

**JULY 2019**

**RATHMICHAEL PARISH**

**NEWSLETTER**

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***Dear Parishioners,***

About a year ago in conversation with a reader of the former parish magazine to which I contributed, the comment was made to me à propos of a recent article. *"I pick up this magazine and I ask myself, what planet is this fellow on?"* I admit to having written some material that only a curate could, (just slightly obscure, sometimes) but on reflection it wasn't that bad.

A question I posed back then went as follows. What does the title of a Beatle's song, the highway from Galway to Clifden, and the period from September 1952 to May 2018 have in common? The answer, "A long and winding road."

The reference to the first two is perhaps obvious and the last is my journey from the first days in kindergarten school as a happy and care-free child, through the rigours of 50's and 60's secondary school before being pitched into the maelstrom of life beyond the green baize door and the reality of hotel life as an employee rather than a guest.

A moment then to pause and reflect on some of the many people who have been my teachers and mentors over six decades. Some were gentle and kind such as one of my kindergarten teachers who always wore soft fluffy jumpers; I may even have been secretly in love with her. Some were monsters, such as the chef who nearly knocked me out early one morning by throwing a box of grapefruit at me, the manager who sacked me because he was afraid I would blow the whistle on his nefarious activities, through to the man whose moral code was simply unspeakable. There have of course been many teachers since and guides since, again some good and some not so good and as this year closes it finishes a period of some sixty-six years of education.

It may come as a surprise to some reading this to learn that I was not a model student, and frequent absences from the jail that was my place of secondary education have in part led to the extended period of schooling. However, the term "life-long learning" might well have been coined with people such as me in mind. All have contributed to make me who I am, and to a greater or lesser extent. how I now view the world.

As this is being written students from primary school through to third level will be preparing to take another step along their own long and winding road, bidding farewell to mentors, perhaps even now looking to see who will their next guide be.

How many "teachers" do you remember? Who were the ones who encouraged or inspired you? Who were the ones you loathed and what did you learn from them?

In all of this learning and teaching however, it is well to remember that God loves each one of us just the way we are but too much to leave us as we are.

Continuing our exposition of ancient, hitherto undiscovered texts we bring you.....

**The Story of Adam & Eve's Pets**

Adam and Eve Said, 'Lord, when we were in the garden, you walked with us every day. Now we do not see you anymore. We are lonesome here, and it is difficult for us to remember how much you love us.'

And God said, 'I will create a companion for you that will be with you and who will be a reflection of my love for you, so that you will love me even when you cannot see me. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unlovable you may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourselves.'

And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam and Eve. And it was a good animal. And God was pleased. And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and Eve and he wagged his tail.

And Adam said, 'Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and I cannot think of a name for this new animal.'

And God said, 'I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you, his name will be a reflection of my own name, and you will call him DOG.'

And Dog lived with Adam and Eve and was a companion to them and loved them. And they were comforted. And God was pleased. And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while, it came to pass that an angel came to the Lord and said, 'Lord, Adam and Eve have become filled with pride. They strut and preen like peacocks and they believe they are worthy of adoration. Dog had indeed taught them that they are loved, but perhaps too well.'

And God said, 'I will create for them a companion who will be with them and who will see them as they are. The companion will remind them of their limitations, so they will know that they are not always worthy of adoration'.

And God created CAT to be a companion to Adam and Eve. And God was pleased.

And Cat would not obey them. And when Adam and Eve gazed into Cat's eyes, they were reminded that they were not the supreme beings.

And Adam and Eve learned humility. And they were greatly improved.

And God was pleased ... And Dog was happy ....And Cat didn't care one way or the other!

**Terry**

## JULY 2019 - SERVICES

DATE	08.30 HRS	11.00 HRS	19.00 HRS	LECTORS
<b>The THIRD SUNDAY after TRINITY</b>  <p style="text-align: center;">Green</p> <p>7th JULY 2019</p>	H.C.	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>  <p style="text-align: center;">2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6 (1-6), 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20</p>	<b>EVENING PRAYER</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Marian Conboy</p>
<b>The FOURTH SUNDAY after TRINITY</b>  <p style="text-align: center;">Green</p> <p>14th JULY 2019</p>	H.C.	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b>  <p style="text-align: center;">Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please join us for coffee after the service</p>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lynsey Kidd</p>
<b>The FIFTH SUNDAY after TRINITY</b>  <p style="text-align: center;">Green</p> <p>21st JULY 2019</p>	H.C.	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>  <p style="text-align: center;">Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42</p>	<b>COMPLINE</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Barbara Fagan</p>
<b>The SIXTH SUNDAY after TRINITY</b>  <p style="text-align: center;">Green</p> <p>28th JULY 2019</p>	H.C.	<b>MORNING PRAYER</b>  <p style="text-align: center;">Psalm 85 Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19) Luke 11:1-13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please join us for Coffee after the service</p>	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Garrett O'Keeffe</p>

## SUNDAY CLUB - END OF YEAR SERVICE



**PENTECOST SUNDAY 9th JUNE** began with a delicious breakfast being served by the Sunday Club with help from the boys and girls who have just been Confirmed.

Thank you to everyone who helped on that occasion.

The children from Sunday Club then lead a Service, helped along by Rev. Terry Lilburn, and were presented with Certificates of Attendance along with windmills! Congratulations Debbie Duncan for the connection with Pentecost and windmills.  
See you all next September at Sunday Club.



## JULY ROTAS

### CHURCH & BRASS CLEANING

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
6th	Kate Desigar	Vivien Reid
13th	Kate Desigar	Vivien Reid
20th	Michelle Hennessy	Vacant
27th	Michelle Hennessy	Pamela Hill

### CHURCH COFFEE



July 14th Susi French - Pam Hill  
& Catherine Millar

July 28th The Coulter Family

### CHURCH FLOWERS

7th & 14th July Valerie Martin

21st & 28th Corinne Hewat



### THE ALPHA/IN-BETWEEN BOOK CLUB



Three books have been chosen for Summer reading:

“The Salt Path” by Raynor Winn

“Little Faith” by Nickolas Butler

“The Devotion of Suspect X” by Keigo Higashino

The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 24th September, 2018 - venue to be decided.

Enjoy your Summer reading.

Thank you to the ladies and gentleman! who came along on Saturday 15th and shook the cobwebs and cleaned everything and anything!

Over the past many years, Rathmichael church interior and its grounds have been kept meticulously by volunteers from within the parish. It is always admired by visitors who come to baptisms, weddings and funerals and also by parishioners each Sunday as they come to church.

We always need volunteers to offer to help (maybe just once or twice a year) to keep the interior looking spic and span and we are always delighted to get “new” offers of help for -

The Cleaning Rota - a couple of hours - **once a year**

The Flower Rota - **one/two Sundays in the year**

A helping hand with the grounds - **possibly 3-hours twice a year**

The Coffee Rota **again one or two Sundays in the year!**

This is your parish church and no doubt you will use it at some stage in life for you and your family, for their happy times (baptisms and weddings) and their sad times (funerals). Would you consider giving it a little time and some tender loving care?

The people organising the rotas would be delighted to hear from you.

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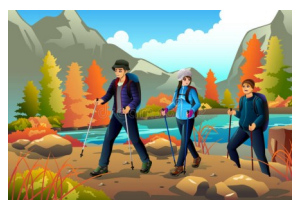
### RATHMICHAEL WALKERS

Rathmichael Walkers meet at the Church at

10.30 on Saturday July 27th.

Everyone welcome to join us.

Helen Darcy - 087 234 2689





**On the 8th April 1919 Mrs. Verell Booth of this Parish, was born which, of course, means that she celebrated her 100th Birthday this year - 2019!**

**Few of us will ever reach that great celebration and it was with much persuasion that I eventually got Verell to share some of her many memories from over the years.**

**Verell and her husband Sidney and their children Ian and Hilary came to Rathmichael Parish in the 1950's and they soon became the organisers of the "Variety Stall" which then became the White Elephant Stall and they organised that from 1956 to 1967.**

**Verell was a leading actress in the Rathmichael Dramatic Society while Sidney built and painted the backdrops and scenery for the stage and Hilary also participated in some of the productions. Verell and Hilary were also members of the choir for quite a few years.**

### **HAPPY (BELATED) BIRTHDAY VERELL - AND MANY HAPPY RETURNS!**

It is only when I think about it that reality sinks in - I have actually been in this world for a *hundred* years! It has been such a gradual process that I don't feel any different - well of course, apart from wondering, as I have done for the last few years, if I could somehow have been transplanted into the body of a decrepit, arthritic old Biddy with a rollator. I'm still thirty-ish inside. Very frustrating. Quite funny too. I have had young people, who have found out my age, coming to me and asking me if I would mind if they spoke to me as they had never come across any one so old before.

Celebrity at last!

To them it probably seems as though I had lived in the dark ages, to me, the past is only like yesterday. I have memories like a box set of videos that I can play in my mind. Perhaps I should be mulling over the choices I made--- good and bad? No, I don't think so, not the bad ones, anyway, it would be too depressing and it's too late to rectify the mistakes.

I grew up in the nineteen twenties, when life was very different, there were none of the things which are taken for granted today. Electricity was not everywhere as it is today, very few electric appliances and house phones, and of course, horror of horrors, no mobile phones! Radio was in its infancy. I remember my father fiddling with a crystal set- -a small wooden box with something called a cat's whisker, I think. There were two wires which had to be touched together to produce scratchy sounds, and sometimes, causing great excitement, voices, equally scratchy, saying "Dublin 2RN calling" and on a momentous occasion "London 2LO". It was the achievement rather than the entertainment which counted.

I had a very happy childhood in Bray, my brother and I had far more freedom than the modern children have. We spent a lot of our time as quite small kids playing round the harbour, watching the coal being unloaded from the steamers which docked at the north pier, talking to the sailors, intrigued by the opportunity of seeing into the hull of a real ship, getting filthy with coal dust. At eleven or twelve years old we and two or three friends would take off on our bikes for the whole day to somewhere like the Rocky Valley, or Enniskerry, or go for hikes all day, where ever the notion took us.

The world was safer then, the pace was slower, and there were fewer cars on the road. We never came to any harm.

But it wasn't all sweetness and light. There was real poverty ; on one of my memory videos I can hear the slapping of bare feet on the wet and muddy pavement as young boys ran from Bray train station with the evening papers they had collected from the train, shouting "Herry or Mayul" (Herald or Mail) racing to sell them in the town for a penny each.

I think there was more individuality in those times - without the influence of television girls didn't look like clones with leggings and identical hair-does, and the men weren't all disguised with beards, so you can't tell if you are smiling at someone you know, or a complete stranger. Not being acquainted with the mysteries of social media I expect I am in a rut, but I have to admit I find it rather foolish to expose one's life's details to all the world. I suppose that confirms my early twentieth century mind set.

However, in other ways I have moved along. This is written with a lap top, I shop on line, it doesn't worry me if couples of either sex live together with or without what used to be called 'benefit of clergy '. What harm does it do to me?

I am very grateful for having had such a long and happy life, apart from the natural sorrows of losing my husband and family members. I have had great kindness shown to me, particularly by my son and daughter. I occasionally experience 'survivor's guilt' for being too long on the shelf, I resent the assumption sometimes made that I cannot think for myself, and I worry about global warming, mainly caused during the hundred years in which I have existed. But life goes on, regardless.

There is always hope.

*Verell Booth*



Verell with her daughter Hilary

## RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

Garda Edwina Cahill came in to school on 14th May to give 5th and 6th classes a talk on Bullying, Cyberbullying and good practice regarding the use of mobile phones. Edwina is the Community Garda and comes in every year to speak with the children.



On 15th and 16th May, Bord Iascaigh Mhara provided our school with an interactive truck which turned into a classroom. It was there for two days and gave 5th and 6th classes lessons on marine life using interactive technology including virtual reality goggles. This was a real treat and everyone loved it. We have a parent in 6th class who is a marine biologist and he was very involved in its organisation. It was free!

On 17th May the Tidy Schools in the Community Competition Ceremony was held. The Robinson Family - Geoffrey and his children Faith and Jacob represented the school. We received the Award for Most Improved and a cheque for €100.

On the evening of the 17th May, the PTA held a movie night showing the Sing a long version of The Greatest Showman. 130 people attended and it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

On 28th May, 4th Class put on a musical show for the school during the day and a performance for their parents in the evening. They performed "The Grunch". Naomi Clarkson and Ms. Ferris put many hours of work into this and it showed as it was of a very high standard.



Open Day took place on 29th May. The pupils showed off their work to parents and grandparents and the choir sang in the concourse. You can see the pride the children have in their work when they show it off.



The Junior and Senior Infant Classes put on "Hansel and Gretel" on 4th June, with a rehearsal for the school followed by the show for the parents. This was a lovely show which brought smiles to all our faces.



5th and 6th Classes went to Carlingford Adventure Centre on 5th of June for two days of fun filled activities. They were accompanied by 4 teachers.

Junior and Senior Infants and 1st Class went on their school tour to Explorium, the relatively new Sports and Science Centre and had a brilliant time exploring and experimenting.

*Caroline Senior, Principal*



# RATHMICHAEL BROWNIES

It was a busy and action-packed year for the Brownies with a focus on environmental awareness and related issues.

In September there were 16 Brownies in the pack and 5 new Brownies joined bringing the number to 21 at the start of our year. We were pleased to welcome Laura, a parent, as assistant and a former Brownie, and Lucy who was joining us on work experience for the year.

Our first outing was to Shankill beach where the Brownies collected 16 bags of litter which were kindly disposed of by their parents! In early October the girls went blackberry picking with the intention of taking them home and making something with them. I'm not sure many blackberries reached the 'cooking' stage! We planted some Spring bulbs in the tiny 'Brownie Garden' and these successfully provided a lovely display from February onwards. We had a very enjoyable trip to the pantomime 'The Snow Queen' in the Gaiety theatre which was filled with a 'sea' of Brownies from all over Dublin and beyond. We travelled the long distance by Luas which was the first time for some of the girls. The 5 new Brownies were enrolled just before the Christmas break. In January we were delighted to welcome 4 ladybirds into the pack bringing our numbers to 25. At this point we were able to have a new 'Six' which is the Pixies.



The Brownies learned to sew in February with the assistance of expert needlewoman Mrs. June Lawless. They learned how to sew a seam and to sew on a button. They used their new-found skill to make a heart shaped cushion for St. Valentines day!

For Thinking Day they learned about the lives of Brownies in Canada, Japan, India and USA. They tasted foods from these countries and learned a little about the different ways of life in each.



We had a wonderful Pack Holiday in the Guide Cottage in March with 16 Brownies attending and 4 leaders. It was an action-packed weekend with a long adventurous hike in the grounds of Powerscourt Estate, craft activities in the evenings and a scavenger hunt in Enniskerry village. We had lovely weather and a most enjoyable time there. The 4 new brownies were ready to be enrolled and we were happy to welcome our District Commissioner Mary Therese to our meeting to enrol them.

Along with several other badges which the Brownies gained during the year we concluded the Environmental Awareness theme by visiting Barnaslingen Woods and the Ballycorus Flue to learn a little about biodiversity and the history of the area and to highlight the matter of Climate change and what we can do about it.

5 of the older Brownies went to Larch Hill and had an overnight camp. Apart from the very wet weather, they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We finished up in June with a craft day /planting salad crops. Everyone got to make a sailing boat from drift wood and to plant (in pots) spring onions and lettuce. Special thanks to Tanya for providing the plants.

The busy year ended with a BBQ on one of the few sunny afternoons. Parents and family members came along too and many provided salads and goodies. We were sad to say goodbye to 8 of the Brownies who are 10 and older and we wish them well in the future.

*Hazel (Snowy Owl)*

Children might be interested in this Emoji Prayer reminder but adults could use it also!

We all use emojis - now they can help us to pray.

# EMOJI PRAYER REMINDERS



PRAY FOR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO IS SAD AND ASK GOD TO COMFORT THEM.



THANK GOD FOR YOUR FAMILY AND THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE YOU.



PRAY FOR SOMEONE WHO IS HURT AND ASK GOD TO HELP THEM GET BETTER.



THANK GOD FOR GIVING YOU FRIENDS AND PEOPLE WHO MAKE YOU LAUGH.



ASK GOD TO HELP YOU FORGIVE SOMEONE WHO MAKES YOU ANGRY.



PRAISE GOD FOR THE BEAUTIFUL WORLD HE HAS MADE ALL AROUND US.



PRAY FOR SOMEONE WHO IS SICK AND ASK GOD TO HELP THEM FEEL BETTER.



THANK GOD FOR GIVING YOU CLOTHES TO WEAR AND A PLACE TO LIVE.



## ***RATHMICHAEL PARISH & SCHOOL FETE***

***SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2019***

***12 noon - 4.00 p.m.***

**Dear Parishioners,**

The preparations are under way for the Fete 2019.

**Remember the date the 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

Here's what we need to make our Fete successful: -

- Donations of goods of all types – new and used but only in good condition please as it costs the Parish money to dispose of broken items
  - Offers of help before, during and after the Fete
    - Raffle prizes & bottles
  - Sponsorship for some of our ever-growing costs
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  - Offers of locations where we can display some signs to publicise the Fete

Some dry, calm sunny weather.

We are especially appealing to new members of the Parish to get involved and to join in this team effort. I have often said that the Fete is hard work but it is also a most enjoyable, social event that you will find very satisfying and rewarding. I can truly say that from personal experience.

So please, please get involved, - don't be shy – please give any Fete Committee member or stall manager a call with offers of help

Thank you all so much

Dave Simmons  
Chairman, Fete Committee

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## STALLHOLDERS

<b>Adult Clothes</b>	<b>June Lawless</b>	<b>087 7973537</b>
<b>Baby Equipment</b>	<b>Shirley Farrell Lynsey Kidd</b>	<b>083 4496576 087 690326</b>
<b>Books</b>	<b>Lily and Chris Byrne</b>	<b>01 2821021/ 087 2229633</b>
<b>Burgers</b>	<b>Peter Harty</b>	<b>087 1928905</b>
<b>Car Park</b>	<b>Maurice Horan</b>	<b>087 2537262</b>
<b>Collector's Corner</b>	<b>Anne Golden Valerie Robinson</b>	<b>086 4004277 086 6023374</b>
<b>Games</b>	<b>Trish O'Neill</b>	<b>School 01 2824794</b>
<b>Gate</b>	<b>Robert King-Hall</b>	<b>086 2523911</b>
<b>Home Entertainment</b>	<b>Paul Barron</b>	<b>087 6540257</b>
<b>Jewellery</b>	<b>Samantha Van Aswegan</b>	<b>087 9900868</b>
<b>Plants</b>	<b>Susan Stuart</b>	<b>087 2747471</b>
<b>Raffle/Sponsorship</b>	<b>Sue Melbourne</b>	<b>086 3253576</b>
<b>Country Fayre</b>	<b>Heather McNally Kate McCauley</b>	<b>086 8204165 089 4696708</b>
<b>Veggie Stir-fry</b>	<b>Heather Roche</b>	<b>086 2120117</b>
<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Jean Crawford Martha O'Donnell</b>	<b>086 8375079 087 4141338</b>
<b>Shoe/bags</b>	<b>Sinead Miller</b>	<b>087 9273700</b>
<b>Smoothies</b>	<b>Richard Marshall</b>	<b>086 0261188</b>
<b>Food / Ice Cream</b>	<b>Geoffrey Perrin</b>	<b>087 9174452</b>
<b>Soft Furnishings</b>	<b>Niamh-Anne McCann</b>	<b>086 0887277</b>
<b>Sports Centre</b>	<b>Charlotte Norwood</b>	<b>087 2475372</b>
<b>Sweets</b>	<b>Pia &amp; Laura (Mark)</b>	<b>087 6209800</b>
<b>Toys</b>	<b>Heidi &amp; Kerry</b>	<b>086 8380550</b>
<b>Wheel of Fortune</b>	<b>Graeme Slattery Ronan Anderson</b>	<b>083 3302015 087 9607058</b>
<b>White Elephant</b>	<b>Peter Richardson</b>	<b>087 0652312</b>
<b>Stallholders Lunches</b>	<b>Claire Miller &amp; Kim Hannigan</b>	<b>086 8750540</b>
<b>PTA</b>	<b>Heidi Vallejo Kerry Grantham</b>	<b>086 8677874 087 9513131</b>



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## RATHMICHAEL PARISH & SCHOOL FETE

*Dear Parishioners,*

*We are now preparing for the Fete on 7th September. As the costs for tents and equipment are so high we would appreciate any help we can get.*

*In saying this if you could sponsor a stall for €150 this would be greatly appreciated.*

*Please contact me on email [carolinesenior66@gmail.com](mailto:carolinesenior66@gmail.com) if you can help.*

*Looking forward to hearing from you,*

*Caroline Senior*

## THE COUNTRY FAYRE STALL

Work is well underway on the Country Fayre stall in anticipation of the Rathmichael Fete this September!

We would be grateful for any baked cakes, pies, tray bakes, fruit loaves or cupcakes that you could bake.



We would also be delighted to receive any savoury dishes such as lasagnes, pasta bakes, curry, fish pies, quiches and so on.

If you would like to donate fruit from your garden for us to make jam, we would be happy to help you pick the fruit. Also, if you were able to offer an hour or so to help out on the afternoon of the Fete, we would be very appreciative.



Please call or text either Kate McCauley at 0894696708  
or Heather Chawke at 0868204165 if you can help in any way.

Many thanks in advance for your support!





# **Rathmichael Parish & School Fete**



**Rathmichael  
School Grounds,  
Shankill.**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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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