



**Dear Readers**

The photo of the red anchor positioned beside a wall in Grand Canal Dock may look incongruous.

Surely it ought to be in water, attached to a boat? Is it redundant or does it serve any purpose where it is now placed, apart from being decorative?



We could ask the same of some of the anchor points that have held us secure up to recent months such as the rhythm of life we established over time; or the social interaction habits we formed at sports clubs; or the more dominant, often political, voices we listened to but whose message has been surpassed by the pandemic emergency. What use do these anchor points serve us now? Maybe their importance lies now simply in the marking of time pre and post lockdown, or more reflectively perhaps they act as an indicator of how our thoughts have embraced the “common good,” or more radically, they may proclaim how sometimes it is necessary to make a break with the “normal” to find a new way of **“living and moving and having our being”** (Acts 17:28) even if this new way was not something we necessarily sought.

As we join our forces with the Creator in shaping a new way of living and moving and having our being may we recover a sense of awe, wonder and the holy as new anchor points in our reconfigured personal and communal lives. Maybe now as we begin to emerge from the “lockdown” it is time to share our stories of struggle and surprise, of achievement and challenge, of hope and humanity.

I have been particularly blessed by hearing of the many quiet, unheralded acts of thoughtfulness and kindness that parishioners have either given or benefitted from. We often hear the phrase “Incarnational” being used to describe God becoming man and living among us. But you demonstrated the incarnational Christ in your acts of kindness and thoughtfulness and care. And those acts have made such a healing difference to people. Parishioners have asked me to pass on their thanks and appreciation, which I am very glad to do.

**“For in him we live and move and have our being.”**  
(Acts 17:28).

**Canon Adrienne**

**Plans for Returning to Church**

Significant hours have been spent in recent weeks by the Covid-19 Risk assessment sub-committee who have produced comprehensive protocols for both the Church and the War Memorial Hall/Parish Centre facilities.

**It is planned that Sunday services will resume in Church on July 5th.**

If you would like a glimpse of what returning to church will look like please, see <https://youtu.be/vcYyhwFTRKQ> Although it is not specific to Rathfarnham Parish it gives a good idea of what to expect.

Meantime, services continue on our parish youtube channel, expertly collated and uploaded by Jacqueline and Paul. You can find us at:



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCso-NPjtC4skX-mKICj-JA>.

**Thank you to everyone who has contributed to leading and presenting these services since March. Your help has, and will continue to be, invaluable and a blessing.**

On our return, numbers will be restricted unfortunately. At time of writing we are observing a 2m distance. We are also abiding by the maximum number i.e **50 people** permitted by government guidelines.

**Schedule of services for July**

**Every Sunday:** 8am and 12 noon Holy Communion

**1st and 3rd Sunday:** Morning Prayer at 10.30am

**2nd and 4th Sunday:** Holy Communion at 10.30am

**Thursday 10.30am:** Holy Communion recommences in the church on July 2nd.

We expect also that we will continue to relay the Sunday service on youtube/facebook as is currently the pattern. We also plan to continue offering the Thursday audio Holy Communion service to parishioners but at 11.30am, after the church service at 10.30am.

**Please see inside NFY for our Return To Church Checklist.**



# Return To Church Checklist



## 1. Things to bring with you to church and home again!

Tissues, hand sanitizer, face covering, pen, cushion.

## 2. Entering the Church:

Please use the **main tower door** if you plan to sit in the nave, the Millennium Side Chapel or the gallery. Please use the **transept door** if you plan to sit in the transept or Parish Centre.

**First come first seated** - from the front of the church to rear. Once the permitted number of seats are occupied, the church gates will unfortunately be closed.

**Please avoid bottlenecks:** Keep 2 metres apart and only go to your allocated seat.

If you have forgotten hand sanitizer, face covering, pen, tissues, please take some from the entrance table for your use.

## 3. In Church:

Please fill in the numbered contact tracing card on your seat.

Please do not move around the church to meet other parishioners.

## 4. Leaving church:

Please place contact tracing card (and pen, if borrowed) in the basket on the table at the door.

Please place your envelope/collection money in the basket too.

Please take all your belongings with you, i.e. leave no trace.

**For transept door:** Parishioners in the pews nearest the door leave first.

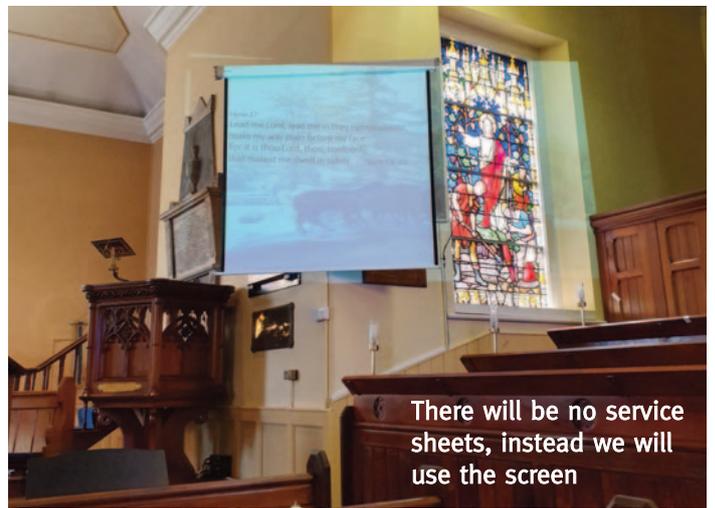
**For main tower door:** Parishioners in the balcony or Millennium Side Chapel leave before parishioners in the nave.

Please do not congregate in the car park and observe physical distancing.

To ensure ventilation, the doors may be kept open if the weather permits this.

Services will be displayed on the screen - service sheets will not be issued.

**Please, if you are not feeling well,** do not come to church. Let church come to you via our online or audio services.



Contact Tracing form

Seat number: ..... Service time ..... Date.....

Your Name (please print).....

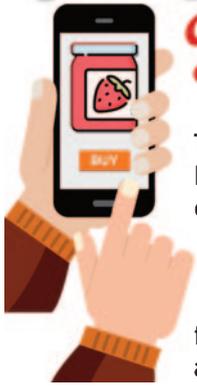
Contact phone number .....

Please note this information will be kept for 28 days and will only be used for the purpose of Covid 19 contact tracing

Contact tracing forms must be filled out



# Rathfarnham Parish Fête-by-Text



There was huge disappointment in the Parish when the annual Fête was cancelled due to Covid 19. The Fête committee were undaunted however and in a matter of weeks text orders for home-made preserves, fruit and vegetable plants and flowers were being placed with Lynn, Linda and the Fête Committee.

Having labelled and filled bags with orders, they arranged for a drive-by collection at the Parish Centre on Saturday June 13th, observing physical distancing and all the other safety measures. Business was brisk and stock was cleared, much to the satisfaction of all who had laboured behind the scenes in gardens and kitchens around the parish. Well done to Lynn and Linda for all the co-ordinating and to all who helped or donated goods and purchased them! The other big bonus was people's delight at meeting up, even at a distance for a short time!



# COVID Cleanout

## in the War Memorial Hall 10am Saturday July 11th

On Saturday 11th July it is planned to do a blitz clean of the War Memorial Hall.

**All crockery, cutlery and utensils** will be removed unless an organisation has a good reason to request it stays.

**All posters and displays** will be removed and replaced with Covid-related ones.

**Lost property will be binned.**

Organisations that currently store items in the Oak Room will be asked to remove everything as access to the Oak and Bird Rooms will be restricted.

**Access to the kitchen will also be restricted.**

If we find that any restrictions can be relaxed, in line with HSE and Gov.ie guidelines, between now and September, the Parish Risk Assessment sub-committee will review our protocols and advise War Memorial Hall users. All users will need to complete the revised booking forms and provide the sub-committee with their Covid 19 risk assessment and protocols designed to safeguard their members and other hall users. **Inquiries to the Rector.**

## A BIG "Thank You" from the Eden Group

The Eden Group would like to thank everyone who took part in our **Quarantine Quiz Night** on Wednesday May 27th. We had over 30 teams taking part with team members from all over the country connecting via Skype, Zoom, WhatsApp and various other platforms. It looked like great fun from the Committee's end and we hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did. **The Eden Group**



## Rathfarnham Parish National School

When the school closed so unexpectedly in March, we had no idea that we wouldn't reopen until the start of the new school year in September.

However, the teachers were prepared and very quickly moved to distance learning using Google G suite, Zoom and Seesaw to engage with pupils and to continue with the children's education online as seamlessly as possible. Overall this has been a great success with the vast majority of the children continuing to be fully engaged with school work and their teachers. A great deal of credit and thanks go to the teachers who have never worked so hard in moving out of the classroom and onto the internet!

**6th class graduation** was very different but nonetheless very meaningful with Mr. Leonard leading the class through their last RPNS ceremony. Pupils read scripture lessons, prayers, reflections and poems they penned themselves. The event was mediated via Zoom and there were many smiles raised as memories spanning 8 years were shared. Proud moments for mums and dads who also joined in. And the yellow hoodies looked great too! Now for 2nd level!!! We hope all pupils settle in well as they progress.



The current 6th class when they were very young!

At the time of writing we have no idea of what the new school year will bring but we are hoping that we can resume full service at the end of August and we all look forward to seeing each other again.

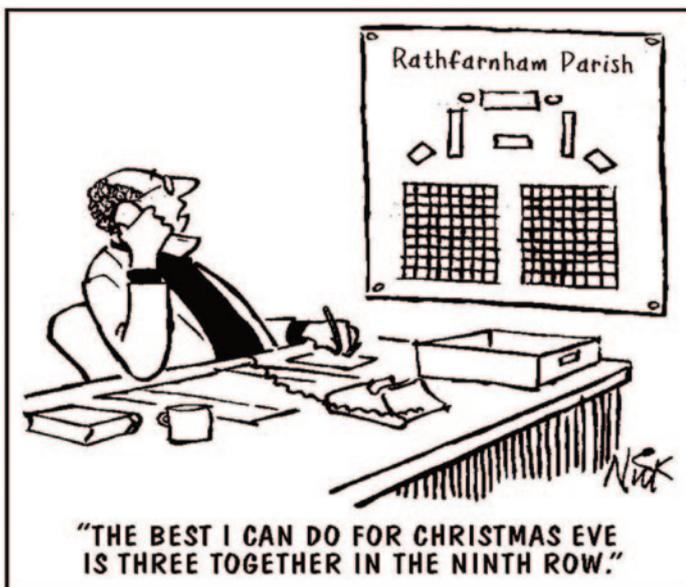
In the meantime, we hope that everyone has a wonderful summer and a well-deserved break.

Mrs. Perdue.

### Good News Club

Good News Club has taken to Zoom as well with optical puzzles, bible challenges, collective drawing, brain teasers and spontaneous inputs shaping the sessions.

And thanks to our young participants, the leaders' techie skills are improving with each session!!!! Well done young uns'.



**Please note:** as the next issue of the Diocesan Review will be a combined July/August publication, material for the **September** issue of the Review should be sent to the Rector by **12th August**.

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