



Dear Parishioners

Etched in the portrait of Christ-stained glass window in Strasbourg Cathedral by Veronique Ellena, are myriads of contemporary faces representing the faithful who have been made one with Christ through his death and resurrection.

'We belong' is the clear message. It contrasts sharply with the disciples utterances in the lectionary readings from Matthew recently to 'send them away', 'send her away', 'send them home'.

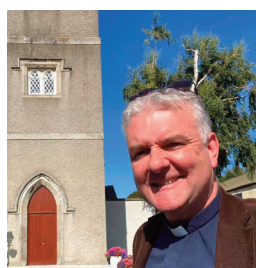
As we begin to return from our holiday locations, may we not keep ourselves away from gathering where Christ is with his people. All are welcome back to where you truly belong - in Church! **See you soon!**

Adrienne

New Appointment

Congratulations to Rev Mike who has been appointed Rector of Tullow Parish, Co Dublin.

The date of institution has yet to be revealed. We pray much blessing on Mike as he embarks on a new stage in his ministry, thanking him sincerely for all he has given to Rathfarnham Parish these past 2 years.



Rathfarnham Parish National School

On a very sunny Friday morning (12th June) the plans to have an outdoor assembly came to pass beautifully. The new *Immersive Learning Through Play Garden* in memory of Douglas Gillis was officially declared OPEN by Ramon, Douglas' brother, assisted by John Gillis, Douglas' nephew. Also in attendance was Rev Canon Cecil Mills who ministered in Rathfarnham Parish when the school moved into its current location in 1971, the land on which it was built having been donated by Douglas in 1970. AG



Parish Diary for September

The 10.30am Sunday service is also live-streamed and is available on the Parish YouTube channel after 24 hours at www.youtube.com/channel/UCso-NPjtC4skX-mIKICJ-jA.



Each Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion 2 service in the Millennium Side Chapel

Each Sunday 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Morning Prayer/Holy Communion

Sunday 6th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 13th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Holy Communion 2

Sunday 20th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Worshipping God Together
Family Service with Baptism



Sunday 27th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Morning Prayer



Our Harvest Thanksgiving services will be on **Sunday 11th October** - at 10.30am and the Youth Organisations Service at 6pm.

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Vestry Minutes

It was a great relief to lodge the Rathfarnham Vestry Agendas/Minutes/Accounts from 2002 to 2024 as well as some miscellaneous documents from 1980's into the RCB Library recently. Thank you very much to Dr. Hood and all at the library for arranging for these to be bound and stored safely. Unfortunately, the vestry agendas and minutes for 1990-2001 are missing. Please could any parishioners who were on vestry during that decade look out for any copies of the agendas and even the minute books which you may have stored away with other documents relating to parish projects at the time. **We would love to fill this gap! AG**



Bakers Needed!



Love Baking?

If so, we are hoping to compile an updated list of people/families that could help with some baking for the Fête and other events throughout the year. **We'd love to hear from you.** Please contact Morgan Bardon on 085-2728875 if you can help out.

Ladybirds

At our Fly ceremony which was held in June with the Brownies the girls received their Journey badges and we had 4 girls Fly up to Brownies.



Active Body Badges were earned in the walk up Montpelier Hill. The Teddy Bear picnic closed off the year nicely. **We are now taking names for our September intake.** Ladybirds is for girls in junior infants to first class. We meet in the War Memorial Hall on **Saturday mornings from 10.30am-11.30am.** Please call Sara 083-0132656 for more information or to register your place. We are so proud of all our ladybirds.

Hilary Fitzpatrick



Ladybirds with full badge sashes as term ends

Youth Group

The term came to a lively end with the group meeting on 14th June in the Parish Centre for various games including Bingo Loco! Thank you to Olga and Hilary and all who fetched up to assist with facilitating this group since their Confirmation on 22nd March. We are looking forward to more fellowship in September! Olga & Hilary are running a poll at the moment to see which date suits best for restarting. **Olga Powderly**



Some youth group members at Bingo loco 14th June 2026!



Scout Camp 2026

Good News Club

66 Books, ONE STORY! is our programme for this coming year in Good News Club starting back on **Tuesday the 15th Sept at 6.45pm - 7.45pm in the War Memorial Hall.** Children from 3rd class upwards are very welcome to join us for bible time, games, activities and chat! Enrolment forms available in church any Sunday or from the rector by texting **086 0390866** or email to **adriennegalligan@gmail.com.** We look forward to catching up with our clubbers and welcoming new members. **Corinna, Mike, Adrienne.**



Beavers & Cubs

Beavers meet in the War Memorial Hall **6.00pm-7.15pm on Wednesdays** starting 16th September. For more information contact Dermot at **31stbeavers@gmail.com.**

Cubs also start back on the **16th Sept from 7.15pm - 8.30pm.** For more information contact Niall at **31strathfarnhamcubs@gmail.com.**

Brownies

Brownies meet in the War Memorial Hall and are due back in action on Saturday 12th September at 10am until 11.30am. **A parents' registration meeting for 30 minutes will be held on the Saturday 5th September.** Looking forward to seeing everyone soon. **Orla**

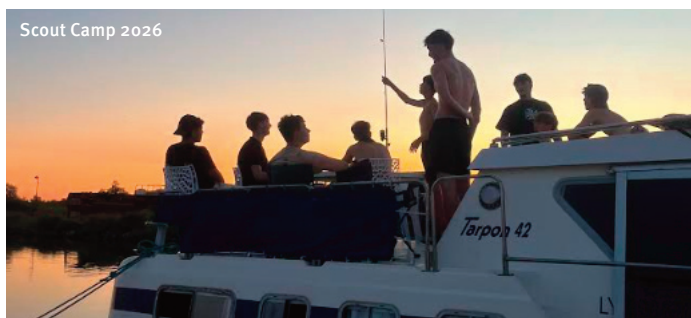
Scouts Summer Camp 2026

This year, 32 Scouts and 9 leaders camped in the beautiful mountains, just 30 minutes outside of Nice, France.

Despite some very hot weather, it didn't stop us from getting up to our usual fun and after seven days of camping, we began the barging portion of our trip. Starting in Agde, we journeyed across the Canal du Midi before entering the Étang de Thau and then continuing through the Canal du Rhône à Sète. Over five days, we stopped along the way in Frontignan, Palavas-les-Flots and Carnon. Our final city this year was Barcelona, where we spent three days sightseeing and swimming. Overall, we had an amazing two weeks.

With the conclusion of camp came the departure of our PL rank, who will move on to Ventures, as well as our **SL, Daraugh Sullivan**, and **ASL, Marcus Empey.** We would like to thank them for their continued commitment to Rathfarnham Scouts over the past four years. Their roles will be filled by **Andrew Farrelly** and **Nick Wright**, respectively.

I would also like to thank the parish for their continued support of the troop and for helping to make it possible for us to go on these amazing trips each year - we cannot wait to start again in the War Memorial Hall for another year of Scouts! For anyone interested in joining our troop, please contact us by email at **rathfarnhamscouts@gmail.com.** Yours in Scouting, **Andrew Farrelly**



Scout Camp 2026

Toddlerzone

Great news! A brand new season of Toddlerzone begins on Tuesday September 15th.



We are an inclusive group for babies and toddlers with their adults - mums, dads, grannies, grandads, minders - which meets **Tuesday mornings from 10am until 11.15am** during term time in the Parish Centre.

Tea, coffee, bikkies and chat included!

Toddlerzone is a relaxed and safe environment where children can explore and learn through child-led play activities including messy, sensory, loose parts, small world and role play activities. We also have a story and singing to finish our time together, so there is something for everyone. While it is an opportunity for little ones and their grown-ups to bond through play, it's also an opportunity for grown-ups to meet others from the parish and community who are at similar ages and stages of family life.

Please feel free to join us with your little one on September 15th. If you could drop me a text to let us know you're coming so we have an idea of numbers, that would be a great help.

Important - without our wonderful volunteers we would be unable to run our weekly Tuesday sessions. However we need to build the team to ensure the viability of this very important parish and community group. Volunteers help in a variety of ways, from set-up and tidy-up, to engaging with children and their grown-ups who often welcome a reassuring listening ear. You will never be asked to lead anything you don't feel comfortable doing.

So if you are free a couple of Tuesdays in a month, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Linda (087 6383844) Lynn, Helen Julie and Susan

Rathfarnham Parish Badminton Club

Rathfarnham Parish Badminton Club have **exciting news:** along with Ballinteer Community School on a Monday with 4 courts, and the War Memorial hall for matches on a Thursday for the coming season, we will also have the use of The High School on a Wednesday with 3 courts available. More information on the club is available on our website: www.rathfarnhampbc.weebly.com.



Why not pop along and try us out: OPEN NIGHTS for 2026/27 season Mondays, Ballinteer Comm School on 31 Aug & 7 Sept 7.30-10pm; Wednesdays, The High School, Rathgar on 2 & 9 Sept 7-9pm. €10 a night, Div 4-8, Over 18s. Email us on rathfarnhampbcsecretary@gmail.com to attend. Lynn Frost

Wednesday Club

Our first meeting of this season will be held on 30th September, at 2.30pm, in our Parish Centre.



Our speaker will be our Rector, **Canon Adrienne Galligan**, who will speak on **Bridging troubled waters**. This will include insights gained while wandering in Alsace vineyards and visiting the European Parliament this July. As usual, this will be followed by the essential Tea, Homebakes and Chat! We are looking forward to seeing all our usual attendees. Any Parishioner or Friend, would be very welcome to join us.

David Whyte, 087 7826054

Safeguarding

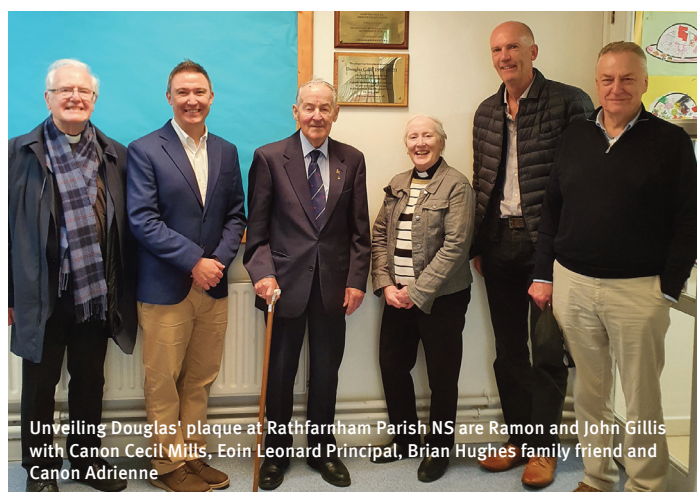
In keeping with the new Child Safeguarding protocols the revised Safeguarding Statement and Contact Information Poster has been pinned to the notice boards in all the parish premises. Thank you to the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, Clark, for his updates and advice. AG

Forest School

In RPNS from spring to summer term, 2nd Class got to take part in a programme of Forest School with Ms Beardsley who gained her Certificate in Forest School Leadership in 2024. We went out weekly to a local wooded area and took part in nature connection activities using a Forest School approach. Forest School is a methodology of teaching which incorporates experiential and explorational learning activities based on the seasons and the local natural environment. It is both child-led and play-based.

Just a few of the activities during the 6 week programme included **den-building, bug hunts, animal tracking, nature based games, scavenger hunts, bird-watching, safe traditional tool use, survival skills and meditation**. We covered many subject areas such as **science, maths, literacy, Gaeilge, PE, art, STEM, SPHE, music, geography** and much more! Most importantly we had so much fun and felt a genuine connection to both nature and our environment.

Suzanne Beardsley



Unveiling Douglas' plaque at Rathfarnham Parish NS are Ramon and John Gillis with Canon Cecil Mills, Eoin Leonard Principal, Brian Hughes family friend and Canon Adrienne

Pop-In

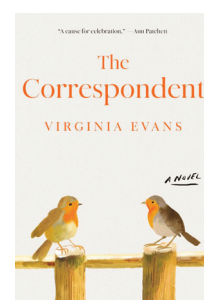
Pop-In starts back on Thursday September 10th in the Parish Centre, immediately after the 10.30am service. Tea/coffee and biscuits are available from 11 -12am for anyone who just wants to drop in for a chat.



Pop-In Book Club will return on Thursday September 17th at 11am when we will be discussing our Summer read Gill Perdue's *All Of Them Lied* with the author.

Our book for October will be **Virginia Evan's The Correspondent**, the story of retired lawyer and divorcee Sybil Van Antwerp. She has a lifelong practice of writing letters, including to family members, work associates, and authors such as Joan Didion, Larry McMurtry, and Ann Patchett, as well as a series of unsent letters written to an unknown recipient.

October Pop-In Book Club: Thursday 22nd at 11am in the Parish Centre. OMacW



From the Registers

Baptism

On Sunday 23rd August at the 12 noon Holy Communion service **David Michael Mooney** and his brother **Matthew James Mooney** were baptised by the Rural Dean **Rev David White**. The boys' parents are **Jenny Kinmonth** and **Michael Mooney**. David's Godparents are **Stefanie Kinmonth/Murphy** and **Sarah Mooney/Faley**. Michael's Godparents are **Melanie Kinmonth/Cronin** and **Anna Mooney**. May David and Michael learn much joy in knowing they are treasured members of God's family.

Interment Services

The Interment service for **Carolyn Gordon** was held in the Millennium Side Chapel the afternoon of Saturday 27th June during which Carolyn's ashes were interred in the Church Garden of Remembrance. We continue to uphold Carolyn's husband **Ken**, daughter **Jacqui**, son **Ian** and all their family in our prayers.

Also interred on Sunday 16th August after the 12 noon service was **Olive Pigott** cherished mum to **Alva**, mother-in-law to **Errol** and grandmother to **Adam** and **Evan**. In their continuing grief may Olive's family know the consolation of her faith and God's plan for their reunion one day.

Funerals

The Funeral Service for **Richard Giltrap** was held on 8th August in the Victorian Chapel Mt Jerome and was led by **Canon Trevor Sargent**. To Richard's wife **Joan**, sons **Robert** and **Duncan**, daughters **Sharon** and **Sara** and Richard's grandchildren, great grandchildren and his many friends and former colleagues we offer our sincere sympathy in their great loss.

On the 14th August a gathering of family and friends was held in Rathfarnham Parish Church to celebrate the enormous contribution **Melody Chinenyanga** made to Irish society before her unexpected death on the 6th August in the Mater Hospital. Melody's funeral service was held in Rathfarnham on Saturday August 22nd. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Melody's daughter **Siobhán**, sister **Neltah**, niece **Ashley** and all Melody's family and friends both here and in Zimbabwe in their profound loss.

Marriage

On 23rd July at 2pm the marriage service for **Emma Watts** and **Paul Tierney** took place in St Stephen's Church, Dublin 2 where Emma's grandfather **Peter Paxton** had been organist for many years. We heartily congratulate Emma and Paul and pray their life together may be very long and very loving.

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Emma and Paul with their mums Lucy and June, witnesses Hayleigh and Mark and the wedding party

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