

OCTOBER 2016

RATHMICHAEL PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parishioners,

As you will probably know by now, our dear rector, Fred, is on leave for health reasons and has been relieved from **all parish duties**. We would ask you to keep him in your prayers as we look forward to his recovery.

In Fred's absence, should you require Pastoral Care the rector of Kiltarnan Parish, Revd. Rob Clements, will attend. His office phone number is (01)295 2643 and his Mobile is 087 149 6605.

For general parish queries please contact Anne Thompson @ 086 893 7067 or in her absence Lily Byrne @ 087 222 9633.



Family Harvest Festival Service:

The Rev. Peter Campion, Chaplain to King's Hospital School, will visit Rathmichael and conduct this service and we look forward to welcoming him.

As is our custom, we invite parishioners to bring Harvest Gifts which will be sold following the service and the proceeds will be sent to Christian Aid. (See Page 8)

We look forward to your support.

Now that the season has changed - leaves falling and gutters getting choked up! we would draw your attention to the Annual Grounds Clean Up together, with a small bit of Church Maintenance, see Fiona's note on page 4.

We need assistance from men and women in the parish in order to make this a quick and painless job! If you have maintenance experience you will be most welcome and - if not - then this is a great place to learn some skills!



A Harvest Prayer

We pray for governments and aid agencies, and those areas of the world where there is disaster, and starvation.

By the grace of your Spirit, touch our hearts and the hearts of all who live in comfortable plenty, and make us wise stewards of your gifts.

Lord of all justice,

Hear our prayer.

CHURCH SERVICES - OCTOBER 2016

SUNDAY	08.30 hrs	11.00 hrs	19.00 hrs	LECTORS
The NINETEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY <div>Proper 22</div> <div>Green</div> 2nd OCTOBER 2016	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Lamentations I: 1-6 Psalm 137: 1-6 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 Luke 17: 5-10	EVENING PRAYER	Daisie & Trevor Corrie
The TWENTIETH SUNDAY after TRINITY <div>Proper 23</div> <div>Green</div> 9th OCTOBER 2016	H.C.	FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL Harvest Readings Please join us for coffee and the sale of Harvest Gifts in the Erck Hall	COMPLINE	Keith Garland
The TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY after TRINITY <div>Proper 24</div> <div>Green</div> 16th October 2016	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Jeremiah 29: 1,4-7 Psalm 66: 1-11 2 Timothy 2: 8-15 Luke 17: 11-19	EVENING SERVICE	Avril McWilliams
The FIFTH SUNDAY before ADVENT <div>Proper 25</div> <div>Green</div> 23rd OCTOBER 2016	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER Joel 2: 23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 Luke 18: 9-14 Please join us for coffee in the Erck Hall after the service	HOLY COMMUNION	Alan Grainger
The FOURTH SUNDAY before ADVENT <div>Proper 26</div> <div>Green</div> 30th OCTOBER 2016	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Habakuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4 Psalm 119: 137-144 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12 Luke 19: 1-10	COMPLINE	Sarah Mannion

THE ALPHA/IN-BETWEEN BOOK CLUB

The September meeting will be on Tuesday 27th September 2016 @ 8.00 p.m. in the home of Avril McWilliams, 13 Clonasleigh, Shankill. Phone: 086-8816206

We have been reading three books over the Summer, you may have read one, two or three of them. All three will be discussed at the September meeting. The three books are:- "The Kind Worth Killing " by Peter Swanson "An Affair With My Mother" by Caitriona Palmer and "This Must Be The Place" by Maggie O'Farrell.

The October meeting will be on Tuesday 25th October 2016, venue and book to be advised.

OCTOBER ROTAS

CHURCH FLOWERS

2nd & 16th Johanna King-Hall

9th Harvest Festival

21st & 30th Jackie Sharpe

CHURCH & BRASS CLEANING

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
1st	Jenny O'Keeffe	Sheila Thomson
8th	Jenny O'Keeffe	Sheila Thomson
15th	Irene Coulter	
22nd	Irene Coulter	Debbie Duncan
5th	Debbie Duncan	

CHURCH CRÈCHE

2nd Jan Ovington

9th Family Service

16th Danielle Fletcher

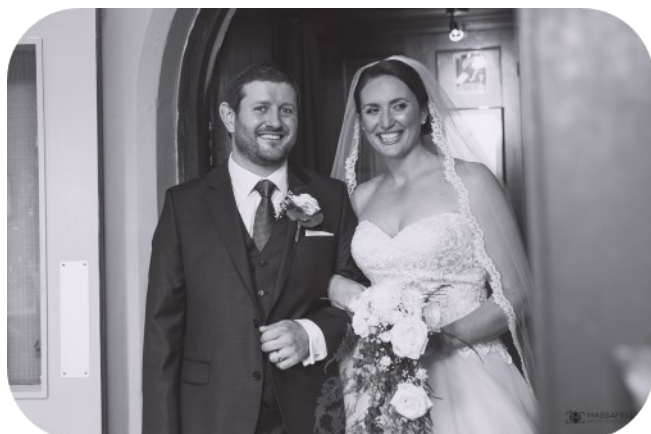
23rd Valerie Grier

30th Adelaide White

PARISH REGISTERS:

Wedding: 20th August 2016:

Emma, daughter of Carol and Peter Beamish, Rathmichael, Co. Dublin and Barry, son of Owen and Bernice Twomey, Cabinteely, Dublin 18. We wish Emma and Barry every happiness as they begin their married life together.



CHURCH COFFEE

9th Mary Went, Anne Golden,

Marian Conboy & Gilly Goodbody

23rd Susi French, Wendy Kenny

Sharon Cole, Irene Coulter



SUNDAY CLUB

DATE	4-6 yrs	7-9 yrs	10-12 yrs
2nd	Carol Beamish	Jane White	Shirley Farrell
16th	Debbie Duncan	Gillian Nevin	Jonathan Byford
6th Nov	Shirley Farrell	Jane White	Jonathan Byford

CALLING ALL 4-6 year olds!!

and

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF 4-6 YEAR OLDS?

We have a super Sunday Club in Rathmichael Parish.

Volunteers organise a varied and interesting programme each Sunday so that the children can learn about God and his Son, Jesus Christ, in a friendly and fun way.

The dates that we meet are above and we would love to see boys and girls in this age group coming along and joining us.



THE THURSDAY GROUP

Mrs. Doreen Orr, Lordello Road, Shankill, will be out hostess for our next coffee morning which will be on Thursday 20th October at 10.30 a.m. We look forward to seeing you then



If you require a lift - please contact me at 2824202 - Anne

YOUTH GROUP

Grip and Slip are our 2 youth groups.

Grip has been running for a few years now and is for teens in 1st year and up.

Slip was started last year for kids in 5th and 6th class. Each week we play a few games, have some food and later during this year, small discussions on faith will start.

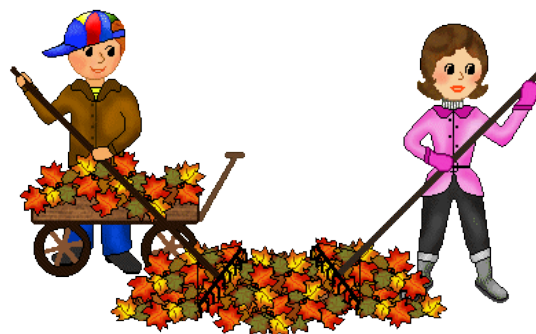
The goal of each of the groups is that all who walk through the door are welcomed regardless of where they come from or what they believe and that each girl/boy learns about faith and Christianity in a relevant and respectful manner.

We have a great year planned with a trip away later in the year and a few themed nights to shake up the normal routine.

If you have any further questions about the group, please contact Jonathan Byford
Phone: 083 811 0533

Email: byfordjonathan@gmail.com

THE BIG AUTUMN CLEAN UP



Saturday 15th October

at 09.00 hrs.

Please come up to the church armed with rakes, spades, clippers and any other tools which would be of assistance in clearing the church grounds.

Fiona, Geoffrey, and Peter have a dedicated group of helpers but they cannot be expected to do this work year after year without some assistance from other parishioners so please come along.

There are some small maintenance jobs which need attention around the church and if you do not have experience - don't worry, you will have excellent tutors!!

Oh! The good bit is - refreshments will be served!! and it is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners.

Hope to see you there.

Any queries: Contact Fiona @ 087 821 5806

RATHMICHAEL PARISH AND PARISH SCHOOL FETE

Dear Parishioners and Friends.

Early in the week leading up to this year's Fete, warnings emerged of a possible hurricane hitting Ireland on Fete day. So it was with fear and concern that we tracked the weather forecasts. In truth it was something of a rollercoaster with the forecasts varying considerably all week. In the end we had one of the wettest Fete days for many years. Met Eir-eann's website confirms that Dublin had 18.7 mm rain on Fete day – that's about 2 weeks rain - - but all was not lost – apparently we had 6 minutes of sunshine.

Despite the weather people stayed positive throughout and simply made the best of the situation. Of course the weather was disappointing – but what was really encouraging was the number of people who still came and supported the Fete, with customers queuing outside the gate for an hour before opening. Given the weather conditions it was remarkable that so many people still turned up and in the end we can all be very pleased with the outcome, including the financial results of Fete 2016.

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 2016 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, Frank O'Neill, David Simmons, Crawford Kidd, John Bolton, Mark Kenny, Frank O'Kennedy, Peter Williams and my wife Ann. We were fortunate to have three new Committee members this year (Frank O'Neill, Crawford & David) and I would personally like to thank them for stepping forward and getting involved. As always it has been really great fun working with this Committee. It is hard to imagine a more energetic, dedicated, professional and good humoured committee and this makes working with them a genuine privilege and pleasure.
- 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 Rathmichael Fete happen.
- Thanks to the army of helpers who did so much work not only on Fete day but also in the days and weeks prior to the Fete. Many people turned out each evening in the Burton & Erck Halls sorting and pricing goods.. Thank you all.

- Aside from Stall Managers there's a whole array of people doing essential work in the background - providing stallholders with refreshments, acting as MC, 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.**

- Thanks to those people who helped with To those 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 barbecue.

- There is always some tidying up on Sunday so we can hand back the School the way we found it. This year we had around 15 people at the School after Morning Service and your help was really appreciated.

- 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 braved the weather to attend our Fete. We truly 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.

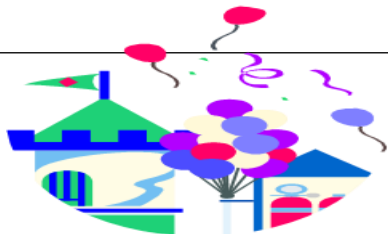
- The Principal and the PTA from our Parish School also must be acknowledged for their whole-hearted and energetic participation in running several stalls.

- We also must thank the Gardaí for their presence on the day.

- We were extremely grateful for all offers of locations to erect Fete signage.



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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!

By now the tents have been taken down and the equipment has been put away and we have looked back to see how we can improve things for 2017. If you were unable to get involved for whatever reason 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!!

In looking ahead to next year it is timely to mention that we faced a very difficult challenge this year in recruiting enough helpers to run the Fete. Thankfully many people are very willing to give their time and their talents freely. They do so with good humour and are keen to support activities like our Fete, both in Rathmichael Parish & within the local community. Modern life does create huge demands on people's time and particularly there are increased demands from our working lives. Unfortunately, though there are a number of people who are very reluctant to get involved at all and the range of excuses offered is becoming more creative and vague.

Sometimes the excuses come from people who have availed for many years of all of the wonderful facilities & activities offered by Rathmichael Parish & Parish School but who don't seem to feel that there is any onus on them to give something back in return. But if we value our Parish & School and its activities and organisations then we need to encourage those reluctant people to get involved in helping to run the Parish Organisations or events like Rathmichael Fete, as these things cannot and do not run themselves.

If you were not involved this year then please consider this early appeal for your support and 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 2017. Tell them how much you enjoyed this year's Fete and encourage others to get involved as well.

If you are talking to one of the **"unwilling"** group, then maybe you might ask them why they feel it is okay to let others do everything and not contribute themselves.

So as we reflect on Fete 2016 the most commonly felt sensations from the day were feelings of dampness, success, satisfaction, enjoyment, relief and tiredness. It won't be long until we experience all of those feelings again (hopefully excluding the dampness) for Fete 2017.

Mark Thornburgh
Chairman - Fete Organising Committee.

RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

The children returned to school late in August this year. The weather improved and indeed it was quite warm.

Our church and school fete took place in the school. This event meant that we had a baptism of fire for the beginning of term! How and ever despite difficult weather on the day the community rallied. It was well attended and there was a great atmosphere. It enabled our new families to really immerse themselves in the school.

We now soldier on and children are settling well into their new classes. Already we have had planting in the school. Windyridge Garden Centre send a lovely girl, Aoife Munn, to plant with us each year. They supply all the resources and give a very environmentally friendly talk on gardening to the children.



We are planning a Friendship Week which will involve a display by all classes, an assembly and classes 'buddying up' with each other to work together. For instance 6th and Junior Infants. They might read together or talk in Irish together or just share pictures. This collaboration must be encouraged. It helps build self esteem and encourages the children to cooperate and learn from each other at all age levels.

Caroline Senior, Principal

RAFFLE WINNERS - RATHMICHAEL FETE 2016

No	Prize	Donated by	Winner
1	Lenovo Tablet	Softco	Mary Gaughan
2	€200 in cash		Peter Williams
3	One year family membership for the Zoo		Rebecca Becke
4	Bread and Bones - Voucher, meal for two	Bread and Bones restaurant	David Diggins
5	Hamper - large		Heather Chawke
6	Laurent - Perrier, Champagne	School	David Cochrane
7	Allen Menswear - Bray - 50 euro voucher	Allen Menswer, Bray	Caffrey
8	O'Donnells Chemist - Bath Gift Set	O'Donnells Chemist	Antonia McCarthy
9	Spar -Wine and chocolates	Spar Main Street	Mrs F Wilson
10	Ciara Lambert - voucher	Ciara Lambert	Alison Armitage
11	Gremma - cleaning hamper	Gremma Home Solutions	B Wilson
12	Centra - chocolates	Centra	Jane O'Neill
13	Hamper - small	School	Grace O'Brien
14	Envy - wash & blow dry - file & polish	Envy	Caroline Senior
15	Envy - wash & blow dry - file & polish	Envy	Mary McLoughlin
16	Centra €50 voucher		Irene Moody
17	Milk Tray - chocolates		Roy Parker
18	BBQ Chicken Centre	BBQ Chicken Centre	M Malley
19	Swiftclean - voucher	Swiftclean	Ali Adams
20	Jump Zone - voucher	Sue Melbourne	Elizabeth Behan
21	Vodka x 2	Centra	Ron Crampton

Thank you to everyone who supported the Raffle.

Congratulations to the prize winners and many thanks to those businesses and individuals who kindly donated the prizes.

CHRISTIAN AID

This is just a small sample of the work that Christian Aid is doing throughout the world. Looking after refugees, installing safe water projects and educating both adults and children so that their lives can be improved.

“The refugee camp of Sango Bay has 5000 people and is located on the Uganda/Tanzania border. With freedom to come and go as they like, the reason they stay is the hope of a promise not yet fulfilled. Three types of people live here: those who ended up on the wrong side of the border dispute and are waiting for land settlement, Rwandan's who fled the genocide, and others who owned land where oil was found and were relocated to the camp with the promise of new land from the oil sales. It's located on an unused airstrip from Idi Amin's era which is still privately owned, therefore the current residents are restricted from planting crops. The only water source for the refugees is a contaminated lake shared with cattle. These people are poor, sick, lack opportunities and receive very little help from the outside.

David and Cynthia Pearson visited this camp in and gave 5 filters to the leaders families and deworming meds to about 250 children. Because of the great need, we hoped to come back with many more filters. One filter provides 20 people with clean water for 10 years. Your help not only gives health, but hope as well. These people are not forgotten, they are loved by God. Thank you for partnering with us to share God's love and hope.”

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Please Bake, Bring and Buy

For our sale of Harvest Gifts

following our Harvest Thanksgiving

Service on Sunday 9th October 2016

Proceeds will be donated to Christian

Aid to support their ongoing work



*BREAD BUNS CAKES
SAVOURY SLICES OR TARTS
FRUIT
JAMS & CHUTNEYS*

Would be most welcome

