



News for You

April 2021

Dear Parishioners

In Christian faith circles there has been much debate about when the church family was born.

Was it at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples to share the Good News worldwide? (Acts 2).

Or was it when Jesus turned to Peter and said "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church." (Matthew 16 v 15-19). Or was it at the foot of the cross when Jesus turned to his mother and John and said "Woman, behold your son." And to the disciple, "Here is your mother." (John 19 v 25-27).

Whichever event you lean towards, let's celebrate that you belong to God's family by God's grace and Christ's resurrection. Hallelujah! & Happy Easter!

Canon Adrienne



Schedule of services for April 2021 (under current Government Level 5 restrictions)

We welcome you to join us for our Sunday service at 10.30am which is live-streamed, and the Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion which is available on Zoom via phone (01-6533897) or online (meeting id. number 4038917003).

Every Sunday

The 10.30am Sunday service in Church will also be available (after 24 hours) on the Parish YouTube channel at



www.youtube.com/channel/UCso-NPjtC4skX-mIKICJ-JA

HOLY WEEK

Monday, Tuesday Wednesday March 29th, 30th and 31st:

The church will be open for private prayer from 11am-1pm and again from 7-8pm.

Maundy Thursday April 1st:

The church will be open *after* the usual 10.30am Zoom Holy Communion service, from 11am-1pm.

There will be a live-streamed service (no congregation) at 7.30pm on Thursday evening.

Good Friday April 2nd:

There will be a live-streamed service (no congregation) from 12 noon-1pm. The church will be open afterwards for private prayer from 1-3pm.

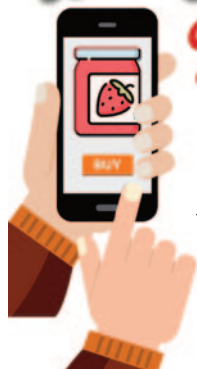
Easter Sunday April 4th:

A very brief Son-Rise event of a few minutes will live-stream at 6am on the Parish YouTube channel. This will be available to view from 24 hours afterwards.

10.30am live-streamed family Holy Communion service.



Rathfarnham Parish Fête-by-Text



Saturday May 22nd, 11am-4pm

is the date for our Drive-Thru Fête-by-Text. You may collect your purchases between 11am and 4pm from our volunteers in the church grounds.

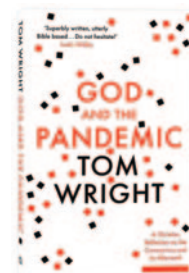
Our next News For You will offer you the "Order By Text" contact details to enable you to place your orders. The Fête Committee are planning other fun events for Fête Week, including an online Pet Show with various entry categories. We look forward to your continued support. *The Fête Committee*

Have Your Say/Towards Sunday

Thank you to parishioners offering interpretations and insights on the Sunday readings

it's great to get started on engaging with scriptures in our current context, where previous interpretations no longer seem to fit. Feel free to text, phone or email me with your thoughts. One recurring question is "Why does God not intervene and eradicate the Covid 19 virus?" One answer offered by the former Bishop of Durham, Prof. N.T. Wright can be located at this podcast:

<https://ntwrightpage.com/2020/07/16/theology-matters-theology-the-pandemic-ep-6-with-n-t-wright/> who suggests we ask "What new thing is God doing?" during this time of 'exile' from the church community. His booklet is titled 'God and the Pandemic'. AG



Parish News Round-up

Annual Easter Vestry

We propose Sunday 18th April at 11.30am as the date for the AEV in Rathfarnham Parish. This will be by Zoom as it is unlikely that we will be allowed to congregates in church or in the parish centre. If the House of Bishops decide to allow for AEVs to be postponed until September, as happened last year, we will then reschedule. Parishioners will be advised of any changes. A reminder that the phone-in number for Zoom is 01 653 3897, Meeting ID: 403 891 7003. AG

Badminton Club

The AGM for the 2020/2021 season is scheduled for 13th May at 8pm and most likely this will be held via Zoom as was the 2019/2020 one. Unfortunately no matches have been played since 12th March 2020 due to Covid. LF

Confirmation Classes

Classes concluded on Sunday 28th March with a short Palm Sunday liturgy, lead by the young people. We look forward to their further participation in leading the services in the future. We also look forward to getting a date for Confirmation from the Archbishop's office when the Government give the go-ahead for the resumption of church services. AG

Good News and Club Sunday Club

Good News Club and Sunday Club are collaborating on a video for Easter Sunday with 'Play it by Ear'. Not to be missed!!

We had an action-packed Zoom Sunday Club on March 14th. St Patrick played a big part, as you can see from the craft photos below, with Jesus and Zacchaeus centre stage. And we managed to squeeze in a game of bingo too, again on the St Patrick theme - needless to say, everyone was a winner! We hope Sunday Club mums enjoyed their little gift on Mothering Sunday. Thank you to the Sunday Club leaders who distributed a sweet treat and prayer card to parishioners. People said that they were a lovely surprise!

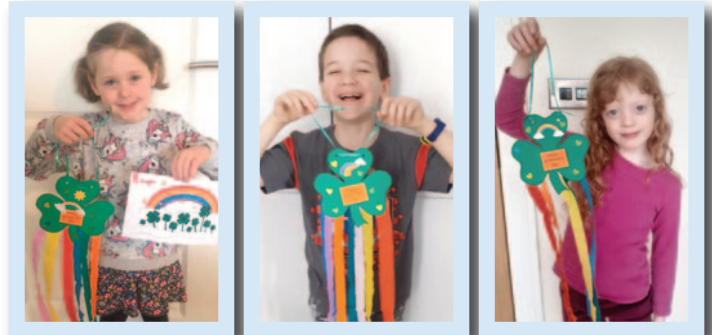


We also sang **Happy Birthday** to **Donnacha, Rebecca and Flynn**, who were all 6 years old in March.

This month we wish happy birthday to **Ethan** who will be 5 years old, and **Adam and Milo** who will both be 6. **Temí** will be 7, and **Robert** will be 8. Have a great day boys!

Our next Sunday Club will be on Good Friday, when we will explore the events from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday so until then, stay safe.

And a very **Happy Easter** from **Linda** and everyone in the Sunday Club team.



WLTD0?

Well our much anticipated first Who Let The Dads Out? session for 2021 did not disappoint!

Having put together and delivered our themed activity boxes to help everyone get the most from the session, we welcomed 18 children along with their 10 dads. It was time to get ready for our virtual St Patrick's festival making something to wave - a flag and a streamer followed by creative ways of using the rest of the craft items in the box to make something to decorate a window or room with a banner and something to wear - a leprechaun's hat.



This was followed by some time to relax and enjoy a story. No WLTD0? session is complete without **Robert's Kahoot Quiz**. We had great craic with a few Olé, Olé Olés and singing a few songs including the St Patrick's Day Pokey! After the on-screen celebrations, those who managed not to eat the ingredients, continued the fun with their kids making something to eat - Chocolate M&M Pretzel Shamrocks - yummy!!

We are always delighted to welcome new members so please do get in touch. **Our next WLTD0? on ZOOM is on Saturday 15th May @ 2.30pm**

Lynn Storey 087 6957061, Robert Hilliard 087 618 7058, David Campbell and Jonathan Ellis

