



Dear Readers

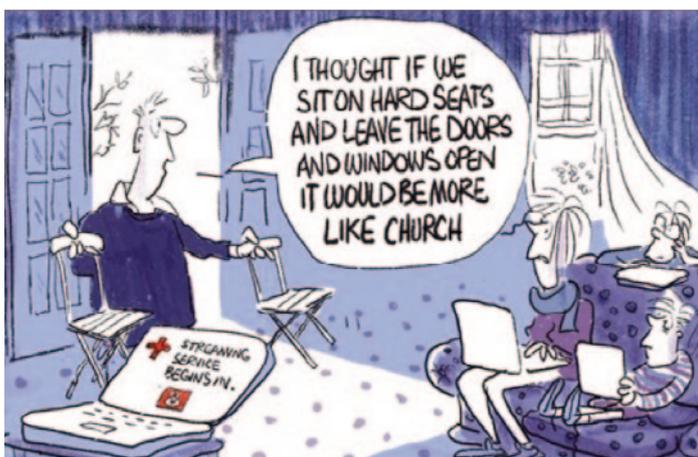
How would you rate the effect of the Covid 19 restrictions/lockdown on you so far?

This is one of the questions a questionnaire from York St John University is asking church goers in the UK. Respondents are asked to tick one of: positive or negative or no effect. The categories cover themes like exhaustion, creativity, excitement, anxiety, happiness, stress, prayerfulness, closeness to God, to others, to church, to family, thankfulness, hopefulness, neighbourliness, trust, guilt, obedience, fatigue, boredom and frustration. The questionnaire also asks for attitudes to the Church of England's various responses to the changing patterns of church "going."

A lot of debate here as elsewhere has been generated by the celebration of Holy Communion with the emphasis being on spiritual communion, during the pandemic - i.e. not receiving bread and wine but yet partaking of the body and blood of Jesus. But as you know, before we get to the prayer of consecration we exchange the peace. This is a profound moment in Holy Communion: we say intentionally that our desire for all people is to know God's peace (i) in the world we inhabit and share with all creation, (ii) in us all as a community of God's people gathered collectively in God's presence, (iii) as a gift of Christ by his death to each of us and (iv) as a fruit of the Holy Spirit's work in us.

Writing these notes as we approach Ascension Thursday the introduction to the peace is "Jesus said, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives." May the peace of the Lord be with you, especially in these times of challenge and change. Amen

Canon Adrienne



Sunday Services

Sunday services are now available each Sunday on our parish YouTube channel



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

Thank you to Jacqueline and Paul who amazingly produce the finished service and to all parishioners who lead prayers and singing, who read lessons and preach, who distribute service sheets to people at home and who share the service with family members who may not have computers.

We are grateful too to the Recorded Church Music Committee for enabling the use of Church Hymnal hymns. We are also very pleased that the **Rathfarnham Parish Choir** continue to practice and record hymns via Zoom for inclusion on Sundays (see below).

Thank you also to all who are praying fervently that a vaccine will emerge soon. A great collective effort by all parishioners and **THANK YOU.**

The schedule of services for June will follow the usual pattern of **Morning Prayer/Service of the Word 1st and 3rd Sundays; Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sundays.**

It is hoped to re-establish the **Thursday morning 10.30am Holy Communion service** via phone conferencing soon. Parishioners who are interested in participating can do so by contacting me (**086 0390866**) and I will add your phone number to the list.



Links to Helpful Resources

As this time of distancing and restraint continues it requires huge mental energy and resolve to keep our thinking hopeful and positive. If you are interested in daily reflections to bolster your mental health please check out

https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/10961%E2%80%A2Mental%20Health%20Reflections_WEB.pdf

There are also online resources for young people between 12-25yrs <https://jigsawonline.ie/young-people/> or for 16-25yrs at <https://spunout.ie/news/article/connect-while-staying-home>

Helpful children's resources explaining Covid 19 can be found at <https://nursedottybooks.com/dave-the-dog-is-worried-about-coronavirus-2/>

<https://childdevcenter.org/news/social-stories-for-kids-about-covid-19/>

When juggling working at home and family life <https://www.alustforlife.com/the-bigger-picture/minding-your-mind-with-a-routine-when-working-from-home-during-covid19>

Also <https://thewellnesssociety.org/free-coronavirus-anxiety-workbook/>

If any parishioner would like print-off copies of any of these resources, please contact the office 01-4905543 Tues-Thurs 9.30-12.30 and this will be arranged.

Who Let The Dads Out?

It's hard to believe that the last time we got together was February the beginning of Spring. We miss seeing everyone and hope you have been continuing to stay safe and well while enjoying the beautiful weather and all that our locality has to offer. We are so fortunate with so many places to walk and explore (while keeping within our travel limits and physical distancing).

We are excited to team up with **Toddlerzone** and **Crèche** for some sessions on **ZOOM**. These will take place every second week starting on Tuesday 2nd June @ 10am. They will last 45 minutes and will include storytime, singing and a simple craft idea. They are open for all those who attend WLTD?, Toddlerzone and Crèche. If you would like to join along with your child(ren) please contact **Lynn Storey** on **087 6957061** who will send you all the information you will need for joining.

ZOOM Sessions: Tuesday 2nd, 16th and 30th June at 10am.



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

Sunday Club and Good News Club

We have had some great Sunday Club sessions this month, thanks to that modern, and by now very well known resource we know as Zoom.

We were able to explore The Road to Emmaus, and The Good Shepherd using colouring, puzzles, craft, and even a few Scavenger hunts around our homes.

And we got to sing our favourite songs too. It was so good for everyone to meet up again, albeit in a novel way.

At this time of year we would normally present our 2nd class members with their very own bible as they move from Sunday Club to Good News Club. Although we have not been able to do this in the usual way, don't worry **Zara, Aidan, Chloe, Simone, Aidan, Lexi, Hannah, Jessica, Zach and Edith** - plans are afoot and I'll be in touch soon!

Belated birthday wishes to **Jacob** and **Charlie** who were both 7 in May - hope you had a great day, boys. And Happy June birthday to **Edith** who will be 9 years old.

Have a great summer everybody!

Toddlers, Good News Clubbers and **Sunday Clubbers** will be interested to know that some of the children's Christian resource companies have also made some of their resources available free to all, for example:

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/i-am-looking-for/public-copies/worshipathome10may>

<https://www.facebook.com/fischymusic/>

<https://dwell.faithaliveresources.org/>

or check out <https://www.facebook.com/Dublin-Glendalough-Kids-107738287592834/>

Linda and all the leaders.



Have Your 'Lockdown' Photo Taken!

As we are unable to have our traditional Parish Fête this year the Fête Committee have been trying to come up with some alternative fundraising ideas.

One idea is to offer a 'Lockdown' photo service to families and individuals in the parish and surrounding areas. Our photographer will come and take a socially-distanced photo of you and/or your family on your own doorstep or in front of a favourite shrub in your garden in return for a donation to the parish (we would suggest a minimum donation of €20). The photographs will be emailed to you and you can then print them off or just share them with family and friends.

It can be a fun, unusual or classic shot - your preference (see some of our examples below).

You can book your photo shoot by contacting **Janet Gillis** of the Fête Committee at janetmgillis@live.com or on **087 2665063** and an appointment will be made with you for **Rosie Gillis** to take your photos.

If there are any other people with a keen interest in photography in the parish who might be willing and interested to get involved with this please contact the Fête Committee.



Rathfarnham Parish Fête-by-Text



The Fête as we know it may not have happened this year, but thanks to the generosity and hard work of our regular contributors, we are in a position to offer you a limited, down-sized version so that you are not missing out on some of your favourite produce.

Here's what's on offer, and how it will work:

- 1 Take a look at the lists below and decide what you would like to buy. Please note, minimum spend of €10
- 2 Text either of the numbers listed below with your order:
Linda 087 638 3844 • Lynn 087 695 7061

Deadline for orders - Sunday June 7th

- 3 We will pack your orders, following all safety protocols.
- 4 You can collect from the church grounds - **Drive Thru' Style** - on **Saturday 13th June** between **10am and 12 noon**, and from **3-5pm**. Just drive into the church car park, we will pop your goodies into the boot of your car, and you can drive out the other gate.
- 5 If you are isolating or cocooning at home, let us know and we will happily deliver to you safely.
- 6 Payment on collection/delivery, preferably by cheque (in an envelope please).

Country Kitchen Products

All items €4 each

Supplies are limited so first come, first served.

Marmalade • Loganberry Jam • Raspberry Jam
Blackberry Jam • Blackberry & Apple Jam
Rhubarb & Ginger Jam • Gooseberry Jam
Redcurrant Jam • Lemon Curd • Chilli Jam
Fudge (200g)

Garden Plants

Prices differ depending on the size of the plant

- €3 Lemon Scented Geranium • Winter Jasmine
Variegated Sisyrinchium • Pelargoniums • Buddlia
Variegated Geraniums • New Zealand Flax
- €2 Hollyhocks • Persicaria • Inula Hookeri • Hollyhocks
Shasta Daisies • Libertia Grandiflora • Berberis
Lysimachia Punctate • Cotoneaster • Fuchsias
Variegated Fuchsias • Solomon's Seal • Courgettes
Autumn Fruiting Raspberries • Pumpkins • Broccoli
Red pepper
- €1 Foxgloves • Trailing Geraniums • Perennial Rudbeckia
White Daisy • Echium • Hellebores • Anemones
Runner Beans • Tomato Plants
- 50c Alchemilla • Sunflowers • Wild Garlic • Bluebells
Mexican Hat Plant

From the Registers

Funerals

With baptisms being postponed for the moment, sadly it is our Burial Register that is continuing to be written up during this time. We continue to remember in our thoughts and prayers **Joan Shiel** whose husband **Dick** sadly died on the 24th April 2020. Dick's funeral service took place in Mount Jerome Crematorium on the 29th April, attended by immediate family members.

We also continue to uphold in our thoughts and prayers **Paul Byrne** whose wife **Pamela (Hewitt-Byrne)** died on the 27th April 2020. Pamela's funeral service, attended by immediate family, was held in Collier's Funeral home Bray, and was followed by burial in St Patrick's Churchyard, Powerscourt.

It was with great sadness too that we learned of the death of **Robin Miller** on the 17th May. Robin's funeral service was held in Mount Jerome Crematorium on the 20th May attended by immediate family and friends. To Robin's sons **Jonathan** and **Andrew**, their wives **Fay** and **Elaine**, his 7 grandchildren, his sisters **Patricia** and **Rosemary** and all Robin's family and many friends we offer our condolences.

Undoubtedly had circumstances been different, many would have attended these funerals and offered support and comfort to all the families at the day and time of their loved one's funerals. Meantime all the messages of sympathy and support are very much appreciated.

Rathfarnham Parish National School

A number of parishioners have expressed their huge appreciation to Mrs. Perdue, the teachers and all staff of the parish national school for the amazing work they continue to do with the children on line.

There has been such a huge shift in the delivery of teaching and methods for learning which was so suddenly landed on teachers' desks that they are to be commended for all their adaptability and efforts.

The pupils too have been very committed and we say **THANK YOU** to them, and their parents, for all their hard work in very challenging circumstances.



Presented by Rathfarnham Parish Social Committee



QUARANTINE Quiz night

Wednesday May 27th at 8pm live from your own lockdown!

You can form a team at home or online with another household, and your team captain will register your team name and each team member's phone number with The Eden Group via **WhatsApp** on **086 679 9079**.

The questions will be sent to each team from The Eden Group quizmaster and you will have **10 minutes** to answer each round.

After each subsequent round, the previous round's answers will be sent to you. This is an **honesty quiz** so you will check your own answers against the answer sheet and send your correct total to the scorekeeper on **087 834 1277**, who will manage the scores and the leader board.



No Googling please!



There will also be some 'spot rounds' where you may need to complete a task and send a photo as proof or be the first to return an answer to a question.

We look forward to you joining us!



"Oh no, look who's in ..."

Material for the **July** issue of the Diocesan Review should be sent to the Rector by **12th June**.

Please email your contributions to rathfarnhamparish@gmail.com and adriennegalligan@gmail.com

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