



News for You

October 2026

Dear Parishioners

First fruits. It looks like the rectory pear tree was working stealthily for many years and now suddenly a harvest of crisp, juicy fruit has appeared!

Designed to draw sustenance from the earth, wind, sunshine and water, aided by pollinators and the odd bit of human de-ivying, it proudly bears the fruit it was designed to bear. We are designed to bear fruit too - the fruit of our faith is our worship of God the great provider. *'All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, then thank the Lord, o thank the Lord for all his love.'*

Adrienne



Church Harvest decorating will take place on Saturday 10th Oct from 10am -12 noon. All offers of help gratefully received! Or if you wish to make up a floral/fruit/veg basket beforehand and drop it in on Saturday morning, that also would be much appreciated. JW/CMc

Join our Choir!

Do you enjoy singing? Rathfarnham parish choir would love to have you. We practise every Wednesday from 7.30pm to 8.45pm and sing at the 10.30am Sunday service. Please email us at music.rathfarnhamparish@gmail.com or find us on a Sunday morning. P & JM



Diocesan Events

Saturday 3rd October at 5pm the new Dean of Christ Church Cathedral the Rev. Canon Tom O'Brien will be installed at 5pm. All are welcome to the mother church of the Dioceses for this significant occasion.

On Tuesday 13th October at 7.30pm our Curate Rev. Mike Buchanan will be instituted as Rector into Tullow Parish, Foxrock. All are welcome to attend.



Parish Diary for October

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 4th	8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1 10.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 11th	8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1 10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving 6pm Youth and Children's Organisations Harvest Service
Sunday 18th	8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1 10.30am Worshipping God Together 4pm Organ Recital
Sunday 25th	8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1 10.30am Holy Communion 2

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ORGAN RECITAL

by Paul Mullen

on our newly refurbished 1885 Forster & Andrews organ

Sunday October 18th
at 4.00pm

Adults €10, concessions €8
inc. refreshments afterwards



Ladybirds

Ladybirds is for girls aged 5–7 years. We are delighted to welcome a full unit of 17 Ladybirds back for another exciting year!



Fun, friendship and adventure await as we flutter into a fun-filled autumn! We have lots of exciting activities planned, including helping the fairies in St Enda's, who need our guiding values to stop three cheeky witches causing trouble. We'll also enjoy an **Autumn Scavenger Hunt** in Bushy Park, build shelters in Cruagh Woods and visit the Nature Room for bark and leaf rubbing. Along the way, the girls will explore, learn new skills, make friends, have fun and earn badges. We are also looking forward to the **Harvest Service** for our youth and children's organisations in the church on 11th October at 6pm and our visit to the **Panto** in December! For more information, please contact Sara 083 013 2656 or Hilary

Youth Group

After successfully running a trial youth group for post confirmation candidates, we are pleased to say we will be back for another year. Our first meeting back was on September 20th for another term of coming together in a safe, fun, phone free environment. Youth group is for post-confirmation teenagers who gather bi-monthly on Sundays 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Hilary & Olga



Scouts

31st Rathfarnham Scouts are revved up for the new season, starting off with a charity car show in support of St Luke's!

It was a lovely opportunity for the lads to come together for a good cause ahead of our return to Scouts on the 18th of September. We already have big plans for this year's October camp and can't wait for another season of scouting.

As always, we are open to any newcomers to come down to the War Memorial Hall on a Friday night and give it a go! Our email is: rathfarnhamscouts@gmail.com for anyone interested. Nick Wright ASL



Good News Club

66 Books, ONE STORY! is our programme for this year in Good News Club (as you can see we are eating our way through it!).

We meet on **Tuesdays from 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, Adrienne.



Can you match the story with the edibles?

Beavers & Cubs

Beavers meet in the War Memorial Hall 6.00pm-7.15pm on **Wednesdays** we are all excited to get going for another year of wet windy Wednesday evenings full of fun. We would like to wish all our retiring Beavers all the best as they move on to Cubs, and we thank **Claire, Mark, Ross** and **Keith** for their years of service to the Beavers as leaders. They will all be sorely missed. For more information contact Dermot at 31stbeavers@gmail.com. **RH**
Cubs also started 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

N2L and WM

After a sunny summer, it's time for **Wednesday Movers** and **Never 2 Late** dancers to pack away their passports and gardening gloves, and return to the Parish Centre on Wednesdays for class! **N2L classes are at 9.45-11am and 5.00-6.15pm. Wednesday Movers at 11.15am-12 noon.** **No classes on 28th Oct. GP**

RPNS

On Tuesday 2nd Sept we said a huge thank you and farewell to **John Stapleton** our part-time caretaker as he moved on to a full-time position in another local school. We are very indebted to John for his hard work and for the many innovations he put in place to keep the school community safe and the plant in tip top shape. **Míle Buíochas a Sheáin.**

Toddlerzone

In Toddlerzone this month we will be exploring Autumn and Harvest through touch, taste, smell, and song.

Tuesday mornings 10-11.15am in the Parish Centre. Tea, coffee and chat included. Please feel free to join us with your little one. 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.

October dates: Tuesday 6th, 13th and 20th.

Please note - no Toddlerzone on 27th due to Half Term.

Linda (087 6383844) Lynn, Helen, Julie and Susan



Rathfarnham Parish Badminton Club

We are now live on Instagram - www.instagram.com/rathfarnhampbc for regular club updates.



We had a fantastic turn out at our open evenings and look forward to welcoming many new members for the coming season. Teams have to be entered into the **Dublin and District League** by the end of September so a busy time for the committee. The **Leinster Badminton Volunteer Pin** is a recognition award launched by the Leinster Branch to formally acknowledge and thank volunteers who have consistently gone the extra mile supporting their local club or committee.

On Monday evening I had the absolute pleasure of presenting **David England** with a Leinster Branch Volunteer Pin. We can safely say that Dave has gone above and beyond in his many years in the club. Further information on the club www.rathfarnhampbc.weebly.com or email us on rathfarnhampbcsecretary@gmail.com Lynn Frost



Wednesday Club

Our next meeting will be held on **28th October**, at 2.30 pm, in our Parish Centre.

Our speaker will be our own **Dr. Joan Forsdyke**, who will speak on ***The Meaning and the Message of the Mosaic in the Remembrance Garden***. This will include how it was designed and made. 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

The report to the Select Vestry on 10th Sept indicated Annual Review questionnaires had been issued to 12 volunteers; four volunteers due to renew their training have been advised of the forthcoming training dates and one new volunteer is being Garda Vetted. AG

Camera Operators

We are very grateful to the 5 parishioners (David, Gerry, Joan, Josh and Morgan) who faithfully stream our 10.30am service each week.

They are also on hand to stream some funeral services and are looking to expand this group. If you have a leaning towards tech and would like to be on our **Church Service Stream Team** please get in touch with either **Gerry** at studiogerrywilson@gmail.com or **Adrienne** to chat about what is involved. AG



Parish records

Once again we are very grateful to **Dr. Susan Hood** and the **RCB Library Staff** for offering safe keeping to our parish records in the form of Financial Reports (intermittent from 1885-1969) and our News for You booklets/newsletters (1960-2025) as well as other miscellaneous documents.

One great discovery was the name of the Parish Organist for 1885 - Ms Bayly! She is now added to the list of organists which we have been trying to compile for some time, ably and gratefully assisted by **David McConnell** and **David O'Shea**. AG

Pop-In

Pop-In starts is back on Thursdays 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 October 22nd** at 11am when we will be discussing **Virginia Evan's *The Correspondent***.

November's book is ***Theo of Golden*** by **Allen Levi**. The story is set in the fictional town of Golden and follows a mysterious man named Theo, who arrives without explanation. He purchases pencil portraits of local residents displayed in a coffee shop and returns them to their subjects, prompting a series of encounters that reveal personal stories and relationships within the community.

November Pop-In Book Club: Thursday 26th at 11am in the Parish Centre. OMacW



Our Pop-In Hospice Coffee Morning will be on **Thursday 1st October** from 11am to 12.30. Do come along and bring a friend. Or join us any Thursday for coffee (and tea) and chats. All welcome.



The Churchwardens and Select Vestry of
Tullov Parish
(United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough)
request the pleasure of your company at the

**Institution of
The Reverend Michael Buchanan
as Incumbent**

by The Most Reverend Doctor Michael Jackson,
Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough in

**Tullov Church, Carrickmines/Foxrock
Dublin 18, D18 RF79**

**on
Tuesday 13th October, 7.30pm**

Followed by a reception in the Parish Hall
(restricted parking in church grounds)

RSVP before 30th September to Jane Bowes
bowesjane91@gmail.com



**Saturday 28th November
from 5.00pm - 6.00pm**

Why not enter the festive season with a
fun evening of entertainment by local
musicians - a concert for all ages!

*Join us afterwards for seasonal
refreshments and baked goods,
with chocolate treats too!*



Tickets: €15 per person (available at the door, cash or card)
which includes refreshments afterwards (children free!)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

JONATHAN MILLS
Hon. Treasurer



Did you know...

that the average cost of keeping our parish going every month in 2026 (repairs, utilities, wages and Diocesan costs) is nearly **€25,000 per month?**

As discussed in our **2026 Easter Vestry**, a recent Church Buildings survey has detailed many items of considerable expense that we need to address over the coming 1-5 years, in order to keep our buildings safe, and in good order for the present and future.

We are however eternally grateful to our regular contributors who support us by:

- **Envelope Donation** (with thanks to our counters)
- **Sunday service cash donations** (and cash terminal payments)
- **Standing Orders**
- **Annual Sustentation payments**
- **Other donations** (sometimes in memory of loved ones)

In this year, including the tax refunds associated with these from 2025, the monthly income of all of the above is just under €10,000.

We make up some of the shortfall by renting out the War Memorial Hall and the Parish Centre, running fundraising events and of course the annual Parish Fête. Eternal thanks to everyone who supports and volunteers at these events.

Further, inflation continues to affect everyone and indeed at August this year was at 3.4%. This is dramatically hitting everyone, particularly those on lower incomes. Thankfully it has decreased from the rapid rises in 2021 and 2022, but it does continue to hit this parish too on all costs.

With all of this in mind, anything you can do to help us meet the future challenges is greatly appreciated. This might include a fundraising idea, or even reviewing your regular contribution. Even a bit extra every now and then is very helpful. *But please, and we emphasise this, only if this is possible for you.* We really do not want to put anyone under even more pressure in these challenging times.

Finally, if anyone would like to know what they have paid this year to date, please either get in touch with myself, Jonathan Mills, Hon. Treasurer, 087 289 1483 or Eamonn Cooke, Stewardship, 087 709 3066.

Thank you.



Recent steeplejack inspection of cracks in the spire.



We now have an additional way to donate via QR code. Please scan the code to be taken to our donation page.

From the Registers

Baptism

On the 20th September 2026 at the 10.30am service **Mia Jane Finn** was baptised and welcomed into God's Christian family. Mia's parents are **Megan (Daley)** and **Dean Finn**. Her Godparents are **Lisa Ensor** and **Keith Hogan**. Mia in her own way is already joining in with the singing and worship on Sundays - much to our delight.



At the 12 noon service also on the 20th September brothers **Marcus** and **William Delaney** were baptised. Their parents are **Róisín (Moran)** and **Shane Delaney** and their Godparents are **Emma Moran**, **Rachel Dolan** and **Conor Delaney**. We enjoy worshipping with them on Sundays too and warmly welcome them into the fellowship of Christ's Church.

Bereavements

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Errol Flynn** on the death of his beloved wife **Alva (Pigott)** on 20th August 2026 after a very short illness. To their sons too, **Adam** and **Evan** we offer our sincere condolences. By Alva's request a private service was held in the Victorian Chapel, Mt Jerome on 24th August. Please uphold Alva's grieving family in your prayers.

Parish Lending Library

The Parish Library has been moved to the foyer of the Parish Centre. You will find a wide variety of books for children and adults. We hope that your Christian life will be enriched by reading some of these books.



Sacred Stillness. A Book of Meditation from the Sanctuary by **Sister Stan and Sile Wall** (2025).

From a meditation, **Breathing with the Earth**:

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St Stan writes: This book offers real, practical, profound and creative meditation practices through a variety of themes and poems ... Our hope is that these meditations and poems will evoke a stirring of your heart, bring you in closer relationship with yourself, the world that you are part of and your God, offering you a pathway into stillness where you will find sanctuary.

Details regarding borrowing books are above the top shelf of the bookstand. JF

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