

MAY 2019

RATHMICHAEL PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parishioners and friends,

Recently I have found myself both thinking and talking on the concept and challenges of change. Initially prompted by the challenges that lie ahead of the parish, the notion of change has taken a deeper hold and I find myself reflecting on several different aspects of this part of our human existence. Sometimes it comes quietly, sometimes we find it forced upon us, sometimes it is a case of facing reality and of having to make decisions. In the case of the latter the “why” of making changes in our lives, whether, spiritually, culturally or socially has already been answered. Current thinking is outmoded and no longer serves us well. “Where” do I need to make changes is similarly answered. “When” is whenever you are prepared and ready to grasp the nettle. This prompts another question; what is it that prevents us from taking that first step. I say first step because it is likely that that a single step will be sufficient to take us to where we wish to be.

Apart from deep-seated entrenchment, social or cultural conditioning, fear is what keeps many people stuck. Fear of the unknown, fear of the consequences and of being unable to handle what will happen if we rock the boat. There is already so much in our daily lives that may already be worried about – illness, death, loss of paid employment, loss of a relationship or in the wider world, political instability, famine and natural disasters. Adding to the list by looking at something we have tolerated or left unquestioned, perhaps for years, seems to tempt providence. Better just to leave things as they are. If one is to change and as a result to grow, then fear will in all likelihood be inevitable. If the idea of personal growth does not appeal to you, (and here age is no barrier) then read no further. If however you would like even a modicum of extra contentment or fulfilment in your life, I offer the following.

The best way of dealing with this situation is to go out and do something about it. Pushing through that barrier is always going to be better and less frightening than living with the underlying cause that so often paralyses us and prevents us from moving forward. If all this sounds too difficult to manage by yourself, the good news is that you are not alone. Yes there are plenty of self-help books that will give you tools to use in overcoming fear but most of them lay great emphasis on the ability of the individual to help themselves and ignore the spiritual dimension. As Christians we have or are told we should have, a belief in God and in his promises. When faced with adversity however it is all too easy to forget that faith or if we do hold on to it, to pray for a miracle. Most people who pray for miracles to not receive one. However, real genuine prayer will do one of two things.

Either it frees us from the trouble we face or it gives us the courage to meet that trouble when it comes. If for whatever reason you find yourself unable to do so, ask someone to say a prayer for you. Do not be shy or embarrassed to do so, believers will always regard it as a privilege.

Fear knocked at the door. Faith answered. No one was there.

And finally....I don't feel I'm getting old and worn out but my mind is beginning to resemble the Bermuda Triangle.



With two of the three great festivals of the Church now behind us and while we await the third (Pentecost) it is perhaps time to draw breath and take stock of where we are. For some of course it will be the build up to State examinations, for others the downward spiral of the last of the school terms before a long leisurely summer, for others it is one last push before winding down and taking things a little easier than heretofore. Clergy will probably have less meetings to attend to, do less visiting on the basis that many parishioners will be away and there are less sick calls to hospital. For those who believe we only work one day a week anyway, it will appear “business as usual.”

Over the coming weeks and months in this parish however there will be plenty of work going on behind the scenes. Preparations for the choosing of a new rector will be foremost in the minds of the nominators and there will be decisions to made along with follow-up activity, regarding any work that may need to be done to the rectory. For some vestry members and others there is Safeguarding Trust training to be undertaken, for others general maintenance of the parish buildings and grounds will keep them occupied. Any organisation needs a steady hand on the tiller if it is not to “go under” but it also needs a good crew. Thank you to all who give of their time and talent so generously and we pray God's blessing on those tasked with the selection and appointment of a new “captain”.

Terry

CHURCH SERVICES - MAY 2019

DATE	08.30	11.00 HRS	19.00	LECTORS
The THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER White 5th MAY 2019	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Acts 9: 1-6 (7-20) Psalm 30 Revelations 5: 11-14 John 21: 1-19	EVENING PRAYER	Sarah Mannion
The FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER White 12th MAY 2019	H.C.	PARADE SERVICE <i>Uniformed Organisations</i> Acts 7: 55-60 Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 John 14: 1-14 <i>Please join us for coffee after the service</i>	HOLY COMMUNION	
The FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER White 19th MAY 2019	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Acts 11: 1-18 OR Leviticus 19: 1-2 9-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21: 1-6 John 13: 31-35	COMPLINE	Jim Hendry
The SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER White 26th MAY 2019	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER Acts 16: 9-15 Psalm 67 John 14: 23-29 Please join us for coffee after the service	HOLY COMMUNION	Karina Heaslip

THE ASCENSION DAY - THURSDAY 30th MAY 2019

Morning Service - 11.00 hrs.

CONFIRMATION

THE EASTER VESTRY



Revd. Terry Lilburn and the Archbishop, The Most Revd. Dr. Michael Jackson, with Grace Marshall, Hannah McNally, Poppy Duncan, Georgia Goodbody and Jamie Miller following their Confirmation in Christ Church, Bray.

The Easter Vestry took place on Sunday 7th April and was chaired by the Rev'd Terry Lilburn who is looking after Rathmichael during the interregnum.

After the business of the vestry was attended to the following were elected to serve on the Select Vestry:

Rector's Church Warden	–	Richard Marshall
Rector's Glebe Warden	–	Geoffrey Perrin
People's Church Warden	–	Paul Barron
People's Glebe Warden	–	Peter Williams

Members of the Select Vestry – Fiona Ashe, Lily Byrne, John Bolton, Sarah Campbell, Marian Conboy, Danielle Fletcher, Philip Grier, Peter Richardson, Dean Russell, Caroline Senior, David Simmons and Mark Thornburgh.

ROTAS FOR MAY 2019


CHURCH & BRASS CLEANING

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
4th May	Wendy Kenny	
11th May	Marian Hofmann	Debbie Duncan
18th May	Anne Golden	
25th May	Anne Golden	

CHURCH COFFEE

12th May	Marilyn Griffith Olivia Uhlar	Barbara Fagan Marian Conboy
26th May	Ros Cox Jill Bolton	Heather Hewat Sharon Cole

SUNDAY CRECHE

5th May	No Creche	
12th May	Parade Service	
19th May	Kim Hannigan	
26th May	Michelle Hennessy	

CHURCH FLOWERS

5th & 12th	Jackie Sharpe	
19th & 26th	Susan Stuart	



SUNDAY CLUB

	4-6 YRS	7-9 YRS	10-12 YRS
19th	Shirley Farrell	Carol Beamish	Debbie Duncan

SAFE GUARDING TRUST

The Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust has been put in place, and is adhered to by this parish

"To set standards for the welfare of all children sharing in its ministry with a view to protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm."

Since 2009 volunteers from within the parish have given their time on Sundays to assist with Sunday Crèche and Sunday Club and we thank them most sincerely for their dedication.

Over those years the Safeguarding Trust Policy has become much more stringent and we, the parish, have now by law to keep within the boundaries set down by this Policy.

Volunteers will have to be re-vetted every four years and also attend re-training in order to make sure that everyone is up to date with the procedures.

Volunteers who have attended training between 2009 and 2015 are now requested to attend a re-training evening which we have organized to take place in The Erck Hall on Thursday 9th May at 20.00 hrs.

If you could put this date in your diary and attend, the Panel would appreciate it so much.

At this stage we hope that all volunteers have downloaded and read the new Policy document which is available at www.sgt.ireland.anglican.org

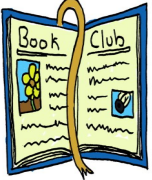
We look forward to seeing you on the 9th May.

The Panel: Mark Thornburgh, Anne Thompson, Laura Mahon and Danielle Fletcher.

RATHMICHAEL WALKERS

<p style="text-align: center;">Rathmichael Walkers meet at the Church at</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11.00 am on Saturday, May 25th.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I will text any changes of plan on the previous</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Everyone welcome, call Helen to check</p> <p style="text-align: center;">@ 087 234 2689.</p>			
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THE ALPHA/IN-BETWEEN BOOK CLUB

<p>The Book Club will meet on Tuesday 28th May, 2019 @ 8.00 p.m. at the home of Irene Coulter, 25 Corbawn Drive, Shankill, Phone: 2821198.</p> <p>The book we are reading for the May meeting is</p> <p>"Notes to Self" by Emilie Pine.</p>	
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RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL:

We held a Green day for Habitat for Humanity. This was held in conjunction with St Patrick's Day and all the children were allowed to leave their uniform at home and wear green instead for the day. We have two past pupils heading to Africa to work for this charity.

Our Seachtain na Gaeltacht went well incorporating a Ceolchoirm or concert and Tráth na gCeist or quiz. We also held an Assembly as Gaeilge by 6th Class. They told the story of the Gruffalo in Irish. This was a fun week for everyone.



Alan Nolan, an author came to visit the school. He spoke to 3rd-6th Classes. He was excellent and humorous with his stories and showed them how to draw some of his characters. They were all given paper to try using a step by step approach. I think they surprised themselves at their own achievements.

Our boys' hockey team got into the finals of their league. This was also a great achievement. Unfortunately, they did not win but their excellent sportsmanship, good behaviour and excellent play was noted. 5th and 6th classes got a bus over to Three Rock to support them.



Friendship Week was held in April. We tend to buddy up a senior class with a younger class to have activities and learn from each other. The classes really look forward to these events. Young and old learning from each other. Always a good thing!



1st class held a Spring Show. Their parents came to see them. This was fun and led by our music teacher, Naomi Clarkson and their teacher Alison Gallagher. It was so lovely to hear them sing and perform.

Caroline Senior, Principal

Rathmichael Parish

Accounts 2018

Dear Parishioners,

First of all I would like to pay tribute to the late Michael Malcolmson who so diligently looked after the parish finances for so many years as honorary treasurer.

The Parish accounts for year ended 31st December 2018 are overleaf; please take time to read them.

In line with the Diocesan Office's letter of February 2019 regarding Audited Parish Accounts, these accounts have been reviewed by Leonard & Co., Chartered Certified Accountants, Unit D5, Nutgrove Office Parl, D14 X343.

The accounts show a surplus of €21,543 compared with a deficit of €3155 for 2017, the fact that the parish had no youth leader since the end July partly accounts for this surplus.

Highlights

The Fete netted €36,724 (€6,000 of same has been transferred to Rathmichael Parish School PTA)

The Cabaret brought in €2535

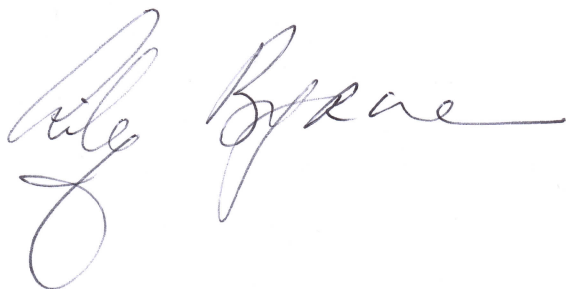
Charity contributions are detailed in note 6 = €8380

Self financing events of €5803 can be traced in Special Efforts External, note 3.

My thanks on behalf of the parish to all who contribute to the Church and support our charities, it is most gratifying.

Please note that I am always available to answer questions about our finances.

Lily Byrne
Hon. Treasurer

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lily Byrne', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

RATHMICHAEL PARISH

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31 Dec 2018

	notes	2018 €	€	2017 €	€
INCOME					
DIRECT GIVING					
Donations by cheque & standing order	1	32,003		35,783	
Envelope Scheme	2	32,014		33,779	
Special Donations				20,000	
Church collections		13,922	77,939	12,460	102,022
OTHER INCOME					
Special Efforts	3	39,259		34,791	
Special Efforts - External ***	3	5,803		4,060	
Investment & Bank Interest		2,540		2,609	
Rent Received		26,722		28,183	
Tax Rebate on donations		30,481		36,915	
Miscellaneous		-	104,805	45	106,603
TOTAL INCOME			182,744		208,625
EXPENDITURE					
Diocesan Assessment for Stipend, Expenses, Expenses, Pension & PRSI		60,936		58,107	
Organist & Choir		9,428		9,678	
Youth Ministry		13,359	83,723	22,356	90,141
Church & Erck Hall	4	23,941		70,715	
Rectory	5	8,873		8,090	
Burton Hall and Montessori School		3,949	36,763	4,204	83,009
Charities Direct	6	8,380		13,419	
Charities - Special***	6	5,803		4,060	
Diocesan Obligations		10,258		10,258	
General Insurance		2,980		3,227	
Secretarial, Printing & Stationery		2,923		2,225	
Rental Administration		1,832		1,350	
Donation to Rathmichael School		6,000			
Miscellaneous		2,539	40,715	4,091	38,630
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			161,201		211,780
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR			21,543	-	3,155
BANK POSITION					
Bank Balances at start of year			126,522		129,677
Bank Balances Omitted			1,629		
Surplus (Deficit) for year			21,543		3,155
Transfer from other accounts					
Other non cash Balance Sheet Movements			2,673		
Bank Balances at end of year			152,367		126,522

Signed by:

Lily Byrne

Hon. (Treasurer)

Date:

01-Apr-19

Signed by:

Leonard & Co

Chartered Certified Accountants
Unit D5, Nutgrove Office Park, D14 X343
(Reporting Accountants)

Date:

01-Apr-19

Leonard & Company
Chartered Certified Accountants
Statutory Auditors
D5 Nutgrove Office Park
Rathfarnham
D14 X343
Tel: 01 2988766

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Notes to Income and Expenditure Account 2018

Donations by cheque & standing order

1	No. of donors		
	6	up to 249	1730
	25	250 to 500	8556
	14	501 to 1000	9617
	7	1001 to 2000	9900
	1	over 2000	2200
	53		32003

Envelope Scheme

2	No. of donors		
	11	up to 249	1258
	16	250 to 500	6226
	24	501 to 1000	15304
	7	1001 to 2000	9226
	0	over 2000	0
	58		32014

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITIES

6 General

Diocesan Board of Education	300
Focus Ireland	500
ISPCC	450
A Place to Call Home (Refugees)	450
P.A.C.T.	500
Rector's Discretionary Fund	1100
Samaritans	250
Protestant Aid	500
Sunday School Society	300
The Mageough	300
Mission to Seafarers	300
Royal British Legion	25
Archbishops Training	905
St Vincent de Paul	500
	6380

Special Extra	1000
Errislannan	1000
Special case - Ordinand	0
Misc	8380

Rathmichael Parish School (Donation from Fete Proceeds)	6000
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Special Efforts

3	Fete	36724 Parish
	Cabaret	2535 Parish
		39259

Special Efforts External

Bishops' Appeals	4441 Charity
Harvest Collections	1362 Charity

5803

Church Expenses

2018

4	Energy costs	4142
	Repairs & Maintenance etc	17290
	Insurance	2509
		23941

Rectory Expenses

2018

5	Energy costs	3866
	Telephone	660
	Repairs & Maintenance etc	835
	Insurance	1907
	Local Property Tax	1605
		8873



Rathmichael Parish & School Fete



**Rathmichael
School Grounds,
Shankill.**

Saturday 7th September
12.00 noon to 4.00 p.m.



Toys - Books - Refreshments - Games
Cakes - Jams - White Elephant
Good as new clothes - Bottles - Raffles
Children's Fancy Dress Competition
Baby Equipment - Sports Gear
Jazz Band - Kids Playground



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