



News for You

February 2026

Dear Parishioners

I wonder is this a random detail or a cathartic hour in John the Gospel writer's life when he records *'It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.'* (John 1 v 39b).

Is this the hour when eternity opened up before him with the revelation of who this man Jesus was to him. Was his concept of a lifetime blown apart as he realized his lifetime could no longer be confined to an earthly timeframe but rather that in this Lamb of God it became an eternal loving relationship. *'Come and see'* Jesus invited Andrew and the unnamed beloved disciple, probably John the evangelist himself, and they saw the world and life from His perspective and were totally bowled over.

To glimpse eternity and grasp it in that moment is life changing and gives shape and purpose to our being. Jesus has time for you and has your time safely and securely in his hands. Thanks be to God.

Adrienne



Please join us for a Social Evening of delicious pizza and nibbles as we plan to review the arrangements for the Parish Fête which will be held on Saturday 16th May at The High School, Rathgar (kindly loaned).

Last year was a huge success achieving approx. €30,000 for Parish funds. So much thanks is due to our volunteers who gave so generously of their time, and we look forward to an equally brilliant Rathfarnham Parish Fête this year - it's always a great day for the Parish and the wider community.

As he steps back this year, we heartily thank **Ross Shorten** for his legendary efforts over many years organising the Fête. We are truly grateful to him for everything he has done.

If you are interested in helping out on the day in anyway, or can help with the setup or cleanups, please let **Morgan Bardon** (085 272 8875) know. All help is appreciated to ensure a smooth running on the day. Meantime, we look forward to seeing volunteers, stallholders and new faces on the 26th Feb. **The Fête Committee**

Parish Diary for February

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-mKICJ-jA. 

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

Each Sunday 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1

Sunday 1st



St Brigid's Day

8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Holy Communion
NO Confirmation Class

Sunday 8th




8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Worshipping God Together
6.30pm Confirmation Class 

Sunday 15th

8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Transfiguration Sunday
NO Confirmation Class

Wednesday 18th

Ash Wednesday

7.30pm Service for Ash Wednesday 

Sunday 22nd



8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am First Sunday of Lent
6.30pm Confirmation Class

Confirmation 2026

The confirmation date has been decided - Sunday 22nd March, and the service will take place in Zion Parish Church at 10.30am.

Rathfarnham will join with Zion and St Mary's Crumlin parishes. Please note - there will be **NO confirmation classes on Sunday February 1st or Sunday February 15th.**

Lent 'Scriptures in Art' Series

The Lent 'Scriptures in Art' series will begin on Tuesday 24th Feb at 8.15pm in the Millennium Side Chapel.

We will look at and discuss 3 art works about *The Temptation of Christ*. The series will continue on Tuesdays 3rd, 10th and 24th March with further works of art exploring subsequent events in Christ's life leading up to Holy Week.

Please join us if you can.



31st Rathfarnham Cubs

The Dodder Scout County Cub Quiz was hosted by 31st Rathfarnham Scout Group on the afternoon of Sunday 25th January in the Parish Centre.

It was a great success with almost 60 boys and girls taking part together with their leaders. There were also games, pizza and prizes presented by **Dervilla McCann, Dodder County Commissioner**. Selfies were taken by cubs of themselves in front of the Church doors!

Dodder Scout County is part of the Dublin Province and is home to 31st Rathfarnham and 7 other scout groups based along the Dodder to include Dartry, Donnybrook, Leeson Park, Rathgar, and 1st Port Ringsend.

31st Rathfarnham is the largest Scout Troop in Dodder County with 140 members, including leaders, across 4 sections: Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Ventures, and is the largest boys youth group in Rathfarnham.

This was the first time the Cub Quiz was held in the Parish Centre, which everybody complimented and said we were lucky to have 2 really great 'Dens' (including the War Memorial Hall) and that they look forward to returning next year!

Thanks to all our own Cub Leaders who put in such a big effort to make the afternoon such a huge success and, as always, to the Parish for the use of the premises.

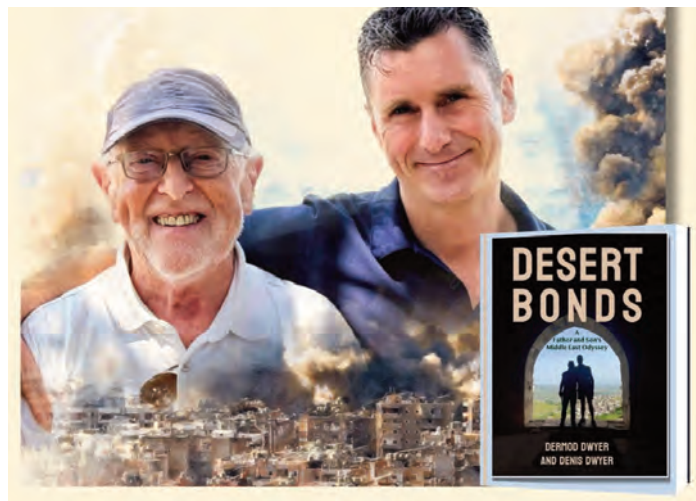
Yours in Scouting, Dermot Farrell, 31st Rathfarnham Scout Group Leader.



Wednesday Club

Wednesday Club in February will meet on 25th February, at 2.30 pm, in our Parish Centre. Our speakers will be **Dermot and Denis Dwyer** (father and son) who will show their film and discuss their book *Desert Bonds* on their recent travels and friends who they met in The Levant.

This will be followed by the usual Tea, Home bakes and Chat! We are looking forward to seeing all our usual attendees. Any Parishioner or friend would be very welcome to join us. **David Whyte, 087 782 6054**



Sunday Club

Dates for your Diary: Sunday Club in the Parish Centre during the 10.30am service

Sunday February 15th

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Toddlerzone

Tuesday mornings in the Parish Centre, 10-11.15am.

Toddlerzone has now reached full capacity so if you would like to join us for some sensory play, story and sing-along, please get in touch in advance.

We meet most Tuesday mornings during school term.

We welcome babies and toddlers with their mums, dads, grannies, grandads and minders, to name just a few, and would love to see you.

February Dates: 3rd, 10th and 24th.

NO Toddlerzone on Tuesday 17th February.

Linda 087 6383844



Rathfarnham Parish Badminton Club

We are halfway through the 2025/26 badminton season.



With 4 mixed and 1 ladies team entered into the Dublin and District Leagues and Cups it's all go for club secretary **David**, along with plenty of social matches to arrange too. I'm delighted to say that Ladies 1, reached the final of the Div 6 Cup held in Whitehall Road last weekend but were runners up on this occasion. A great achievement to get there, it went down to the last game - well done **Lynn, Helen, Sarah and Noreen**. The club is back up to maximum levels in membership and plays in Ballinteer Community School on a Monday, 'The Dome' in Our Lady's School on Wednesdays and the old faithful beautiful court in the War Memorial Hall on a Thursday for matches. Check us out on facebook or www.rathfarnhamhampbc.weebly.com **Lynn**



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**Saturday 7th
Feb, 2 - 4.30pm**

Rathfarnham Parish Church
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**Fee: €15
Open to all**



A Workshop for Musicians

Dear Friends, we warmly invite you to an uplifting afternoon of singing and worship at our **Sing the Eucharist** workshop and service.

Intended primarily for **Choir Directors** and **Organists** of Parish Church Choirs, the workshop will focus on liturgical texts and use music to be found in **Church Hymnal** and **Thanks & Praise**.

Participants will be introduced to music, much of it in unison, suitable for small groups of singers. The workshop is open to all interested and will be followed by a **Celebration of the Eucharist**, using material introduced earlier.

The workshop is organised by Church Music Dublin - we'd love to see you there!

For further information contact info@churchmusicdublin.ie

www.churchmusicdublin.ie

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Pop-In

Pop-In continues on Thursday mornings in the Parish Centre, immediately after the 10.30am service. Tea/coffee and biscuits are available from 11 -12am for anyone who just wants to drop in for a chat.



Adding another string to our bow, we are delighted to introduce the **Pop-In Book Club!**

The first Pop-In Book Club will take place on **Thursday March 5th at 11am** and we will be discussing Kristin Hannah's *Night Road* so you have plenty of time to read the book in advance.

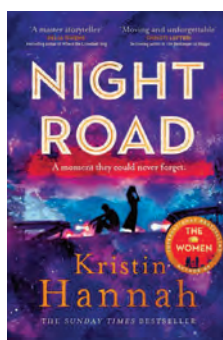
Kristin Hannah is a best-selling American writer and *Night Road* is her 19th book, published in March 2011.

It centres on the friendship of Lexi and Mia and the consequences of one terrible night in their graduation year which changes a group of young people's lives forever.

Pop-In Book Club is open to all and we'd be delighted to see you for tea, coffee, biscuits and a chat about *Night Road*. Happy reading!

"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install a lovely bookshelf on the wall."

Roald Dahl, British novelist, short-story writer, poet, screenwriter.



ORGAN RECITAL



Join us to celebrate **International Women's Day**
ON SUNDAY 8th MARCH AT 4pm

with an organ recital presented by
Rathfarnham Parish Church, Main Street, Rathfarnham.

The very accomplished and established organists,
PATRICE KEEGAN and **CAROLE O'CONNOR**,
will play works appropriate to the occasion.

Tickets €15 / €10 concessions to include refreshments afterwards.



International Women's Day

Patrice Keegan began her studies with Una Russell at the DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama, graduating with first-class honours in 2006. She completed a masters degree in 2009, and a doctoral degree in 2021. Patrice teaches both piano and organ, and is the accompanist for Diva Voces and Sing Out choirs. She is resident organist and choir director in Holy Cross Church, Dundrum.

Carole O'Connor is a first-class honours graduate of DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama, and UCD, where she respectively completed performance and master's degrees. She furthered her organ studies at the Royal Irish Academy of Music and was awarded a PhD by DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama. Carole is the accompanist for NCH Cór na nÓg, and organist and choir director of the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Whitefriar Street, Dublin.

The programme:

Adolf Friedrich Hesse (1809–1863) - Fantasia in D minor, Op.87

Amy Beach (1867–1944) - Prelude on an Old Folk Tune

Cécile Chaminade (1857–1944) - La nef sacrée, op.171, no.1 'Offertoire au Christ-roi'

Naji Hakim (b. 1955) - Rhapsody for Organ Duet

I. Allegro molto

II. Andante sostenuto

III. Vivace

IV. Andante tranquillo

V. Maestoso - allegro molto

Charles Callahan (b.1951) - The Emerald Isle

Rachel Laurin (b.1961) - Fantasy and Fugue on the Genevan Psalm 47, Op.62, for organ duet

We look forward to seeing you there!

From the Registers

Baptisms

Two families presented their children for baptism at the 10.30am service on January 24th. the **Collins** and **Fitzharris** families celebrated the baptism of their sons **Caelan Ross Collins** and **Shea Eoin Fitzharris**, who are cousins.

Caelan's parents are **Sarah Griffin** and **Jordan Collins**, Godparents **Monica Collins**, **Niall Fitzharris** and **Niamh Griffin**: Shea Eoin's parents are **Niamh Griffin** and **Niall Fitzharris**, Godparents **Mark Fitzharris**, **Megan Doyle** and **Sarah Griffin**.

At the 12 noon service **Sadhbh** and **Ewan Kant**, the children of **Sam Kant** and **Olwen Murphy** were baptised. Sadhbh and Ewan's Godparents are **Libby England**, **Shane Lynch** and **Emma Heverin**. May God guide parents, Godparents and the little ones as they grow in faith and wonder.



Death

We extend our sincere sympathy to **Alva Pigott** and all her family on the death of her beloved aunt and a long time parishioner of Rathfarnham Parish, **Patsi Hadnett**, who died in Limerick on 23rd Jan 2026 two weeks short of her 99th birthday. Patsi is now *"Alive in Him, her living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine"*.

Parish Library

The **Parish Library** has been moved to the foyer of the Parish Centre. You will find a wide variety of books for children and adults, We hope that your Christian life will be enriched by reading some of the books available there.

The Lord's Prayer, A Beginner's Guide by **Stephen Cottrell** is an insightful and beautifully illustrated introduction to the Lord's Prayer which parents can enjoy with their children. Stephen takes the words of the prayer (line by line) and explains their meaning in simple terms that we can all understand.

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He writes: *Give us this day our daily bread - Jesus fed the hungry he was a friend to everyone. He cared for those who were in need. Each of us needs food each day. But there are lots of other things we need as well, like warmth, shelter, safety, comfort and love. Some people in the world have these things. Others don't. Some people have so much food that they throw it away. Others have virtually nothing. When we say the Lords Prayer, we are asking God that we have what we need each day. We are also asking God to teach us not to want more than our share.*

Details regarding borrowing books are on the wall to the right of the bookstand. JF



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