



**Dear Parishioners**

The accompanying photograph, while it is a ship's hook, has been recommissioned as an outdoor café table.



But it strikes me with its bright yellow paint, that it resembles more a giant question mark than a table. Perhaps it's the vivid Covid yellow paint that has triggered this association in my mind because certainly the pandemic has raised so many questions and uncertainties, hasn't it? And the plethora of questions, depicted by this sideways question mark, seem to be unable to stand up and bear the strain of unknowing. I was going to rotate the picture so the q mark would be right side up, but it seems more appropriate to leave it on its side. There are so many uncertainties, and probably the main question we are asking is "when will we emerge from this threat?"

All eyes are on the schools to see how well we can manage a large scale return to gatherings albeit with pupils a safe distance from each other. In time, if we pass this test, we hope other areas of life will reopen/recommence. Hope. Our Trinity banner in the church speaks of 'faith, hope and love.' Now more than ever the focus is on hope and keeping it alive. We lean on verses such as that found in the prophet Jeremiah 29:11 "I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

We hope for a scientific breakthrough to release a vaccine; we hope for stringent reporting policies to prevent this happening again on a global scale; we hope for co-operation between nations to improve our chances of economic recovery; we hope for recognition of how finely balanced our environment and ecosystems are; we hope soon to be able to have whole family get together, or unrestricted visits to loved ones in hospital or nursing homes.

Right now the most precious commodity around is not found on the stock market but in each heart, mind and spirit - hope. May we find "strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow," (Hymn 196).

**Canon Adrienne**

**Schedule of services for September 2020**  
(unless new restrictions are brought in by the Government)

At time of writing we are observing a 2m distance. We are also abiding by the maximum number i.e **50 people** permitted by government guidelines.

- Every Sunday:** 8am and 12 noon Holy Communion
- 1st and 3rd Sunday:** Morning Prayer at 10.30am
- 2nd and 4th Sunday:** Holy Communion at 10.30am
- Every Thursday 10.30am:** Holy Communion in the Church and at 11.30am phone Communion from your home.

**How to join the Thursday 11.30am Communion at home:**

- 1** Telephone **01-6533897**
- 2** When prompted, punch in **403 891 7003**, followed by the **#** key.
- 3** When prompted again, re-punch the **#** key. After a few seconds you will be in the conversation.

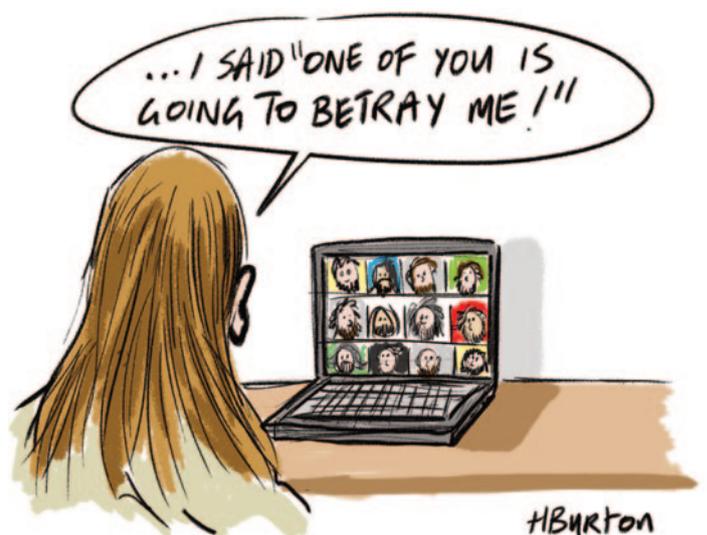
- Sunday 6th** **10.30am** Morning Prayer incorporating the Annual Vestry meeting
- Sunday 13th** **10.30am** Vocation Sunday Holy Communion
- Sunday 20th** **10.30am** Creationtide Worship Service (more details to follow)
- Sunday 27th** **10.30am** Holy Communion

**Every Sunday**

The 10.30am service in Church will also be available on YouTube at



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCso-NPjtC4skX-mlKICj-jA>



## Parish News Round-up

### Bowls, Pop-In, Tuesday Lunch Club and Whist

All of the above unfortunately have no option but to hold off on activities until government restrictions are lifted.

### Badminton Club

RPBC are operating a booking system, adhering to government guidelines regarding the number of players who can attend. For more information please contact the Club Secretary **Lynn Frost** on **087 245 0391**.



### Good News Club

At our leaders' meeting at the end of July we debated our options for returning to the War Memorial Hall. Then the Department of Education issued its guidelines for children returning safely to schools and we did a rethink!! We don't want to undo the safety procedures that the school are implementing so it would seem for the moment our Good News Club meetings will be happening via Zoom.

We look forward to welcoming our new members who are moving on from Sunday Club. We will get the necessary permission forms to parents soon.

We also wish all who are moving on to second level schools every success and blessing as they venture forth. It has been a huge pleasure and joy to have had you with us in GNC. **Corinna, Callum, Nicola, Peter, Adrienne**



### Sunday Club

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.

**Sunday Club resumes via Zoom on September 13th**, and we welcome children from pre-school (beginning primary school September 2021) to 2nd class.

Given all the restrictions in place to keep us all safe, we have decided to continue our Sunday Club worship using Zoom on September 13th and September 27th until we can meet up again safely in person. The format 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 saying goodbye to **Aidan, Zara, Zach, Shane, Lexi, Chloe, Simone** and **Hannah** (above, right) as they move on from Sunday Club, and we wish them every blessing as they continue their learning in Good News Club.

We are blessed to have an amazing bunch of leaders who have agreed to join us again this year, so welcome back and thanks to **Maura, Kim, Morgan, Linda, Liz, Jummy, Lynne** and **Stephen**.

Looking forward to seeing you all on screen in a couple of weeks! For more information, contact:

**Linda O'Connor Mobile: 087 6383844**

**Email: linda.f.oconnor@gmail.com**



### Sunday Crèche 0-3 Years Old

**September has arrived already! Hoping your Summer was a good one.** Usually this month we would be re-opening. All the Leaders of the various toddler and kids groups, with the support and guidance from Canon Adrienne, got together on Zoom in August to discuss if this would be able to happen.

We are so grateful that our beautiful Church has re-opened with so many safety precautions now in place. With limits on numbers able to attend, social distancing etc., we just couldn't see a way to re-open Crèche at this time. We will reassess this monthly so keep an eye on the News For You for updates.

As we learn to embrace this very different new normal we will be guided over the coming months by the Covid 19 risk assessment sub-committee in the parish and hope to re-open again very soon.

In the meantime, should anyone like to know anything about any of the toddler groups that usually run in the Church please feel free to contact me **Kim Bardon (085 147 3112)**.

Stay Safe everyone and see you soon. **Kim** and **Susan**



## Toddlerzone

Well I hardly know to start! So much has happened since my last notes for News 4 You. We have had so many ups and downs and we don't know whether we are up or down at present! As Kim has said in the Crèche notes we have had a meeting of leaders of the youngest Parish members and we will be advised by the parish Covid 19 Risk assessment sub-committee when things can begin to happen.

Life in Toddlerzone will be very different in the New Normal and when that has been decided we will be in touch with everyone involved. In the meantime we would be grateful if those who will not be returning to Toddlerzone for whatever reason, like age etc, would get in touch with Heather by WhatsApp or text or email to let us know please.

I would also like to thank **Lynn Storey** very much indeed for the Zoom sessions which she led for us. They were great fun and everyone who took part (including myself and Susan!) enjoyed them very much indeed.

### Birthdays

We hope that **Harry O'C, Finn B, Jonny D, Andy L and Bernadette** had a very happy day in April, **Charlie M, Sophie C, Lucy S and Zara C** in May and for June and July I will be in touch soon!

Heather 087 9291990 and Susan

### Thank You Heather

On behalf of everyone who has enjoyed coming to Toddlerzone over the years can I say a collective and huge **THANK YOU** to Heather who is handing over the reins after many, many dedicated years of prayerful ministry to our littler ones. Heather's humour, care, thoughtfulness, skills, energy and sheer goodness have blessed many generations of children and their parents in Rathfarnham Parish.

**We are enormously grateful, Heather, thank you.**

## Wednesday Club

Your Committee have decided that, in the best interests of all our members, it would be unwise to meet until we have a better idea of when it would be safe to do so, perhaps in the New Year. We are keeping the situation under review.

We wish to record, with great sadness, the death of our former chairperson **Robin Miller** and send condolences to his family, including his sister **Patricia Mantle**. We also send condolences to **Joan Shiel** on the death of her husband **Dick**.

In the meantime, please do your best to stay safe and well and we hope that we will all meet soon to share cakes and chat! **David Whyte, 087 7826054**



## Who Let The Dads Out?

Hello friends, as we approach the end of the summer we hope you have had been able to enjoy the holidays seeing some of your family and friends while staying safe and keeping well.

We are keen to welcome new members, and see you all again just as soon as we safely can - we miss seeing all your lovely faces! However, right now the COVID-19 restrictions prevent WLTD0? from resuming, in fact, they more or less take away everything we love about WLTD0?. Our activities would be severely curtailed and very limited, which could potentially be upsetting to children and not very helpful to dads, grandads and father figures.

**With this in mind we intend to meet virtually with WLTD0? @ Home on ZOOM until such a time that it is safe for us to return and meet physically as a group.** We have joined with Toddlerzone, and Sunday Crèche for our monthly ZOOM sessions and welcome all those children who have yet to start primary school (babies to preschool) along with their dads, grandads, father figures, mums or guardians. Each family who registers for our ZOOM session will receive a pack in advance which will be used when we meet together. **Sessions will be the first Saturday each month 2.30-3.15pm.** It is important to register for the new season WLTD0?/Toddlerzone/Sunday Crèche in advance of our session on Saturday 3rd October.

**Please get in touch with Lynn Storey 087 6957061 or email [wldorathfarnham@gmail.com](mailto:wldorathfarnham@gmail.com)**

We also send a big high-5 and good luck to all our WLTD0? returning or starting school or preschool this month under these strange circumstances. We reassure you all of our prayers for you and your families

For those children who are older and have outgrown WLTD0? activities we have plans for an offshoot group for during school holidays starting this October midterm. It is hoped to plan an outing for a morning/afternoon during the midterm. More details to follow in next month's News For You.

The team would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thanks to both **Morgan Bardon** and **Melody Chadamoyo** as they step down as leaders. They have both been involved from the beginning of WLTD0? 3 years ago - where has that time gone to? We thank you for all your energy, enthusiasm and time each month as you both extended a warm welcome to everyone. We will miss having you with us each month.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon and in the meantime keep in touch with updates on Rathfarnham Parish Facebook Page.

**Lynn Storey, Jonathan Ellis, David Campbell, Robert Hilliard**



## The Diocesan Synod

Synod 2020 is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 20th October in 3 locations around the Dioceses: Taney, Clontarf and Greystones.

But with so much necessary change in the air to limit the spread of Covid 19, even these tentative plans may need to be revised.

We will keep you updated with any new information which comes to us before October 20th.

## From The Registers

### Baptisms

On Sunday 16th August we conducted our first baptism since 8th March! We welcome **Robyn Emily Sinnott** into the church worldwide. Robyn's parents are **Valerie** (Harvey) and **Justin** (Sinnott), and her Godparents are **Alistair Harvey** and **Ruth Hayes**.



**Julia Winifred Louise Doff** was baptised on Sunday 23rd August 2020. Julia's parents are **Wynn** and **Jelle** and her godparents are **Rika Lorinczy** and **Peter Newell**. We welcome Julia into the worldwide family of God.

### Funerals

We extend our condolences to **May McNally** whose husband **Brian** sadly died after a short illness and whose funeral was conducted in church on Saturday 22nd August. To Brian's daughters **Maureen**, **Elaine** and **Brenda** and all the family we offer our sympathy in their huge loss.

## Annual Vestry Meeting and Triennial Elections

On the 6th Sept at the 10.30am service we will be holding elections for:

- Vestry Persons (12)
- Diocesan Synod Persons (3)
- Supplemental Synod Persons (3)
- Parochial Nominators (4)
- Supplemental Nominators (4)



### Who can vote?

Parishioners on our register of vestrypersons are eligible to vote. There are 259 parishioners on this list. Documentation has been sent by email or post to all registered vestry persons and we would be grateful if voting papers could be returned to the Parish Office (41 Rathfarnham Road) by **Friday 4th September** or brought to church on the 6th Sept for counting at the meeting, please.

## Ye (mighty) Men

It's great to hear of the kindness of strangers and here is one such story with a very local link.

**Chris Kenny** and **Simon Mullen** are currently cycling the coastline of Ireland to support the aid agency Unicef in their work in Yemen.



They have tents and are completely self-sufficient but have been helped along the way by the kindness of local people.

Simon is the brother of **Paul, the organist**, and son of **Jacqueline, choir director**. The lads left Dublin on Tuesday 28th July and have been cycling 100km per day, taking a rest day every eighth day. This photo was taken on Thursday 20 August in Dungloe, Co. Donegal. They hope to be home by the end of August/early September.

If you would like to contribute, they have a Go Fund Me page at the following link:

<https://ie.gofundme.com/f/cyclingcoastlineofirelandforunicef>

Material for the **October** issue of the Church Review and News For You should be sent to the Rector by **12th September**.

**Please email your contributions to** [rathfarnhamparish@gmail.com](mailto:rathfarnhamparish@gmail.com) and [adriennegalligan@gmail.com](mailto:adriennegalligan@gmail.com)

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