

MARCH 2017

RATHMICHAEL PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parishioners et al,

Anne has put the booklet I mentioned in last month's Newsletter named '*Think Ahead*' on order and it should be with us in due course. I am delighted to see the uptake of the previous dozen or so.

Ministry: At ordination to the deaconate in the Church of Ireland, the bishop says "*Because none of us can bear the weight of this ministry in our own strength, but only by the grace and power of God.....*"

At the ordination to the priesthood the bishop says "*Your ministry will be one of joy as well as of responsibility, of happiness as well as of diligence. Yet remember in your heart that if it should come about that the Church, or any of its members, is hurt or hindered by reason of your neglect, your fault will be great and God's judgement will follow. So pray constantly for his mercy and for the grace you will need to fulfil your call.*"

I share with you that getting the balance right amidst the ever increasing volume of often demanding bureaucracy is a challenge, - and quiet time and prayer can so easily be relegated, - and as day follows night, one's ministry becomes a heavy weight, daily, - and also during the small hours.

I subscribe to the Protestant belief that through Christ we have been given direct access to God, just like a priest; thus the doctrine is called **the priesthood of all believers**. God is equally accessible to all the faithful, and every Christian has equal potential to minister for God.

Thus, in this theme, **Sunday 26th March after 11.00 hrs worship, we will hold the Easter Vestry**, which this year will include **Triennial Elections. i.e. Elections of Lay Members:-**

Church Wardens & Glebe Wardens

Members of the Select Vestry (for a period of one year)

**Diocesan Synod (which meets annually in October)
(for a period of three years)**

Parochial Nominators. (for a period of three years) If the rector departs within that period, then four of the Parochial Nominators will be charged with the responsibility of researching and 'sniffing out' what they consider to be a suitable rector for Rathmichael Parish. The process includes prayerful discussion with the Diocesan Nominators under the chairmanship of the Archbishop.

The call to be elected as a Parochial Nominator is certainly not a light one.

St. PATRICK'S DAY: There will be a service of Holy Communion at 11.00 hrs on St. Patrick's Day.

PLUS, there will be a Coffee Morning/Afternoon following at the Rectory to 15.00 hrs in aid of the Dementia Programme in St. Joseph's Centre Crinken Lane, (St. John of God Hospitaller) and where I am the Church of Ireland Chaplain. The Coffee "Afternoon" hopefully will aid Hayley Appelbe's sponsorship as she takes part in "Dancing with the Stars" – a la Shankill, rather than a la Telly.!! (See Page 7)

God bless, and thank you for being part of the Rathmichael Family. –

"The priesthood of all believers"

(But it is often the case of Belonging before Believing! So be not afraid. Faith is a God given gift, so that we may have life, and have it more abundantly.)

Fred

CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH 2017

DATE	08.30 HRS	11.00 HRS	19.00 HRS	LECTORS
The FIRST SUNDAY in LENT Violet 5th MARCH 2017	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11	EVENING PRAYER	Sonia Appelbe
The SECOND SUNDAY in LENT Violet 12th MARCH 2017	H.C.	FAMILY SERVICE Genesis 12: 1-4a Psalm 121 John 3: 1-17 Please join us for coffee after the service	HOLY COMMUNION	Vicky O'Brien
The THIRD SUNDAY in LENT Violet 19th MARCH 2017	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Exodus 17: 1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5: 1-11 John 4: 5-42	COMPLINE	Barbara Fagan
The FOURTH SUNDAY in LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY Violet 26th MARCH 2017	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER Exodus 2: 1-10 Psalm 34: 11-20 Luke 2: 33-35 Followed by coffee and The Easter Vestry	HOLY COMMUNION	Katie Fox
ST. PATRICK				
There will be a service of Holy Communion at 11.00 hrs. on Friday 17th MARCH				

EASTER VESTRY

The Easter Vestry will take place in The Erck Hall following the 11.00 hrs. Service of Holy Communion on Sunday 26th March 2017.

14 people will be voted on to the Select Vestry. Whilst only Registered Vestry Persons may vote, anyone may address the meeting.

Every year, several names are suggested for nomination from the floor of people who are absent on the day. Frequently we have no idea whether the absentee is willing to go forward for election or not and so we have to reject the nomination.

SO, please do your homework beforehand and check with the person you would like to see elected to the Select Vestry.

If you are unable to attend, then please do convey your apologies to the meeting.

A Select Vestry makes these and many other decisions. Decisions which will shape things to come for a long long time. We look forward to seeing you there.

MARCH 2017 - ROTAS

CHURCH AND BRASS CLEANING

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
4th	Jenny O'Keeffe	
11th	Jenny O'Keeffe	Sandra Ganly
18th	Thelma Clinton	Sandra Ganly
25th	Thelma Clinton	

CHURCH FLOWERS



5th & 12th Denise Deane

19th & 26th Anne Golden

SUNDAY CRÈCHE



5th Jan Ovington

12th Family Service

19th Valerie Grier

26th Danielle Fletcher

SUNDAY CLUB

DATE	4-6 yrs	7-9 yrs	10-12 yrs
5th	Debbie Duncan	Gillian Nevin	Sarah Campbell
26th	Shirley Farrell	Jane White	Jonathan Byford

GRIP & SLIP YOUTH GROUPS

Our two Youth Groups are running as usual.

Each youth group takes place on alternative Saturday nights.

Grip is for secondary school aged teens at 7.00 - 9 p.m. and Slip is for any child in 5th or 6th class at 6.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

We are currently looking forward to this summer with a **Surf for Grip** being planned.

Please keep our youth programs in your prayers, especially as we prepare for Confirmation on the 1st April.

If you would like to learn more about this year's summer trip or either of the youth groups, contact me at

Phone: 083 811 0533

Email: byfordjonathan@gmail.com

Jonathan

CHURCH COFFEE

As parishioners will know, coffee and tea are served on the second and fourth Sundays each month following the 11.00 hrs. service.

This is a great way to meet fellow parishioners and, if you are new to Rathmichael, meet people who organise and run the various activities in the parish.

It has been my pleasure to organise the Coffee Rota of ladies and gentlemen (could do with more of these) please don't be shy! who make, serve and tidy up after each of these coffee mornings.

They give their time generously and I would like to thank them for their co-operation over the past few years that I have been "in charge". I am delighted to announce that Helen Darcy will now take over the job of Coffee Organiser and I know that everyone will give her their full support, as they have done with me.

If YOU would like to go on the Rota - it is only a couple of Sundays in the year - if we have enough people on board - then please contact Helen @ 087 234 2689 and she will gladly put your name on the list.

Many thanks again,

Anne Thompson

MARCH COFFEE

12th Avril Stewart, Shirley Garland,

Sharon Cole, Susi French

26th EASTER VESTRY

Marian Conboy, Barbara McWilliam,

Avril McWilliams, Anne Thompson

RATHMICHAEL PARISH - ENVELOPE SCHEME

- The Scheme is a method whereby a donor brings their personalised donation to Church each week.
- A set of numbered and dated envelopes is issued to each donor covering fifty-two Sundays.
- Each donor decides the weekly amount they will give - a written commitment is not required.
- If a week is missed it is expected that it will be made up subsequently.
- An envelope can represent an individual or a family.
- Donations are confidential - only the Parish Treasurer who administers the Scheme knows the amounts donated.
- It is hoped that donors will review their giving on a regular basis.
- **If you wish to become a member of the Envelope Scheme, or if you wish to make a direct annual donation to Rathmichael Parish, please fill in the form and return to the Parish Treasurer.**
- **If you wish to donate by Standing Order the form is hereunder.**

To: Mr Michael Malcolmson
Hon Treasurer
13 Corbawn Avenue
Shankill
Co. Dublin

I wish to become a member of the Envelope Scheme.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

RATHMICHAEL PARISH

STANDING ORDER

To: The Manager

_____ **Bank**

Please charge to my/our Account and pay to AIB,
Deansgrange, Dublin 18. and credit of Rathmichael Parish
account details below:-

Account Name; Rathmichael Parish

Account No. 40168005

Sort Code: 93-33-92

BIC: AIBKIE2DXXX

IBAN: IE31AIBK93339240168005

The sum of Euro _____

Commencing on (date) _____

And on the same day of each succeeding:

Month/Half Year/Year (Delete as appropriate)

Until _____ (insert date or "until further
notice)

SIGNED: _____ DATE _____

Account Name: _____

Account No.: _____

Sort Code: _____

BIC: _____

BAN: _____

RATHMICHAEL WALKERS



Walk in Tubberstown and lunch in Djouce

Rathmichael Walkers meet at the Church at 11am on the last Saturday of the month.

We have done some nineteen walks since the first one in February 2015, only 2 being cancelled due to rain. We have walked in Devil's Glen and St. Kevin's Way; Howth Head and Roundwood Reservoir; the beach to Dalkey and the Cliff walk to Greystones, for example.

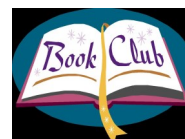
Most walks are of 2 hours duration and usually flat, but occasionally they are more challenging, like Djouce.

We usually find a nice place to have coffee or soup and a chat before returning home. Walkers make suggestions as to where the next walk is to be, so everyone has an input.

We are a small group of ten to twelve and would very much welcome new walkers to join us for our next outing on Saturday March 25th.

Contact Helen Darcy 087 234 2689.

THE ALPHA/IN-BEWTEEN BOOK CLUB



The Book Club will meet on Tuesday 28th February, 2017 @ 8.00 p.m. in Rathmichael Rectory, Ferndale Road, Shankill at the kind invitation of Sonia - Phone: 087-6798876.

The book for February is "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman.

The March meeting will be on Tuesday 28th March, 2017 @ 8.00 p.m. in the home of Maura Askins (Griffin), 11, Seafield Road, Killiney - Phone: 087-2838620.

The book for March is "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead.

THE THURSDAY GROUP



Our next coffee morning will be on Thursday 16th March when we will meet at 10.30 a.m. in the home of Neville and Anne Thompson, Kelgar, Seafield, Shankill.

If you need a lift - please phone me @ 282 4204 and we can make arrangements.

Look forward to seeing you then,

Anne

PARISH REGISTERS:



Funeral: 20th January 2017:

Carole Daynes. Carole was a much loved member of the parish and she will be missed by her friends in Rathmichael. We extend our sympathy to her children, Leon and Jillian, her grandchildren Mia and Levi, her brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends at this poignant time.

"Underneath are the everlasting arms".

Holy Baptisms:

15th January 2017 – Aaron James, son of Luke and Jill O'Grady, Cabinteely, Dublin 18, and grandson of Canon Cecil and Mrs Primrose Bryan. Aaron was baptised by his proud Grandpa Cecil.

12th February 2017: Adam David, son of Gillian and Ian Bourne, Castle Grove, Kilgobbin Wood, Sandyford, Dublin 18.

We welcome Adam David and Aaron James to their Christian family and we will keep them in our prayers as we watch them grow among us.

*For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!*

*For blue of stream and blue of sky;
For pleasant shade of branches high;
For fragrant air and cooling breeze;
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!*

*(From We Thank Thee
by Ralph Waldo Emerson)*

RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

An adult Quiz was held in Shankill Tennis Club which was enjoyed by all. Frank O'Neill tested our strengths with a very interesting quiz. It was well attended. Many thanks to all the traders who sponsored the event, especially with prizes for our raffle. These were very gratefully received.

Rory Golden came on his annual visit to the school to speak about the Titanic. This is a subject that 4th Class learn about in some depth. Rory, having been down to the Titanic, was able to tell about his experience first hand. It is always a very interesting talk.

Our infant classes are involved in Aistear which means journey in Irish. They learn through play and activity. This helps increase their vocabulary. Each week they pick a new theme and through, colouring, role play, Lego, construction and other activities they learn.



Junior Infants entered a Christmas Tree made from recycled materials into a competition held at Airfield.

They won First prize and a trip to Airfield for the class. Well done Junior Infants and Ms. Fox.



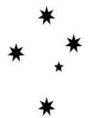
**Another great day for Rathmichael!
Boys hockey team win 6-2
Well Done!!**

RUMPELSTILSKIN



The Rathmichael Players entertained their audiences with a very amusing adaptation of the pantomime "Rumpelstiltskin". A great family show which was just right for putting a smile on everyone's faces and sending them home with a feel good factor. Congratulations and well done to everyone involved for their input of hard work and dedication.

Dancing with the Stars



You are invited to a Bring and Buy Coffee Morning/Afternoon
in the Rectory

11.30 hrs - 15.00 hrs on St. Patrick's Day - 17th March.



Hayley Appelbe is raising sponsorship for her entry in
"Dancing with the Stars"

in aid of the Dementia Care Team, St. Joseph's Centre,
St. John of God Hospitaller, Shankill.

Shankill Community Games

Shankill Community Games has had an amazing start to 2017. Already we have Dublin winners in Under 12 and Under 15 girls' soccer along with silver medals for Under 11 boys' mini rugby. Games for Gaelic football are coming up soon giving more Shankill children a chance to get involved, make new friends and develop their potential.

However, there is a strong desire to make sure that every child living in the Shankill area is given a chance to shine. With that in mind we are trying to publicise our next three events:

Handwriting competition in St. Anne's school on Sunday 26th March, 12pm

Art competition in St. Anne's school on Sunday 23rd April at 2pm

Athletics Sports Day on Sunday 23rd April, 2.30pm in Shanganagh Park.

There will be short and long races for age groups U8, U10, U12, U14 and U16 as well as sliotar long puck.

Our Sports' Day last year resulted in several Dublin medal winners along with a fantastic national silver medal win in the mixed U13 relay.

If you know of a child over 6yrs, under 16yrs living in the Shankill parish area, please consider getting more information.

You can email shankillcommunitygames@gmail.com or find us on Facebook Shankill Community Games. We can then give you more details about events, preregistration, boundary details and age groupings.

Community Games, Endless Possibilities: giving children a chance to shine.

PRIMETIME

PRIMETIME is a Church of Ireland Diocesan social club for people who are single, separated or divorced, or for people who would like to make new friends. For more details contact Georgina @ 087 6716745

Calendar of Events Feb – Apr 2017

If you are coming along to an event please text or call the contact person to let them know

Saturday 18th February at 8pm

Dinner at Toscana's Restaurant, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin

Contact Georgina @ 087 6716745

Sunday 12th March at 2pm

Visit Airfield Estate, Dundrum, Dublin 14

Contact Caroline @ 087 6624414

Sunday 2nd April at 2pm

Visit Newbridge Museum of Style Icons, Newbridge, Co Kildare

Contact Georgina @ 087 6716745

Friday 28th April at 8pm

Meeting, with Food Optional

The Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Downs, Co Wicklow

Contact Hazel @ 086 1984919

Congratulations . . .

Congratulations to Mary Dillon and William Mates who will be getting married on Sunday 30th April. Invitation to PrimeTime to the Afters at 9pm. Reception is in the Woodenbridge Hotel.

Primetime is now on Facebook.

If you would like to be added to or removed from the text or mailing list contact **Georgina @ 087 6716745**

Crossroads: Church of Ireland Social Club –Meet on the last **FRIDAY** of the month in Buswells Hotel, Molesworth Street, Dublin 2. For more details contact **David @ 085 7272019**