



Dear Parishioners

A year ago the words 'This too will pass' were etched on a plank of wood, now acting as a seat, along the Dodder walkway.

How often in scripture we read these words. And how often in life we apply them. Thankfully we are now beginning to see some of the restrictions of 2020-21 pass and although our vigilance can not wane, we are looking forward to safe gatherings again. Thank God.

Canon Adrienne



Schedule of services for September 2021
(with attendance subject to continuing restrictions)

Each Thursday

10.30am Holy Communion service in Church, or via Zoom at 01-6533897, or via computer meeting id. 4038917003.



Each Sunday

8am and 12 noon Holy Communion 1

Sunday 5th 10.30am Morning Prayer for Climate Sunday

Sunday 12th 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th 10.30am

Family Songs of Praise and launch of the Organ Restoration Project



Sunday 26th 10.30am Holy Communion

As well as in-person in Church, the 10.30am service will continue to be live-streamed every Sunday and will also be available (after 24 hours) on the Parish YouTube channel at



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

For the moment, capacity in the Church will be 39 people, with an additional 15 in the Parish Centre and the Millennium Side Chapel.

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The Church Organ

Our venerable and hard-working pipe organ is about to be REFURBISHED!

The Organ Refurbishment Fund Project will be launched on **Sunday 19th September**, and we'll be pulling out all the stops! As well as a 10.30am family *Songs of Praise* service, expect entertainment, fun events for young and old - and lots and lots of cake!

Please do come along to the service and join us outside in a marquee in the church grounds afterwards.

The Organ Refurbishment Fund Committee



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Blessing of the Backpacks

A special service to mark returning to school is happening in the church grounds **on Sunday 29th August at 12.30pm.**



So do come along, bring your school bag and let's get you blessed for the coming academic year!

Parish News Round-up

Sunday Club

Hi everyone, and welcome back to a new season of Sunday Club. I hope you have all had a super summer break, and are now ready to get back to some sort of new normality.

We are delighted to welcome children from pre-school (beginning primary school next September 2022) to 2nd class, so if you would like your child to join us, please get in touch. At the moment we are still limited to very low numbers in the Parish Centre, which makes Sunday Club in its previous indoor format almost impossible, so we are going to do a mix of Outdoor (details to follow) and Zoom for September and October. The format for Zoom proved really successful last season, so it will be the same as before - we will deliver a pack to you in advance of each session and your child will be invited to join the session, along with an appropriate adult. Here's the important bit - ***you need to fill in a new consent form for each child and forward to me in advance of the first session.*** I can forward the form to you by email, deliver by post, or by hand. Just let me know what suits best.

We are blessed to have an amazing bunch of leaders in Sunday Club who have agreed to join us again this year, so welcome back and thanks to **Kim, Morgan, Linda, Liz, Maura, and Stephen.** A huge thanks to **Lynne M** who is moving on, and to **Jummy**, who returned to Nigeria during the year. We are so grateful to both of you for all your enthusiasm and support over the last couple of years.

We would love to add to this fabulous team of leaders, so if you are interested in joining us, please get in touch with me (details below).

We are saying goodbye to **Sarah-Jane, Anna, Bobby, Conor, Jake, Jessica, Freddie, Noah, and Sophia** as they move on from Sunday Club, and we wish them every blessing as they continue their worship in Good News Club. In the photos they are holding their brand new bibles, which they received at our last session in May.

Happy Birthday The summer has been a busy time for birthdays in Sunday Club! In July **Nathan** was 6, **Bryce** was 7, and **Andrew** was 8. In August, **Faye** turned 6. We wish you all a belated Happy Birthday and hope you had a super day. This month **Alexander** and **Mia** will be 5, **Alanna** and **John** will be 6, **Max** will be 7, and **Matthew** will be 8 - Happy Birthday to all of you from everyone in Sunday Club.

Sunday Club dates:

September 12th Sunday Club in the Park

September 26th Sunday Club on Zoom

Linda O'Connor: 087 638 3844, linda.f.oconnor@gmail.com



Toddlerzone and WLTD0?

The leaders of the children's parish organisations have been mulling over how best to start up again.

As always, safety is to the fore, but everyone is looking forward to resuming activities as soon as possible.

Garden of Remembrance

Work on the Garden of Remembrance is moving forward, and we are now thankfully in a position to look for landscape gardeners or small builders, and also volunteers to help us see this project through to completion.

If you know anyone you would recommend, or if you feel you could contribute in any way, please get in touch with any of the following:

Gordon Wright: 087 8341277, **Linda O'Connor:** 087 6383844
Roger White: 086 8170617



Good News Club

The leaders met on a few occasions recently to discuss our options for the coming season and at time of writing we are taking our lead from what the schools are permitting.



Good News Club are planning to run an outdoor programme on Tuesday evenings from Sept-Nov. focusing on the wonder of God's creation and our care for it. Please keep an eye out for parish emails, WhatsApp messages and updates on the website.

Our provisional plans are:

- 21st Sept 3rd & 4th classes Exploring Trees
- 28th Sept 5th & 6th classes Dodder Dipping
- 5th Oct 3rd & 4th classes Dodder Dipping
- 12th Oct 5th & 6th classes Exploring Trees
- 19th Oct 3rd & 4th classes Dog Walk and hot dogs
- 2nd Nov 5th & 6th classes Dog Walk and hot dogs
- 9th Nov 3rd & 4th classes Animal rescue vet talk
- 16th Nov 5th & 6th classes Animal rescue vet talk
- 23rd Nov 3rd & 4th classes Mini winter olympics
- 30th Nov 5th & 6th classes Christians in sport today.

We will need some parents to help on various nights, please. Thanks very much.

Corinna, Peter, Callum, Nicola, Rebecca, Adrienne

Crèche

This time of year we would be sending our blessings to or pre-schoolers as they move to Sunday Club and welcoming both new and regulars to our Sunday Crèche gatherings.



Children's Ministry Groups have been working behind the scenes on ways to get together in line with the government guidelines. Although we may not be able to get together inside the church yet, we are just a phone call away if ever you need us. If you have any questions at all contact me Kim 085 147 3112.

Stay Safe - Kim, Susan and Heather

Safeguarding Trust Update

Safeguarding Trust Training for staff and volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults in the parish:



We are grateful to Olive Good, the Diocesan Regulator for Safeguarding Trust, for keeping us informed of training and safeguarding requirements. On the former, training will take place at 8pm via Zoom on **Wednesday 1st September** and **Tuesday 7th September**. The Diocesan Support Team have decided to limit the number of participants on each of these trainings to ensure full engagement and participation. The trainings are for both new people and those requiring refresher trainings as the mixture of both groups will assist with the discussions at the trainings. Please note that in order to ensure the success of the trainings, participants will be asked to do some preparation reading in advance.

To book a place on any of the above trainings, participants must email Olive themselves (olivegood@gmail.com) so that I can send them an email directly containing the link to the training and the documents due to be read in advance.

Places will be issued on a first come first served basis.

This booking system will allow the support team to ensure the maximum number of participants at a training is not exceeded and to maintain the integrity and security on Zoom.

Wednesday Club

Dear Friends,
Your Committee hope that you and all yours have had a good and safe summer season and that life will soon return to normal.



We are keeping the situation under review and hope to return to our usual meetings on the last Wednesday of the month once it is safe. In the meantime, perhaps we may look forward to having a safe Big Reunion Party for our next meeting (September, we hope)! **David Whyte 087 7826054**

Select Vestry Update

Meetings have continued during the year and over the summer as Charities Governance, Covid 19 updates and many other aspects of church life required attention.

Also George, Alan and co. have been very busy painting the Parish Centre, unsticking windows in the War Memorial Hall to enhance ventilation, and repairing or arranging for maintenance of the fabric of the parish.

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From The Registers

Baptism

We are again conducting baptisms on successive Sundays after a long but unavoidable gap.

We began with **Bishop Ken Kearon** baptizing his grand daughter **Laragh Éabha Brennan** whose parents are **Alison** and **Lorcan**, Godparents **Rachel** and **Muireann**.



Weddings

Congratulations to **Jennifer Tutty** and **John Andreucetti** who were married on a glorious 24th July in Rathfarnham Parish Church. Sharing in their joy, we wish them every blessing on their marriage.

Congratulations also to **Dave Flower** and **Gabrielle Hand** who were married in Rathfarnham Parish Church on a very much hoped for bright and sunny 20th August 2021. Their joy is infectious and we are delighted to wish them too every blessing for years to come.

Funerals

On the 19th June the funeral service for **Ursula Joy Duffy** was held in the Victorian Chapel, Mount Jerome and many fond tributes were paid to celebrate Joy's life. We hold Joy's family in our prayers in their deep loss.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Thelma Hunt**. Thelma's funeral was held on the 2nd July in Mount Jerome with interment in St Patrick's Church graveyard, Powerscourt.

We also offer our condolences to the family and friends of **Muriel Christie**. Muriel's funeral was held on the 22nd July in Rathfarnham Church followed by burial in Mount Jerome cemetery.

Interment of Ashes

On the 29th July the family of **Patricia Grainger** gathered to inter her ashes in the Columbarium.

On the 6th August the family of **Rosemary Faulkner** attended a service of interment of her ashes. As both funerals had taken place in the height of restrictions, these interment services were also an opportunity to celebrate Patricia's and Rosemary's lives. We continue to remember in our prayers all who are bereaved.



Grace Jennifer Daly with parents **Susan** and **Mark**, sister **Ava** and godparents **Karen** and **Stephen**.



Jude and **Eva Magann** with their parents **Aisling** and **James**.



Cillian Daniel Goulden with his parents **Carolyn** and **Marcus** and godparents **Anne** and **Ross**.

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