



News for You

May 2024

Dear Readers

We are currently hearing a lot about tidal erosion of our sand dunes and shorelines.

Spiritually too the tides of times and trends can pull away at us. Maybe God warned us about this when, speaking with Abraham, he described us as being as numerous as the 'sands on the seashore'. And in Rathfarnham Parish we are indeed numerous - are we fully availing of the protection our faith offers? And are we shielding one another from the effects of the tides of times we live in and trends clamouring for our attention?

Like the County Councils laying out SeaBees and boulder defences along the shore, the SeaBees and boulders which the church lays out to prevent the erosion of God's family are scripture, liturgy, ritual, celebration of sacraments, occasions to gather together where we can strengthen each other's faith and support one another in the ebb and flow of life. 'Shoulder to shoulder,' let's answer Christ's call during this new season of growth which the church calls Trinity Season

Adrienne



Parish Diary for May

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-mIKICJ-jA.



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

Sunday 5th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 12th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Holy Communion 2
Sunday Club in the Parish Centre



Sunday 19th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Worshipping God Together followed by refreshments kindly organised by Childrens Groups.



Sunday 26th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Holy Communion 2
Sunday Club in the Parish Centre
7.30pm Choral Evensong with refreshments afterwards.

Choral Evensong



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Dear Parishioners

The Parish is looking for your help to make Fete 2024 another great success and a great Parish day out on Saturday May 18th.

We are looking for all kinds of different items for stalls and you would be amazed at what we can sell! Anything you have finished with or would like to donate will be very gratefully received. Also, we would love some additional volunteers to help tidy up at the end of the day at 2.15pm. Sincere thanks for all your support!

Ross (087 225 3805) and George (087 988 8754)

Here is a 'Reminder List' of some of the items we need:

- RAFFLE TICKETS** - filled in and returned with money ● **DELI STALL** - groceries, jams, preserves, marmalade and chutney
- BOTTLE & TOMBOLA STALL** - bottled goods and pantry items, shampoo, pickles, jams, soft drinks, wine, biscuits, sweets etc.
- TOY STALL** - games, jigsaws, clean cuddly toys ● **GOOD AS NEW** clothes & shoes ● **BRIC-A-BRAC**, Recycling, Items for Upcycling - this year we are accepting small electrical items in working order. All items portable only please.
- ACCESSORIES** - jewellery, scarves, handbags, boas, ties etc. ● **GIFT STALL** - recycle unwanted gifts, toiletries, etc.
- CAKE STALL** - buns, scones, bread, tray bakes etc. ● **GARDEN STALL** - plants (outdoor & indoor), garden tools, pots, etc.
- BOOKS** - spring clean the bookshelf.

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE DONATIONS WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT such as luggage and sports bags and please no large items of furniture, couches etc.

PLEASE DROP YOUR ITEMS TO THE CHURCH AND PARISH CENTRE on Main Street, Rathfarnham Village, **MONDAY 13th MAY TO THURSDAY 16th MAY BETWEEN 6pm and 9pm.**

Please Note: The War Memorial Hall on Rathfarnham Road, Terenure, D6W is **NOT** a collection point this year

Good News Club

This very enthusiastic group of 3rd to 6th class pupils meet in the Parish Centre on Tuesdays as we continue to explore the nitty gritty of the life and times of our Saviour. Members also will present the Good Shepherd story (John 10 v 11-18) in a slightly different way during the April All age service on Sunday 19th. Their themed art work also graces the church!

For 3rd to 6th class pupils we meet every **Tuesday 6.45-7.45pm in the Parish Centre**. More information from Corinna or the rector. **AG**



Wednesday Club

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 29th May**, and will be an **OUTING**, to **WATERFORD CITY**, including the Cathedral and adjacent 'Viking Triangle'.

Our coach will leave from Rathfarnham Castle Carpark at 10 am. We intend to arrive back at about 6 pm. Looking forward to having our usual fun day! Everyone is welcome to attend. Please book your seat with **David Whyte, 087 782 6054**.

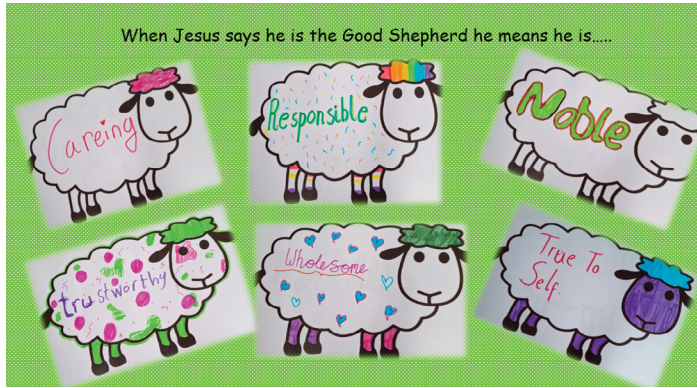


Toddlerzone

Join us in the Parish Centre on the following Tuesdays for the usual mix of Messy Play, Chat, Songs and lots more:

Tuesday May 7th, 14th, and 21st and 28th from 10 to 11.15am. If you would like to join us, please contact the Toddlerzone team, **Lynn 087 6957061, Linda 087 6383844, Susan & Helen**.

We hope and plan to hold Toddlerzone on most Tuesdays during school term, but we are in dire need of a couple more volunteers to help us continue this very valued and worthwhile ministry. **Could you spare one or two Tuesday mornings a month to help us out?** If so, please contact Linda on 087 6383844. With enough helpers we could get a rota going so the commitment might be a little less daunting. I'd love to hear from you.



Sunday Club

Easter in Sunday Club is always a busy time of the year, and this year was no different. But Easter in March is a particular challenge, isn't it? Good Friday for Families was a great success once again. We started with a lovely trail in church from the SunHats & Wellie Boots website, then we had a very special telling of the Easter story, told by **Lynn Storey** in 'Out of the Box' style. This poignant, reflective, story-telling method had everyone's rapt attention, adults and children alike. Thanks so much Lynn for spending time with us on this special day, and in such a special way.

Then into the Parish Centre for loads of Easter themed crafts and activities, followed by a welcome cuppa and goodies, thanks to **Susan**. From me, a massive thanks to all of you that helped on the day, especially with the clean up afterwards!!

Sunday Club Dates for May:

Sunday 12th & 26th: 10.30am in the Parish Centre.
May 26th will be our last one of the season.

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.

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Annual Easter Vestry

The report was delivered by the Rector during the **10.30am service in the context of the 5 marks of Mission of the Anglican Church (Sharing the Gospel through Telling the Good News, Teaching scripture truths, Tending the needy, Transforming unjust structures in society, and Treasuring creation)**.

Supplementing this, observations and updates covering 2023-2024 were presented by the **Rector's Church Warden George Kennington, the People's Church Warden Andrew Shorten and the Rector's Glebe Warden George James** (on his and the **People's Glebe Warden Alan McMillan's** behalf). Following refreshments after the service (kindly provided by **Heather and Susan**) the AEV was held in the parish centre. The **Parish Secretary Kim Bardon** informed AEV members of the array of activities taking place on parish premises and of the plethora of enquiries that cross her desk weekly.

We are very grateful to all who share their expertise and volunteer to serve as trustees of the parish on the Select Vestry. The vestry members for 2024, as well as the office bearers mentioned above, are: **Eamonn Cooke-Dolan, John Ellis, Joan Forsdyke, David Johnston, Andy Kyle, Anne-Marie McCarthy, Philip Middleton, Jonathan Mills (Hon. Treas), Gill Perdue, and Ross Shorten**. 2 positions remain for the co-opting of members with specific skills during the year.

Heartfelt thanks were offered to members stepping aside this year: **Valerie Henderson, Leslie Deacon, and Gerry Wilson** with sincere thanks for their continuing work on behalf of the parish in administration of Tax CHY3 forms, finances and service streaming.

Particular thanks were offered to **Leslie**, who diligently served as Hon Sec for many years. A new Hon Sec will be appointed at the **vestry meeting on the 7th May**.



Darts 'n' Dance

Wednesdays are a hive of activity in the Parish Centre! From 9.45 in the morning, (and later at 5pm) you'll hear the strains of ballet music mingling with the delighted chat of the N2L ladies as they discover it really is NEVER 2 LATE to learn how to dance.

This is followed by more music and fun - Doris Day and Max Bygraves lending their assistance to the ongoing quest of the Wednesday Movers to keep mind and body moving and, more importantly to keep having fun.

But there's another sound too - the whizz of Darts being thrown at lightning speed into bullseyes and triple scores - and the gentlemanly cheers of the Darts Men as they congratulate each other with warmth and grace.

Earlier this month, the Darts Club kindly invited the N2L dancers to a Darts V Dancers tournament. And not just a tournament, also a wine and cheese lunch - where no expense was spared and no balloon remained uninflated!

Patient instruction was rewarded. Delicious treats were consumed. The Parish Centre was festooned in bunting and the aforementioned balloons. There were medals and trophies, and chocolates for all!

The dancers proved fast learners and Reader; you may not be surprised to hear that the final result of the Darts v Dancers 1st annual tournament was victory for the Dancers! A rather ad hoc bit of line dancing followed, so that the dancers could measure the skills of the Darts Men for a re-match - a Dance-Off against the Darts Men is on the not-too-distant horizon.

Thank you so much to **David England** and his charming colleagues from the Darts club: **John D, John P, Michael, Les, Paul and Nigel**, for hosting this wonderful event and for the excellent fun which was enjoyed by all.

Keep practising your moves for the rematch!

GP



Parish Picture Gallery



Annual Easter Vestry



Sonrise Service on Easter Day



Darts 'n' Dance



Cleanliness of Parish Spaces

We are delighted to report that Paul Humphreys is going to stay on with us for another year in Rathfarnham, getting to grips with the deep cleaning and regular maintenance of the parish buildings and public areas.

We are so appreciative of his efforts - often scheduling the work at antisocial early morning hours, so that the hall/rooms will be clean before the first groups arrive.

Many people have commented on the general improvement in cleanliness throughout the church and parish buildings. The scent of polish in the air and the shine of brass and chrome contribute to make our parish a more welcoming and homely place. Thank you, Paul.

Diocesan Event for 6th Class Pupils and Parents

Emma Fawcett is the Diocesan Youth officer and, along with Holy Trinity Rathmines, DGYC is running a 2 hour session to help 6th class pupils and their parents/guardians prepare for the big move to secondary school.

Emma writes: *'Using NUA:Move videos these will bring attendees through emotions that both parents and children might be feeling towards the move to secondary school, to foundations and faith and what we're building our lives on. We will look at opportunities that are presented in secondary school and how faith in Jesus and the Bible may input into our lives, as well as practical tips. The day is centred around children and parents taking part in the day together, and joining in conversations, questions and sharing with each other. And there will be lots of fun!'*

Venue: Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines, Do6 N9W6

Date: Saturday 25th May, 2-4pm

To book a place please go to www.dgyc.org

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Choral Evensong

**Rathfarnham Parish Church
Sunday May 26th at 7.30pm**

**Please join us afterwards
for refreshments in the
Parish Centre**

All welcome!

Generous giving March-April.

We are very grateful to all who donated Easter Eggs for families in need, fold-away tables to save on table hire for the Parish Fête, the Gaza Hospital reconstruction fund, bikes for school-going teens, a new rollator, flowers for church decorating and the myriad of items and gifts donated to the Fête effort - and all on top of the voluntary hours parishioners give. We are hugely thankful.

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