

**MAY 2016**

**RATHMICHAEL PARISH  
NEWSLETTER**

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*Dear Parishioners and other friends,*

**PARISH & SCHOOL FETE BOILERS ARE BEING STOKED FOR FULL FORCE ON THE 1<sup>st</sup> SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER. (3<sup>rd</sup>) (See Page 7)**

At a Select Vestry meeting, the old chestnuts of getting new blood to cater for coffee after Sunday Services twice a month, and getting 'helpers' for Fete preparation and on the day were discussed.

Our 'resident clinical psychologist' at the meeting shared the telling phrase "**Bystander Apathy**". Believe me when I say that being part of a community is a great blessing and it doesn't just happen. One is wise to invest time and talents when one can and get involved. At every stage of life, your reward will be here on earth. Loyal friends and support. Those who rejoice when you rejoice and weep when you weep. We know what the date of FETE is. We don't know the date of our departure from this world!

I took this piece from the Irish Examiner recently. (*abridged and altered to suit local situation*)

The piece just aids my HAMMERING THE SAME OLD DRUM!!

*(NONE of us like to dwell on death — be it of our loved ones or ourselves. But not discussing plans and wishes in advance can add an extra layer of trauma to bereavement. A recently published report commissioned by investment company Royal London reported issues encountered by 500 people who had experienced bereavement. The research found 69% of people who lost a partner were financially or practically unprepared for the loss.*

*"It would have been really useful if there had been a list of phone numbers to use, or knowing what my partner wanted," one respondent said. Another advised couples to "try and put things in order", with one in six people interviewed saying they did not know what to do about the funeral.*

*While the study was undertaken in Britain, it is likely that similar situations exist here — with the recently bereaved trying to navigate the unfamiliar world of funeral planning while they are least able to cope and make decisions. And with many funerals costing €5,000 €plus, €plus, the decisions made can have a considerable impact on family finances.*

*Nobody wants to worry about budgets or feel like they are cutting costs while saying good-bye to a loved one. But equally, the deceased would not wish for their family to struggle financially because of their funeral.*

*A way to avoid this is to pre-plan your funeral. There are a number of different ways of doing this. You can simply discuss your wishes with me and I keep a copy on file. We may select hymns, readings, burial or cremation, funeral director, flowers, gravestones, etc.*

*I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THIS. — Do also make a WILL and perhaps an ENDURING POWER OF ATTORNEY. Check Google. Or you can choose to go a step forward and prepay for your funeral. Many Irish funeral homes will allow you to do this directly with them, choosing the plan you want and then putting aside money in a secure bank account to pay for this. This gives peace of mind that your family will not have additional financial stress after your death. (Contact your funeral home of choice to proceed.)*

Not surprisingly, I don't find a Humanist funeral provides comfort in the way a Christian funeral does. 1Thessalonians 4: 13..."that we do not sorrow as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your mercy in the past,....." fits in with my understanding of the Christ's Resurrection, and with our place in the world while we are still in it. It also fits with my understanding of the Holy realm of the Spirits in the presence of God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit, when our journey on earth is ended.

***Blessings,***

***Frederick***

## CHURCH SERVICES - MAY 2016

SUNDAY	08.30 HRS	11.00 HRS	19.00 HRS	LECTORS
<b>The SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER</b> <b>ROGATION SUNDAY</b> <p style="text-align: right;">White</p> <p>1st MAY 2016</p>	H.C.	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> <p>Acts 16: 9-15  Psalm 67  Revelation 21: 10, 22 – 22: 5  John 14: 23-29</p>	<b>EVENING PRAYER</b>	Ronnie Whelan
<b>The SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER</b> <b>Sunday after Ascension Day</b> <p style="text-align: right;">White</p> <p>8th MAY 2016</p>	H.C.	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b> <i>With the Blessing of Animals</i> <i>Creation Readings</i> <i>Psalm 148: 1-5, 7-13</i> Please join us for Coffee following the service. <i>Weather will dictate format re blessing of God's creatures</i>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	
<b>The DAY of PENTECOST</b> <b>(Whit Sunday)</b> <p style="text-align: right;">Red</p> <p>15th MAY 2016</p>	H.C.	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> <p>Acts 2: 1-21  Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b  Romans 8: 14-17  John 14: 8-17, (25-27)</p>	<b>COMPLINE</b>	Jim Hendry
<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b> <p style="text-align: right;">White</p> <p>22nd MAY 2016</p>	H.C.	<b>MORNING PRAYER</b> Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 John 16: 12-15  Please join us for coffee after the service	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	Mary Richardson
<b>The FIRST SUNDAY after TRINITY</b> <p style="text-align: right;">Green</p> <p>29th MAY 2016</p>	H.C.	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>  1 Kings 18: 20-21, (22-29) 30-39 Psalm 96 Galatians 1: 1-12 Luke 7: 1-10	<b>COMPLINE</b>	Helen Darcy

**Jesus said:** *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.*

## ROTAS FOR MAY

### CHURCH & BRASS CLEANING

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
7th	Roy Parker	Anne Golden
14th	Roy Parker	Anne Golden
21st	Peter Williams	Heather Maybury
28th	Peter Williams	Heather Maybury

### SUNDAY CLUB

DATE	4-6 YRS	7-9 YRS	10-12 YRS
15th	Gillian Nevin	Jane White	Niamh Ann McCann
29th	Shirley Farrell	Niamh Ann McCann	Jonathan Byford

### SUNDAY CRECHE

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kate McCauley
8 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service
15 <sup>th</sup>	Nessa Carson
22nd	Danielle Fletcher
29th	Michelle Hennessy



### CHURCH COFFEE

8th May Avril Stewart, Mary Went,  
Shirley Garland, Corinna Dolan

22nd May Oonagh Cosgrave, Susi French,  
Avril McWilliam, Marian Conboy



### CHURCH FLOWERS

1st & 8th Ann Colville

15th Valerie Martin

22nd & 29th Thelma Clinton



### THE THURSDAY GROUP

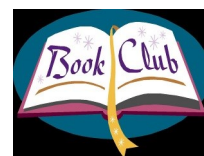
Our May coffee morning will be at 10.30 a.m.  
in Prof. Keith & Mrs. Gill Tipton's home,  
Cherrywood Lodge, Loughlinstown.

If you need a lift please phone Anne at  
2824202.

Look forward to seeing you then.



### THE ALPHA IN-BETWEEN BOOK CLUB



The May meeting will be on Tuesday 31st May

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

Conagh Cottage, Thornhill Road, Old

Connaght. Phone: 01-2821021 or 087-2229633

The book for May is

"The Dressmaker" by Rosalie Ham

## PARISH REGISTERS:

### HOLY BAPTISM:

20<sup>th</sup> March 2016: Heidi Kelly, daughter of Joanne and Kieran O'Donoghue, Glenbourne Walk, Leopardstown Valley, Dublin 18.

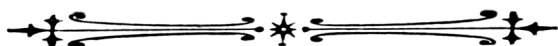
27<sup>th</sup> March 2016: Eli Colin and Jacob Patrick, twin sons of Lucinda and Simon Bewley, Quill Road, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow.

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016: Daniel Odhran son of Lydia and James Kiernan, Brennanstown Road, Cabinteely, Dublin 18.

10<sup>th</sup> April 2016: Jesse Geoffrey son of Jan and Ivan Ovington, Pearse Square, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

Henry Jude son of Noreen and Richard White, The Starlings, Shankill, Dublin 18.

We welcome these lovely babies to their parish family and we look forward to seeing them grow in our midst over the coming years.



**FUNERAL:** 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016: Patricia Murphy, (née Pacey), Loughlinstown, Dublin 18.

We extend our sympathy to Pat's husband Arthur and to her sons Shane and Mark, her extended family and friends at this poignant time.

### The Thursday Group:

We were sad to say goodbye to Pat Murphy, a member of our Group for over forty years. Pat was a quiet, kind lady who despite suffering for years with scoliosis never complained. She will be sadly missed. May she rest in peace

## CHURCH GROUNDS

**Spring has arrived:** This month, when entering the church grounds we are greeted by a display of daffodils, primroses and other spring flowers, which truly lift the spirits as we leave winter behind.

This seems a fitting time to thank those who continually tend to and look after all things botanical around us - Fiona Ashe, Geoffrey Perrin, Peter Williams, Dave Elmes, Susan Horne and Jim Hendy, along with their helpers.

Many thanks to you all.

## SLIP & GRIP YOUTH GROUPS:

With the end of Confirmation and as summer starts to come, the main focus in Grip is looking at what events we can go to during the summer. Currently there is a big push to go to a Christian youth festival in July called Summer Madness. We are also looking at how the youth group could get involved in CSSM in Greystones. There are also talks to put together a joint youth week between Rathmichael, Crinken, Kill of the Grange and DEC in Dunlaoghaire.

With all this coming, the focus in the group is on the community. This will help the teens see the group as their own, and with all the events this summer, the teens will hopefully be more plugged into the faith side of Grip.

Slip has been moving in a good direction. There has been a noticeable drop in numbers. This is due to the change in maturity of some of the older kids. The hope is the kids that stopped coming this year will find that Grip will match them better, a group that is more mature and tailored to where they are in life.

This year has been moving in a good direction, and this summer should have valuable time to develop both groups and look towards the next year and what steps should be taken.

Thank you for all your support and please do continue to pray for the youth groups and the leaders.

**SLIP** caters for boys and girls in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Classes and **GRIP** is for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Years. If you have a child going to either of the youth groups, but are not getting the texts - please let me know and I will add you to the list.

Jonathan Byford,  
Rathmichael Parish Youth Worker

Phone 0838110533

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### CHURCH PARKING!!

*Is it absolutely essential for you to park your car in the church grounds on Sunday morning?*

*Would it be possible for you to park your car outside the church grounds, either in the parking spaces or over at the Rectory and leave spaces free for those people who, from necessity, need to get their car into the grounds?*

*The Select Vestry would really appreciate your assistance with this matter which will also help to eliminate wear and tear to the church grounds.*

*We very much look forward to your co-operation*



## Spring Show / Golf / Flag / Seachtain na Gaeilge:

Second class put on a very entertaining Spring Show. This was portrayed with enthusiasm under the guidance of their class teacher Gillian Bourne and our music teacher Naomi Clarkson. They put on a rehearsal for the school during the day followed by an evening performance for their parents. It was very uplifting.



We held a 'Golf' Day for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Classes. We are an Active school and as such like to try new sports in the hope that there might be one for everyone. The children enjoyed it and were encouraged to join Carrickmines if interested.

Along with all other schools in the country we raised our Flag on proclamation Day. The children sang the National Anthem and read out the Proclamation in simplified terms. Prayers were said. It was very respectful.

Seachtain na Gaeilge was held and run by Aoife McMurdock a very capable Gaeilgeoir on our staff. All classes were involved and we had a very happy Ceoilchoirm (concert). This brought new energy to our Irish lessons.



*Caroline Senior, Principal.*

## RATHMICHAEL WALKERS



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We will meet on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May at  
Rathmichael church at 11.00 hrs.

You are most welcome to join us.

Any queries please contact Helen @  
087 234 2689

## Rathmichael Women's Group

### "May Walk and Talk"



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As the evenings are getting brighter our next outing offers a social evening with some gentle exercise and we'd love to see new faces.

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, we will meet at Greystones Dart Station at 7.30pm for a walking tour of some of Greystones' most historic sites followed by refreshments. The route, which begins and ends close to the DART station, will take us through highlights of the town's past, some of them well-known, while others are more quirky and unexpected. After the roughly 45 minute walk (stroll) we will rest our legs and reward ourselves with a treat at one of the many quaint local venues for a glass of wine and nibbles. The evening cost will be approximately €15.

As we have to confirm food orders etc. please let Valerie know if you intend to join us at email [robinson.valerie@gmail.com](mailto:robinson.valerie@gmail.com).

Or if you are interested in joining our monthly gatherings please email [gilliannevin4@gmail.com](mailto:gilliannevin4@gmail.com) to be included on the distribution list for future events.

SHANKILL OLD FOLKS ASSOCIATION

## MONTHLY BOOKSALE

AT THE DAYCARE CENTRE, LOWER ROAD, SHANKILL

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 10 A.M. – 1 P.M.

WIDE RANGE OF GOOD QUALITY BOOKS

ALL SORTED INTO CATEGORIES FOR EASY SELECTION

BOOK DONATIONS (TOP QUALITY ONLY PLEASE) ACCEPTED ON DAY OF SALE ONLY

## Songs for Spring *St. Cecilia Singers*

And guests

Conductor - Sandra Ganly



Rathfarnham Castle,

Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 8pm

To raise funds for the RHSI log cabin in the  
walled gardens at Russborough

Tickets €15 from the RHSI Office

to include reception

Please support a great evening

## ***TIREDFNESS***

*It is pleasant indeed to shut one's eyes*

*When fatigue assails the mind*

*And yield oneself to a pleasant snooze,*

*A balm for all mankind.*

*I recall car journeys from the west*

*In the evening of the day*

*When tiredness would descend on me*

*And awake 'twas hard to stay.*

*I'd stop for coffee along the road*

*As a way to seek relief.*

*It helped to get out and walk about*

*But the effects were somewhat brief.*

*Opening the window to feel the draught*

*Was another ploy I used*

*Or slapping my face from time to time,*

*Stinging and feeling abused.*

*At other times an ice cream cone*

*Could give up to an hour's respite*

*But best of all, pull off the road*

*And go out like a light.*

*Ten to thirty minutes sleep*

*Will do a world of good.*

*The journey can be resumed refreshed*

*And in a happier mood.*

William D December 2015



Jesse Geoffrey with mum and dad Jan and Ivan Ovington and Henry Jude with mum and dad Noreen and Richard White following their recent baptisms.



Twins Eli Colin and Jacob Patrick with big brother Joshua and mum and dad Lucinda and Simon Bewley following their recent baptisms.

## RATHMICHAEL PARISH FETE

### PLANT STALL

To all green fingered parishioners and friends!

The hugely popular Plant Stall at the Fete can never have enough stock.

As this is the growing season and the time to “pot up” etc., Susan Stuart is appealing to all gardeners to please consider planting up pots of plants, herbs, etc.,

If you have any queries regarding types of plants etc., – please contact Susan on 087 274 7471 or you can email – [susanstuart@yahoo.uk](mailto:susanstuart@yahoo.uk)

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.



## RATHMICHAEL PARISH & SCHOOL FETE

**SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2016 - 12 NOON - 4.00 p.m.**

This is an “advance notice” so that everyone can *mark the date in their diaries!*

If you have any ideas for new stalls please let us know, and as in other years, all offers of help will be gladly accepted.

Details of stalls etc., will be in next month’s Newsletter.

Mark Thornburgh

Chairman Fete Committee - 086 383 1655



RECTOR	Rev. Canon Frederick Appelbe	282 2803	087 248 2410
CHURCH WARDENS	Rector's – Peter Richardson People's - Catherine Millar	087 065 2312 086 049 7660	
GLEBE WARDENS	Rector's - Geoffrey Perrin People's - Peter Williams	282 4292 442 5589	087 917 4452 087 689 0339
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LECTORS	Lily Byrne	282 1021	087 222 9633
SUNDAY CRECHE	Danielle Fletcher	087 255 8126	
SUNDAY CLUB	Debbie Duncan	272 1127	087 647 1617
GRIP & SLIP YOUTH GROUPS	Jonathan Byford - Youth Worker	083 811 0533	
BEAVERS	Vicky O'Brien	086 859 2358	
CUBS	Mark Duncan	272 1127	086 727 2300
SCOUTS	Simon Knowd	282 5735	087 280 9497
VENTURE SCOUTS	Peter Gordon	087 227 4613	
ROVERS	Patrick Faull	087 260 0337	
GROUP LEADER	Mark Duncan	272 1127	086 727 2300
GIRL GUIDES/BROWNIES/LADYBIRDS	To be advised		
HALLS BOOKINGS	Trish O'Neill, Rathmichael School	282 4794	
THURSDAY GROUP	Anne Thompson	282 4202	086 893 7067
ALPHA/IN-BETWEEN GROUP	Sonia Appelbe	282 2803	087 679 8876
RATHMICHAEL WOMEN'S GROUP	Gillian Nevin	087 798 7286	
FLOWER ROTA	Elizabeth Gordon	282 2421	
CHURCH COFFEE ROTA	Anne Thompson	282 4202 -	086 893 7067
C of I GAZETTE	Geoffrey Perrin	282 4292	087 917 4452
CHURCH REVIEW	Carol Bond	282 6391	
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mrs. Caroline Senior	282 4794	
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