



Dear Parishioners

Book sculpture is a craft more familiar to us through the bound olive wood book covers that we may have encountered on market stalls in the Middle East.

Between the covers are photos of significant sites or landmarks accompanied by a brief description of the historical event or person associated with the site.

In this way everything in the book is interpreted for us - the site/landmark itself, the history, the significance, the worthiness for selection etc. *The Book of Daniel* is a book sculpture currently being exhibited in the RHA.

Comprising elm beams hanging without pages, photos, script, it invites the viewer to linger and find the essence of its story - perhaps aided by knowledge of the Biblical Daniel. Somewhere in the viewing, the viewers own story percolates too. The bottom right corner is slightly curved suggesting a page being turned, or a new season about to emerge.

As we embark on Springtime and new growth, spiritually may our story of being loved by God emerge too - not just in words, but in our sense of awe and wonder at being known and loved by the Almighty One.

Adrienne



Parish Diary for February

Restrictions on numbers attending religious services no longer apply, however social distancing should continue to be observed and also mask-wearing in the church.

The 10.30am service every Sunday will continue to be live-streamed and will also be 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 Church

Each Sunday

8am and 12 noon Holy Communion 1

Sunday 5th 10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 12th 10.30am Family Holy Communion

Sunday 19th 10.30am Morning Prayer

Ash Wednesday 22nd 10.30am Holy Communion
7.30pm Service for Ash Wednesday



Sunday 26th 10.30am Holy Communion

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Garden of Remembrance

The Garden of Remembrance has added to the overall look of the Church grounds and several loved ones have been interred at this stage.

The project ran marginally over budget due to growth in global construction costs and some additions that were deemed worthwhile. The Select Vestry has decided to increase the cost of the ground-based plots, which can take 3 urns, from €2,000 up to €2,500. The increase, approved by Diocesan Councils, will come into effect from the 30th June 2023. The wall plots can only take 2 urns and the cost will remain at €2,000. **Gordon Wright**

iDonate

We have added a feature to our parish website which we hope will facilitate parishioners in donating to the parish.

We encourage you to try it out! **The Vestry.**

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Fête 2023 Cheese & Wine

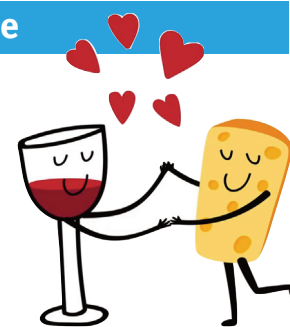
You are cordially invited to a Cheese & Wine evening on **Thursday 23rd February at 8pm** in the Parish Centre (subject to confirmation)

This evening is to review the arrangements for the **2023 Rathfarnham Parish Fête** which will be held on **Saturday May 20th** at The High School, Rathgar.

Having missed out on holding our big Fête 'in person' during 2020 and 2021 we were delighted to return to The High School last year and we look forward to an even bigger and better Rathfarnham Parish Fête in 2023.

Please be assured that you will not be committing to anything by coming along. Just join us for an informal chat, some delicious nibbles and a glass of wine.

We look forward to seeing you there. **The Fête Committee**



FÊTE 2023

Parish News Round-up

Sunday Club

Happy New Year everyone! February already, but I need to share some of our Christmas news and activities.

Families had a fabulous afternoon at our Instant Nativity in December. We all acted out the Christmas story in full regalia, made decorations from recycled coffee pods for the outside Christmas tree, and then enjoyed some delicious hot chocolate and goodies afterwards thanks to Heather and her team. I hope you had a chance to see the Nativity display in the 'Sunday Club Window' in the transept - it is made almost entirely of recycled materials, including Pringles tubes and fabric remnants from Recreate in Ballymount. Aren't the leaders a talented bunch! Thank You so much for all the toys and treats we were able to distribute to our charitable partners in time for Christmas, which were all gratefully received.

Dates for February:

Sunday 5th: Sunday Club in the Parish Centre

Sunday 26th: Sunday Club in the Parish Centre

Children starting primary school this year, up to and including 2nd class, are more than welcome to join us.

Linda O'Connor, 087 6383844

Email: linda.f.oconnor@gmail.com



Wednesday Club

We wish to send our deepest sympathy on the death of our former Chairman, Bryan Cooper, to his wife Val and her family and friends. He will be very fondly remembered by us all.

Our next meeting will be held, as usual on the last Wednesday of the month, **22nd February** at 2.30 pm in the Parish Centre. The speaker has not yet been confirmed but will be one of a number of interesting persons and topics. The usual Tea, Bakes and Chat afterwards! Looking forward to seeing our regular and new attenders. Everyone is welcome.

David Whyte 087 7826054.

WEDNESDAY CLUB

NEW! Gentle Exercise to Music



Wednesday Movers - a new gentle exercise to music session with Gillian Perdue has started in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday mornings from 11.15am - 12 noon.**

Adults young and older are very welcome. **€5 per class** in aid of the Organ Restoration Fund.

Time to act on the **'Get fitter'** New Year's resolution!

gillperdue@gmail.com / 087 2782850



Never Too Late adult dance classes continue

A lively group of dancers have donned the blue t-shirt, pointed their toes, flexed their muscles, and exercised their brains as well as their bodies! It's great fun - and has already raised much needed funds for the Organ Refurbishment Fund and other Parish projects.

Join us on **Monday evenings from 5pm - 6.15pm** and **Wednesday mornings 9.45am - 10.45am.**

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RATHFARNHAM PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUBSCRIPTIONS PER ENVELOPE FOR THE YEAR 2022

No.	€	No.	€	No.	€	No.	€	No.	€
4	74	36	80	69	260	109	700	144	32
5	251	37	1040	70	95	112	10	145	1400
6	170	38	310	71	690	113	25	146	280
7	293.58	39	436	73	265	114	20	147	1705
8	30	41	373	74	200	115	110	148	640
10	10	42	3000	75	1040.03	116	95	149	270
11	520	43	100	76	230	117	100	150	320
12	447	44	540	77	580	118	70	151	242.90
13	80	45	120	79	130	119	270	152	520
14	405	48	290	80	765	120	957	153	130
16	801	49	530	81	265	122	360	154	265
17	165	50	520	82	105	123	270	156	255
18	275	52	348	84	50	126	645	157	1460
19	1500	53	650	86	90	127	1120	159	500
20	305	54	45	87	530	129	441	161	580
21	1680	56	350	90	61.50	131	400	163	500
22	1370	57	670	91	525	132	260	165	68
25	190	58	520	92	125	133	120	166	460
26	480	59	50	96	540	134	295	167	480
28	20	60	210	98	200	135	832	169	200
29	870	61	230	99	260	137	5	170	265
30	285	63	471	101	265	138	520	172	370
31	510	64	1000	102	65	139	150	173	180
32	145	66	40	103	540	140	500	175	185
33	310	67	757.55	106	110	142	225	178	175
34	885	68	600	108	40	143	50	179	855
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Total: €54,281.66 for 131 subscribers. 2021 total was €48,972 for 121 subscribers.

The total for 2022 includes all subscriptions in envelopes received by the last Sunday in 2022. Any 2022 envelopes received after that day will be included in the 2023 figures. Finally, I would like to thank the 'counters' for all their work, and the subscribers for their generosity throughout a difficult year. *Beryl Dawson.*

Parish Secretary

Rathfarnham Parish is currently inviting applications from suitably qualified and experienced persons for the above position. The role involves supervising and facilitating the day to day administrative work of the Parish. The person appointed will work closely with the Select Vestry, Clergy, the Parish Volunteer Sector, Diocesan Officers and independent users of the Parish facilities.

Rathfarnham Parish is a Christian faith based parish within the Church of Ireland tradition. Applicants do not need to be from this tradition but would need to be understanding of it and support the Parish's mission - to serve God, grow faith and build community.

Location and hours - the role is based in the Parish Office Portacabin to the rear of the War Memorial Hall, adjacent to the Rectory on Rathfarnham Road, Terenure. The role is for 15 hours per week, Monday - Friday 9.30 am -12.30pm.

Please see www.rathfarnham.dublin.anglican.org for details of the role's responsibilities and requirements and the application process.



From The Registers

Funerals

We commend to your prayers all who deeply mourn the death of **Bryan Cooper**, especially his wife **Valerie** and their sons **Ross, Craig, Scott, Bruce** and all their family. Bryan's funeral was held on 10th January in Rathfarnham Parish Church where he had been a lifelong member, holding many offices over the years for which we are very appreciative.

News arrived on 13th January of the sad passing in Rathfriland of **John de Lacy** who with his wife **Doris** were up to recently long-standing members of the parish. We offer our sincere condolence to Doris, their son and daughter **Peter** and **Caroline** and all their family at this difficult time.

In memory of Linda Gillis

On the 4th Sunday of Advent a new brass flower pedestal was dedicated in loving memory of **Linda Gillis**, among whose many talents was flower arranging. We are very grateful to Linda's mum **Beryl** and her brother **John** for this beautiful gift to the church which is placed in the sanctuary.



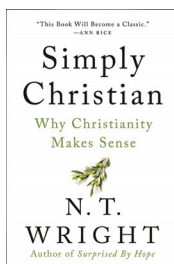
Parish Library

If you are seeking a deeper understanding of your faith you might find our Parish library very helpful.

A good place to start is *Simply Christian* by **Tom Wright** in which he describes the exciting relevance of the Bible and the Christian story for the contemporary world. Wright's theology is rooted in solid scholarship - he writes:

"With the Resurrection of Jesus, 'spirituality, relationship and beauty rose with him. Something has happened in and through Jesus as a result of which the world is a different place, a place where heaven and earth have been joined forever."

The library is in the side-chapel, and everybody is welcome to use it, just sign your name in the notebook that you will find on the bookstand. Sanitize your hands with the gel provided before handling books and on returning a book place it in the brown envelope provided and write the date on the envelope. The book will be replaced on the shelf after at least three days (recommended time for Covid safety). **Joan Forsdyke**



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A PART-TIME CLEANER!

If you are interested in some part-time work, Rathfarnham Parish require a cleaner for 4 hours per week:

- 2 hours at the War Memorial Hall
- 2 hours at Rathfarnham Parish Church and Centre.
- Flexible hours and good rates of pay (€15 per hour).

This may also suit a self-employed person, who is suitably insured.

INTERESTED: Please send a letter of application to:
 Parish Office, 41 Rathfarnham Road, Terenure D6W XV62.



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