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RATHMICHAEL PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parishioners,

"Where There Is No Vision, the People Perish" Proverbs 29: verse 18.

Since announcing my imminent retirement from fulltime parish ministry, one or two people have asked why I am doing so, so soon after my 66th birthday. Mandatory retirement from parish ministry is at 75.

Some physicians subscribe to the Hippocratic Oath which includes **"first, do no harm"**. As an older rector, hanging on too long, especially in a rapidly developing demography may well lead to confused priorities and neglect in some area, i.e. potential for HARM to the family of God.

It will take a fresher mind than mine to decipher a healthy **VISION** for Rathmichael Parish and Parish School amidst the planned development for the area.

ON THAT THEME: (*And I am only the Messenger here!!*) Under the '**Rebuilding Ireland Initiative – An action Plan for Housing and Homelessness**', launched by the Irish Government in 2016, some 50,000 new houses are to be constructed in fourteen locations in Greater Dublin Area in the next 5-10 years.

Kilternan – Glenamuck 2000 houses. Cherrywood – 8000. Shanganagh-Woodbrook 2300 houses

The Developer Hines is in the process of constructing 8,000 residential units in Cherrywood, with a new town centre with shops, offices, **three new primary schools and two post-primary schools**. Whilst I am used to '*smoke in a bottle*' for such announcements over the years, this one actually seems to be happening.

On Tuesday the 16th October, the Archbishop and one of my colleagues, the Rev'd. Norman McCausland who was a town planner in Belfast prior to ordination, will meet with Geoffrey Perrin, Caroline Senior, myself and clergy from Kilternan, Killiney/Ballybrack, Tullow and Crinken. The Archbishop and Norman will meet with representatives from twelve other parishes fringing Dublin over a short period after our meeting.

The twenty page document will take some chewing over and how the Church can best respond to the challenges that new developments present, by identifying where the Church's mission aligns with the overall aims of planners and local government.

Terms like: *SDZ's – Strategic Development Zones. Church Plant. Mission Outreach. Mission Shaped Church. Mission Shaped Heart. From Maintenance to Mission.* And you can see where Fred's more traditional lexicon in this area gets clogged up.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain."

Psalms 127

Thank God for our Parish & School Community. And He does work in mysterious ways.

God bless,

Fred

CHURCH SERVICES - OCTOBER 2018

DATE	08.30 HRS	11.00 HRS	19.00 HRS	LECTORS
The NINETEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY Proper 22 GREEN 7th OCTOBER 2018	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Job 1: 1; 2: 1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12 Mark 10: 2-16	EVENING PRAYER	Suzanne Bracken & Dean Russell
The TWENTIETH SUNDAY after TRINITY Proper 23 GREEN 14th OCTOBER 2018	H.C.	FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL Harvest Readings Please join us for coffee and the sale of Harvest Gifts for Christian Aid after the service	HOLY COMMUNION	Debbie Duncan
The TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY after TRINITY Proper 24 GREEN 21st OCTOBER 2018	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Job 38; 1-7 (34-41) Psalm 104: 1-10, 26, 37c Hebrews 5: 1-10 Mark 10: 35-45	COMPLINE	Marian Conboy
The FIFTH SUNDAY before ADVENT Proper 25 GREEN 28th OCTOBER 2018	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER with HOLY BAPTISM Job 42: 1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34: 1-8, (19-22) Mark 10: 46-52 Please join us for coffee after the service	HOLY COMMUNION	Baptismal Party



CHRISTIAN AID - HARVEST PRAYER

God of justice, you call us to stand together, to walk side by side, to share ideas, dreams and burdens – to work together for a just harvest of your good gifts.

Together, we have the power to grow hope, to plant seeds that yield a better future. This season, we pray with our global family. May we embrace the gift of each other – and walk side by side with our sisters and brothers to bring about change. Together, we're stronger.

May we offer our gifts this season.

OCTOBER ROTAS

CHURCH AND BRASS CLEANING

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
6TH	Jenny O'Keeffe	Pamela Bradley
13th	Jenny O'Keeffe	Sheila Thomson
20th	Sheila Thomson	Frances Marshall I
27th	Irene Coulter	Pamela Bradley

CHURCH FLOWERS

7th & 14th Harvest Thanksgiving Festival

21st & 28th Jill Allen



CHURCH COFFEE

October 14th - Marilyn Griffith - Marian Conboy

Susi French - Shirley Garland

October 28th Pamela Hill - Barbara Fagan

Louise Knatchbull - Helen Darcy



RATHMICHAEL WALKERS

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

Contact - Helen @ 087 234 2689



SUNDAY CLUB



	4 - 6 yrs	7 - 9 yrs	10 - 12 yrs
7th Oct	Shirley Farrell & Dean Russell	Debbie Duncan	Gillian Bourne
21st Oct	Jan Ovington	Debbie Duncan	Katie Fox

SUNDAY CRÈCHE

7th Grace O'Brien

14th Family Service

21st Valerie Grier

28th Julie Perrin



RATHMICHAEL PARISH PARENTS, BABIES & TODDLERS GROUP



We are back in the Erck Hall, beside
Rathmichael Church, on Wednesdays during
term time from 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon.

We hope to see lots of babies and toddlers
along with their parents and minders.

Best wishes,
Claire and Cloe

HARVEST FESTIVAL

*Please Bake, Bring and Buy for our sale
of Harvest Gifts following the Harvest
Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 14th October 2018*

*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!



*We thank thee for the Harvest
The barley and the wheat
Farmers and their workers
Who provide the food we eat*

*We thank thee for the weather
Sunshine and the rain
Without the gifts of nature
No harvest would we gain*

*Leasers of the world
Remember those in need
Put love and compassion
Where is only greed*

Frank Spain



RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

We had a very successful Active Week this year. The children love taking part in all the activities which are timetabled. This year we had cricket, Irish dancing, Pilates, Tag rugby, Sports for all, Stretch and Grow along with morning exercises for everyone. It was a fun way to end our school term and kept us all busy and active which was its main goal.

Various school tours took place to many venues. May and June are good times to go as the weather is better. However, this year we cannot complain about the weather!



Our Sports Day was run by Southside School Sports who have taken over our after school games and help out with PE in school. This ran very smoothly and introduced the Tug of War which was good fun. The whole school take part regardless of ability and I believe the parents enjoy it too.

Good news. We received an honours certificate for Tidy Towns this year. We

make it our business to keep the school clean and in good condition. Each class gets involved in this process. Gillian Bourne, as person in charge of Green Schools and the Active Flag, gets everyone to get involved and applies for this annually.



Our 6th Class whom we have just lost as they have moved on to their secondary schools, were given an envelope in Junior Infants by their teacher Ms. Hayley Appelbe. This was to be kept until they were leaving school. They contained pictures poems and memorabilia from their time at the start of Primary School. Ms. Appelbe returned in June to watch them open their envelopes. It was very moving and a lot of fun.

The bed between our Astro pitch and the top playground was weeded, cleared and replanted by 6th class. It is now full of beautiful flowers and thriving. The flowers planted will remain from year to year so hopefully we will continue to see a splash of colour each year. Many thanks to our caretaker Gary for all his help.



5th Class took a day out of school to clean our local beach. This was very good for the children to see all the waste that is needlessly thrown about. Many bags were filled and these were collected by Dunlaoghaire / Rathdown County Council. If everyone were to pick up one piece of waste each day our environment would become a better place.

Caroline Senior
Principal



RATHMICHAEL PARISH & SCHOOL FETE 2018



Dear Parishioners,

When Fred landed in my house to ask me to organise the Fete my first reaction was NO, but Suzanne said of course he will do it. Little did I know what was involved. Taking over from Mark was always going to be a difficult job as he and his team had brought the Fete to where it is now, massive boots to fill.

All I can say is - what a team I have around me – it is a team effort, and everyone was brilliant.

To all the helpers a massive thank you. The bakers, the sorters, the guys on the gate, the car park, the money collectors, the money counters, the cleaners, the movers, the list goes on – **THANK YOU ALL.**

As it is a team effort I would like to mention the committee who have been fantastic. Having people like Debbie Duncan introducing a triage table on the run up to the Fete to sort the donations coming in, this reduced the things that do not sell going straight in our skip. This was a brilliant idea, in addition she was baking in bulk for the Fete and running around making sure we all were doing what we should.

Susan Stuart running a super Facebook page where I heard from two people outside the parish saying it was fantastic – again one of the stand out stalls with her creative flare and I cannot forget her ability to get sponsors on board.

Peter Harty our military man who organised the containers getting the goods in and out. He again with his team cooked and sold over 500 burgers and sausages, half of Shankill fed in an afternoon.

Trish O'Neill arranging all the permits, getting the parents on board, notes to the parents need I go on, the administration supremo.

Frank O'Neill (first an apology we left his name and number off the initial list) always on hand to get stuck in and if you are moving to a new house he is your man

Paul Barron worked all week long and then with 36 hours to go before the Fete had to arrange a new band (which is no easy task) and they were superb a group of at least 20 singing and playing their hearts out, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

John Bolton is the signs man – it is about getting the skills that suit the job. John is a super organiser and worked tirelessly moving everything from A to B and back again and always with a smile on his face.

Nick Ashe is our new Peter Williams, he wired the entire grounds and can turn his hand to anything from roofing to construction of steps, no job is too big or too small.

Peadar & Crawford could move your entire house in half a day, they are massive workers and have so much energy, Crawford brings the trucks to make our jobs much easier. Their real gifts are coming up with ideas that will improve and change the Fete for the better – you will all have to wait until next year, watch out for developments to come.

Mark Kenny is the tent man, the ice man, the organiser, the ideas man, the mover and shaker and a great sounding board and he has been involved now for many years, again you need anything done he is your man.

Clare Perry for all her sorting every night of the week, clothes, white elephant the list goes on.

Corina Knaggs brand new to the team runs the Jewellery stall and if you saw her stall it is a stand out stall and we all can't wait to see her plans for next year and her designing skills will be a major asset to us.

Caroline Senior the most organised person I have ever meet – I ask her once and the job is done before I even finish the sentence, again a super sounding board and reigns in some of our hair brain schemes, she will have her hands full with Peadar and Crawford – also superb at getting the parents in the school involved.

And finally, Fred – the prayer man – I was texting him on the Friday night before the Fete when I saw the weather forecast and boy did he come good – he must be in favour. He got the rain to stop at 10am and it came back at 6 pm but at that stage the clearing up was nearly complete.

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RATHMICHAEL PARISH & SCHOOL FETE contd....

This is Fred's last Fete and I think you will all agree he has been a major asset to our parish. Fred works tirelessly in the build up to the Fete moving and fetching, opening and closing the school and the church, the first to arrive and the last to leave, I am going to miss him!

To all the helpers who made this happen a huge thank you – it was a massive team effort

The team spirit was brilliant – the buzz around the place was great – it was great to see the kids getting involved and helping out – they are the future and we must remember this.

With all the positivity I only got one negative response when I asked for help.

On a personal note this year was very hard work but very rewarding and I got meet loads more people in the parish and the school which was great. I would recommend to you all who have not volunteered to do something like this - to give it a go - as you will all get a lot out of it. When I went back to work on Monday morning exhausted I reflected on what a fabulous community we have around us here in Shankill / Rathmichael

Well done to all and it is now time for me to hibernate!

Hopefully see you all in September 2019!

Dave Simmons

Chairman – Fete Committee

A million thanks David. Superb leadership perfectly executed.

Fred



RAFFLE RESULTS

€200 Cash	Robin Headley
Android Tablet	Vicky O'Brien
1€00 Car Service Voucher	Ronan Smith
Quantity of Fire Wood	Ollie Hewat
Bread & Bones Meal for Two	Shirley Farrell
Mind Body Skills with Heidi Jackson	Mags
Bernardos Take Away Voucher	Susan Wilson
BBQ Voucher	Sheila Thomson
Squirrel Scramble	Stephen Bradley
One Cafe Breakfast for Two	Holly Allison
Bray Bowl 3x12 passes	Kieran Fagan
Giddy Studios Voucher	Tony Delahunty
Shankill Pharmacy Hamper	Fionn McNally
O'Donnell's Pharmacy	Susan Wilson
Lloyds Pharmacy Hamper	Arlette Morton
Kilruddery Annual Family Pass	Tom Delahunty
Catherine Casey School of Dance	Gerry Blanchford
Advanced Pitstop Voucher Loughlinstown	Kelly Nolan
Dockyard Cafe Breakfast for Two	Katie Fox
Sealife Family Pass	Joan Halligan
Stillorgan Bowl	Siobhan
Ceira Lambert €100 Hair Voucher	Cynthia Scott
Shoreline Leisure Centre 2x10 visit passes	
Romain Sammon	
Old Conna Golf Club 4xGreen Fee Voucher	Kay Larkin

Congratulations to all the prize winners!!

Many thanks to the many businesses and clubs who very generously donated such wonderful prizes for the Raffle.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



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presents
A Night of One Act Plays

Notes on Falling Leaves

by Ayub Khan-Din

(not suitable for younger audiences)

&

A Frank Exchange

by Nicholas Marsh

performed by the award winning
Modelbox Theatre

The Burton Hall

Rathmichael Parish N.S.

Stonebridge Road

Shankill

Fri 12th October 2018

at **8pm**

Admission €10/€5 (incl. tea & coffee)

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