

FEBRUARY 2019

RATHMICHAEL PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parishioners,

One of the many skills one is expected to learn when training for ordained ministry is to be cautious about talking about oneself at the cost of not listening attentively to others.

BUT with Brexit looming in two months and Fredxit in one month I self indulge a tad with reference to an article in a recent *Irish Times*. There has been comment that the archbishop at 74 is looking tired and weary.

It is written by some of the faithful in Archbishop Diarmuid Martin's home territory of Ballyfermot.

Sage advice for our four Parochial Nominators!! I jest.

"Dear Archbishop.....The first word we wish to offer you is "thanks".

Thanks for a powerful legacy most especially in the area of safeguarding. In this you have given courageous leadership, never shirking your responsibility in the media and thanks for your obvious empathy with those who have suffered. Thanks for your energy. Thanks for your smile

Finally archbishop, forgive the impertinence of mentioning your successor, but given the continuous haemorrhage of the life blood of our church we must speak.

While we understand that you do not pick your successor, we believe your opinion will matter. It should. If you know of someone who has his tongue out for the job we implore you, please rule him out. Please archbishop, for our sake, trip him up. In God's name, sabotage his application.

While we are not anti-intellectual, please do not leave us in the hands of a pastorally inept academic. We ask you, for us here in Ballyfermot, for the Dublin diocese and for the sake of the Irish church at this crucial juncture, do everything in your power to see that the next archbishop of Dublin is both prophet and Shepherd.

We will continue to hold you in prayerful affection in our hearts and we remain yours, the faith community of St Matthew and the Roncalli community.

Two things; I have no say or influence in the choice of my successor. The other is that in the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough when a rector retires his/her license is immediately revoked for a minimum period of 6 months. This ties in with my pledge to my successor that I will not interfere with his/her ministry and would close down any negative comment about him/her. In my book it's called old fashioned decency and respect.

It is with great delight that we welcome the Rev'd. Cathy Hallissey as rector of Kilbride and Powerscourt. Cathy will be instituted on the 1st March (St. David's Day) in Powerscourt Church. The preacher will be yours truly. The women have us on the run. And good thing too I believe.

More Fredxit, me me me next month I fear. Sorry.

God bless.

Fred

CHURCH SERVICES - FEBRUARY 2019

DATE	08.30 HRS	11.00 HRS	19.00 HRS	LECTORS
The FOURTH SUNDAY after THE EPIPHANY <p style="text-align: right;">Green</p> 3rd FEBRUARY 2019	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Psalm 48 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 Luke 2: 22-40	EVENING PRAYER	Anne & Neville Thompson
The FOURTH SUNDAY before LENT <p style="text-align: right;">Green</p> 10th FEBRUARY 2019	H.C.	FAMILY SERVICE Isaiah 6: 1-8, (9-13) Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11 Please join us for coffee after the Service	HOLY COMMUNION	Debbie Duncan
The THIRD SUNDAY before LENT <p style="text-align: right;">Green</p> 17th FEBRUARY 2019	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Jeremiah 17: 5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20 Luke 6: 17-26	COMPLINE	Lily Byrne
The SECOND SUNDAY before LENT <p style="text-align: right;">Green</p> 24th FEBRUARY 2019	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7 Isaiah 55: 10-13 Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15 Luke 6: 39-49 Everyone is invited to join us for coffee and cake in the Erck Hall after the Service	HOLY COMMUNION	Dean & Suzanne Bracken

Philippians 4:6

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your
hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

FEBRUARY 2019 - ROTAS

CHURCH & BRASS CLEANING

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
2nd	Ann Thornburgh	Pamela Bradley
9th	Ann Thornburgh	Valerie Martin
16th	Wendy Kenny	Suzanne & Dean Russell
23rd	Kim Hannigan	Suzanne & Dean Russell



SUNDAY CLUB



DATE	4-6 YRS	7-9 YRS	10-12 YRS
3 rd Feb	Dean Russell	Gillian Nevin	Sarah Grimson

CHURCH COFFEE

10th Marian Conboy * Jill Bolton
Barbara Fagan * Sharon Cole



24th Anne Headley * Corinna Dolan
Louise Knatchbull * Catherine Millar
Anne Golden * Wendy Kenny
Jillian Horsfield * Helen Darcy

CHURCH FLOWERS

3rd & 10th Corinne Hewat

17th & 24th Margaret Nevin



SUNDAY CRECHE



3rd	Ciara Howe
10th	Family Service
17th	Grace O'Brien
24th	Julie Perrin

Rathmichael Parish Walkers



Meet at the Church at 11am on Saturday

23rd February 2019.

Choice of walks - decide on the day.

Everyone welcome.

Helen Darcy 087 234 2689

‘Farewell to Fred’

A Parish Dinner

will take place in The Burton Hall

on Friday 22nd February 2019

19.30 - 22.30 hrs

Seating will be limited so please book as soon as possible

and by 11th FEBRUARY latest.

**Please advise of any dietary requirements at time of booking
which should be made by call/text to Anne @ 086 893 7067 or**

Email: annethompson2824@gmail.com

**Parking - by kind agreement parking will be
available in St Anne’s church car park**

This is an adult event for which there is no charge

11.00 hrs. Service Sunday 24th February 2019

***This will be Fred’s last Sunday and a parish presentation will
be made to him at the conclusion of the Service.***

***Everyone is then invited to a Parish family celebration in
the Erck Hall with coffee and cake.***



HOW WILL A FUTURE RECTOR BE APPOINTED?

With Fred's retirement on the 28th February 2019, some people have been asking about what happens with regard to appointing a new rector. Geoffrey Perrin explained the procedure in last month's Newsletter but for those who may not have read it - here is an update.

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, agrees, and is 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.

In Rathmichael's case, the Archbishop has appointed the Rev'd. Terry Lilburn to take up parochial duties during the interregnum from the 1st March 2019. Terry has been doing exactly that during the interregnum in Powerscourt and Kilbride parishes right up to the 1st March.

Terry also works as the Church of Ireland chaplain to the Mater Hospital. He came to ordained ministry later in life and he thoroughly loves his ministry work. You will also meet Terry's wife Breda who has her own practice as a registered psychotherapist.

NEW STYLE CHURCH of IRELAND GAZETTE

The old newspaper style Church of Ireland Gazette, previously printed weekly, has ceased and from January this year replaced by a much better quality monthly production. Copies of the new magazine are available in the church porch so please TAKE one and hopefully you will want to sign up for future editions at Euro 4.50 per issue.

Do please contact Geoffrey Perrin 087 917 4452 if you would like to become a subscriber.

- ◆ Each issue will have a column from a noted public individual.
- ◆ Guest columnists will reflect a variety of opinion on a range of issues.
- ◆ There will be scope for in-depth articles and information on Church wide matters.
 - ◆ Articles with practical advice on church life, buildings etc
- ◆ Traditional aspects of the 'old' Gazette such as letters, debate, appointments and vacancies continue.

The plan is that this new style Ireland wide publication will report on best practice and celebrate stories of success in supporting greater understanding amongst church people. It will not be attempting in any way to compete with the many excellent Diocesan magazines, of which our own Church Review is a quite excellent example, but will project learning and experience across the wider church.

So please consider signing up for at least the next 12 months.



The image shows the cover of the Church of Ireland Gazette magazine. The top section is red with the text 'CHURCH OF IRELAND' in small white letters, followed by 'GAZETTE' in large white letters with a cross symbol over the 'A'. Below this is the website 'WWW.GAZETTE.IRELAND.ANGLICAN.ORG'. The main cover image is a portrait of Philip Yancey, a man with grey hair and glasses, wearing a blue shirt. To the left of his portrait, the text 'PHILIP YANCEY' is written in red, with 'Signs of hope?' below it. To the right of his portrait, the text 'A MILE WIDE BUT AN INCH DEEP' is written in red, with 'The challenges of leadership' below it. Further right, the text 'DRONES AND YOUR CHURCH' is written in red, with 'Protecting your building' below it. At the bottom of the cover, there is a white speech bubble containing the text 'New monthly Magazine format'. Below the speech bubble, the text 'Only £30 for 1 year e-paper' and 'Subscribe now for instant access' is written in white.

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RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

In support of World Diabetes Day we had a fundraiser on 14th November.

For this we held a Crazy Hair Day and the children wore blue items of clothing. It was great fun. A lovely display of hair dos are on view in the corridor of the school. Many thanks to Shirley and Keith Garland for all their help with this.



We held an Art and Wine evening in early December. This is always a lovely evening where the children have their work displayed in the hall and the parents come and share a glass of wine with other parents. It is a very social event. This year we chose Marine life as our theme. We are working towards our Marine Life Green School Flag at present so it linked in very well. The children put in a lot of work and the display was superb. Great thanks must go to the teachers who guided the children and the PTA who provided the refreshments on the evening.



This year we had a very enthusiastic set of parents who put an advent calendar together for the school. This involved a lot of time and effort. There were doors to open throughout the run up to Christmas. Each class had an opportunity to open a door and there was great excitement with the surprises within. Many thanks to a parent who sponsored it all. We will look forward to next year in the hope that it will all happen again!!!!

The whole school attended 'Beauty and the Beast' pantomime at the Mill theatre just before the holidays. This was great fun and was enjoyed by all the classes and all the ages, including the teachers!

We had an activity for our Active Flag on the last day of term. This involved dancing to Christmas Music. Classes came down to the hall for a certain period of time to dance and be active in a fun way. They were allowed to wear Christmas jumpers, hats or red and green colours. Any excuse to be active in an enjoyable way.

Caroline Senior, Principal.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Once again the parish response was magnificent - almost €4,500 raised.

Thank you for your generous donations.

This meant that after we had made up some 85 hampers which were then distributed by the local St Vincent de Paul volunteers, we were able to give the St Vincent De Paul society cheques totalling €2,700.



After 10 years of doing this, we want some others to consider taking on this project next year.

It is a major part of the parish 'Beyond Rathmichael' programme and we will give all the handover assistance needed. It really is a rewarding project and we get a lot of help from the hamper packers, ribbon cutters and the general 'production' team. So please think about it and contact us.

So many thanks.

Fiona Ashe 087 8215806. Geoffrey Perrin 087 9174452.

THE BISHOPS' APPEAL

Dear parishioners,

Thank you for your response to the Bishops' Appeal has been very generous.

Your donation is greatly appreciated - it can mean life or death to so many men, women and children who live in the most desperate conditions in some of the third world countries.

It also contributes to the maintenance of many of the educational programmes which have been set up so that people can learn to help themselves and become self supporting.

If, at any other time during the year, you wish to make a donation, our Treasurer, Lily Byrne, will be delighted to accept it.

The work is ongoing and your support will always be gratefully accepted.

Thank you again,

Anne Thompson, on behalf of The Bishops' Appeal,