



Dear Parishioners

Advances in searchlight technology now enables the slightest movement, sound, heat or silhouette to be detected from huge distances, thus enabling the success of incredible rescue missions.

As we celebrate the coming into this world of Jesus the Light of the World, we thank God for the love that searched us out and offers us life and hope. May the Holy Spirit infuse your Christmas with the joy of the Lord.

Canon Adrienne

Services for December 2021 & January 2022

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-mlKICJ-jA.

Each Thursday
10.30am Holy Communion service in Church, or via Zoom at 01-6533897, or via computer meeting id. 4038917003. 

Each Sunday
8am and 12 noon Holy Communion 1



DECEMBER DIARY

Sunday 5th 10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 12th 10.30am Holy Communion 2
8pm **CANDELIGHT CAROL SERVICE**



Sunday 19th 10.30am Family Service

Tuesday 21st 7pm Annual Service for Remembering our Loved Ones



Christmas Eve Friday 24th 11pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day Saturday 25th
8am and 12 noon Holy Communion 1 with carols
10.30am All Age Service



St Stephen's Day Sunday 26th
8am, 10.30am and 12 noon Holy Communion 2

JANUARY DIARY

Sunday 2nd 10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 9th 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 16th 10.30am All Age Service

Sunday 23rd 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 30th 10.30am Holy Communion



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JOIN US FOR CAROLS, CANDLES, MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY DEC 12TH AT 8PM

AT THE PARISH CHURCH
MAIN ST RATHFARNHAM

Rathfarnham Parish CHURCH OF IRELAND

THE JINGLE BELL DIP IS BACK - DECEMBER 18TH!

SEE FLYER INSIDE

Jingle Bell Dip

Beavers

The Beaver section has been busy since commencing in September. Our beaver section is boys from 1st to 3rd class.

We have welcomed 12 new beavers to our section and our numbers are now at 35 boys. We have continued our outdoor programme due to covid capacity restrictions in the War Memorial Hall. While reliant on good weather this has been really positive requiring us develop new activities and to enjoy the positives of the great outdoors. Rain and shine! Highlights have included our Bushy Park Scavenger Hunt, shelter building in Cruagh, games nights in Tymon, badgework in Larch Hill, our fancy dress party, and not forgetting smores and songs around the campfire.

We have also welcomed siblings to one of our activities, a night hike at the Hellfire club. We had 15 siblings attend and a group of over 50. It was a great night and we will be planning another activity with siblings in the new year.

Alistair Adair, Beaver Section Leader.



Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes continue at 6.30pm in the Church on Sunday 5th but will be at 6pm on Sunday 12th December to accommodate the Candlelight Carol Service.

Classes will recommence after the festive season on Sunday 16th January at 6.30pm.



Eco congregation: Review of COP26 Meeting

The UN Climate Change Conference COP26 met in Glasgow from October 31st to November 12th, attended by leaders from some 200 countries.

While commitments and promises have been made before and not kept, the reaction by activists to the latest ambitious targets is clearly impatience to see implementation and real action by governments and industry. Never before has there been such a chorus of disapproval of measures that may be merely a greenwash or business as usual.

Hopeful developments have been the agreement on co-operation between the US and China, agreement to reduce methane emissions and to cut coal production. Ireland is among an alliance of countries seeking to end oil and gas production. A pact was announced between banks, investors and insurers to make available €112 trillion to pursue net-zero emissions. Over 100 world leaders pledged to stop and reverse deforestation by 2030.

Ultimately the success of the meeting will depend on political will in the leaders' home countries and fortitude to carry through and finance difficult change. It's now recognized that the technology exists to cut emissions but vested interests are ever present. We all have a part to play in reducing our carbon footprint, but often need to be nudged to do the right thing! **Andrew Shorten**

A Prayer for the Environment

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, founded on the covenant of your love.

DENR in the Philippines <http://www.praying-nature.com>



Church Review and Church of Ireland Gazette

The subscription for the Church Review for 2022 is €40. Please place cash or cheques (made payable to Pam Shorten) in the envelope provided with the December issue and post or drop into myself at 114 Longwood Park, Rathfarnham, phone 4937179/085 7135848 before 31st December, please. If anyone would like to receive or discontinue receiving the magazine from January 2022 contact me before 3rd January. Many thanks, **Pam Shorten**

The subscription for 2022 for the monthly format Gazette magazine remains at €45 and is now due. Please contact **Andrew Shorten** on 4937179 if you would like to take a copy.

Girl Guides

Rathfarnham Girl Guides returned to outdoor meetings in October and are back to the War Memorial Hall in November.

There are 19 members aged 10-14 years including 4 Senior Branch members. We welcomed ten new guides up from Brownies this year. We were very proud to see five members receive the National Guide Award in September. This is the highest award in Guides and it is for four years service on the Journey Programme. The ceremony was held in the Royal Hospital Kilmainham on Saturday 18th September. Parents were invited to attend and there was time to enjoy refreshments afterwards as well as the fabulous grounds.

We invite new volunteer leaders aged 18 and over to join us so please think about volunteering an hour a week to this wonderful youth group.

Please contact **Captain Rachel Howe** or **Assistant Leader Katie Heffelfinger** on email: rathfarnhamgirlguides@gmail.com



Good News Club

We have so enjoyed being outdoors taking a closer look at tree, river and animal life, all extraordinary aspects of God's amazing creation. Weather permitting we plan to continue outdoors as much as possible into 2022!



Select Vestry

The SV continue to meet by zoom and have a full agenda covering lettings, regulations, projects, finances, repairs, charitable giving, safeguarding, fund raising and health and safety. SV members are trustees of the parish. We are currently going through the process of registering with the Charities Regulator as a charity and are grateful to the Diocesan Office staff (**Sylvia Heggie** and **Caroline Cummins**) for their invaluable assistance and advice with this.

Thursday Pop-In

We started Pop-In again in the marquee outside in late Sept. and it was great to be back in spite of restrictions.



The Rathgar Hospice Coffee Morning was our first day back and we lodged €640 to their account which was marvellous. Thank you who helped us to that total. We are also most grateful to the team of helpers who turned out in full to help us. Because of sticking carefully to the guidelines for Covid 19 we now have 2 extras each week. Many thanks all.



We also were delighted to welcome Transition year students from St Columba's College recently who treated us to delicious home bakes! Thank you to their chaplain **Rev Daniel Owen** and the TY co-ordinator for arranging this visit.

On the same day, one of our regulars **Doreen Frost** celebrated her 90th birthday. Congratulations Doreen!



The latest bonus is being back inside The Parish Centre. In spite of spacing the chat is great and we are all catching up with each other!! We have no great plans for the future as yet and we wish our team

of helpers and our customers a Safe, Healthy and Happy Christmas and all the best in 2022. **Heather and Susan**

Wednesday Club

We plan to meet on 26th Jan 2022 at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre assuming it is safe to do so. An update will be issued closer to the date.

For more details, contact **David Whyte 087 7826054**

WEDNESDAY CLUB

Freewill Offering Envelopes

The 2022 envelopes will be ready for collection from the Church Wardens from Sunday, 12th December. We would be really grateful if you could collect yours!!

Anyone wishing to opt in, or leave, the Scheme for 2022, please contact **Beryl Dawson, ph. 4933203**. If you would like your subscriptions for the current year to qualify for the 2021 Tax Rebate scheme, please ensure they are all in by **Sunday, 26th December**. Envelopes can be left into the Parish Office if you are not in a position to attend church. **BD**

Safeguarding Trust

Training continues for new and continuing leaders and panel members. Please see the Church of Ireland safeguarding trust website for updates: <https://safeguarding.ireland.anglican.org/>. Please also see our parish website for details of the vetting process. **AG**

Organ Refurbishment Programme

Thank you to everyone who supported the Ghosts of Rathfarnham event and the Book Sale/Coffee Morning held recently. A huge effort was put in particularly by **Gillian, Joan, Birgit, cast members, costume makers, church decorators, bakers, hospitality team, sponsors, and tidy-uppers!**



In light of recent rising numbers and government advice urging us to be responsible, unfortunately this show will **NOT** now go ahead. We commend all the performers who have put so much into their preparations, and we thank parents, grandparents and the wider community for all their support to date. RYP will be back with another show in better times. To show our appreciation for your patience over the past year, we will have a draw for a hamper, based on your ticket numbers, on December 11th.

Please contact gillperdue@gmail.com if you would like to arrange a refund for tickets purchased (please include your ticket number(s), amount of refund and bank details/address for returns).



Rathfarnham Parish NS

Amber Flag: This year we are working towards an Amber Flag. This is an initiative of Pieta House to promote positive mental health and ties in with our new school self evaluation focus which is on Wellbeing and SPHE. Thank you to **Ms. Storey** and **Ms. Farrell** for leading this.

Sensory Space: We now have a lovely sensory space just off the school hall and known affectionately by some as 'The Bubble Room'! This space is invaluable for anyone who needs a place of calm to help find some equilibrium, something we can all do with. A huge thank you to **Martina Nolan Jones** who fund-raised towards the cost of the space. Thanks also to **Mrs. Debbie Murphy** who organised the installation. It's such a welcome addition to the school building.

Parent Teacher Meetings will take place either online or via telephone this year, depending on teacher preference. The meetings will take place on **24th, 25th and 26th November** in the afternoon. **School will end early for pupils on Friday 26th at 1 p.m.** Each meeting will last for 10 minutes per pupil and bookings can be made online through **Aladdin Connect**. 5th and 6th class children should attend the meeting with their parents as usual. **Mrs. Perdue.**



From The Registers

Baptisms

On Sunday 24th October Huey Tennison Frank Ellis was baptised at the 10.30am Holy Communion service. Huey's parents are **Jonathan and Andreyra**, his Godparents are **Zoe and Kealan**.



Also baptised on the 24th October at the 12 noon Holy Communion service was **Elliot John Joseph Claxton**. Elliot's parents are **Graham and Aoife**, Godparents **Louise and Thomas**.



On Sunday 14th November Emilia Catherine Slake-Fitzpatrick was baptised at the 12 noon Holy Communion service. Emilia's parents are **Jonathan and Michelle**; Godparents are **Sean, Ayano and Catherine**. May these little ones grow in faith all the days of their life.



Funerals

We extend our sympathy to the families of **Thomas William (Billy) Saville** and **Nicola McConnell** in their huge loss. Billy's funeral was held in the Victorian Chapel Mt Jerome on Friday 22nd October. To his wife **Pamela**, sons **David, Derek and Barry** and all the family we pray God's gentle presence surrounding them at this time of sadness in their lives.

Nicola's funeral was held in Rathfarnham Parish Church and conducted by Nicola's cousin **Rev. Arthur Barret** on Saturday 23rd October. We uphold Nicola's husband **David**, son **Christopher** and daughter **Kate** and all the family in our prayers in the acuteness of their loss.

Rathfarnham Confirmation 2021

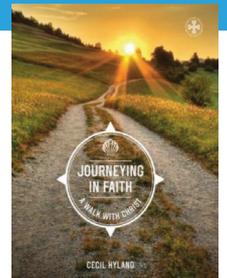


Christchurch Cathedral, November 9th

Library

From *Journeying in Faith, a Walk with Christ* by Revd. Cecil Hyland.

Strength for the Journey: Prayer is about being open to God. Just as a water lily gradually unfurls its petals to the sunshine, so we open ourselves to God. Much of our prayer will not involve words at all. We are simply setting aside time to become aware of God's presence with us, quietly reflecting on his love for us and for his creation. J.F.



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