

MARCH 2016

RATHMICHAEL PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parishioners & other friends,

“Work expands to fill the time available for its completion”. - Parkinson’s Law:

And when that work is no longer there??

When the major dip in construction occurred during the recession, there was a noticeable increase in level of stipulations, and surveys, and inspections of buildings such as schools and the like. Why the increase? Because those ‘inspectors’ involved in the building trade had to find something to do, and hence new jobs and standards and notions were developed to occupy them and often annoy the rest of us when common sense is diluted to watery gruel.

When you phone ROS or the Bank or a multitude of other institutions, the voice recording guides you towards the internet to conduct your business, - which strikes me like Turkeys voting for Christmas.

It is interesting to chat to people who are retiring or changing jobs. Their likes and satisfactions, and their dislikes and dissatisfactions.

More and more one finds that the level of bureaucracy and ever increasing stringent regulations and policies which drag one’s neck to the block are the elements which good souls want to ‘run away from’. Ministry falls into this category for many of us. Whilst some relatively new regulations such as **Safeguarding Trust** are clearly necessary, volunteerism with the youth suffers a resultant great strain. So we owe a debt of gratitude to the good people who do come forward and who mercifully feel they are protected by the ongoing training and sensible guidelines.

It is a shocking indictment of society when Prof. Freddie Wood, (the surgeon whom I credit with saving my skin) - when addressing us in Rathmichael, stated that Ireland tops the world tree when it comes to Medical Litigation. And so the process escalates. More litigation. More regulations. The more regulations, the more there is to be found fault with. And so more regulations and policies to block those gaps ad nauseum. Not a healthy road forward.

My old gran used to say *“The devil makes work for idle hands to do”*. When there is less work for humans to do, then the void will be filled. With something.

When there is less belief in God, then the void will be filled. With something. And that something sure ain’t integrity or the greater good of all. Perhaps my old gran is watching and saying *“I told you so!”*

You and I are called to be leaven in the lump and to keep the faith in a Loving God and day by day to do our best. And as St. Paul says, *“to persevere...”*

God bless and Kindness.

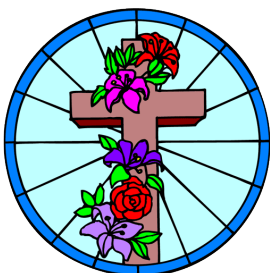
Fred



CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH 2016

SUNDAY	08.30 HRS	11.00 HRS	19.00 HRS	LECTORS
<p>The FOURTH SUNDAY in LENT</p> <p><u>Mothering Sunday</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Violet</p> <p>6th MARCH 2016</p>	H.C.	<p>HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>Exodus 2: 1-10 or Psalm 34: 11-20 Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 33-35</p>	<p>EVENING PRAYER</p>	Sonia Appelbe
<p>The FIFTH SUNDAY in LENT</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Violet</p> <p>13th MARCH 2016</p>	H.C.	<p>FAMILY SERVICE</p> <p>Isaiah 43: 16-21 Psalm 126 John 12: 1-8</p> <p>THE EASTER VESTRY WILL TAKE PLACE FOLLOWING THE SERVICE</p>	<p>HOLY COMMUNION</p>	Ingrid Baugh
<p>The SIXTH SUNDAY in LENT</p> <p>PALM SUNDAY</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Violet</p> <p>20th MARCH 2016</p>	H.C.	<p>HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>Isaiah 43: 16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3: 4b-14 John 12: 1-8</p>	<p>COMPLINE</p>	Ros Cox
<p>EASTER DAY</p> <p>The FIRST SUNDAY of EASTER</p> <p style="text-align: right;">White</p> <p>27th MARCH 2016</p>	H.C.	<p>HOLY COMMUNION With Holy Baptism</p> <p>Acts 10: 34-43 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26 John 20: 1-18</p>	<p>NO EVENING SERVICE</p>	Baptism Party

17th MARCH - ST. PATRICK - 11.00 hrs. Canon Wm. Marshall



*Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.
He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.*

John 11: 25, 26

Holy Week Services

Rathmichael and Kiltarnan Church of Ireland Parishes

Tuesday 20.00 hrs. Ecumenical Healing Service with Rathmichael in Kiltarnan Church.

Spy Wednesday 20.00 hrs. Service in Rathmichael Church.
20.00 hrs. Service in Kiltarnan Church.

Maundy Thursday 20.00 hrs. St. Cecilia Singers – Sacred Drama with Kiltarnan in Rathmichael Church.

Good Friday 10.30 hrs. Morning Service – Rathmichael Church.
20.00 hrs. Evening Service - Rathmichael Church.
10.00 hrs. Morning Service – Kiltarnan Church.
20.00 hrs. Evening Service – Kiltarnan Church.

You are most welcome to join us at each and any of these services.

THE ALPHA/IN-BETWEEN BOOK CLUB



The March meeting will be on Tuesday 29th March 2016
@ 8.00 p.m. in the home of Marian Conboy, 8 Shrewsbury Hall, Shankill. Phone: 01-2814972 or 086-30709688.

The book for February is

“The Children of Isaac” by P. J. Connelly

THE THURSDAY GROUP

We will meet for coffee on

Thursday 24th March at

10.30 a.m. in the home of

Mrs. Doreen Orr, Lordello,

Lordello Road, Shankill.



Please let me know if you require a lift.

Anne 2824202

THE EASTER VESTRY

The Easter Vestry will take place on Sunday 13th March 2016 in the Erck Hall,
following 11.00 hrs Family Service.

If you are a registered member of the Parish then you are entitled to vote.

Registered member or not, you are free to address the meeting.

This is the A.G.M. of your church and we look forward to a good attendance.

MARCH ROTAS

CHURCH & BRASS CLEANING

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
5th	Jenny O'Keeffe	
12th	Thelma Clinton	Sandra Ganly
19th	Eva McCauley	Sheila Thomson
26th	Eva McCauley	Sheila Thomson

SUNDAY CLUB

	4-6 Years	7-9 Years	10-12 Years
6th	Debbie Duncan	Carol Beamish	Gillian Nevin

CHURCH COFFEE

13th Sharon Cole
Louise Knatchbull
Heather Hewat
Jillian Horsfield



RATHMICHAEL WALKERS



You are welcome to join us for a walk on

Saturday 26th March.

Meet at Rathmichael Church at 11.00 a.m.

Queries to Helen @ 087 234 2689

CHURCH FLOWERS

6th & 13th Helen Warinton

28th EASTER DAY



SUNDAY CRÈCHE



6th March – Jan Ovington

13th March – Family Service

20th March – Valerie Grier

27th March – Danielle Fletcher

PARISH REGISTERS:

Funeral: 17th February 2016: Georgine, wife of Douglas Grey, Shankill, Dublin 18.

We extend our sympathy to Georgine's husband Douglas her children Amanda, Richard and Lyndsay, daughter-in-law Kay, sons-in-law Francois and Eric, her grandchildren, extended family and many friends.

May they know the comfort of God's love at this poignant time.

Baptism: 21st February 2016: Freya Mary, daughter of Adam and Adrienne Ferguson, Rathmichael Manor, Loughlinstown, Dublin 18.

We welcome Freya Mary to her Christian family and we will keep her in our prayers as she begins her Christian journey.

RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

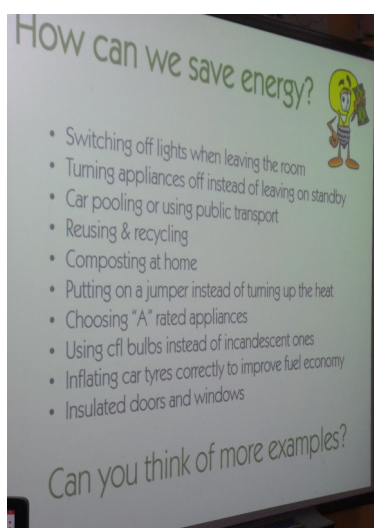
Waste / Energy Course

On Tuesday 19th January 2nd and 4th Class welcomed the Rediscovery Centre into their classrooms.

The Rediscovery centre aims to divert waste from landfill, provide community employment and training and inspire sustainable living.

Sarah and Paige presented two very interesting workshops.

Fourth Class enjoyed a very interactive and informative 'Waste Workshop'. We were reminded of the 3R's- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. We also learned of how long various waste can take to decompose. We saw some items made from recycled materials including fleece jackets, reusable shopping bags and lunch boxes. The session also included some fun games and concluded with some art when we made some lovely textile collages out of old fabric. A lively, informative and creative workshop was enjoyed by all!

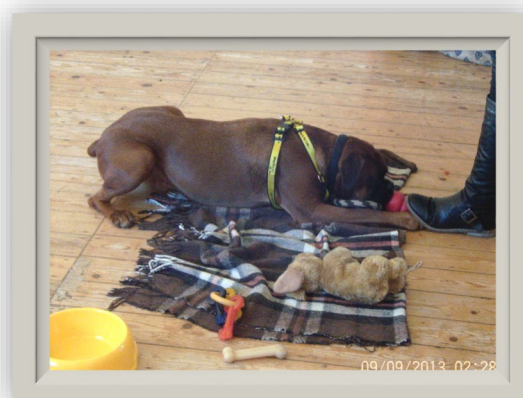


The workshop with Second Class focused on energy types, sources of energy, non-renewable energy and renewable energy. Through energy games the children also learned about the threat to our energy supplies and the importance of being energy aware. The children took part in an energy saver / energy user quiz and made solar ovens from recyclable materials. We will melt chocolate in these. The workshop was both fun and educational for the children.

Dogs Trust

Fiona from Dog's Trust came to the school and gave a very informative talk to all the children. She brought along a three year old boxer who was very well behaved. She taught them how to approach a dog and also of the necessity to ask an owner before petting a dog as you never know what sort of character the dog might be. It was a valuable lesson for all the children.

Caroline Senior, Principal



THE BISHOPS' APPEAL - FLOOD VICTIMS SUPPORT

The boys and girls of Rathmichael School who, very thoughtfully, had a fund raising event in aid of the Flood Victims in Ireland. They made pancakes and ate them!! which is a lovely way to enjoy making money for some worthy cause. They raised €330 and this has been sent to the Appeal.

Thank you all so much,

Anne Thompson—on behalf of Bishops' Appeal

CONFIRMATION 2016



The Archbishop of Dublin, The Most Rt. Rev. Michael Jackson will preside at a Confirmation Service in Christ Church, Bray, on Sunday 6th March at 3.00 p.m.

Candidates from Bray and Kilternan along with Vanessa Baxter, Harriet Bernon, Mathew Cody, Eva de Freine, Callum Desmond, Laura Kenny, Daniel Law, Saul Light, Lucy O'Keeffe and Pia Simmons, from this parish will be confirmed.

Please keep these young people in your prayers as they confirm the promises made on their behalf by their parents and god-parents at their Baptisms.



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For more information please contact Marguerite Briggs - 0874170913

Beckett in Foxrock

Did you ever want to know more about Samuel Beckett, Nobel Prize winner for Literature who was born and brought up in Foxrock? The area and many of its residents feature in his work.

Beckett in Foxrock in Tullow Church on 5th March will give a taster of his poetry, prose and plays performed by Mouth on Fire Theatre Company with actors such as Geraldine Plunkett (Mary in *Glenroe*) and Marcus Lamb (Padraig Pearse in *Rebellion*). Feargal Whelan will talk about the local postman and station master who made such an impression on the young Beckett.

This is a unique event at which members of the Beckett family will unveil a plaque to Samuel.

A reception will follow and a photographic exhibition with many rarely seen images will be on view.

Tullow Church, Brighton Road, Carrickmines

Saturday 5th March at 8pm

Tickets €30 and €20. Booking essential

at Beckettinfoxrock.wordpress.com or via Tullow Parish website

Rathmichael Women's Group

The Group is gaining great traction already in 2016.

We kicked off the year with a meet up on a stormy Friday night in January in the Golden Ball, Kilternan.

We took the opportunity to brainstorm ideas of what we would like to do in regards activities throughout the year. We all agreed the purpose of our meetings was to socialise with each other and therefore the February event (25th of February at 7pm) was held at The Dockyards in Bray for an early bird menu and a chance to chat over good food.

Our March meet up is yet to be confirmed – we are thinking of an educational theme on this occasion.

April looks like it will firm up as a cheese and wine tasting in Brady's of Shankill (provisional date of 14th April) and in May we are thinking of taking advantage of milder weather and enjoy a coastal walk.

If you are interested in joining our monthly gatherings please email gilliannevin4@gmail.com to be included on the distribution list going forward.

We look forward to meeting you,

Gillian Nevin

Two Mothers *By Joann Snow Duncanson*

*I have two Mothers - two Mothers I claim
Two different people, yet with the same name,
Two separate women, diverse by design,
But I love them both because they are mine.*

*The first was the Mother who carried me here,
Gave birth and nurtured and launched my career.
She was the one whose features I bear
Complete with the facial expressions I wear.*

*She gave her love, which follows me yet,
Along with the examples in life she set.
As I got older, she somehow younger grew,
And we'd laugh as just Mothers and daughters do.*

*But then came the time that her mind clouded so,
And I sensed that the Mother I knew would soon go.
So quickly she changed and turned into the other,
A stranger who dressed in the clothes of my Mother.*

*Oh, she looked the same, at least at arm's length,
But now she's the child and I am her strength.
We've come full circle, we women three,
My mother the first, the second and me.*

*And if my own children should come to a day,
When a new Mother comes and the old goes away
I'd ask of them nothing that I didn't do,
Love both of your Mothers as both love you.*

An Easter Prayer

*God, give us eyes to see the beauty of the Spring,
And to behold Your majesty in every living thing.*

*And may we see in lacy leaves and every budding flower
The Hand that rules the universe with gentleness and power.*

*And may this Easter grandeur that Spring lavishly imparts
Awaken faded flowers of faith lying dormant in our hearts,*

*And give us ears to hear, dear God, the Springtime song of birds,
With messages more meaningful than man's often empty words*

*Telling harried human beings who are lost in dark despair -
'Be like us and do not worry for God has you in his care.'*

Author: Helen Steiner Rice



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