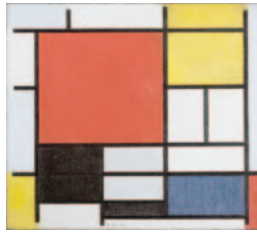




Dear Parishioners

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

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-mIKICJ-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.

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.



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.

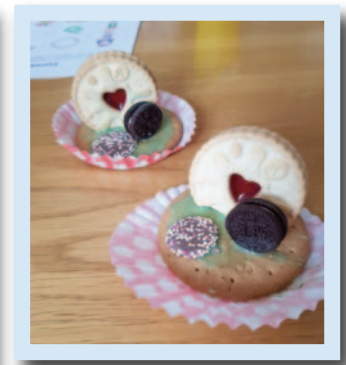
This month we wish a **Happy Birthday** to **Donnacha, Rebecca and Flynn**, who were all 6 years old in March.

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

