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RATHMICHAEL PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parishioners,

I found myself challenged recently when the simple question was posed "Who are you?" Sitting down with sheet of paper in front of me and the simple title "Who am I?" it seemed like a simple enough exercise. After some fifteen minutes of enthusiastic writing I sat back to review my efforts. Priest, curate, pastor, chaplain, husband father and grandfather: formerly hotelier, caterer, delicatessen proprietor, wine lecturer. It all seemed good as I wrote it but on review I quickly realised that all these were merely roles in life that either I had chosen or had been chosen for me. I had fallen into the trap of confusing what I am with who I am.

I am of course not alone in this and it is regrettable that so many "professional" people do this routinely and on a daily basis. How often for example have you met one of these? "Hello, my *name* is Doctor..... How do you do? My *name* is Professor....." Did their parents somehow see years into the future and baptise them with the name Doctor, Reverend, Sir, etc.

We have of course been influenced by what we have done in life, our experiences good and bad, the people whom we have come in contact with especially friends and family and to a certain extent all these have made us who we are. How then do I define myself when I strip out what I do or have done in life, my hobbies/interests, what I like to eat and drink and host of other things that we usually offer when asked this seemingly innocuous question?

Right now, I might say that I am a unique, relational, fallible child of God, created in his own image. Created with a special purpose that no-one else in the world can accomplish. Unique and fallible I can cope with quite easily, it is the relational bit that I might have difficulty with. Recognising that I have relationships with family, friends and others I have no problem with whether they be good or bad. However, what is the relationship with my creator? If I have not identified who God is for me the situation becomes even more difficult.

Once again this may not be an easy question to answer and it may be easier to ask what is my image of God and where do I see him?

Is he all the things one would wish for in a parent? A protector, an encourager, a parental figure but one with whom I have an adult-adult relationship with. As for where I see him, is it in nature, in the late lamented family dog, who gave me and the family unconditional love or is it in the people who have guided, supported and helped me through a tumultuous life?

For each individual it will be different but at this time of year we are presented with a very powerful image of God and the one that unites Christians everywhere - that of Christ on the cross. Here was someone who knew for certainty who he was, no self-doubt even in the face of rigorous questioning, torture and death. How wonderful to know who we are and in doing so come to know not only who we are for others but who is God for us in those whom we encounter in our daily lives.

I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter.

Terry



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March 2019

Dear Rathmichael Parishioners and other friends,

Warm and heartfelt greetings from the retirement bunker in County Wicklow.

Early days, but retirement isn't quite as I had assumed it to be. Being transplanted from the rhythm and duties of parish ministry leaves me feeling somewhat like a border collie being kept in the kennel while other 'Sheps' are out there doing what I used to do. Whilst I don't miss the festering bureaucracy, I do miss being a vein in the reticulation of parish and wider community life. That is quite a big deal and adjustment.

GOBSMACKED! This is about as close as I can come to expressing Sonia's and my gratitude and overwhelm at Rathmichael Parish's and Parish School's send off and gifts to us as we headed for them there southern hills.

To witness that inimitable Rathmichael attention to detail and quality and camaraderie expressed through the cabaret, the feeding of the multitudes and the valedictory service amongst people we have grown to love and respect pinged a few nerves here and there to say the least.



The amazing atmosphere and performances of ALL the children at my last assembly was humbling and gratifying. In the rhymes they composed they managed to call me both patient and sarcastic but the subscript was that I was an entertaining clown. – Fool for Jesus perhaps! - 1 Corinthians

4:10. The staff under 'you know who' Senior should be very proud as they exercise their vocation with alacrity daily.

Please God that bond between parish and parish school will grow from strength to strength.

God bless each and every one of you and your loved ones. And thank you.

Yours ever,

Fred

An Appreciation by Anne Golden

So much has been planned and already said
Of how much we will miss our dear Rector Fred
Who leaves us to follow his own hearts desires,
Such as laying a patio – and mending old tyres.

That this little ditty could be construed
As coals to Newcastle or unavoidably true.

Little did our parish know,
What luck was sent our way
Or perhaps not luck but God's intent
The Appelbe's came to stay.

And what a package that was here
A rector who has never tired
of working for the greater good
of all – and taking progress too
Onward - not an easy thing to do.
It takes its toll in little ways,
Saps the strength, loads the days.

And by his side a strength indeed,
A wife whom one can say exceeds.
All expectations – looking after all the needs
Of man and children, yet still succeeds
To run her business – does she sleep??!

And proud to watch their children grow
From signets into swans,
Safe in the loving homestead,
While all about the parish thrives
Telephones ring, meetings strive
for agreement - fetes are planned,
Funerals, christenings and wedding banns
Fundraisers and festivities –the list goes on -
The ups and downs of Parish life,
The days are full and often long.

We are so very sorry that it is time for you to go.

But now is the time for you to flow
In different climes and flocks
Enjoying the rewards of time well spent,
The free travel pass, and the new intent.
Refreshed, rejuvenated, and wiser too
We will miss you, but for now adieu.



CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL 2019

DATE	08.30 HRS	11.00 HRS	19.00 HRS	LECTORS
The FIFTH SUNDAY in LENT <p style="text-align: center;">Violet</p> 7th APRIL 2019	H.C.	SHORTER SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION Isaiah 43: 16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3: 4b-14 John 12: 1-8 Followed by the Easter Vestry	EVENING PRAYER	Caroline Senior
The SIXTH SUNDAY in LENT PALM SUNDAY <p style="text-align: center;">Violet</p> 14th APRIL 2019	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER Luke 19: 28-40 Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 Please join us for coffee after the service	HOLY COMMUNION	Sheila Thomson
EASTER DAY The FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER <p style="text-align: center;">White</p> 21st APRIL 2019	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Isaiah 65: 17-25 Easter Anthems Acts 10: 34-43 John 20: 1-18	NO EVENING SERVICE	Michael Hill
The SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER <p style="text-align: center;">White</p> 28th APRIL 2019	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER Acts 5: 27-32 Psalm 118: 14-29 John 20: 19-31 Please join us for coffee after the service	HOLY COMMUNION	Barbara Fagan

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Tuesday 20.00 hrs Service of Wholeness & Healing

Kilternan Parish Church

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Wednesday 20.00 hrs. Holy Communion - Rathmichael Church

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MAUNDY THURSDAY 20.00 hrs Service - Rathmichael Church

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Good Friday 20.00 hrs Service - Rathmichael

Christ's Seven Last Words From The Cross

EASTER VESTRY

The Easter Vestry will take place following a shorter service

**of Holy Communion on Sunday
7th April 2019 at 11.00 hrs.**

14 people will be voted on to the Select Vestry. Please note that, while all present at the Easter Vestry may speak, only REGISTERED VESTRY MEMBERS may VOTE, become CHURCHWARDENS or GLEBEWARDENS or MEMBERS OF THE SELECT VESTRY.

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 many important decisions. Decisions which will shape things to come for a long long time.

We look forward to seeing you there.

PARISH REGISTER:

HOLY BAPTISMS:

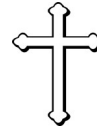


Saturday 2nd March 2019: Alex Melbourne, son of Susan Melbourne and Odhran Ginnity, Shankill Village, Dublin 18.

Saturday 23rd March 2019: George David Ashley, son of Rebecca McDermott and Christopher Allison, Minehill Lane, Ballycorus, Dublin 18.

We welcome these little boys to their Christian family in Rathmichael and we pray that they will grow to honour the promises made for them at baptism.

CONFIRMATION



Five young people from this parish, Poppy Duncan, Grace Marshall, Hannah McNally, Jamie Miller and Georgia Goodbody, along with candidates from Bray and Crinken

parishes will be confirmed on

Sunday 14th April at 15.00 hrs. in Christ

Church, Bray, by His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd. Dr. Michael Jackson.

Please keep these young people in your prayers as they renew the promises made for them at their Baptism and take the next step along the road in their Christian life.

THE EASTER CROSS



Our tradition on Easter Sunday in Rathmichael is to decorate the Cross in the church before the 11.00 hrs service.

Please come early and bring some flowers and hopefully the children will help to decorate it.

Simon of Cyrene - Oscar Wilde

The old man sat with bowed head and patient back,
while the futile recriminations of his angry wife beat
about his ears.

Like an endless cascade, splashed the full reiteration of her
reproaches:

"Senseless grey-beard,
why did ye lose your time loitering in the way?
Your father, and his father, and his father before him,
were all keepers of the temple gate;
and, had you been prompt when ye were sent for,
ye would doubtless have been made keeper likewise.
But now a readier man hath been chosen.
Oh! Most foolish old man who did prefer to loiter on the way,
so that, forsooth you might carry the cross for some young
carpenter, a seditious criminal."

" 'Tis true," said the old man,
"I met the young man who was to be crucified,
and the centurion bade me carry his cross.
And after that I had carried it to the top of the hill,
I still lingered, because of the words which he spake,
for he was sorely grieved,
but with a grief which was not for himself, but for others,
and the wonder of his words held me there, so that I forgot
all things."

"Yes, in verity, you forgot all things and the little sense
you ever had,
and so came too late to be made keeper of the temple gate!
Are you not ashamed, to think that your father, and his father,
and his father before him, were all keepers of the gate of the
Lord's house,
and that their names are written thereon in letters of gold,
which will be read by all men in times to come for ever and aye?
But thou, vain old dotard, alone of all thy kin,
will never be heard of again, for who in all the world,
when thou art dead, will ever hear the name of Simon of Cyrene?"

c.f. Matthew 27:32 Mark 15:21 Luke 23:26

The temple was destroyed in A.D.70

*Grateful thanks to Eryl Humphrey Jones of Constable & Robinson, copy-
right holders for permission to reproduce this poem in prose published in
"Son of Oscar Wilde" by Vyvyan Holland.*



Are you an **Older Homeowner**

in need of some company or help around the house?

Or a **Younger Renter**,

struggling to pay monthly bills and looking for a more affordable option?

Over the Spring and early Summer of 2019, **Kite Entertainment**, (*the people behind Ireland's Fittest Family, Gogglebox Ireland, Who Do You Think You Are? and Ireland's Got Talent*), is filming a brand new TV series for **Virgin Media Television**, featuring an exciting new intergenerational living experiment. This feel-good series will match up **Older Homeowners** with **Younger Renters**, for a unique home-sharing experience, that will offer a snapshot of what life is really like for people at both ends of the housing spectrum.

Our newly-paired households will live together for 2 weeks, spending some time together every day, sharing their lives and getting the chance to see things from a new perspective. For the **Homeowner**, it's a chance to combat the everyday loneliness of living in an empty house. For the **Renter**, a chance to live rent free, in return for their time and helping with some chores. At the end of the 2-week experiment, they will each decide if they'd be willing to give it a go - long term! We're looking for **Homeowners (65+)**, and **Renters (21+)** to take part. If you're interested in finding out more, email us at casting@kiteentertainment.com or call us on 01 5611 692 or 085 826 3439.

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RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

We certainly can feel as though Spring has sprung! The weather has been very mild and the flowers and bulbs are blooming.

Two egrets have moved back onto our grounds and we welcome them. They are obviously nesting nearby and don't mind the noise of the children at all.

Whilst out playing we can see them walk around on the grass.



Our window boxes are looking well along with many bulbs which are planted in unusual items like old boots and watering cans.

Well done 3rd Class!

It is with great sadness we bid Canon Fred Appelbe farewell in March. We held an evening in Old Conna Golf Club with all staff, Board of Management, PTA, Ancillary staff and others associated with the school through Music, Games etc. Naomi Clarkson and her troop played songs for us and entertained us for the evening.

Along with this we had a lovely assembly where the children sang songs, read poems and limericks and we even had a ventriloquist from 2nd Class! It was very entertaining and very fitting as we will truly miss his good humour here at Rathmichael.



Caroline Senior, Principal.

ROTAS - APRIL 2019

CHURCH & BRASS CLEANING

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
6th April	Thelma Clinton	Sarah Campbell
13th	Roy Parker	Jill Bolton
20th	Roy Parker	Jill Bolton
27th	Kim Hannigan	

SUNDAY CLUB

DATE	4-6 YRS	7-9 YRS	10-12 YRS
3 rd	Sarah Grimson	Carol Beamish	Debbie Duncan
24th	Hannah Harty	Gillian Nevin	Katie Fox

CHURCH COFFEE

14th Jill Fleming Dougie Grey
 Avril McWilliams Carol Bond

28th Pam Ross Mary Went
 Sheila Thomson & Shirley Garland



CHURCH FLOWERS

7th Jenny O'Keeffe
 21st Easter Day
 28th Valerie Martin



SUNDAY CRÈCHE

7th Sarah Campbell
 14th Family Service
 21st Ciara Howe
 28th Volunteer Needed

ALPHA/IN-BETWEEN BOOK CLUB



The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 30th April, 2019 @ 8.00 p.m. in the home of Linda Orr, Ballybride Cottage, Ballybride, Shankill. Phone: 087-6484777

The book selected for that meeting is "When all is Said" by Anne Griffin.

RATHMICHAEL WALKERS

Rathmichael Walkers meet at the Church at 11am on Saturday 27th April
 Choice of walks, pick on the day.

All welcome.

Helen Darcy 087 234 2689

EASTER MORNING



EASTER AFTERNOON



Marina Carr's Portia Coughlan

an amateur production, by kind permission of The Agency London Ltd.



The Burton Hall

Rathmichael Parish N.S.

Stonebridge Road

Shankill

Wed 10th - Fri 12th April 2019
at 8pm

MARTELLLO



PRODUCTIONS

Admission €12.50/€8 (incl. tea & coffee) Booking line 086/2633955

"Portia Coughlan is haunted by the death, fifteen years previously, of her twin brother, who keeps calling to her. She lives in monstrous limbo and is unable to find love for her wealthy husband and children, seeking solace in soulless affairs, deeply afraid of what she might do."
This play contains adult themes and strong language.

Portia Coughlan was commissioned by the National Maternity Hospital, Dublin. It was first produced in the Peacock Theatre, Dublin on 27th March 1996.