



### Dear Parishioners

**To call what is happening in the Ukraine 'spiritual warfare' is not extreme language: evil has been unleashed.**

One global prayer call has designated 8pm daily as Ireland's time to pray for the people of the Ukraine. We can do that. In fact, we must.

What is happening is lamentable. The injustice and barbarity goes deep into our spirits and deserves a passionate expression of our grief and sorrow in prayer as well as in words of condemnation. Lament is an expression of 'love your neighbour.' May Easter bring not alone the Joy of the Resurrection but the Release of Peace.

*Canon Adrienne*



## RATHFARNHAM PARISH FÊTE 2022 SATURDAY MAY 21ST

**Plans for the return of the Parish Fête are under way and we continue to ask for volunteers to help out on the day.** The more volunteers we have, the less time individuals will have to spend on a stall. Stallholders will be contacting people over the coming weeks to ask for your help or you can contact **Ross Shorten** (who is also Rector's Church Warden) at the 10.30am and 12 noon services on Sundays, or any committee member or stallholder for more information about what's involved.

The Fête has always been a great family day out and is also our major annual Parish fundraiser. Having been unable to run it for the past 2 years has not only been a major financial blow but also a huge loss to the fabric of Parish life in Rathfarnham - a day where people from all sections of the local community can come together and interact. We are, as ever, grateful to The High School for accommodating us. **Ross: 087 225 3805, shortenross1@gmail.com**

### Parish Diary for April

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](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCso-NPjtC4skX-mIKICJ-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**

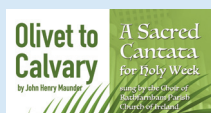
#### Sunday 3rd

**10.30am Morning Prayer** followed by the **Annual Easter Vestry** (no 12 noon service)

#### Sunday 10th

**10.30am Palm Sunday** Holy Communion  
**2pm 'Wander & Wonder'** family outdoor service

**7pm Olivet to Calvary**  
A cantata for Holy Week by JH Maunder, sung by Rathfarnham Parish Choir. Also live-streamed on our YouTube channel.



#### HOLY WEEK

**Monday 10th to Thursday 14th**  
**7.30pm service each evening**

#### Friday 15th

##### Good Friday

**10am Focus for Children and Families** in the Parish Centre  
**12noon - 3pm Reflections** in church



#### Sunday 17th

##### Easter Day

**10.30am Holy Communion**

#### Sunday 24th

**10.30am Morning Prayer**

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## Parish News Round-up

### Sunday Club

In March our focus in Sunday Club was very much on bees as we launched our own slant on the Bishops Appeal Connect 4 Creation project.



Everyone by now will have been offered a hexagon shaped tube of **Smarties**, and once empty of its contents, they can pop any spare Euro coins, which fit perfectly, into the tube. By the end of Lent, hopefully we will have raised enough money to help fund some beehives in Zimbabwe.

At our Outdoor service, we **Wandered and Wondered about bees** as we followed the **Muddy Church trail** around **Rathfarnham Castle Park**. Thanks to Jacqueline and Ann-Marie, we were even able to sing and dance along the way! For Irish bees, families planted sunflower seeds to look after at home, and hopefully create a bee-happy place in their own gardens.

Sunday Club families were delighted to receive a **GodVenture 'Countdown to Easter'** calendar in their Zoom pack. This is a beautiful resource to help families focus on Lent together on a daily basis, and we are very grateful to **Lynn Storey** and the **Children's Ministry Network** for organising delivery and distribution of them for us.

We hope to do our annual Easter egg collection - details to follow so keep an eye out on WhatsApp groups and parish emails. **Linda and leaders**



### Good News Club

3rd and 4th class received their 'Countdown to Easter' God Venture activity pack and are also helping with the Bishops' Appeal Connect 4 Creation Bee Smarties appeal. **Corinna**



### Confirmation 2022

Our Confirmation preparation classes have concluded and we are looking forward to the service on Sunday May 22nd at 3.30pm in Christ Church Cathedral.



Please remember in your prayers *Daniel Bourke, Heidi Cole, Rachel Cole, Ethan Dodd, Leo Dodd, Esmé Fowler, Lauren Glover, Gethin Kelleher, Emily Kyle, Matthew Lew, Robert O'Brien, Charlotte O'Connor, Abigail Phelan, Lucy Phelan, Chloe Pratt, Paddy Scannel, Kevin Smith, Joshua Stewart, Karac Tipping, Ali Whelan.*

Confirmation candidates are also supporting the Bishops' Appeal **Connect 4 Creation Bee Hive Smarties** appeal. **AG**

### Wednesday Club

Our next meeting will be held, as usual, on the last Wednesday of the month, 30th April, 2.30 pm in the Parish Centre.

**Ben Harden**, a well-known Beekeeper and regular speaker on the topic, will talk about interesting aspects of Bees and Honey and answer some questions. Tea/coffee, bakes and chat afterwards! Looking forward to seeing our regular attenders. Everyone is welcome to attend. **David Whyte, 087 7826054**

**WEDNESDAY CLUB**



## Organ Refurbishment Project

We were delighted with the news on 7th March that the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage had approved a grant towards the refurbishment of the parish organ.

A grant of **€15,000** from the Built Heritage Investment Scheme, as recommended by SDCC, has taken the fund total to date to **€53,000**, over 40% of the way to our €125,000 total only 7 months after our launch. Congratulations to the Organ Refurbishment Committee members on a successful grant application. Thank you also to **Colm Brophy, Fine Gael TD for Dublin South-West and Minister for Overseas Development Aid & Diaspora** for visiting us and announcing the good news, accompanied by parishioner and former councillor **Paula Donovan. AG**



## Douglas Gillis 1929 - 2021

On 6th March **Douglas Gillis** was very fondly remembered by parishioners and the school community with the unveiling of a plaque to commemorate his unstinting service and skilled craftsmanship over many years. We are indeed grateful to God for his dedicated service to the school and parish.



## Pop-In

Pop-In are back in business in the Parish Centre every **Thursday from 11am-12 noon**. Observing safe practice, we welcome you to come for a catch up chat, tea, coffee and biscuits. **Heather, Susan and crew**



## Volunteer Drivers Needed

**Meals on Wheels Whitechurch** are seeking volunteer drivers to deliver on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Commitment would be once a week or once a fortnight for 1 to 1-and-a-half

hours. If you think you could spare the time to help out, please call **Annette on 087 2378281**.

## Rathfarnham Parish National School

**Unfortunately Jenny Garvey has resigned as school secretary for personal reasons.** We'll miss Jenny and wish her well.



Our new school secretary is **Nikki Squire**, who will be known to many as she is a past pupil and a past parent of RPNS! Nikki knows the school well and has settled in really quickly. Pop in to say hello and welcome her!



## Scavenger Hunt

The PTA has organised an in-car **Scavenger Hunt** which can be completed in your own time on **Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd April**.

This will be a fun event for all the family and funds raised will go to the PTA. The cost is **€20** per car and there will be great prizes!





## From The Registers

### Wedding

Congratulations to **Robert Reid** (Rathfarnham Parish) and **Ruth Keane** (Castleknock Parish) who were married in St Brigid's Parish Church Castleknock on 11th March 2022. May the joy of The Acclamations they are reading be their lived joy in their married life together. **AG**



## Olivet to Calvary

by John Henry Maunder

## A Sacred Cantata for Holy Week

sung by the Choir of Rathfarnham Parish Church of Ireland

**Sunday  
April 10  
7pm** Rathfarnham Parish Church



The Cantata will last approximately 1 hour.

You are invited to join us for refreshments afterwards in the adjoining Parish Centre.

Admission is free.

There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Organ Refurbishment Project.

We gently ask that you wear a mask in the church in respect of vulnerable members.

The event will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

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## Parish Centre Spring Clean

**Many thanks to those who came to the Parish Centre on Saturday March 12th to help with the Spring Clean.**

We made a great start and achieved a good deal but we feel that another few hours would make a proper job of it. We hope to arrange another cleaning date soon.



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