sunday, 26 April.

Car Boot Sales

The annual season of car boot sales at All Saints' are due to commence on Saturday 9 May followed by the next sale two weeks later on 23 May.

7th Dublin Company Boys' Brigade

We held our Bangers & Darts Social Evening on the 7th March, apart from being a great family social event enjoyed by 80 plus people, the evening raised much needed funds for the Company while everyone enjoyed themselves and the food was magnificent.

Our Annual Display will (provisionally) take place on Saturday, 9th May in the Borough School in Swords.



Hoedowners in action in St. John's, Coolock.

Leap Year Dance

The Leap Year Hoedown provided the single Ladies of the parish with an opportunity to ask their partners hands in Marriage on Saturday 29th February in St. John's Hall. It was a great event and wonderfully supported, raising over €100 for the parish. Thanks to Douglas Appleyard our M/C and "Caller" and his family and the great band of Ladies who provided us with a fantastic supper. We still haven't heard of any marriage proposals on the night!!!

A New Worship Initiative in St. John's

This welcome trial initiative provides an opportunity to worship in a relaxed and casual setting led by the Rector and Ictus Worship Group. The first Service took place in St. John's on Sunday, 1st March at 4 p.m. In an age where there is competition from so many other activities on a Sunday morning, traditional Church Service times, perhaps the provision of a Prayer and Praise Service later on a Sunday afternoon may provide people with an extra opportunity to Worship our Lord and Saviour.

RATHFARNHAM PARISH

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Rector's paragraph

No sooner were the daffodils smilingly waving their cheerfulness in our gardens and parks than the virus, so familiar to all of us now, also started waving red flags all over the country. Writing this in early March when everything is changing by the hour let alone the day, seems incongruous as events will have significantly altered the context in which you are reading this paragraph. The overriding theme emanating from the government and medical experts is our need to think beyond ourselves and consider the common good. This is not too alien a concept for us who are well versed in loving God and our neighbour. May no one feel alone or be overwhelmed by our new life circumstances. And may the Lord quickly guide us to a solution in both senses of the word, i.e. a (liquid) vaccine and a problem solved. Amen.

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Diary up to Easter Sunday, Please note this is subject to change in accordance with HSE/Govt advice.

Every Sunday 8am and 12 noon Holy Communion.

Wednesday 1st 8pm Choir Practice postponed until further notice.

Thursday 2nd April 10.30am Holy Communion

Saturday 4th April 2.30pm Peter pan Jnr. musical in the High School

7.30pm Peter pan Jnr. musical in the High School

5th April Palm Sunday Service of Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism

Monday in Holy Week 8pm Service of Reflection
 Tuesday in Holy Week 8pm Service of Reflection
 Wednesday in Holy Week 8pm Service of Reflection
 Maundy Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion
 8pm Service of Reflection
 Good Friday 9.30am Ecumenical walk with the Cross starting at the Church of the Annunciation
 2pm An hour by the Cross
 8pm Tenebrae
 Easter Eve 10am Decorating the Church for Easter Day
 Easter Day 12th April 6.30am Ecumenical Sunrise service: Mount Pelier Hill
 10.30am Family Holy Communion

From the Registers – Baptism

Senan Joe Liam Watson was baptised during the Holy Communion service on the 8th March 2020. Senan's parents are Lee and Aoife and his Godparents are Norbert, Andrea and Fionn. Did you ever wonder what happens the baptism waters after a baptism? They are reverently returned to the earth in accordance with liturgical guidelines. For us in Rathfarnham who have a Baptism tree in the grounds of Rathfarnham Castle, this is where the waters are poured. And by the look of the tree, it is thriving. May our little ones thrive in every dimension of their lives, including in their faith.

Funerals

Patricia Grainger, formerly of this parish, died on the 9th March and her funeral took place in Rathfarnham Church on the 12th March. To her son Richard, daughter Jan their spouses Sandra and Robert and all Patricia's family and friends we offer our sincere sympathy.

Anne Griffin, associated with the parish in later years before taking up residence in St. John's House of Rest, died on the 7th March 2020 and her funeral was held on the 13th March. Anne was interred in Kilmashogue graveyard. To Anne's family we offer our condolences and prayerful support in their loss.

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Annual Easter Vestry is scheduled to take place on Sunday 26th April subject to HSE/Govt Covid 19 advice. There will be tea/coffee in the church after the 10.30am service to give time to Sunday Club leaders to put all their resources away if need be. Please plan to stay for the meeting. As well as the annual reports, triennial elections will be held for diocesan synod representatives and parochial nominators. Information on the roles and responsibilities of parochial nominators and synods persons is available from <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/about/the-constitution> Chapters 2-4. For a briefer outline please see <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/cmsfiles/pdf/Resources/ParishResources/SelectVestry/Church-of-Ireland-Overview-28-03-17.pdf>

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Flower Rota

The demonstration of pedestal, basket, vase and individual flower arrangements on the 7th March was hugely instructive and appreciated by all 12 who attended the workshop. We sincerely thank June, Carol, Claire and Wynn for giving us insights and hints on how to select flowers, how to accommodate different heights of displays and how to



Flower Displays.



Rathfarnham Parish Baptism Tree March 2020.

prolong flower life. If you would like to be on the rota of those who look after the flowers at the Holy Communion table for 2 weeks in the year, please get in touch with June 0876235831 or Carol 4931548. You don't have to be an expert!

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Library

In the parish library, situated in the Millennium Side Chapel, you will find a wide variety of books for children and adults: stories, prayers, Bible commentaries, theology and much more. To borrow any just sign the note book that is there.

The Flying Pilgrim by Lawrence Schlimel is a beautifully illustrated book for children. Perched on the roof of the cathedral in Santiago in Spain a swallow, the flying pilgrim, notices all the people arriving in the city. The little bird filled with curiosity decides to fly along the way that the people are walking to find out what they are doing and why. He discovers that they are pilgrims coming from all over the world on a pilgrimage called the Camino de Santiago (Way of St James).

Live While You Can is a memoir by Fr. Tony Coote who was diagnosed with motor neurone disease when he was just 53. He takes us on a journey through his life and shows us how, through his devastating illness, he came to know the true nature of God's love. He writes,

'I'm like everyone else: I only know this world and this life, but I see no meaning in this life ending in a grave. When the train (my life) stops I will step onto the platform with hope and no fear'.

Joan Forsdyke

Owing to the current HSE advice re wellness and avoiding the Corona 19 virus, there will NOT be a Whist Drive as scheduled in the War Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 15th April. Should any HSE advices change in the meantime, Rob and Beryl will contact you.

World Day of Prayer Thank You

As Rathfarnham Parish was the host Parish for the World Day of Prayer in our district this year, Susan and I were asked to organise the Tea and goodies after the service. Two pairs of hands were not enough to carry that out so we needed some helpers!! The members of the Pop-In team were marvellous and we would both like to thank very much Karen, Orla, Joan, Anne-Marie, Sarah, Sam with extras Barbara, Barbara (2), Hilary and Mary for all their help before, during and after the service (also including baking). Thanks to their assistance, it all ran

like clockwork. We know where to start the next time but don't worry it won't be next week or even the week after!!!!

Heather and Susan

Creche, Toddlerzone, Who let the dads out?, Sunday Club, Good News Club, Youth Club, Wednesday Club and Towards Sunday did provide notes for April but as activities are currently on hold, they are not included in these notes. Leaders will contact parents/members if activities recommence.

RATHMICHAEL

Rector: Incumbency Vacant

Refer to the Rev'd Terry Lilburn 086 886 5361 for pastoral matters.

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As this is being written, the Government has just announced stringent new measures in an attempt to slow down the spread of Covid 19, the most serious threat to world health in living memory. It may well be that by the time this is being read, even more drastic instructions will have been issued. Either way the impact on our society will have been and continue to be, enormous, both socially and financially with much readjustment to be faced in the coming months. Parishes and individuals within them will not be immune from the effects of these measures, not alone in terms of health issues but also in the cancellations of social events and diminished congregations. Perhaps now, more than ever, we understand that Church is people, not buildings. Please be assured however, that you are all very much in the thoughts and prayers of those who have your spiritual, as well as your physical well-being in mind. Let us seize the opportunities presented by loving our neighbours by following the guidelines set out, as well as offering help in whatever practical ways we can. This situation will pass eventually, but in the meantime, let us continue with our faith in the God who never changes. Whatever lies ahead we are certain of his care and his love and in the joy of the Resurrection. May I wish you all a happy and joyful Easter.

Terry.

RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

BOOKS, BOOKS and more BOOKS! This month we have been very busy with Book related activities. Jackie Burke, an author, came in to



speak to 3rd-6th Classes. She has written a series of five books – The Secrets of Gringlewood. She brought in a large display and read to the children from her books. It was very interesting and the children were enthused about her books.

Gillian Perdue another author came in to speak to Junior Infants to 2nd Classes. This was an exuberant show. She entertained the children and had them dancing with shouts of Yee Haa sounding like cowboys. Great fun!

World Book Day was held on 5th March and as such we had a dress up day where children dressed up as their favourite character in a book. There was an array of different characters. Many carrying their books to show their efforts. A lot of work was done to achieve this.

Caroline Senior, Principal.

DAFFODIL DAY

Marian Conboy and her team of dedicated helpers were gearing up for yet another successful Daffodil Coffee morning in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. As with all events planned for this month, it has been cancelled but will take place when the all clear is sounded.

RATHMINES WITH HAROLD'S CROSS

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THE RECTOR WRITES

As I write this in mid-March, here are some of headlines about COVID-19 I've seen over the past few days: "Stock Market Bloodbath", "Anxiety grips companies across the world as virus spreads", "Italy extends its quarantine to the entire country." Though they may sound alarming, these headlines were alerting us of a very real and urgent threat the world is facing from this new coronavirus. Fears about the coronavirus are not unwarranted nor to be taken lightly. Lives are at stake. Yet I wonder is the fear of COVID-19 making us more vulnerable to the virus and its collateral effects? We have seen how a news story can send the global stock market tumbling. Fear can even weaken our immune system. "We're in this fear state, but this fear state impacts negatively on our immune system," one doctor said in a recent interview. When we actively spread fear to our friends, it's almost like spreading germs to them. So what are we to do about this growing threat, which may have grown much worse by the time you're reading this? Hopefully not. All I know is that I am a pastor - not a politician or a doctor - so in times of uncertainty, I simply encourage us all to be really loving and very practical in caring for ourselves and each other, especially the vulnerable. Also to be prepared to respond where the need is, to show that we as the Church really care for those in need. Lastly to be prayerful as we look to Easter Day in a couple of weeks and remember the words of Jesus when he said to his friends who were very fearful, "Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27). This is not a platitude, rather a recognition that God is with you in everything and will never leave or forsake you. Take heart and peace be with you.

4 WEEK LENTEN PRAYER

Lenten prayer, worship and reflection nights in Holy Trinity are on Wednesday April 1st and 8th 7.30-8.30pm. All welcome!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

9 April 2020 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Prayer and Reflection

10 April 2020 10:30am Good Friday Service followed by Way of the Cross

12 April 2020 11am EASTER SUNDAY JOINT SERVICE

BAPTISMS

During our Easter Sunday Joint Service we celebrate with parents Stephen and Rita the Baptism of their son Felix.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to proud parents Rachel and Diarmuid Ryan on the arrival of baby Fiadh.

MEN'S SHED runs weekly in the Parish on Monday 7:30-9pm. Contact Gerry: ghog2017@gmail.com

BIBLE STUDY

Our Wednesday morning Bible study at the church from 10.30-11.45am will resume on 22nd April. All welcome. Contact: Ruth Gyves

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

During March and April, we worked our way through a new teaching series in preparation for Easter, focusing on the season of Lent, the origins of its traditions, and its significance. March 22nd we celebrated Mothering Sunday and Palm Sunday celebrated the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem. April 13th, our Joint Easter Sunday Service will be celebrated with an all-age Family Service bringing both 10 & 11:30am congregations together. As always, children of all ages are welcome at both services.

(Bethan/Kathleen)

COME TOGETHER TUESDAYS

Dates for April are 7th and 21st. Come join us for some fun activities, chat and a cuppa. Bring a friend or neighbour. Lifts can be arranged. Contact: Ruth Gyves

HAROLD'S CROSS INDOOR BOWLING

A reminder to Club members, we are holding our A.G.M. and last night with supper Thursday, April 23rd, at 7:30pm sharp. Club Tournament will have completed by then and winner known. Good Luck to all!

Peter Griffin

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Thursday night's 7-9:30pm at the church. In this community of university students and young professionals, you'll find a home no matter where you are on your faith journey. Contact scott@htrinity.ie

YOUTH CLUB

Wednesdays 7-9pm at the church our Youth Ministry runs our Youth Nights! Come join the community! It's for any Youth between 1st and 6th Year. Contact our Youth Pastor: joe@htrinity.ie

2020 OASIS, our annual Holy Trinity weekend away, took place at the end of February in Hotel Kilkenny. Centred around the theme of "God, Our Refuge in the Storm," (Hebrews 6:19 and Psalm 107), the weekend was comprised of teaching sessions led by Rob and Dilys on Friday night, Saturday morning, and a session wrapping up on Sunday morning. Youth and Children's ministries led their own sessions during those times. The weekend also featured plenty of free time exploring Kilkenny, building friendships, and lots of laughter and games.

(Bethan/Kathleen)

GALA DINNER: MAY 15th - SAVE THE DATE!

More information to follow.

EASTER VESTRY will be held on April 22nd at 7.30pm.

SAINT ANDREW, SAINT WERBURGH WITH SAINT MARY, SAINT MICHAN AND SAINT PAUL AND ALL SAINTS' GRANGEGORMAN

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From the parish registers – Baptism

Olive Walsh, daughter of Kate and Jonathan, was baptised in All Saints Church on Sunday 8th March. We wish Olive and her family every blessing.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the late Edward Patrick O'Brien. His funeral was held in his beloved All Saints Church on Wednesday 4th March. He was a lifelong parishioner of All Saints. The curate, the Reverend Ross Styles, said in his sermon:

'In my father's house there are many rooms'

St. John's gospel tells us that the Lord has prepared a place for all of us, in God's home in heaven. This morning we are gathering in this house of God, in All Saints Church, this place of worship, prayer and music, to celebrate the life of Eddie (Paddy) O'Brien and to say farewell. And it is fitting that we have gathered here in this place, a place that Eddie truly loved, having grown up and gone to school here, sang in the choir and spent his entire life connected to this very parish. We all here this morning, in this beautiful church, share something very special. Even though many of us may not know each other, there is something that unites us and it is the reason that we have gathered together, a very precious gift that we will remember long after this day has passed – Eddie's presence in our lives. We are truly blessed that we were given the gift of having Eddie in our lives and the gift of our memories of him, of his life. And what a life it was, a life filled with love and a sense of duty. Love for his work, love for his dogs, love for his music, love for this church, above all love for his family.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the way and the truth and that through his resurrection from the dead, he has given us a sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid'.

For Eddie's loving wife Joy, for his children Mervyn, Wesley, Nigel, Reuben, Muriel, Philip and Raymond, for their spouses and partners, for his grandchildren Lynda, Karen, Steven, Katie, Julie, Ruth and Heather and his great grandson Eli, for his wider family and friends, words cannot convey the emotions of this difficult time. Their hearts are troubled, their hearts are broken, yet in order for us to be broken hearted we must have first had that precious gift of love. Though they are sad, they can celebrate their good fortune in knowing and loving Eddie and being loved by him and having him in their lives. May they know the peace of Christ, as they say bid farewell to you Eddie. They will miss you always, but carry you always in their hearts.

"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear" Our Father has prepared many rooms and there you will all meet again, safe in the arms of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with us and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in Glory. Amen

Services for Holy Week and Easter

Wednesday 8th April – Tenebrae, St. Michan's Church, 7pm.

Thursday 9th April (Maundy Thursday) – Eucharist and Stripping of the Altars, All Saints Church, 8pm.

Good Friday 10th April – The Three Hours, All Saints Church, 12-3pm

Easter Saturday – Easter Vigil, Christ Church Cathedral, 9pm.

Easter Sunday – Eucharist, St. Michan's Church, 10am and Eucharist, All Saints Church, 11.30am.

New parish email address

The new email address for the parish office is: office@stmichanschurch.ie

Congratulations

Congratulations to Susan Dawson on completing the prayer ministry course.

Community Garden

As spring has now arrived, the community garden in St. Michan's Church is being prepared for planting. Hopefully the local children from the St. Michan's House Cool Kids Gardening Club will soon be able to plant and grow more vegetables and flowers for this summer's harvest.

The Sick

We continue to remember in our prayers all those who are ill; in hospital, in residential care or at home and we give thanks to God for all who care for them in many ways.

We especially remember and pray at this time for all in our community who are affected by COVID-19, for those who are ill, for those who grieve, for doctors, nurses and healthcare staff, for all who work to discover a vaccine for this disease and for all who work to supply essential services.

SAINT ANN WITH SAINT MARK AND SAINT STEPHEN

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 Service times (Sundays) St Ann's 11.00 am. St Stephen's 11.00 am (first Sunday of the month only).
 Weekdays: St Ann's Monday – Friday 12.45 pm Eucharist.

No notes this month.

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S AND CHRIST CHURCH LEESON PARK

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Service Times

Saint Bartholomew's: Sunday 11.00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist; 6.00 p.m. Choral Evensong
 Details of music at the services are on the parish website.
 Sunday 9.00 a.m. and Wednesday 12.45 p.m. Eucharist (said)
 Christ Church, Leeson Park: Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Eucharist
 St John's House, Merrion Road: Friday 10.30 a.m. Eucharist

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, 5 April

9.00am: Said Eucharist
 11.00am: Solemn Eucharist with dramatic Gospel of the Passion and blessing of the palm crosses
 6.00pm: Solemn Evensong and Benediction

Spy Wednesday, 8 April

7.30pm: Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, 9 April

7.30pm: Solemn Eucharist with the stripping of the altar, followed by the Watch

Good Friday, 10 April

12.00pm: Sung Matins
 1.30pm: The Liturgy of the Cross and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

Saturday, 11 April

7.30pm: The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday, 12 April

9.00am: Said Eucharist
 11.00am: Solemn Eucharist of Easter Day

Easter Vestry

The annual Easter Vestry is set for Sunday, 29 March at 12.30pm, immediately following the morning Eucharist service.

Parish Lunch for Christian Aid

Our annual parish lunch for Christian Aid will be held on Sunday, 10 May. A representative from Christian Aid will speak at the 11.00am service, after which we will serve a light lunch in the parish room to raise funds for the organisation. This event is our main fundraiser during

Christian Aid Week and has been very well supported in the past. We hope that many parishioners will be able to join us again this year!

Parish BBQ Announced

Our parishioner David Jones is kindly hosting a barbecue at his home on Saturday, 16 May. This event is limited to just 20 tickets, which are €25 each. Meat, fish, and wine will be provided; we ask that attendees bring a salad or dessert with them. Further details, including where to purchase tickets, will be available soon.

Feast of the Ascension

The Solemn Eucharist of Ascension Day will be on Thursday, 21 May at 7.30pm.

Corpus Christi

The Solemn Eucharist for the feast of Corpus Christi will be on Thursday, 11 June at 7.00pm. The service will be followed by our annual parish BBQ on the church grounds. Please note this service begins a half hour earlier than our usual evening service time.

Saint Bartholomew's: A History of the Dublin Parish is Available

If you have not purchased a copy of Kenneth Milne's long awaited book on our parish's history, we encourage you to do so! When the first edition of Dr. Milne's book was published in 1963, the National Archives did not exist. The flowering of historical scholarship over the last 50 years, not least by Dr. Milne himself, provided a wealth of source material not previously available. As a result, what was once intended as an expansion and revision of the first edition instead morphed into a richly detailed volume full of new insights and information, plus an additional commentary by Alistair Rowan on the church's architectural and artistic history. We are so pleased with the final product – from the content to the full colour photos to the quality of the printing by Hinds, it is exciting to finally see this project come to fruition. If you would like to buy a copy (€30), contact the parish administrator at the details above.

Children

Children are always welcome in Saint Bartholomew's Church! The south transept and the back of the church are set aside for children, where we provide jigsaws, puzzles, toys, books, and much more.

SAINT CATHERINE AND SAINT JAMES WITH SAINT AUDOEN

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Irish Times Church Notices (online only)

St Audoen's Cornmarket, 10.00 Eucharist (every Sunday). During works, access is through the OPW Visitor Centre.

St Catherine & St James, Donore Avenue, 11.30 Eucharist (every Sunday, with exceptions).

Holy Week & Easter

At time of writing, it is intended to have a joint walk of witness, with times of prayer, on Good Friday morning. The first time of prayer will be in the Church of St Catherine & St James, after which the people and clergy will walk along Donore Avenue to the Church of St Teresa, carrying a portable cross. I hope this new and ecumenical initiative will appeal to people who live nearby and who don't want to gather in large numbers. Sam is the lay pastoral assistant at St Teresa's and she tells me that they nowadays have morning prayers on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, attended by about twenty people. I am reminded of the words of Leonard Cohen, heard recently on Desert Island Discs: 'And Jesus was a sailor when he walked upon the water And he spent a long time watching from his lonely wooden tower And when he knew for certain only drowning men could see him He said all men will be sailors then until the sea shall free them But he himself was broken, long before the sky would open Forsaken, almost human, he sank beneath your wisdom like a stone.' BBC Radio 4 Long Wave continues to be a source of



International Women's Day at Donore Avenue.

information and inspiration on religious matters. People who don't like to leave the house may like to tune in.

Again, at time of writing, it is intended that the services on Easter Day will be at the usual Sunday times.

St Catherine & St James Donore Avenue

It's remarkable to me how many people choose to come to the Parish Church for Baptism. So baby Alexandria Mae was Baptised on Sunday morning 8 March, the daughter of Victoria and Teagan Keegan of Kilcrea, Co. Dublin. Her Godparents are Patrick Loftus and Dawn Smith. On Saturday 14 March little Rebecca Gabrielle Rachel was Baptised, the daughter of Marcus and Jenny McCreery. Her Godparents are Leanne Moriarty, Noel Doherty, Alison McCreedy and Keith McCreedy. Marcus Stephen McCreery was himself Baptised and his Godparents are David Craig and Bridget McBride.

Family Service

A theme is required for each Family Service, and although it was rather early for it, I decided to celebrate St Patrick on Sunday 8 March, as the best theme for the month of March. To have a Baptism at the service was a delight. The baby's extended family and friends, many of them new to the Church of Ireland, were full of praise for the form of service and the warm welcome they received. Tea and coffee with nice things to eat were provided afterwards, in the Transept, and we thank those kind and willing volunteers who provided these very welcome refreshments.



Work nearing completion at St Audoen's.

St Audoen's Cornmarket

The repointing of the tower and replacing of defective stone is slowly nearing completion. Bad weather has slowed down the work but we expect that the next payment to the contactors, appropriately called Oldstone, will be the last. It proved necessary to erect some scaffolding over the bells, which meant that they could not be rung. Happily, we are assured by the architects, Kevin Blackwood Associates, that this part of the project has been finished and the bells may ring again! We hope that the next phase, beginning in September, will include the upgrading of the electrical installation which so spectacularly failed during Sunday

service some time ago. It would be good for us to have the benefit of both the primary and secondary heating systems as the season turns cold again.

Coronavirus precautions

On a previous occasion we did not decide to recommend absolutely withdrawing the common cup, but this time is different. Yet we in the C of I have to remember that those who offer public guidelines are conscious of prevailing RC practice, where communion in one kind for the laity is customary anyway. For us, the withdrawal of the cup is genuinely a big issue, and requires explanation. I am in fact not even sure we can actually refuse the cup to a communicant who explicitly wishes

to receive it. We could actually find ourselves in a situation where not receiving from the common cup became the custom, or the norm, or the long term 'safe' thing. And that would be a sad rebuke to generations of Eucharistic understanding.

Bishop Michael CFO.

SAINT COLUMBA'S COLLEGE CHAPEL OF MARK

Chaplain: The Rev Daniel Owen

Warden: Mr Mark Boobbyer

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Covid-19

On March 12th, shortly after the Taoiseach announced that all schools would be closed, the Warden gathered all the staff together to break the news. By six o'clock that evening, all day pupils and boarders who live in Ireland had gone home. For our overseas pupils, flights were hastily booked or rescheduled and so by the middle of the next day all had either gone home or to their guardians. It is an extraordinary situation to find ourselves in and we pray, especially for the vulnerable, that all will be well and that it will not be long before we can resume school and life as normal.

Artistic Performance Class Exhibition

Well done to the Artistic Performance class on their successful first art event. They organised and hosted an exhibition of ceramic work for 1st, 2nd and 4th Forms on March 9th. Everyone had an important role to play in organising this: marketing, printing brochures and labels, interviewing artists, making speeches, photographers, curators, refreshments, security and printing positive quotes for every visitor to take.

Chris Vis

On Sunday 1st March the late Christiaan Vis, former Head of Art at the College, was remembered in a celebratory event at Orlagh Estate. A large number of family, former colleagues, friends and former pupils attended.

Reverend Michael Heaney, former Chaplain of the College, thanked Hudia Vis and her family for inviting everyone and then handed over to the Sub-Warden, Julian Girdham, who read out a series of comments from Old Columbans about the impact Chris had had on them: "His classes were the highlight of the week", "His art classes to me meant freedom. Freedom of expression, to push boundaries, from the confines of the regulated SCC life", "His sense of humour was wicked but kind", "A great teacher; always honest and funny", "An inspiration and a shepherd to me in my callow teenage years", were typical of the comments.

Michael Heaney then read out a wonderful tribute from Tim Macey, former Warden (who could not be present), including these observations: He was wise and thoughtful, independent and sound in judgement, in every respect the mature senior member of staff, yet at any moment that impish teenager would reassert himself, to the amusement and enrichment of us all. I remember Chris with great respect as artist and teacher, with affection as a colleague and with the warmest thanks for the laughter and colour that he brought into all our lives. To Hudia and to all those very close to him, I can barely begin to imagine your loss. I hope nevertheless that the warmth that we all feel in our memories of him, even those of us who did not know him really well, will stay with you always. He was a blessing to us all.

Music

The Wesley Interschools Music Festival took place on over the second weekend in March, with St. Columba's pupils competing in a wide range of events, both as soloists and in groups. On Friday night when the senior chamber choir, were joint runners-up in the William J Watson Cup for Best Four-Part Choir. Well done to Mr McDonald, Mrs Malone-Brady, Mr Clarke and all the music staff and pupils.

Weekday Services

At our Wednesday thought for the week services on the 26th March, we had a special service for Ash Wednesday, to mark the beginning of Lent. On the 4th March, Mr Swift spoke about sacrifice, with particular reference to Irish Patriot, Robert Emmet, who was born that day in 1778. On the 11th March, Mrs Malone-Brady introduced five of our pupils, Liam Campbell (saxophone), Florian Zitzmann (singing), Emily

McCarthy (singing), Jurre Chukwueke (guitar) and Sakhile Khumalo (singing). They all played and sang beautifully.

Sunday Services in Chapel

On Sunday 1st March, at Morning Prayer, Ms Susie Keegan, Diocesan Youth Officer spoke engagingly about friendships and mental health. On Sunday 8th March we had a Hymns of Praise service, with the prefects speaking about their favourite hymns and why they chose them.

Our Chapel Charity Collections this month went to Focus Ireland and to the Donegal Donkey Sanctuary.

Chapel Services, April 2020

Please refer to the College Website for any updates.

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SANDYMOUNT

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Digging up the Raj

Following extensive research in Deansgrange Cemetery, Shabnam Vasisht, Hon Secretary of St John's and local historian, uncovered the remarkable achievements of a wide range of Irish people who lived and worked in India during British rule, also known as the Raj. There were servicemen who fought in the Indian Mutiny; hard-working civil servants and eminent judges; and missionaries who aimed to convert 'sun-worshipping heathens' to 'muscular Christianity'.

Shabnam has captured their colourful stories in a book aptly titled Digging up the Raj. An exhibition of extracts from the book is on view at the Lexicon Library in Dun Laoghaire during the month of March and will travel to local libraries over the coming months. The publication and accompanying exhibition are supported with a grant from Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Heritage Office.

For Lexicon opening hours, call 01-2801147 or email: dlrllexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie.

To purchase a copy of the book, email rajembers@gmail.com.



Left: Brig Gen Pakenham, Councillor Shay Brennan, Brig Gen Fry with Shabnam Vasisht at the launch of her book 'Digging up the Raj'. **Right:** Shabnam Vasisht at the launch of her book 'Digging up the Raj' in Deansgrange Cemetery' in the Lexicon Library, Dun Laoghaire.

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday marks 170 years since St. John's was opened, the first worship was on Palm Sunday 1850. Our planned worship for Holy Week and Easter this year is as follows:

Palm Sunday 5th April: Palm Procession, Reading of the Passion Gospel and Sung Eucharist 11 a.m.

Holy Tuesday 7th April: Holy Eucharist 11 a.m.

Holy Wednesday 8th April: Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Stations of the Cross 7.30 p.m.

Holy Thursday 9th April: Sung Eucharist of the Lord's Supper 8 p.m. followed by watch of prayer until midnight.

Good Friday 10th April: Good Friday Liturgy 2 p.m.

Easter Day 12th April: Festival Sung Eucharist 11 a.m.

St. John's Easter Vestry will be on Sunday 26th April at 12.15 p.m., following the Eucharist that morning.

Memorial Service for Fr. Philip Irvine

There will be an opportunity to give thanks for the life and ministry of Fr. Philip Irvine at a memorial Eucharist on Saturday 25th April at noon. Fr. Paul will preside and Canon Alistair Graham, a friend of Fr. Philip's since he was chaplain of St. John's, will preach. Everyone is welcome.

SANDFORD AND MILLTOWN

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Sunday Service times: St. Philips, 8.30 am and 11.30 am. Sandford, 10.00 am.

Wednesday: Holy Communion in Sandford at 10.30 am.

NB At time of writing there is much uncertainty as to what will or will not take place in our parishes over these next few months (ref. Covid-19). Below is what is being planned but please note any/all of this is subject to change.

Palm Sunday

On 5 April there will be a joint service with a celebration of the Eucharist and the reading of the Passion Narrative in Sandford Church at 11am

Holy Week Services

10.30am Holy Communion: Mon – St Philips, Tue – St Philips, Wed – Sandford, Maundy Thurs – Sandford, Good Friday – Ecumenical walk behind the cross.

8pm Evening Service: Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion in St Philip's Church; Good Friday, Office of Tenebrae, Sandford Church.

Good Friday

Ecumenical Walk behind the Cross: At 10am on Good Friday we will gather at the Church of the Holy Name, Beechwood Avenue from where we will walk behind the cross to Sandford Church.

Easter Day

Celebration of Holy Communion at 8.30 am (St Philips), 10am (Sandford) and 11.30am (St Philips).

Confirmation

A Service of Confirmation will take place on Sunday 3 May at 10 am in Sandford Church. Preparation classes continue on 1, 22 & 29 April. The Confirmation candidates will continue to meet following their Confirmation on 6, 13 & 20 May in order to prepare to lead a service on 24 May.

Sandmillers

Wednesday 8 April: Tour of Museum of Literature Ireland at Newman House. Meet at MoLI at 11.30 am for coffee. Tour (€10.20) followed by lunch in The Commons (MoLI Café). Please contact Irene 087 2408286 or Gloria 087 6868114 as numbers are required in advance.

Sandmill Strollers

We meet on the 1st Tuesday of every month, departing at 1.30 pm from St. Philip's Church, Temple Road. Details for the next few months:

7 April – Knocksink Woods and Bog Meadow Enniskerry

5 May – The Scalp and Lead Mines Chimney

2 June – Shelly Banks and Great South Wall

Further details from Margaret Wynne 087 9896726 and Jean Hickey 087 4128914

Spring Bazaar

St Philip's Spring Bazaar will take place on Saturday 16 May in St Philip's parish hall and grounds from 11 am to 2 pm. There will be many of the usual stalls e.g. cakes, books, bric-a-brac, toys, plants and designer clothes. There will also be activities for children and great raffle prizes. Admission free!

The Garden Gang: We finished up in the autumn with our Garden Gang Halloween party on 25 October. Lots of food and last-minute planting of spring bulbs! This year we're again thinking of the bees, so all our efforts will go towards ensuring that they've enough vegetation to feast on! We meet every Saturday during school term from 4 pm to 5.30 pm-ish at the allotments beside St Philip's Church.

From the Registers: Christian Baptism

Sunday 23 February (St Philip's): Roxana Grace, daughter of Leila Johari and Roland French.

Sunday 1 March (St Philip's): Harry James Eric, son of Jonathan Willis and Natalie Brennan.

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AT TIME OF WRITING everything is disrupted due to Covid-19. Services for the rest of March were cancelled.

PARISH SUPPER DANCE On a more cheerful note, the Valentine's Dance was very well attended and most enjoyable. Thanks again to all our supporters who make this possible.

SERVICES IN APRIL Obviously we can't yet say what is going to happen. Below is the draft service list; but any or all of it could be changed. Details will be posted on Facebook as available.

April 2020

Date	Day	Santry 10.00	Finglas 11.30	Glasnevin 11.30
5/4	Palm Sunday			HC 11 a.m.
12/4	Easter Day	HC	HC	HC
19/4	Easter 2	HC		HC
26/4	Easter 3	MP	HC	
Special	Holy Week	Mon 8 p.m.	Thurs 8 p.m.	Friday 8 p.m.
		Fri 10.30 a.m.		
	Easter Hymns and Readings		19/4 7 p.m.	

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Services in April

St. Brigid's Church

Every Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Every Sunday	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 5th April	11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	6.00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Together
Sunday 12th April	11.30 a.m.	Easter Day
Sunday 19th April	11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th April	11.30 a.m.	Service of the Word

All Saints' Church

Sunday 5th April	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 12th April	10.00 a.m.	Easter Day
Sunday 19th April	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th April	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer

The Rector writes

As the time of writing several important and unprecedented measures to protect public health have just been announced. Schools, colleges and childcare facilities are to close and large gatherings should be cancelled.

Look after yourselves and each other and hopefully we'll all celebrate the Resurrection together on Easter Day.

Rev'd Ian Gallagher



St Brigid's Badminton Club's 30th Anniversary 22nd February 2020: Richard Noble, Malcolm Shaw, Rev. Ian Gallagher, Iris Murphy & Jimmy Kenny.

St Brigid's Badminton Club 30th Anniversary

St. Brigid's Badminton Club celebrated its 30th Anniversary on Saturday 22nd February in the Goat Grill, where we enjoyed a lovely dinner followed by a beautiful cake donated by Liz Shekleton.

We presented our founder members, Iris Murphy and Jimmy Kenny, with Honorary Life Memberships on the night. It was a pleasure to welcome back many past members, including our dear friend, the legend that is George Eades.

SWORDS, CLONMETHAN, KILLSALLAGHAN, DONABATE AND LUSK

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Confirmation 2020

Confirmation classes commenced on Tuesday the 3rd March at the Rectory in Swords. Thirteen candidates were attending the classes, as they prepare to be confirmed along with candidates from Malahide and Balbriggan, Skerries and Rush by the Archbishop on Saturday the 2nd May in St Columba's Church, Swords. Due to the coronavirus situation, confirmation classes have now been suspended for the time being, and the planned confirmation service date is under review. Nonetheless, please keep in your prayers: Christian Coyle, Josh Kennedy, Ruby Barnes, Zoe Cox, Ella Barry, Chelsea Gozie, Molly Kingston, Rachel Foley, Olivia Baker, Harry Goodwin, Chidubem Uzbegbu, Ryan Ennis and Ellen O'Leary.

Easter Vestry Meetings

Swords and Kilsallaghan Easter Vestry Meeting will take place on Tuesday the 21st April at 8pm in the Old Borough School, Swords. Donabate and Lusk Easter Vestry will take place on Wednesday the 22nd April at 8pm in Saint Patrick's Church, Donabate.

Holy Week

On Maundy Thursday during Holy Week, a Holy Communion Service will take place in Saint Columba's Church Swords at 8pm. In Donabate on Good Friday, the annual Ecumenical Service will commence in the Roman Catholic Church Donabate and then continue in Saint Patricks, Church of Ireland. The Service begins at 12 noon and is a wonderful ecumenical event for the whole community. Later in Swords at 2pm on Good Friday, a service will take place in Saint Columba's Church.

Women's World Day of Prayer 2020

The Women's World Day of Prayer service took place on Friday 6th March at 7.30pm in Saint Patrick's Church Donabate. Rise - Take up your mat and walk! was the theme and the liturgy was prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion and we thank our Lay Reader, Addy Patterson, and the ladies of the Church for all their efforts in making it such a special and memorable occasion for the whole community of Donabate and Lusk. Special thanks goes to Mary Jones who kept everyone energised and up to date with all the preparations leading up to the service, and led the service brilliantly on the night. And thank you also to Thelma Scott who

made some beautiful Zimbabwean symbols for the service. Also thanks to Brian Scott who prepared the music for the event and managed the sound system during the service, and indeed a sincere thank you to anyone who helped out in any way. Thanks also to Father George Begley, Parish Priest of Lusk Parish and Pastor Jonathan Holland from Swords Baptist Church who came along. The Swords Women's World Day of Prayer was held in Saint Finian's Roman Catholic Church, River Valley. A big thank you to all who took part and attended the service from Saint Columba's Church and especially to Eleanor McQuinn who helped out with the preparations for the event and who rallied the troops for the service. Thank you also to Canon Robert Deane and Anne Deane who came along to support this wonderful community event.

Retiring Collection on Easter Sunday

A retiring collection will take place around the three churches of Donabate, Swords and Kilsallaghan on Easter Sunday. The retiring collection is to raise money to help finance the post of the new Area Youth Co-ordinator, Stephen Byford, who is to commence his role shortly for the parishes in North Dublin. Please give generously for this exciting new venture.

TALLAGHT

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From the Rector

'Now and Then' The Christian Musical Drama group which the parish has been associated with for a long number of years with parishioners taking part in their productions both on stage and behind stage had a fundraiser for their 30th anniversary production on Friday 21st March in The Brass Monkey which I attended. Their 30th anniversary production is 'Jesus Christ, Supper Star' and will run from 24th - 27th March in the Priory, it promises to be a great show!

We had a 'Songs for Spring' Concert on 23rd February in aid of the Church which was organised by Cara Davey. It was a beautiful evening featuring the Plurabelles Girls Chamber Choir and various solos and duets singing various genres from classical songs to the boogie woogie bugle boy. Thank you to Cara for organising the concert, it was most enjoyable.

We have been using the Biblical Association of the Church of Ireland's Lenten course, on the very current topic, 'Caring for the Garden of the Earth' on Wednesdays at 10am since 4th March and will continue for the rest of Lent and also at our Bible Study on Tuesdays evenings.

Tallaght's Women's World Day of Prayer Service took place in St. Thomas' Jobstown. It was a lovely service with Saule on piano and Rosemary on guitar. Thank you to all involved for organizing the service.

As we go to print we are praying for those affected by COVID 19 throughout the world and we have been taking steps within the parish to try and prevent the spread of the virus while attending church or parish activities. In addition to suggested measures we have dusted off our two hundred and one year old collection pan to use again instead of the collection plate. Church congregations tend to spread out and fortunately we have plenty of capacity in our buildings.

God bless,

William

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

There will be a service each morning of Holy Week, services as follows:

Mon 6th - Thurs 9th	10am	Holy Communion.
Good Friday	10am	Good Friday Ante Communion.
	8.00pm	Good Friday Ante Holy Communion.
Easter Sunday	8.30am	Easter Holy Communion.
	11.00am	Easter Holy Communion.

Girls Brigade

The Girls Brigade are delighted with recent successes in National Competitions. All of our competitors did us proud in competitions so far, with particular congratulations to our Junior & Senior National

Modern Dance team for winning 3rd place, Olivia Monahan for coming 1st place in National J/S Drilldown, and Abby Phelan for winning 3rd place in National Brigader Solo Competitions. District competitions take place very soon, so fingers crossed for continued success. Our Annual GB Display will take place on Saturday 25th April at 3pm in the Parish Hall, and all are welcome.

Table Tennis

We are currently getting ready to start playing matches for the two shield over the next six to eight weeks. The competition is strong this year so the matches should be interesting. Our numbers have increased to a healthy number now so there are good games and plenty of chat at tea time. There's lots of room for more players with our extra tables so all are welcome. We play from 8pm to 10pm on Thursday nights in the Parish Centre.

Regina

Boys Brigade

If anyone has a boy that may be interested in joining Boy's Brigade please come on down we would love to have them. Friday evenings: Anchors 7pm - 8:00pm; Juniors 7pm - 8:30pm; Company 7pm - 9pm.

Vine and Taize Service

We continue to have a Taize service on 4th Saturday of each month at 7pm, as part of the local Vine initiative and everybody is welcome.

Mothers' Union

Our March meeting was on Monday 9th March when we had the pleasure of hosting a night for the branches with a talk on bereavement. In spite of the weather being very unkind we had a very good turn out. Clare Stewart from Belfast came and gave us a most informative talk on grief, bereavement and how we can help people and be more prepared as to what to say or not say. I think I speak for everyone there that we all found it very helpful. Our next meeting is our AGM and Bring and Buy Sale on Monday 6th April at 8pm in the Small Hall. NB. Our meeting is a week early as the 2nd Monday is Easter Monday. Tea rota is Carol Loughlin and Noelle Lewis. Saoirse are looking for floor cleaner. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 6th April. Thanks again.

Valerie

Whist Drive

Our next Whist Drive is on Monday 20th March in the Small Hall, all welcome.

Crafty Chatters

Crafty Chatters meet from 2pm -4pm on 7th and 21st April in the Small Hall. Bring along whatever craft you are working on or learn a new one!

Parish Coffee Morning

Our coffee morning dates for the rest of this session are April 24th and May 29th, 10.30am - 12.30pm. Join us for a cuppa and a chat.

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Services for April 2020

At the time of writing these notes and in the light of Government restrictions of indoor gatherings being limited to 100 persons, the following Sunday Service arrangements will be in place until further notice:
 8.30am - Holy Communion - St Nahi's
 10.15am - Morning Prayer or Holy Communion - Christ Church
 11.45am - Holy Communion or Morning Prayer - Christ Church
 Evening Services are being suspended
 The midweek service of Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 10.00am will continue to be held in Christ Church, Taney. We respectfully suggest

those who are ill or who have underlying health issues, should not attend Church services. In line with Government and HSE advice, we request that all people attending Church services to please observe the guidelines of social distancing. Thank you for your understanding.

Lenten Lunches

A popular and social event in the Parish, the Lenten Lunches continue again this year on Thursdays from 12.30pm to 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. Proceeds from these lunches (€8) go towards the work of Christian Aid and other Third World Charities. Please do support this initiative on the Thursdays during Lent.

Holy Week Services in Christ Church, Taney (provisional)

Monday 6th April @ 7.15am Holy Communion
Tuesday 7th April @ 7.15am Holy Communion
Tuesday 7th April @ 8.00pm Tenebrae Service
Wednesday 8th April @ 7.15am Holy Communion
Wednesday 8th April @ 10.00am Holy Communion
Wednesday 8th April @ 8.00pm Seder Meal
Thursday 9th April (Maundy Thursday) @ 7.15am Holy Communion
Thursday 9th April (Maundy Thursday) @ 8.00pm Holy Communion
Friday 10th April (Good Friday) @ 7.15am Ante-Communion & Litany
Friday 10th April (Good Friday) @ 8.00pm Good Friday Devotional Service

*The early morning Holy Week Services are followed by light Breakfast in the Parish Centre.

Easter Day

8.30am Holy Communion St. Nahi's
10.15am Holy Eucharist Christ Church
11.45am Holy Eucharist Christ Church

Bishops' Appeal Fund

The Parish will make its annual collection for the Bishops' Appeal Fund during Lent. Please be as generous as possible to this important fund, which contributes to Third World development and education as well as to disaster relief.

Lenten Services

As well as our midweek Communion Service in Christ Church on Wednesday mornings, during Lent the Clergy say Matins at 9.30am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in the Clergy Room. All are welcome to attend.

Mothers' Union

On Tuesday 21st April, there will be an Open Meeting at 3.00pm. Ann Fleeton, renowned textile artist, will be discussing her work.

Taney Fête

This year's Fête will be held on Saturday 6th June in the grounds of Taney Parish Centre. As always, we are looking for new volunteers to help on the day and to help with the preparations. If you think you would like to give a hand, please give the Parish Office a call on 01 298 5491.

Taney Coffee Shop is open Monday to Saturday from 9.00am to 1.45pm. A three-course hot lunch is served every Friday from 12.30pm. All welcome.

Hospital and Pastoral Visits

During the current health emergency, please understand that the clergy no longer have access to hospitals. In the event of a pastoral emergency, we are still available on the Parish emergency phone (083 477 1673).

From the Registers – Baptisms

23rd February 2020 (in Christ Church) – Tom O'Connell, son of Kim & Mike O'Connell.

Funerals

29th February 2020 (in Christ Church) – John Barkley.

Bereavements

Our sympathy and prayers are with all who have recently been bereaved, remembering especially:-

Vivienne Barkley and family, on the death of her husband, John
Will Dixon and family, on the death of his sister, Mary Ronan, in the UK
Joan Flood and family, on the death of her brother, Harry Deegan
May those coming to terms with life without a loved one, know the comfort of God's love at this time.

TRINITY COLLEGE CHAPEL

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Services (during term)

Sunday 10.45am – Choral Eucharist. Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 9.15am Morning Prayer. Tuesday: 1.30pm Eucharist in the Gallery Chapel. Thursday: 5.15pm – Choral Evensong.

TULLOW

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From The Litany (B.C.P. Page 175)

From fire, storm and flood, from disease, pestilence and want, from war and murder, and from dying unprepared. Save us, good Lord.

Confirmation Service

At the time of writing this Service is scheduled to take place on Sunday 29th March at 10:30am when two candidates; Zoe Garvey and Sarah Ruttle are due to be Confirmed by the Archbishop. Please keep these candidates in your prayers as they make this important step on their faith journey.

Holy Week and Easter

The build up to the central festival of the Church year is a special time. This year we again propose to join with other parishes in the locality for evening Services from Monday to Wednesday in Holy Week. The special speaker at these Services will be Dean Maria Jansson. Services will be held in Tullow on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. All Services are at 8:00pm.

Easter General Vestry

It is proposed that this very important event in our parish life will take place on Sunday 26th April after the 10:30am Service. This year is a Triennial year so elections for Diocesan Synods and Parochial Nominators will also be included.

Beckett in Foxrock

We were looking forward to the staging of 'Krapp's last Tape' and a selection of letters written by Samuel Beckett on Saturday 28th March. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 crisis this performance has been postponed. Watch this space!

The Evergreens

On Sunday 8th March, 7 parishioners and friends undertook a walk around Trooperstown Hill, Laragh, returning to Roundwood for some refreshments. As walkers began the climb for the summit, they were bombarded with hailstone that blew scarcely above horizontal and on exposed skin felt like an attack by a swarm of bees! This cleared to sunshine which allowed walkers to dry again and warm up. Glad to report that all survived with a smile on their face. The next group walk is scheduled for Sunday 10th May when a walk is planned around Crone Woods, Glencree Valley. Walkers will leave the church grounds after the mid morning Service at 12.00pm sharp. Everyone welcome.

Donald Gill, Evergreens Co-ordinator.

Tullow Friends

Thanks so much to everyone who supported our Soup Lunch on 16th February. We raised the wonderful sum of €735 for the Alzheimer Society of Ireland and I would like to thank the committee, all the kitchen volunteers and the great bakers who donated to the cause.

Cleo Ellis, Chairperson

Tullow Indoor Bowls Club Every Tuesday 7.30pm Parish Hall

We have reached the final of the Kerr Cup – this will take place in Kill o'the Grange on 26th March. The last night of this season's bowling

will be on Tuesday 31st March and the AGM will be the same evening after a shortened bowling session. New members are always welcome, just come along any Tuesday before 31st March.

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HOLY WEEK and EASTER

Palm Sunday, 5 April, is the start of the most sacred season of the Church's Year, Holy Week. Thanks indeed to former parishioner, Edward Drew, we shall again also have in attendance the humble presence of his lovely donkey, to lead our Palm Sunday procession, before our 10.30 a.m. service on that day. Please meet by 10.15 a.m., in the church car-park. Palm crosses will, as usual, be distributed to all in the procession.

"DARING TO APPROACH THE CROSS" – HOLY WEEK SERVICES

(Monday 6 April – Good Friday 10 April) will be held here each evening at 8.00 p.m. We are indeed very grateful to Canon Maurice Elliot, Principal of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, for his permission and blessing to allow some ordinands from the Theological Institute to preach on our week's theme, "Daring to approach the cross". So, we extend a warm welcome to: Philip McKinley (Palm Sunday); Norma-Jean Kearney (6 April, Monday evening); Alistair Doyle (7 April, Tuesday evening); Jane Burns (8 April, Spy Wednesday evening), and Leonard Madden (9 April, Maundy Thursday evening).

GOOD FRIDAY (10 April)

(a) Our Good Friday 'Childrens' Workshop', thanks to Janine Jamieson and her 'team', takes place in the Old Schools, starting at 10.15 a.m. This popular event concludes with a short, Good Friday Childrens' service at the activity's end. (b) Good Friday meditation; "The Last Hour", on "The seven last words of Jesus from the cross", in word and music; church, 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. (c) Good Friday liturgy, church, 8.00 p.m., with a reflection by the Rector.

MOTHERS' UNION

We thank our branch members for hosting again a 'Famine Lunch' on Palm Sunday, after our 10.30 a.m. service, with the proceeds in aid of the Mothers' Union overseas fund. This particular fund contributes to invaluable Church development projects, particularly in less materially advantaged parts of the Worldwide Anglican Communion.

EASTER DAY

(The day of Resurrection), Sunday 12 April. At 6.30 a.m., the really uplifting Easter Dawn "Sunrise" ecumenical service will again (weather permitting) be held on the top of the Hell Fire Club. Our services here to celebrate this very special Day are at 8.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m., and 7.00 p.m.

OUR ANNUAL EASTER VESTRY will be held on Thursday, 30 April, at 8.00 p.m., in the Stables (1823). This annual meeting, incorporating elections and the presentation of our audited annual accounts, also affords us the welcome opportunity to thank very warmly the outgoing churchwardens, Jane Kelly and Sam Jessup, the outgoing Select Vestry members, and not least our esteemed Hon. Treasurer, Pauline Dunlop and Hon. Secretary, Ruth Gaskin, for all their very valued service and dedication over the past year.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Our 'May Fete' will be (D.V.) held on Saturday, 9 May, in the grounds of Whitechurch N.S., Whitechurch Road, 2.00 – 5.00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Gwen Bannister. We shall indeed miss Gwen from our fellowship and friendship, and extend the support and solidarity of our prayer at this

time of great loss to her husband, David, their children Alison, Neil and Pamela, and the wider family circle.

HOLY BAPTISM

Oscar Alexander, son of Gary Chambers and Vera Markevich; Leo Ian, son of Michael and Heather Clarke; Jessica Rose Walker, son of Brian and Charlotte Dempsey.

ELECTION OF NEW PRIMATE AND ARCHBISHOP OF ARMAGH

We join with parish communities throughout the whole Church of Ireland in extending our best wishes and prayerful support at this time to Bishop John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher, following his recent election to the Primatial See of Armagh.

ZION

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The Rector writes...

'for we are perplexed but not driven to despair' 2 Cor 4

As I write this the government has closed schools, there are rumours of a 'full lockdown' and many dioceses and parishes have cancelled all public worship.

In Zion we will continue with worship, even if it can not be public. It is clear from our old parish registers that in times of crisis such as the Spanish flu or the Great War the response of this parish has always been to pray more. We are in unchartered territory here, but we will continue to pray. If we must close our doors, worship will still be offered on behalf of all, wherever you may be.

At present the parish is compiling a list of those who may be able to assist vulnerable parishioners who are self isolating. Now is the time to show how we serve and whom we serve.

If you are healthy and well and are in a position to do so, might you consider offering to do a doorstep food drop or to collect essentials for someone who can't?

This all seems simply today, but the challenge will be to keep this going for weeks to come. Email the Rector if you'd like to offer your services. If for whatever reason you can't you can still pick up the phone and check on a neighbour - the phone calls will be one of the most important things in fighting the loneliness of isolation. We are all in this together.

Now is the time to explore the limits of 'togetherness', to find ways of fighting isolation that do not involve touch or risk, but that still mean solidarity and kindness, generosity and love. We will respond to this with peace, faithfulness and gentleness.

We are a people of faith, hope and love. When Paul wrote his second letter to the Church in Corinth he warned them against panic or giving up hope. We too must take this warning to heart. This is the time for the Church to be a rock and to offer calm and balm in a troubled world.

Christian mystics have long known that we see God most clearly in the darkest hour. Julian of Norwich lived through the ravages of the Black Death and the Peasants' Revolt and its aftermath. And yet she managed to find solace in God, and to write words we can all take to heart today:

All shall be well

And all shall be well

And all manner of things shall be well.

Be not afraid, says our God. I am with you like never before.

Stephen

Diary

All but worship is cancelled at time of writing. Keep an eye on Facebook/Twitter/the parish website for updates.

ARKLOW, INCH AND KILBRIDE

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HC, 5th SOW.
Inch 10.00a.m. 1st & 3rd HC, 2nd MP & 4th SOW, 5th SOW
St. Saviour's, Arklow, 11.30am. 1st & 3rd HC, 2nd SOW & 4th MP, 5th SOW
MP – Morning Prayer. HC - Holy Communion SOW – Service of the Word.

Following the advice of the Government a number of events were cancelled for March. Please note that all the April events will be subject to updates. Please keep an eye out on our facebook page and news sheet for any changes that are made.

Illness

We remember all those who are or spent some time in hospital recently.

Bereavement

We were saddened to hear of the sudden death of Saran Acres, a former Parishioner of Arklow, before moving to Craanford. We sympathise with her partner Jim Kinsella and son Aidan.

Many Parishioners will remember Hazel Turner (nee Sheane) growing up in her younger years in Arklow. Her funeral service was conducted by Archdeacon Edgar Swann, and held on Tuesday 10 March in St Brigid's Church, Kilbride followed by interment in the adjoining Churchyard. We sympathise with her daughters Lynda and Sandra and son Georgie and the wider family circle.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Jason Hughes on the death of his mother Marion, a former parishioner of Inch. Janet Nuzum on the death of her mother and Margaret McDowell on the death of her nephew.

Holy Baptism

Julian Tom Forbes son of Graeme and Áine Vigors was baptised by Rev Kevin Conroy in St Brigid's Church, Kilbride on Sunday 23 February 2020.

Freya Lauren daughter of Lorna and Conan Doyle was baptised by Rev Kevin Conroy on Sunday 1 March during the service in St Saviour's Church, Arklow.

We welcome Julian and Freya into the fellowship of the Church.

Mothers' Union

Our meeting scheduled for Tuesday 10 March at 2.30pm was postponed.

Confirmation Preparation

The session on Friday 13 March 2020 in St Saviour's Hall was postponed.

World Day of Prayer

This was to have been held on Friday 6 March in the Methodist Church but a decision was made on Health and Safety grounds to defer it indefinitely at the present time.

Holy week services

Wednesday 8 April – Inch Church at 8.00pm
Thursday 9 April – St Brigid's Church, Kilbride @ 8.00pm
Friday 10 April (Good Friday) – St Saviour's Church @ 8.00pm.
Saturday 11 April – Service of Light at 6.30pm in Inch Parish Church.

Easter Sunday Services on 12 April

There will be Holy Communion Services in all 3 Churches as follows:
Inch and Kilbride at 10.00am and St Saviour's Church, Arklow at 11.30am.

Annual Easter General Vestry Meetings

It is amazing how quickly a year goes by when it comes to arranging these in the Parish and are as follows:

St Brigid's, Kilbride will be held on Tuesday 21 April at 8.00pm in the Sunday Club Room.

Inch will be held on Thursday 23 April at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall and

St Saviour's will be held on Monday 27 April at 8.00pm in St Saviour's Hall.

It would be great to see good attendances at these important meetings.

Methodist Covenant

On Sunday 26 April there will be a joint venture between the Methodist Church and St Saviour's Church. There will be a joint service starting in the Methodist Church at 11.00am to 11.30am and then on to St Saviour's Church for 11.45am and will be followed by tea in St Saviour's Hall. It would be great to have a good attendance for this joint venture.

Inch Spring Sale

This will be held on Saturday 2 May in Inch Parish Hall from 10.00am to 12.30pm. There will be a raffle, Tea/Coffee and Cakes, Plant Stall, Bric-a-Brac, Book Stall, Cake Stall and Toy Stall. All welcome.

Future Events

Friday 8 May – Carysfort National School are holding a concert in St Saviour's Church.

ATHY, KILBERRY AND FONTSTOWN WITH KILKEA

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From the Rector

We had a very interesting (and enjoyable!) Clergy conference in early February this year. The Archbishop elect of York, Bishop Stephen Cottrell. He spoke on quite a few topics but one of the interesting things he said that he had made a decision in his life to evangelise every time he spoke to anyone. Now that is quite an undertaking but when you think about it, surely that is what all our conversations should include, and if not by speech then by our actions, by what we do and how we do it. I was thinking in particular of how we drive as I failed to let someone out of a side street and blew the horn at a pedestrian, dressed entirely in black stepped out in front of the car, and then there was that cyclist who ignored the red light. I think I might become as cranky as I have been on The Hard Shoulder. Aaaaah! But it got me thinking about how a Christian should drive, and behave and, and... Well, evangelising while driving may be a difficult thing to do, but worth a shot. I will keep you posted of any progress.



Baptism of Emily with grandfather Rev Robert Statesbury and Laura and Jonathan Lynch.

Around Athy Union

Condolences

With sadness we record the death of Miss Freda Yates formerly of Grangemellon, Athy. To Tommy Shirley and Bruce and the wider Yates family we extend deepest sympathy. Miss Yates was headmistress of Collegiate School Celbridge and also Head of Girls and Vice-Principal in Kilkenny College for eighteen years. She was a frequent worshipper in Athy Church. Her funeral service took place privately in St. John's Church Kilkenny and a Memorial Service will be held at a later date. In her 94th year it can be truly said of Miss Yates Well done, thou good and faithful servant. May she Rest In Peace.

Happy Retirement

This month we said a fond farewell to Mrs Yvonne Griffin as she retired from her position as Principal of Athy Model School. There was a full house and the 6th Class were wonderful as the Front of House Team, welcoming everyone and escorting them to their seats. The Parents Association provided the refreshments and the speeches were heartfelt and fulsome. The pupils also put on a play, a funny sketch which ended with the production of a delicious coffee cake. Mrs Griffin was presented with a number of gifts and many tributes as she was thanked for her unstinting dedication and hard work as Principal of the Model School. The pupils also prepared some artwork which was fantastic, and her love of cats was captured by the 3rd and 4th classes in a display of cats interpreted by the various artistic movements, post modernism, cubist, renaissance, romantic, excellent. The junior classes made a wonderful montage of patchwork in the shape of a huge cape, which they entitled Sharing her faith, Spreading her knowledge. We wish Yvonne every blessing in her retirement and every blessing to Mrs Karyn Cole who is our new Principle.

Athy Photography Club

Athy Club hosted an Evening with John Minahen, Photographer, who was from Athy and who worked all over the world. As a media photographer. He famously photographed Samuel Beckett and Lady Diana Spenser, later Princess Diana. A wonderful evening.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes have begun and we are busily preparing spiritually and creatively for this very special time in our young people's lives.

Happy Birthday!

A Very Happy 97th Birthday to our most senior parishioner, Mrs Mary Taylor.

World Book Day, Athy Model School

World Book Day was a great celebration in the Model School this year. As always the Teachers also take part and the Rector entered into the spirit of the day by wearing her best clerical shirt and holding the best book of all, The Bible! The characters ranged from Jo in Little Women to Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum and the Mad Hatter. Great fun!



World Book Day, Athy Model School.

Eric's Heroes

An amazing Fundraiser was held in Athy Golf Club by an amazing young person, Emily Hendy, for an amazing young boy, Eric, who needs 24 hour care. Emily is one of the nurses and she organised a Table Quiz and set the questions herself. It raised a grand total of €2,500. Thank you to all the Hendys and the Stanleys who supported this noble effort. Eric and his family are delighted with the amount raised and will use the money to improve his quality of life. Well done, Emily!

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Christ is Risen, Hallelujah

Baptism

On Sunday, 1st March Michelle Byrne and Vincent Gray brought their son, Michael Richard Gray for Baptism to St. John's Church, Ballymore Eustace. We pray for Michael and his family.



Caroline Byrne, Martin Kells, Vincent Gray, Michelle Byrne, Alison Byrne with Michael at his Baptism.

Confirmation

On Sunday, 5th April, Palm Sunday, we look forward to welcoming Archbishop Michael Jackson to St. Mary's Church, Blessington for the Confirmation Service. We pray for the candidates, Ben Allison, Conan Bell, Caleb Brennan, Luke Callinan, Kate Hill, Robbie Jenkins, Sophie Keogh, Grace Mills, Willow Pope and Max Shirley.

Services for April

5th April – Palm Sunday United Service

St. Mary's Blessington	Confirmation Service	10.30am
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12th April – Easter Sunday;

St. John's Ballymore Eustace	Holy Communion	9.15am
St. Mary's Blessington	Holy Communion	10.30am
St. John's Cloughleagh	Holy Communion	11.45am

19th April

St. John's Ballymore Eustace	Morning Prayer	9.15am
St. Mary's Blessington	Holy Communion	10.30am
St. John's Cloughleagh	Holy Communion	11.45am

26th April

St. John's Ballymore Eustace	Holy Communion	9.15am
St. Mary's Blessington	Morning Prayer	10.30am
St. John's Cloughleagh	Morning Prayer	11.45am

Lent and Holy Week services

1st April

St. John's Cloughleagh	Holy Communion	8.00pm
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8th April	St. John's Cloughleagh	Healing Service	8.00pm
9th April, Maundy Thursday	St. John's Ballymore Eustace	Holy Communion	8.00pm
10th April, Good Friday	St. Mary's Blessington	Good Friday Liturgy	2.00pm

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Sunday Services: St. John's, Aughrim – 10.00 a.m.

Ballinatone Church – 10.30 a.m.; Holy Trinity, Castlemacadam – 11.45 a.m.

Recovering from illness/operations

We continue to remember in prayer, those who are ill, and those who are in hospital and also their families and friends.

We particularly think of Canon John Clarke, Marie Van Der Wel, and Bruce Middleton at this time.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Peter Kerr, on the recent death of his brother Brian.

The death of a loved one causes distress and we offer our support and prayers at this time.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes are continuing. Please remember in your prayers the following candidates:-

Grace Hollingsworth, William Hollingsworth and Joshua Simmonds.

Women's World Day of Prayer:

The Women's World Day of Prayer for this year was held in Holy Trinity Church, Castlemacadam, on Friday, 6th March, at 8.00 p.m. This year the service was prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. Rise-Take your mat and walk. Thank you to all who attended the service, all the ladies who read, collected the offertory and detailed the lovely table display. Thanks also to our speaker on the night Uta Raab, and to the ladies for the teas served after the service.

Coronavirus (Covid 19)

In light of the evolving Coronavirus (Covid 19) situation and the advice of HSE and Department of Health to safeguard the health of our population, the decision has been taken to cancel all Church services in our 3 churches until further notice.

Lenten Services had been taking place in St. John's Church, Aughrim, on Wednesday nights, so these are also cancelled until further Notice.

On Good Friday each year there is an Ecumenical Procession from St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Church, Avoca to Holy Trinity Church, Castlemacadam. At the time of going to press, it is not known if this also will now take place.

Our Rural Dean Reverend Jack Kinkead, encourages all parishioners to think of vulnerable or isolated neighbours during this period and to offer support and assistance as appropriate.

5th Sunday

Please note that if there is a 5th Sunday in a month, there may be one service only on that Sunday and in one church only.

Coffee Morning

Dates and venues for Joint Coffee Mornings will be announced at Church Services.

Dates for your Diary

Annual Church Fete is to be held on Saturday, 11th July, 2020. Neighbouring parishes please take note.

Blessing of the Animals Service to be held on Sunday, 31st May, 2020, in Ballinatone Church Grounds.

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No notes this month.

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What a difference a month makes! This month's Review has pictures of parish activities, church services, people socialising. All these things are unthinkable at the moment due to the Covid 19 virus. And events are moving so fast that every day brings new restrictions and new fears.

However, last month was a happy one and several events took place in the parish.

Confirmation service

The Confirmation service was a great occasion. Over 40 young people from Delgany and Greystones parishes came together and were confirmed by the Archbishop at the service in Delgany.

Ash Wednesday was marked by the special service for the day and Lent services and Bible studies began on subsequent Wednesday nights, shared with Greystones parish.

Susie Keane came to the parish to talk to a number of Rectors from neighbouring parishes about the setting up of area youth work under the guidance of Stephen Byford, a youth worker.

Thursday Club visited the lovely Castletown house and enjoyed an excellent guided tour followed by a cup of tea nearby.

The BOM of Delgany NS met and arranged the affairs of the school.

Sadly, the **Mothers Union Afternoon Tea** planned for the 14th March was cancelled, again due to the virus.

The Family Service was planned for 15th March. The service sheets were printed. The coffee was scheduled, the hymns chosen. But the approaching crisis of the Covid 19 virus made it wise to cancel services for the good of the whole community.

It made little sense to restrict children from interacting with each other by closing the schools and then allowing them to interact in church. It seems that children, though they may not suffer from the virus, are likely to pass it on. Sitting close together, singing, touching prayerbooks and service sheets, happy bags – much of what we do in church can spread the virus.

And many of our congregation are in the most vulnerable age category for this virus and catching it could have lethal consequences.

Those who wished to watch a service were directed to the resources prepared by the Diocese and to the live streamed service from Christ Church Cathedral.

I believe we were not overreacting but I would prefer to take that chance rather than risking putting parishioners in the way of harm.

We also commiserated with Searon Taylor on the death of her father, Peter Murphy, in Cork.

Parishioners have been good about getting in touch and offering to help elderly neighbours who might not be able to get out to shop in the current circumstances.

I hope you will all keep safe. We trust that this crisis will pass though our world will never be quite the same again.

DONOUGHMORE, DONARD WITH DUNLAVIN

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UNCERTAIN TIMES

Going back to the beginning of this year, none of us had heard of Covid-19 or Coronavirus as it is more commonly known. Little over three months later, as these notes are written, the world is being impacted by this disease in a way that few of us have ever previously experienced. Unfortunately, we don't know what the outcome will be or how long the affects of Coronavirus will last. However, it is probably safe to assume that it is going to continue to be a major threat for a considerable time, and we will have to face the consequences of how we deal with it both globally and nationally. We need to be wise and responsible, adhering to all the current regulations affecting parish activities, put into place during March. It is our intention to continue with Sunday worship as long as it is safe and advisable to do so.

How do we react to the Coronavirus? It is so easy to allow panic and fear to set in, creating an attitude of hopelessness and despair. It is so necessary to look to the hope of Easter where we have faith in the resurrection and the knowledge that Jesus Christ is alive. Our faith is in a God who overcomes and brings transformation and life. This is a time when we need to seek God and call out to him for our health and salvation and continue in the belief that our future is in his hands. Maybe Psalm 91 could become part of our daily reading!

*Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
 will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
 I will say of the LORD, 'He is my refuge and my fortress,
 my God, in whom I trust.'
 Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare
 and from the deadly pestilence. Psalm 91:1-3*

EASTER

We are putting into place plans for our Easter services with the understanding they could change at any time. The proposed services are as follows:-

MAUDY THURSDAY

On the evening when we remember Jesus sharing the Passover meal with his disciples, we have a service of Holy Communion in Conary Church on Thursday, 9th April beginning at 8.00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY

On Good Friday we focus on the cross. There will be short services of meditation in the morning at Conary Church; 9.30am and Dunganstown; 10.30am. In the evening there will be a service in Redcross Church at 8.00pm.

EASTER SUNDAY

This is the day of great joy and celebration within the Christian year which will be reflected in our services on Sunday, 12th April. The services will be Holy Communion and will be at the following times: - Conary, 9.10am; Dunganstown, 10.30am and Redcross at 11.30am.



Confirmation candidates.

HEALING

Every Thursday evening, there is prayer for healing in Trinity Hall, Redcross (behind the Church) from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. It is always exciting to hear how God impacts people lives and to hear testimonies of those who have experienced physical and emotional healing.

CONFIRMATION

Five young people from our parish were confirmed by the Archbishop in St. Saviour's Church, Rathdrum on Sunday, 23rd February. The candidates were Holly Smith-Kennedy Keeley Gardner, Tadgh Gardner, Ethan Ramsey-Dicks and Dylan Ryan who we now welcome as communicant members of our church fellowship. We thank the Rev. Brian O'Reilly for organizing the service and making the candidates, their family and friends so welcome.

GREYSTONES, ST. PATRICK'S

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 Weekday services: Daily prayer: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9 am
 Wednesday: Holy Communion, 10:30 am, followed by coffee

Holy Week and Easter

This year the advent of Covid-19 has provided an unexpected opportunity to reflect on how interrelated we all are in our church and worldwide community. In support of the well-being of all we have been called to make individual sacrifices – giving up shaking hands, maintaining social distance, taking on extra vigilance as regards hand-washing and curtailing travel and social plans. Parishioner support has enabled us to live-stream our Sunday service on-line in order to help slow down the spread of the virus. We've also seen many parishioners reach out to others with offers of help. We must wait and see what the future holds in regards to the services of Holy Week and Easter. When we have clear plans we will publish them on our facebook, website and email.

Recent changes in St Patrick's include the poignant farewell to our organist and choir director, Paul and Jacqueline Mullen, who have given us ten wonderful years of devoted, inspirational, uplifting and liturgically-centred music for our worship. In this 'musical interregnum' we appreciate the work of visiting organists and the stalwart backing of the choir, as we try to encourage the best of traditional and modern music.

St Patrick's School Choir, conducted by Tony Norton, sang for us recently at a 'Welcome Home' Eucharist for the newly confirmed group. The service included the passing on of the baptismal candles, an important symbolic act demonstrating 'outward visible signs of inward invisible grace'.

We welcome Diane Middleton as our Parish Administrator and Brian Hickey, our Parish Youth Worker, both of whom have settled well into their roles. Brian is 26 years old and from Blackrock; he is delighted to be joining the wonderful team in St Patricks and is greatly encouraged by the time and effort put in by volunteers and leaders in Sunday

Seekers and Bugle Club. He wants the youth to feel at home at St Patrick's, where they can learn of God and know His steadfast love and abundant grace.

In conjunction with Young Life we have started a Girls' Bible Study on a Tuesday night, to run until summer. This will enable girls of secondary school age to meet together and engage with the Bible and its message for their lives.

This year's Wednesday evening Lent course is shared with Delgany following a service of Holy Communion at 7.30 pm. It is based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's 'Live Lent – Care for God's Creation' series. April services are on 1 April in Delgany ('Creatures of Sea and Sky') and 8 April, Holy Week, in Greystones ('Humans and Other Animals').

Mothers' Union – 'Building Hope and Confidence'

At our February meeting Emma Jane Rushworth spoke about the garden sculptures she makes from wire. She brought several fabulous sculptures to the meeting and demonstrated how she makes them. We were all put to the test and tried our hands at making a tiny flower - not quite on the scale of one of her sculptures to be displayed on a roundabout in Cobh.

At the first Communion Service for St Patrick's Confirmation Candidates Mothers' Union gave each candidate a Cross In My Pocket and verse.

Members attended the Breakfast meeting in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip in February. It was a lovely get-together and we all appreciated the talk by John Saunders, CEO of Shine, on helping people with mental health issues.

Home-Start is a voluntary organisation in which volunteers offer regular support, friendship and practical help to families with young children in their own homes, helping to prevent family crisis and breakdown. MU Branches in this diocese are filling boxes with toiletries for Home-Start. Our branch has 5 boxes ready to go to the Council meeting in May.

March meeting: a Fun Night – 'Could be a Quiz and even some Bells'. Our April meeting will be on Monday in Holy Week when we will attend the evening Communion Service.

Daphne Townsend

From the Register

In February the funeral of Merriel Davies was held. She was a longstanding member of our parish and the widow of John Davies, a lay reader for many years in St Patrick's.

LEIXLIP AND LUCAN

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Rector's day off: Monday.

Corona Virus

As I write the country is in virtual lock down following the Corona virus outbreak. Several parish events have been cancelled and many others are likely to follow suit. Please take good care of one another and show particular sensitivity towards those who are particularly at risk. Services are cancelled at present and this will continue for some time. The parish will engage with everyone through the facebook pages, email contact and by phone. Support one another by our respectful distance but also through whatever communication is open to us. May God continue to support and bless us in our efforts of caring for ourselves and one another.

Intercultural Afternoon

It is with great regret that this wonderful event on St. Patrick's afternoon had to be cancelled. The organisers are hoping for an opportunity to present it later in the year. Many thanks for all who put so much time and effort into getting things organised.

Summer Fair

This will take place on Saturday 23rd May at St. Mary's. The usual stalls will be in operation and we welcome the involvement of new people in this regard. Particular help is required for the setting up and dismantling of stalls etc. If you can assist with that please email the parish at leixlipunionoffice@gmail.com and let us know.

48th Dublin Scout Group

The group held its 50th anniversary service of thanksgiving in St. Andrew's on Sunday 23rd February. It was a time to reflect on the commitments of leaders and members over that period and the particular ministry of care that has been shown towards young people in our parish.

The 48th Dublin Scout group was formed in September 1969 by Mr Malcolm Dalgetty, assisted by Mrs Johnston.

The group was sponsored by the parish and Cannon Despard was the rector at the time and he was very involved in the group.

1976. The scout troop was opened by Mr Bill Daniels.

1980. Troop Closed

1981. Beaver colony opened.

1995. Troop Opened. Scouter Mr Bob McIntyre.

1995. Girls joined the group.

2002. Troop closed

2005. Troop opened. Scouter Mr Brian Donohoe.

Group Leaders:

1978 Mr Noel Miller

1981 Mrs Barbara Whitley

1982-1987 Ms Majorie Malcolm.

1987-1991 Mrs Barbara Whitley.

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Women's World Day of Prayer – Friday March 6th

The Women's World Day of Prayer service was held in the Church of the Holy Saviour, Narraghmore, on Friday, March 6th at 8.00pm. Members of all churches in the area participated. The service which was prepared by the women of Zimbabwe was very thought provoking and included some well-known hymns. Many thanks to Avril Gillatt who co-ordinated the service and also to the ladies who provided refreshments after the service.

Coffee Morning

Due to COVID 19, our monthly coffee mornings will not take place until further notice.

Daffodil Day Coffee Morning – postponed

It was decided to postpone the Daffodil Day Coffee Morning which was due to be held on Thursday March 26th in Timolin Parish Hall.

Bereavements

Our sympathies to the following:

Corrigan and Stanley families on the death of Jean Kilcoyne (née Corrigan), Rahill, Rathvilly, Co. Carlow on 15th February. Her funeral took place on Wednesday, 19th February in St. Mary's Church, Rathvilly and burial afterwards in the adjoining churchyard.

Braithwaite family on the death of Ann (wife of Philip and mother of Clive, Emma, Glenn and Philippa) on Tuesday, 3rd March. Ann's mother (Naomi Wilson) was organist in the Church of the Holy Saviour, Narraghmore for many years. Ann's funeral took place on Friday, 6th

March in Carlow Methodist Church and burial afterwards in Coltstown Cemetery, Castledermot.

Stanley and Corrigan families on the death of Elsie Norse (née Burgess) (Kilmartin House, Newcastle, Co. Wicklow) on 11th March. Elsie was an aunt of Linda Stanley (Timolin) and George Corrigan (Kinneagh). Her funeral service took place in Newcastle Parish Church on Saturday, 14th March.

Rota of Services

Wednesday 1st April 2020: Service of Wholeness and Healing
11:00am Timolin

Sunday 5th April 2020: Palm Sunday, The Sixth Sunday in Lent
10.00am Narraghmore (followed by tea for Fields of Life)
11.30am Castledermot

Friday, 10th April 2020: Good Friday
3:00pm Castledermot, The way of the cross.

Saturday, 11th April 2020: Easter Eve
8.00pm Narraghmore

Sunday 12th April 2020: Easter Sunday, First Sunday of Easter
6.30am Sunrise Service at Sunrise on Mullaghmast Hill
(followed by breakfast in Crookstown)
10.00am Kinneagh
11.30am Timolin

Sunday 19th April 2020: The Second Sunday of Easter
10:00am Castledermot (followed by tea for Fields of Life)
11:30am Narraghmore

Sunday 26th April 2020: The Third Sunday of Easter
10:00am Timolin (followed by tea for Fields of Life)
11:30am Kinneagh

Sunday 3rd May 2020: The Fourth Sunday of Easter
10:00am Narraghmore (followed by tea for Fields of Life)
11:30am Castledermot

Wednesday 6th May 2020: Service of Wholeness and Healing
11:00am Timolin

NEWCASTLE AND NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY WITH CALARY

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

What a month this has been for me, as most things I have been involved in I now step back from these parishes. The sincere outpouring of love, good wishes and kind words has really humbled me and made me even more aware of the amazing community I have been privileged to work with and live amongst for nineteen and a half years. The exceptional generosity of parishioners, Select Vestry members and many who have no affiliation to these parishes, but people I have encountered in the course of everyday life, has far out passed anything I could have imagined in my wildest dreams.

It has indeed been a great privilege to share with all age groups, and those with strong faith and belief in God, but also to have made many friends amongst those who struggle with the idea of the spiritual realities which have come to be the main anchor that gives me peace, hope and assurance, not only for this life, but for eternity.

I want to express a heartfelt and sincere thank you to you all who have made us, as a family, feel part of your community, and that is not

just our own church community but the whole area. Ministry for me has never been just to those attached to our own church but to every person I meet, and it was very easy to be involved with that kind of ecumenism as a basis. God, I am convinced, is not very interested in judging between the difference churches, denominations or where we worship, but is committed to the individual more than the group!

I leave these parishes with very mixed feelings. I know it is time to 'hang up the boots' and that makes the decision easier but I can assure you it was a very difficult decision to come to terms with. I have now come to terms with the idea and leave with fantastic memories but a little lump in my throat!

May the Lord bless you all and I encourage you to encourage each other and know more each day of the joy of the Lord.

With love and every good wish,

William

Activities in the Parish Centre (Full details in PINS)

Coffee – Tuesday mornings at 10.30

Table Tennis – Every Monday – 20.00. Juniors 19- 20.

Time Out – The Prayer group third Tuesday of month.

Bowls Club – Thursdays at 19.30 pm. All are welcome.

Youth Club – Fridays 7 to 8 in the Parish Centre.

HOLY COMMUNION (St. Matthews) – Wednesday mornings at 10.30 with tea/coffee

Calary Notes

William's leaving

William's last service in Calary was on 16th February when a large congregation saw him presented with a painting of his favourite horse together with a donation and a bouquet of flowers for Elspeth. In a moving speech, William reminded us that he has served in the parish for over 19 years. The parish has been blessed to have such a wonderful and caring pastor and family for such a long time and he has certainly made his mark and so many friends in Calary. We all wish Elspeth and William all the best for the future.

Road to Roundwood

A Roundwood group is hoping to bring a refugee family to the village under the auspices of the Irish Red Cross. Calary Parish has agreed that it will help in any way that it can.

Sunday School

Sunday School in Calary takes place every Sunday in the Church Room, except when there is Family Service.

Dear Friends

I am absolutely delighted to have been requested to share with you in your worship during the interregnum following William's retirement. Your farewell to William and his family has -understandably been a time of so many differing emotions and he and they will long be remembered - and deservedly so.

Sadly my arrival has coincided with the worldwide spread of the Coronavirus Covid-19. Developments in Ireland are unfolding on a daily basis and it is presently unknown as to precisely what the situation will be with regard to parish worship as and when this edition of 'The Church Review' goes to print. We must not underestimate the seriousness of this pandemic.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with all those affected in any way by this pandemic and not least with those working in the Health Sector who daily put their own lives at risk for the benefit and well being of us all.

We remember those who are facing challenges at this time – the aged, the young and the vulnerable, those who feel isolated, those who face additional health concerns and financial burdens.

We pray that we may all be filled anew with Hope.

Wishing one and all a Blessed and Peaceful Easter and may we all be filled with the wonder of the First Easter morn – Hallelujah Christ is Risen.

Rev. Niall

(Updated notice regarding Holy Week & Easter Day Services will be made available to all parishioners as soon as practicable).

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It's incredible how things can change within hours, let alone days, at the moment. The past week has seen the closure of schools and the withdrawal of parish activities for the next few weeks at least, until a clearer picture is obtained as to how we proceed. At times like this we are particularly aware of the more vulnerable in our communities and those who may be living alone; asking that communication be made, if only by telephone to reach out to those who may become increasingly anxious at this time. Our prayers are with these people and those who seek to confine and prevent the spread of Coronavirus.

CONFIRMATION 2020

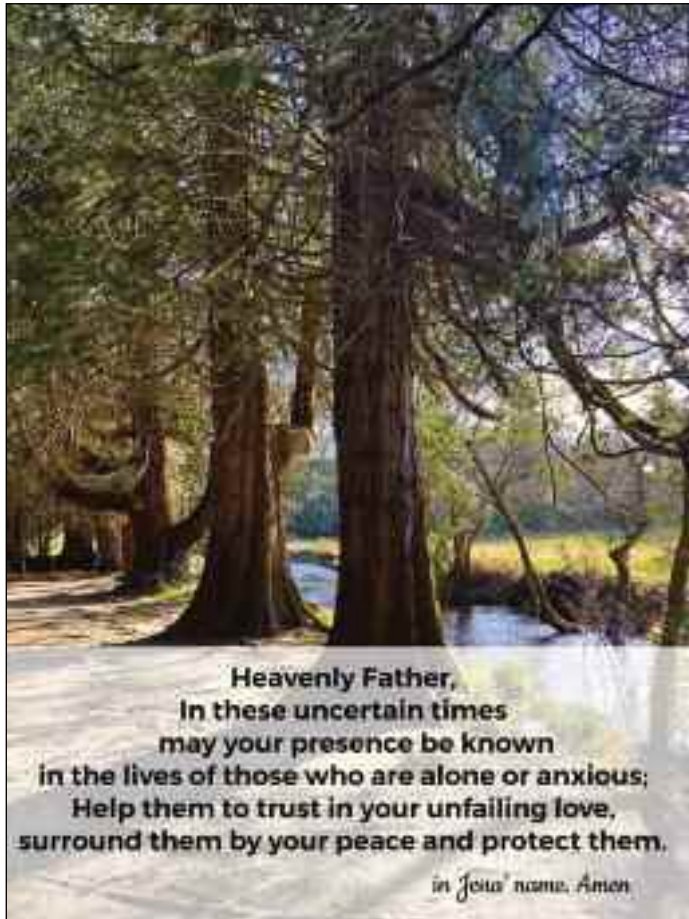
Congratulations to our ten candidates for Confirmation this year who were confirmed by Archbishop Michael Jackson on 22nd February last. The church was filled with parents and friends including confirmation candidates from Kiltarnan Parish and their families. We send our blessings to all young people within our United Dioceses who have confirmed their faith and begin another part of their journey with Christ as adults within the Church.

PARISH DINNER

Congratulations to our Entertainments Committee for a wonderful evening of excellent food and fellowship on Saturday 29th February. We were in the presence of the Great Ricardo (Magician Extra-ordinaire!) who baffled guests with his magical prowess. We are grateful for the preparation of both the hall and the food that went into the success of the evening.

PEOPLE'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's service took place in the beautiful Curtlestown Church on the evening of Friday 6th March last and we are most grateful to all



who worked so hard to organise this gathering. Curtlestown church provided a beautiful setting for a gathering of worship, prayer and song; followed by refreshments.

CANCELLATION OF PARISH ACTIVITIES

Although, for the moment, our Church Services continue, we have cancelled all other extra parochial activities for the foreseeable future until advice is given as to how we might safely proceed. We urge our Parishioners to keep in touch with friends in the Community, especially those who live alone and may feel isolated at this time.

MONTHLY SERVICES (CHANGES OCCUR ON FESTIVE SUNDAYS)

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

8:30am	Holy Communion 1	Powerscourt
10:00am	Holy Communion 2	Kilbride
11:30am	Holy Communion 2	Powerscourt

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

08:30am	Holy Communion 1	Powerscourt
10:00am	Family Service	Kilbride
11:30am	Family Service	Powerscourt

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

08:30am	Holy Communion 1	Powerscourt
10:00am	Holy Communion 1	Kilbride
11:30am	Holy Communion 2	Powerscourt

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

8:00am	Holy Communion 1	Powerscourt
10:00am	Morning Prayer 2	Kilbride
11:30am	Morning Prayer 2	Powerscourt

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

08:30am	Holy Communion 1	Powerscourt
10:00am	Service of the Word	Kilbride
11:30am	Service of the Word	Powerscourt

RATHDRUM & DERRALOSSARY WITH GLENEALY

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Sunday Service Times

09.15hrs	St John's, Laragh
10.45hrs	Glenealy Parish Church (1st and 3rd Sundays)
10.45hrs	St Saviour's Rathdrum (2nd and 4th Sundays)
12.00hrs	St Saviour's Rathdrum (1st and 3rd Sundays)
12.00hrs	Glenealy Parish Church (2nd and 4th Sundays)

United parish services take place on the fifth Sunday of each month.

Easter services

Holy Week and Easter Day services are as follows:

6 Apr 2020 – Monday in Holy Week

Glenealy Parish Church	Evening Prayer 2	19:30hrs
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7 Apr 2020 – Tuesday in Holy Week

St. Saviour's, Rathdrum	Evening Prayer 2	19:30hrs
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8 Apr 2020 – Wednesday in Holy Week

Glenealy Parish Church	Holy Communion 2	10:30hrs
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8 Apr 2020 – Wednesday in Holy Week

St. John's, Laragh	Evening Prayer 2	19:30hrs
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9 Apr 2020 – Maundy Thursday

Glenealy Parish Church	Holy Communion 2	19:30hrs
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Fri, 10 Apr 2020 – Good Friday

Glenealy Parish Church	Children's Service	10:30hrs
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Fri, 10 Apr 2020 – Good Friday

St. Saviour's, Rathdrum Hour at the Cross 14:00hrs

Fri, 10 Apr 2020 – Good Friday

St. Kevin's, Laragh Walk of the Cross 19:00hrs

Easter Sunday

St. John's, Laragh Holy Communion 2 09:15hrs
 St. Saviour's, Rathdrum Holy Communion 2 10:45hrs
 Glenealy Parish Church Holy Communion 2 12:00hrs

Confirmation service in St Saviour's church

Archbishop Michael Jackson led the confirmation service in St Saviour's Church on Sunday 23rd February at 10.30 am. This was a united service and included young people from Red Cross Union. The church was packed on this very joyous occasion with the confirmation candidates and their families. Rev Brian O'Reilly, rector of Rathdrum and Rev Roland Heaney, rector of Redcross were in attendance.

The Confirmation candidates were as follows:

Rathdrum Union of Parishes: Aaron Armstrong, Ava Codd, Adam Delamere, Calantha Donnelly, Noah Mahon, Maeve Shorten.

Redcross Union of Parishes: Keeley Gardner, Tadhg Gardner, Ethan Ramsey-Dicks, Dylan Ryan, Holly Smith.



Confirmation candidates.

Fundraising concert to raise funds for St Saviour's church roof

A fundraising concert took place in St Saviour's Rathdrum on Tuesday 28th February in aid of St Saviour's church roof. It was a most enjoyable evening. A big thank you to all involved in the organisation of the concert and an even bigger thank you to those who sang so beautifully.

A prayer for the journey through the Corona pandemic

God of the good news that spreads faster than fear,
 God of the courage that comes from the heart:
 Be with us as anxieties rise and with us as uncertainty grows.
 Be with us when children ask difficult questions,
 And with us when parents seem further away.
 Remind us that to be a community does not always mean to be
 physically present beside those we know well,
 It also can mean being spiritually present with those who feel very alone;
 And that you as our God made flesh, are also the God who calls us
 from the tumult
 And tells us to be still and to know that you are God with us.
 Amen

WICKLOW AND KILLISKEY

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Wicklow Church

Did you know that Wicklow Church is open most days? Feel free to drop in – there is an interesting series of story boards around the

church, giving some of its history. Anyone is welcome, and please sign the Visitors' Book! Visitors are also welcome on Sundays - the services are at 9am (Said Holy Communion) & 10am (Main service).

Midweek service

The midweek service of Holy Communion is at 10.30am each week from September to June, and is a simple celebration of Holy Communion with prayers for the sick. Tea / coffee is served at the back of church after the service. All welcome

Wicklow Fete 2020

Subject to Covid-19 the Fête will take on Saturday 23rd May, in East Glendalough School, Wicklow Town. This year's Fete will include a rugby tournament, local trade and craft stalls, dog show, artisan food, local performers, cupcake decoration stand, magic show, face painting, children's game organized by the Glebe PTA, music, clothes, bric-abrac, toys, flower stall and much more!

In conjunction with the Fete, Wicklow Parish have decided to bring back the Inter Diocesan Hockey Tournament! It will start at 1pm and end by 5pm at the latest. This was previously run by Rev's Gillian Wharton and Anne Taylor.

It will be run on the basis of being a FUN tournament, a mixed 7-a-side (4 & 4 incl a sub.) There will be a trophy for the overall winners plus €200 and there's an Archbishop's Potty for the overall losers!

An entry fee of €80 will apply. An entry form should be applied for and returned with a €20 deposit by the 15th May. Players should each carry a hockey stick to avoid the Parish Fete entry fee at the gate, so the balance of €60 per team will be expected on arrival.

Application forms can be sought from, Brian O'Rorke, at brianmororke@yahoo.co.uk or by text to 0863428226

Car Boot Sales

The first car boot sale of 2020 will be held in East Glendalough School on Sat 4th April, 9am-2pm. If you are interested in taking a pitch, the cost is €10 per car, or €15 for car with trailer or a van. Tea / coffee is available, and there are toilets open in the school. The car boot sales will run on the first Saturday of each month from April – September and general admission is free. For more information, call Peter Earls (087 2706616) or Lesley Hopkins (087 6091945).

The Hub

The official re-opening of the Killiskey parish centre (known as "The Hub"), which comprises the Ashford Charity Shop and a meeting room for parish and community events, took place on Saturday 15th February. The Archbishop cut the ceremonial ribbon. He captured the spirit of The Hub when he described it as about companionship as much as it is about the transactions. He spoke about the importance of the centre for both the parish and community. Lesley Rue, who acts as manager, said that those who come to the charity shop are seen more as friends than as customers. Revd Ken Rue thanked the community, and especially Fr Eamonn Crosson, for its support.

The charity shop and meeting room have been renovated with a new layout and carpet and fresh painting inside and out. Thanks are due to parishioner, David Harte, for the work undertaken, to local business Martsworth for the carpet and to the volunteers who did so much to prepare for the renovations and the re-opening.



The Archbishop cutting the ribbon at the re-opening of the Killiskey Parish Centre with (l. to r.) Rev Ken Rue, "Bash" Barry (Martsworth) and Lesley Rue.

Ashford Country Fair

With regret, it has been decided to postpone until further notice the Ashford Country Fair to protect the vulnerable in our community at a time when large gatherings of people will only contribute to facilitating the spread of Covid-19.

The planned float in the St Patrick's Day parade in Wicklow Town did not proceed as the parade was cancelled.

Online resources in times of Coronavirus

The United Diocese of Dublin & Glendalough has responded to the likelihood that some may not feel it wise to attend public worship and some services may be cancelled. The Archbishop suggested the creation of online resources and the Revd Ken Rue is providing these on a weekly basis. The resources include services which may be downloaded and have links to readings and hymns online. Also provided are links to commentaries on the readings, to video streams from Christ Church cathedral and St Patrick's cathedral and information about RTE services. It is hoped to introduce podcasts of sermons on the lectionary readings.

Holy Week and Easter Sunday Services (subject to update arising from coronavirus)

At the centre of our Christian faith are the events of Holy Week (5th to 12th April) and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. This year's ceremonies to mark Holy Week and Easter Day take place as follows:

- Sun 5th 09.00am Holy Communion (Wicklow)
- Sun 5th 10.00am Palm Sunday Holy Communion (Wicklow)
- Sun 5th 11.00am Palm Sunday Children's Service (Killiskey) - commencing with a Donkey Procession from Nun's Cross National School at 10.45am
- Tue 7th 07.30pm Holy Week Service (Wicklow)
- Wed 8th 10.30am Holy Communion (Wicklow)
- Wed 8th 07.30pm Holy Week Service (Wicklow)
- Thu 9th 07.30pm Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday (Killiskey)
- Fri 10th 10.00am Good Friday Service of the Word (Wicklow)
- Fri 10th 02.15pm Good Friday Quiet Meditation on the Cross (Killiskey)
- Fri 10th 07.00pm Good Friday Walk of Witness, starting at Wicklow Methodist Church, proceeding to Wicklow Parish Church and finishing at St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, featuring readings, prayers and music in each church
- Sat 11th 09.00pm Easter Vigil (Killiskey) with the Unity Gospel Choir
- Sun 12th 09.00am Holy Communion (Wicklow)
- Sun 12th 09.00am Holy Communion (Killiskey)
- Sun 12th 10.00am Family Communion (Wicklow)
- Sun 12th 11.00am Family Communion (Killiskey)



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Left: Eric & Lynn Denner receive their runners up prize from Captain Stephen Vincent after the annual 'Bangers & Darts' competition, hosted by the 7th Dublin Co BB in Coolock Parish Hall. **Right:** Father and son receive their trophy from Captain Stephen Vincent for winning the annual 'Bangers & Darts' competition, hosted by the 7th Dublin Co BB in Coolock Parish Hall.



From left: Lent lunch at Taney in full swing. The initiative raises funds for Christian Aid; Lent lunch volunteers at Taney; Malachi O'Neill, greets and takes payments for the Lent Lunches at Taney which raise funds for Christian Aid; Some of those involved in the Lent lunches at Taney.



Delgany confirmation 2020.



Delgany Thursday Club at Castletown House.



Above: Teachers at Athy Model School enter into the spirit of World Book Day. **Right:** World Book Day at Athy Model School.





One of the panel discussions at the RIA Disestablishment conference. (Photo: Caoimhe Leppard)



Panellists and speakers taking part in the Royal Irish Academy Conference on Disestablishment.



Above: Clondalkin Rathcoole members of the Stedfast Ensemble at the RTE recording of the Service for the Women's World Day of Prayer, broadcast on Sunday 1st March. **Right:** Anne Winston-O'Dea, Hazel Bolton, Daisy Moffatt and Adrienne Shattock at the rededication of St Andrew's Church in Malahide.



Representatives of the charities that benefited from the Black Santa Appeal in St Ann's Church.

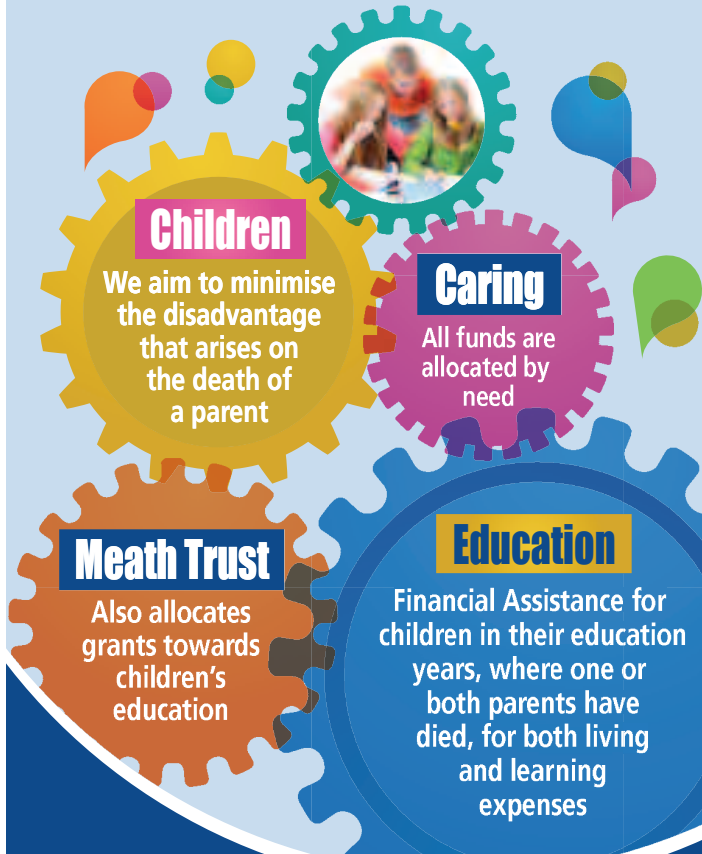


7th Company BB members showing off their thoroughly washed hands, after learning how to take precautions in light of current circumstances.



A section of the large crowd that filled the Hartin Room in CITI for the Bishop Rowan Williams lecture.

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THE MEATH TRUST GRANTS 2020/21

POS CHILDREN'S EDUCATION FUND, which incorporates the Meath Trust, has limited funds available each year for grants towards the support of children and students in their education years and welcomes applications from families in Dublin and Glendalough. As the Trust originated in the Liberties area of Dublin, priority is given to applicants from the city of Dublin.

Further information and application forms for the academic year 2020/21 can be obtained from the Administrator, POS CHILDREN'S EDUCATION FUND, The Church Cottage, Kiltarnan Parish Church of Ireland, Enniskerry Road, Dublin 18, D18 CF79, email info@poscef.org or telephone 087 9789598.

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