



News for You

May 2023

Dear Parishioners

We look forward to registering the parish with the Charities Regulator soon.

Interestingly we fit into the non-profit sector and in one sense this is right since we are a charity. But spiritually look at how much we profit individually and as a congregation from Christ's death and resurrection; from God's gift of creation; from Holy Spirit hope and power. And the profits keep mounting! Hallelujah!

Adrienne

Parish Diary for May

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

Rathfarnham Parish Choir Rathfarnham School Choir

present a

MAY MAGNIFICAT

An evening of choral music, classical and modern, featuring much-loved works by Bach, Collins, Gilpin, Harper, Lole, Rutter and more

Featuring the **WORLD PREMIERE PERFORMANCE** of **MAGNIFICAT** by Peter Whyte

Sunday May 7th at 7pm

Rathfarnham Parish Church of Ireland

Refreshments in the Parish Centre following the performance, courtesy of the Organ Refurbishment Fund and the Choir.
RETIRING COLLECTION IN AID OF THE ORGAN REFRUBISHMENT FUND

Sunday 7th

10.30am The 5th Sunday of Easter Morning Prayer

7pm May Magnificat Concert in the Church



Sunday 14th

10.30am The 6th Sunday of Easter Holy Communion
Sunday Club in the Parish Centre



Saturday 20th

10.30am - 3pm THE PARISH FÊTE 2023 at The High School, Rathgar

Rathfarnham Parish

FÊTE

SATURDAY MAY 20TH

The Fête Committee with stallholders, wardens and a host of parishioners welcome you to our Fête in the High School Rathgar (kindly loaned) on Saturday 20th May from 10.30am - 3pm.

Collection in aid of Focus Ireland at the gate.

Sunday 21st

10.30am Sunday after Ascension Family Morning Service

Sunday 28th

10.30am Pentecost Holy Communion
Sunday Club in the Parish Centre



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Parish News Round-up

Sunday Club

We've had an action packed April in Sunday Club. We launched our Bible Buddies initiative, whereby children adopted a special teddy, named it, and promised to care for it (see Board for Ministry with Children and Families website for more info on this). A big part of this care requires children to 'feed' their new pal by reading stories from the bible to them. And of course taking them with them on their many adventures. The Easter story is the first bible story Buddies will hear, and we will add to this over time. So we look forward to lots of photos and tales of all they've been getting up to over the next few months.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all those that helped make our Good Friday for Families so successful and special. We started with an Easter trail in church, then the Easter story told in 'Out of the Box' style by **Lynn Storey** - both kids and adults were completely absorbed, you could have heard a pin drop! Then into the Parish Centre for loads of Easter themed activities, followed by a delicious cuppa and hot cross buns thanks to **Heather** and **Susan**. A lovely poignant, reflective start to Easter weekend for all involved.

Dates for May:

Sunday 14th: Sunday Club in the Parish Centre, 10.30am.

Sunday 28th: Sunday Club in the Parish Centre at 10.30am. 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, 087 6383844

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Toddlerzone

All tots and carers welcome - fun guaranteed! Toddlerzone is on most **Tuesday mornings** in the Parish Centre from 10-11.15am.

Dates for May: Tuesday 9th, 23rd and 30th.

If you would like to join us, please contact **Lynn (087 6957061)** or **Linda (087 6383844)**

Lynn, Linda, Helen and Susan



Wednesday Club

Our May meeting will be held, as usual on the last Wednesday of the month, 31st May.

This will be a **SUMMER OUTING** to **Johnstown Castle, Co. Wexford**. A coach will leave from Rathfarnham Castle Carpark at 10am. We intend to return by approximately 5pm. Seats are available. Approximate cost, including Castle Tour: €35. Everyone is welcome to join us.

David Whyte 087 7826054.

WEDNESDAY CLUB

Pop-In

Pop-In is back after a short Easter break.

We look forward to seeing you in the Parish Centre on Thursday mornings at 11am for tea/coffee, treats and chat.

We are also gearing up for the annual **Alzheimer's Tea Day on Thursday May 4th** - we'd love you to join us for this important fundraiser for a very worthy cause. **Susan, Heather and the team.**



Flower Festival Outing to Malahide

There will be a Parish outing to a Flower Festival at St. Andrew's Church, Malahide on Friday 9th June.

Some parishioners are intending to travel to this by coach. If you would like to join us, please contact **David Whyte**, 087 7826054. Details of the cost (which depends on numbers!) later. The plan is to leave Rathfarnham at 10am, visit St. Andrew's Church, have lunch in Malahide and return to Rathfarnham by about 5pm. Everyone is welcome!



A Flower Festival
to mark the Bicentenary of
St. Andrew's Church Malahide, Co. Dublin.
June 9th–11th 2023

The Good News in Flowers
Directed by Christopher White,
Chelsea Flower Show Gold Medal Winner and
Chairperson of the Irish Dahlia Society

Why not spend the day in scenic
Malahide and visit the many amenities on
offer in this part of north County Dublin



United Parishes of
Malahide, Portmarnock
and St Doulagh's

Commissioning of Confirmation Candidates

On Palm Sunday (2nd April) 11 of our confirmation candidates were presented with their certificates of confirmation and a New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs gifted by Gideons.

Lighting their baptism candles they were reminded of their commissioning to 'Shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.' Assisting with the commissioning were **Linda** who had nurtured the faith of many of the candidates through Toddlerzone and Sunday Club and **Rev Martin** who during his term with us during Covid had joined in with the Zoom Good News Club sessions. In the picture are **Jake, Cal-lum, Aisling, Robert, Lainey, Eoin, Eloise, Charles, Anna, Carla** and **David**. Please continue to encourage all 16 of our candidates in the faith and uphold them in your prayers.



Rathfarnham Parish



ARRANGEMENTS FOR FÊTE WEEK

The **Parish Centre** will be open from
Monday 15th to Thursday 18th
between 7 and 9pm

for donations of all kinds of different items for our stalls - you would be amazed what we can sell!

PLEASE NOTE: The War Memorial Hall on Rathfarnham Road, **IS NOT** a collection point this year.

Here is our Reminder List of items:

Deli - groceries, jams, sweets, marmalade, chutney, etc.

Cakes - buns, scones, biscuits, wheaten bread, tray bakes, etc.

Gifts - recycle those unwanted presents, crafts, perfumes, soaps, gifts, etc.

Toys - games, jigsaws, dolls, toys.

Bric-a-Brac - most things provided they are portable.

UNFORTUNATELY THERE ARE DONATIONS WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT :

No electrical, no luggage or sports bags, no CDs or DVDs and no large items of furniture, couches etc.

Clothes - new and used clothing of all types.

Accessories - jewellery, scarves, handbags, boas, ties, etc.

Garden - plants (outdoor and indoor), garden tools, decorative plant containers.

Books - spring clean that bookshelf!

Bottle Stall - wine, spirits, beer, shampoo, ketchup, soft drinks, condiments, etc - all bottles and cans as long as they are unopened.

Raffle Tickets - these are available now with News For You and in Church. Please return tickets with money - draw will take place at the Fête.

We are still looking for volunteers to help on various stalls, entrance gate and parking on Saturday May 20th.

If you can help or wish to consider volunteering please contact rathfarnhamparish@gmail.com or telephone/text Ross Shorten on 087 225 3805.

Here's to another successful Rathfarnham Parish Fête!

From The Registers

Funerals

We continue to offer our prayerful support and sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Ruby Sullivan** who died on Saturday 1st April. Ruby is survived by her daughters **Gillian** and **Janice**, son **Clifford**, in-laws **David, Irwin** and **Joan** and her grandchildren. On Wednesday 5th April at 11am a Service of Thanksgiving for Ruby was held in Rathfarnham Parish Church followed by interment in Deansgrange Cemetery.

Baptism

Emma Andrea Wynne Collins, daughter of **Kerrie** and **Robert** was baptised on Sunday 16th April at the 12 noon service. Emma's Godparents are **Ross Wynne** and **Barbara Collins**. We pray Emma and her family know great joy as they grow in the knowledge of God's love for them all.



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Easter Vestry 2023

Nominations and Elections

The only change among Church and Glebe wardens (who are automatically members of the select vestry) is a new **People's Church Warden - Andrew Shorten**, who replaces **John Deacon**. John has served so diligently for 4 years, including during the extremes of Covid 19 vigilance and restrictions. We are very grateful to John for his commitment and sterling service.

Also resigning from the vestry after many years and huge contribution to the workings of the parish are **Gordon Wright, David Howe** and **David Deane**. We are very much

indebted to each one for their very valued inputs to discussions and decisions.

Elected Vestry members are: **Ross Shorten, Valerie Henderson, David Johnston, Joan Forsdyke, Gillian Perdue, Jonathan Mills (Hon Treas), Leslie Deacon (Hon Sec), Philip Middleton**, with the vestry authorized to co-opt other members going forward.

Many thanks also to **Heather, Susan** and the **Pop-In Team** for providing refreshments.



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