



Dear Parishioners

Depending on the nutrition an ant larvae receives, decides if it will be a queen, a major worker or a minor worker.

Such lines of demarcation!! We are used to this nourishment concept in education which has seen the establishment of breakfast clubs so that all children have equal nourishment and energy to sustain them while learning enabling them all to maximize their potential. We, as children of God, receive indiscriminately the nourishment of the Holy Spirit enabling us to maximize our spiritual growth, understanding and strength - God's breakfast club (!) to nourish us as we start the day feasting on his word and communing in prayer before we go into the world to love and serve the Lord. *'Morning by morning new mercies I see.'*

Adrienne

May Magnificat Organ Fundraiser

The Organ Refurbishment Committee thank wholeheartedly everyone who participated in the recent concert at which 'The Magnificat,' composed by Peter Whyte, was premiered!

The concert can be viewed on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQ3nlQxS-6E&list=TLPQMTQwNTIwMjNdPhvTHrErKw&index=2>

Huge thanks to Mrs Perdue and the school choir and to the senior choir and Jacqueline and Paul for a wonderful parish evening. We were delighted that so many of you could join us for refreshments and a chat afterwards. The event raised a further €1,190 for the Fund.



Above: the School Choir perform at the May Magnificat concert.

Left: Composer Peter Whyte, whose 'Magnificat' was premiered at the event.

Parish Diary for June

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.



Each Thursday
10.30am Holy Communion 2 service in Church

Each Sunday
8am and 12 noon Holy Communion 1

Sunday 4th 10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 11th 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th 10.30am Worshipping God Together Fathers' Day family service



Sunday 25th 10.30am Holy Communion

As *News For You* is not published during July and August, please see our website for the Parish Diary and any updates. The next issue will be the September issue.

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Rathfarnham Ladybirds to reopen

Ladybird Guides is the youngest branch within Irish Girl Guides.



It is planned to reopen the Rathfarnham unit in September. We would like to hear from parents/guardians of girls aged between 5 and 7 who would be interested in joining the unit.

The weekly meetings are an hour long and would take place on a Saturday morning from 10.00 to 11.00. We also need volunteers to help with running the unit and full support will be provided to the volunteers.

For further information or to put your daughter's name on the waiting list, (max of 12-14 girls) please contact **Katherine on 0872986519 or by email to kmoore2220@gmail.com**

For more information on Irish girl guides and the programmes we run, please visit our website:

www.irishgirlguides.ie



Parish News Round-up

Sunday Club

We have come to the end of a busy, action-packed season in Sunday Club and I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you that have joined us in the Parish Centre over the last few months. In particular, a huge thanks to all the leaders for your support and encouragement - without you it would be impossible to run this important and worthwhile children's ministry group.

We're taking a well-earned break for the summer but we'll be back again in September. In the meantime I hope you all have a fantastically restful and sunny summer and I'll be in touch nearer the time. God bless.

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Toddlerzone

We celebrate how much the group has grown these last few months.

Connections have been made with so many families, within the parish and the wider community. The group has been a lifeline for the grown-ups (mums, dads, grandparents and minders) and children alike, where everyone receives a warm, authentic welcome. Underpinning all that we do is to offer a caring, loving and safe environment where all who join us feels a sense of belonging, and where supportive conversations and actions take place and friendships are built. Its been another fantastic season of fun activities to support the development of little ones. Story and singing time is full of joy when songs such as 'Wheels on the Bus' and 'Incy Wincy' and our all-time favourite 'Hop little Bunnies' are sung with great gusto and enthusiasm before we finish with our prayer with actions.

Our volunteer team is also growing. Without their energy, support and enthusiasm, from setting up to tidying up, to mingling during the sessions - it would not be possible to run Toddlerzone. A huge thank you to **Susan Christie** and **Helen Sheridan** who help with sessions before, during and after (we were sorry to have to say goodbye to **Kim Bardon** earlier in the season and thank her also for all her commitment). We are also indebted to **Heather Wilkinson** and all the past volunteers who ensured Toddlerzone grew from strength to strength to what it is today.

We do need more volunteers to ensure we can run each week next season and that the wonderful work continues. Toddlerzone is a changing and evolving supportive community and there is room for you too! So if you have a little energy to spare and share, please do get in touch (it doesn't necessarily mean a weekly commitment either).

Lynn 087 695 7061, Linda 087 638 3844.



Pop-In

Our total for The Alzheimer's Tea Day was €495 but by the time you read this it will have increased as donations are still being added.



Many many thanks to the Parishioners and their friends who supported us on the day. It is greatly appreciated.

Once again the end of the year is in sight. Our team of younger helpers are no longer on duty as their children get holidays from school so we thank them profusely for all their help during the past year. They are a fabulous group of people who never leave us in the lurch. They rally round and make sure someone is in the Parish Centre when needed. We hope the team have a great summer and look forward to hearing all about it in September.

Pop-In will be closed for July and August as usual and will re-open on Thursday September 7th. We wish all our clientele a very good summer and look forward to seeing them in September again. Remember Pop - In is not a club that you join. It is a friendly cuppa of tea or coffee and chat every Thursday 10.30 - 12 noon in the Parish Centre. It is open to all Parishioners and their friends any Thursday you are passing. As it says 'Pop-In' as little or as often as it suits you. We are there anyway with the kettle on, etc. Remember also it is not compulsory to attend communion first.

Susan, Heather and the team.

Rathfarnham Parish Badminton Club

The season is now drawing to a close. Following on from the 'covid years', I'm glad to say membership numbers were back up again and a full Dublin League and Cups competition took place this season.



We had 4 mixed, 2 ladies and 2 mens teams entered. The finals of the Cup took place in February, delighted to say that Mixed 1, playing in Division 5, comprising of **Helen, Lynn, Shane and John D** reached the final, but were very unlucky, drawing in matches and games to lose out on points to take the win. The club support on the evening was just fantastic. Our ladies 2, Div 9, reached the quarter finals of the League. **Wendy, Patricia, Albina** and sub **Julie** (for **Val**) all played well but were runners up on this occasion.

Our AGM took place on 18th May and **Louise Byrne** was elected new Hon. Secretary.

The new season will start again at the end of August. We will have limited availability for new members, for which previous experience is essential. Why not check out our website for more details of the club:

www.rathfarnhampbc.weebly.com

Louise Byrne, Hon. Secretary, 087 850 2101.



Never 2 Late Ballet

Before September last year, most of us could not tell a pirouette from a plié, a chassé from an arabesque, not to mention 1st to 4th (or is it 5th?) position!

But thanks to the endless patience and uplifting teaching from our ballet-master supreme, Madame Perdue, we have a little more knowledge of ballet, and can move so much better than before. Who would have guessed raising funds for the Organ Restoration would be such fun! Thank you so much Gillian for your enthusiasm, expertise and dedication to fun. We can't wait for September!



Rathfarnham Parish



FÊTE



SATURDAY MAY 20TH

The Rathfarnham Parish Fête was held on Saturday 20th May in the High School Rathgar. This was our second fête since the break caused by the Covid19 pandemic which forced a pause in our long tradition of parish fêtes spanning over 25 years.

We were delighted that the fine weather brought out a large crowd of young and old to enjoy a wide range of stalls, bouncy castle, brass band and a dancing display.

The collection of items for sale donated from across the parish contributed to a superb garden stall, eclectic bric-a-brac, preloved clothing and accessories, fabulous toys, tons of books, scrummy cakes and bakes, good-as-new gifts, sweets, burgers, games and our famous country kitchen, bottle stall tombola and our well supported Grand Raffle. The café was staffed by both The High School and parish volunteers who together provided a wide range of sandwiches, desserts, tarts, teas, and coffees.

Rathfarnham Parish are really indebted to the very many parish volunteers, and the staff of Rathfarnham Parish National School, all of whom gave so generously of their time in arranging and running the event and to all those who donated the items sold at the fête to raise funds.

We would like to thank the governors and staff of the Erasmus Smith Trust for the use of The High School for the event and to the many sponsors, including Lisney who sponsored the first prize in the Raffle, Hunters who ran the fabulous face painting and balloon stand, Greyhound, The Bretzel, Herman & Wilkinson, Fitzgibbon Marquees, JR Byrne Cash & Carry, SuperValu Churchtown, Pepsi, Lidl and Kepak and of course - all who advertised in the Fête Brochure. *We really appreciate your continued support.*

The preparations for the fête begin months before the event, and all lead to a day where the parish community come together to enjoy each other's company and to offer their services and labour in running the various stalls to raise funds to pay the parish bills for the coming year.

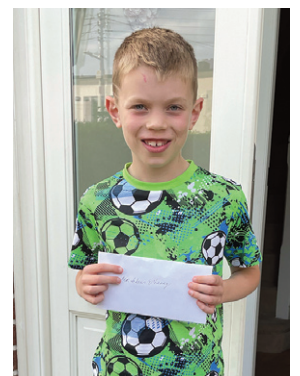
This year was no exception with the efforts of many helping to raise approximately €30,000 before costs.

We will hold a short evening meeting in September to reflect on the success of the event and to discuss areas where improvements can be made. We hope to have suggestions for new activities, different ways of doing things, ways to make the best use of the time and resources of volunteers and, of course, ways of encouraging greater participation in this truly fun family event.

The Fete Organising Committee

Raffle Winners:

- 1st Prize - congratulations to our winner Adam O'Leary
- 2nd Prize - Avril Mullock
- 3rd Prize - Ken & Carolyn Gordon
- 4th Prize - Robert Hilliard
- 5th Prize - Achal Punith
- 6th Prize - S. Devlin
- 7th Prize - Gillian Perdue
- 8th Prize - Joyce Perdue
- 9th Prize - Corinna Philips
- 10th Prize - Eileen Pratt



Huge thanks to everyone who supported our raffle.

From The Registers

Baptism

On the 30th April **Matthew Arjun Trayer** was baptised at the 12 noon Holy Communion service. Matthew's parents are **James** and **Shauna**, Godparents **Aimee** and **Reuben**. 'To God be the glory, great things he has done.'

Funerals

It was with much sadness that parishioners together with **David Gibson's** wife **Mary**, daughter **Susan**, step daughter **Laura** (who brought the family tribute) and many of his friends for his funeral in Rathfarnham Parish Church on 3rd May 2023. We continue to offer David's loved ones our prayers in their grief. David was later laid to rest in Mount Jerome Cemetery.

On the 10th May the funeral service for **Rhona Sullivan** was held in Rathfarnham Parish Church before the committal service in Mount Jerome crematorium. We uphold Rhona's daughters **Barbara** and **Heather**, son **Alan**, in-laws **Robert** and **Su** and all Rhona's grandchildren, family and friends in our prayers at this time of great sadness for them so soon after Rhona's husband **Wesley's** death in November 2022.

Parish Library

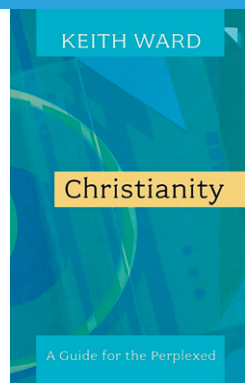
Christianity. A Guide for the Perplexed by **Keith Ward** is a stimulating and illuminating guide to Christian belief that many committed Christians and those considering Christianity will find invaluable.

From the section in his book on the Resurrection:

The Resurrection of Jesus reveals the destiny of humanity and reveals the way in which that destiny is to be realized. It is an event of unique importance in human history.....

It is something that reveals in an extraordinary way the true spiritual basis of all physical nature.....The resurrection of Jesus is not a bizarre divine interruption in a purely material universe. It is a disclosure of the ultimate nature of reality as spiritual, and the final goal of the material universe as the perfect unity of all things in God.

The library is in the Millennium Side Chapel, and details regarding borrowing books are on the bookshelf. JF



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Parish Eircodes

In the (hopefully) unlikely event that anyone using Parish premises needs to call an ambulance, please be advised of the locations of our Eircode notices in case of emergency:

The Parish Centre:

On the wall overhead the defibrillator in the main room.

The Church:

On the noticeboard at the bottom of the stairs to the gallery.

The Vestry:

By the first aid kit over the sink.

The War memorial Hall:

On the door into the main hall and also on the door inside the Oak Room.

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