



Dear Parishioners

The Rector's Church warden, Rebecca Middleton and People's Church Warden, John Deacon extend a warm welcome to you every Sunday. Yes they do wear masks usually but were unmasked and socially distanced for this photo!



At the annual vestry meeting on 6th September, the following parishioners were elected to the **Select Vestry**:

David Deane, David Howe, George Kennington, Gerry Wilson, Gillian Perdue, Gordon Wright, Kim Bardon, Joan Forsdyke, Jonathan Mills, Leslie Deacon, Ross Shorten, Valerie Henderson.

Glebe Wardens are George James (Rector's) and Alan McMillan (People's).

Diocesan Synod Persons:

David Whyte, Joan Forsdyke, Philip Middleton.

Supplemental Diocesan Synod Persons:

Andrew Shorten, Leslie Deacon, Lynn Storey

Parochial Nominators:

Gillian Perdue, Lynn Storey, Philip Middleton, Ross Shorten

Supplemental Parochial Nominators:

David Whyte, Andrew Shorten, Linda O'Connor

We sincerely thank everyone for offering to serve in these various capacities.

Canon Adrienne

Schedule of services for October 2020 (under current Government Level 3 restrictions)

At time of writing, Level 3 restrictions are in place in Dublin from midnight on 18th September 2020 for **at least** 3 weeks. The church will be closed for Sunday and Thursday services during this period. From 21st September, only 25 people can attend weddings and funerals in Dublin.

Thank You

We are very grateful to **June Wilkinson** and her family, **Trudy, Kelda** and **Trevor**, for generously sponsoring the new equipment that allows us to live stream our church services from now on. Currently we are streaming the 10.30am Sunday service. The camera and all the support equipment is dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of June's husband **David** who for many years was organist in Rathfarnham Parish and also to her son **Gary**, who was a choir member, recorder of many Rathfarnham choir anthems and hymns and a much valued parishioner. Particularly as many of our congregation are unable to gather in church, this gift from the Wilkinson family is a Godsend and we thank them sincerely.

Every Sunday: 8am and 12 noon Holy Communion 1

1st and 3rd Sunday: Morning Prayer at 10.30am

2nd and 4th Sunday: Holy Communion at 10.30am

Every Thursday 10.30am: Holy Communion in the Church and at 11.30am phone Communion from your home.

How to join the Thursday 11.30am Communion at home:

- 1 Telephone **01-6533897**
- 2 When prompted, punch in **403 891 7003**, followed by the **#** key.
- 3 When prompted again, re-punch the **#** key. After a few seconds you will be in the conversation.

If restrictions are lifted at the end of the 3-week period, we will return to church on Sunday October 11th.

Sunday 11th 10.30am Harvest Celebration
6pm Youth Harvest (to be confirmed)

Sunday 18th 10.30am All Age Service

Sunday 25th 10.30am Holy Communion

Every Sunday

The 10.30am service in Church will also be available on YouTube at

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



Parish News Round-up

Bowls, Pop-In, Tuesday Lunch Club and Whist

All of the above unfortunately have no option but to hold off on activities until government restrictions are lifted.

Badminton Club

RPBC are operating a booking system, adhering to government guidelines regarding the number of players who can attend. For more information please contact the Club Secretary Lynn Frost on 087 245 0391.



Toddlerzone

If you have a toddler and would like to be included in Heather's Whats-App group, please sign up by sending a text to 087 9291990.



Birthdays

Only 2 birthdays for October and they are **Chloe M** who will be 2 and **Lena F** who will be 1. We wish Chloe and Lena a very happy day when it comes and we look forward to meeting them on Church premises asap. Hopefully it will not be too far into the future!! **Heather Wilkinson & Susan**

Rathfarnham Parish National School

Retirements

This summer our caretaker **Douglas Gillis** retired. Douglas has been the school caretaker for longer than any of us remember and during that time has been completely dedicated to the school. He has been a great support to everyone and he will be sorely missed.

Another long serving staff member has decided to retire this year too. **Patricia England** plans to retire at mid-term after 36 years in RPNS. Patricia has been a valued staff member and a great friend and she will be greatly missed. We hope to mark her retirement later this term, Covid allowing!



Website

Lockdown was a busy time for us all as we moved learning online. It was also a good time to redesign our website.

The new website has gone live and can be found at

www.rpns.ie

Please note that our old web address rathfarnhamparishns.com is no longer being used.

Admissions

Our school admissions policy has been changed in line with the Admissions to School Act which has now been fully commenced. The process for enrolling children has changed and we will be accepting applications during the admissions period which is from **1st October - 9th November 2020**. Applicants will be notified of the decision on their application by the 28th November.

Application forms are available to download from the website at www.rpns.ie



Eco Congregation Ireland

The orangutan is one of the most distinctive and intelligent of the primates. They have lived in the forests of Borneo, Indonesia and Malaysia for millions of years. Sadly, they are now critically endangered as forests are destroyed to make way for palm oil plantations. The animals cannot survive without the forests that provide them with fruit to eat.



Palm oil is in huge worldwide demand as a significant ingredient in margarines, chocolate spreads and peanut butter. Although some brands claim to use 'certified sustainable' palm oil, the fact is that the sustainable is generally much diluted by cheap oil from the new plantations. Happily, there are brands of peanut butter that do not use palm oil - **Meridian, Lifeforce and Pic's**. They may cost a few cents more but think about the beautiful creatures you are helping to save!

Why not try out this yummy recipe for 'no bake' cookies that you can make in 5 mins? It should make about 24 small cookies.

Ingredients

- 1 cup of natural peanut butter (without palm oil)
- Half cup of honey
- Half cup of coconut oil
- 2 cups of whole rolled oats
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons of cocoa powder

Method

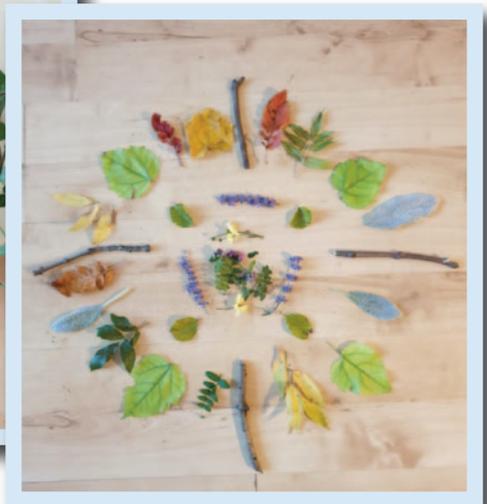
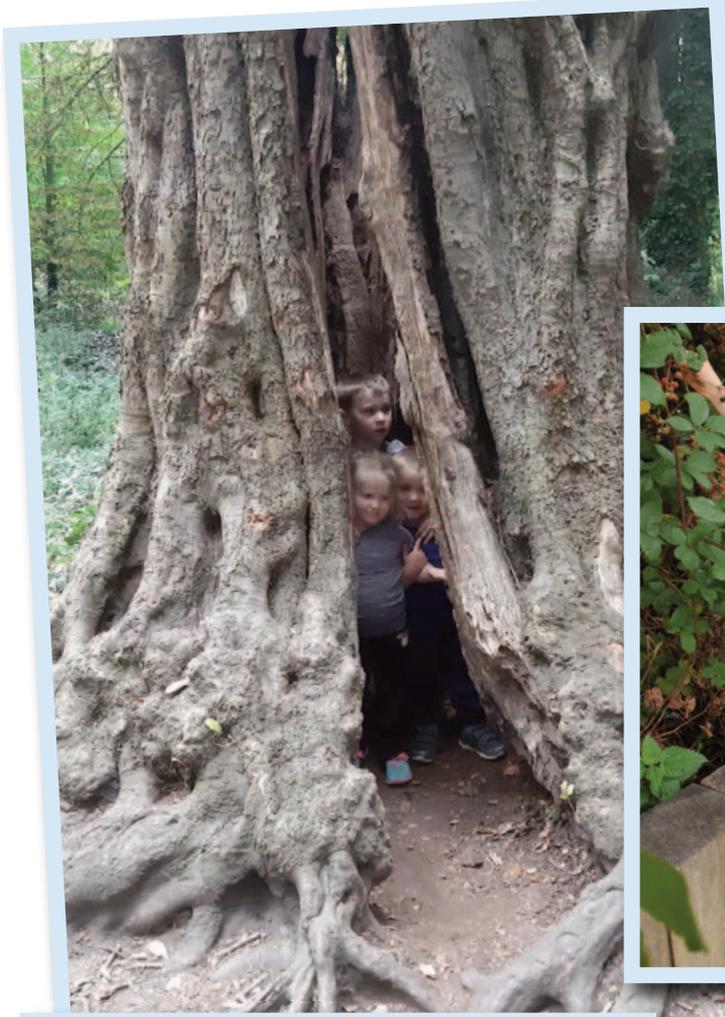
Mix all the ingredients except the oats together to make a smooth mixture and finally add in the oats. No heating is needed. Put bite-sized spoonfuls onto greaseproof paper or foil and leave in the fridge for an hour to solidify. Then enjoy! Makes a change from banana bread! **Andrew Shorten**



Family Creation Walk

We are currently in Creationtide in the church season and because it is not possible to hold our usual all age service on the 3rd Sunday of the month, we (leaders of Creche, Toddlerzone, WLTD0?, Sunday Club and Good News Club) thought we would offer a Forest type Service which families can do on their own (or in pods already set up) to celebrate nature, creation, the ecosystem and hopefully a dry day!!! It was an imaginative resource: you might have seen gorillas in the clouds and deer antlers in branch formations.

Our Family Creation Walk took place on September 19th and 20th and we hope *you* enjoy these pictures of our younger parishioners enjoying God's creation.



From The Registers

Baptisms

On Sunday 13th September **Lena Lily Fitzharris** was baptised. Lena's parents are **Niamh** and **Niall**, Godparents - **Kate, Sarah** and **Eoin**. Resplendent in her 100+ year old baptism gown, passed from generation to generation, we also delight in Lena inheriting the Christian faith (masks worn during service but not for photo as all in a family bubble).

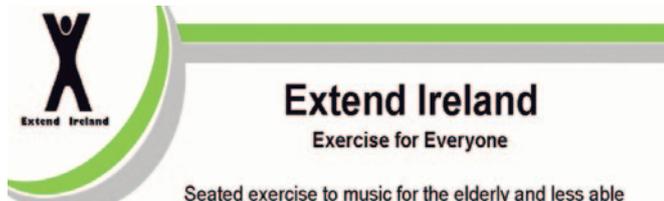


Funerals

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of **Trudy Mooney** whose funeral took place in Rathfarnham Church on the 7th September and the family of **Desirée Malone** whose funeral took place in Mt. Jerome Crematorium on the 12th September. At Trudy's funeral, her daughter **Tracy** led the tribute, emphasising many aspects of Trudy's parochial, community and spiritual involvements; her daughter **Kendal** and son-in-law **Robert** sang 2 meaningful solos, her son **Nigel** with her grandson **Charlie** and their colleagues **Johnny** and **Brendan** played a lively musical tribute and her granddaughter **Lottie** read a poem by Jan Dean reflecting Trudy's love of nature, echoed in the scripture reading chosen, Luke 12 v 22-28, read by Trudy's granddaughter **Emma**.

At Desirée's funeral which began with the King's College Cambridge Choir singing 'Be Thou My Vision' her daughters **Gillian** and **Glennis** read 2 poems and her grandson **Simon** and granddaughter **Sorcha** read Psalm 84 v 1-6 and Matthew 5 v 1-10. Music relevant to Desirée's interests and lifetime concluded the service.

We offer the support of our continuing prayers to both families and all who are bereaved.



Extend is a provider of seated recreational exercise classes to music for the older person and the less able of all ages. It has been running in the parish centre on Wednesdays from 11.30-12.15 for many years now and is very popular with our parishioners.

Unfortunately, with the advent of Covid 19 there are more responsibilities involved in running a session.

Would any member or parishioner be available to help with running Extend?

For example, contacting members, sanitizing equipment after use, bringing suitable music along? If you are available, please contact the parish office and we will pass on your contact details.

Many thanks.



Material for the **November** issue of the Church Review and News For You should be sent to the Rector by **12th October**. **Please email your contributions to** rathfarnhamparish@gmail.com and adriennegalligan@gmail.com

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