



News for You

September 2023

Dear Readers

Very often people reply 'I'm not at all creative,' when asked about their skills, talents and abilities.

Maybe that is because we have tended to corral creativity into the more visual or aural domains of life that use paint, word, music as means of expression.

Yet each act of collective worship is a creative force expressed in the now with the intent of shaping the future. We emerge differently into the world from when we entered the holy space. Our intention is to continue to create a better world. The ritual of gathering together may be over in an hour but the liturgy continues 24/7 creating our choices, conversation and influence on our social, political, economic, natural environments.

How creative are you? Phenomenally, since you inherited the God-given gene, a fact we acknowledge at baptism and with each commission to go with God 'into the world' to ...

Adrienne



Parish Diary for September

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 the Millennium Side Chapel

Each Sunday

8am and 12 noon Holy Communion Form 1

Sunday 3rd

10.30am Morning Prayer
Back-to-School Service



Sunday 10th

10.30am Holy Communion
12.45pm Bubbles & Baptism
Outdoor Service & Picnic



Sunday 17th

10.30am Worshipping God Together
Family Service

Sunday 24th

10.30am Holy Communion Form 2

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Writer's Flow

We were delighted to hear that Gill Perdue's latest crime thriller *When They See Me* was published by Penguin/Random House in June as we all wanted a sequel to the first of her Shaw & Darmody series *If I Tell*, published last year.

Just in time for a good summer read too! Congratulations to Gill on her great achievement and may her pen never run dry!



Rathfarnham Parish
CHURCH OF IRELAND

BACK TO

SCHOOL

SERVICE

Join us for worship as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year.

Sunday 3rd September
@ 10.30am



As the new school year begins we pray for everyone in their daily work, whatever that work. We invite you to bring whatever you use each day - a backpack, a school bag, a briefcase, a baby bag, a toolbox, a diary, anything. Join us for a service with prayer and blessing.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Parish News Round-up

Beavers

31st Rathfarnham Beavers have had a fantastic 2023 developing existing skills and learning new things.

We currently have over 30 beavers active on our Wednesday activities and will be looking forward to a new intake after the summer.

The beaver programme encourages learning Scouting skills like hiking, camping, knots, first aid, and cooking. We've done all this and more. Building stretchers in Larch Hill, walking in Ticknock/Massey/Tibradden and climbing at Dublin Climbing Centre have been highlights. Perhaps the most exciting evening was a visit to the War Memorial Hall by the garda armed support unit! The year was completed with our annual overnight camp to Larch Hill. Games, fires, smores and a night under canvas.

Alastair Adair



Guides

Rathfarnham Girl Guides (10-14years) and Senior Branch (14+) members met alternate Fridays last year from 6:30-7:45pm in the War Memorial Hall.



The highlight of our Guiding year is at our weekend camps away. We went to Joy House in Galway in November and Beech Cottage in Edenderry in May. We also had some fun activity weeks which included swimming, Zipit, Captain Ball and the Pantomine.

We also completed badge work, singing, co-operation games, and drills most weeks. Here are a few photos from our enrolment ceremony for new guides and our camp prep week. Our Senior Branch Members meet themselves once a month to plan their own events like hikes, social dinner, and trips abroad. They are a great asset as they help out most weeks with Guides or other Units in the district. Two of our members were selected for the National Youth Assembly of Ireland and all of the others are working on their Bronze and Silver Gaisce Awards. Guiding supports members to be the best version of themselves and promotes confidence as well as making friends outside of school.

Our registration evening is planned for **Friday 15th September 6:30pm in the War Memorial Hall**. We welcome new members, leaders and helpers as we would like to return to weekly meetings this year. Please contact **Katie Heffelfinger** or **Rachel Howe** on the dedicated email: rathfarnhamgirlguides@gmail.com or phone **086 8046791** for more information.

Yours in Guiding, Rachel Howe, Guide UCP Rathfarnham



Ladybirds

Rathfarnham Ladybirds will be reopening in the War Memorial Hall, Terenure from September 2023.

We are looking for girls who are between 5 and 6-and-a-half to join the unit.

A registration day will be held on

Sat 2 September 2023 between 10am and 11am with a view to having the first meeting on Sat 16th September. Meetings will be every Saturday morning during the school term for an hour from 10.00am to 11.00am. Ladybirds follow a programme of activities during their weekly meetings, further information available in the link below www.irishgirlguides.ie/ladybirds/



Pop-In

As the song and the ad both say "Well here we are again, happy as can be, all good friends and jolly good company"

Yes Pop-In opens again on **Thursday 7th September** and we welcome all our usual customers and we hope some newcomers and friends.

In October we will have our day for the Harold's Cross Hospice and we hope many more parishioners and friends will support us please!!! Date will be announced later.

Susan, Heather and the team.



Rathfarnham Parish Choir

We re-start the new choir season on Wednesday September 13th at 7.30pm.

New members are always warmly welcomed. Choir practice occurs each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm and finishing at 8.45pm (but no later than 9pm). For more information, please contact Jacqueline at music.rathfarnhamparish@gmail.com

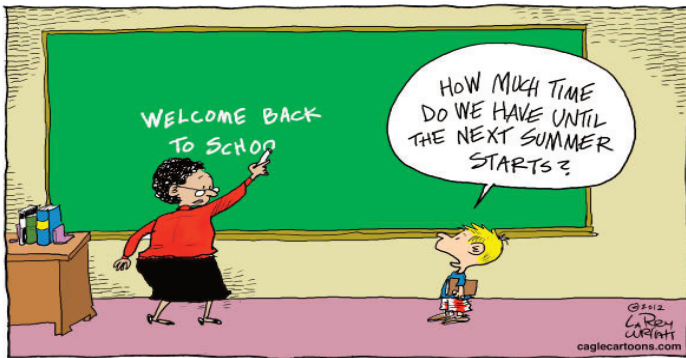
Rathfarnham Parish National School

It has been a huge pleasure to welcome class groups to the church to explore the space, the organ and our Christian faith in a very interactive and fun way.

We have discovered God speaking to us through the church cruciform shape, the stained glass window bible stories and the witness of former parishioners mentioned in our memorials. 'So many ways to hear God' commented one pupil.

Thank you to **Jacqueline** who fielded scores of questions about the workings of the organ and encouraged the pupils to sound it out. Thank you too to all the teachers and staff who prepared and accompanied the pupils for their visit.

We wish 6th class a very smooth transition to secondary school, and we offer **Sandra Byrne** every good wish on her retirement - tho after 18 years in RPNS Sandra will be very much missed. *Thank you Sandra for your much valued dedication to the pupils, staff and school.*



Scouts

31st Rathfarnham Scouts & Ventures enjoyed another successful summer camp to Belgium in July, ending with a 3-day city break in the bustling port city of Rotterdam in the Netherlands.

31st Rathfarnham Scouts meet on Friday nights in the War Memorial Hall from 7.30-10pm.

Boys from first to fourth year are eligible for membership.

For more information, contact rathfarnhamscouts@gmail.com or check out our Twitter account [31stRathfarnham](https://twitter.com/31stRathfarnham).



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Rathfarnham Parish Centre
Saturday 8:30am

info@weighlesswonders.ie
www.weighlesswonders.ie



Sunday Club

Hi everyone, I hope you have all had a fabulous, fun-filled summer and you are now ready to get back to the usual routine.

The good news is that a new season of **Sunday Club** will be starting on **September 24th**, and will be filled with all the fun activities you have come to expect, plus maybe some new ones...you never know 😊!

If you're new to Sunday club, we are delighted to welcome **children from pre-school (beginning primary school next September 2024) to 2nd class**. We meet roughly twice a month in the Parish Centre, during the 10.30am service, where we explore the bible in a fun, child-friendly, child-centred and interactive way. If you would like your child to join us, just get in touch with me or drop in to one of our sessions to see what we're up to.

We were blessed again this year with a super bunch of leaders - **Kim, Maura, Stephen, Linda, Laura, Jill, and Shirley** - but sadly some are moving on so I would like to say a huge thanks to Kim and Maura for all your help and support over the last few years. We also had some amazing "junior leaders" in **Sarah Jane, Zara and Andrew** - training begins early in Rathfarnham!

As with all children's groups, we rely on a team of leaders to keep things going, and Sunday Club is no different. If you think you could give us one or 2 Sunday mornings a month, we would love to hear from you.

Dates for September:

Sunday 3rd: Back-to-school service.

Sunday 17th: All Age family service.

Sunday 24th: Sunday Club in the Parish Centre.

For more information, contact **Linda O'Connor, 087 6383844**

Email: linda.f.oconnor@gmail.com



Sponsored Walk

At 3pm on Sunday 13th August we were delighted to host Caroline de Lacy and her daughters Sara and Holly as they arrived at Rathfarnham Parish Church, their destination having walked 97 miles from Banbridge in Co. Down to raise funds for the Alzheimer Association, in memory of Caroline's dad John, a former Rathfarnham parishioner.

Among those joining them for the last leg was Doris, known to many in Rathfarnham since she and John lived here until 2019. Over much enjoyed tea/coffee, sandwiches, tray bakes and a special 'Forget Me Not' designed cake, Caroline told everyone who had gathered in the Parish Centre (about 25 people) all about their 8-day endeavours. The refreshments were much appreciated and a thank you is due to Linda, Susan, Mina, George K, Mary and Heather who decorated the centre, provided and served the refreshments.

Well done to Siobhán for producing the delicious themed cake and brownies, all very moreish!



Arriving safely at Rathfarnham



Volunteering

Many of our parish groups take time out over the summer months and we hope all our very valued volunteers find time to enjoy the summer break.

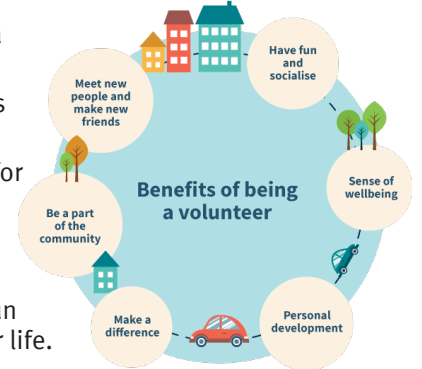
Leaders too are beginning to create programmes for the next season and in preparation would like to invite parishioners to consider helping out in **Toddlerzone, Sunday Club, Good News Club** and **Who Let the Dads Out?**

We are starting the Garda vetting process now so if you are interested in volunteering your creativity, please contact Kim in the parish office (01 490 5543) who will put you in touch with the relevant leaders.

Extensive research has shown that volunteering has surprising health benefits, both mental and physical.

Benefits of volunteering:
4 ways to feel healthier and happier

- 1 Volunteering connects you to others.
- 2 Volunteering is good for your mind and body.
- 3 Volunteering can advance your career.
- 4 Volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life.



So why not consider giving some of your time this Autumn to one of our great Parish organisations? We'd love to have you. Thank you. **AG**.

From the Registers

Baptism

Quinn Lee Watson with his parents Aoife and Lee, older brother, Kate and Cianan representing his Godparents.



Toddlerzone

We are excited to re-open our doors for yet another season of Toddlerzone Parent & Toddler Group and look forward to welcoming back familiar and new faces.



Lots of planning has been going on behind the scenes during the summer for our September restart. Having trialled various play activities and set-ups we have an exciting programme which has been given the thumbs -up by both little ones and their grown-ups who have joined us.

Toddlerzone is a relaxed and safe environment where children will have a variety of new experiences, time to explore and learn through child-led play activities including messy, sensory, loose parts, small world and role play activities. While it is an opportunity for little ones and their grown-ups to bond through play, it's also an opportunity for grown-ups to meet others from the parish and community who are at similar ages and stages of family life. Toddlerzone is an inclusive group for all children and families and suitable for babies up to preschoolers.

We gather Tuesday mornings from 10am until 11.30am. during term time. We always have story and singing time to finish our time together, so there is something for everyone. It is important that you contact one of the team as our spaces are limited and demand last season was back to pre-Covid times. So if you are in the parish and would like to come along to Toddlerzone please do let us know ASAP as we also have many from the local community interested in joining.

Without our wonderful volunteers we would be unable to run our weekly Tuesday sessions. however we would be delighted to build the team and have a flexible rota. So if you are free a couple of Tuesdays in a month we would be delighted to hear from you - volunteers help in a variety of ways from set-up and tidy-up, engaging with children and their grown-ups who often welcome a reassuring listening ear. Volunteers will never be asked to lead anything they don't feel comfortable doing.

We are excited to kick off on Tuesday 5th September with some roar-some fun with our Jurassic theme.

Lynn Storey 087 695 7061, Linda O'Connor 087 638 3844, Susan Christie and Helen Sheridan.

IT'S GOING TO BE ROAR-SOME!

BEEP BEEP! TOOT TOOT!

AWESOME AUTUMN!

HARVEST CELEBRATION

TODDLERZONE RATHFARNHAM PARISH

LOOKING FOR PUMPKIN TO DO?

OUR AUTUMN THEMES



Rathfarnham Parish
CHURCH OF IRELAND

WORSHIPPING

GOD

TOGETHER

Sunday 17th September
@ 10.30am



EVERYONE WELCOME



Rathfarnham Parish
CHURCH OF IRELAND

BUBBLES

& BAPTISM

OUTDOOR

SERVICE & PICNIC

Sunday 10th September @ 12:45pm



Invites are being sent to all those baptised since 2019, who along with their families, are invited to join us for a special gathering and celebration.

In the event you don't receive one and would like to join please contact the office.

PICNIC FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED (EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF FOOD ALLERGIES ETC.)

From The Registers

Baptisms



On 28th May Sara and Emmet Kamper-Burke's daughter Maya Sofia was baptised. Maya's Godparents are Maria, Jonas, Bryan and Aoife.



On 3rd June Vicki and Denis Pratt-MacSweeney's daughter Maia Cecily was baptised. Maia's Godparents are C.J, Mark, Andrea and Charlotte.

Interment

On Saturday 11th June the family of Rhona Sullivan gathered for her interment in the Garden of Remembrance. We continue to uphold Heather, Barbara, Alan and all Rhona's family and friends in our prayers as they grieve Rhona and Wesley's passing in recent months.

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Matthew Ardu Trayer with his parents **James** and **Shauna**, Godparents **Aimee** and **Reuben** (on screen) at his baptism on 30th April 2023.

May each child grow into the full joy of membership in the family of God.



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