



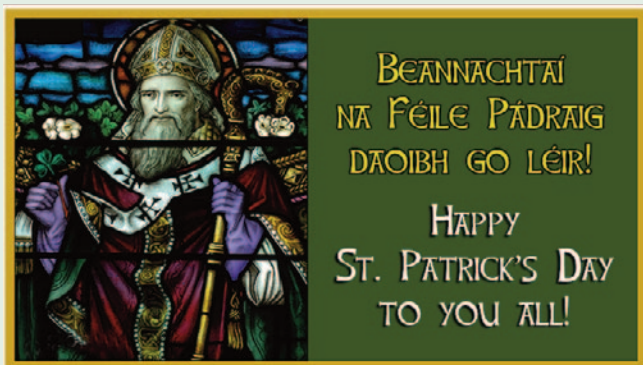
Dear Parishioners

As we approach the 1 year mark since the regularity of our in-church services was disrupted, the questions now facing us liturgically are many. Research into on-line worship has elicited the following observations (and more, but space here is limited):

- Sunday worship has no time or day constraints anymore with many people tuning in on days other than Sunday.
- Holy Space is not confined to consecrated buildings but is wherever God's people are. i.e. the once Sacred/Profane distinction has evaporated.
- Parishioners will be reluctant to return to in-person church attendance as, even with the best sanitizing regimes in place, gatherings pose a potential health risk.

Among the questions it raises for us going forward are: how do we fulfill our calling as God's worshipping and witnessing people if we can't all gather together for that, our primary, purpose? How can liturgies respond worshipfully & meaningfully to constraints, fluidity of time & space and diverse theologies parishioners hold? Let's start the 'click & brick' i.e. the on-line & in-church conversation.

Canon Adrienne



Schedule of services for March 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

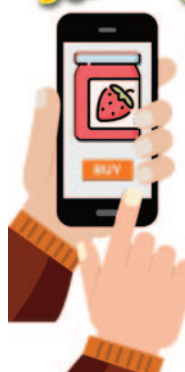
The 10.30am Sunday service in Church will also be available (after 24 hours)



on YouTube at
www.youtube.com/channel/UCso-NPjtC4skX-mIKICJ-JA



Rathfarnham Parish Fête-by-Text



Once again we hope to hold our alternative Parish Fête in May (date tbc), offering you an 'Order by Text' service and a drive-thru collection in the church grounds for your purchases afterwards.

The Fête Committee will shortly be in touch with all of our regular bakers, makers and growers to ask if you would be willing to help with produce again this year. Last year's Fête-by-Text was a great success and a huge help to the parish finances in a very difficult year. Unfortunately 2021 is not looking any less so and we are appealing for your help once again.

We would also really welcome some new and additional volunteers on to the Fête Committee and would be delighted to hear from you by email at rathfarnhamparish@gmail.com or you can leave a message for the committee at the Parish Office on **01 490 5543**. Instead of our usual Cheese & Wine planning evening we intend to hold a Zoom meeting to plan the event. Looking forward to hearing from you.

The Fête Committee

Safeguarding Trust Update

Leaders of the various parish children's organisations, the rector's Church Warden and representatives from the vestry met virtually on the 10th and 16th February to complete the Harm Assessments and Safety Statement.

Once these are ratified by the Vestry members they will be on display in our church and halls. We sincerely thank **Joan Love** for her dedication and expertise as a panel member. As Joan has now resigned from this role we are actively seeking a 3rd panel member. *AG/PD*



Parish News Round-up

Good News Club

The rhyming muse inspired our Good News Club members to come up with Valentine's Day greetings in a pandemic which were affixed to An Post cards and posted to our much valued and missed 'seriously shielding' parishioners. Then on Shrove Tuesday the creative muse visited Good News Club again as we designed & then promptly devoured selfie pancakes!!

For Lent we are incorporating Lenten creative prayer ideas made available to us by the Building Blocks team into our sessions (<https://buildfaith.org/lent-in-a-bag/>) and the Bible Project animated Mark's Gospel in 3 acts from (<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/mark>).
Corinna, Callum, Peter, Adrienne.



Sunday Crèche and Sunday Club

Some of our children's groups are continuing to work behind the scene planning for when we get to reopen.

We may not be able to get together inside the church yet but we are just a phone or Zoom call away if ever you need us.

We would also like to send our warmest wishes to those who are celebrating their birthday in March. Stay Safe!

Love was definitely in the air at our Valentines Day Zoom, when we learned all about The Good Samaritan, and did plenty of love-themed crafts as you can see from the photos.

We will meet again in March, date to be confirmed, once we see how things develop with restrictions. And we are very much hoping that we will be able to do a **Good Friday Sunday Club** on April 2nd too, if possible. Until then, stay safe.

Belated Happy Birthday to Ava, Ben, Lucy, Lottie, Jake and Noah who celebrated their birthdays in January and February. This month we wish happy birthday to **Flynn, Donna-cha** and **Rebecca** who will all be 6 years old. Have a great day all! *Linda and the Team*





Toddlerzone@Home

It's almost a year since Toddlerzone met in the Parish Centre led by Heather, assisted by Susan each week along with the help of Liz, Jummy and Sandra on a rota basis.



They really have missed being able to see you all at the sessions, on Tuesday mornings in the parish centre.

It continues to be a difficult and challenging season for everyone and during this time we are aware that there are many bumps that are now babies, many babies now toddlers, not to mention the toddlers who have now moved on to preschool! These are all some of the many milestones we love sharing in, along with the challenges and joys of being a parent. As we continue to be unable to gather in person for the foreseeable future we are delighted to introduce **Toddlerzone@Home**, led and facilitated by **Lynn Storey** and **Linda O'Connor** - both familiar faces involved in children's groups in the parish. We hope to bring the experi-

ence of Toddlerzone into your home through Zoom sessions until such a time as it is deemed safe to meet in person. Join us each **Tuesday at 10am until 10.45am on Zoom**, for a chat, singing, a story, craft/play activity idea and fun. No child is too young to join a session as the activities are aimed at the whole family and listening and learning takes place in many ways. Your child does not need to sit still and it is possible to eliminate noise by using the mute function.

Do not worry about screen time - this time together will benefit babies, children and adults as they connect with others in the parish and community. We look forward to welcoming all those who can join us for our first session **Tuesday 9th March @ 10am**. For more information or to sign up contact either **Lynn Storey 087 6957061** or **Linda O'Connor 087 6383844**. In the meantime, for all those with their **Birthdays in March** we hope you enjoy celebrating your special day. Happy Birthday to **Mia & Noah** who will be 4 **Shane M, Ailbhe C and Gerard N** who all turn 2!

Lynn, Linda, Heather, Susan & the rest of the team

WLTD0?

For those who have forgotten, or who never knew, WLTD0?

stands for Who Let The Dads Out? - however in these current times Who Kept the Dads In? might be more apt!



Officially it is for dads only and their little ones, but because of life at the moment we have opened it to families attached to Crèche and Toddlerzone, and mums may take part as well. If you have moved into the parish or welcomed a new arrival these past months you would be delighted to welcome you. Get in touch with **Lynn** or **Robert** for more information.

Looking Back!

It seems such a long time since we gathered on a Saturday afternoon on ZOOM back in December, when Lynn and the team brought us on a very special trip to Lapland. Each family received a box of goodies in advance with lots of activities to enjoy before, during and after our time together. Well done to the **Collins family** - our reigning champs in our WLTD0? Ka-hoot! Quiz. We also had a snowball fight and pass-the-parcel (who'd have thought *that* was possible on Zoom!)

As Level 5 restrictions have been in place, and leaders and parents manage working from home, while also juggling parenting and home-learning, we have yet to have our first Zoom for 2021. However, we are beyond excited - our first

ZOOM session for this year will be on **Saturday 13th March** at the slightly earlier time of **2pm -2.45pm**, when we will create a **virtual St Patrick's Day Parade** - wear something green, decorate your room if you like and come and join us for lots of fun. We are always delighted to welcome new members so please do get in touch.

Lynn Storey 087 6957061, Robert Hilliard 087 618 7058, David Campbell and Jonathan Ellis



From The Registers

Bereavements

We were very saddened to hear of the unexpected death of **Jack Daley** on the 2nd February 2021. To his wife **Cynthia**, son **Philip**, daughter **Gillian** and all his family and friends we offer our sincere sympathy. Jack's funeral and thanksgiving service was held on 5th February in the Garden Chapel, Mount Jerome.

We also offer our heartfelt condolences to **Eric**, son of **Katherine Briggs**, to her daughter-in-law **Nok** and all Katherine's family and many friends on her death on the 4th February. Katherine's service was held in Rathfarnham Parish Church on the 10th February.

Sadly too, many of our parishioners are grieving much cherished family members resident in other parishes and countries, who have died in recent weeks and months.

To everyone in your loss, we offer our deepest sympathy.



Library Notes

Our Celtic Tradition

Joan writes: In the parish library we have a selection of books by the Celtic writer John O'Donohue, donated by a parishioner.

From his book *Anam Cara*, (*Soul Friend*):

May you learn to be a good friend to yourself.

May you be able to journey to that place in your soul where there is great love, warmth, feeling and forgiveness.

May this change you.

May this transfigure that which is negative, distant or cold within you.

May you be brought into the real passion, kinship and affinity of belonging.

May you treasure your friends.

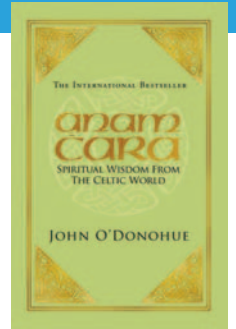
From the hymn *The Breastplate of St Patrick*:

Christ be beside me,

Christ be before me,

Christ be behind me.

Christ be within me, never to part.



**"I'M PLAYING ST. PATRICK IN THE SCHOOL PLAY.
MRS. PERDUE SAYS I NEED A MITRE AND
10,000 SNAKES BY FRIDAY."**

Confirmation Class

We continue to meet virtually on Sunday evenings at 6.30pm and are discussing among other themes: Baptism, the creeds, worship, the Holy Spirit and the Bible.

The class incorporates some 'break-out' time to give the candidates time to chat together especially as they are not yet back at school and have limited opportunities to chill out together.

To mark the 1st anniversary of last year's confirmation, we celebrated a virtual reunion Holy Communion on the 7th February at 12 noon. After the service itself, it was great to catch up with one another again in break-out rooms. This class had no opportunity to participate in in-church Holy Communion celebrations since being confirmed. We look forward to their further involvement in shaping our worship and witness. **AG**



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

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RATHFARNHAM PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUBSCRIPTIONS PER ENVELOPE FOR THE YEAR 2020

No.	€	No.	€	No.	€	No.	€
2	350.00	57	394.00	116	20.00	170	260.00
3	20.00	58	490.00	117	30.00	172	140.00
4	110.00	60	20.00	118	50.00	173	110.00
6	560.00	61	110.00	119	255.00	175	190.00
7	860.00	62	1,020.00	120	954.00	176	530.00
10	100.00	63	330.00	121	38.00	179	875.00
11	505.15	65	530.00	122	115.00	181	600.00
13	5.00	66	20.00	123	375.00	183	160.00
14	385.00	67	450.00	124	20.00	184	270.00
15	10.00	68	800.00	125	520.00	187	549.00
16	551.00	70	5.00	126	705.00	188	30.00
17	150.00	71	410.00	127	780.00	189	410.00
18	250.00	72	50.00	128	427.00	190	300.00
19	1,250.00	73	285.00	129	198.50	193	50.00
20	275.00	74	640.00	131	325.00	194	1,130.00
22	1,200.00	76	255.00	133	90.00	196	65.00
23	570.00	77	890.00	134	370.00	197	1,140.00
25	310.00	79	175.00	135	816.00	202	365.00
26	470.00	82	21.80	136	10.00	203	580.00
28	60.00	85	175.00	137	10.00	204	70.00
29	490.00	86	100.00	138	540.00	206	423.00
31	120.00	87	560.00	139	300.00	208	1,425.00
32	570.00	89	45.00	143	70.00	209	65.00
33	345.00	90	50.00	145	60.00	214	10.00
34	130.00	91	530.00	146	266.00		
36	10.00	92	20.00	147	1,490.00		
37	1,160.00	93	40.00	148	590.00		
38	110.00	95	8.00	149	255.00		
39	135.00	96	564.00	150	275.00		
40	26.50	98	50.00	152	520.00		
41	365.00	99	170.00	153	20.00		
42	750.00	101	252.00	154	310.00		
44	540.00	102	95.00	155	80.00		
47	790.00	103	520.00	156	75.00		
48	40.00	104	520.00	157	710.00		
49	580.00	106	250.00	161	615.00		
50	360.00	108	210.00	162	65.00		
52	530.00	110	25.00	163	90.00		
53	360.00	111	5.00	165	31.90		
54	90.00	112	4.60	166	430.00		
55	30.00	113	10.00	167	510.00		
56	375.00	115	30.00	169	30.00		

Total: €50,185 for 150 subscribers.

2019 total was €64,372.20 for 173 subscribers.

The total for 2020 includes all subscriptions in envelopes received by the last Sunday in 2020.

Any 2020 envelopes received after that day will be included in the 2021 figures.

Finally, I would like to thank the 'counters' for all their work throughout the year. **Beryl Dawson.**