

News for You

April 2024

Rathfarnham Parish
CHURCH OF IRELAND

Dear Readers

The recent citizenship ceremony in the National Concert Hall was very heart warming as 1,000 new Irish citizens were presented with their 'papers.' People from every nation were there, promising allegiance to the values we hold dear and being assured that they belong here. The joy expressed by many interviewed was profound. Easter reminds us we too have been conferred with the citizenship of heaven! - what an indescribable joy to know this certainly and grace. "Hallelujah, what a saviour."



Adrienne



Audio Visual Upgrade

At the 10.30am service we have transitioned from the projector to the monitor!

Thank you to **Nikki K**, whose workplace donated this equipment to us. Thank you also to **Jason** for streamlining the connections and to the rector's Church Warden **George** for creating a versatile plinth for the church monitor. We can see everything so clearly now and the **Stream Team** of **Gerry, Joan, Dave** and **Josh** (who broadcast our live services to you at home) report that it looks great on camera!



Parish Diary for April

The 10.30am in-person Sunday service is also live-streamed and is available on the Parish YouTube channel after 24 hours at www.youtube.com/channel/UCso-NPjtC4skX-mlKICJ-jA. **You Tube**

Each Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion 2 service in the Millennium Side Chapel

Sunday 7th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 14th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Holy Communion 2
Sunday Club in the Parish Centre



Sunday 21st 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Worshipping God Together followed by tea & coffee.



Sunday 28th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Holy Communion 2
Sunday Club in the Parish Centre



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Rathfarnham Parish FÊTE 24

SATURDAY MAY 18TH

THE COMING OF MAY MEANS THAT IT'S FÊTE TIME AGAIN.

We are really grateful to all those volunteers who help year in and year out at the annual Parish Fête, our biggest social event of the year and our main fundraiser.

However, with volunteers retiring, more people from the Parish are needed to help out with the Fête to ensure its continued success.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

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

Good News Club

We have been following Jesus' life from boyhood to adulthood.

With themes such as 'Jesus the apprentice carpenter' 'Jesus the stone mason', 'Jesus the teacher,' 'The many jobs Jesus had', 'Children quiz the Master's Mind' 'Jesus the Godparent.'

For 3rd to 6th class pupils we meet every **Tuesday 6.45-7.45pm in the Parish Centre**. More information from Corinna or the rector. AG



Pop-In

We are delighted that this continues to be a very popular hour on Thursday after the service where many current and historical happenings are discussed over a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits - or even cake if it happens to be a birthday!

Anyone is welcome to call in for a cuppa and a chat from 11am til 12-ish. Thank you to the rota of helpers who assist Heather and Susan.



GNC apprentice carpenters!
'I am the door (to life)' Jesus said.

Toddlerzone

We are looking forward to an action-packed April in Toddlerzone!

So if you're up for a bit of messy, sensory fun with your little one, and a chat with the gang, pop in and try us out. We plan to be there most **Tuesdays during school term from 10- 11.15am**. Just drop either Lynn or Linda a line to let us know you're coming.

A huge thank you to you all for your generosity towards the **Gaza Al Ahli Hospital Appeal**, which raised **€173** at our March 5th Toddlerzone - this will be added to the parish donations, and will make a huge difference to the planned work in the hospital in Gaza. The Diocese is hoping to raise enough money to restore some of the damage caused to the hospital by war. This will include new solar panels, restoring the cancer unit, and creating a much-needed new Trauma Centre for children. Thanks again.

The Toddlerzone team, Lynn 087 6957061, Linda 087 6383844, Susan & Helen.



3rd Sunday Tea & Coffee Rota

Thank you to the Scouts for providing the after-church refreshments on Mothering Sunday and to the Good News Club and Sunday Club members for creating the chocolate treat for mums.

April refreshments will be provided by members of the **Darts Group** - everyone is welcome to join us in the Parish Centre after the 10.30am service for tea, coffee, juices and treats. We'd love to see you there.

Wednesday Club

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 24th April, at 2.30 pm** in our Parish Centre.

Our speaker will be **John Deane-O'Keeffe**, Criminologist. His topic will be, **Bad Men in Good Jobs: The Psychopaths Among Us**. The usual tea, coffee, bakes and chat afterwards! Looking forward to seeing our regular and new attenders - everyone is welcome! Our May meeting will be an Outing, destination TBC.

David Whyte 087 782 6054.

WEDNESDAY CLUB

Flower Rota

Did you know there are **16 members on the Church flowers rota**, managed by June and Carol, with other parishioners coming on board for the big occasions?

Thank you to everyone who offers their creative skills enhancing the church weekly. No experience? No problem! So don't be daunted! If you would like to join the rota, let us know by dropping an email to the parish office. AG



The Annual Easter Vestry

The Annual Easter Vestry will take place in the Parish Centre after the 10.30am service on **Sunday 14th April**.

There will be **no 12 noon Holy Communion service that day**. With the addition of new members to the register of vestrypersons, we look forward to welcoming new faces and ideas onto vestry at the elections. AG

Lent Study

Our Lent study, Selina Stone's book *Tarry Awhile* has challenged us to examine our perceptions of darkness, silence, movement and Pentecostal expressions of faith.

We also examined black faith identity and matters of justice, belonging, and acceptance of the other. Certainly not a book to be rushed, I expect we will tarry with it and its revelations for the rest of our lives, such are the rich pickings. AG

Toilet Twinning Initiative Flushed with Success! 🥰

On Sundays March 10th and 17th Leo Shorten, a fifth form pupil from the High School, gave a short talk and video presentation on a charity called Toilet Twinning.



Every day, over 700 children under 5 die from diarrhoea linked to unsafe water, sanitation and poor hygiene. TT funds projects in communities that helps families to build their own basic toilet, access clean water and learn about hygiene - a vital combination that saves lives. Thanks to your generosity €790 was raised over the 2 Sundays - enough to twin all the Parish toilets in the Vestry, Parish Centre and the War Memorial Hall.

When the toilets are purchased we will receive certificates showing which toilet is twinned with which, a photograph of our overseas toilet twin and GPS coordinates so we can look up our twin's location on Google Maps! Thank you very much for your kindness. LS



Fête News

We are very grateful to the High School (Incorporating the Diocesan Secondary School for Girls) for granting us use of their premises for our annual fête this year scheduled for 18th May.

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We plan to open the Fête this year at 11am to avoid clashing with parents dropping off children by car for drama classes. The day will conclude at 2.30pm. Taking up the sustainability theme in Fête 2024 we are introducing an Upcycling Stall with even more bargains on offer. We look forward to seeing you on the 18th May and greatly appreciate your support. Fete Committee

Curacy

Interviews for the position of Curate in Rathfarnham will take place on April 15th/16th.

We look forward to welcoming the successful candidate to the Parish later in the year. AG

Parish Picture Gallery

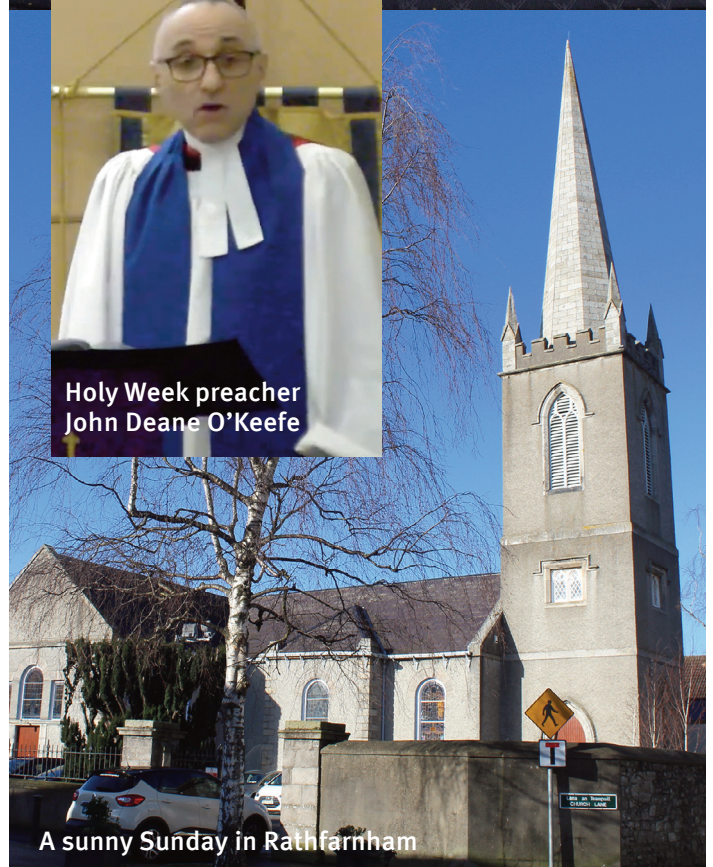
After church coffee on Mothering Sunday, courtesy of Scouts.



Mother's Day Treats



Holy Week preacher
John Deane O'Keefe



A sunny Sunday in Rathfarnham

The Junior Choir



General Meeting of the Rathfarnham & Ballyroan Historical Society



Tuesday 23 April at 6.30pm
Ballyroan Library

All welcome!

Any queries please contact
randbhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Thank You!



Many thanks for all those yummy Easter eggs you donated, which have been distributed in time for little ones and their families to enjoy on Easter Sunday. We will be collecting the Lenten Gaza Appeal boxes now, so if you could return to our church wardens **George** and **Andrew** or **Linda** in the next week or so, that would be really appreciated. We are keen to get all monies to the Diocese so it can be put to good use in Gaza as quickly as possible. **Linda O'Connor 087 6383844**



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Apologies and Addendum

Last month's Stewardship list managed to miss out on some envelope numbers so we are including them here now. The overall total was correct and we apologise for the inadvertent omissions.

41. €373.00	42. €1500.00	43. €261.00
44. €580.00	80. €785.00	81. €265.00
82. €94.10	83. €175.00	125. €247.00
126. €705.00	127. €1300.00	129. €475.00

Once again, thank you all for your generous support for the Parish throughout the year.

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