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RATHMICHAEL PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parishioners and other friends,

Safeguarding Trust: “Church of Ireland child protection policy statement: *“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 and neglect”.*

Adherence to the Code by parishes means that children using Church of Ireland premises for worship and other activities such as Sunday schools, youth organisations and clubs have their general safety and welfare promoted while being protected from all kinds of abuse.”

On Monday the 19th Feb. we had our triennial audit for **Safeguarding Trust** in Rathmichael Parish in order to check our compliance. Naturally the Panel Members, Anne Thompson, Mark Thornburgh, Laura Mahon and the Rector were in attendance. Happily we scored very highly on our compliance for which enormous accolade must be given to Anne Thompson who keeps us up to date and in order on the substantial amount of day to day work involved.

Mark has a forensic skill in the matter of formulating policies etc. Laura works on the frontier of this kind of work and knows all the ins and outs. And the rector just trusts the rest and quietly gives thanks to God for each! From outside it would be easy to underestimate the bulk of administration, some of which sticks in the craw when compared to the UK system for e.g.

Happily over time people have become more at ease at being asked to undergo Garda Vetting. For example, each new parent in Rathmichael Parish School is given a form in a pack offering them the opportunity to be Garda Vetted. Those who don't will be precluded from involvement in various ways in the school. Most mums and many dads do opt to be Vetted. Similarly, we take no chances in the parish.

The Church of Ireland has appointed Mr. Gabriel Chrystal as Child Protection Officer (RI). Originally from Sligo, Gabriel has been in police work since 2002 and has been part of the child protection team within both the *Metropolitan Police in London and Thames Valley Police*. He brings a broad range of experience in the field of family support and child protection, including case management and investigation, and has also specialised in the provision of training programs. I have attended a Q & A session, where he was clear, knowledgeable, succinct, and inane questions or comments were afforded very little air indeed!

Charities Regulatory Authority: I guess due to a few bad bad apples in the barrel in the world of charities, nice honest charities like parishes now have to jump through hoops to comply with new stringent regulations. Our Hon. Treasurers, Michael Malcolmson and Lily Byrne are keeping abreast of this process.

GDPR The **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** will come into force on the 25th May 2018. And here the Church of Ireland has appointed Ms. Rebecca Fozzard to guide us through Data Protection Law and compliance. And like the **Safeguarding Trust Child Protection** protocol, there is a heck of a lot administration to it. As chairman of a School Board of Management I attended a lecture by a ‘Data Protection’ lawyer who seemed to me to have an almost irrational fear of the Big Bad Data Commissioner, with threats of €billions and jail sentences. The aforementioned Mark Thornburgh who knows his rules and regulations and their place, also sees GDPR as using a sledge hammer to crack a nut.

The well known clinical psychologist Dr. Maureen Gaffney posits the theory that for good mental health we need five positives for every one negative we experience. I share with you that being responsible for the implementation and administration of any of the three above in a parish or a school sure does not feel like a Positive ongoing experience. In dietary terms it would be classed as unhealthy. BUT with an A1 Select Vestry and an A1 School Board of Management and your understanding when we ask you for permission to hold your records on our data base etc., we will get used to these new ‘Big Brother’ ways and move on to the Greater Glory of God in what seems at the moment to be only during our spare time. And that sure ain't right. No way. No how!

At my ordination thirty something years ago I was given just a Bible by the Bishop. **Amen.**

Fred

P.S. *I would refer you to the Holy Week services schedule on Page 2.*

Hilda Plant whom I deeply respect for her gifts, skills, and empathy is the C of I chaplain to St. Vincent's Hospital. Life being life means that it is possible that some of us will be ministered to by her at some stage.

Please also refer to the piece on the **Easter Vestry** (Page 4) on the 8th April and take it to heart.

CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH 2018

DATE	08.30 HRS	11.00 HRS	19.00 HRS	LECTORS
The THIRD SUNDAY in LENT Violet 4th MARCH 2018	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Exodus 20: 1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 John 2: 13-22	EVENING PRAYER	Jim Hendry
The FOURTH SUNDAY in LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY Violet 11th MARCH 2018	H.C.	FAMILY SERVICE Mothering Sunday Exodus 2: 1-10 Psalm 34: 11-20 Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 33-35 or Please join us for coffee following the service	HOLY COMMUNION	Keith Garland
The FIFTH SUNDAY in LENT Violet 18th MARCH 2018	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Psalm 51: 1-13 Hebrews 5: 5-10 John 12: 20-33	COMPLINE	Ros Cox
The SIXTH SUNDAY in LENT (PALM SUNDAY) Red or Violet 25th MARCH 2018	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 31: 9-16 Mark 15: 1-39 Please join us for coffee following the service	HOLY COMMUNION	Suzanne & Dean Russell

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

WEDNESDAY 20.00 hrs Service of Wholeness & Healing

Kiltarnan Parish Church

Speaker - Mrs. Hilda Plant, C of I chaplain to St. Vincent's Hospital

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MAUNDY THURSDAY 20.00 hrs service Rathmichael

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GOOD FRIDAY 11.00 hrs service and 20.00 hrs service both in Rathmichael

MARCH ROTAS & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHURCH FLOWERS

4th & 11th Jenny O’Keeffe

18th Valerie Martin

25th Palm Sunday - no flowers



THE THURSDAY GROUP

We will meet for coffee and a chat on Thursday 15th March at 10.30 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Doreen Orr, Lordello Road, Shankill.

Anyone needing a lift - just let me know

Look forward to seeing you,

Anne 282 4202

CHURCH COFFEE

11th - Mary Went - Sharon Cole

Wendy Kenny - Heather Hewat

25th - Louise Knatchbull - Carol Bond

Oonagh Cosgrave - Avril McWilliams

THE ALPHA/IN-BETWEEN BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday 27th March, 2018 @ 8.00 p.m. in the home of Marian and Frank Conboy, 8 Shrewsbury Hall, Shankill. Mobile: 086-3070968

The books we are reading for March are:-

“Small Great Things” by Jodi Picoult

and

“The Chilbury Ladies Choir” by Jennifer Ryan.

SUNDAY CLUB



	4-6 yrs	7-9 yrs	10-12 yrs
4th March	Debbie Duncan	Gillian Nevin	Sarah Campbell

SUNDAY CRÈCHE

4th	Jan Ovington
11th	Family Service
18th	Valerie Grier
25th	Danielle Fletcher

RATHMICHAEL WALKERS

We will meet at the church on Saturday 24th March at 11.00 a.m. as usual.

New walkers welcome!

Queries: Contact Helen @ 087 234 2689

CHURCH & BRASS CLEANING

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
3rd	Eve McAulay	Sandra Ganly
10th	Eve McAulay	Sandra Ganly
17th	Thelma Clinton	Pamela Bradley
24th	Thelma Clinton	Pamela Bradley
31st	Sheila Thomson	

PARISH REGISTERS:



HOLY BAPTISMS:

Sunday 4th February 2018: Robin Julia, daughter of Claire and Dale Ayers, Quinn’s Road, Shankill.

Sunday 11th February 2018: Tara Rose White, daughter of Conor and Cathy White, Corbawn Drive, Shankill.

We welcome these two little girls to their Christian family and we pray that they will grow to honour the promises made for them at baptism by their parents and god-parents.

RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

The Credit Union ran an art competition. Ellie McDonald won first prize in this winning a family pass to the Zoological gardens.

They had previously run an art competition in conjunction with Shankill Traders. In this we had three four winners, Poppy Miller, Max Lawless, Olivia Carroll and Ellie McDonald. Poppy won a camera at this time.

6th Class entered a quiz which the Credit Union sponsored for schools. This was enjoyed by all.

Our M3 money saving club is also run by the Credit Union and is very popular. Well done Core Credit Union on all you do for the schools It is very much appreciated. Getting involved with the local community is important in our school. Indeed it is part of our Global Citizenship Flag.



We held our own handwriting competition in the school to promote neatness, good punctuation and clarity. We hold this twice a year and it has proved to be very popular throughout the school. Children who are making great strides with their writing are also encouraged as we have prizes for each class for most improved.



This year we held an Adult Quiz as a fund raiser in Shankill Tennis Club. This was well attended and great fun. Niall Carty, a parent, went to enormous trouble putting questions together and unfortunately for him has a job for the next 4/5 years!! Well done to the PTA for the refreshments and organisation involved. Getting people to attend fundraisers can be a very difficult task, however usually everyone has a good time and certainly the school benefits each time. Thank you all my amazing volunteers.

Caroline Senior, Principal.



Shankill Community Games Upcoming events:

Art and Handwriting 11 March St. Anne's School
Athletics 22 April Shanganagh Park

There will be GAA training Sunday evenings
Shanganagh Park for Girls U12 and U14 Football,
Boys U10 Football and Boys U11 Hurling.

Other events this year include Girls U12 Soccer,
Talent, Model Making, Boys U11 Mini rugby,
Long puck, Cross country.

Please email
shankillcommunitygames@gmail.com for more
details.

Pre-registration is required

Registration forms now available from St. Anne's
Resource Centre, local primary schools or email
shankillcommunitygames@gmail.com and can
be returned at any time to the post box at St.
Anne's Resource Centre.

You can also register in person at St. Anne's
Resource Centre Sunday 4 March from 11.30am
to 1pm OR local primary schools week beginning
26 February 2018

EASTER VESTRY NOTICE

**The Easter Vestry will take place in The Erck Hall
following Family Service
on Sunday 8th April 2018**

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.