



News for You

March 2023



Dear Parishioners

'There's a cock step in the day' is the very descriptive way a parishioner recently commented on the days lengthening.

Longer shadows are being cast now that daylight is lengthening. Curiously, the cock is employed by many churches as weather-vanes on their spires.



Why so, apart from gauging wind direction? Is it to announce the coming of Jesus the Light of the World to dispel spiritual darkness? Perhaps it is to remind Christians to be alert and awake watching for the coming of this Light. Or is it a reminder not to deny the Lord in any way? Perhaps all 3 reasons are valid. Let's though consider the last one a little more - Peter lived when the days were punctuated by many crowing cocks announcing the passing of time or issuing a warning of a predator nearby. He couldn't get away from the sound. I wonder how he felt each time he heard the cockcrow. Gratitude must have been high on the list more so than remorse because he knew himself to be forgiven, restored, set free from the burden of guilt by Jesus.

Our experience too thanks be to God.

Adrienne



Congratulations to all our Confirmation candidates, who will be joined by those from Zion on Sunday March 26th in Rathfarnham Parish Church.

We hope you all have a wonderful and memorable day, celebrating with your families and the wider Parish family who warmly welcome you.



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
POPPY APPEAL

The Royal British Legion have sent their thanks and appreciation to all who contributed to the Poppy Appeal last November

€537.26 was raised in the parish. We thank Ruvé for organising the collection and forwarding our contribution.

Parish Diary for March

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

Friday 17th 10.30am Lá Fhéile Pádraig Bilingual Holy Communion



Sunday 19th 10.30am Mothering Sunday Service of the Word



Sunday 26th 10.30am Rural Deanery Confirmation Service in Rathfarnham Parish Church.



PLEASE NOTE: NO 12 noon Holy Communion on March 26th.

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PATRICK! DID YOU GET ALL THE SNAKES OUT OF IRELAND YET?

OF COURSE I DID, MOM!

AND WHAT IF I LOOK IN THIS CLOSET?

MOM, NO!

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Parish News Round-up

Sunday Club

Happy St. Patrick's Day and Mothering Sunday to everyone in March!

Dates for March:

Sunday 12th: Sunday Club in the Parish Centre, 10.30am.

Sunday 19th: Mothering Sunday All Age Service.

Sunday 26th: Sunday Club in the Parish Centre, 10.30am. Children from pre-school (starting primary school this year) up to and including 2nd class are more than welcome to join us in Sunday Club - we love to see both new and familiar faces.

Linda O'Connor, 087 6383844

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Toddlerzone

We wandered in a Winter Wonderland throughout January.

Love was in the air in February.

I wonder what fun we'll have in March - come and see! Toddlerzone is on most **Tuesday mornings** in the Parish Centre from 10-11.15am.

Dates for March: Tuesday 14th, 21st and 28th.

NO Toddlerzone on the 7th.

Lynn, Linda, Helen and Susan



Wednesday Club

Our next meeting will be held, as usual on the last Wednesday of the month, 29th March at 2.30 pm in the Parish Centre.

The speaker will be Canon Adrian Empey. His topic will be "What Does the Church of Ireland Believe?". There will be time for a question-and-answer session. The usual tea, bakes and chat afterwards! Looking forward to seeing our regular attenders. Everyone is welcome to attend.

David Whyte 087 7826054.

WEDNESDAY CLUB

Pop-In

At long last we seem to be on an even keel in Pop In again.

I hope we are finished with the 'On for a couple of weeks and off again,' thanks to Covid and all kinds of other bugs as well.

I thank Adrienne and/or Joan for keeping our name in the News for You when I didn't!!! I would also like to thank our team of 'Pop-In tea and coffee makers' who never let us down when we need them. If you would like to know who they are, come and join us any **Thursday morning from 10.30 - 12 noon in the Parish Centre**. We would love to see some new faces, young or older. It's a great way to get to know people you may not have seen for years or get to know some new people. As our name suggests, you are not joining anything - just popping in for a cuppa and a chat whenever it suits you. Susan and I, with 2 of our coffee makers, look forward to seeing you (male or female) next Thursday or any Thursday you are free.

Susan and Heather and the team.



Scouts

31st Rathfarnham Scouts meet on Friday nights in the War Memorial Hall.

Boys from first to fourth year are eligible for membership.

The Scouts enjoy a wide range of activities and themed nights which are great fun for all involved. Since the New Year we have had Casino Night - where Scouts can gamble Monopoly money to strike it rich, Family Feud - where each Patrol takes part as a team to play a version of the television series of the same name, and Dragons Den - where each patrol created and presented a product to the Leaders (the Dragons) and tried to get their investment. We also play lots of sports and games - football, charades, squares, Pictionary and dodgeball were among the recent favourites

After a successful season of Christmas Tree Sales in December, 31st Rathfarnham are looking forward to their two upcoming camps - Easter Camp and Summer Camp. After a very enjoyable October Camp where many pumpkins were carved and sweets eaten, Easter Camp from the 31st of March to the 3rd of April is sure to be nothing short of fantastic, and all the Scouts are looking forward to the camp activities and the possibility of an Easter egg feast. Summer Camp's destination is yet to be revealed, where the Scouts will be going abroad for a two-week adventure in Europe.

At the end of camp, Scouts will get to enjoy a city break for three days. **Leo Shorten, Patrol Leader**



Rathfarnham Parish

FÊTE '23

SATURDAY MAY 20TH

We are all excited that the 2023 Rathfarnham Parish Fete will happen again this year at The High School on Saturday 20th May.

It is a special occasion for the Parish and our thanks to The High School who support us by allowing us to hold the event and to all who attend, enjoy the fun and the bargains.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are really grateful to all those volunteers who help year in and year out - the Fête just couldn't take place without you.

This year however several Stallholders are retiring and we need some new volunteers to run the following stalls:



Cakes & Bakes ● Sweets ● Refreshments ● Accessories ● The Toy Stall

OTHER HELP ALSO NEEDED:

- During March - help to arrange Fête brochure advertisements
- Early May - erecting signs in the local area
- Mid-May - help collecting donations for stalls
- The week of May 15th, evenings - help sorting items in the Parish Centre
- Friday afternoon May 19th - help loading and unloading vans.
- Friday evening - help setting up tables and stalls at The High School
- Saturday morning May 20th - help erecting marquees and tents
- Saturday May 20th - entrance gate and parking supervision
- Help cleaning up in The High School on Saturday after 3pm

If you can help or wish to consider volunteering please contact rathfarnhamparish@gmail.com or telephone/text Ross Shorten on 087 225 3805.

From The Registers

Funerals

Please continue to remember in your prayers the family of **Sylvia Kelly** whose funeral service was held in Rathfarnham Church on 8th February. To her daughters **Sarah** and **Niamh** and all Sylvia's family, colleagues and friends we offer our sincere condolences.

We also uphold in our prayers the family of **Dora Worrell** whose funeral was on 17th February in Mount Jerome Garden Chapel. May her sons **David** and **Alan**, daughters in law **Joyce** and **Linda** and all Dora's family find consolation as they mourn Dora's passing.



Saint Patrick, Apostle of Ireland

(Latin: Patricius; Irish: Pádraig; Welsh: Padrig; Cornish: Petroc)

Fifth-century Romano-British Christian missionary,
Bishop and Confessor in Ireland.

Died c. 493

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Happy Mother's Day

Sunday March 19th

To all the mums and mother figures
in our lives, present and past,
who have loved, supported
and nurtured us.

We think of you all today
with love and gratitude.

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