

NOVEMBER 2017

RATHMICHAEL PARISH
NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parishioners,

At the request of the Principal, Dr. Declan Kelly, we facilitated our new neighbours, the JOHN SCOTTUS SECONDARY SCHOOL'S Celebration to mark the beginning of the School Year in Rathmichael Church.

The service opened with A Prayer for Humanity {sung, in English} and repeated by The Senior Choir (in four parts) with the organ. (*Paul by kind permission of Valerie*)

*All be Happy
All be without disease
May all see good things*

And none be in misery of any sort

Oh, may peace and peace and peace be everywhere.

The school choir and congregation sang 'Morning Has Broken, The Lord's My Shepherd, and Amazing Grace.

These hymns were interspersed with the prayer above being recited in the following languages by students native to these particular tongues. Russian, Italian, Chinese, Korean, Tamil, Mandarin, Spanish, Malayalam, Vietnamese, and in the original Sanskrit.

When one hears of and sees evidence of 'ethnic cleansing', tribalism, harsh discrimination, racism and hate, one can posit that the 'mix' of so many nations being educated together in one school environment has got to be cathartic and is **education writ large**.

Young people, i.e. *our leaders in waiting*, being used to periods of silent reflection and mindfulness during each day and with the philosophy evident in this short worship service augurs well and with hope.

With students perhaps away from home, the Welsh Hymn **All through the Night** and the **School Anthem** may bring comfort and peace.

All through the Night.

- Sleep my child and peace attend thee,
All through the night
Guardian angels God will send thee,
All through the night
Soft the drowsy hours are creeping
Hill and vale in slumber sleeping,
I my loving vigil keeping
All through the night.*
- While the moon her watch is keeping
All through the night
While the weary world is sleeping
All through the night
O'er thy spirit gently stealing
Visions of delight revealing
Breathes a pure and holy feeling
All through the night.*

A bono in bonum, omnia diriguntur

(from goodness to goodness, All things are directed)

Laetus Impraesens

(Delight in the Present)

Neque sensus existimes, neque appetas dignitatem

(neither riches consider, neither strive after Honour)

fuge excessum, fuge negotia

(flee excess, flee busyness)

Laetus Impraesens

(Delight in the Present)

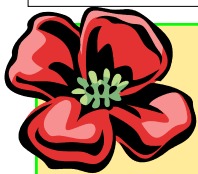
All in all we are well served by excellent educational facilities in this area, and of course, especially our own Primary level Parish School in Rathmichael.

Fred

CHURCH SERVICES - NOVEMBER 2017

DATE	08.30 HRS	11.00 HRS	19.00 HRS	LECTORS
The FOURTH SUNDAY before ADVENT Proper 26 Green 5th NOVEMBER 2017	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Joshua 3: 7-17 Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13 Matthew 23: 1-12	COMPLINE	Sheila Thomson
The THIRD SUNDAY before ADVENT Proper 27 Green 12th NOVEMBER 2017	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER (Rite 1) with ACT OF REMEMBRANCE Isaiah 2: 1-5 Psalm 130 Matthew 5: 1-12 Please join us for coffee following the service	HOLY COMMUNION	Catherine Millar
The SECOND SUNDAY before ADVENT Proper 28 Green 19th NOVEMBER 2017	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Judges 4: 1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Matthew 25: 14-30	EVENING PRAYER	Tony Senior
The KINGSHIP OF CHRIST Proper 29 Green 26th NOVEMBER 2017	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER (Rite 1) Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 Matthew 25: 31-46 Please join us for coffee following the service	HOLY COMMUNION	Paul Cathcart

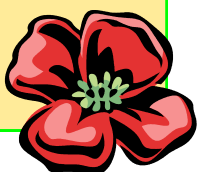
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: Dr. Mathew McCauley and Mr. Peter Harty will preach at the Remembrance Day Service in Rathmichael. Mathew's ongoing experience as a psychologist in the Medical Corps of the Irish, British and US forces gives gravitas to his words and his innate wisdom. Peter Harty has vast experience through his distinguished career in the Military world. Both Peter and Mathew know a priori the spectrum of human nature. Goodness and evil. They know also the news of Jesus of Nazareth.



The poppy is the symbol of Remembrance and of the Poppy Appeal.

Poppies will be available at the church for those who wish to donate to the

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal on Sundays 5th & 12th November.



ROTAS FOR NOVEMBER

CLEANING ROTA

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
4th	Irene Coulter	Helen Darcy
11th	Debbie Duncan	Vacant
18th	Emma Parker	Helen Darcy
28th	Emma Parker	Fiona Ashe

CHURCH COFFEE

12th - Louise Knatchbull & The Coulter Family
26th - Carol Bond - Jill Bolton
Heather Hewat - Sharon Cole



SUNDAY CRÈCHE

5th - Sarah Mannion
12th - Family Service
19th - Noreen White
26th - Gillian Bourne



SUNDAY CLUB

12 th Nov	Debbie Duncan	Remembrance Sunday	Jonathan Byford
19 th Nov	Katie Fox	Gillian Nevin	Sarah Campbell

RATHMICHAEL WALKERS


<p>Rathmichael Walkers will meet at the Church at 11am on Saturday November 25th.</p> <p>Everyone welcome</p> <p>Contact Helen Darcy at 0872342689.</p> 

CHURCH FLOWERS

5th & 12th	Ingrid Goodbody
19th & 26th	Jackie Sharpe



THE THURSDAY GROUP

<p>We will meet for coffee on Thursday 16th November at 10.30 a.m. in the home of George and Verna Knaggs, Ferndale Road, Rathmichael.</p> <p>Look forward to seeing you then.</p> <p>If you require a lift please let me know.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Anne 282 4204</p>	
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THE ALPHA/IN-BETWEEN BOOK CLUB

<p>The Book Club will meet on Tuesday 28th November, 2017 @ 8.00 p.m. at the home of Lesley Wallace, “ The Mews”, Old Glebe House, Bridesglen Road, Shankill. Phone: 2822514 or 087-6867988</p> <p>The Book we are reading for this meeting is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“In Order to Live” by Yeonmi Park</p> <p>The Book Club will not meet in December.</p>

PARISH REGISTERS:



INTERMENT OF ASHES

Tuesday 26th September 2017: Patricia Clarke, late of Loughlinstown, mother of Lesley and Christopher Martin. May she rest in peace.

FUNERALS

Tuesday 3rd October 2017: Una Simms, (née Fitzsimons), (Shankill and Blackrock) beloved wife of the late Chris Simms. We extend our sympathy to Una's brother Brendan and sisters Miriam, Siobhan and Trish, stepson Michael and his wife Laia brothers-in-law Nicholas, John, Hugh, Dermot and Joan and her extended family and many friends.

Tuesday 10th October 2017. Hussein Shahrokhi of Ballyogan - one of the first Iranian men in Ireland - found peace on the 5th of October 2017. We extend our condolences to his wife Marion and to his daughter Reza and son Adam. Rest in the presence of our Creator.

Monday 16th October 2017: Avril Wardlaw, Lower Road, Shankill, D 18. It was with sadness that we said goodbye to Avril following a short illness. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her and enjoyed her company.

We extend our sympathy to her daughter Leslie, son-in-law Robin and grandson Paul, her stepchildren, extended family and many friends.

May she rest in peace.



BAPTISMS

Sunday 1st October 2017: Pia Rose, daughter of Jamie and Georgie Crawford, Jolly Lands, Ballycorus Road, Kiltarnan, Dublin 18.

Sunday 22nd October 2017: Saoirse Gabrielle Rose and Holly Guinevere Anne, twin daughters of Graeme and Thara Tinney, Corbawn Avenue, Shankill, Dublin 18.

We welcome these three young ladies to their Christian Family in Rathmichael and we pray that they will grow to honour the promises made for them at baptism by their parents and god-parents.

SAFE GUARDING TRUST

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

"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"

Each person who helps with The Sunday Creche, The Sunday Club, The Youth Groups and The Parents, Babies and Toddler Group, must be Garda Vetted and have attended a Training Evening organised by Mrs. Olive Good, who is the Co-Ordinator of the Safe Guarding Trust Programme in this Diocese.

As from 1st January 2018 it will be a "Criminal Offence" for anyone who has not been Garda Vetted and trained to be involved in any children's groups in the parish.

We appreciate all that our volunteers do to help with the various groups and we appeal to you to please return your Garda Vetting Invitations as soon as possible - there is a 6-8 week turn around on these - and to please do your best to attend a Training Evening in November.

We have arranged for Olive Good to come to Rathmichael so that busy volunteers will not have to travel to another parish for one of these meetings.

The Training session will be 2-hours long and will take place on

TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2017 @ 8.00 p.m.

In the Erck Hall, beside Rathmichael Church.

If you help with one of the above groups then please, please put the date in your diary and do your best to come along.

Many thanks,

We look forward to seeing you,

The Safe Guarding Trust Panel

***The Rector, Mark Thornburgh,
Laura Mahon and Anne Thompson***

POSADA IS COMING TO RATHMICHAEL THIS ADVENT!

Some years ago we had "Posada". that is Mary and Joseph touring around the parish, being welcomed in to homes, schools and nursing homes during Advent. This was a great success and the children, as well as the older people, really enjoyed the experience.

For those who are not familiar with Posada, here's an explanation:

What is Posada?

Posada is a Spanish word meaning 'inn'. Posada celebrations originated in Mexico where two young people were chosen to dress up as Mary and Joseph. They used to travel from house to house in their village telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus and asking them if they would give Him a room. On Christmas Eve they would re-enact a community play and bring figures of Mary and Joseph to be placed in a crib.

The modern day equivalent is based on this concept but encourages people to give a home to little nativity figures of Mary and Joseph for a night. This symbolises making room for Jesus in our lives, homes and communities.



Each night from the fourth Sunday before Christmas the figures travel around the community from place to place, spending each night in a different home, and finally arriving in Church on Christmas Eve in time to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

What's it got to do with us in Rathmichael?

This Advent in Rathmichael we are going to use Posada as a way to reach out to all members of the community, and remember the true meaning of Christmas.

On the first Sunday in Advent we will be introduced to the figures at church and every night after that they will be passed from home to home. We will have a rota of where they are going, so if you want to get involved, just let us know and we'll put you on the rota.

We want to include people from all walks of life and of all ages as this is what it's all about. It's not just private houses either - we are hoping to bring it to schools and nursing homes.



The nativity figures will be brought to your house by whoever comes before you, and passed over to spend the night in your home. This 'passing over' can involve whatever you like - a quick chat, a cup of tea, a glass of wine, a prayer or just a few words. It's this bringing people together with the message of Christmas that makes Posada so special. It is also important to think about where you will host the figures in your home, and maybe to have a crib, or make a special space ready for them in whatever way you like. A disposable camera will travel with the figures so their journey through our community can be recorded.

So if you would like to do something a little different this year to get ready for Christmas, get involved in Posada!

Contact Debbie Duncan @ 087 6471617 to arrange a date for your "special visitors".

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

Luke 2: 4,5.

RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

Some of our children entered the handwriting competition for the Community games on behalf of Shankill earlier in the summer. Ruby Geelon, Charlie Geelon and Daniel Murphy won medals for their respective categories in the Dublin Finals. They were sent forward to represent Dublin in the National Finals at the end of August. Ruby Geelon took the silver medal for all Ireland.

We are very proud of them all.



5th Class entered a competition run by the local Gardaí. This was to celebrate and promote Social Inclusion. We are delighted that Alannah Jackson was a winner and was presented with a medal in Dunlaoghaire Garda Station. Well done Alannah!



The Sponsored Walk took place on Sunday 8th October in Carrickgolligan Wood. It really is a lovely event and the children love running around the well supervised course. Well done PTA for your superb organisation. Lovely to see so much support and happy faces. At the Rathmichael Church Harvest Thanksgiving Service our junior choir sang beautifully. The school enjoys being part of this occasion. Coffee and a sale of goods were held in aid of Christian Aid following this service.

Caroline Senior, Principal.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL SERVICE:

Our Harvest Thanksgiving service was a warm and happy event. We are indeed a *"thankful people"* when we witness and consider the extreme suffering of so many men, women and children in the world today.

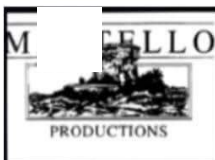


A packed church joined with the choir with some fulsome singing. The church was beautifully decorated with flower, fruit and vegetable arrangements. Thank you to all who gave their time and talents to assist with the decorations. The produce was donated to the Shankill Day Centre.

A cheque for €1,350 has been sent to Christian Aid from the sale of Harvest Gifts. Thank you to Beverley East and her team for organising this sale and thank you to everyone for your support which is greatly appreciated.

RECTOR	Rev. Canon Frederick Appelbe	282 2803	087 248 2410
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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	087 683 9272	
BEAVERS	Vicky O'Brien	086 859 2358	
CUBS	Mark Duncan	272 1127	086 727 2300
SCOUTS	Simon Knowd	282 5735	087 280 9497
GROUP LEADER	Mark Duncan	272 1127	086 727 2300
BROWNIES	Jennifer Bowe Hazel Crawford		086 814 5137 087 224 8228
HALLS BOOKINGS	Trish O'Neill, Rathmichael School	282 4794	
THURSDAY GROUP	Anne Thompson	282 4202	086 893 7067
ALPHA/IN-BETWEEN GROUP ALPHA/IN-BETWEEN BOOK CLUB	Sonia Appelbe Lily Byrne	282 2803 282 1021	087 679 8876 087 222 9633
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CHURCH COFFEE ROTA	Helen Darcy	282 282 4039	087 234 2689
C of I GAZETTE	Geoffrey Perrin	282 4292	087 917 4452
CHURCH REVIEW	Carol Bond	282 6391	
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Mrs. Caroline Senior	282 4794	
School Secretary	Trish O'Neill	282 4794	086 150 3701
P.T.A. CHAIRPERSONS	Suzanne McKenzie Young Edwina Bernon		086 300 2709 086 838 0550
CHURCH CLEANING ROTA	Debbie Duncan	272 1127	087 647 1617
MUMS & TODDLERS	Claire Miller Aoife Conroy Kim Hannigan		086 875 0540 087 965 7626 086 363 6218

NOVEMBER 2017 USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS



presents, by kind permission of
Samuel French Ltd, an amateur
performance of

Ghosts of Bedlam

by Arthur Aldrich



by kind permission of Stagescripts
Ltd, follows with an amateur
performance of

Another Life

by Derek Webb

Two one act plays Fri 24th November 8pm
Burton Hall, Rathmichael National School, Shankill
Tickets €10/€6 Concession incl tea/coffee
Contact (086) 263 3955

GRIP & SLIP YOUTH GROUPS

Here in Rathmichael we have 2 youth groups. Grip which is for teenagers in 1st to 3rd year which meets every second Sunday night and slip which is for kids in 5th and 6th class which meets every second Saturday night.

This November in Grip we are going to continue with our discussion series NUA and look forward to planning Ice skating and a Christmas party next month.

Also in November in Slip, if the weather holds up we are going to go to Dun Laoghaire to do the Chipper challenge.

If you have any questions you can contact me at
Phone: 083 811 0533
Email: byfordjonathan@gmail.com

SUNDAY CLUB - NOTE FOR PARENTS

FAMILY SERVICE with HOLY COMMUNION

will take place on SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER

At 11.00 hrs

AUTUMNAL CHURCH GROUNDS CLEAN UP:



As we get ready to batten down the hatches for winter we would really appreciate your help to clean up the autumn leaves and do a general tidy up of the church grounds.

The team will be there on

Saturday 11th November at 09.00 hrs

and Refreshments will be served,

We look forward to seeing you!

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