

**SEPTEMBER 2017**

**RATHMICHAEL PARISH**

**NEWSLETTER**

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*Dear Parishioners et al,*

One may not immediately think of the comedic character John Cleese (Basil Fawty) as a worrier who suffers from the presence of the 'black dog' in his life. His marriage record is of biblical and Middle Eastern proportions with his first three wives being healthy and well and rich when he married for the fourth time in 2012.

John Cleese and Psychiatrist Robin Skynner wrote the book *"Life and how to Survive it"*. Skynner was a Royal Air Force (RAF) pilot who flew the Mosquito twin-engine bomber, and was also a psychiatric pioneer and innovator in the field of treating mental illness - so I guess he knew a tad about life.

As I struggle to understand the core of fanaticism, be it white supremacism, neo-Nazism, apartheid, Ku Klux Klan, The Crusades, ISIS, and Taliban who wish to eradicate the infidel, Protestant, Catholic and 'might is right' and so on and on, a sentence in the book jumped out at me. *"If people can't control their emotions then they have to start trying to control other people's behaviour"*. Do please check out this theory in the light of very strong church influence and control in Ireland over a long period led by men and women who may wittingly or unwittingly have struggled with their emotions. The pressure cooker eventually blows its safety valve, but God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit is kept at arm's length. The currency of love is devoid.

John Cleese, like many other high profile people of late has let air and permission into many lives by being very public about his struggle with mental health.

He would acknowledge that of the many reasons for 'going under' the drain of displaying a range of persona in a multitude of circumstances and rarely, if at all, living in one's own skin can lead to overwhelm.

I guess he could always share with the missus. But which one??

For all the mistakes the church made or makes, the Good News of Jesus Christ is there as is he in our lives. For me Deuteronomy 33:27 *"The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms"* holds a perfectly comforting imagery. I am not so easy with the rest of the verse however. Ouch! But as I see it, Jesus updated and ameliorated some of the harsher Old Testament views of God.

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As I write the Parish & School Fete on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September looms large. Increasingly and in common with many organisations we have a struggle with volunteerism. Some very reliable stalwarts who have been there for the long and faithful road are now acknowledging stiffer joints and tired bones for some reason.

Perhaps individualism is a factor in our difficulty in getting volunteers, I don't know. But I do know that for building up strong friendships which will see you and yours through thick and thin, getting stuck in and enjoying sweating it out with others is the perfect method. It's the best return on your investment you are ever likely to get. Honest.

*Yours*

*Fred*

## CHURCH SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 2017

DATE	08.30 HRS	11.00 HRS	19.00 HRS	LECTORS
The TWELFTH SUNDAY after TRINITY  Proper 17  3rd SEPTEMBER 2017	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION  Exodus 3: 1-15 Psalm 115 Romans 12: 9-21 Matthew 16: 21-28	EVENING PRAYER	Avril Wardlaw
The THIRTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY  Proper 18  10th SEPTEMBER 2018	H.C.	FAMILY SERVICE  Exodus 12: 1-14 Psalm 149 Matthew 18: 15-20  Please join us for coffee after the service	HOLY COMMUNION	Keith Garland
The FOURTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY Proper 19  17th SEPTEMBER 2018	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION  Exodus 14: 19-31 Psalm 114 Romans 14: 1-12 Matthew 18: 21-35	COMPLINE	Jill Bolton
The FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY  Proper 20  24th SEPTEMBER 2017	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER  Exodus 16: 2-15 Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45 Matthew 20: 1-16  Please join us for coffee After the service	EVENING SERVICE	Anne Headley

### PARISH REGISTERS:



#### **Funeral:** 18th August 2017:

Iris Patricia O'Brien, late of Cherrywood, Loughlinstown, Dublin 18. We extend our sympathy to Iris's husband James, her children Patricia, Jamie, Melody and Rebecca, her grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family and friends at this sad time. May she rest in peace.

#### **Baptism:** 20th August 2017:

Robert Dawson, son of Nicholas and Kate Ashe, Kiltarnan, Co. Dublin.

We welcome Robert Dawson to his Christian family and we pray that he will grow to honour the promises made on his behalf by his parents and god-parents.

### *A Prayer for Family and Friends*



*Blessed are You, loving Father,  
For all your gifts to us.  
Blessed are You for giving us family and friends  
To be with us in times of joy and sorrow,  
To help us in days of need,  
And to rejoice with us in moments of celebration..*

*Father,  
We praise You for Your Son Jesus,  
Who knew the happiness of family and friends,  
And in the love of Your Holy Spirit.  
Blessed are you for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

# ROTAS SEPTEMBER 2017

## SUNDAY CLUB

Sunday Club starts on Sunday 17th September and we look forward to seeing all our members and hopefully some new boys and girls.

If parents have any queries please contact Debbie Duncan @ 087 647 1617

17th Sept	Debbie Duncan	Gillian Nevin	Jonathan Byford
1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Carol Beamish	Hannah Harty	Jonathan Byford

## SUNDAY CRECHE

A Crèche is available for families with babies and/or toddlers under 4 years of age. "Volunteer mums" mind the little ones so that parents can take part in the service knowing that they are being well looked after nearby. If there is a problem - they will be contacted.

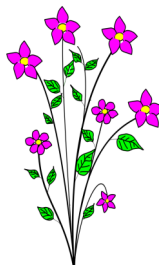
Danielle Fletcher @ 087 255 8126 organises the Rota and is always glad to have mums to help out. If you can give a couple of Sunday mornings in the year - please let her know.

There will be a Crèche on the following dates in September  
Sunday 3rd - 17th & 24th

## FLOWERS

3rd & 10th - Jenny O'Keeffe

17th & 24th - Anne Colville



## CHURCH & BRASS CLEANING

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
2nd	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
9th	Charlotte Norwood	Volunteer needed
16th	Charlotte Norwood	Valerie Howie
23rd	Volunteer needed	Valerie Howie
30th	Fiona Ashe	Volunteer needed

## COFFEE

10th - John Bolton - Mathew McCauley

Ronnie Whelan

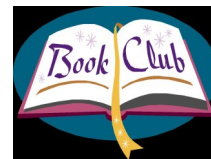
24th - Wendy Kenny - Mary Went

Catherine Millar &

Barbara McWilliam



## THE ALPHA/IN-BETWEEN BOOK



The September meeting will be on Tuesday 26th September 2017 @ 8.00 p.m. in the home of Avril McWilliams, 13 Clonasleigh, Shankill. Phone: 086-8816206.

The following books were selected for Summer reading, we will discuss all three at the meeting:-

"Once we were Sisters", a memoir by Shiela Koehler

"Circling the Sun". a novel by Paula McLain

"The Stars are Fire", by Anita Shreve



## GRIP & SLIP YOUTH GROUPS

Now that the new school year has begun, we look forward to a new year for both our youth groups which will kick off in early September.

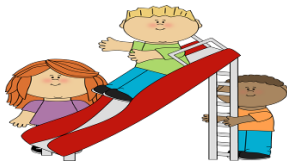
GRIP is for teenagers in 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> year, we will be starting a discussion series called NUA including some chilled games and food.

SLIP is for younger boys and girls in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class, where we focus on crazy games and a lot of fun.

If you would like to know more about getting your kids along or helping us out, please give me a call at 083 811 0533. Email: [byfordjonathan@gmail.com](mailto:byfordjonathan@gmail.com)

*Jonathan Byford,  
Youth Worker*

### RATHMICHAEL PARISH PARENTS BABIES & TODDLERS



We look forward to seeing everyone on  
Wednesday 13th September - 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon  
In The Erck Hall, beside Rathmichael Church.

### THE THURSDAY GROUP

We will meet for coffee on Thursday 14th September  
at 10.30 a.m. at the home of Anne & Neville Thompson,  
Seafield, Shankill.

If you need a lift - please let me know.

Look forward to seeing you then,

Anne 282 4202

### SAFE GUARDING TRUST



*“It is the policy of the Church of Ireland to set standards for the welfare of all children sharing in its ministry with a view to protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm “*

The Church of Ireland Safe Guarding Trust has been put in place, and is adhered to by this parish.

All volunteers who work with children in Rathmichael Parish must be and are interviewed, Garda vetted and trained according to the Church of Ireland Code of Good Practice for Ministry with Children.

The Panel members in this parish are

The Rector - Mark Thornburgh  
Anne Thompson and Laura Mahon