

NOVEMBER 2018

RATHMICHAEL PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parishioners,

'Times They Are a-Changin'. Well that's for sure. And it is no different without and within the Church.

I can recall a bishop pushing a microphone away from him and saying *"I don't want one of those confounded things in my face; God gave me a perfectly strong voice"*. And he roared his address thenceforth. Jarring to the kindly ear, and wouldn't be appreciated or acceptable now!!

In times past, the clergyman, the doctor and the lawyer in the town or village typically had a classical education, whilst most 'ordinary' people shed formal education in their teens. *'Times They have Changed'*

When we use the term *"The Body of Christ"* we refer to the whole people of God, the Church. Real people with real daily lives and livelihoods. And over the decades the Church of Ireland has evolved from *'my overbearing Roaring Bishop'* style to strong Lay participation.

Lay Ministry in the Church of Ireland

In this little patch of God's acre, Lily Byrne and Anne Thompson are commissioned Parish Readers and Lily is also a commissioned Diocesan Prayer Minister who takes part in the weekly Ministry of Healing Service in St. Anne's Dawson Street and is a treasured kingpin in the wider Ministry Team.

We are delighted to announce that one of our parishioners, Dr. Mathew McCauley recently completed the Foundation Course for ordination at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute (CITI). This was a fourteen-month post-graduate training programme in biblical studies, Christian doctrine, and Christian ministry; and he has been awarded a Graduate Certificate in Theology, Ministry, and Mission from St John's College, University of Durham. Mathew has now been offered a place on the ordination training course, which is a four-year MTh Degree run jointly by CITI and Trinity College Dublin. He is actively discerning this offer. Mathew wishes to thank his family, friends and everyone in the parish for their prayerful support.

I expect that Mathew will keep his day job when ordained, i.e. that he will be either an NSM (Non Stipendiary Minister) or a SSM (Self Supporting Minister). NSM can claim travel expenses going from church to church etc., whilst SSM waives such overheads.

You will see Mathew assisting during services and also addressing us on Armistice Sunday along with Peter Harty.

Lay Ministry in the Church of Ireland: Lay Ministry is either at a local parochial level or at a wider diocesan level.

What is involved? – Candidates for Diocesan Lay Ministry are expected to undertake a three module academic distance learning course through the Church of Ireland Theological Institute and accredited by Durham University. Candidates for Parish Readership are expected to undertake a two module distance learning course accredited by St. John's Nottingham as well as occasional day courses of a more practical nature. In addition, all candidates should be afforded opportunities to be actively involved in the areas of ministry for which they are training under supervision.

What about costs? – The cost of both courses will be borne in three parts; by the diocese, the sponsoring parish and the candidate. Historically this has worked out at approximately €2,100 in total (€700 each from dioceses, parish and candidate) for Diocesan Lay Ministry and approximately €750 in total (€250 each from dioceses, parish and candidate) for Parish Readership.

How long will it take? – Diocesan Lay Ministry course takes two years and the Parish Readership course can be completed in approximately 15 months.

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the word: Hymn 528

What a privilege it is to serve the good people of God.

Fred

AUTUMNAL CHURCH GROUNDS CLEAN UP



Your help would be greatly appreciated to tidy up the leaves on the ground and in the gutters and generally tidy the church grounds ready for the winter season.

Please bring rakes, clippers and any tools you think would be of assistance with this work.

Saturday 25th November

09.00 hrs. - 13.00 hrs.

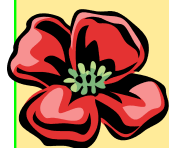
Refreshments will be served

We look forward to seeing you!

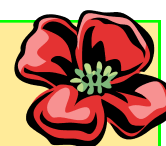
CHURCH SERVICES - NOVEMBER 2018

DATE	08.30 HRS	11.00 HRS	19.00 HRS	LECTORS
<p>The FOURTH SUNDAY before ADVENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proper 26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Green</p> <p>4th NOVEMBER 2018</p>	H.C.	<p>HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>Ruth 1: 1-18 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9: 11-14 Mark 12: 28-34</p>	<p>EVENING PRAYER</p>	Marian Conboy
<p>The THIRD SUNDAY before ADVENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proper 27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Green</p> <p>11th NOVEMBER 2018</p>	H.C.	<p>MORNING PRAYER (Rite 1) with ACT OF REMEMBRANCE</p> <p>Isaiah 2: 1-5 Psalm 130 Matthew 5: 1-12</p> <p>Please join us for coffee following the service</p>	<p>HOLY COMMUNION</p>	Vicky O'Brien
<p>The SECOND SUNDAY before ADVENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proper 28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Green</p> <p>18th NOVEMBER 2018</p>	H.C.	<p>HOLY COMMUNION <i>With Holy Baptism</i></p> <p>1 Samuel 1: 4-20 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10: 11-14. (15-18) 19- 25 Mark 13: 1-8</p>	<p>COMPLINE</p>	Des Ekin
<p>THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proper 29</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Green</p> <p>25th NOVEMBER 2018</p>	H.C.	<p>MORNING PRAYER <i>Followed by Healer Prayer and Laying on of Hands</i></p> <p>2 Samuel 23: 1-7 Psalm 132: 1-12,(13-18) John 18: 33-37</p> <p>Please join us for coffee following the service</p>	<p>HOLY COMMUNION</p>	Jim Hendry

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 4th & 11th November.

PARISH REGISTERS:



Memorial and Thanksgiving Service:

Michael Malcolmson, Shankill (and formerly of Cork) beloved husband of the late Hilary, loving dad of the late Fiona.

We extend our condolences to Michael's daughter Jane and his son Stewart and their spouses Kieron and Emily his grandchildren Kate, Daniel, Michael, Sam, Éanna and Luke, his extended family and many friends at this sad time.

Michael served in this parish as Hon. Treasurer for many years and was a member of the choir. He was truly loved and will be missed by everyone in the parish and in the community.

"Save us O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that while we are awake we may watch with Christ, and when we sleep we may rest in peace."

BABY Noah David Caffrey left his tumultuous world to the gentle loving embrace of our Creator. But we had gentle loving embrace for him here too. Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust Jesus' promise of the resurrection to life everlasting, that we may meet again.

Funeral: Charles (Charlie) Whelan, late of Dun Laoghaire and formerly of Commons Road, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin. We extend our condolences to Charles's wife Ina, and to his sons David and Ray, his daughters-in-law Karen and Fiona, grandchildren Adam, Cal, Josh and Rachel, sister Agnes and sister-in-law Noreen, his extended family and friends and we will keep them in our prayers at this poignant time. A true gentleman and faithful servant of his God.

HOLY BAPTISM: 14th October 2018:

Caleb Patrick son of Karen and Peter Rigney, Shankill, Dublin 18. We welcome Caleb Patrick to his Christian family and we pray that he will grow to honour the promises made for him at baptism by his parents and god-parents.



RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

Our school planted vegetables in the raised beds in our school garden. It was great to see them growing and we were able to collect them up for a display in September.

Our Church and School Fete was great fun and attended by both the school and indeed the whole community. The atmosphere was very positive and I believe everyone who attended felt it was well worthwhile. A break was badly needed following this but we will be raring to go again next year.

We had a visit from Carmel Kelly who wrote the book 'Leinster the Forgotten Tragedy'. This is a children's book which tells of the sinking of the RMS Leinster. This would be regarded as Ireland's greatest maritime disaster one hundred years later.

There has been a lot about this especially in Dun Laoghaire Library and we wanted to make sure the children knew what it was all about.



Caroline Senior,
Principal.

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 Kiltiernan parishes, on Sunday 14th April 2019 at 15.00 hrs. in Christ Church, Bray. Kiltiernan 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**

SALE OF HARVEST GIFTS FOR CHRISTIAN AID

A very big *thank you* from Beverley East to her team of helpers and to everyone who contributed to the Harvest Sale.

The total raised was just over €1,300 which means that Christian Aid will receive €6,500 thanks to the EU!

Christian Aid "works for and with people of all faiths and none to fight injustice and pursue our vision of a world without poverty."

For more information visit their website: www.christianaid.ie

NOVEMBER ROTAS

CLEANING ROTA

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
3rd	Emma Parker	
10th	Emma Parker	Debbie Duncan
17th	Helen Darcy	
24th		

CAN YOU HELP?

We have always been a self-sufficient parish when it comes to maintenance and church cleaning has always been attended to by willing volunteers - men and women.

Our list of helpers - a couple of hours once or twice during the year - has become a little depleted and this is an appeal to parishioners who could give this small amount of time to contact Debbie Duncan 087 647 1617 and offer your services which will be greatly appreciated.

CHURCH FLOWERS

4th & 11th Ingrid Goodbody

18th & 25th Johanna King-Hall



CHURCH COFFEE

11th Pamela Ross - Sheila Thomson
Helen Darcy - Mary Went

25th Catherine Millar - Jillian Horsfield
Louise Knatchbull - Anne Golden

SUNDAY CRÈCHE

4th Sarah Mannion

11th Morning Prayer - Remembrance Service

18th Noreen White

25th Volunteer needed



SUNDAY CLUB

DATE	4-5 YRS	7-9 YRS	10-12 YRS
1st	Shirley Farrell	Dean Russell	Debbie Duncan
25th	Carol Beamish	Sarah Campbell	Hannah Harty

RATHMICHAEL WALKERS



Rathmichael Walkers will meet at the church on Saturday 17th November at 11.00 hrs. We will decide our route on the day.

Everyone welcome - details from Helen Darcy 087 234 2689

THE ALPHA/IN-BETWEEN BOOK CLUB



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 27th November, 2018 @ 8.00 p.m. in the home of Avril McWilliams, 13 Clonasleigh, Shankill. Phone: 086-8816206.

The book selected for that meeting is "Normal People" by Sally Rooney.