

SEPTEMBER 2019

**RATHMICHAEL PARISH
NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Parishioners,

I am somewhat undecided as to how I feel about September. Long memories of a return to school with all that brought with it stir up mixed emotions. In the early 60's there would be conkers to gather and as time went on the prospect of resuming playing rugby. Almost every year however was overshadowed by the thought of the classroom, homework and other unpleasantness. Later life has, however, brought the anticipation of winter-warming food, perhaps if one is lucky a game bird or two or some venison, some full-bodied wines to accompany and Sunday afternoon teas in front of a log-burning fire. (Happy days when one had gleaning rights to the fallen branches in a certain parish graveyard.) There are also the harvest festival services to look forward to with the added bonus of having someone to preach the sermon!

Until relatively recently childhood memories would once again be nudging as one recommenced academic study after an all too short break for the summer months. What seemed like a good idea at the time undoubtedly felt much less so with the resumption of looming assignment deadlines to meet. Age has finally brought a modicum of sense and any study/research from now on will be purely for one's own interest/amusement.

On a more positive note however, I realise that I am now beginning my seventh month as priest in charge (p-i-c) in this wonderful parish. Whilst there can be no certainty of one being here for any given time, I greatly look forward to all that the rest of this calendar year has on offer and I hope that many of you feel the same.

As you are no doubt aware, the appointment of a new rector to the parish is now in the hands of the Archbishop.

At the time this is being written, (late August) no announcement has been made and there is a degree of uncertainty as to when a new rector will take up the position. I am very happy to be able to look after the parish for however long the vacancy continues and I am grateful for the continuing support of the Select Vestry and parishioners.

There may be some in the parish who cannot get to church on a Sunday but would either welcome a clergy visit or chat or Holy Communion at home.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like either - Mobile: (086 886 5361 or e-mail: terrylilburn@gmail.com) and I will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements. Please do bear in mind that I may not know of your circumstances unless I am advised accordingly. For any who may find themselves in hospital the same applies and a hospital visit is no problem for me.



The annual Fête which is such an important part of parish life will be kick-starting the autumn events and I am sure it will be every bit as successful this year as it has been in years past albeit that it will be without the services of a rector or indeed p-i-c. The blame I am afraid lies with my daughter, who in a rush of blood to the head, booked the family holiday last Christmas, some months before I was gifted oversight of the parish. Nevertheless, it will once again be a tremendous success thanks to the hard work of many people and the generosity of others. In advance may I thank all who have worked so hard to bring about the result, may we be gifted with a fine day to enjoy it.

And finally.....Having been the beneficiary of the scheme of free travel for pensioners for some months now, I thought to ask the duchess what she thought of it. "It's o.k. – as far as it goes," was her considered reply.

Wishing you all every blessing as we tackle into the autumn months together.

Terry

For details of Pastoral Care during my absence please see Page 2

CHURCH SERVICES - SEPTEMBER 2019

DATE	08.30 HRS	11.00 HRS	19.00 HRS	LECTORS
The ELEVENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY Proper 17 Green 1st SEPTEMBER 2019	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16 Luke 14:1,7-14 Preacher: Canon Adrian Empey	EVENING PRAYER	Kate McCauley
The TWELFTH SUNDAY after TRINITY Proper 18 Green 8th SEPTEMBER 2019	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER (Rite 2) Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14: 25-33 Preacher: Canon Adrian Empey Please join us for coffee following the service	EVENING SERVICE	Anne Golden
The THIRTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY Proper 19 Green 15th SEPTEMBER 2019	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-11 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15:1-10 Preacher Archdeacon Gordon Linney	COMPLINE	Neville Thompson
The FOURTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY Proper 20 Green 22nd SEPTEMBER 2019	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER (Rite 1) Amos 8: 4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13 Please join us for coffee following	EVENING SERVICE	Ronnie Whelan
The FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY Proper 21 Green 29th SEPTEMBER 2019	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION with HOLY BAPTISM Psalm 34 Daniel 12:1-4 Psalm 150 Acts 12:1-11	EVENING SERVICE	Baptism Party

PASTORAL COVER

During the Rev'd. Terry Lilburn's absence (29th August to 15th September inclusive) Pastoral Care and Emergencies will be attended to by the Rev'd. Rob Clements, Kiltiernan Parish.

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Phone: 0404 49896 Mobile: 087 276 6590

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PARISH REGISTERS:

HOLY BAPTISM:



11th August 2019:

Alannah Lucienne daughter of Leah and Simon Acton, Library Road, Shankill, D18.

We welcome Alannah to her Christian family and we pray that she will grow to honour the promises made on her behalf by her parents and god-parents.

SEPTEMBER 2019 ROTAS

CHURCH & BRASS CLEANING

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
7th	FETE NO	CLEANING
14th	Helen Warinton	Charlotte Norwood
21st	Marilyn Griffith	Linda Orr
29th	Marilyn Griffith	Linda Orr

CHURCH COFFEE

8th Ronnie Whelan
Jim Hendry Garret O'Keeffe


22nd Peter Richardson Chris Byrne
John Bolton



CHURCH FLOWERS

1st, 8th & 15th Johanna King-Hall

22nd & 29th Irene Coulter



SUNDAY CRECHE

8th - Danielle Fletcher

15th - Family Service

22nd - Adelaide White

29th - Julie Perrin



SUNDAY CLUB

We are delighted to be back on Sunday 22nd September - and we invite boys and girls who have not already been to Sunday Club to come and join with our members when we have fun while we learn about Jesus and his love for us.

Sunday Club is for boys and girls from 4 to 12 years

4 - 6 year old	7 - 9 year old	10 - 12 year old
Dean Russell	Katie Fox	Debbie Duncan

Debbie Duncan - 087 647 1617

RATHMICHAEL PARISH - PARENTS, BABIES & TODDLERS

We look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday 11th September - 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in The Erck Hall, beside Rathmichael Church.

Claire Miller - Mobile: 086 875 0540



RATHMICHAEL WALKERS

Rathmichael Walkers meet at the Church at 10.30am on Saturday 28th of September.

Choice of walks, decide on the day.

Everyone welcome.

Contact: Helen 087 234 2689



THE ALPHA/IN-BETWEEN BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting which will be on Tuesday the 24th September, 2018 - in the home of Susie Horn, Ferndown, 17 Marlborough Road, Glenageary.

Phone 087-6370935

The following three books were chosen for Summer reading and will be discussed at that meeting:-

“The Salt Path” by Raynor Winn

“Little Faith” by Nickolas Butler

“The Devotion of Suspect X” by Keigo Higishino

That's Life from Terry

Many years ago, a small boy was asked by one of his classmates what he wanted to be when he grew up. "An airline pilot," was the immediate response. "But you're no good at maths responded his classmate, "You'll never be a pilot, you have to be good at maths to be a pilot." His bubble burst, his dream shattered and his self-esteem in shreds, the little boy took himself off home and for the next nine years I gave no thought as to what I would do by way of a career path.

Like many other instances in my life that scene is etched in my memory and I can recall it in detail almost as if I was looking at it as a photograph in an album. Why I should I recall it at this point in time I have no idea, perhaps the uncertainty of one's status in the coming months prompts reflective thinking? Reflective thinking in turn may produce a chain of thought patterns that may lead to who knows where. And in parallel seemingly random questions or apparent chance encounters that can happen at any time in our lives may also lead us on hitherto unimagined journeys. Questions, requests, meetings that we may not be entirely comfortable with initially, perhaps puzzled by or even almost instantly reject, may in fact be a gateway to new friendships or experiences. It has been said that there are no coincidences in life. The person that wandered in and out of your life was there for some purpose, even if they caused you harm. However, if we turn the problem over to God, he promises that we will eventually see the bigger picture. Nothing is too small to be a mistake.

Perhaps that concept is easier to grasp when things are going well or at least reasonably well in one's life. Less easy when we are coping with difficulty, illness, bullying, the loss of a loved one. When reality hits and we have to acknowledge dreams and aspirations are beyond realisation, a longed-for promotion is not going to happen or we encounter a major loss in our lives, retaining a positive outlook can seem an impossibility. However, I believe that rather than dwelling on the "what ifs", the "if onlys" or the "why me's" we look instead for the positives, we stand a good chance of recovery to a more peaceful state of mind. If, and sometimes it is a big if and a big ask of ourselves that we do so, to remember the good times we enjoyed with friends, the colour someone brought to our lives, how our lives were enriched by someone's presence or interaction with us, the memories they have left us, the likelihood is that we will better withstand or overcome the distress that has come into our lives. If the pain, the put-down or setback has been inflicted on us either unwittingly or otherwise then a belief in ourselves or better still a belief that there is nothing that is going to happen to us and that with God's help we cannot overcome, we make life for ourselves much easier. When we allow others to think for us, we give away our power, the power to control how we feel.

A chance remark sixty years ago changed my life irrevocably. And the classmate who helped change it? He became an airline pilot.

And finally..... We understand that one of the members of a local hill-walking club recently brought along a Hoover on one of the outings. Apparently he wished to test the theory that nature abhors a vacuum.

Charles Plumb was a US Navy jet pilot in Vietnam.

After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands.

He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison.

He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience!

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "*You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!*"

"*How in the world did you know that?*" asked Plumb.

"*I packed your parachute,*" the man replied.
Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude.

The man pumped his hand and said, "*I guess it worked!*"

Plumb assured him, "*It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today.*"

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man.

He says, "*I kept wondering what he had looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat; a bib in the back; and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning, how are you?' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor.*"

Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, "*Who's packing your parachute?*"

Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day.

He also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory-he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute.
He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important.

We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognise people who pack your parachutes.



RATHMICHAEL PARISH & SCHOOL FETE

SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2019

12 noon - 4.00 p.m.

Dear Parishioners,

This is the “final reminder” - in case you were on holidays and did not catch up with previous Newsletters!

We are now on the final sprint to get organised for the Fete!

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
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 - Offers of help before, during and after the Fete
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 - Raffle prizes & bottles
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 - Sponsorship of some of our ever-growing costs
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 - Offers of locations where we can display some signs to publicise the Fete
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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.

All stalls are looking for helpers and especially the White Elephant Stall - men, women and teenagers would be most welcome to come and help on this very busy stall. A few hours working on this stall could set you up for life as an entrepreneur!



Hereunder is a reminder of where to bring your donations

**Between Monday 2nd September and Thursday 5th September only,
from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.**

Adult Clothes, Children's Clothes, Shoes, Bags, Hats, etc.

can be left at the Erck Hall

White Elephant, Collector's Corner, Books, Baby Equipment, Sports Goods,
Home Entertainment, Toys, Jewellery, Cosmetics, Soft Furnishings, etc.

can be left at the Burton Hall.

All other stalls, bottles, plants, sweets, cakes, jams, refreshments, etc., please contact the stall managers directly.

We could do with many helping hands on these evenings so please consider giving a few hours during that week.

On Friday 6th September the Committee will be "setting up" Fete 2019 from 9.00 a.m. until dark and we would greatly welcome your assistance at any time during this busy day.

Also on **Saturday after the Fete closes at 4.00 pm.** we would really appreciate help with the clearing up part of our venture and again on Sunday morning immediately after the 11.00 service. So please help us if you can during these times. It really is a case of many hands etc.....!

We are looking forward to providing an enjoyable and successful Fete with bargains, fun and entertainment for all and we hope to see you there on September 7th.

Finally, in advance of the Fete itself I would like to thank you for your support which I know will be forthcoming once more in 2019.

David Simmons

Chairman Fete Committee

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Books	Lily and Chris Byrne	01 2821021/ 087 222 9633
Burgers	Peter Harty	087 192 8905
Car Park	Maurice Horan	087 253 7262
Collector's Corner	Anne Golden Valerie Robinson	086 400 4277 086 602 3374
Games	Trish O'Neill	School 01 2824794
Gate	Robert King-Hall	086 252 3911
Home Entertainment	Paul Barron	087 654 0257
Jewellery	Samantha Van Aswegan	087 990 0868
Plants	Susan Stuart	087 274 7471
Raffle/Sponsorship	Sue Melbourne	086 325 3576
Country Fayre	Heather McNally Kate McAuley	086 820 4165 089 469 6708
Veggie Stir-fry	Heather Roche	086 212 0117
Refreshments	Jean Crawford Martha O'Donnell	086 837 5079 087 414 1338
Shoe/bags	Sinead Miller	087 927 3700
Smoothies	Richard Marshall	086 026 1188
Food / Ice Cream	Geoffrey Perrin	087 917 4452
Soft Furnishings	Niamh-Anne McCann	086 088 7277
Sports Centre	Charlotte Norwood	087 247 5372
Sweets	Pia & Laura (Mark)	087 620 9800
Toys	Heidi & Kerry	086 838 0550
Wheel of Fortune	Graeme Slattery Ronan Anderson	083 330 2015 087 960 7058
White Elephant	Peter Richardson	087 065 2312
Stallholders Lunches	Claire Miller	086 875 0540
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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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THE COUNTRY FAYRE STALL

Just a reminder that the Country Fayre stall is looking for all sorts of goodies to keep us busy all day at the Fete!

We would be grateful for cakes, pies, tray bakes, fruit loaves, cupcakes and biscuits 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 for the deli section.

If you would like to donate fruit from your garden for us to make jam, we would love to have it.

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!