



Dear Readers

Curiosity is a great gift! One used effectively by the managers of Lullymore Heritage Park. Take for example the placing of a lone pole in the bog with 3 orange flame symbols and one blue drop symbol. Cryptic clues! It transpired that the top flame measures the bog height in 1930 and its shrinking with drainage and peat harvesting over the years. The blue drop marks the water level at the deepest part of the bog. Life can be draining.



Over time our spiritual lives can be drained away almost unnoticed by the hustle and bustle of demand after demand. Lententide is God's invitation to us to start replenishing our 'living water' and the vital spiritual ecosystem of creative time, scripture reading and prayer that nurtures our vital curiosity about God's workings in, through and with us - a guaranteed powerful harvest indeed. Hallelujah!

Adrienne

ANNUAL EASTER VESTRY
Sunday April 14th



We are looking forward to holding this important parish event on Sunday 14th April in the Parish Centre at 12 noon (allowing time for Sunday Club tidy-up and the rector to greet parishioner at the church door after the 10.30am service). There will be NO 12 noon Holy Communion service on 14th.

We take this opportunity to thank sincerely **Leslie Deacon**, who will be relinquishing the Hon Secretary position and is not seeking re-election at this time. Leslie has served the parish incredibly over many years and we are hugely grateful to him for all the invisible work of correspondence that he has undertaken on our behalf as well as his full and insightful engagement with vestry business.


- We have sourced (and **George James Snr & Jnr** have planted) a replacement tree (a magnolia) for the Garden of Remembrance.
- We need more Fête volunteers before, during and for tidying up after the Fête on Saturday 18th May 2024
- **Eamonn Cooke** has offered to administer the FWO envelope scheme following the retirement of **Beryl Dawson** after many years of much-appreciated service. Thank you Beryl for all of your hard work and diligence over the years.
- The Archbishop has supported our application for a **Curate** and interviews will be held on 15th/16th April.

Parish Diary for March


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


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

Sunday 3rd 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Morning Prayer


Sunday 10th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am All Ages Together Mothering Sunday Service
Refreshments afterwards kindly provided by Scouts. 

Sunday 17th Lá Fhéile Pádraig
8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Holy Communion 2 (part bilingual). 

Sunday 24th Palm Sunday
8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Liturgy of the Palms 

HOLY WEEK Monday to Thursday evenings at 7.30pm (in-person and live-streamed)
Speaker Mr. John Deane-O'Keeffe 

Good Friday 9am Ecumenical Walk with the Cross
10.30am - 12 noon Good Friday for Families
12 noon - 3pm (in-person and live-streamed)
Reflections in church.

Sunday 31st Easter Day
8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Holy Communion 2 

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Sunday Club

Sunday Club welcomes all children from pre-school (starting primary school in 2024) to 2nd class.

March 24th Palm Sunday: Sunday Club in the Parish Centre at 10.30am.

Friday March 29th: Good Friday for Families in the Parish Centre 10.30 - 12pm.

Join us in the Parish Centre for a family-centred event with lots of activities centred around the events of Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Refreshments afterwards.

If you would like your child to join us, just get in touch with me (**Linda 087 638 3844**) or drop in to one of our sessions to see what we're up to.



Good News Club

What greater blessing can there be for leaders than to hear the young people in GNC recount their bible knowledge and ask searching questions

Questions about creation, God and Jesus among others - e.g "Before there were seasons, what was there? Did Jesus have to learn manners?" Themes for the next few weeks leading up to Holy Week follow Jesus' life from apprentice carpenter to Kingdom builder.

GNC welcomes children from 3rd to 6th class on **Tuesdays 6.45pm -7.45pm** in the Parish Centre. AG



Toddlerzone

We have been delighted to hear the pitter patter of little feet and not so little feet, the sound of chatter and laughter, and the sound of love and friendship this past month.

We've welcomed new families, met new babies, and celebrated birthday milestones. Toddlerzone is a wonderful, inclusive community of support and we really understand the value of toddler groups for little ones and their grown-ups. We give thanks for everyone who is part of it, whether you come along with your little ones, sing along with gusto, bounce up and down like a bunny, tidy up, sweep the floor, encourage the volunteer team or pray for the group. Your input is really appreciated and valued.

The team is a small one and we really need more people to volunteer and join the team. We found ourselves in the position of having to cancel one of our sessions already this year. It's always a difficult decision to make, and one we don't make easily. However, the unexpected can happen, and with this volunteer-led team being small, it makes it difficult to adapt and run the group safely when something crops up.

So, we would love to hear from anyone who can give of their time some Tuesday mornings - no special experience needed. Get in touch with Lynn or Linda. **Toddlerzone is on Tuesday morning in the Parish Centre from 10am until 11.30am during school term time.** We look forward to some Gruffalo-inspired play activities, celebrating World Book Day, Mother's Day and Easter! **Lynn 087 6957061, Linda 087 6383844, Susan & Helen.**



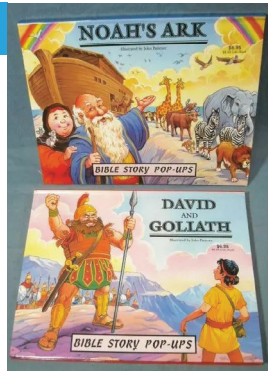
Children loved hearing about the Miracle of the Paralyzed man using props, which they were then free to play with afterwards to re-enact the story in their own way.

Parish Lending Library

We have a new series of pop-up books of Bible stories for children. The titles are: *The Creation, David and Goliath, Daniel in the Lions' Den* and *Noah's Ark*. These stories are told simply and are colourfully illustrated by John Patience. "Hurry up!" said Noah, "The rain is beginning to fall. No-one must get left behind. Hurry up tortoises!"

We also have Prayers with Bears, a version of The Lord's Prayer for young children. Say a prayer with Honey Bear, "Thank you, Lord, for loving us. Help us to love you, too. And let us love each other, and do as you would do."

The library is in the Millennium Side Chapel, and details regarding borrowing books are above the bookshelf. JF



Diocesan and wider church events

Some of our choir members are taking part in the Community Choir at Christ Church Cathedral where rehearsals are well underway for a performance of *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace*.

This is a modern choral classic by Welsh composer Karl Jenkins and is a very apt prayerful theme for the world we currently live in. Also the choir will sing excerpts from Gabriel Fauré's classic *Requiem*.

The date and time is Saturday 23rd March at 8pm.



May 2024 event

The Church of Ireland's Inter Faith Working Group and the Faith Stream of Places of Sanctuary, are organising this year's 'Dialogue of Friendship' conference entitled 'Countering the voices of enmity', on 25th May in Wesley House, Leeson Park, Ranelagh from 10.30am-16.00pm. Booking at bit.ly/3HEKZ2o.

The keynote speaker will be the Revd Bonnie Evans-Hills who will be preaching in Rathfarnham Parish on Sunday 26th May. There will also be presentations on:

- **Sharing 'Good News':** Case studies of local projects in action
- **'Connect' Project,** Centenary Methodist Church, Dublin
- **Sanctuary Ambassadors and Raising Awareness:** Niamh McDonald, Director, Hope and Courage Collective

This event is free of charge, but places are limited! Booking deadline is Friday, 17 May.

Wednesday Club

Our next meeting will be held, as usual on the last Wednesday of the month, March 27th, at 2.30 pm in the Parish Centre.

Joan Forsdyke and Tom Fennell will speak, with illustrations, on *The Travels of St. Paul*, with some time for questions. The usual Tea, Bakes and Chat afterwards! Looking forward to seeing our regular attenders. Everyone is welcome to attend.

David Whyte 087 782 6054.



Safeguarding Trust

The Annual Audit with the Diocesan Safeguarding officer took place on 20th February. The Annual Declaration which each parish has to complete and return to the national Safeguarding Trust office has also been completed in advance of approval at the next vestry meeting on 9th April 2024.



Parish Picture Gallery

After church coffee on Sunday February 18th, courtesy of Tuesday Badminton.



Two of the Confirmation candidates receive their certificates and commitment promise from Philip Middleton and David Whyte during the Holy Communion service on Sunday 11th February 2024



RATHFARNHAM PARISH

STEWARDSHIP

SUBSCRIPTIONS PER ENVELOPE FOR THE YEAR 2023

No.	€	No.	€	No.	€	No.	€	No.	€
1	254	30	275	62	410	95	420	133	100
4	100	31	550	63	330	96	545	134	355
5	636	32	525	64	1030	97	165	135	848
6	6	33	415	65	160	98	370	138	510
7	319	34	1085	66	25	99	320	139	520
8	20	35	370	67	600	100	155	140	580
9	530	36	90	68	980	101	271	141	100
10	110	37	1245	69	335	102	260	142	295
11	540	38	260	70	20	103	637	143	210
12	640	39	330	71	460	108	35	144	40
13	540	45	330	73	265	109	630	145	950
14	465	48	210	74	650	111	800	148	620
16	947	49	660	75	1212.50	114	113	149	305
17	70	50	530	76	285	115	145	150	270
18	156	51	400	77	1020	116	170	155	320
19	1600	52	566	79	230	117	200	157	242.90
20	335	53	1282	84	450	118	90	159	520
21	1690	54	100	85	499.95	119	410		
22	1290	55	620	86	125	120	978		
23	44	56	20	87	10	121	40		
24	155	57	910	88	265	122	170		
25	390	58	520	90	25	123	270		
26	560	60	160	91	485	131	485		
29	860	61	347	92	345	132	60		

Total: €55,591.55 for 125 subscribers. 2022 total was €54,281.66 for 131 subscribers.

The total for 2023 includes all subscriptions in envelopes received by the last Sunday in 2023. Any 2023 envelopes received after that day will be included in the 2024 figures. Finally, I would like to thank the 'counters' for all their work, and the subscribers for their generosity. *Beryl Dawson.*



Inter-Faith Golf Event

Members of the Parishes of all traditions in the Rathfarnham area are very welcome.

Date: Thursday June 27th 2024 from 9.30am - 2.30pm

Format: Champagne Scramble

Where: Grange Golf Club, Rathfarnham

Cost: Green Fees €55 **Dinner:** €35

Aim: It is intended that there will be a great fun day, a day for strengthening existing friendships and creating new ones.

More information in next month's NFY



BE A
GOOD EGG
THIS EASTER
AND DONATE
TO OUR
APPEAL!

If you are in a position to pop an extra Easter egg or two into your shopping basket, we would be delighted to have them for distribution to the various children's charities supported by Rathfarnham Parish.

Please bring them along to church on Sunday 17th (St. Patrick's Day) or Sunday March 24th (Palm Sunday).

Alternatively, you can drop them in to Sunday Club, Good News Club, Toddlerzone, Pop-In, or to the Parish Office during the next couple of weeks if that is more convenient.

As always your generosity is very much appreciated.

Linda and Catherine

From The Registers

Interment

On 3rd February the family of **Sylvia Kelly** gathered to inter her ashes in St Fintan's Cemetery, Sutton.

Sylvia's grandson **Donnacha** composed and read a very moving and fitting poem by the graveside. To Sylvia's daughters, **Sarah** and **Niamh** and all her family we offer our continued prayerful support in their very significant loss.

Garden of Remembrance

On 3rd February the Gillis family gathered to inhumate the remains of **Mr. George Gillis** with **Beryl** and **George's** daughter **Linda**. Their headstone is currently being inscribed. May the family take much solace from this reunion.

Launch of Rathfarnham & Ballyroan Historical Society

Tuesday 5 March at 6.30pm
Ballyroan Library

Join and get involved
All welcome!



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Thank You!

The Parish has received correspondence from the **Irish Cancer Society** and **Protestant Aid** thanking parishioners for their generosity in making donations to these very worthwhile charities. Thank you for your continued support to good causes supported by Rathfarnham Parish.



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