DECEMBER 2018/JANUARY 2019

RATHMICHAEL PARISH

NEWSLETTER

www.rathmichael.dublin.anglican.org

Dear Parishioners,

'Death by a Thousand Cuts'. One corollary of being incumbent of a parish over an extended period is that one gets to know the people pretty well and to grow mighty fond of them. Thus when a member of the parish family leaves this earthy life, another few embedded roots in one's heart are vanked out, leaving an achy place and an uneasy void. Yes, I commend them to the Risen Lord and feel into the words for family and myself "Strengthen them to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience, not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your mercy in the past " but being human, this peace can come dripping very slowly indeed, often with long barren spaces during which time one has to deal with other daily issues both big and small. I cannot categorise the new multitude of rules and regulations which demand compliance, but I am guite sure that I am not the guy to get enthused by it.

In all of this, as a pastor I feel much more fortunate than many of my colleagues throughout the land. I can and do call on capable and competent people to take responsibility for looking after e.g. Insurance matters, Safeguarding Trust, Health and Safety, GDPR, Fiscal Regulatory Authority Legislation, Charities Legalisation, Revenue,, School Policies and its multitude of regulations, Professional Engineering prowess and the devil knows what. All of which if one gets it wrong has serious consequences.

I mentioned Parish Finances. – The late Michael Malcolmson served for many many years as Hon. Treasurer to Rathmichael Select Vestry and he was part of the stable furniture of the parish. He took pleasure in serving his Lord through his assiduous attention to the finances and addressing the 'downs' and rejoicing in their 'ups' of the parish balance sheet.

Michael loved Rathmichael and his Lord, and Rathmichael loved Michael, and we miss him greatly.

Pragmatic Michael Malcolmson was so delighted and felt fulfilled that our own Lily Byrne became Deputy Hon. Treasurer with a view, - as happens that has now come to pass. (as Hon. Treasurer of the school Board of Management, Lily has just achieved the 'Gold Star' for compliance in our first ever Revenue Audit at the school). Nere a brown envelope to be found anywhere!

With the work of feeding the bureaucrats and protecting our derrière, one could be deflected from the fact that we are a church community doing our best to spread the Good News of Jesus crucified and Risen from the dead, and to live day by day by his statutes. i.e. being decent citizens and caring, praying and stuff.



As a rectory family we get such a kick out of meeting members of the parish family over Christmas and those who have moved away but are back for the festive season. It'll be our last Christmas in the beautiful old Rectory which has such a friendly embracing ambiance. This may be largely due to the ever faithful Aga which acts as the life giving heart to the building. It has seen many rectors come and go, and to put ones feet in the bottom oven on a winter's night after a tricky meeting or draining visit sees the Aga morph into more than an inanimate appliance. The Aga is sensitive to wind conditions and is temperamental enough betimes to suggest that is does have some sort of soul and emotional response!

Pray. Do pray. Please Do Pray. The world, his wife, and cynics whom you know need our prayers. Quietly.

We rejoice with those who rejoice, we weep with those who weep. Romans 12:15

God bless and a Holy Christmas and every Day from Sonia, Hayley, Debbi, Doola the dog, et moi.

Fred

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 9th December 19.00 hrs BLUE CHRISTMAS

Sunday 16th December 16.00 hrs SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS followed by seasonal refreshments

CHRISTMAS EVE 23.45 hrs The First Communion of Christmas

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CHRISTMAS DAY

08.30 hrs Holy Communion

- 11.00 hrs Family Service
- 11.45 hrs Holy Communion

CHURCH SERVICES - DECEMBER 2018 & JANUARY 2019

DATE	08.30	11.00 HRS	19.00 HRS	LECTORS
The FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT Violet 2nd DECEMBER 2018	н. с.	HOLY COMMUNION Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Psalm 25: 1-9 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Luke 21: 25-36	EVENING PRAYER	Kate Desigar
The SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT Violet 9th DECEMBER 2018	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER (Rite 2) With RE-DEDICATION Malachi 3: 1-4 Luke 3: 1-6 Please join us for coffee following the service	BLUE CHRISTMAS	Sarah Mannion
The THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT Violet 16th DECEMBER 2018	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Psalm 146: 4-10 Philippians 4: 4-7 Luke 3: 7-18	16.00 hrs SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS and CAROLS	Barbara Fagan
The FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT Violet 23rd DECEMBER 2018	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER With Holy Baptism Micah 5: 2-5a Magnificat Luke 1: 39-45 (46-55)	HOLY COMMUNION	Heather & Andrew Hewat
The FIRST SUNDAY of CHRISTMAS White or Gold 30th DECEMBER 2018	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 41-52	NO EVENING SERVICE	Carol Bond
THE EPIPHANY White 6th JANUARY 2019	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Isaiah 60: 1-6 Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-15 Ephesians 3: 1-12 Matthew 2: 1-12	EVENING PRAYER	Sheila Thomson
The FIRST SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY The Baptism of our Lord White 13th January 2019	H.C.	FAMILY SERVICE Isaiah 43: 1-7 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Coffee will be served	HOLY COMMUNION	Karina Heaslip
The SECOND SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY White 20th JANUARY 2019	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Isaiah 62: 1-5 Psalm 36: 5-10 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 John 2: 1-11	COMPLINE	Ronnie Whelan
The THIRD SUNDAY after the EPIPHANY White 27th January 2019	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 Luke 4: 14-21 [22-30] Coffee will be served	HOLY COMMUNION	Avril McWilliams

DECEMBER ROTAS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHURCH & BRASS CLEANING

THE ALPHA/IN-BETWEEN BOOK CLUB

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
1st Dec	Fiona Ashe	
8th		Beverley East
15th	Anne Headley	Pamela Bradley
22nd	Anne Headley	Pamela Bradley
5th Jan	Fiona Carthy	Beverley East
12th	Fiona Carthy	
19th	Frances Marshall	Debbie Duncan
26th	Debbie Duncan	

CHURCH COFFEE

Dec 9th	Shirley Garland - Carol Bond Olivia Uhlar - Avril McWilliams
Jan 13th	The Coulter Family
Jan 27th	Ros Cox - Marilyn Griffith Helen Darcy - Heather Hewat

CHURCH FLOWERS

We will decorate the church for Christmas Services on Saturday 15th December at 09.00 hrs. and look forward to seeing all our flower arrangers.



RATHMICHAEL WALKERS



Rathmichael Walkers meet at the Church at

11.00 am on January 26th 2019. Choice of walks

on the day.

No December walk.

The Book Club will not meet in December.

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday 29th January, 2019 @ 8.00 p.m. in the home of Lesley Wallace, "The Mews", Old Glebe House, Bridesglen Road, Shankill. Phone: 2822514

We are reading two books for this meeting "Oh My God What A Complete Aisling" by Emer McLysaght and Sarah Breen

And

"A Ladder To The Sky" by John Boyne

SUNDAY CLUB

	4-6 yrs	7-9 yrs	10-12 yrs
Dec 2nd	Gillian Bourne	Dean Russell	Debbie Duncan

SUNDAY CRECHE

Dec 2nd	Sian Young
9th	Family Service
16th	Volunteer Needed
23 rd	Michelle Hennessy

RATHMICHAEL PARENTS, BABIES & TODDLERS

You are cordially invited to Stories and Songs by the Crib for the under 4 's in Rathmichael Church on Wednesday 12th



December at 10.15 am followed by a party round the Christmas tree in the Erck Hall.

Food, fun and games and maybe a surprise visitor!!!

As we need an idea of numbers for the party please let Claire @ 086 875 0540 know by the 9th December if you are coming.

This will be our last playgroup of the year and we look forward to seeing you all on 9th January 2019 when we re-open.

Best wishes,

Claire and Cloe

Thank you! Thank you!

As we come to the end of another year it gives me an opportunity to thank everyone, on behalf of the parish, who help to keep the wheels of the parish bus well oiled and turning.

Our thanks to the church wardens Richard Marshall and Paul Barron for looking after "everything" at each service.

Thank you to our Parish Readers - Lily Byrne, Anne Thompson and recently joined Mathew McCauley, for their assistance with services throughout the year.

Thank you to the Organist and Choir for their musical input at each service and to Lily Byrne for organising the lectors each week.

Thank you to the volunteers who help to run the Sunday Club and to Jonathan, who has left us now, and his helpers for their work with Slip and Grip Youth Groups and to Caroline Senior for liaising Church and School. Thank you to Debbie Duncan for organising and overseeing Sunday Club.

Thanks to Danielle Fletcher and her volunteers who look after the Sunday Crèche and take care of our very little ones while mum and dad attend the service.

Thank you to the volunteers, Claire Miller and Chloe Gayer, who organise the Parents, Toddlers & Babies Group on Wednesday mornings.

Thank you to Mark Thornburgh, Anne Thompson and Laura Mahon, for looking after the many demands of safety on our premises and the implementation of the Church of Ireland Safe Guarding Trust.

We thank Elizabeth Gordon, Ingrid Goodbody, Margaret Nevin and their team for attending to the flower arrangements, which are admired each week and remind us of the beauty of the earth that God has given us.

We thank Ros Cox for looking after the Liturgical Colours week by week throughout the year.

Thank you to Helen Darcy and the team of volunteers who serve that welcome cup of coffee on certain Sundays throughout the year.

Thanks to Debbie Duncan and the people who attend to Church and Brass Cleaning (there are a few "vacancies" - maybe you could spare a couple of hours in the year). This team of helpers keeps our lovely little church spic and span.

Our Glebe Wardens, Geoffrey Perrin and Peter Williams attend to all matters with regard to upkeep of the buildings and halls and Dave Elmes, along with arrange work parties to prune, clear and plant the church grounds. Our thanks to all involved in this work.

The onerous task of complying with GDPR has been attended to by Paul Barron, Richard Marshall, Mark Thornburgh, Lily Byrne and Anne Thompson and we thank them for their diligent work on this particular subject.

Thanks to Carol Bond who looks after delivery of The Church Review and Geoffrey Perrin who does likewise with the Gazette.

Our parish Newsletter is Edited by The Rector and compiled by Anne Thompson. Ros Cox manages the distribution of it each month. Many thanks to those dedicated distributors who, through rain and shine, deliver it to many parishioners throughout the parish.

The Newsletter is printed, as are the service sheets for our main services at Christmas and throughout the year, to a very high standard by Grant Howie at Grants, Baggot Street, Dublin, and we thank him for that.

We email a large number of Newsletters to parishioners, ex-parishioners and friends of the parish, and will be happy to add more names to that list. Please send your email address to annethompson2824@gmail.com and we will gladly put you in our address book. This also helps to reduce overheads with printing which loom large on the agendum!

We thank our Parish Treasurer, the late Michael Malcolmson and Lily Byrne for their diligent book-keeping. Michael was our Parish Treasurer for many years and we owe him a posthumous thank you for his diligent book keeping. Lily Byrne has taken on this onerous task.

And - last but by no means least - thank you to my P.A. Anne Thompson.

As you can see from the above, many hands make light work so please consider offering your services for even a few hours during the year. It would be greatly appreciated.

CAROL SINGING AT BEECHFIELD MANOR



We look forward to singing carols with the Residents and Staff in Beechfield Manor Nursing Home

on Monday 10th December.

Meeting at 6<u>.45 p.m. sharp at the nursing home.</u>

We need some tuneful voices to get us through the evening and men, women and children (over 8 years of age) would be most welcome.

Don't forget your antlers and Santa hats!

Please Note: The Nursing Home is very warm so woolly jumpers are not necessary!

Any queries:

Please phone Caroline Senior @ 087 744 6719

We look forward to seeing you!

CONFIRMATION 2019



His Grace The Archbishop of Dublin, The Most Revd. Dr. Michael Jackson, will confirm young people from this parish, along with candidates from Crinken, Bray and Kilternan parishes, on Sunday 14th April 2019 at 15.00 hrs. in Christ Church, Bray.

Kilternan and Rathmichael will work together in the matter of preparation of the candidates.

Girls and boys who are in First Year and who wish to be confirmed should give their names to

> Anne Thompson 086 893 7067 or Email: annethompson2824@gmail.com

HARVEST THANKSGIVING



The parish has received a thank you from Shankill

Old Folks Association to let us know how much

they enjoyed the fruit and vegetables which they

received from the parish following our Harvest Festival.

Thank you to parishioners who donated these Items to decorate the church.

THE CHURCH REVIEW

The subscription for the Church Review for 2019 of €40 is now due and should be paid to Carol Bond in cash or by cheque <u>payable to her</u> and she would greatly appreciate prompt payment of subs.

Carol is always hoping to increase the circulation of the Church Review in the parish.

The Review has interesting news from all the parishes in the Diocese, a foreword from the Archbishop, book reviews, a very popular crossword and many other articles.

Please contact Carol at 282 6391 (by 15th December) if you wish to renew or take up a new subscription.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Carol for kindly collecting the Review and organising it to be available in the church porch each month.

RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

In October we held our Harvest Festival in the school. Canon Fred Appelbe attended the assembly and each child brought in food items including biscuits, coffee, tea, cake, tins and packets of various shapes and sizes and sweets. These were all loaded up into my car and along with three children from 1st class were brought to SOFA which is the Shankill Old Folks Association. The children spoke with the elderly people there. They were so very grateful for all the gifts we brought.



We had an author visit in connection with the sinking of the Leinster mail boat 100

years ago. Carmel Uí Cheallaigh wrote a book for children on this topic called, 'Leinster, the forgotten tragedy'. This was a simplified version of the tragedy. Much has been done in this area on this event and it was good for the children to understand it. They were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Our Team Hope colleague, Carol Hennessy, visited the school to tell us about the shoe box charity. She told the children what happened to their shoeboxes last year with wonderful stories of her visits to Belarus. We collected boxes which were brought in after midterm. The children are encouraged to put in unused items they may have in their own bedrooms which another child would love to have. We have found that the children love to get involved in this particular event.



Canon Fred Appelbe and myself attended the school service in Christ Church cathedral with three children. The service was excellent and talked about home-lessness.

3rd Class went on their annual visit to Airfield which is a city farm.

This is very educational and they are brought around the house, the animals and the grounds. It was a fun day for all.



Dress up day was probably the highlight of October, having a bake sale on the same day.

Best part being the last day before mid-term!

Caroline Senior, Principal



Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal.

Bishops' Appeal is the Church's World Aid and Development

Programme. It was set up by the Bishops of the Church in response to the commands in the Bible to bring good news to the poor and relief to the suffering. The aims of this role are

- to educate the Church at home about the needs and concerns of people in the less developed world and the causes of poverty;
- to encourage Church members to examine the reasons for the problems facing the less fortunate in the world and to consider what we can do to change conditions;
- to reach out in God's name to those who need our help;

to encourage informed prayer and prayerful action aimed at strengthening the poor; to raise the funds needed to allow Bishops' Appeal to support development projects and alleviate the suffering caused by disasters, both natural and manmade.

Bishops' Appeal works through partner Non-Governmental Organisations and Mission Agencies to implement Christ's "Mission Statement" to feed the hungry, lift the burden of poverty from the poor and bring freedom and hope to the oppressed. It does not fund development and emergency work directly. Our partners have the local knowledge and resources to ensure that projects for which they apply for funding are of maximum benefit to the peoples and areas in which they work.

Bishops' Appeal contributes to relief of suffering in time of emergencies whether natural or man-made. However, our main concern is to support ongoing development in the fields of sustainable agriculture, health, including HIV/AIDS, and education in many parts of the world. We aim to enable people to have more control over their own lives and futures so that they are less dependent on others than they are today.

Emergency responses such as food, water, shelter and medical supplies have been made in South Sudan (CMS Ireland), Yemen (Tearfund Ireland) Sierra Leone (Christian Aid) Caribbean Region (Christian Aid) Ethiopia : Self-help groups to build resilience and reserves, as response to drought and famine. (Tearfund Ireland).

In Rathmichael Parish over Christmas we will have retiring collections for Bishops' Appeal at our services. The purple envelopes, together with a copy of the annual report for this appeal will be available in the church in December.

You can read more about the Appeal and what it does at www.bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org

Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

For the Bishops' Appeal,

Anne Thompson

The Bishops' Appeal have a calendar this year - endorsed by the Bishops and if anyone would like to contribute

by buying one - there will be some available in the church @ €10 each

BEYOND RATHMICHAEL and St. VINCENT de PAUL

Once again we are organising a Christmas hamper appeal to help the work of St Vincent De Paul. For the last 10 years the parish has responded magnificently to this Appeal which has the financial backing of the Vestry. The local community supports us in a number of ways, for example the parish Fete, and this is one way in which we can again contribute to REAL NEED in our community.

Please therefore help us ideally by donations of money which will enable us to bulk buy or else by donating food items.. There will be a box for food items in the porch and we would intend packing the hampers in the Burton Hall on Saturday 15th December at 2.00 p.m.

Many thanks

Fiona Ashe 087 8215806 & Geoffrey Perrin 087 9174452

ANNUAL REGISTER OF VESTRY PERSONS

Each year in the month of January every Church of Ireland parish revises its register of parishioners.

People who have become new members of the Parish and parishioners who have reached the age of eighteen are entitled to become registered members of the Parish (referred to as registered vestry members). In a similar manner those who have ceased to be registered vestry persons through death or having moved away from the Parish are deleted.

To be so registered entitles one to vote at the Annual Easter Vestry Meeting, the Parish AGM. An up-to-date register is also helpful when the Church of Ireland carries out a census of its members.

Please therefore, if applicable, complete and return the form below to a Churchwarden or the Rector before 15th January

ANNUAL REGISTER OF VESTRY PERSONS

Declaration Form for new Registered Vestry Members

(If by 14th January 2019 you will have reached the age of 18 or if you have recently become a member of Rathmichael Parish, you should complete the following declaration and give it to a Churchwarden or the Rector before 14th January 2019.

of

Name (Address)

I declare that I am a member of the Church of Ireland; that I am a '*Resident or *Accustomed Member of the congregation of Rathmichael Parish in the Diocese of Dublin; that I am over 18 years of age and that I am not now registered elsewhere as an above stated member of a congregation in the Church of Ireland.



Away in a manger, no crib for a bed



HOW WILL A FUTURE RECTOR BE APPOINTED?

With Fred's retirement at the end of February 2019, some people have been asking about what happens. As every Church of Ireland Rector is an 'incumbent', this means that legally an appointment procedure cannot begin until the parish is actually vacant. There will therefore be a few months of vacancy while that takes place. A **Board of Nomination** will be called by the Archbishop, (**which Board consists of 4 Parochial Nominators and 5 Diocesan Nominators**) only once he is satisfied that the parish finances are in order and that the Rectory is suitable and in good condition.

The 4 Rathmichael Parochial Nominators who will officiate are: -

John Bolton, Lily Byrne, Debbie Duncan, & Caroline Senior.

The 5 Diocesan Nominators: - The Rev'd. Stephen Farrell (Zion), Canon Sonia Gyles (Sandford),

The Very Rev'd. William Morton (St. Patrick's Cathedral), Mr. Geoffrey Perrin, & Canon Gillian Wharton

(Booterstown/Mt. Merrion),

The Board is chaired by the Archbishop and once it meets they have a maximum of 3 months to make a nomination and if they fail to do so, the appointment falls to the Archbishop (this rarely happens). It is important to note that at the first meeting of the Board each member has to subscribe to a motion of confidentiality and this therefore means that the Parochial Nominators cannot divulge who they are talking to, how they are getting on etc. until the process is complete.

Once a person is nominated and accepted by the Archbishop it may be the case that the priest may be obliged to give notice to his or her parish meaning that there could be a 5 or 6 month interregnum before the institution of the new Rector would take place. During the vacancy period arrangements are made by the Archbishop utilizing the Rural Dean for the discharge of parish duties. This usually means that the parish is placed in the Pastoral Care of another incumbent who normally looks after week day calls, emergencies, chairs Select Vestry meetings etc. Sunday and 'occasional offices' and other services are usually conducted by retired or other available priests and or by our three Parish Readers.

I do hope that what will be a lengthy process is now relatively clear. From my point of view I would want members of the parish to maintain all their commitments during the interregnum period, and in particular continue to be active worshippers. We have a strong parish but it is really very important that we maintain this, as the Nominators work to ensure that we have a worthy successor to Fred Appelbe. Finally do remember the Nominators in your prayers.

Geoffrey Perrin.

FINAL CALL

Over the past months the Parish Newsletter has contained information regarding the new

General Data Protection Regulations which came into force in May 2018.

Under these regulations we need your written consent so that we may continue to communicate with you about Parish activities, organisations or news.

If you have not returned a signed consent form to the Parish we will be unable to continue to communicate with you in the future. As a result you may be unaware of important events and news within Rathmichael Parish.

This is the final time that we are alerting you that unless you complete a consent form and return it to us urgently then you will not receive further correspondence or communication from Rathmichael Parish, including the monthly Parish Newsletter.

The form is attached and printed copies are also available in the Church Porch.

Signed and completed forms may be posted or dropped in to any of the following

Rathmichael Rectory, Ferndale Road, D18 NK45

Rathmichael School Office, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, D18 ET38

If it is more convenient then please scan your completed form and email it

to datacontroller@rathmichaelparish.org

THIS IS THE FINAL CALL – PLEASE TREAT THIS AS URGENT.

Details of GDPR are available in our June Newsletter which is on the parish website.



WELCOME TO

RATHMICHAEL PARISH CHURCH,

SHANKILL, D18 AT22.

European Law on Data Protection requires that if we want to communicate with church members we must have their consent, which is in line with European Law on Data Protection. As a result of a change in Data Protection regulation, we now need your consent as to how we contact you. Please fill in the contact details you want us to use to communicate with you:

Person 1

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* as already held on parish database <u>or</u> fill in below:-

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