



Dear Parishioners

As we move into November we remember with gratitude all who have encouraged our faith who are no longer with us but who enjoy the fullness of life for ever more.



Our Good News Club children recently, on a faith walk to our baptism tree in the grounds of Rathfarnham Castle, created an installation on the theme of **'Shine as a Light in the World.'** The accompanying photo gives an idea of the eco-friendly craft with the member's name and date of their baptism. These were then hung on the Baptism tree to illustrate the person of faith growing in faith and benefiting the world even as one mature tree converts 48lbs of CO₂ into oxygen every year! Many parishes are enjoying welcoming many little ones into the family of God through baptism now that restrictions are lifting and gatherings are more possible.

As we celebrate the saints of old may we also nurture the young saints of 2021 taking up the light of truth. And may we all *'Shine as a Light in the World.'*

Canon Adrienne



Bookings are brisk for our Halloween Organ Fund event on Saturday October 30th so please book now to secure your preferred time slot.

You'll be treated to a potted history of Rathfarnham Parish's past featuring **LIVE** characters associated with the Church and its environs, each with a story to tell. Plus - your ticket includes refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards!

All proceeds go to Rathfarnham Parish Organ Refurbishment Fund and we thank you for your continued support for this 3-year fundraising programme.

Tickets cost €10 (adult), €5 (child) and €25 (family), To book, please email: ghostsofrathfarnham@gmail.com

Schedule of Services for November 2021

From 22nd October 2021, restrictions on numbers attending religious services no longer apply, however it would appear that you are asked to continue wearing a mask in the church and to observe social distancing.

The 10.30am service every Sunday will continue to be live-streamed.

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

Sunday 7th 10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 14th 10.30am Holy Communion Remembrance Sunday



Sunday 21st 10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th 10.30am Holy Communion 2

As well as in-person in Church, the 10.30am service will continue to be live-streamed every Sunday and will also be available (after 24 hours) on the Parish YouTube channel at



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

www.rathfarnham.dublin.anglican.org

Congratulations Mrs Phoebe Paxton



We send our warmest congratulations to Mrs Phoebe Paxton who celebrated her 100th birthday recently.

Parish News Round-up

Sunday Club

Harvest was very much the theme in Sunday club this month, both on Zoom and in person. The parish marquee was a great asset when we met for our Outdoor Sunday Club session in mid October.

We met up in the tent, everyone went on a scavenger hunt to Rathfarnham Park to gather items for harvest craft, then back to the tent to get to work making decorations for church at harvest time. Did you notice the colourful spirals spinning from the branches of the yew trees? Or the wind chimes hanging from the marquee? All were made with recycled, natural materials. Afterwards we had some well-earned refreshments, thanks to **Heather** and **Susan**.

At the time of writing, it is unclear whether restrictions will be further eased so we will make plans for November and December once the situation becomes clearer. So keep an eye on the whatsapp group for updates.

If you would like your child to join us in Sunday Club, please get in touch with **Linda O'Connor**: 087 638 3844, linda.f.oconnor@gmail.com



Confirmation

Congratulations to Benjamin Dillon, Grace James, Isobel Johnston, Sarah Lees, Nathan Lennon, Abbie Lin, Rhea Malone, Lara MacWilliam, Jayden McNally, Jason Robinson, Chloe O'Neill, Zoe Sargent, Ury Spain, Kate Smyth and Jack Wynne who will be confirmed in Christ Church Cathedral on **Tuesday 9th November at 7pm**. We look forward to seeing them at church when more people are allowed attend. The confirmation service will be live streamed on the Cathedral website. **It is now time to start classes for the 2022 candidates.** These will commence on Sunday 14th November at 6.30pm in the Church with an opening service for candidates and parents/Godparents and we are looking forward to seeing you. To register for confirmation, please contact the rector for an enrolment form at: adriennegalligan@gmail.com



Garden of Remembrance

You will have noticed a lot of clearing of the shrubbery in the area designated for the Garden of Remembrance. We are still waiting for quotes from builders, hence the delay in ground work. We will keep you updated as work progresses.

Gordon Wright: 087 8341277, **Linda O'Connor**: 087 6383844
Roger White: 086 8170617



Thursday Pop-In

At last we are making progress. We began again by holding Pop-In the marquee on the 23rd Sept in aid of the Harolds Cross Hospice. It was very well supported and we raised **€640** in total. Many thanks to all who all who supported us and to our team of helpers who all turned up to do their bit, bringing lots of homemade goodies. We were able to share our goodies later with Mendicity who were most grateful. Since then we have had 3 sessions of Pop-In back in the Parish Centre (still following recommended guidelines). It is great to be almost 'normal' again! **Heather, Susan and the team**



Church Flower Rota

Haven't the church flowers been amazing of late? We are delighted that the rota is fully operational but there is room for more arrangers if you would like to get involved. The variety and spectrum of colour for the Harvest decorations really celebrated the God of infinite creativity and generosity. We thank also the **Ballyroan Men's Shed** for the wonderful array of fresh vegetables. Generous too were you in your food donations which were enormously appreciated by many recipients. Thank you so much. If you would like to be a part of please send us an email to rathfarnhamparish@gmail.com and we will forward it to **June** and **Carol**.



Rathfarnham Parish NS

With the weather holding up so well it has been marvellous to sit outside for our Friday morning assemblies and celebrate together the student of the week and all the pupils' other achievements. Long may this warm dry spell last!!



Scouts

We have been running safe and enjoyable nights in the War Memorial Hall every Friday.

We are also about to go on our annual **October Bank Holiday Camp** up in Drogheda. Aside from that, we are getting ready for our sale of Christmas Trees. **Eddie Meredith SL**



Toddlerzone

For those who may not have heard Toddlerzone has moved to the outdoors and we launched **Toddlerzone Outdoor Adventures** last week in Rathfarnham Castle Park.

Each week, term time, activities are based on a particular theme with nature crafts, sensory play fun and lots more. Pre booking is essential and spaces for now are limited - that way we can keep everyone safe. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents, grandparents, minders and their little ones from the parish and community. There is no need to commit to every week - we encourage you to make it work for you and a warm welcome awaits you.

If you are interested in joining in on the fun and getting outside on Tuesday morning from 10am-11am please do get in touch with Lynn 087 6957061 or Linda 087 6383844



Wednesday Club

Don't forget we are back meeting on the last Wednesday of the month at 2.30 pm in the Parish Centre.

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



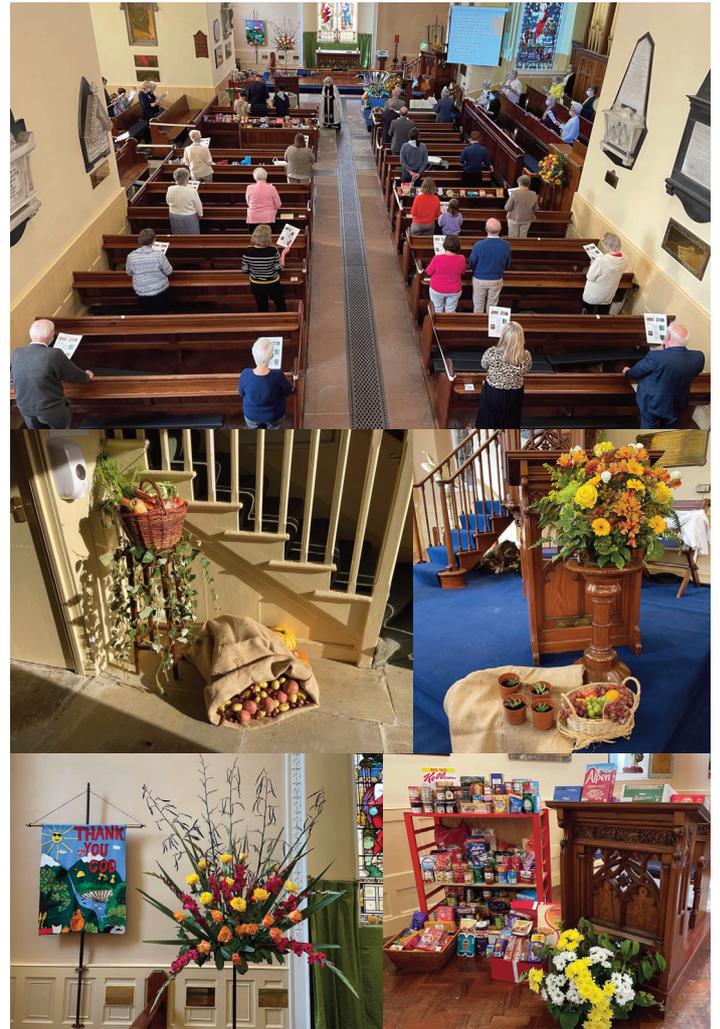
Harvest Thanks

A huge thank you to Sunday Club for the beautiful harvest decorations for our church trees and the marquee, and to everyone who helped us prepare for Harvest Sunday.

Thank you also to everyone who donated non-perishable items for our **Harvest Food Appeal** and ongoing appeals for bikes, clothes, household items, feminine hygiene products and winter wear for people who are homeless.

At the moment we are looking for socks, underwear, toiletries, toothbrushes/paste, wipes, tracksuit bottoms, hoodies etc. for men and women. Non-perishable food items are also always very welcome, please.

Your donations would be most welcome in the Parish Centre on Thursdays at 10.30-11.30am or Sunday morning at service times. **AG/C S-F**



Breakfast Baps

We were delighted to welcome so many of you into the marquee on Sunday October 17th for breakfast baps after the 10.30am service. It's wonderful to see the community getting the opportunity to meet and chat again. Thanks to **Linda O'Connor, Susan Christie, Canon Adrienne** and members of the Thursday Pop-In Coffee catering crew for providing the refreshments.



From The Registers

Funeral

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to **Julie Farrell** on the unexpected death of her husband **J.P.** Please remember Julie and their children **James, Helen, Callum** and **Heidi** in your prayers in their great loss. J.P.'s funeral was on the 11th Oct.

Baptism

Finn Matthew Bowers was welcomed into the family of God on the 17th October. Finn's parents are **Clive** and **Corinna** and his godparents are **Keith** and **Leanne**. May Finn grow in faith as he takes his place in our faith community.



Team Hope Reminder

Team Hope's Annual Shoebox Appeal is getting back to normal this year, and we would love any help you might be able to give us during November with sorting and packing filled shoeboxes ready to distribute to children across Africa and Eastern Europe. If you can help, please call **Linda** on **087 6383844**.



Interested in Volunteering?

Volunteer leaders needed: with our clubs moving outdoors we need, and would love to have, more leaders please for **Toddlerzone, Sunday Club** and **Good News Club**.

If you are interested and can comply with Garda Vetting please let the **Rector** or **Lynn (Toddlerzone)**, **Linda (Sunday Club)** or **Corinna (Good News Club)** know. Contact details for each are available from 01-490 5543 or below.

Contact Details Updating

If you have recently changed your email address, please send a note to rathfarnhamparish@gmail.com. We have noticed that some 'eircom.net' email addresses are bounced back to us and we have no way of keeping you updated with parish news by email as a result. Thanks, **Andrew, Parish Secretary**.

RATHFARNHAM YOUTH PERFORMERS ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT A

Winter Variety Show

FOR 2 PERFORMANCES ONLY (2.30PM MATINEE AND 7.30PM EVENING PERFORMANCE)

ON SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER IN THE HIGH SCHOOL, RATHGAR, D6

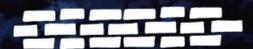
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