



Dear Parishioners

One of the curators in the National Gallery of Ireland has created a virtual tour of the Mondrian exhibition, explaining how the artist's style of painting evolved from regular landscapes to vertical and horizontal forms in 3 colours.

This move to reducing everything to its basic structure seems to echo how parish life has also been paired back to its core elements since March 2020. How do we plan to re-form parish life when restrictions lift?



Much research has been conducted this past year by sociologists, anthropologists, theologians and others into how spirituality and faith have been sustained when the scaffolding such as liturgies, gathering as community, common purpose & learning from one another have been removed. The 5 Marks of Mission (Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform, Treasure) that are the mainstay of our existence as church continue to hold firm - even if doing them requires adapted methods. Any suggestions?

Canon Adrienne

Rathfarnham Parish
Fête-by-Text



It's back and it's even better!
 - please see inside for more details.

Fête-in-a-Bag (for kids)
Rathfarnham Riddles Crossword
Virtual Pet Show • Clergy Quiz

Motivation for May • Pandemic Reads
 There's something for everyone in this year's
Rathfarnham Parish Virtual Fête
 Drive-Thru collections from the Churchyard on
Saturday May 22nd, 10am-4pm.

*Thank you to all of our parishioners, friends,
 makers, bakers and volunteers for their
 continued support for the Parish Fête.*

Schedule of services for May 2021 (under current Government Level 5 restrictions)

We welcome you to join us for our Sunday service at 10.30am which is live-streamed, and the Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion which is available on Zoom via phone (01-6533897) or online (meeting id. number 4038917003).

Every Sunday

The 10.30am Sunday service in Church will also be available (after 24 hours) on the Parish YouTube channel at



www.youtube.com/channel/UCso-NPjtC4skX-mlKICj-jA

We hope you enjoyed joining us for **Holy Week**, whether by popping in to the church for a few minutes of private prayer or attending our services online.

Our various parish volunteers were busy too - thank you to our team (**Joan, Margaret, Catherine and Adrienne**) who delivered Easter cards (made by **Sunday Club**) and eggs to those living alone or in residential care.

Our floral displays were beautiful as always (thanks to **June** and her team: **Carol, Winn and Claire** with greenery donated by **Sandra**). The Easter Cross particularly was a magnificent feat of floral engineering and much admired.



Parish News Round-up

Beavers

Since February we have been setting Beavers challenges each week or so and it's been a great way to keep in touch with the boys, albeit through photos. Challenges have included tower building, cake making, photography, and marshmallow building. We are hoping to invest our 2020 intake of Beavers remotely, which will be a first.

Alistair, Beaver Section Leader



Good News Club

After the Easter break we recommenced our online club on 20th April and intend to keep the pattern of weekly clubs going until the 25th May.



Sunday Club

One of the silver linings of holding Sunday Club on Zoom is that we are not restricted by 5k lockdown limitations and this was very much the case when we held our Good Friday special.



We were joined by 24 families from all around the parish, including visitors from as far away as Waterford. We were also delighted to have a few familiar faces from GNC and a couple of past leaders too! In what was a super-busy session, we travelled through the events of Holy Week with story, song, crafts & games. We even managed to make an edible craft to enjoy at the end, and it was delicious! It was such a joy to be able to connect with so many families, albeit virtually, at a time when we are missing face-to-face contact so much.

This month we wish a **Happy Birthday** to **Donnacha, Rebecca and Flynn**, who were all 6 years old in March.

This month we wish happy birthday to **Lucy, Zara and Sophie**, who will all be 5 years old, and to **Charlie** who will be 8. We hope you all have a fantastic day!

Sunday Club dates on Zoom: April 25th, May 16th and May 30th (final meeting of this season).

Finally, we were delighted once again with the response to our Easter egg Appeal - thank you so very much.

Linda and everyone in the Sunday Club team.



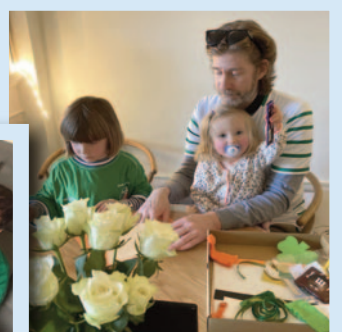
WLTD0?

Although we didn't meet on Zoom last month we hope the special delivery of an easter egg and retelling of the Easter story was enjoyed by all our WLTD0? families.



Due to the Virtual Parish Fête, we have decided not to meet on Zoom this month. Instead, the team have put together 'Fête in a Bag' with a Zoom get together with lots of Fête Fun for all families and children in the parish and community. We hope our WLTD0? families will join in on **Saturday 22nd May @ 2pm**. For full details see the special Fête features included with this NFY.

Lynn Storey 087 6957061,
Robert Hilliard, David
Campbell and Jonathan Ellis



Toddlerzone@Home

It has been a source of great joy for me, and the rest of the team, being able to bring Toddlerzone onto Zoom and into the homes of parents (grandparents & minders) along with their babies, toddlers & pre-schoolers. This past year has been challenging for everyone, however parents of little ones have lost so much—from getting to know other parents, to sharing the joys and challenges of parenting and on Tuesday mornings the opportunity to take five to sit and have a cuppa & chat, while their little ones play away with the toys in the Parish Centre. Although it's difficult to replicate that aspect of Toddlerzone online, we have taken great delight in meeting those babies born since we last met in person, while celebrating any milestones as others develop their independence.

Our sessions are fun and interactive with an opportunity for some grown up chit chat before and after singing, story and craft/play activity - we have enjoyed some special themed sessions for St. Patrick's Day & Easter with a doorstep delivery of an Easter Egg and Bob Hartman retelling of The Easter Story. I'm sure Heather had no idea all those years back with the first Toddlerzone that it would have developed in ways today beyond our imaginations! Indeed in these unprecedented times there is much to be celebrated. We look forward to welcoming all those who can join us for our sessions on 4th, 11th & 18th & 25th May.

For more information or to sign up contact either Lynn or Linda. Lynn 087 6957061, Linda 087 6383844, Heather, Susan & the rest of the team



Rathfarnham Parish Who Let The Dads Out? Fête in a Bag

'Fête in a Bag' and ZOOM for Children and Families

As part of the 'Fête by Text' Who Let The Dads Out? (WLTD0?) have organised 'Fête In A Bag', generously sponsored by Haven Greene's Pharmacy and Andrew Buckley's Totalhealth Pharmacy. **Book your 'Fête In A Bag' and come and join our Zoom on Fête Day, Saturday 22nd May from 2pm-3pm.**

The Zoom has been sponsored by The King of Comedy Magic, **Reuben the Entertainer**, who will get us laughing and enjoying some good Rathfarnham Fête fun! We'll be also joined by some other familiar faces for some Fête crafts, Golden Ticket spot prizes and lots more. You won't want to miss out on this Virtual Fête event geared towards families and children.

How to book your Fête in a Bag

Fête Goodie Bag and Zoom session: €10 per bag/child.

To book your 'Fête in a Bag' text **Lynn 087 695 7061** by Friday 14th May. Drive-Thru collection of and payment for goodie bags from the church grounds Friday 21st May 2pm-4pm and Saturday 22nd May 10am-12midday.

You may also pay through our fundraising page:

www.ifundraise.ie/6246_rathfarnham-parish-fete.html

(If donating through ifundraise, please add a note saying what your donation is for, i.e **Fête in a Bag**).

Fête in a Bag Committee: Lynn Storey, Robert Hilliard, Linda O'Connor and Pat Fowler



'I made €37.50 from the cakes and €2,300 from fining people for not wearing their masks!'

Pandemic Best Reads

Which recently-published books helped get you through lockdown?

Could it have been *Where the Crawdads Sing*, or *Shuggie Bain* or even *The Great Irish Science Book* by our own Luke O'Neill?

Donations of Books

We are looking for donations of recently-purchased and in excellent condition books to resell as part of the Virtual Fête bookshop. If you have books to donate, please contact Carolyn on 086 204 5811 to arrange collection, **no later than Monday 3rd May 2021.**

Sale of Books

A list of books available for sale will be emailed to all parishioners by **Friday 7th May**. If you spot something you like, text Carolyn on the number above to reserve your chosen title. Reserved books can be collected and paid for at the **Drive-Thru Fête on Saturday May 22nd** or, if you cannot attend, can be delivered to you afterwards and payment can be made then, or through our fundraising page:

www.ifundraise.ie/6246_rathfarnham-parish-fete.html

(If donating through ifundraise, please add a note saying what your donation is for, i.e **Bookstall**).

From The Registers

We extend our condolences to **Denise, Brian and Wendy** on the death of their father **Albert Connor** on the 1st April 2021. Albert's funeral was live-streamed from Rathfarnham Parish Church on the 7th April to facilitate his family and many friends to 'attend'. Please continue to remember his family and all who are bereaved in your prayers.

Easter Vestry

It was lovely to see and hear so many parishioners gathered on zoom on 18th April at 11.30am for the Annual Easter Vestry meeting. Likening our efforts this past year to the miracle of the 5 loaves and 2 fish, the rector thanked everyone for digging deep and finding ways to connect with neighbours and parishioners, to fundraise, to raise spirits, to broadcast our worship services, to continue with programmes and to stay safe!

Out of very limited opportunities and means, much has been accomplished. The honorary treasurer presented the financial accounts and welcomed phone calls from parishioners who would like any further clarification on how we stand financially.

While not wanting to stymie the democratic process of electing vestry members, the current vestry offered to remain in post and this is very much appreciated.

One change in office holders is that **Ross Shorten** is now the Rector's Church Warden. We thank **Rebecca Middleton** sincerely for having served this past year, a difficult and unpredictable one as it turned out! Hopefully before too long we can gather in church again but meantime we continue to broadcast the service weekly while also pursuing all fundraising opportunities. God is able to multiply! **AG**

Library Notes

We may not have access to the parish library at the moment but this book, *From Killing Fields to Fields of Life*, by Rev. Trevor Stevenson can be ordered online or from local book sellers.

His colleague Steve Stockman writes: *I learned what it is to follow Jesus one step at a time. I came to respect Trevor's openness to the leading of God and his courage to take the next step.*

Trevor had no grand plan or vision in 1993. Schools were not even on his radar. This memoir is a remarkable story of God's leading and a disciple listening and being courageous enough to follow.

Trevor and his wife Ruth, with financial help from their parish in Ireland, created a farm and then a school for local children in the bush lands that had once been the killing fields of Idi Amin in Uganda. Fields of Life was born and has grown with God's guidance. In six countries in East Africa, over 50,000 children attend 125 Fields of Life schools and over 770 wells provide fresh water.

Fields of life is now an International Development organization committed to sharing the Christian faith by working with local communities & churches in east Africa to bring about transformative changes in education, health and self-reliance.

Everyone can play a part by sponsoring a child's education or part of a project. (www. fieldsoflife.org). **JF**



Calling all makers and bakers!

If you love to bake and would like to contribute to the Fête By Text Bakes & Preserves stall, we'd love to hear from you. Tarts and pies in particular are in very short supply. Just give me a buzz and we can add your goodies to the list. Thanks in advance.

Call Linda on 087 638 3844



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