

JULY 2020

RATHMICHAEL PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parishioners et al,

The last few months have seen unprecedented changes in our way of living and I am sure that many of you will have been disappointed to have been locked out of our lovely church building, especially for our Easter services. Difficult as that was, it was in strange way, the easy part, simply locking the front door and excluding everyone. Easy, because we all knew where we stood in relation to the pandemic and we all acquiesced for the greater good.

Now comes the more difficult bit when we return but with certain restrictions on what we can and cannot do, at least initially with guidelines that appear to be more flexible. Add to that, "pandemic fatigue" and we are looking at a situation that could easily spiral out of control and all the good work and sacrifices made over the past months wasted.

At the time of writing, members of the Select Vestry have been busy preparing the church and hall for our forthcoming return to Sunday morning worship with a gathered congregation. Preparations have followed the HSE guidelines, and whilst some of them may seem to be unnecessary they are strictly for everyone's benefit, health and safety in the long run. The last thing we want happening is a reversal of the restrictions after we have come so far.

We do not know what awaits us as we try to resume some sort of "normality" (normal is a setting on the washing machine!), whether people will wish to come back to worship in the church or whether they will feel that it is still unsafe to do so. Please be assured that we have taken all the suggested precautions and if they are followed you should have nothing to fear. In the meantime however, we will continue to record and broadcast our 11.00 am service although as it is being recorded live on Sunday mornings it will not be available to view until slightly later in the morning when it has been uploaded to the social media sites.

We hope also to record and broadcast our 8.30 am service of Holy Communion (Rite1) and this should be available from 8.30am on Sunday next. The 11.00am services in July have been designated Morning Prayer, a shortened version of Rite 2 so allowing for entry and exit, you should not be inside for more than 30 minutes, maximum.

In the meantime, if anyone would like Holy Communion at home, please call me on 086 886 5361. I would be only too happy to facilitate anyone in this way. Also please let me know if there is anyone you know who is or is about to undergo hospital treatment. Although personally excluded from hospital chaplaincy duties, I am in regular touch with my colleagues who will be only too happy to visit. Alternatively, I will add them to the prayers on Sunday mornings (First names only).

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In Rathmichael School, we shall miss saying goodbye to our 6<sup>th</sup> form at the usual valedictory service held at end of term, although I understand that some form of "goodbye" is being organised by the school. We wish all the young people moving to secondary school every good wish and God's blessing as they take this huge step in their life. The school is also saying goodbye to Ms Elaine Carr after 18 years service as well as Ms Vonla Griffin after an astonishing 41years. We wish both of them well in their respective retirements.

May I wish you all a very happy, healthy, pleasant and peaceful July.  
Stay well and stay safe.

And finally..... I think the duchess has been putting glue on my collection of antique weapons. She denies it, but I'm sticking to my guns.

*Terry*

## LECTIONARY JULY 2020

| DATE                                                                                                         | 11.00 HRS                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <p>The <b>FOURTH SUNDAY</b> after TRINITY</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Green</p> <p>5th JULY 2020</p>   | <p><b>MORNING PRAYER</b></p> <p>Genesis 24: 34-38. 42-49, 58-67<br/>           Psalm 45: 10-17<br/>           Romans 7: 15-25a<br/>           Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30</p> |
| <p>The <b>FIFTH SUNDAY</b> after TRINITY</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Green</p> <p>12th JULY 2020</p>   | <p><b>MORNING PRAYER</b></p> <p>Genesis 25: 19-34<br/>           Psalm 119: 105-112<br/>           Romans 8: 1-11<br/>           Matthew 13: 1-9. 18-23</p>                |
| <p>The <b>SIXTH SUNDAY</b> after TRINITY</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Green</p> <p>19th July 2020</p>   | <p><b>MORNING PRAYER</b></p> <p>Genesis 28: 10-19a<br/>           Psalm 139: 1-11, 23-34<br/>           Romans 8: 12-25<br/>           Mathew 13: 24-30, 36-43</p>         |
| <p>The <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY</b> AFTER TRINITY</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Green</p> <p>26th JULY 2020</p> | <p><b>MORNING PRAYER</b></p> <p>Genesis 29: 15-28<br/>           Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b or 128<br/>           Romans 8: 26-39<br/>           Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52</p>    |

**The services for July will take place in the church following the Covid guidelines.**

**The services will also be on YouTube**

**[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9bOeLVvTpZNbtbgSVC\\_XQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9bOeLVvTpZNbtbgSVC_XQ)**

**That will take you directly to the channel and you will see any new videos we post there.**

**Videos will go live shortly after 11:00 am on Sunday mornings.**

***Thank you!***

*As with all parishes, getting the church ready for the resumption of services has been a mammoth task.*

*Many thanks to the Select Vestry and others who have undertaken the work and now have the church and Erck Hall ready for everyone to attend safely within the guidelines for Covid-19.*

*Please read the guidelines on the following page and we look forward to welcoming parishioners back to join services with their Christian family from next Sunday.*

Dear Parishioners,

With the easing of Covid-19 restrictions we are delighted to inform you that services will be resuming shortly in Rathmichael Parish Church. Public health guidelines for social distancing will restrict the number of people that can be accommodated in the Church. Please be aware that once the reduced capacity of the Church & Erck Hall has been reached that no more people can be admitted.

A shortened service of **Morning Prayer only will be held at 11.00 am on Sundays**. This is the only Sunday service open to parishioners during the initial weeks of the re-opening of our Parish. Other services may be broadcast via YouTube – details of these will be published.

In keeping with the Public Health guidelines please do not attend Church if you or anyone in your household are suffering from any Covid-19 type symptoms.

Under the Government timetable for easing Covid-19 restrictions, places of worship can re-open on 29<sup>th</sup> June so it is planned to hold a

**Service of Morning Prayer at 11.00 am on Sundays commencing on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July.**

Please note the following:-

Social Distancing measures will be in place both inside & outside the Church.

There will be a *one-way* system in operation with entry only through the side porch.

On arrival the Church Wardens will advise you where to sit in the Church.

The Church Wardens will be recording the names of all attendees, to facilitate contact tracing, should it become necessary. These records will be held securely in accordance with GDPR.

Parishioners should follow the markings laid out on the floor in the Church.

Parishioners should only sit in the designated seats which will be clearly identified.

Please move directly to your allocated seat.

When moving to your seat, please do not stop to greet any fellow parishioners.

It is strongly recommended that face masks are worn when at the Church.

Please bring your own face mask with you to the Church.

On entry to the Church please use the hand sanitisers located at the entrance.

Please do not move about during the service.

If you have young children please ensure they remain seated at all times.

Please be aware that only one toilet will be available for use.

Additional seating will be available in the Erck Hall – entry is through the church porch.

The Church Wardens will guide you as necessary.

The Service will be on PowerPoint (Church only) rather than service sheets.

At the end of the service please remain in your seat until advised by the Church Wardens to leave.

Please do not gather outside after the service has ended.

Please leave the church grounds as quickly as possible.

These measures are to ensure the safety of all Parishioners and your co-operation with these measures will be greatly appreciated. Despite these restrictions please be assured you will all be very welcome back to Rathmichael Church.



# Rathmichael Parish & School Fete 2020

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Dear parishioners,

I hope you are all doing well and staying safe.

Due to Covid 19 and the recommendations that have been outlined by the health and safety guidelines we have unfortunately had to cancel this year's Fete.

As all of our loyal followers over the years you will be aware that we have large numbers of people coming through the gate on Saturday afternoon and we do feel that this is the best thing to do.

We do appreciate that it is a great social event, but we will be back bigger and better in 2021 and we look forward to seeing you then.

David Simmons  
Chairperson of the Fete Committee

## RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

Hello everyone,

As we come to the end of the school year we must think back on what a strange time it has been.

Throughout this experience we have all learned something. I know I have learned to be far more appreciative of the smaller things in life. The things we take for granted everyday. As bit by bit we gain a little freedom we begin to enjoy the ability to meet others, share news and have a coffee. Perhaps this is God's way of making us stop and think about the way we behave. We constantly seek more without realising how much we have already.

I want to say thank you to my staff for being such a great team and supporting me throughout the year, especially during these challenging times. Parents have been amazing accepting whatever has come their way.

I hope you all enjoy the holidays and really look forward to seeing everyone again soon in our new normal.



Caroline Senior, Principal.



## Mizen Head to Malin Head

The corona virus has impacted many fund raising activities and community events this year. The Rathmichael Parish and School Fete, along with many other fund raising events, have been postponed, which means that vital funds cannot be raised in the usual way.

Therefore, I have decided to challenge myself to cycle from Mizen Head to Malin Head in five days, covering 700 kilometres on the 3rd August. Funds raised will go to Rathmichael Parish and school and other charities.

*Crawford Kidd*

***To support Crawford while he does this fantastic cycle - people can donate at***

***<https://www.gofundme.com/f/mizen-head-to-malin-head>***

**Or**

***Donations (marked Cycle) can be sent to Mrs. Lily Byrne, Hon Treasurer,  
Rathmichael Parish, Old Conagh Cottage, Thornhill Road, Bray, Co. Dublin, A98 X2E7***

***Have a safe journey Crawford - we will keep you in our thoughts and in our prayers as you go on your way.***



## SCHOOL CHILDREN AND THEIR RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object to share with the class that represented their religion.

The first student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is a Star of David."

The second student got up in front of the class and said, "My name is Mary. I'm a Catholic and this is a Rosary."

The third student got in up front of the class and said, "My name is Tommy. I am Church of Ireland, and this is a tray bake."

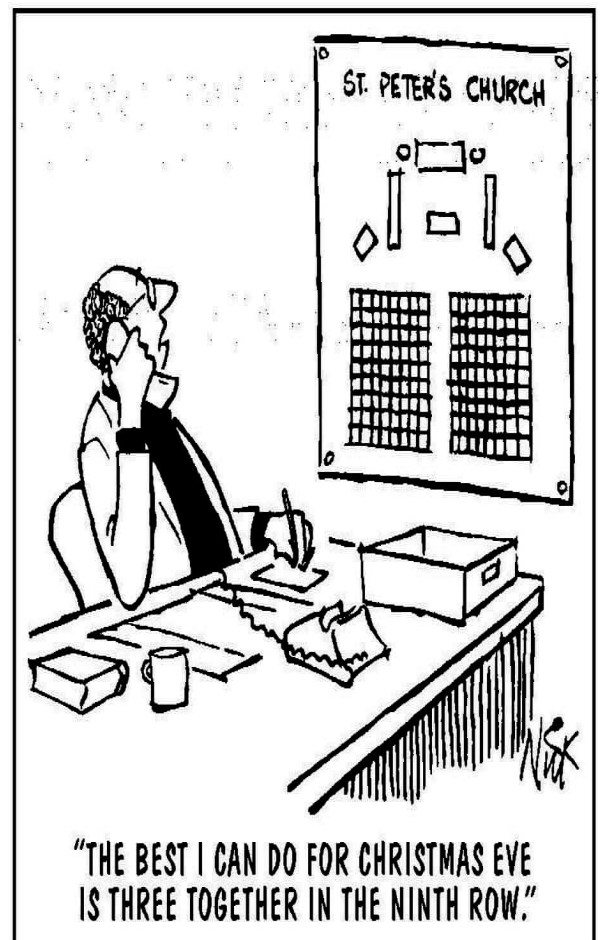


## RETIREMENT



The proprietor of a delicatessen and specialist food shop has recently retired with a comfortable fortune of €950,000.

Having set up a business 40 years ago with capital of just €50 he attributes his success to hard work, indomitable courage, long hours, a sense of humour, dedication to his customers' needs - and the death of a rich uncle who left him €949,950.



## Barbecue Season!



As the BBQ season (hopefully) gets into full swing it is important to refresh your memory on the etiquette of this sublime outdoor cooking as it's the only type of cooking a real man will do, probably because there is an element of danger involved.

When a man volunteers to do the BBQ the following chain of events are put into motion:

Routine...

- 1) The woman buys the food.
- 2) The woman makes the salad, prepares the vegetables, and makes dessert.
- 3) The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces, and takes it to the man who is lounging beside the grill - beer in hand.

Here comes the important part:

- 4) **THE MAN PLACES THE MEAT ON THE GRILL.**

More routine....

- 5) The woman goes inside to organize the plates and cutlery.
- 6) The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is burning. He thanks her and asks if she will bring another beer while he deals with the situation.

Important again:

- 7) **THE MAN TAKES THE MEAT OFF THE GRILL AND HANDS IT TO THE WOMAN.**

More routine.....

- 8) The woman prepares the plates, salad, bread, utensils, napkins, sauces and brings them to the table.
- 9) After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.

And most important of all:

- 10) Everyone **PRAISES** the MAN and **THANKS HIM** for his cooking efforts.
- 11) The man asks the woman how she enjoyed "her night off."

And, upon seeing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there's just no pleasing some women....