



Dear Readers

No sooner were the daffodils smilingly waving their cheerfulness in our gardens and parks than the virus, so familiar to all of us now, also started waving red flags all over the country.

Writing this in mid-March when everything is changing by the hour let alone the day, seems incongruous as events will have significantly altered the context in which you are reading this paragraph. The overriding theme emanating from the medical experts is our need to think beyond ourselves and consider the common good. This is not too alien a concept for us who are well versed in loving God and our neighbour. May no one feel alone or be overwhelmed by our new life circumstances. And may the Lord quickly guide us to a solution in both senses of the word, i.e. a liquid vaccine and a problem solved, to combat Covid-19. Amen

Canon Adrienne

Postponement of Parish Fête

The Fete committee met on 11th March in the Parish Centre and 18th March via internet and decided in light of Covid-19 and its disruption of events and groups gathering that it would be best to postpone the Fête which was originally due to take place in May.

This notice will probably come as no surprise to everyone but will also I'm sure be greeted with disappointment especially as stall holders already had plans under way to gather in goods and helpers. **The next meeting of the Fête committee will be on the 1st April to discuss options available to us.**

Thank you to everyone involved in organising and staffing the Fête and to all our customers. Stay safe. AG

Email Addresses

If you received a paper version of this issue of News For You and you have an email address, please would you email it to rathfarnhamparish@gmail.com to facilitate us sending you relevant parish updates.



If you do not have an email address we will continue to post/deliver parish updates.

We hope to revert back to hand delivering the News For You as soon as the health emergency is over. We continue to be very, very grateful to all who deliver News For You every month in their area and sincerely thank them for facilitating this temporary electronic arrangement at this time. AG

April Parish Diary up to Easter Sunday

PLEASE NOTE - this is subject to change in accordance with HSE/Government advice. Current restrictions are in place until March 29th and are likely to be extended beyond that.

Every Sunday	8am and 12 noon Holy Communion 1
Every Tuesday	10am Toddlerzone in the Parish Centre
Every Wednesday	10am Holy Communion Practice: new members welcome
Every Thursday	10.30am Holy Communion in the Millennium Side Chapel, followed by Tea/Coffee 8pm 'Towards Sunday' in the Millennium Side Chapel
Saturday 4th	Peter Pan Jnr. musical in the High School 2.30pm and 7.30pm

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

POSTPONED

ONLINE SERVICES AND REFLECTIONS relevant to the Holy Week scripture readings will be emailed or posted to parishioners. Parishioners now confirmed and in Youth Club will also receive online reflections. Please check your inbox for Parish updates. For our younger parishioners, Linda, Corinna and I are assembling the 'Easter Box' and 'Good Friday around the House and Garden' activity. We will WhatsApp parents details for collecting these soon.

Sunday 5th	10.30am Palm Sunday Service of Morning Prayer NO Youth Club
Monday 6th	8pm Service of Reflection
Tuesday 7th	8pm Service of Reflection NO Good News Club
Wednesday 8th	8pm Service of Reflection
Thursday 9th	Maundy Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion 8pm Service of Reflection
Friday 10th	9.30am Good Friday Ecumenical walk with the Cross, starting at the Church of the Annunciation 2pm An Hour by the Cross 8pm Tenebrae
Saturday 11th	10.30am Decorating the Church for Easter Day
Sunday 12th	EASTER DAY 6.30am Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Montpelier Hill 10.30am Family Communion



Parish Newsround

Crèche

Running most Sundays at the 10:30am service and located in the Millennium Side Chapel we have a great selection of toys to keep children of all ages entertained.



If you have any questions on any of the Children's groups run in the church contact **Heather Wilkinson**, me **Kim Bardon**, - I'm a Sunday Club Leader, or clergy. Check out our Toddlerzone section for all our pre-school birthday messages!

Crèche Rota April

05 April Tanya Correll

12 April (OPEN Easter Sunday) Jill Anderson

19 April NO CRECHE

26 April Sue Blair

Good News Club

We hope to recommence after the Easter holidays when school rhythms are back up and running. Hopefully Covid-19 will have abated. We will re-start on **Tuesday 28th April at 6.45 til 7.55pm in the War Memorial Hall**. Hope to see you then. **Corinna et al.**



Flower Rota

The demonstration of pedestal, basket, vase and individual flower arrangements on the 7th March was hugely instructive and appreciated by all 12 who attended the workshop.

We sincerely thank **June, Carol, Claire and Wynn** for giving us insights and hints on how to select flowers, how to accommodate different heights of displays and how to prolong flower life.

If you would like to on the rota of those who look after the flowers at the Holy Communion table for 2 weeks in the year, please get in touch with **June 087 623 5831** or **Carol 493 1548**. You don't have to be an expert! **AG**



Pop-In

Pop-In continues to flourish and gains new customers from time to time. If any of our regulars have visitors, they are most welcome to join us any time also. From time to time members of the team change for various reasons. We thank **Orla** and **Paula** for all their help and we welcome **Lynn, Sarah** and **Sam** as new members. We normally take a short break ourselves for Easter so there will be **NO Pop-In on Thursdays 9th and 16th April**. Susan and I hope to see you all back on Thursday 23rd again. A very Happy Easter to you all. **Heather, Susan and the team.**



Rathfarnham Parish National School

E-Portfolio Pilot

The school was accepted onto a pilot project on the development of e-portfolios with primary school children using the Digital Learning Framework. We are doing this in conjunction with our school self evaluation focus on oral Gaeilge and children are recording themselves speaking as Gaeilge!



NCCA Schools Forum

The NCCA recently published the Draft Framework for the Redeveloped Primary School Curriculum on its website <https://ncca.ie/media/4456/ncca-primary-curriculum-framework-2020.pdf>

The public are being asked to have a look at the framework and submit their opinions. RPNS is one of the schools in the forum that have been working on this framework and will be piloting some of the ideas on time allocation and key competencies in the coming months. This is very important work and we are delighted to have been a part of it. Please take some time to engage with the framework and provide feedback to the NCCA. **Mrs Perdue**

Sunday Club

Sunday Club dates for April

Sunday 5th - Sunday Club

Sunday 12th - Easter Sunday

Sunday 19th - All Age Service

Sunday 26th - Sunday Club



All the above dates are now uncertain, so I will be in touch via the whatsapp group as the situation develops.

First and second class Sunday Clubbers did a great job constructing our Mothering Sunday gift - the plan was to hand them out at our special Mothering Sunday service on March 22nd. Given all the uncertainty around us, I hope all of you that belong in the "mothering" circle managed to receive your gift somehow!

Birthdays Wishes: Happy Birthday to **Adam** and **Milo** who will be 5, and **Temi** who will be 6 this month. We hope you all have a super day. Wishing you all a very happy, healthy Easter. **Linda and the team**

Toddlerzone

Looking forward now to some Spring weather and hoping that the virus doesn't spoil it all for us. Palm Sunday is the start of Holy Week so there will be **NO Toddlerzone on Tuesday 7th April** and **NO Toddlerzone again on Tuesday 14th** as it is Easter Week. The rest of April is as usual. If any Toddlerzone parents wish to donate some Easter eggs to the charities supported by Rathfarnham Parish, just bring them to us and we will add them to the rest of the pile. They will be gratefully received by many little ones. We wish all of our little ones and their families a very Happy and healthy Easter break.



April Pre-School Birthdays: Very many happy returns to our pre-school Parishioners with birthdays in April. **Harry** and **Ryan** will be 4, **Darragh, Caoimhe, Finn** and **Eva** 3 and **Johnny** 1. Have a great day when it comes everyone.

Heather 0879291990, Kim 0851473112 and Susan



Towards Sunday

If you have time on a Thursday evening (8pm -9.30pm) and are curious about the scriptures and their relevance today, why not join with us for a very informal discussion of the readings for the upcoming Sunday?



Starting with refreshments before digging deeper into the readings, a thought provoking discussion is generated. Please know you are very welcome along. AG

Youth Club

With the current Covid-19 restrictions and Easter holidays commencing on the 3rd April, there will be no Youth Club until the 19th April when (hopefully!) we will be going Go-Karting in Kylemore.



The plan is to meet there at 5.45pm. The following Sunday, 26th April will be our last club for the season to accommodate school exams. We will be finishing in the traditional manner with a treasure hunt and BBQ. We thank all our young people for a great year of club nights and very much look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Leaders: Ann-Marie, Avril, Gordon, Graham, Nicola, Peter, Ross, Sarah and the Rector

Wednesday Club

If Covid-19 restrictions are lifted by then, our next meeting will be held on the usual last Wednesday of the month, 29th April at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre.



Ben Harden, a Beekeeper and regular speaker on the topic, will talk about interesting aspects of Bees and Honey and answer some questions. Tea/coffee, bakes and chat afterwards! Looking forward to seeing our regular attenders. Please remember, anyone is welcome.

David Whyte at 087 7826054.

Thank You - World Day of Prayer 2020

As Rathfarnham Parish was the host Parish for the World Day of Prayer in our district this year, Susan and I were asked to organise the tea and goodies after the service.

Two pairs of hands were not enough to carry that out so we needed some helpers!! The members of the Pop-In team were marvellous and we would both like to thank very much Karen, Orla, Joan, Anne-Marie, Sarah, Sam with extras Barbara, Barbara (2), Hilary and Mary for all their help before, during and after the service (also including baking). Thanks to their assistance, it all ran like clockwork. We know where to start the next time but don't worry it won't be next week or even the week after! Heather and Susan

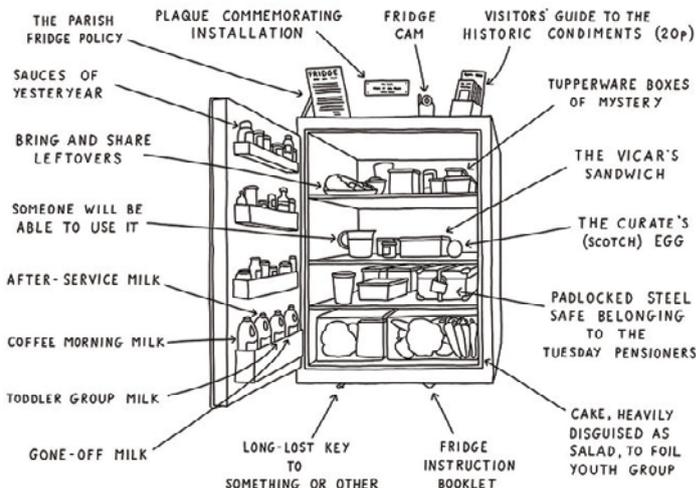
Whist Club

Owing to the current HSE advice re wellness and avoiding the Covid-19 virus, there will NOT be a Whist Drive as scheduled in the War Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 15th April. Should any HSE advice change in the meantime, Rob and Beryl will contact you. Thank you.



Enquiries to Rob and Beryl Dawson, 01 493 3203.

THE CHURCH FRIDGE



WLTD0?

Meeting, usually on the 1st Saturday of the month in the Parish Centre from 2.30pm -4pm, Who Let The Dads Out? offers a time for dads/male carers to chill out with their little ones and one another over refreshments. Plenty of toys for little ones to enjoy too. If we cannot go ahead on April 4th as planned, we will let you know. Keep an eye out for the posters announcing dates! Lynn, Morgan, Robert.



Peter Pan Jr. - The Musical, presented by Rathfarnham Youth Performers in aid of the Organ Restoration Fund

Tickets are now available for our exciting musical production from the following:

- At rehearsals on Sunday afternoons
- From 10.30am at The High School
- After the 10.30am Sunday service at Rathfarnham Parish Church
- At Reception in Rathfarnham Parish National School



Tickets are priced at €20 for adults, children under 15 €10. There will be 2 performances on Saturday April 4th at the High School Rathgar -a **matinée** at 2.30pm and an **evening show** at 7.30pm.

For more information, please contact Gillian at gillperdue@gmail.com or 087 2782850.



POSTPONED

From the Registers

Baptism

Senan Joe Liam Watson was baptised during the Holy Communion service on the 8th March 2020. Senan's parents are **Lee** and **Aoife** and his Godparents are **Norbert, Andrea** and **Fionn**. Did you ever wonder what happens the baptism waters after a baptism? They are reverently returned to the earth in accordance with liturgical guidelines. For us in Rathfarnham who, have a Baptism tree in the grounds of Rathfarnham Castle, this is where the waters are poured. And by the look of the tree, it is thriving. May our little ones thrive in every dimension of their lives, including in their faith.

Funerals

Patricia Grainger, formerly of this parish, died on the 9th March and her funeral took place in Rathfarnham Church on the 12th March. To her son **Richard**, daughter **Jan** their spouses **Sandra** and **Robert** and all Patricia's family and friends we offer our sincere sympathy.

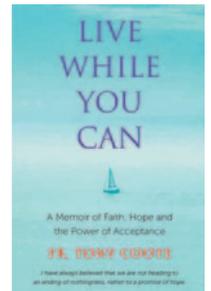
Anne Griffin, associated with the parish in later years before taking up residence in St. John's House of Rest, died on the 7th March 2020 and her funeral was held on the 13th March. Anne was interred in Kilmashogue graveyard. To Anne's family we offer our condolences and prayerful support in their loss.

Parish Library

In the parish library, situated in the Millennium Side Chapel, you will find a wide variety of books for children and adults: stories, prayers, Bible commentaries, theology and much more. To borrow any just sign the notebook that is there.

The Flying Pilgrim by **Lawrence Schlimel** is a beautifully illustrated book for children. Perched on the roof of the cathedral in Santiago in Spain a swallow, the flying pilgrim, notices all the people arriving in the city. The little bird filled with curiosity decides to fly along the way that the people are walking to find out what they are doing and why. He discovers that they are pilgrims coming from all over the world on a pilgrimage called the Camino de Santiago (Way of St James).

Live While You Can is a memoir by **Fr. Tony Coote** who was diagnosed with motor neurone disease when he was just 53. He takes us on a journey through his life and shows us how, through his devastating illness, he came to know the true nature of God's love. He writes, *'I'm like everyone else: I only know this world and this life, but I see no meaning in this life ending in a grave. When the train (my life) stops I will step onto the platform with hope and no fear'*. **Joan Forsdyke**



Annual Easter Vestry Meeting - scheduled for Sunday 26th April

The Assessor to the General Synod, Mr Lyndon MacCann SC, has given the following guidance to the Honorary Secretaries in respect of the holding of Easter General Vestries:

Under the Constitution - adjournment of Easter General Vestries is possible up to 18th May. In the first instance, dates may be set towards the end of this period. For the practical administration of parishes, if government guidance takes us beyond the Constitutional adjournment period of 6 weeks after Easter, the existing select vestry members and office holders continue to hold office until the new office holders are elected. The charities regulators have both confirmed that organisations should follow government advice and will not be considered to be in contravention of the Act in this respect. If Easter Vestries have to be suspended beyond this point further advice will follow.

Rathfarnham parish Annual Easter Vestry was scheduled for 26th April. When it does occur, as well as presenting the annual reports, triennial elections will be held for diocesan

synod representatives and parochial nominators. Information on the roles and responsibilities of parochial nominators and synods persons is available from:

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/about/the-constitution> Chapters 2-4. For a briefer outline please see <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/cmsfiles/pdf/Resources/ParishResources/SelectVestry/Church-of-Ireland-Overview-28-03-17.pdf> AG



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

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