



*Dear Parishioners*

You may remember the chorus of a hymn, sung frequently in the 1990s, the lyrics of which are:

*It's what's done for Jesus that will last,  
It's what's done for His glory that will count,  
For all other things that come to pass won't last in eternity,  
But what's done for Jesus.* Based on 2 Corinthians 5 v 9-10.

Maybe because we are in the middle of our Harvest Appeal and will soon be launching the Christmas Toy Appeal I find myself humming these lines, giving context to our giving. Or maybe it's because all around us we hear of financial, shelter and nourishment needs and know a timely and thoughtful response has eternal significance.

What an investment of our time, talents and means!

*Canon Adrienne*



L - r Gill Perdue, Canon Adrienne, Caroline Weir Clarke, and her siblings Val and Len, who both travelled from the UK.

**You may have noticed that the Parish Centre and lobby have had a makeover recently, with new carpeting, painting, re-hanging of all of the prints and a new large screen tv.**

This was facilitated by a generous donation from **Caroline Weir Clarke** in memory of her late uncle and aunt, former parishioners **Brian and Mabel Weir**.

A dedication ceremony and unveiling of a plaque took place on Thursday September 22nd after the 10.30am service.

The team was led by **Gill Perdue** and included **Ross, Joan, Ann-Marie, Linda, Alan and George**. Many thanks to **Heather, Susan** and the **Pop-In** team for the refreshments, **Frank Nolan & Stephen McQuaid** of **Slidex Ireland** for the flooring, **Emmet Lyons Painting** and **Garrett O'Donnell** for the electrical work.

The new smart tv has a sound bar and facilities for gaming and Playstation etc, and we are hoping perhaps to have movie nights and possibly the return of Youth Club.

There is now also a monitor in the foyer area so that larger services can be streamed if there is an overflow.

**Parish Diary for October**

Restrictions on numbers attending religious services no longer apply, however social distancing should continue to be observed and also mask-wearing in the church.

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



**Each Thursday**  
10.30am Holy Communion 2 service in Church

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

**Sunday 2nd** 10.30am Morning Prayer

**Sunday 9th** 10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving



**Sunday 16th** 10.30am All Age Worship

**Sunday 23rd** 10.30am Holy Communion 2

**Sunday 30th** 10.30am Holy Communion 2

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Philip with Marion at Trinity College

**Congratulations to Philip Middleton** who was awarded the *Certificate in Christian Theology and Practice* in Trinity College Dublin on 4th August 2022. A great achievement and well done Philip.

## Parish News Round-up

### Toddlerzone Update: volunteers needed.

We look back on yet another great year of fun, friendships, connection and support for all those who joined us on Tuesday mornings in the park, and more recently, back in the parish centre.

However, as we look forward and plan for a new season, we have been unable to re-open our doors to parents, grandparents, minders and their little ones. *Toddlerzone has been an integral, much loved and valued part of Rathfarnham Parish for over well 40 years and we would really love to see it continue to thrive and flourish over another 40 years and beyond!* Maybe you have your own special memories of Tuesday mornings in Toddlerzone with your own little ones, who may even be hoping to bring their own little ones some-day to Toddlerzone!

How important was that cuppa, the warm welcome and listening ear, the opportunity to meet other parents, have a chat and catch-up, sharing the joys and celebrations along with the challenges, niggles and worries and of course the biscuits - the pink wafers and the party rings! It's hard to imagine Tuesday mornings in the parish centre falling quiet after all these years. With some help we can make sure the doors remain open to those in our parish and community with babies, infants and toddlers, that they can too look back in years to come with fond memories of Toddlerzone.

Can you help us? We need to build the team to ensure the best experience possible for everyone. Want to tap into your inner child or maybe you would like to re-connect with little ones now your own are all grown up? We'd love to hear from you. We are looking for 2-4 volunteers, commitment of once a fortnight - not to run the group but to assist. It's lots of fun too! To find out more contact Lynn 087-6957061 or Linda 087 6383844.



### Sunday Club is back!

We love to welcome children from pre-school (beginning primary school next September 2023) to 2nd class, so if you would like your child to join us, we will be in the Parish Centre during the 10.30am service on the dates below.

At Harvest time we ask children and families to bring gifts of food items that we share with our charitable partners for distribution to people in need.

If you are in a position to help, please bring along to Sunday Club on the 2nd

of October, or the Harvest service on the 9th.

Some ideas - tea, coffee, biscuits, any tinned foods, pasta, rice, cereals, sweets etc. Many thanks in advance.

### Dates for your Diary:

October 2nd: Sunday Club in the Parish Centre

October 9th: Sunday Club and Harvest Thanksgiving

October 16th: All Age Service

October 9th: Sunday Club in the Parish Centre

Linda O'Connor, 087 6383844

Email: linda.f.oconnor@gmail.com



### Confirmation 2023

Please contact the rector if you or your young person is interested in exploring confirmation.

### Scouts

31st Rathfarnham Scouts is a wonderful local scouting troop which holds meetings every Friday evening from 7.30 pm until 10.00 pm at the War Memorial Hall in Terenure.

Generations of our brightest and best scouts and leaders have hailed from Rathfarnham Parish National School and The High School. The scouts have three camps throughout the year, one in October, one in April (both three nights), and a trip abroad for two weeks in the summertime. This summer we went to Italy and previously we went to Portugal, Spain, and traversed the canals of northern England by barge. We always have tremendous fun and make friends for life on these adventures.

You may also have seen us selling Christmas trees at the War Memorial Hall in Terenure - something we do every year.

Scouts is a great place to build social skills and to learn how to be responsible and independent while embracing teamwork. We highly recommend joining a scouting troop but if you would like to give the 31st Rathfarnham a try, please email [rathfarnhamscouts@gmail.com](mailto:rathfarnhamscouts@gmail.com) for more information on Scouts, Venture Scouts, Cubs and Beavers.

Ben Conn and Leo Shorten, Patrol Leaders



### Wednesday Club

Our next meeting will be held, on 26th October at 2.30 pm in the Parish Centre.

Trevor White, Director of *The Little Museum of Dublin*, will talk about James Malton, (Irish engraver) who captured Dublin at the height of its golden age in the 18th Century. Tea, bakes and chat afterwards! Looking forward to seeing our regular and new attendees. All welcome.

David Whyte 087 7826054.



### Pop In

Pop-In is back on Thursdays from 11am in the Parish Centre.

The Hospice Coffee Morning is celebrating 30 years this year and our own Hospice fundraiser will be held on Thursday October 27th.

You are very welcome to join us on Thursday mornings for tea/coffee, biscuits and a chat after the 10.30am service.

Heather, Susan and the Pop In team.



### RPNS

#### Grandparents' Day

We're planning on holding our very popular Grandparents' Day again on Friday 28th October. We hope that the children's grandparents or important older person can visit us that day. More details to follow from the school.

#### School PTA

The school PTA works hard throughout the year to support the work of the school. Each class also has a Class Rep who liaises with the PTA committee. If you are interested in becoming a member of the school PTA committee, elections are held at the AGM which is usually held in October.





## Rathfarnham Parish ORGAN REFURBISHMENT FUND

### Update

The ORF Committee would like to thank everyone in the parish, school, choir and congregation who have been faithful and unflagging in their support for our every fundraising effort so far.

We are very grateful to all who have made donations to the Organ Refurbishment Fund which continues apace one year after launch. Many thanks to **Benefact Trust** who have grant aided the project to the tune (!) of **£3,000 sterling**, and to **Vivienne Cochran** and **Rathfarnham Extend** exercise class for their donation of **€1,164.22** in memory of **Maud White**.

Thank you to people who have donated in memory of loved ones, who have sponsored pipes, who have been so supportive. We are right in the middle of the work - we are getting this done!

*The fund now stands at just under €60,000 so we are almost halfway to our €125,000 total after 12 months of fundraising.*

As promised, we have some upcoming fundraising events which we hope you will continue to support.

### PETS IN PEWS CALENDAR

At the recent **Pet Service**, photographer **Taryn Barling** took LOADS of photos of parish pets which will be put into a beautiful parish calendar and sold at the **Winter Fair** in aid of **ORF** AND the **DSPCA**. Thank you to volunteer **Hilary Walsh** of the choir for speaking about the wonderful work they do at the **DSPCA**, at our service.



### SATURDAY 22nd OCTOBER: BOOK SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

This will be in aid of **Ruhama** and the **Organ Refurbishment Fund**.

It will take place at **Birgit's house**:  
**16 Westbourne Road, Rathfarnham**,  
from **10.30am-2.00pm**.

N.B. We have a selection of recent books in mint condition for sale and **do not need donations of books** at this stage! Come along for coffee, cake, chat and a bestseller.



## PARISH CENTRE CLEANING TEAM



**Now that many organisations are back using the newly refurbished Parish Centre we are badly in need of volunteers who would be willing to clean it once a week for an hour or so.**

If we could assemble a team of **12-14 volunteers** working in pairs, each pair would only have to commit to **one hour every 6-7 weeks** to give the Parish Centre (main room, lobby, kitchen and toilets) a vacuum, dust and mop (all cleaning materials provided). If you would like to add your name to a rota, please email Gill at [gillperdue@gmail.com](mailto:gillperdue@gmail.com) *Thank you!*

**HELP  
WANTED**

# Rathfarnham Parish Winter Fair

**Saturday November 26th, 4-7pm**  
**IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS AND PARISH CENTRE**

## Welcome to our first ever Winter Fair!

This will be an outdoor and indoor evening market, held in the Church grounds and the adjoining Parish Centre from 4pm to 7pm on Saturday 26th November.

We will have a mixture of Parish stalls and other traders: **crafts, vintage objects, jewellery and lots more** - a great opportunity to get your Christmas shopping started!

There will be **refreshments** in the Parish Centre, **baked goods, hot dogs, waffles, and sweets**.

We will have festive music playing in the Church if you fancy a quiet contemplative break from the Fair.

And there will be a visit from the man himself -

## Santa Claus!



**A limited number of tables will also be available to rent.**

If you would like to rent a table for your gift or craft business (tables are **€40**), please contact:  
**Gill ([gillperdue@gmail.com](mailto:gillperdue@gmail.com)).**

And as always we would be very grateful for the following items needed for the Parish stalls:

- Baked goods
- Items for the Good-as-New gift stall
  - Handmade craft items
  - Jams, preserves and chutneys

Our list of volunteers is growing surely but steadily. If you think you could spare a few hours to help out on one of the Parish stalls, please contact:

**Gillian Perdue ([gillperdue@gmail.com](mailto:gillperdue@gmail.com)),**

**Linda O'Connor ([linda.f.oconnor@gmail.com](mailto:linda.f.oconnor@gmail.com))**

**or Birgit Schmidt ([birgit.dublin@gmail.com](mailto:birgit.dublin@gmail.com))**

to let them know what you can make/bake or do!

We will have a planning meeting by the end of October.

## From The Registers

### Baptism

On the 4th September at the 12 noon Holy Communion service **Alice May Luna Lett** was baptised. Alice's parents are **William** and **Fionnuala**, her Godparents are **Mark** and **Siobhán**.

We delight in welcoming new members into the body of Christ and pray much joy for children and parents as they share their Christian faith.



### Funerals

The funeral of **Michael Baptiste** was held on the 30th August and to his son **Kerrith** and all his family we extend our sympathy in their sad loss. Michael was resident in Bloomfield for some years. After the service, Michael was laid to rest in Mt Jerome Cemetery.

On the 14th September we bid farewell to **Olive Pigott**. A very moving tribute was paid by her daughter **Alva** and son-in-law **Errol**. To them and her much loved grandsons **Adam** and **Evan** and her siblings **Patsi**, **Anna**, **Heather** and **Dick** we offer our heartfelt condolences. A service of committal was held in Mount Jerome Crematorium after the church service.

On the 16th September the family and friends of **Desirée Worrall** marked her passing with a funeral service followed by burial in Mount Jerome Cemetery. To her daughters **Christina**, **Margaret**, **Esmé** and son **John**, and all the family we offer our sincere sympathy in their great loss.



**Parishioners have noticed the light streaming into the church again through the stained glass windows.**

The removal of the old perspex and replacement with new clear unweathered coverings has allowed more light into the church again. Well done to **Alan** and **George!** Passers by have also remarked on the amazing colours now visible to pedestrians when the church lights are on in the mornings and during choir practice on Wednesday evenings. It's great to be able to share the Bible stories with passers by again!

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