



*Dear Readers*

The harvesting of airwaves/radiowaves/electromagnetic waves enables the coding, deciphering and transmission of billions of particles of information hourly.

Communication worldwide has never been so swift aided by this modern miracle of science and technology. Masts appear on lofty heights everywhere such as here on Mount Katrin near Bad Ischl in Austria. Dwarfed by this steel structure is another symbol of massive significance, spanning centuries and communicating the tremendously powerful message of



love, hope, faith, peace. The symbol - a cross and the message transmitter - Jesus Christ, have harvested billions of souls over the years which explains why grateful mountain climbers from every nation and tribe pose at the base of the cross, not the mast for their photo op. This harvest time we celebrate being 'gathered in' by God's grace.

*And may the prayers of thanksgiving we offer which are carried on Spirit waves to God's heart produce the fruit of peace, hope, faith and love even to the remotest places of the earth.*

*Adrienne*



*Oh yes – we are back again!*

Following the success of last year's Winter Fair, the team are assembling once more to host another great day on:

**SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER: 4 - 7pm**

Inside the church there'll be music with a Songs of Praise vibe – all your favourite hymns to listen to and maybe even singalong!

Plus we'll be having pancakes, popcorn, hot dogs, face-painting, sweet stall, art fun for the kids, mulled wine, café treats, gifts, crafts, preserves, and the ever popular BAKED GOODS STALL!

**SO, CALLING CRAFTERS, JAM-MAKERS, BAKERS, HELPERS - and everyone who might be in a position to give of their time and efforts for this event.**

**We are so nearly at our target with the organ fund!**

So please join us on the day.

Contact: [gillperdue@gmail.com](mailto:gillperdue@gmail.com) if you have items to donate, or if you are in a position to help.

*With every good wish,  
Rathfarnham Parish Organ Refurbishment Committee*



**Parish Diary for October**

The 10.30am service every Sunday will continue to be live-streamed and will also be available on the Parish YouTube channel after 24 hours at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCso-NPjtC4skX-mIKICJ-jA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCso-NPjtC4skX-mIKICJ-jA).



**Each Thursday**

**10.30am Holy Communion 2** service in the Millennium Side Chapel

**Each Sunday**

**8am and 12 noon** Holy Communion Form 1

**Sunday 1st**

**10.30am** Morning Prayer

**Sunday 8th**

**10.30am** Harvest Celebration



**HARVEST**

**Guest Preacher: Mr John Deane-O'Keeffe**  
Preceding the service at 9.45am-10.15am we have a **'Meet the Preacher'** over coffee and croissants chat time in the Parish Centre. Please do come along. And after the service refreshments will be kindly provided by Rathfarnham Parish Badminton Club. **Please do stay!**

**6.30pm** Uniform, Children and Youth Harvest Celebration

**Guest Preacher: Mr John Deane-O'Keeffe**

**Sunday 15th**

**10.30am** Morning Prayer

**Sunday 22nd**

**10.30am** Holy Communion

**Sunday 29th**

**10.30am** Bible Sunday Holy Communion

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**Harvest Gift Appeal**

Each year at this time we ask parishioners and children to bring gifts of non-perishable food items to either the **Harvest Service at 10.30am** or the **Organisations Service at 6.30pm on October 8th**.

You can also drop them into church or the parish centre the week before if that suits. These will then be distributed to people in need by organisations the parish already has close links with.

Alternatively you may wish to donate money that can be used to purchase much-needed groceries for families in need. Pop into an envelope and label it **Harvest Gifts**.

Every year these gifts are very much appreciated so we thank you in advance for your continued generosity. LO'C

## Parish News Round-up

### Sunday Club

The new season of Sunday club is in full swing by now.

We are delighted to welcome children from pre-school (beginning primary school next September 2024) to 2nd class. We meet roughly twice a month in the Parish Centre during the 10.30am service, where we explore the bible in a fun, child-friendly, child-centred and interactive way. If you would like your child to join us, just get in touch with me (Linda 087 638 3844) or drop in to one of our sessions to see what we're up to.

#### Sunday Club Dates for your Diary:

**Sunday October 15th:** 10.30am in the Parish Centre.

**Sunday October 22nd:** 10.30am in the Parish Centre.



### Toddlerzone

We have got off to and dino-mite start and have stomped into a new season with lots of Jurassic-Fantastic fun.

It's been roar-some to welcome back familiar faces and some new ones too! Lots of fun has been had with our planteater playdough, dino mud kitchen, prehistoric dino swamp with jelly and dyed spaghetti, while digging for dinosaurs in our dino sand dig, while hunting for lost dinosaurs on the Jurassic Trail. There's been story time, singing and our little prayer each week too, before we finish. We look forward to making special memories and building connections with young families in the parish and community. This month we will be enjoying exploring autumn and Harvest and will be making a craft to help decorate church for the harvest celebrations.

**We gather Tuesday mornings from 10am until 11.30am.** during term time. We always have story and singing time to finish our time together, so there is something for everyone. It is important that you contact one of the team as our spaces are limited and demand last season was back to pre-Covid times. So if you are in the parish and would like to come along to Toddlerzone please do let us know ASAP as we also have many from the local community interested in joining.

For more information contact

Lynn Storey 087 695 7061, Linda O'Connor 087 638 3844, Susan Christie and Helen Sheridan.

### Pop-In

Pop-In on Thursdays is back in action 10.30-12 noon in the Parish Centre.

On Thursday 26th October the Pop-In crew will be hosting the Hospice Coffee morning and your support is most welcome.

Susan, Heather and the team.



### Good News Club

As well as our usual games, crafts and Bible time, Good News Club is taking on an eco activity this year, hoping to brighten up the Main Street church wall with native, seasonal blooms.

This links in with the Mark of Mission to treasure creation.

**Good News Club is for 3-6th class children, Tuesdays 6.45pm-7.45pm, in the Parish Centre.**

We'd love to see you there! AG



### Bubbles & Baptism Outdoor Service

Our Bubbles & Baptism Service and Picnic for all those baptised since 2019 took place on Sunday afternoon September 10th in Rathfarnham Castle Park.



Bubbles & Baptism Belonging Spiral



Bible Storytellers Hillary, Jill, Linda & Cal

Leading the singing - Hillary, Ann-Marie, Claire and Jacqueline

## Wednesday Club

Our October meeting will be held, as usual on the last Wednesday of the month, 25th, at 2.30 pm in the Parish Centre.

Did your parents have any secrets that you discovered only after they were gone? **Tom McGrath** will speak about his fascinating book *Unspoken*. There will be time for a question and answer session. The usual tea, bakes and chat afterwards! Looking forward to seeing our regular attenders. Everyone is welcome to attend.

David Whyte 087 782 6054.



## Relationship Counselling

The Church of Ireland Marriage Council offers subsidised marriage and relationship support and counselling throughout Ireland.

The Council's list of recommended counsellors can be found at: [www.ireland.anglican.org](http://www.ireland.anglican.org). Additional counsellors may come onboard from time to time. Counselling can be provided in person or online to suit with the locality. If you live in a location that is not covered by counsellors, please contact Aisling Sheridan at: [Aisling.Sheridan@rcbdub.org](mailto:Aisling.Sheridan@rcbdub.org)



## Rathfarnham Parish Choir

The new choir season began on Wednesday September 13th at 7.30pm - but it's not too late to join us!

New members are always warmly welcomed. Choir practice occurs each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm and finishing at 8.45pm (but no later than 9pm). For more information, please contact Jacqueline at [music.rathfarnhamparish@gmail.com](mailto:music.rathfarnhamparish@gmail.com)



Rev Martin Steele following his ordination to the priesthood in St Fin Barre's Cathedral with Bishop Paul Colton and former Archbishop of Armagh Richard Clarke who delivered the sermon on authenticity in ministry.



## Sustainable Living

It is becoming increasingly difficult to escape the consequences of man-made climate change as the effects are felt across the globe.

Just this year we witnessed the searing heat in Southern Europe and Canada with the resulting wildfires, floods and mass deaths in Libya and closer to home, record



heat in June followed by record rainfall in July. One can sometimes feel helpless in the face of the task ahead of us and feel that our individual actions will not make a difference. This is not the case.

Over the next number of months, I will outline the top tricks and tips to help you start the journey to a living more sustainable, healthy and happy lifestyle. Many of these tips will cost you absolutely nothing, and in some cases save you money! **Mark Lynch**

## Church of Ireland's Environment Charter

As Christians we see the Earth and the natural environment as God's creation, something that needs to be both enjoyed and protected. The Church of Ireland recognises the importance of the stewardship of our environment both locally and nationally and has adopted the Environmental Charter, approved by General Synod in 2015, which calls on all parishes and parishioners to play their part by:

- Recognising and reducing waste.
- Increasing environmental awareness across parishes.
- Exercise leadership through environmental responsibility.
- Identifying spiritually and practically with the developing world.
- Influencing policy.

## What is sustainability?

The traditional economic model is built on the produce, use, dispose of principal which is still prevalent today. Ever increasing consumption is encouraged to drive economic growth. This is not sustainable as we eventually run out of natural resources or the capacity of the planet to replenish them. World overshoot day calculates when we have used more from nature than the planet can replenish this year. The overshoot day in Ireland this year was the 21st April. This means that we would need 3.3 earths to provide the resources to continue consuming the way we currently do.

It would be hard to fathom how a Christian could disagree with the statement that we should "Meet the needs of the current generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs". This is the definition of sustainability as defined by the UN Brundtland Commission in 1987. Another way to phrase this is meeting our own needs, while protecting our children's future.

THE UN sustainable development goals were adopted in 2015 and is a vision and action plan to transform our world. There are 17 defined goals ranging from the elimination of poverty to gender equality, sustainable cities and communities to climate action, very much in the vein of Christian teaching.

## What can I do?

Trying to figure out what you can do can be daunting. Will I have to make a substantial financial investment? Will I have to go vegan? Becoming more sustainable doesn't mean having to make drastic and life changing actions immediately. Every little action you can take will make a difference. In the next newsletter, I will explore the food we eat, its impact and small changes you can make to be more sustainable, and which can save you money too!

In the meantime, if you want to know more about your own environmental footprint, visit [www.footprintcalculator.org/home/en](http://www.footprintcalculator.org/home/en) and answer some simple questions. You might be shocked by the outcome!

**Mark Lynch is a Green Party Councillor representing Rathfarnham/Temploeogue in South Dublin County Council.**

## From The Registers

### Funerals

The funeral service for **Mildred Sargent** was held in Rathfarnham Parish Church on Thursday 14th September. To her husband **Harry**, sons **Canon Trevor** and **Derek**, daughters in law **Áine** and **Sylvia** and granddaughter **Amy Neidín** we offer our continuing prayerful support in their enormous loss.

### Interments

On 16th September a service of interment was held for **Felix Blennerhassett** whose remains were interred in the Columbarium. We uphold Felix and **Jonny's** family in our prayers as they navigate a new way of life without their parents.

### Wedding

Congratulations to **Karen Pickett** and **Martin Grenham** (below, with their witnesses **Amy** and **Mícheál**) who were married in Rathfarnham Parish Church on Saturday 16th September. May they know the greatest of joy in their marriage.



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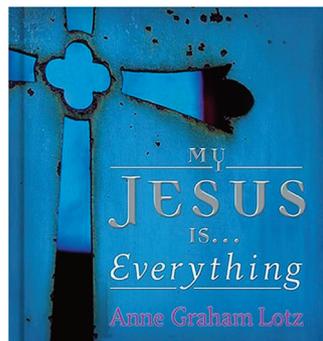


## New in the Parish Library

**My Jesus is Everything** by Anne Graham Lotz is a lovely book of short reflections.

She writes: *'Knowing Jesus is my joy and reason for living - the foundation on which I build, the Song in my heart, the Breath of my life - He is my All in all!'*

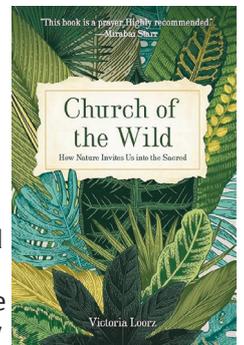
The library is in the Millennium Side Chapel, and details regarding borrowing books are above the bookshelf. JF



**Church of the Wild, How Nature Invites Us into the Sacred** by Victoria Loorz, an ordained minister in the US, helps us connect to a love that literally holds the world together- a love that calls us into communion, 'conversation' with all creation.

Tired of traditional faith expressions and services confined to church buildings she finds God in the natural world, in the wilderness where she cofounds of a very different church, the Church of the Wild.

Her book is a very personal view, based on her own spiritual journey intertwined with a fresh look at scripture and a deep concern for the natural environment on which we all depend.



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