



### Dear Parishioners

'Thy Kingdom come' we pray so regularly and writing these notes in Lent causes a deep reflection on the cost of this Kingdom coming on and in earth. Thank God, One was found willing to pay the price head on. Hallelujah! What a Saviour. Hope you had a Happy Sunrise Easter!

Adrienne

## Choral Evensong

Rathfarnham Parish Church  
Sunday May 18th at 7.30pm

Please join us afterwards for refreshments in the Parish Centre

**All welcome!**

### 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-mKICJ-jA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCso-NPjtC4skX-mKICJ-jA).



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

**Each Sunday** 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1

**Sunday 4th** 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1  
10.30am Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism

**Sunday 11th** 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1  
10.30am Holy Communion 2



**Sunday 18th** 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1  
10.30am Worshipping God Together Family Service  
7.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG with refreshments afterwards



**Sunday 25th** 8am Holy Communion 1  
10.30am Holy Communion 2



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### Choir Congratulations



### Confirmation 2025



Rathfarnham Parish was very pleased to host the Rural Deanery Confirmation service on 6th April at 10.30am where 28 candidates were confirmed by the Archbishop.

Emphasising that the candidates belong to parish communities which are expressions of God's family, the Archbishop also reminded candidates that St Paul referencing sports and goal setting, urged Christians to work at nurturing their faith and being 'lights in the world.'



**Congratulations to Dodie Walsh and Neville Murdock who between them have been members of Rathfarnham Parish Choir for c.120 years!!**

A celebration was held on 13th April to mark this very significant achievement. We pray they enjoy many more years of their ministry in song, leading us into the deep spiritual realms of worship. *Thank you both so very much.*





## Good News Club

We are in the War Memorial Hall from 6.45-7.45 on Tuesday evenings. Games and crafts too of course!!

Good News Club starts back after Easter in the War Memorial Hall on **29th April** and then **6th, 13th, 20th and 27th May**. We continue to explore the real lives of those who are depicted in the amazing book of Acts.

*Good News Club is for 3rd-6th class children, Tuesdays 6.45pm-7.45pm, in the War Memorial Hall.*

We'd love to see you there! **Adrienne 086 0390866.**



## Sunday Club

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.

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.

### Sunday Club Dates for May:

**Sunday May 11th:** Sunday Club in the Parish Centre 10.30 - 12pm.

**Sunday May 18th:** All Age Service.

**May 25th:** Sunday Club in the Parish Centre at 10.30am.

*Last one of the season.*

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Sunday Club's Easter Window was a masterpiece and



## Cubs

Cubs have had a busy few months including some fun nights in the War Memorial Hall.

The Scouts came and hosted a **'test our senses' night**, by testing our map reading skills and we celebrated St. Patrick's day with games. We night-hiked up in Ticknock and had a beautiful hike around the Bohernabreena Reservoir. We had a wonderful day up in Larchhill on March 5th the sun shone for the cubs joint event with the Ladybirds, Brownies and Girl Guides.

We enjoyed meeting so many of you when we hosted the refreshments after the Mothers Day family service on 30th March. Our term ended for the Easter break after an evening of games in Bushy Park.

Yours in scouting, Hilary Fitzpatrick



31st Rathfarnham Scouts  
litter-picking on the Dodder



### Toddlerzone

We meet on Tuesdays 10-11.15am in the parish centre.

Come along for your little ones to enjoy some sensory play and interaction.

If you fancy joining us, please get in touch and let us know to expect you.

Our dates in May are 6th, 13th and 27th.

**NO Toddlerzone on Tuesday May 20th due to the Parish Fête preparations in the Parish Centre.**

Linda, (087 6383844), Helen and Julie.



### Wednesday Club

Our next meeting will be an "Outing", by coach on Wednesday 21st May (please note: NOT the usual last Wednesday of the month).

Newbridge House, Donabate, will be our destination. There is a very interesting House Tour, with parkland walks and a good Café. We intend to leave from the Rathfarnham Castle Carpark at 10.30 am and to arrive back at approximately 5.00 pm. We look forward to having our usual *Good Day Out* and to seeing our regular travellers. Any Parishioner or Friend is welcome to join us.

Please book your seat with David Whyte, 087 7826054



### Pop-In

Pop In continues on Thursday mornings after the 10.30am service.

If you're in the village between 11am and 12 noon why not pop in for tea/coffee, treats and chat. **All welcome.**



### New Organ Bench

Supported by a grant from *South Dublin County Council* we were delighted to take delivery of our new adjustable oak organ bench to compliment the upgrading and restoration of the parish organ being undertaken by *Stephen Adams*.



## Rathfarnham Parish



# FÊTE



## SATURDAY MAY 24TH

### at The High School, Rathgar, 11am-2.30pm

*Dear Parishioner,*

Sincere thanks for all your past support of Rathfarnham Parish Fête - last year we turned over approx. €33,000. Thank you to everybody involved!

As you can imagine, putting the Fête together is a major operation and we still need volunteers for Gate Supervision, sorting and deliveries, erecting and taking down the parish marquee and gazebos and of course with staffing the various stalls.

**All kinds of donations greatly received to the Church and Parish Centre**  
**Monday 19th - Thursday 22nd May**  
**between 6pm and 9pm.**

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

**RAFFLE TICKETS** - filled in and returned with money

**DELI** - groceries, jam, sweets, marmalade, chutney and preserves

**BOTTLE AND TOMBOLA STALL** - bottled goods and pantry items, shampoo, pickles, jams, soft drinks, wine, packets of food, sweets etc.

**TOYS** - games, jigsaws, toys, clean cuddly toys.

**BRIC-A-BRAC & RECYCLING** - items for upcycling, we are accepting small electrical items in working order

**GOOD-AS-NEW CLOTHES** and **ACCESSORIES** - jewellery, scarves, handbags, boas, ties etc.

**GIFTS** - recycle unwanted presents, crafts, perfume, soaps, etc.

**CAKE STALL** - buns, scones, sweets, wheaten bread, tray bakes etc.

**GARDEN** - plants (outdoor & indoor), garden tools, plant containers

**BOOKS** - spring clean the bookshelf

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

For further information or if you have any queries, please contact Ross Shorten 087 225 3805 or George James 087 988 8754

# Raffle

## 10 Super Prizes must be won!

### First Prize: €400 Gift Card

€300 Weekend Away • €250 Dundrum SC Voucher

€200 Dunnes Stores Voucher • €100 Restaurant Voucher

• €75 Rathfarnham Bookshop voucher

• 4 Runner-up Cash Prizes of €25

Tickets are included with this edition of News for You and are also available from Church and Parish Office.





### POEMS FOR HOPE AND HEALING

A 4-week online  
reading group:  
on Wednesdays  
May 7th-28th,  
7.30-8.30pm  
facilitated by  
Jessica Brown  
& Catherine  
Smith  
You are warmly  
invited to join  
us!

### Join the Church's Ministry of Healing: Ireland this May for Poems for Hope and Healing.

This is a slow and mindful reading group, to which everyone is warmly welcome. Each hour-long session will be an invitation to pause, reflect, and pray, and discover how reading poetry together can be a spiritual practice that helps us listen to our emotions, see the world in surprising ways, and open the doors of our own creativity.

You will receive the poems and a worksheet in advance. Each session will feature: thoughtful conversation about the poems; time for journalling and creative reflection with prompts to inspire you; gentle questions that invite spiritual exploration.

Our chosen poems, by *Emily Dickinson*, *Wendell Berry*, *Denise Levertov*, and many more, explore our relationship with the divine, the healing power of nature, and the emotions that shape our bonds with both God and one another.

Book in via [www.ministryofhealing.ie](http://www.ministryofhealing.ie) or search for us on Eventbrite.

**A four-week ONLINE poetry reading group, held on Wednesdays in May on the 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, from 7:30 - 8:30pm.**

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**REMINDER**  
**ANNUAL EASTER VESTRY**  
Sunday April 27th at 12 noon  
in the Parish Centre  
**NO 12 noon Holy Communion service**

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