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RATHMICHAEL PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parishioners and friends,

And now for something, completely different" (*Monty Python's Flying Circus -1969*)

Her ladyship has recently informed me that I have joined the ranks of "grumpy old men," A statement with which I must take issue. Gender I obviously cannot disagree with, "old," well getting older, but "grumpy"? Moi? - the very idea is preposterous. Having said that however, there are any number of reasons why one **COULD** be grumpy in this modern age when society appears to have gone to hell in a handcart.

Take over-familiarity. People in trade and sales assistants now address me by my first name as if they were my equal, even children who formerly would have deferred to me as Mr or at least Uncle if I were a family friend. Emily Post should be mandatory reading for all households.

And speaking of mandatory reading, whatever happened to that bible for road users – "The Highway Code"? Ask a cyclist what is meant by "Rules of the Road" and he/she will look at you as if you had addressed them in Azerbaijani. Front and rear lights - a waste of money (As a youth of the 60's, a lack of these would have cost you a court appearance and a ten-shilling fine): cyclelanes - only for children and wimps; riding three-abreast alongside a double continuous white line- well why not, "I want to talk to me mate". As for hand signals, when did you last see a cyclist give one other than the shake of a fist in your direction?

Of course, a few motorists are not exempt from irritating behaviour, sometimes even when they are not actually driving. One simply dreads pulling into a filling station behind the lady driver who has just got into her car having paid for her fuel. (Sorry, but it is always a lady driver). You will probably have sufficient time to complete the Irish Times crossword by the time she drives off the forecourt, having assured herself that no-one has moved any of the controls in her absence, readjusted her mirror, her hair and her seat belt. The latter of course will have to be undone as she cannot find the keys which she has deposited in her 10 gallon hand-bag and the whole rigmarole begins again; that is after she has decided that she might as well make use of the hair brush and lipstick that have emerged on her search for the keys. It is quite possible that you will have encountered this lady before, having stood in a queue behind her at the supermarket check-out. Having watched an assistant fill an entire trolleyload of groceries into her shopping bags, discovers that she must now pay for them. And so begins the ten minute hunt for the credit/debit card or worse "I know I have some change in here somewhere!" And the loyalty card!!!!



Included in said purchases may be a magazine which will be 98% advertising. Much of this will be of clothes that appear to have been designed by someone on a lethal cocktail of hallucinogenic drugs and worn by people that have been resurrected from Frankenstein's laboratory. Thankfully these said apparitions do not appear in the shops I frequent but having purchased the simplest of garments today one inevitably ends up walking around like an advertising billboard (Oh, I see you're wearing a T_ _ _y _ _ _ r jumper. Bah!) And why on earth would I want to buy a particular pair of underpants simply because somebody who kicks a pig's bladder around a field for living does so? Should I be seduced by this grotesque image, will I somehow be magically transformed into someone that men and women will fall down and worship because he is a "celebrity"?

Nowhere has this cult been more enthusiastically embraced than in hallowed halls of the national broadcaster. As a lone citizen of this country I will not be anxiously awaiting the release of U2's latest collection of dirges or glued to my television set as Ireland take on some country I have never heard of in some "crucial" soccer match, however much we are assured by presenters that "the entire country" will be doing so. Please refrain from these gross exaggerations. As for their spoken "English", with dropped "g's" and "haitches", don't get me started.

Space does not permit comment on, but mention must be made of traffic lights, sports commentators (particularly soccer commentators), other people's mobile 'phone calls and television advertising. Reasons one **COULD** be grumpy? I rest my case.

As an antidote to the grumpy feelings you may be experiencing, here is something that may make you feel better.

The average cost of rehabilitating a seal after the Exxon Valdez Oil spill in Alaska a few years back was \$80,000.00. At a special ceremony, two of the most expensively saved animals were being released back into the wild amid cheers and applause from onlookers.

A minute later, in full view, a killer whale ate them both.

Still think you are having a Bad Day????

Betty came home to find Jerry in the kitchen shaking frantically, almost in a dancing frenzy, with some kind of wire running from his waist towards the electric kettle. Intending to jolt him away from the deadly current, she whacked him with a handy plank of wood, breaking his arm in two places.

Up to that moment, he had been happily listening to his iPod.

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Are Ya OK Now? - No?

Two animal rights defenders were protesting the cruelty of

sending pigs to a slaughterhouse in Bonn, Germany. Suddenly, all two thousand pigs broke loose and escaped through a broken fence, stampeding madly. The two helpless protesters were trampled to death.

What?!? STILL having a Bad Day????

Iraqi terrorist Khay Rahnajet didn't pay enough postage on a letter bomb.

It came back with 'Return to Sender' stamped on it. Forgetting it was the bomb, he opened it and was blown to bits.

And Finally

In a hospital's Intensive Care Unit, patients always died in the same bed, on Sunday morning, at about 11:00 am, regardless of their medical condition. This puzzled the doctors and some even thought it had something to do with the supernatural. No one could solve the mystery as to why the deaths occurred around 11:00 am Sunday, so a worldwide team of experts was assembled to investigate the cause of the incidents. The next Sunday morning, a few minutes before 11am all of the doctors and nurses nervously waited outside the ward to see for themselves what the terrible phenomenon was all about. Some were holding wooden crosses, prayer books, and other objects to ward off the evil Just when the clock struck 11am, Kenneth Roberts, the parttime Sunday sweeper, entered the ward and unplugged the life support system so he could use the vacuum cleaner.

There Now, Feeling Better, Are We?

And finally..... true to her intention to get fitter this year the duchess has taken to doing sit-ups every morning. So far she has got as far as ten. It doesn't sound like much but there are just so many times one can hit the snooze button.

Terry



RATHMICHAEL PARISH AND SCHOOL FETE

RAFFLE



Our sincere thanks to everyone who kindly donated prizes for the Raffle.

The following were the winners of the first four prizes:

1st Prize: Android Tablet - Mark Orr

2nd Prize: One Year Membership of Dublin Zoo - Nessa Carson (Lawlor family)

3rd Prize: Mondello Driving Experience - Yvonne Moore

4th Prize: Trailer of Logs. Dec O'Neill

27 other lucky people also won prizes.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who bought tickets.

CHURCH SERVICES - OCTOBER 2019

DATE		08.30 HRS	11.00 HRS	19.00 HRS	LECTORS
	after TRINITY PROPER 22 Green	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4 Psalm 37: v 1-9 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 Luke 17: 5-10	EVENING PRAYER	Jenny & Garrett O'Keeffe
	PAY after PROPER 23 Green	H.C.	FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Psalm 100 Philippians 4: 4-9 John 6: 25-35 Please join us for coffee and the sale of Harvest Gifts for Christian Aid after the service	HOLY COMMUNION	HARVEST FESTIVAL
The EIGHTEENTH SUNDA' TRINITY 20th OCTOBER 2019	Y after PROPER 24 Green	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Genesis 32: 22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3: 14 4: 5 Luke 18: 1-18	EVENING SERVICE	Caroline Senior
The FIFTH SUNDAY before 27th OCTBER 2019	Proper 25 Green	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER FOLLOWED BY HEALER PRAYER SERVICE AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS Psalm 84: 1-7 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 Luke 18: 9-14 Please join us for coffee following the service	HOLY COMMUNION	Sarah Mannion

CONFIRMATION SERVICE



A Confirmation Service will take place on Sunday 9th February 2020 - details to be advised.

Boys and girls who have started First Year are eligible to be Confirmed.

We are putting together a list of young people who wish to be Confirmed and would appreciate having the names of interested people as soon as possible.

Please email your name, in the first instance, to annethompson2824@gmail.com. Should you have any queries, Anne will help where possible. Mobile: 086 893 7067

OCTOBER 2019 ROTAS

CHURCH & BRASS CLEANING

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS	
5th	Jenny O'Keeffe	Sheila Thomson	
12th	Irene Coulter	Pamela Bradley	
19th	Irene Coulter		
26th	Johanna King-Hall	Debbie Duncan	

CHURCH COFFEE

Oct 13th	Mary Went Olivia Uhlar	Avril Stewart Ros Cox	
Oct 27th	Mary Went Sharon Cole	Sheila Thompson Barbara Fagan	

CHURCH FLOWERS

6th & 13th HARVEST THANKSGIVING

20th & 27th Helen Warinton



SUNDAY CRECHE

6th	Grace O'Brien
13th	Family Service
20 th	Volunteer needed
27th	Cara Allison



SUNDAY CLUB

DATE	4-7 yrs	8-10 yrs	10-12 yrs
6th Oct	Sara Mannion	Gillian Nevin	Sarah Grimson
20th	Dean Russell	Carol Beamish	Debbie Duncan
3rd Nov	Dean Russell	Gillian Nevin	Katie Fox

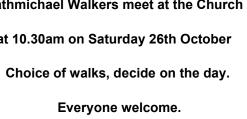
THE ALPHA/IN-BETWEEN BOOK CLUB



RATHMICHAEL WALKERS

Rathmichael Walkers meet at the Church at 10.30am on Saturday 26th October Choice of walks, decide on the day. Everyone welcome.

Contact: Helen 087 234 2689



We will meet on Tuesday 29th October @ 8.00 p.m. In the home of Leslie Wallace, The Mews, Old Glebe House, Bridesglen Road, Shankill. Phone 282 2514.

The book we are reading for this meeting is "The Patient Assassin" by Anita Anand.

Looking ahead—The Book Club will meet on Tuesday 26th November 2019 at 8.00 p.m. in the home of Avril McWilliams, 13 Clonasleigh, Shankill. Phone 086 881 6206.

The book selected for the November meeting is "The Trauma Cleaner" by Sarah Krasnostein.



Rathmichael Parish & School Fe

October 2019

Dear parishioners and friends,

Wow! another very successful Fete has been completed and **THANK YOU ALL** for your help and support, it was greatly appreciated.

To all the stall holders, helpers, sorters, setter uppers, cleaners, sponsors etc a **MASSIVE THANKS**, it would not have been possible for us to achieve and run this event without your help.

This is the second year that this committee has worked together and from my point of view I am extremely lucky to be surrounded by a super team, who all work very hard and nothing is too much trouble to do.

The team is made up of Debbie Duncan, Caroline Senior, Susan Stuart, Clare Perry, Trish O'Neill, Corinna Knaggs (Dolan), Paul Barron, Nick Ashe, Peter Harty, Mark Kenny, Crawford Kidd, Frank O'Neill, Peadar Bruton, John Bolton & me.

As you will have noticed this year, we changed the layout of the tents which I think you will all agree was good as it gave us more tent space for the stall holders, even though the books still did not have enough space! It also created a little more space as the tents were pushed back to the boundaries.

As a team we are always looking at improving the fete so if you have any ideas please contact myself or any one on the committee.

It was great to have Laura Vines, the Dublin Rose, opening the Fete this year. She was really appreciated by everyone there.





Over the last two years we have encouraged the local community businesses to sponsor the Fete and this is becoming very well supported. It really helps so if you know any business owner who would like to get involved please ask them to get in contact with me.



You will have noticed that we have our main sponsors on a board outside the school, a big thanks to **Lidl** for coming on board this year as the main sponsor but also to all our other sponsors,

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The numbers that come through the gate every year does amaze me and it does go to show that our Fete really continues to be relevant in today's ever-changing world, we will continue to adapt and move forward but still maintain the key facets of the Fete.

We are always looking for new people to help with the Fete so please, do not be shy in coming forward, I guarantee you will really enjoy it. This year Susan Stuart and Frank O'Neill are stepping back from the committee but will still continue to do what they do going forward.

Most importantly we run this Fete to ensure that significant funds are raised for the parish and the school. This year again proved to be very successful and the Net figure that is estimated will be in or around €36,300, which is really FANTASTIC, thank you all!

This is a massive team effort so from all the committee a **MASSIVE THANK YOU**, you all have been fantastic in your support.

David Simmons

Chairman of Fete Organising Committee

087 636 0458





SMOOTHIES & BURGERS



RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

We went down with our 5th class to Shankill beach to do our annual clean-up for tidy towns. The good news is that there was less than normal which is a very good sign. We went equipped with litter pickers and blue sacks which were collected by Dunlaoghaire / Rathdown County Council. It is good for the children to be part of keeping our immediate environment clean.



We held an Active Week in June. This was full to the

brim with exercises and games for the week. This included exercises for us all on some of the mornings. A whole school relay was quite the feat!! The week included Frisbee, Pilates, Stretch and Grow, Irish dancing, Zumba dancing and sports from Southside Sports. The whole school wore orange t -shirts with 'Rathmichael Gets Active' across them. A banner went up on our pitch and our new Active flag was flown high on the grass area. A lovely way to end the school year.

Sonja Storm, a parent in our school, took

part in the Celtic Challenge, which entails rowing across the Irish Sea from Arklow to Aberystwyth in Wales. They rowed 90 nautical miles or roughly 150km through the night. It's a race against other crews so not just a 'crossing'. She came in to speak about her journey, the preparations and the mental and physical endurance which was required. An inspiration to us All!

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My thanks to all the pupils who participated in St Joseph's Shankill "Cherished Memories" Art Competition which was sponsored by Explorium and Lidl. Congratulations to Lucy Miller who won 1st Prize in the 5th and 6th Class category and was presented with her prizes at a ceremony on 18th June. Senior Infants were the winners of Best Class Category and won a trip to Explorium next year - well done to Ms Fox and Senior Infants. Many more of our pupils were highly commended as finalists. The judges were very impressed with the extremely high standard of all our art work so well done to everyone who submitted a piece.

I am delighted to say that we now have the Cookbook to sell. Order Forms have gone home and thanks to Michelle Howe we had sales of over €400 on Sports' Day. Please contact Trish, send a form and money in with your child or call into the Office. The cost is €12 per book. Congratulations to the winners of our Cover Design Competition - Melissa Vinson for the cover of the Cookbook and Hannah Phelan for the first inside page. Illustrations by other class winners are on the third page - thanks to all the pupils who contributed recipes, drawings and photographs. A huge thank you to Colin Howe for compiling the Cookbook and ensuring its delivery to School in time for Sports' Day.

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The pupils went on several tours. 5th and 6th classes took a trip to Carlingford to the adventure centre. 4th went to Lully more. 3rd went on the Viking Splash Tour and Dublinia, 2nd went to the Chocolate Warehouse and Factory whilst the Junior end of the school went to Explorium. Senior Infants even won an extra trip to the Zoo.

Who ever said school wasn't fun!!!!

We look forward to our new term in Rathmichael and all it entails. Welcome back everyone!!

HARVEST FESTIVAL BRING & BUY









Please Bake, Bring and Buy, for our sale of Harvest Gifts following the Harvest Thanksgiving Service on

Sunday 13th October 2019

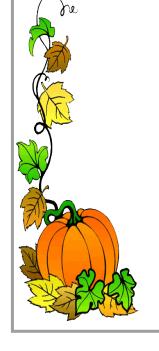
Proceeds will be donated to Christian Aid to support their ongoing work.

Donations of BREAD * BUNS * CAKES * SAVOURY SLICES

APPLE PIES * FRUIT * JAMS & CHUTNEYS *

would be very welcome.

Many thanks, Beverley East

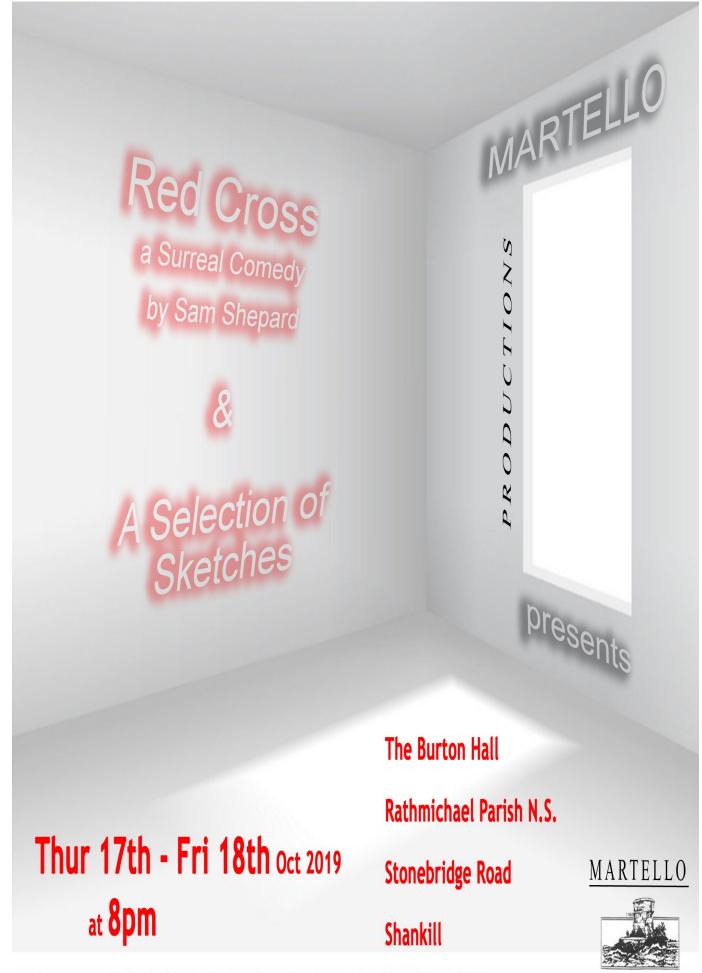


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Admission €12.50/€8 (incl. tea & coffee) Booking line 086/2633955

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