



News for You

May 2026


Dear Parishioners

There seem to be a plethora of countdowns currently - in the Parish it's the countdown to the ever popular Fête; in the Church it's the countdown to the General Synod; in the country it's the countdown to the by-elections; globally it's the countdown towards what we hope will be permanent ceasefires in war torn regions; for students it's the countdown to exams; for God it's the countdown to Jesus' return and the permanent reign of justice, truth and peace, what we call the Kingdom of God on earth as in heaven. 'Be alert' and 'Be ready' our readings urge us these post-Easter weeks. Our liturgies remind us that already we join with angels and archangels in our worship so we are already in the kingdom space. *Take heart!*

Adrienne



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-mIKICJ-JA. 

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

Each Sunday 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1

Sunday 3rd 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 10th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Holy Communion 2

Sunday 17th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Worshipping God Together followed by tea/coffee 

Sunday 24th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Holy Communion 2

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Rathfarnham Parish Fête, Saturday May 16th, 11am - 2.30pm

It's almost Fête time again - the Parish's busiest and buzziest day of the year!

Sincere thanks for all of your past support of Rathfarnham Parish Fête - last year we turned over approx. €30,000, a huge contribution to Parish funds in a very challenging environment - *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 throughout the day.

All kinds of donations gratefully received to the Church and Parish Centre
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th 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 before or on **May 16th** ● **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. ● **COUNTRY PANTRY** - jams, curds, marmalade, chutneys, apple and rhubarb tarts and crumbles, savouries such as quiche and lasagna, sweets and general groceries ● **GARDEN** - plants (outdoor & indoor), garden tools, plant containers ● **BOOKS** - spring clean the bookshelf (*no school books please*)

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE DONATIONS WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT so we kindly ask, as we don't want to offend anyone by having to unfortunately put items in the skip - nothing you wouldn't rebuy yourself, no luggage, sports bags, no large items of furniture, couches etc. and especially please no broken items!

For further information or if you have any queries, please contact **Morgan Bardon 085 272 8875** or **George James 087 988 8754**

Ladybirds

Another busy month for our Ladybirds.

March saw us celebrating Mother's Day, Easter and working on badge work. The girls earned their Healthy Body badge and had fun making (and eating) funny fruit faces and wholemeal/white bread sandwiches - it was great to see so many trying salad too!

We had a lovely morning in St. Enda's Park celebrating Easter. The sun shone and we played Easter games, used our 5 senses in a scavenger hunt and finished with an Easter egg hunt. We are so proud of all our ladybirds.

From Rainbow (Hilary)



Sunday Club

Dates for your Diary: Sunday Club in the Parish Centre during the 10.30am service

May 10th and 17th and 24th (last one of the season). 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.

Linda O'Connor Mobile: 087 6383844
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Toddlerzone

Tuesday mornings in the Parish Centre, 10-11.15am.

Join us in the Parish Centre on Tuesdays May 5th, 19th and 26th from 10am-11.15am. for the usual mix of Messy Play, Chat, Songs and lots more.

Please note there's **NO Toddlerzone on Tuesday May 12th** as the Parish Centre is required for the Fete. If you would like to join us, please contact Linda on 087 638 3844.

Linda, Helen, Julie, Susan and Karen



Wedding

On a sunny Saturday 18th April, the marriage service for **Tanya Allison** and **Ross Dolphin** took place to much joy and celebration. Family and many friends gathered for the great occasion and the Rathfarnham Parish Choir led the singing during the service and while the registers were being signed. The church was splendidly decorated to receive the bride and groom and sincere thanks go to the skilled flower arrangers.

We offer Tanya and Ross our warmest congratulations as they embark on this new vocation in their lives.

Good News Club

We have enjoyed participating in the Craft Stick decoration project launched by D & G Ministry with Children and look forward to seeing the Diocesan installation when all is assembled! GNC meets in May on 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th in the War Memorial Hall 6.45-7.45pm for children in 3rd - 6th class. AG



Post-confirmation group gathering on April 12th in the Parish Centre.

Ecumenical Golf Outing

This golf outing has grown over recent years into a large and extremely enjoyable day.

Over 100 people from our parish and neighbouring parishes play golf and /or join for dinner that night. Excellent sponsored prizes are to be had plus a fabulous meal. Why not book a team of 4 people, or we can include individuals into teams. It really is a most enjoyable and extremely sociable day.

Edmondstown Golf Club
Friday 15th May. Golf €50 or €20 for Edmondstown Club members. Meal €30.
Contact Ross Sargeant at rossargeant2@gmail.com or on 087 243 3260

INTER-FAITH GOLF OUTING
(Champagne Scramble)
Members of the Parishes of ALL TRADITIONS IN THE RATHFARNHAM AREA ALL ARE VERY WELCOME.
It is intended that there will be a great fun day, a day for strengthening existing friendships and creating new ones.

Edmondstown Golf Club
Friday 15th of May 2026
Golf €50
Edmondstown Members €20
Meal €30

Rathfarnham Church of Ireland Contact:
Ross Sargeant 087-2433260

Wednesday Club

Our last meeting for this season will be on 27th May. As usual, this will be an outing to Hillsborough Castle, and Gardens, County Down.

There will also be an opportunity for some 'Retail Therapy'. The cost for the coach should be €35 per person. Our coach will depart from Rathfarnham Castle Carpark at 10am and we intend to return by 5pm approximately. Any Parishioner or Friend would be very welcome to join us. If you have not already booked your seat, please contact me. If you are not available for this Outing, we look forward to seeing you again in our Parish Centre on the last Wednesday of September.

Enjoy the Summer! David Whyte, 087 7826054



Pop-In

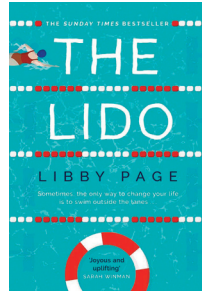
Pop-In continues on Thursday mornings in the Parish Centre, immediately after the 10.30am service. Tea/coffee and biscuits are available from 11 -12am for anyone who just wants to drop in for a chat.



Our last Pop-In Book Club before the Summer will be on **Thursday May 21st** when we will be hosting local writer **Gill Perdue** who will read from her forthcoming book **All Of Them Lied** (to be published in June and our recommended Summer read for September's Pop-In Book Club).

Our book for May is

The Lido by **Libby Page**, a tender, joyous debut novel about a cub reporter and her eighty-six-year-old subject - and the unlikely and life-changing friendship that develops between them when their local lido is threatened with closure. **The Guardian** review said, "With a rich ensemble of secondary characters, *The Lido* serves as a timely reminder of all that we stand to lose through the destruction of our local services, and a joyful celebration of community and friendship."



May Pop-In Book Club: Thursday 21st at 11am in the Parish Centre.



Pop-In are always pleased to support the Annual **Alzheimer's Tea Day** appeal which this year will be on **Thursday May 7th**.

We'd love to see you in the Parish Centre from 11am for tea/coffee, chats and always a great selection of extra cakes and bakes on the day.

There will be NO POP-IN on Thursday May 14th due to Fête sorting in the Parish Centre. OMaCW



RPNS

Rathfarnham Parish National School are delighted with the revamping of a hitherto lost space in its grounds to the creation of a wonderful garden in memory of **Douglas Gillis**, generous benefactor, long serving groundsman, multi-talented maintenance man and more in the school.

The work we hope will be completed in May for a dedication before term ends.



Parish Library

The **Parish Library** has been moved to the foyer of the Parish Centre. You will find a wide variety of books for children and adults, We hope that your Christian life will be enriched by reading some of the books available there.

Bible Alive by **Penny Boshoff** shows route maps through the Bible and brings alive the great stories of the Bible and tells us where they took place and what happened. Where did David and Goliath have their battle? Why is Jerusalem such an important city? How far did Jesus and St Paul venture on their great missions? All this and more are explained in the simple text, the beautiful illustrations and the interesting maps. The Holy Bible, International Children's Bible is a totally new version of the Bible translated from the Greek and Hebrew texts into a language that is understandable by children. The wonder and wisdom of Scriptures are accompanied by illustrations and maps and there is a children's dictionary/concordance at the end of the text.

Details regarding borrowing books are on the wall to the right of the bookstand. JF

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From the Registers

Baptism

On Easter Sunday at the 10.30am Family service **Theodore Beau Dalby**, son of **Marsha** and **Julian** was baptised. Theodore's Godparents are **Gavin Dalby** and **Kate Handforth**. Theodore's baptism gave the congregation the opportunity to renew our baptism promises which was very fitting on the day we celebrated our Saviour's Resurrection. May Theodore know much of God's grace his whole life long.



Bereavements

Emily Foxton died on March 23rd 2026, in her 96th year, peacefully, at The Mageough. We extend our sincere sympathy to her son and daughter **Chris** and **Cassandra**, and grandchildren **Alex**, **Gary**, **Sam** and **Jane**, and great-grandchild **Max**. Emily is known to many in Rathfarnham Parish having taught in our school among other schools nearby. Emily's Funeral Service took place on Tuesday (March 31) at 11.30 am in The Mageough Chapel followed by a committal service in Mt Jerome Crematorium.

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We offer our condolences to **Cecilie Reid** and her family **Tanya** and **Stuart** on the sudden death of Cecilie's brother **Nigel Knowles** known to many in this parish, who died on 27th March 2026 in Sydney Australia. To Nigel's partner **Margot**, son **Geoffrey**, daughter **Susannah** and his extended family we offer our prayers for comfort in their mourning.

On the 4th April at 1pm the funeral service for **Richard Bruton** was held in Rathfarnham Parish Church. To his beloved wife **Claire** and their sons **Craig** and **Lewis**, his father **Brendan**, brother **Robert** and all whose lives were enriched by Richard's life and interests, we offer our prayers and deep condolences in their great loss. Following the service in Rathfarnham Church a service of committal was held in Mt. Jerome Victorian Chapel.

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