

FEBRUARY 2020

RATHMICHAEL PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parishioners,

We are now well into a new secular year and perhaps, if we have not already done so, we can look back both on the year that is past and the year that is to come. We derive the name of January from the Roman god Janus, who was pictured as having two faces, each one looking in a different direction. We look back on the year that is past, perhaps with pride at that which has been achieved, perhaps with sadness, remembering losses in whatever form they have taken, with thanksgiving for blessings received, perhaps with resolve, promising ourselves that 2020 will somehow be better or at least different to 2019.

As I think of 2019, it is all too easy to call to mind the hardships and difficulties, the low points. However, if I am honest with myself and think positively, the year was filled with high points and many blessings. Indeed, I have been richly blessed with new opportunities, new friends, new experiences. It was a year of change for the parish as we said goodbye to Fred and Sonia and the family who were so much a part of the life of the parish for over 27 years. It is probably true to say that it is unlikely we will see that length of service in parish clergy again as that generation folds their cassocks and begins to enjoy life a little more.

Thank you to all who have contributed so much to the life and work the parish over the past eleven months and for all the volunteering throughout the year and especially over the Christmas season. We can be justly proud that we were once again able to assist the work that is carried out by others on behalf of those less fortunate and less able. St Vincent de Paul was the recipient of a goodly number of Christmas hampers and a generous cheque, and the Women's Refuge in Bray were very grateful for hampers also, while St Josephs also received a cheque which will go towards the fund which will purchase a new bus for them.

There is of course a certain degree of uncertainty regarding the appointment of a new rector. However, as I said in a recent sermon if we open our hearts and minds to God and sincerely put our trust in him, we are strengthened and empowered to do whatever we are called to do. We can face with confidence, whatever lies ahead and the uncertainty no longer matters.

We look forward to a New Year and all that it will bring, perhaps as we think of New Year resolutions, how about one that says I will love God and my neighbour this year? I mightn't have as much money as I would like but the gift of my love will not be measured by money. I can give time and talent and love and friendship to others in a way that will make their life just a little better. Those are sort of gifts that God loves and I know he would be very happy to receive them.

Terry

CONFIRMATION



A Confirmation Service will take place at 15.00 hrs. on Sunday 9th February 2020 in Christ Church, Bray, when Finn Campbell, Ellian Desmond, Daniel Hennessy, William Knatchbull and Clara Brigg from this parish, will be confirmed by His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd. Dr. Michael Jackson.

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

CHURCH SERVICES - FEBRUARY 2020

DATE	08.30 HRS	11.00 HRS	19.00 HRS	LECTORS
The PRESENTATION OF CHRIST in the TEMPLE <p style="text-align: center;">White</p> <p>2nd FEBRUARY 2020</p>	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION <p>Malachi 3: 1-5 Psalm 24: 1-10 Hebrews 2: 14-18 Luke 2: 22-40</p>	EVENING PRAYER	Carol Bond
The THIRD SUNDAY before LENT <p style="text-align: center;">Green</p> <p>9th FEBRUARY 2020</p>	H.C.	FAMILY SERVICE with HOLY BAPTISM <p>Isaiah 58: 1-9a, Psalm 112; 1-9 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12</p> <p>Please join us for coffee in the Erck Hall following the service</p>	HOLY COMMUNION	Baptismal Party
The SECOND SUNDAY before LENT <p style="text-align: center;">Green</p> <p>16th FEBRUARY 2020</p>	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION <p>Genesis 1: 1-2: 3 Psalm 136: 1-9 Romans 8: 18-25 Matthew 6: 25-34</p>	COMPLINE	Catherine Millar
The SUNDAY before LENT <p style="text-align: center;">Green</p> <p>23rd FEBRUARY 2020</p>	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER <p>Deuteronomy 11: 18-21, 26-28 Psalm 31: 1-5, 19-24 Romans 1: 16-17, 3: 22b-28 Matthew 7: 21-29</p> <p>Please join us for coffee in the Erck Hall following the Service</p>	HOLY COMMUNION	Michael Hill

ASH WEDNESDAY - 26th FEBRUARY 2020

20.00 HRS - WORSHIP SERVICE

**And God said, "Let there be lights
in the expanse of the heavens to
separate the day from the night.
And let them be for signs and for
seasons, and for days and years."
Genesis 1:14**

FEBRUARY 2020 ROTAS

SUNDAY CLUB

DATE	4-6 YRS	7-9YRS	10-12 YRS
2nd Feb	Gillian Bourne	Carol Beamish	Kate McCauley

SUNDAY CRÈCHE

2nd - Aine Halligan

9th - Family Service

16th - Danielle Fletcher

23rd - Volunteer needed!



CHURCH FLOWERS

1st, 9th & 15th Feb Corinne Hewat

22nd & 29th Margaret Nevin

CHURCH COFFEE

9th Feb Mary Went - Olivia Uhlar - Ros Cox

23rd Feb Grace Cao - Avril Stewart

Pamela Hill - Helen Darcy

THE ALPHA/IN-BETWEEN BOOK CLUB



The Book Club will meet on Tuesday 25th February, 2020 @ 8.00 p.m. in the home of Heather Maybury, "The Poplars", Quinns Road, Shankill -
Phone: 087-9690674.

The book we are reading for February is:-
"Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens

RATHMICHAEL WALKERS

Rathmichael Walkers will meet at the church at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday 29th February (it's a Leap Year!)

Choice of walks on the day.

You are welcome to join us.

Queries to: Helen Darcy 087 234 2689



Have you a flat or house to rent?

A local family have to move out of their rented house at the end of April. They are very involved in church and school life and I very much hope that they can remain in the Shankill area.

Please think if you can help and just give me a call. Appropriate rent will be payable. The need is for a minimum of 2 bedrooms and ideally in a house.

Geoffrey Perrin 087 9174452.



RATHMICHAEL PARISH - CHRISTMAS IN OUR COMMUNITY & BEYOND

We wish to give our thanks to everyone who responded so generously to our Christmas Appeal. Our hamper appeal was very well supported and hampers were given to St. Vincent de Paul along with a generous cheque to assist them with their ongoing work with those who are in need. Hampers were also given to Bray Women's Refuge and they were very well received on behalf of those families who are needing help.

Geoffrey Perrin and Fiona Ashe



Boys and girls who helped pack the Christmas Hampers!

CAROLS AT BEECHFIELD MANOR NURSING HOME

Our annual visit to Beechfield Manor was very enjoyable. We had a lovely evening singing carols with the residents. Well done to everyone who came along .



THE BISHOPS' APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who made a donation for the Bishops' Appeal. This money will go to the Church's World Aid and Development Programme and will assist with various schemes which are organised in countries around the world where there is extreme poverty.

Anne Thompson

RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

Shows took place under the instruction of Naomi Clarkson, our music teacher, and the class teachers. Both the Infant Classes and Second Class performed. Each one lightening your step and drawing at the heart strings!

6th class joined with Scoil Mhuire and St Anne's to sing carols at a Carol Service held in the Active Retirement Association. It is good for the children to do something within the community at Christmas.

Garda Martin came in to talk to our 5th and 6th classes about cyberbullying.



A new PA system has been put in place paid for by both the PTA of Management. Announcements can now be made in individual classes and throughout the school. This is a serious upgrade to the school and welcomed by all the staff.



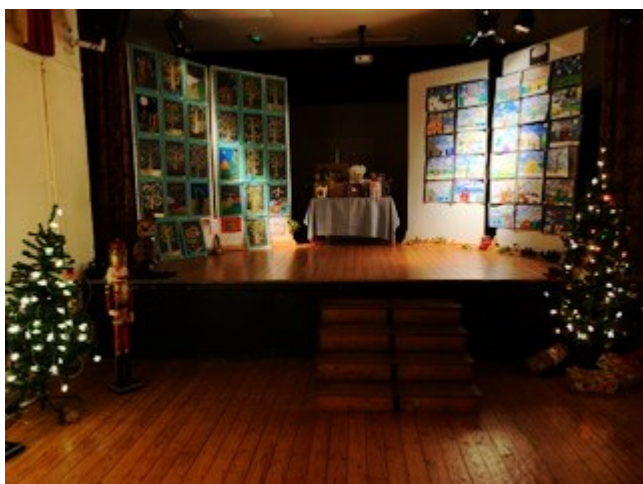
Great thanks to the parents who yet again put up and Advent calendar for the whole school. This had gifts for everyone, jokes, teachers doing silly things and no homework days. Enjoyed by all. Seasonal spirit included.

1st class visited Explorium. They won this visit through an art competition. It is a fabulous place to see with so much to see and explore, making children use their enquiring minds.



We held an Art and Wine evening which was very successful.

The PTA provided refreshments whilst the teachers provided the Art. There were beautiful displays.



Caroline Senior, Principal

Here's a play on words.....

Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine .

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

Dijon vu -- the same mustard as before.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.

What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead give away.)

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.

She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

Every calendar's days are numbered.

A lot of money is tainted - Taint yours and taint mine.

A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.

He had a photographic memory that was never developed.

A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.

Once you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen a mall.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

Last, but not least,.....Acupuncture is a jab well done!

A Recipe for all the cooks in the parish!

SCRIPTURE CAKE

12oz. 1st Kings 4:22

2 Cups Jeremiah 6:20

2 Cups 1st Samuel 30:12b

2 Cups Nahum 3:12

4 oz Judges 5:25

8 oz. Numbers 17:8

Dash 2nd Chronicles 9:9

2 Tbs. 1st Samuel 14:25

6 Jeremiah 17:11

Pinch Leviticus 2:13

4 oz Judges 4:19

2 Tbs. Amos 4:5

Bake in a square cake tin, greased and floured. Bake about 1 hour @ 300 F. 160 C.



Saint Joseph's Shankill. Crinken Lane. Shankill.

Saint Joseph's Shankill is the largest care home in Ireland dedicated solely to dementia care. We would like to offer people living with dementia and their families the following services:

Dementia Information Hub

Open every Tuesday from 9.30am – 12pm, there is no such thing as a silly question come and find out more.

****Cinema Club for people living with Dementia and their loved ones - €5 per couple**

Call 01 282 3000 to book a ticket and come along at 2pm on the below dates, tea and coffee and chats also a part of the afternoon.

Sunday 9th February - Sunday 8th March

Volunteer Team

We are looking for volunteers to join our amazing team and make moments matter for the people in our care in 2020.

Contact Nicola on (01) 2823000 or by email:

nicola.yau@sjog.ie.

Donations

If you'd like to make a donation to Saint Joseph's Shankill contact Siobhan on (087) 967 0602 or by email: siobhan.grant@sjog.ie.



Ecclesiastes 3 New International Version (NIV)



*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity
under the heavens:*

A time to be born and a time to die,

A time to plant and a time to uproot,

A time to kill and a time to heal,

A time to tear down and a time to build,

A time to weep and a time to laugh,

A time to mourn and a time to dance,

*A time to scatter stones and a time to
gather them,*

*A time to embrace and a time to refrain
from embracing,*

A time to search and a time to give up,

A time to keep and a time to throw away,

A time to tear and a time to mend,

A time to be silent and a time to speak,

A time to love and a time to hate,

A time for war and a time for peace.