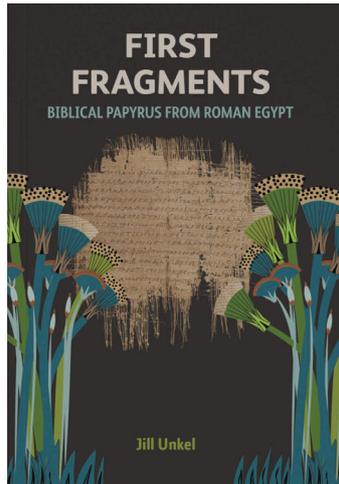




Dear Parishioners

The First Fragments exhibition in the Chester Beatty library sounds tantalizing, doesn't it?

Ancient fragments of the Christian and Jewish faith jigsaw have been uncovered, assisting our understanding of how our Christian texts have come to us and teasingly suggesting new insights on very familiar scripture passages. Why, for example, has the word black been eliminated from translations of earlier scrolls when describing John the Baptist's leather belt? Our translations tell us just he wore camel hair and a leather belt. Hebrew scrolls tell us his was a black belt, and as with the colour ranking of some martial arts - black belt meant highest rank. Maybe the real rank he held was too controversial for the time so best to eliminate that detail in translation! White belt for learners, black belt for High Priests/Aaron's descendants ie you and I. We are black-belt Christians continually training in Word, Sacrament and Service. What a calling!



Canon Adrienne

Parish Diary for November

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 6th 10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 13th 10.30am Holy Communion Service of Remembrance



Sunday 20th 10.30am All Age Service of Worship on the theme 'Jesus, the light of the world'

Sunday 27th 10.30am Holy Communion Advent Sunday



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Protestant Aid Grants

With families everywhere feeling the pinch, perhaps Protestant Aid can help.



Established as a charity over 180 years ago to relieve deprivation in Ireland, Protestant Aid treats all genuine calls for help equally, regardless of religious, ethnic or social backgrounds.

Its primary activities include:

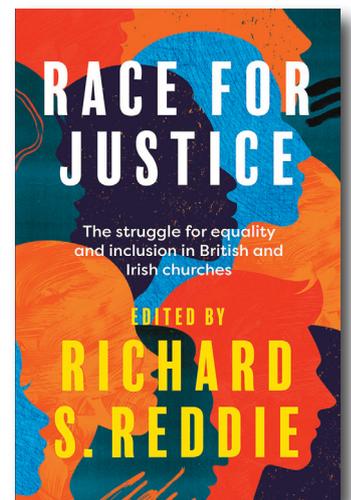
- Grants to alleviate poverty or distress
- Annuities for the elderly
- Allowances for heating/energy costs
- School expenses
- Second-level education grants
- Third-level loans
- Sheltered Housing and Nursing Care for over 200 elderly people through our sister companies, The Brabazon Trust and St. John's House

The application form for grants is available from the Rector and all applications are processed in the strictest confidence.

Advent Study

Beginning on Thursday 1st December at 7.30pm in the Millennium Side Chapel and continuing on the 8th and 15th December we are planning to read 'Race for Justice' by Richard Reddie (available from www.bookdepository.com) which looks at equality in British and Irish churches.

Equality and inclusion were a major theme at General Synod 2022 and some research has also been undertaken in these Dioceses. With a call for equality and inclusion at our Diocesan synods, this text will inform our local practices as we work to bring God's kingdom's values to the fore.



CHURCH OF IRELAND
GENERAL SYNOD

Parish News Round-up

Sunday Club

We had great fun in Sunday Club last month preparing for Harvest.

I hope you had a chance to look at our display in the transept window that we were busy working on for a couple of weeks - lots of little hands thanking God for this year's harvest.

Children were really taken with the sensory Harvest tray, which was a great tool to help explore the concept of harvest and all that it entails - thanks to The Children's Ministry Network for the inspiration.

Dates for your Diary:

November 13th: Sunday Club in the Parish Centre

November 27th: Sunday Club in the Parish Centre

Linda O'Connor, o87 6383844

Email: linda.f.oconnor@gmail.com



Confirmation Classes

While no dates have been set yet for Diocesan confirmations in 2023, classes will begin on **Sunday 13th November at 6.30pm in the Church**. 11 candidates have so far enrolled so if your young person is considering confirmation in 2023, they are in 1st year Secondary School and haven't enrolled yet, please get in touch with me. Thank you. **Adrienne**

Scouts

31st Rathfarnham Scouts holds meetings every Friday evening from 7.30pm until 10.00pm at Rathfarnham War Memorial Hall in Terenure.

We have just completed our 3-night midterm camp at Powerscourt and whilst the weather might have been a little drier, a great time was had by all.

We will be starting to sell Christmas Trees by Scouts at the War Memorial Hall in Terenure in early December so we look forward to seeing our loyal returning customers and meeting new ones!

If you would like to give the 31st Rathfarnham a try, please email rathfarnhamscouts@gmail.com for more information on Scouts, Venture Scouts, Cubs and Beavers.

Ben Conn and Leo Shorten, Patrol Leaders



Wednesday Club

Our next meeting will be held, as usual on the last Wednesday of the month, 30th November at 2.30 pm in the Parish Centre.



Canon Mark Hayden, Rector of Gorey Union, will talk about his book '*Changing Collars*'. This is about his fascinating journey from being a Parish Priest to being a Rector.

Tea, bakes and chat afterwards! Looking forward to seeing our regular attenders. Everyone is welcome to attend.

David Whyte o87 7826054.

Pop In

Pop-In is on Thursdays from 11am in the Parish Centre.



Many thanks for your support for the Hospice Coffee Morning on Thursday October 27th. Over €650 was raised through your generosity.

You are very welcome to join us on Thursday mornings for tea/coffee, biscuits and a chat after the 10.30am service.

Heather, Susan and the Pop In team.

RPNS

The school **Amber Flag** committee provide weekly exercises for the mind and body to encourage pupils and staff to look after their mental health. Their notice board gives a weekly timetable of scheduled activities such as yoga, time out, thought for the week, the power of the word 'yet' etc designed to allow time for pupils to appreciate their achievements and abilities and take control over their thought processes.

A weekly report is presented at assembly to encourage all to participate in Amber Flag programmes. What a positive endeavour.



Rathfarnham Parish



Winter Fair

Saturday November 26th, 4-7pm
IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS AND PARISH CENTRE

On the last Saturday in November we will be having our first ever Winter Fair in the Church grounds and Parish Centre, featuring all the usual Parish stalls plus a line-up of guest traders in vintage clothes, eclectic antiques, crafts and jewellery. There will be refreshments, lights, music - and a special guest

Santa Claus!

And as always we would be very grateful for the following items needed for the Parish stalls:

- Baked goods and sweet treats
- Items for the **Good-as-New Gift Stall** - anything that would make a lovely gift for someone will be sure to find a home here.
 - If you are a crafter, would you consider making us a batch of your best seller?
- Jams/chutneys/fudge/toffee/Christmas-themed preserves and other jars for the **Homemade Treats Stall**.

Our list of volunteers is growing surely but steadily. If you think you could spare a few hours to help out on one of the Parish stalls, please contact:

Gillian Perdue (gillperdue@gmail.com),
Linda O'Connor (linda.f.oconnor@gmail.com) or **Birgit Schmidt** (birgit.dublin@gmail.com)
to let them know what you can make/bake or do!

In aid of the Organ Refurbishment Fund - thank you for your continued support.



**PARISH
CENTRE
CLEANING
TEAM**



Now that many organisations are back using the newly refurbished Parish Centre we are badly in need of volunteers who would be willing to clean it once a week for an hour or so.

If we could assemble a team of **12-14** volunteers working in pairs, each pair would only have to commit to **one hour every 6-7 weeks** to give the Parish Centre (main room, lobby, kitchen and toilets) a vacuum, dust and mop (all cleaning materials provided). If you would like to add your name to a rota, please email Gill at gillperdue@gmail.com *Thank you!*

**HELP
WANTED**

From The Registers

Baptism

We were delighted to baptise **Emily Kate** (born 14th June 2018) and **Noah Luan** (born 18th July 2022) **Croydon**, on the 23rd October 2022.

Emily and Noah's parents are **Fiona** and **Lawrence**, their Godparents are **David Croydon** and **Valerie Roche**. We pray God will delight the hearts of these little ones as they grow in understanding and faith.

Funerals

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to **Gillian Kohlmann** and **Philip Daley** on the recent passing of their mum **Cynthia** whose funeral took place on the 22nd September in Mount Jerome Crematorium. A memorial service for **Jack** and **Cynthia** was held on 29th October, as Jack's funeral was during the severest of Covid restrictions. We uphold Jack and Cynthia's family in our prayers.

On Wednesday 28th September at 11am, **Sandra Massey's** husband, **Ciarán**, son **Damien** and daughters **Sarah** and **Rebecca** gathered with family and friends for her interment in the new Garden of Remembrance. In their continuing grief we offer our prayerful support.

We continue to offer our prayerful support to **Cecilie Reid** on the huge loss of her husband **Ken** and to **Stuart** and **Tanya** on the loss of their much-loved dad. Ken's funeral was held in Rathfarnham Church on the 19th October 2022 and the committal was held in Mount Jerome Crematorium. With the suddenness of Ken's passing we pray God's strength for Cecilie and all the family in these much changed days.

We also offer our sincere sympathy to **Heather** and **Averil** whose beloved mum **Olive Bates** died on 28th October and whose funeral was held in Mount Jerome Crematorium on 1st November 2022. Olive will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends in the parish and Four Ferns which she called 'home' in recent years.

We uphold **Joan Carty**, **Ross** and **Leo Shorten** and all Joan's family in our thoughts and prayers on the death of Joan's much-loved dad **Joe** on the 22nd October. Joe's funeral was in Walsh Island, Co. Offaly on 25th October. At this very difficult time for Joan and all her family we pray that God's gentle presence would envelop them.

Parish Library

GOOD NEWS, the Parish library is reopening this **November** with many books to help you on your spiritual journey as Christians.

New in the library are a series of booklets by **Diocesan Reader Ruth Gyves: *Hope for the Soul, Peace for the soul, Calm for the soul, Food for the Soul*** and ***Joy for the Soul***. The booklets are designed to focus our minds off ourselves and onto the truths in God's word which brings life, hope, peace, joy and much more.

For children we have a beautifully illustrated first Bible, ***My Little Hands Bible*** by **Bethan James**.

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.

Please 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



**The United Diocese of
Dublin and Glendalough**



VACANCY DIOCESAN SECRETARY

The United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough is seeking to fill the role of full time Diocesan Secretary who will have overall accountability for the operations of the diocesan office.

The candidate will have a finance or business qualification and have knowledge of charities legislation and corporate governance procedures. They will also have an awareness of and work within the vision and values of the United Dioceses and be in agreement and in sympathy with the Christian faith expressed within the Church of Ireland.

They will establish collaborative relationships between clergy, parishes and the Representative Church Body, working with the parishes and organisations across the United Dioceses supporting the mission of the Church of Ireland.

They will encourage a culture of productive and flourishing relationships between the Diocesan Office and the parishes, giving attention to the way in which information is communicated and received. They will also manage the office in a way that ensures service standards are met, working with other staff members and external providers. They will attend and act as Secretary to the meetings of Diocesan Councils, Diocesan Synods and sub-committees, as required.

Applicants are invited to email a CV with a covering letter outlining their suitability no later than Friday 18 November 2022 to Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan Councils at admin@dublin.anglican.org

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