

OCTOBER 2015

RATHMICHAEL PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parishioners and other friends,

Many of us in Rathmichael remember with deep affection and sense of great loss, onetime rector's church warden and full time character and gentleman **Tom (Binky) Wallace**, who died from leukaemia in January 2006. Gone but not forgotten. His quiet unassuming faith was a firm anchor in those hard, hard times.

Tom's brother **Ian** also sadly left us in February 2012.

Recent strong feelings by the Aran islanders about a proposed helicopter service replacing the Aer Arann planes are explained by journalist **Caomhan Keane** in the Irish Examiner 15th September 2015.

He explains the link between the Aran Islands and Aer Arann and shows why the link is as much about the past and the people as it is about the future. **Pilot Bill Wallace was Binky's and Ian's dad.**

QUOTE from Caomhan Keane's recent article:- "And from its very first flight, on August 15, 1970, it became a flashpoint for community action.

No sooner had Yankee November touched down with her plane full of dignitaries than a black squall descended on the island, cancelling all flights for the rest of the day. Bobby Molloy, a government minister, had to sleep on the ground in a German tourist's bedroom, as all the B&Bs were booked up.

*As the launch party raged, the storm worsened outside and as the first pilots, **Bill Wallace** and **Hayden Lawford**, stumbled out of the pub at around midnight, they realised that the planes were at risk.*

"It was really wild and we had no means of tying the planes down," Hayden told me in 2010, not long before his death. "So Bill, myself, and nine islanders tucked ourselves into the planes and sat in them all night, drinking and talking."

Such community action was regularly required to, quite literally, keep the home fires burning. The runway got emergency landing lights in 1991. Before that, if there was a medical evacuation, islanders would run door to door to create a makeshift runway using tractor lights, torches, and drum fires.

For the first year, Bill and Hayden lived in caravans on the site of the first airstrip (the same one Executive Helicopters now want to use), which was abandoned after one year as it was deemed unsuitable. During a dreadful storm one winter, my grandfather's office, a portable building, was blown out to sea and never seen again.

Bill and Hayden would fly in at all times, in all conditions — once landing on a beach in Inis Meáin to save someone who'd had a heart attack.

Collie, my grandfather, meanwhile, worked at Aer Arann until he died. In fact, as he suffered through the heart attack that eventually killed him, he had to get up off the stretcher to turn on the landing lights so he could be flown off the island.

Aer Arann is his legacy, a living one, which continues to do for the islanders what he tried to do throughout his life — saving lives and bringing about modernity. Together, they reversed the depopulation that threatened to eradicate the islands, leaving second-level education, electricity, and industry in their wake.

Earlier this year, Hayley and Debbi arranged for us to stay in Inis Mor as a family for three nights to celebrate Sonia's significant birthday and our wedding anniversary. The weather locked us indoors for long periods and there we were exposed to septic gossip about this one and that one from complete strangers. None of our business but the toxins flowed anyway. The only safe place to eat apparently would be in some relative's restaurant or hostelry. Depended who you are listening to of course!!

One of a multitude of reasons we love Rathmichael so much, is that that myopic vista of life is rare and well diluted if at all. Buíochas le Dia.

We remember Tom (Binky) and Ian and all who have passed into the presence and comfort of our Creator.

"The souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. And rise in Glory"

God bless and may all be good with you and yours.

Fred

CHURCH SERVICES - OCTOBER 2015

| SUNDAY | 08.30 HRS | 11.00 HRS | 19.00 HRS | LECTORS |
|--|-----------|---|-----------------------|------------------|
| The EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY <p style="text-align: right;">Green</p> 4th OCTOBER 2015 | H.C. | HOLY COMMUNION Job 1: 1; 2: 1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12 Mark 10: 2-16 | EVENING PRAYER | Corinna Knaggs |
| The NINETEENTH SUNDAY After TRINITY <p style="text-align: right;">Green</p> 11th OCTOBER 2015 | H.C. | HARVEST FESTIVAL with HOLY BAPTISM Please join us in The Erck Hall, after the Service, for Coffee and the sale of Har- vest Gifts for Christian Aid | HOLY COMMUNION | Avril McWilliams |
| The TWENTIETH SUNDAY after TRINITY <p style="text-align: right;">Green</p> 18th OCTOBER 2015 | H.C. | HOLY COMMUNION Job 38: 1-7, (34-41) Psalm 104: 1-10, 26, 37c Hebrews 5: 1-10 Mark 10: 35-45 | COMPLINE | Ronnie Whelan |
| The FIFTH SUNDAY before ADVENT <p style="text-align: right;">Green</p> 25th OCTOBER 2015 | H.C. | MORNING PRAYER Job 42; 1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) Mark 10: 46-52 Please join us for coffee after the Service | HOLY COMMUNION | Peter Markham |

PARISH REGISTERS:

FUNERALS:



Tuesday 1st September 2015: Nora Patricia Orr, late of Beechfield Manor Nursing Home. We extend our sympathy to Nora's children Margaret, Michael and Timothy, her sister Betty, grand children, great grandchildren, extended family and friends.

Monday 21st September 2015: Olive Kearon (née Winter), late of Cowper Care Nursing Home. We extend our sympathy to Olive's family and friends and assure them of our prayerful support at this sad time.

Dear Lord, may those who have died in faith, live for ever in the joy and peace of heaven as children of promise; and may those who miss their company be comforted and supported.

HOLY BAPTISM: 6th September 2015: Margot Renée Tilly, daughter of Lyndsay and François Marchand, Surrey, England. Margot is the granddaughter of Georgine and Dougie Grey.

It is lovely to welcome another generation of the Grey family and we wish them all every blessing.



OCTOBER ROTAS

CHURCH, BRASS & HALL CLEANING

| DATE | CHURCH | BRASS | HALL |
|------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 3rd | Jenny O'Keeffe | Sheila Thomson | |
| 10th | Irene Coulter | Sheila Thomson | |
| 17th | Irene Coulter | | |
| 24th | Johanna King Hall | Debbie Duncan | Roiscin Norman |
| 31st | Johanna King Hall | | |

CHURCH COFFEE

11th Susie French, Gilly Goodbody,
Heather Hewat & Anne Colville



25th Marilyn Griffith, Oonagh Cosgrave,
Fiona Carthy & Anne Golden

CHURCH FLOWERS



4th Ingrid Goodbody
11th HARVEST FESTIVAL
18th & 25th Beverley East

SUNDAY CRÈCHE



4th Danielle Fletcher
11th Family Service
18th Valerie Grier
25th Katie Fox



SUNDAY CLUB

| | 4 –6 years | 7-9 years | 10-12 years |
|------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 4th | Carol Beamish | Gillian Nevin | Jonathan Byford |
| 18th | Debbie Duncan | Niamh Ann McCann | Jonathan Byford |
| 1st Nov | Shirley Farrell | Jane White | Sarah Campbell |

GRIP AND SLIP YOUTH GROUPS

We have had a great start to the season. *GRIP* are in to a new discussion and we are already planning a few big events for the year.

Last week we started a new Youth group for 5th and 6th class, which has been named *SLIP*. In the first week 14 boys and girls came along and there is talk of more to come!

GRIP 'S first meeting was on 26th Sept - 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

SLIP will meet on Saturday 3rd of October - 6.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

The groups will meet alternately each week from here.

If you would like more information about us - please text or call me at 0876839272 or email at byfordjonathan@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you, Jonathan Byford - Youth Leader



THE GREAT RATHMICHAEL BAKE-OFF!

HARVEST FESTIVAL SALE

Please could everyone make a huge effort to

BAKE, BRING & BUY

for our Sale of Harvest Gifts on

Sunday 11th October

(after Harvest Thanksgiving Service)

We will give half the proceeds to

THE REFUGEE CRISIS FUND

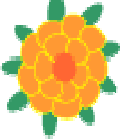
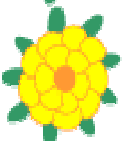
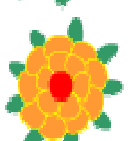
and the other half to

Christian Aid Fund for their ongoing work

BREAD BUNS CAKES

SAVOURY SLICES OR TARTS

FRUIT - VEG - JAMS - CHUTNEYS



RATHMICHAEL PARISH & SCHOOL FETE 2015



The tents have been taken down and the equipment has been put away following this year's Fete. Given the very unsettled weather throughout the summer we were exceptionally fortunate with the lovely sunny weather over the Fete weekend. We enjoyed ideal conditions which drew in good numbers of people who stayed throughout the day enjoying themselves, listening to the band, shopping or relaxing with refreshments and friends.

The crowds coming through the gates were down on last year by perhaps 300 people, largely due to the competing events on Fete day, such as Electric Picnic and the Dublin GAA game in Croke Park. Everybody who attended had a great time and the feedback from customers was again very positive. All of them appreciated the hard work put into the Fete by all of the Stall Managers and the wide variety of helpers who collectively make the day happen.

This year we again ran our customer survey and asked about 50 people for their views about the Fete. Most people were very complimentary with over 85% of those asked rating our Fete as "Excellent" and the remainder rating it as "Very Good". The things that the majority of people liked was the "atmosphere", music and "friendly staff", which is a great reflection on all of those who worked so hard to make the day happen and who created that positive atmosphere for our customers to enjoy.



On behalf of the Fete Committee I would like to say a most sincere **"Thank You"** to all of the people who collectively made Fete 2015 successful.

Please forgive me if I omit to mention anybody in the following list:-

- My colleagues on the Fete Committee, Trish O'Neill, Anne Thompson, Caroline Senior, Susan Stuart, John Bolton, Mark Kenny, Frank O'Kennedy, Peter Williams and my wife Ann. Once again it has been really great fun working with you all. It is hard to imagine that a more energetic, dedicated, professional and good humoured committee exists and this makes it a genuine privilege and pleasure to work with all of them. In addition we all received tremendous help and support from our families.
- A special thank you to Fred who supported and encouraged the committee during the summer months as we built up towards the Fete.
- Thanks to all of the Stall Managers, who are the critical group that make the Fete happen
- Thanks to the army of helpers who did so much work both on the day itself and in the days and weeks leading up to the Fete. Many people turned out each evening in the Burton & Erck Halls sorting and pricing goods.
- Aside from Stall Managers there's a whole array of people doing essential work in the background. - doing things like, providing stallholders with refreshments, manning the gate, managing the car parks, keeping the litter under control and of course the cash management team led by Mike Malcolmson. Thank you all for your hard work.
- Thanks to those people who helped with setting up on the day before the Fete. It is always a major challenge to move the mountain of goods from the Erck and Burton Halls out to the stalls and have everything sorted.
- To the people who helped clearing up afterwards on Saturday - a very big thank you!! You had the grounds returned to normal in record time allowing us to progress quickly to our enjoyable post Fete barbeque.
- There is always some tidying up on Sunday so we can hand the School back the way we found it. This year we had around two dozen people at the School after Sunday Morning Service and your help was really appreciated.





RATHMICHAEL PARISH FETE contd..

- In these difficult financial times we were most fortunate to receive support from a wide range of local businesses and sponsors. Many thanks to those companies and people who sponsored the Fete, or who donated cash or products.
- Next, I must thank our customers and supporters who turned up on the day and we received wonderful support from the local and wider communities.
- We are also grateful to our neighbouring Parish of St. Anne's, which very kindly let us use their School car park and also publicised our Fete extensively.
- The Principal and the PTA from our Parish School also must be acknowledged for their wholehearted and energetic participation in running several stalls.
- We also must thank the Gardai for their presence on the day, and the Order of Malta.
- Thanks also to our MC for the day, Martin Bernon who generated such enthusiasm amongst our customers and helped to create such a great atmosphere.
- We are extremely grateful for all offers received of locations to erect signage to publicise the Fete.

I hope I have covered everybody in the above groups so please, whichever of the groups above that you fit into please take this as a **Personal thank you** from the Fete Committee for your hard work. **Your efforts were really appreciated!**

If you were unable to get involved for whatever reason this year, then make sure that you don't miss out on next year's Fete which will again be held in early September. It will be time to start planning again soon – but not just for a little while as the Fete Committee are on holidays!!

Looking ahead to next year it is timely to mention that we faced a very difficult challenge this year in trying to have enough helpers to run the Fete. This was the hardest year to recruit helpers in the 16 years that I have been the Chairman of the Fete Committee. Modern life does indeed create huge demands on people's time particularly if there are increased demands from our working lives. However, if we value our Parish, our School and the Fete itself and the significant contribution it makes financially to the Parish then it is our collective responsibility to give our time and our talents to help continue this great occasion for our Parish & Community.

If you were not involved this year then please consider this early appeal for help next year. If you were involved consider if there is a family member, friend or neighbour who might be interested and willing to help us with Fete 2016. Tell them how much you enjoyed this year's Fete and encourage others to get involved as well.

So as we reflect on Fete 2015 the most commonly felt sensations from the day were feelings of success, satisfaction, enjoyment, relief and tiredness. It won't be long until we experience all of those feelings again for Fete 2016.

Mark Thornburgh

Chairman of Fete Organising Committee

RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

The Rathmichael School and Parish Fete took place on 5th September. The sun shone, the people came, fun was had and all in all a very successful day yet again. It comes around every year. We all look forward to it. It really is a marked event in the calendar for the Shankill Community. Well done to all who took part, their hard work and for creating such a great atmosphere.

The children have returned to school and are working hard. We collected our vegetables grown in the school garden. Potatoes, cabbages and peas were particularly successful this year. The rhubarb was collected to make chutneys for the fete. The strawberries were delicious. We will continue to work in our garden and try new ideas.



The days and weeks are passing quickly. Each year comes with more and more ideas to include in the timetables which are already jam packed. Overall the staff do a terrific job in finding a balance with them all.

Junior Infants to 2nd Class inclusive have started to play gaelic football during school hours once a week. This initiative by the Shankill GAA club gives half hour coaching sessions to each of the four classes. The children are really enjoying the sessions which are excellent for teaching them hand-eye coordination and how to play as a part of a team.

Caroline Senior

Principal

CHURCH GROUNDS

AUTUMN CLEAN-UP

A Work Party for an autumn clean up will take place on Saturday

10th October starting at 09.00 hrs.

As always the more people - the easier the workload.

So please come along and help us to keep the grounds looking good.

Refreshments will be provided.

Any queries contact: Fiona Ashe @ 087 821 5806.



THE ALPHA/IN-BETWEEN BOOK CLUB

The three books listed below have been selected for the September meeting which will be on Tuesday 29th September 2015

@ 8.00 p.m. In the home of Daisy Corrie, "Dun a Ri", 1 Rathmichael Hill, Shankill. Phone: 01-2720001

"The Framing of Harry Gleeson" by Kieran Fagan

"The Cove" by Ron Rash

"Miss Garnet's Angel" by Salley Vicker

The October meeting will be on Tuesday 27th October 2015

@ 8.00 p.m. in the home of Lily Byrne, "Old Conagh Cottage",

Thornhill Road, Old Connaught. Phone: 087-2229633.

No book has been chosen yet for this meeting.

THE THURSDAY GROUP



Please join us for coffee on Thursday 15th October at 10.30 a.m. In the home of Mrs. Doreen Orr, Lordello, Shankill.

If you need a lift - please let me know at 2824202.

We look forward to seeing you then,

Anne Thompson

RATHMICHAEL WALKERS



Our walk for October will take place on Saturday 24th October.

Meet at Rathmichael Church @ 11.00 a.m.

Queries: Please contact Helen 087 234 2689

RATHMICHAEL PARISH PARENT, BABY & TODDLER GROUP



The Rathmichael Parent, Baby & Toddler Group meets every Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. in The Erck Hall, beside Rathmichael Church.

Come along and join us for fun play time, painting, arts and crafts, play doh and lots & lots of other fun activities.

It's a great way to meet other Parents/Carers, make friends and enjoy a cuppa while your little ones will be busy having fun. We are a very friendly group and look forward to meeting old friends and making new one too!

For details please contact:

Stephanie @ 087 625 0111

Autumn

*We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves,
shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow.
We sense its passing in rain that dampens,
winds that chill, Harvest's bounty placed on show.*

*Creator God, who brings forth
both green shoot and hoar frost,
sunrise and sunset,
we bring our thanks
for seeds that have grown,
harvests gathered,
storehouses filled,
mouths fed.*

*And, as your good earth rests
through winter's cold embrace,
we look forward to its re-awakening
when kissed by Spring's first touch.*



RATHMICHAEL FETE - GRAND RAFFLE - WINNERS

| | | | |
|----|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Garmin Vivosmart Activity Tracker | Fete Committee | Sally Keenan |
| 2 | One years membership to the Zoo | Fete Committee | Zorana Waters |
| 3 | Voucher for Bread and Bones (meal for two) | Bread and Bones Restaurant | June Byrne |
| 4 | 1 night B&B Sandymount Hotel | Sandymount Hotel | Chantelle East |
| 5 | Large Hamper | Assembled by Caroline | JFK |
| 6 | Box Of Roses | Parishioner | Callum Desmond |
| 7 | Hand Bag | | Andrew Beck |
| 8 | Swiftclean €30.00 Voucher | Swiftclean - Dry cleaners | J Crawford |
| 9 | Vogue Hair Design Voucher | Vogue Hair Design | Tamara Grainger |
| 10 | Paddy Power Voucher x 2 | Paddy Power | M Have |
| 11 | Lindt Chocolates | Parishioner | Margaret White |
| 12 | Rain Forest Voucher | Rain Forest | Cox Family |
| 13 | Kilruddery House voucher | Kilruddery House | Aidan Gosling |
| 14 | Cavery Gif Voucher €20.00 | Brady's of Shankill - John Brady | Margaret White |
| 15 | Envy Voucher - Wash and Blow Dry | Envy | Vanga Halajkijevic |
| 16 | One Restaurant Voucher €10.00 | One Restaurant BBQ Centre | Spillane Family |
| 17 | Pat O'Loughlin voucher BBQ Center | Pat O'Loughlin BBQ Centre | Siobhan Cussen |
| 18 | Milk Tray | Parishioner | Michael Bolton |
| 19 | Top Notch - Free Car Wash | Top Notch BBQ Centre | John Colville |
| 20 | Street Food Outlet Voucher €10.00 | Street Food Main Street | Jasmine Marshall |
| 21 | Bath Gift Set | O'Donnell Pharmacy | Ruth Stevenson |
| 22 | Basket Hamper | Doc Morris Pharmacy Main Street | Declan Kelly |
| 23 | Market Fresh voucher €20.00 | Market Fresh BBQ Centre | Ingrid Goodbody |
| 24 | Lantern & Dublin Clock | Gremma Haedware | Pat Carroll |

AUCTION

Bottle of Wine
Bag of Dog Food
Tea Pot Cake
Bottle of Whiskey

Shankill Service Station
The Pet Shop BBQ Centre
Fernanda Power

The Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of prizes for our Raffle.

We would particularly like to thank the Shankill Traders for their support which is greatly appreciated.

