

**OCTOBER 2017**

**RATHMICHAEL PARISH  
NEWSLETTER**

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*Dear Parishioners,*

*The quiet ongoing day to day matters. When the Celtic Tiger was purring and feasting, the call on The Rector's Discretionary Fund reduced to a dribble. Then, during the slump the Fund took a beating but your generosity and sensitivity kept it afloat. As the tiger cubs seem to be yawning and gnawing again I am surprised that the call on the Fund has not abated notably.*

*Here is a letter which I received from Protestant Aid. And they really do keep administration costs to a minimum which is something I admire greatly.*

*Fred*

**PROTESTANT AID**

Care & Compassion in Action  
74 Upper Leeson Street Dublin 4  
Telephone: 01 668 4298

28 August 2017

Dear Fred,

*'Poverty isn't a disease, a crime or a character flaw'*

As I write these words I am conscious of the many pieces of correspondence that cross your desk and attempt to catch your attention. It can be difficult to find new ways of communicating problems that are far from new themselves, and often seem as pervasive as the air we breathe.

The stories behind the General Grant Applications we receive often portray situations we have heard many times before, yet can cling to families as they attempt to struggle their way out of illness, marital breakdown, unemployment or mental health issues.

These are significant challenges for Protestant Aid as we attempt to help in addressing these needs but as always, we are heartened and encouraged by the financial support we receive from our donors, many of whom are members of your parish. This assistance provides the light for individuals and families who have often run out of options with nowhere left to turn.

Notwithstanding improvements in the economy it is perhaps surprising that last year was our highest year ever for grant applications. These needs were met head-on and in an age where charities are subject to particular scrutiny, all of this was achieved with complete transparency with every cent received from our donors reaching those in need without dilution or deduction. No doubt there are significant strains on parish purse strings at the moment so I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your Select Vestry for your help in the past and ask that it would continue.

I am pleased to enclose several copies of our 2016 Annual Report along with some information on the range of Protestant Aid grant schemes. We would greatly appreciate if you could make these available to your parishioners — if you need additional copies please email [info@protestantaid.org](mailto:info@protestantaid.org) with your request.

As always, if your congregation would like to know more about the work of Protestant Aid I would be happy to speak at a service or meeting to share some of the progress your generosity helps to achieve.

Kind Regards,

Geoff Scargill  
Head of Charitable Services

Patron: The Archbishop of Dublin & Bishop of Glendalough. Chief Executive: David Webb. Directors: Arthur Vincent (Chairman). Audrey Craven, Barbara Davis, Terence Forsyth, Cecil Geelan, Rev. Canon David Gillespie, George Good, Yvonne Good, Robert Neill, David Pierce, Graham Richards, Trevor Watkins, Dr. Michael Webb.

Companies Office Registration No. 2870 Charity Ref No. CIY59I

## CHURCH SERVICES - OCTOBER 2017

DATE	08.30 HRS	11.00 HRS	19.00 HRS	LECTORS
<b>The SIXTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY</b>  Proper 21  Green  1st October 2017	H.C.	<b>HOLY COMMUNION with HOLY BAPTISM</b>  Exodus 17: 1-7 Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16 Philippians 2: 1-13 Matthew 21: 23-32	<b>EVENING PRAYER</b>	<b>Baptism Party</b>
<b>The SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY</b>  Proper 22  Green  8th OCTOBER 2017	H.C.	<b>FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>  Harvest Readings  Please join us for coffee and the sale of Harvest Gifts in the Erck Hall	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>Heather Hewat</b>
<b>The EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY</b>  Proper 23  Green  15th OCTOBER 2017	H. C.	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>  Exodus 32: 1-14 Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4: 1-9 Matthew 22: 1-14	<b>COMPLINE</b>	<b>Helen Darcy</b>
<b>The NINETEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY</b>  Proper 24  Green  22nd OCTOBER 2017	H.C.	<b>MORNING PRAYER</b>  Exodus 33: 12-23 Psalm 99 Matthew 22: 15-22  Please join us for Coffee after the Service	<b>EVENING SERVICE</b>	<b>James Colville</b>
<b>The FIFTH SUNDAY before ADVENT</b>  Proper 25  29th OCTOBER 2017	H.C.	<b>HOLY COMMUNION with HOLY BAPTISM</b>  Nehemiah 8: 1-4 (5-6) 8-12 Psalm 119: 97-104 Colossians 3: 12-17 Matthew 24: 30-35	<b>EVENING SERVICE</b>	<b>Daisy &amp; Trevor Corrie</b>

### RATHMICHAEL WALKERS



Rathmichael Walkers will meet at the Church at 11am Saturday October 21st.

You are very welcome to join us.

Contact Helen Darcy at 087 234 2689.

## OCTOBER ROTAS 2017

### CHURCH & BRASS CLEANING

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
7th	Jenny O'Keeffe	
14th	Sheila Thomson	Debbie Duncan
21st	Sheila Thomson	
28th	Irene Coulter	

### SUNDAY CLUB

DATE	4-6 yrs	7-9 yrs	10-12 yrs
1st	Carol Beamish	Hannah Harty	Jonathan Byford
15th	Shirley Farrell	Sarah Campbell	Debbie Duncan

### CHURCH FLOWERS

1st Helen Warinton

15th/22nd & 29th Jill Allen



### CHURCH COFFEE

Harvest October 8th

Anne Golden, Shirley Garland,

Pam Ross, Ros Cox

October 22nd

Marilyn Griffith, Olivia Uhlar,

Susi French, Helen Darcy

### THE ALPHA/IN-BETWEEN BOOK CLUB



The Book Club will meet on

Tuesday 31st October, 2017 @ 8.00 p.m.

at the home of Anne Headley, "Springfield",

Ballybride Road, Shankill.

Phone: 2822010 or 087-2298870

The book for the October meeting will be selected at the  
September meeting and posted on "WhatsApp"

### THE THURSDAY GROUP



We will meet for coffee at 10.30 a.m. on

Thursday 19th October in the home of

Mrs. Doreen Orr, Lordello, Shankill.

If you require a lift please phone me.

Anne 282 4202

### SUNDAY CRÈCHE

1st Jan Ovington

8th Family Service

15th Grace O'Brien

22nd Valerie Grier

29th Adelaide White



# RATHMICHAEL PARISH & SCHOOL FETE 2017

## *Dear Parishioners,*

Fete 2017 is over and the tents, gazebos and other Fete equipment have been safely put away.

Reflecting on Fete 2017 the most commonly felt sensations were satisfaction and relief. All week leading up to the Fete the weather forecast was encouraging but could we rely on the forecast? We woke that morning to blue skies. Luckily the rain stayed away until evening and we enjoyed ideal conditions for Fete 2017.

The crowds were significantly up on last year by perhaps 500 people, largely due to the drier weather. It is hard to know exactly how many customers we had, but I estimate in the region of 2,600 people attended.

This increase in attendance led to an excellent outcome, for both the Parish & School.

It was also a major success from a community spirit and enjoyment perspective for those working at the Fete and also for our customers from our neighbourhood and beyond.

On behalf of the Fete Committee I would like to say a sincere **"Thank You"** to all of the people who collectively made Fete 2017 successful.

Please forgive me if I omit to mention anybody in the following:-

- 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, Clare Perry, Peter Harty, Nick Ashe, Peadar Bruton, Debbie Duncan, Paul Barron and my wife Ann. We were fortunate to have several new Committee members this year (Clare, Peter Harty, Nick, Peadar, Paul & Debbie) and I would like to thank them for stepping forward and getting involved. It has been great fun working with this Committee.
- A special thank you to Fred for his support and encouragement
- Thanks to all the Stall Managers, who are critical to making Rathmichael Fete happen.
- Thanks to the helpers who did so much on Fete day and in the days and weeks prior to the Fete.
- There's an array of people doing essential work in the background - things like, providing stallholder refreshments, acting as MC, manning the gate, managing car parks, litter control and cash management etc. Thank you all.
- Thanks to those who helped set up on the day before the Fete. It is a major challenge to put gazebos up, make the grounds suitable and safe for Fete day, move the mountain of goods from the Erck and Burton Halls and have everything sorted etc.
- To the people who helped clear up afterwards on Saturday - a very big thank you!
- This year we had around 15 people at the School after Sunday Morning Service. Your help was really appreciated.
- 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 attended our Fete.
- We are grateful to our neighbouring Parish of St. Anne's, which kindly let us use their School car park and publicised our Fete.
- The Principal and the PTA from our Parish School also must be acknowledged for their wholehearted and energetic participation in running several stalls.
- We thank the Gardaí for their presence on the day.

I hope I have covered everybody in the above groups so, whichever of the groups you fit into please take this as a **Personal thank you** from the Fete Committee.

Fete 2017 was a memorable day – not only for the successful outcome but also, for 5 of us on the Fete Committee it marks the end of our involvement as Fete organisers. For me it was the 18<sup>th</sup> and last occasion on which I was privileged to act as Chairman of the Fete Committee. It has been a wonderful and enjoyable experience throughout those 18 years.

My wife Ann has supported me in so many ways over those 18 years that I would not know where to begin – she has been an integral part of Rathmichael Fete Committee over that time and made a huge contribution to its success. Thank you Ann.

Frank O'Kennedy & Peter Williams have been involved throughout my 18 years and have been the most dedicated, reliable and supportive colleagues it is possible to imagine. If the guys said they would do something then it was always done. Not only was it done, but it was done on time and done properly and done with good humour and generosity of spirit. They have been truly wonderful colleagues and great friends over those years and it has been marvellous fun working with them. Thank you Frank & Peter.

Now to Anne Thompson – 18 years might seem like a long time to be involved but it pales in comparison with what Anne has done – Fete 2017 was Anne's 50<sup>th</sup> fete where she has been involved in its organisation – now that is true dedication and commitment and should be an inspiration to us all. Thank you Anne for so many years of tireless hard work for Rathmichael Fete – and indeed across so many Rathmichael activities and organisations.

I have been exceptionally fortunate during my years on the Fete Committee with the support, and dedication shown by all of my fellow Committee members in that period. It is hard to imagine a more energetic, dedicated, professional and good humoured committee which made working with them a privilege and pleasure and was the foundation for the success of Rathmichael Fete.

Rathmichael Fete is a wonderful institution. It is respected and supported across our neighbourhood. It is visited by people who travel considerable distances to attend and it is regarded as one of the most successful Fetes of its type not only in our diocese but further afield. We have in Rathmichael Fete something that is valuable, something to be treasured and something we should all be proud of. The success of our Fete is down to the collective energy and hard work of the very large team of people who make the Fete happen.



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Chairman's letter contd.....

As we leave the Fete Committee we pass things over to the new guardians of Rathmichael Fete. David Simmons will take over as Chairman, and over the past two years we have recruited several new Committee members so there is a new Committee in place for Fete 2018, full of new ideas, new energy and new commitment and they need your support into the future to ensure the Fete continues to thrive and prosper.

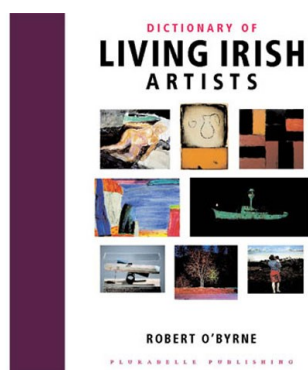
Even though I'm leaving the Committee it is impossible not to stay involved with Rathmichael Fete. For 2018 I have committed to running the Sweet Stall with my wife Ann and I know that Frank O'Kennedy is also taking up a new role for Fete 2018. I suspect some other "fellow retirees" may also find themselves still involved with Fete 2018.

May I close by thanking all of the Parishioners for their support for Rathmichael Fete not only in 2017 but over many years. Thank you for the privilege of being Chairman of Rathmichael Fete Committee for the past 18 years. I will of course miss the involvement and the challenges but I do wish the new Chairman & his Committee every success and I am confident that with the support this wonderful institution deserves, that Rathmichael Fete will continue to grow and flourish for many years to come.

**Mark Thornburgh**

*Ex -Chairman of Fete Organising Committee.  
(Now enjoying retirement)*

**We have a valuable item from the Fete Auction that may be of interest to Parishioners.  
We were given a brand new copy of a book on Irish Artists**



The book is brand new and normally costs €75 – but this is no ordinary copy.  
Inside there is a Voucher for €200 towards the cost of any purchase in the Glashule Gallery.

Offers to buy the book & voucher should be emailed to [mthornburgh@eircom.net](mailto:mthornburgh@eircom.net)  
All proceeds will go to Rathmichael Fete 2017.

Further information on the book & Glashule Gallery can be found at  
[www.artisanhouse.ie/product/celebrating-irish-salmon/](http://www.artisanhouse.ie/product/celebrating-irish-salmon/) and  
[www.theglashulegallery.com/](http://www.theglashulegallery.com/)

## RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

**Congratulations to everyone who won a prize in our Super Raffle at the Fete.**

**Many thanks to individuals and businesses who kindly gave us prizes.**

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**

<b>1st Prize</b> Lenovo Tablet	<b>Sally Fagan</b>
<b>2nd Prize</b> €200 Cash	<b>Lucy McCabe</b>
<b>3rd Prize</b> One Year's Free Zoo Membership	<b>Elizabeth Gordon</b>
<b>4th Prize</b> Voucher for Bread and Bones Restaurant	<b>G. O'Brien</b>
<b>€100 Voucher</b> Ciara Lambert Hair Salon	<b>Ms. Prizeman</b>
<b>Family Sealife Pass</b>	<b>Heather Maybury</b>
<b>A Holding Hand 1-hour Treatment of choice</b>	<b>Ms. C. O'Sullivan</b>
<b>2 Family Bowling Passes at Stillorgan Leisure Centre</b>	<b>Keane</b>
<b>10 Passes - Shoreline Leisure Centre</b>	<b>Paul Barron</b>
<b>Vogue Salon Wash &amp; Blow Dry Voucher</b>	<b>T. Nulty</b>
<b>Jump Zone Voucher</b>	<b>Rory Winston</b>
<b>€20 Platform Pizza Voucher</b>	<b>T. Delahunty</b>
<b>€20 BBQ Chicken Store</b>	<b>K. O'Brien</b>
<b>€20 Smith's Voucher</b>	<b>Carol Bond</b>
<b>€20 One Café Voucher</b>	<b>Peter Hinds</b>
<b>Loughlinstown Leisure Centre Kids Swim Pass</b>	<b>Carol Bond</b>
<b>€10 Alteration Rooms Voucher</b>	<b>J. O'Regan</b>
<b>Free Lessons at Bergin Academy of Irish Dance</b>	<b>Heidi Jackson</b>

**The following prizes were also won!**

**Annual Gold Membership to Kilruddery**

**€58 Voucher to Squirrel Scramble**

**3 Course Sunday Lunch at The Golden Ball**

**Breakfast for Two at The Dockyard Cafe, Bray Harbour**

**€20 Swift Clean Voucher**

**Spin Mop Set from Gremma Home Supplies**

**Lloyds Pharmacy, Shankill Hamper**

**Shankill Pharmacy Hamper**



## RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

Welcome back to a new school year. Teachers and pupils have all changed classes and a new positive energy is in the school. It is a time for us all to settle. Thank you for everyone's support on this matter.

I am pleased to announce that our football team of 2016/2017 won both the school's League and the Cup. A huge effort goes into our after school games by our coaches and leaders and we must remember that most of this happens due to their commitment. Well done all those who took part over the year. Even if you didn't play on the day you were part of the journey.



A hockey match took place on our pitch between the Parents and 6<sup>th</sup> class. This was great fun and enjoyed by all.

I'm not sure who enjoyed it the most. There was a lot of competitiveness. Amazing to see the skills we have both with the parents and the children. I even saw one or two teachers out there giving their all! It was fun.

The most loved event of the year for the children took place in June. That was the Summer Dance. The children arrived all glammed up and ready to dance. Sam Stott, a previous youth leader with us, led the music and he was kept on his toes by the children. The dancing never stopped and cool pops were a necessity. Well done to the PTA for organising and supervising this.



Sport's day took place and as usual went smoothly with a barbeque organised again by our PTA. We had great weather and were well supported by our parents.

Our annual Rathmichael Fete took place with numbers well up above normal. The good weather brought everyone out including many we haven't seen for a long time. Let's hope they make it a tradition for the future. Well done to the organisers. A fabulous social occasion all of Shankill look forward to.

Now to 2017/2018. Look out for all our news!

*Caroline Senior*

# HARVEST FESTIVAL

*Please Bake, Bring and Buy for our sale  
of Harvest Gifts following the Harvest*

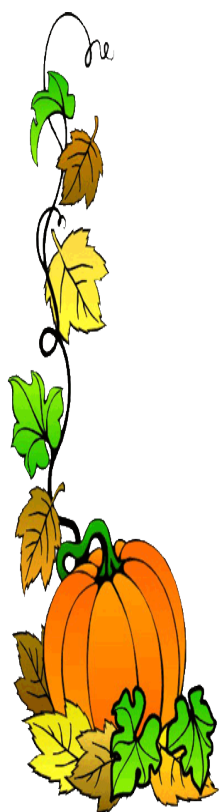
*Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 8th October 2017*

*Proceeds will be donated to Christian Aid  
to support their ongoing work*

*Donations of BREAD \* BUNS \* CAKES \* SAVOURY SLICES*

*APPLE PIES \* FRUIT \* JAMS & CHUTNEYS would be very welcome*

*Many thanks, Beverley East*



## *A Reflection God's Garden*

*Plant four rows of squash:*

*Squash gossip  
Squash indifference  
Squash grumbling  
Squash selfishness*

*Plant four rows of lettuce:*

*Lettuce be faithful  
Lettuce be kind  
Lettuce be obedient  
Lettuce really love one another.*

*You will have no garden without turnips:*

*Turnup for meetings  
Turnup for service*

*Turnup to help one another*

*Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.*

*There is much fruit in your garden  
Because you reap what you sow*

*To conclude our garden, we must have thyme:*

*Thyme for God - Thyme for study  
Thyme for prayer*

## Rathmichael Parish Choir

Music plays a huge part in our parish at church services each Sunday, at special occasions like weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc and in our school. Our organist and choir leader, Valerie Lewis, gives us her talents so generously and works tirelessly with the children's choir at school and the church choir. So much of her time goes into choosing hymns to go with the readings each week and, of course, the liturgical calendar.

Some of the choir members have had to leave the choir recently for various reasons and we would really appreciate some new voices to join us. Singing in the choir is contributing to a very special part of our parish, is very rewarding and most importantly great fun. Valerie is a fantastic teacher and we all learn so much from her.

If you can sing and would be interested in learning more, please give it some consideration and contact Valerie for a chat either at church or at 284 7741.

We have choir practice at the church on Thursday evenings at 8:15pm for approximately an hour when we practice the hymns, psalm and canticles for the following Sunday and learn some new pieces for upcoming special events.

If you can sing and if you like singing please contact Valerie and give our happy choir a try!

Margaret Nevin



## SEPTEMBER IN RATHMICHAEL PARISH



**Sunday Club built a Lego church during Family Service**



**Delicious Deli delights at the Fete**



**Sonia, Helen and Ingrid made jam for the Fete**



**Lots of toys to choose from**



**Church coffee in September was a very happy occasion with Helen's "Three Baristas" serving. That doesn't look like coffee in those bottles!! Maybe that is why people were so happy!**



**Happy helpers**

