

**OCTOBER 2023**

**RATHMICHAEL PARISH  
NEWSLETTER**

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### **Rathmichael Fete**

Thank you to everyone who once again turned out in great numbers to support our annual Fete – both on the day itself and indeed in the week (and weeks!) running up to it. Special thanks to Dave Simmons and his extraordinary committee for their months of work and dedication, which were once again rewarded by a very special and successful day. We were blessed with a glorious day – and the community responded by coming in their thousands to the grounds of Rathmichael School for the Fete. This annual occasion is one of the highlights in the Shankill calendar each year and this year was no different. As well as the huge selection of goods available to buy, there was something for everyone with games, musical entertainment and an array of food to enjoy. We are grateful for the support of the School and Parish communities pulling together to put on this one-of-a-kind event for our community. Thank you!

### **Harvest Family Trail**

As Autumn approaches, it means that once again it is 'Family Trail' season in Rathmichael, where our beautiful church grounds are transformed into themed scenes for people of all ages to explore and enjoy the beauty of nature and give thanks for the provision that God gives us.

This year, our popular Harvest Trail will take place on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October**, and the theme this year is focussing on 'leaves'. To find out more and be guaranteed of a fun afternoon out for all, come along on the day. We look forward to welcoming you!

### **Hospitality at Rathmichael**

We are conscious as a church community that we want to be there for one another. We are putting together a rota of people who would be willing to make a meal every once in a while – for parishioners who come home from hospital, for families who have had a new arrival, or indeed for people who are unwell and in need of a little help. If you would like to help out by making a meal, or indeed by popping into someone for a chat, please contact the Rector or Fiona Ashe.

### **Confirmation**

We are delighted that 10 young people from our parish - Kendra Barron, Georgia Carty, Aubrey Desmond, Louisa Grier, Tom Hennessy, Ellie Macdonald, Hugo Melbourne, Daisy Ovington, Max Reilly and Marcus Rennicks - have made the decision to take upon themselves the promises made on their behalf at their baptism, and will be confirmed by Archbishop Michael in Christchurch Cathedral on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. This is a big step in the journey of faith for these young people and we join together as a parish in celebrating with them. We ask your continued prayers for each of them as they continue to grow in the faith.

Sean

## LECTIONARY - OCTOBER 2023

DATE	08.30 HRS	11.00 HRS	19.00 HRS	LECTORS
<b>Saint Michael and All Angels</b> (Transferred from 29th Sept) Green Proper 21 1st October 2023	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Psalm 103: 19-22 Revelation 12: 7-12 John 1: 47-51	EVENING PRAYER	Avril McWilliams
The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Green Proper 22 8th OCTOBER 2023	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER HARVEST FESTIVAL Psalm 65 Joel 2: 21-28 Matthew 13: 1-9 Please join us for coffee and the sale of goods for Christian Aid	HOLY COMMUNION	Daniel Mansergh
The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Green Proper 23 15th OCTOBER 2023	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4: 1-9 Matthew 22: 1-14	HOLY COMMUNION	
The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Green Proper 24 22nd OCTOBER 2023	H.C.	FAMILY SERVICE with HOLY BAPTISM <i>The Story of Queen                      Esther</i> Please join us for coffee after the service	HOLY COMMUNION	Family Baptism
The Fifth Sunday before Advent BIBLE SUNDAY Green Proper 25 29th OCTOBER 2023	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Psalm 119: 105-112 Colossians 3: 12-17 Matthew 24: 30-35	EVENING PRAYER	
The Fourth Sunday before Advent (ALL SAINTS' DAY, transferred) Green Proper 26 5th NOVEMBER 2023	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Psalm 34: 1-10 Revelation 7: 9-17 Matthew 5: 1-12 Please join us for coffee after the service	EVENING PRAYER	
The Third Sunday before Advent REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Green Proper 27 12th NOVEMBER 2023	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER Psalm 78: 1-7 Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25 Matthew 25: 1-13	HOLY COMMUNION	Jim Hendry

## HARVEST FESTIVAL BRING & BUY



Our sale of Harvest Gifts will take place following  
the Harvest Thanksgiving Service on

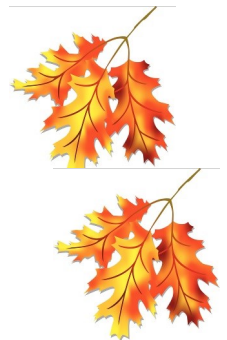
**Sunday 8th October 2023**

Donations of BREAD \* BUNS \* CAKES \*  
\* BISCUITS \* SAVOURY SLICES \* APPLE PIES \*  
FRUIT \* JAMS & CHUTNEYS \*  
would be gratefully received.

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

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We look forward to seeing you there!



Find out about Christian Aid and the fantastic  
work they do on their web-site  
[Christian Aid Ireland.ie](http://Christian Aid Ireland.ie)





## RATHMICHAEL IN KENYA

We are delighted to report that our recent mission trip to Wandeché Parish in Western Kenya was a tremendous success. A group of 12 people from Rathmichael spent over a week in Wandeché School in order to refurbish the facilities and enhance the education experience for the children and provide a better work place for the staff.

It is hard to put into exact words what was witnessed over the course of our time there – the tireless dedication of our team was just something wonderful.

We achieved much more than we set out to accomplish in the week and to give a summary of the work should give you an insight into what happened:

Our team of 12 - consisting of Geoffrey Perrin, Sean Hanily, Fiona Ashe, Robert Gallagher, Aidan Reilly, Peadar Bruton, Jan Ovington, Anthony Perrin, Aine Halligan, Ben Allison, Peter Harty and Simon O'Connor (who was on secondment from Delgany!) – travelled 14815 kilometres to spend 10 days working in the school, whose community is made up of 240 children and 8 teachers. We were helped for part of the week by 7 local labourers. The work carried out was as follows:

- Built a kitchen, including stove and storeroom

- Guttered 3 buildings each with 1000lt storage tanks for rainwater

- Replaced 61 panes of glass

- Repaired 54 desks and chairs



4 classrooms, library, staff room and head teachers room painted and stencilled

External of main classroom block painted

14 rooms fitted with lightings and power sockets

External steps fitted to head teacher's office

Holes in the floor of 5 classrooms filled

We are very grateful to everyone in our church community, the wider Shankill community and indeed further afield across the Church of Ireland who so generously supported this worthy cause.

A highlight of the time in Kenya happened on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August, when the Bishop of Maseno North, the Rt Revd Charles Kascan Asilutwa, came to Wandeché along with a group of dignitaries including the County Minister for Education, to formally dedicate the work to the glory of God. The outcome of that service was that the Minister for Education, so moved by the work carried out, announced that the Dept would now provide a permanent Deputy Head Teacher as well as two extra teaching posts to the school.

Rathmichael's focus on continuing aid to Wandeché will now be focused on delivery of a container of school furniture, the construction of new latrines for the school, and the provision of a substantial breakfast to the children of the school each day. This latter part is of utmost importance, as many of the children come to school on an empty stomach. As well as this, when food is provided at school, this is often the only meal that the children will get in a day – and provision of this ensures that young people stay in education for longer...to the obvious benefit of everyone.

Sean



**The Rathmichael Team at the Equator**



## **RATHMICHAEL AND KENYA**

The parish and school are continuing the link with Wandeché school on a number of fronts.

- We are awaiting quotes to rebuild the boys and girls latrines in the School. We have enough funds in the Kenya account to complete this.
- We hope to fill a container, or similar secure facility, over the next few months. Already we have a large number of school chairs to transport and will in time advise everybody of other items likely to be useful in Kenya.

### **SCHOOL BREAKFAST SCHEME**

More pressing at this stage is raising funds to provide a simple daily breakfast for the youngest children at Wandeché School. Many of these children do not have access to breakfast and walk up to 4km to school. As you can imagine, this greatly affects their concentration in class and their overall well-being. I am looking for names who would be willing to contribute €5 per month (not much more than the price of a cup of coffee!). Your support will enable us to kickstart this breakfast scheme and make a meaningful impact on these children's lives. I have already had quite a few offers but more are needed.

Names/enquiries to

Geoffrey Perrin—[geoffreyperrin43@gmail.com](mailto:geoffreyperrin43@gmail.com) or Call - 087 917 4452

Thank you for your wonderful support for Wandeché.

*Geoffrey Perrin*

## RATHMICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL

School reopened for the new academic year on 30th August and we welcomed all our existing families and our new students. Our return to school is always marked by our annual Church and School Fete which this year took place on Saturday 9th September. A huge amount of work goes into the Fete and the whole community gets involved, both in the build up to it and on the day itself. Despite the forecast, the sun shone and there was an amazing turnout on the day. There was something for everyone and the place was buzzing. For new parents it was a great way to meet other families and get involved from the beginning. All the children really enjoyed the games, fancy dress, face painting and the fun of the day.

Many thanks to all the volunteers for giving up their time to help with all the sorting in the week before and manning the stalls on the Fete day. Thank you also to our Sponsors and to all the local businesses (and those beyond Shankill boundaries) for giving so generously, particularly to the Raffle. Thanks to St. Anne's School for the use of its car park on the day. Many thanks to all who helped to clean up and return the school to normal.

This event involves everyone, including the Staff, PTA, Board of Management and the community - many thanks to the wider Shankill community for all the support. There are very few events which involve so many willing volunteers.

Everyone is looking forward to the term ahead and all the events to come, the first of which is our Sponsored Walk in October.

### The Kenya Mission

12 members of Rathmichael Parish travelled to Kenya to help refurbish the Wandeché school in the Diocese of Maseno. They brought with them much needed school supplies and messages from our pupils to the students of Wandeché. It was a very successful and worthwhile mission and the group are very thankful for all the support it received from the school and the local community in Shankill.

*Naomi Rousseau*  
*Principal*  
*Sept 23*





## RATHMICHAEL PARISH AND SCHOOL FETE 2023



The second year in a row we had fantastic weather and a brilliant result on the day.

The crowds came in their thousands (even more than last year) and a massive community spirit was experienced by all, so **THANK YOU ALL** for your help and support, it is greatly appreciated.

To all the stall holders, helpers, sorters, set uppers, cleaners, sponsors etc a **MASSIVE THANKS**, it is not possible for us to achieve and run this event without your help. This year we had 18 Transition Year Students from Wesley College to help on Friday morning from 10am to 2pm. They put up Gazabos, bunting, sorted books, toys and moved mountains of stuff from the school hall to the tents. They were all amazing and I made sure to tell them so, and their teachers. They will be back again next year!

The committee is made up of Debbie Duncan, Clare Perry, Trish O'Neill, Katie Fox, Corinna Knaggs (Dolan), Paul Barron, Nick Ashe, Peter Harty, Peadar Bruton, Ciaran Brady, John Halligan, Sean Hanily & myself. This group I could not ask more of them, you would have seen them all working every night, the week before the fete and during the day and after the fete in the clean-up.

We welcomed two new committee members this year Katie and John and they both hit the ground running and were a huge asset to the committee.

We have 48 stall holders and they in turn have 200 helpers who really make the day magic with all their work, their happy smiles, and their enthusiasm, they are the real heroes of the day so **THANK YOU ALL**.

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

Our fete is most likely the biggest and best in Dublin at this stage. The numbers that come through the gate every year does amaze me and this year, we had even more than last year. The community in Shankill and surrounding areas really like and support our fete and we are all very grateful for that.

As you are all aware Naomi has taken over from Caroline and I reckon she did not realise how we (the fete) take over her school and grounds for a week before hand and then hand it back to her on Sunday (hopefully the way we found it). It is very hard to explain to someone how this all comes together but when you experience it first hand she realised this is a huge effort by all, Sean will testify to this as he was immersed fully this year.

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. 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 will be around €37,500 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 6360458





## RATHMICHAEL PARISH & SCHOOL FETE

### RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to all prize winners!

We wish to acknowledge and thank all the companies for their extremely generous and kindly donated raffle prizes. They really were amazing donations this year.

Please remember to support them throughout the year where possible.

Prizes - in no particular order:

1. Lenovo Tablet - Jenny Clarke
2. Poco M3Pro 5g Android Smartphone - Chris McConnell
3. Killruddery Gold Finch annual family pass - Brennan Family
4. Old Conna Golf & food for four - Eleanor Walsh
5. 100e Eleven Voucher - Ciaran & Vicky O'Brien
6. 100e Asador/Lennans Yard voucher - Alex
7. 100e Deville's voucher - M. Griffith
8. Julia's Favourite Granola hamper - Emma Fortune
9. 25e Ciara Lamber voucher - Rob Malcolm
10. 30e BBQ Centre Butchers - Anne Thompson
11. Vogue Hair Salon blow dry - Richardson
12. Afternoon Tea for two Killiney Castle Hotel - Ronnie Whelan
13. Lloyd's Pharmacy Hamper - Jacob
14. Whelehan's Wine Box - Damian Green
15. Hell & Back 30/9 for 4 - Mark Galvin
16. 30e Swift Cleaners voucher - Hilary Walsh
17. Four ball golf Greystones - Mark Galvin
18. JumpZone passes x 2 - Barbara Barrett
19. Shankill Pharmacy hamper - Cillian
20. 100e Squirrel Scramble voucher - Diane Orr
21. 20e Smyths voucher - Sam Brigg
22. Boxes of Crispy Creme donuts - kindly donated by winner to the after BBQ
23. 50e Petstop voucher - Conor Clifford
24. Riding lesson at Killegar stables - Anna
25. Ski lesson x 2 - Daniel Golden
26. 2 x keep cups from Grumps Ice Cream Parlour Foxrock - Larry The Lobster!
27. Thomas' Delicatessen Foxrock hamper - Mary Fitzpatrick
28. 100e The Gables Foxrock voucher - Kian Holland
29. 20e Kerb Cafe Foxrock voucher - Barbara Fagan
30. Rainforest Day Spa Voucher - O'Loughlin family
31. Brady's Shankill Dinner x 2 & bottle of wine - Anne Thompson
32. McCartans Pharmacy hamper - Angela Nolan
33. 40e Camile Voucher for any of their outlets - Viv Emphy



# *Sunday Club*



## *October*


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|------|--------|----------------|
| 1st  | .....> | Sunday Club    |
| 8th  | .....> | Sunday Club    |
| 15th | .....> | Sunday Club    |
| 22nd | .....> | Family Service |
| 28th | .....> | Family Trail   |
| 29th | .....> | Harvest Party  |

# OCTOBER - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## CHURCH & BRASS CLEANING

## CHURCH FLOWERS

	<b>Church</b>	<b>Brass</b>
7 & 14th Oct	Emma Parker	Marian Conboy
21st & 28th	Kim Hannigan	Debbie Duncan




7th & 14th HARVEST

21st & 28th Irene Coulter



## CHURCH COFFEE

## THE BOOK CLUB



October 8th    Douglas Grey  
                  Chris Byrne

October        Wendy Kenny  
                  John Bolton

Our next meeting is on 12th October at 7.30 p.m.  
in Marian Conboy's house.

The chosen books are

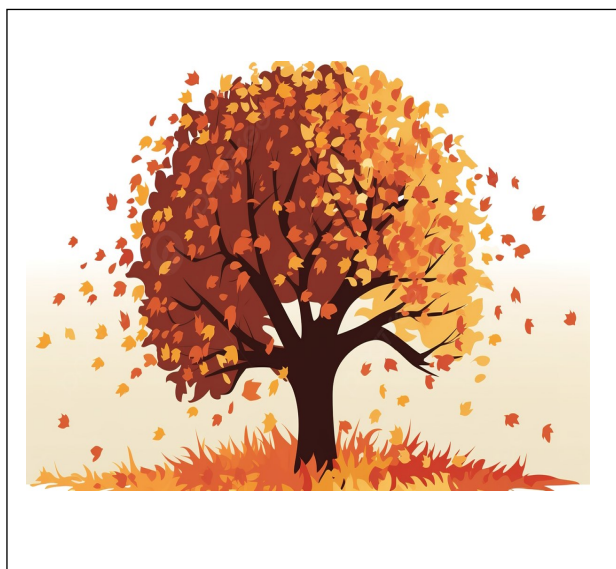
The Island of Missing Trees by Elif Shafak

and

Still Life by Sarah Winman.

We would like to welcome new members.

All enquiries to Marian 086 307 0968





## CALLING ALL WOODLAND GARDEN ORNAMENTS

Do you have any weatherproof woodland animals you could lend or donate for our October children's trail please?

Please speak to Cherith

Following on from last years very successful trails, we are looking to do another trail this year. As part of the trail we are looking for the lend or donation of woodland animal garden ornaments.

If you have any and would like to help please contact Cherith in Church or you can email [rector@rathmichaelparish.org](mailto:rector@rathmichaelparish.org)

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Join our  
**HOSPITALITY  
TEAM**

Could you make a meal for...



Speak to Sean or Fiona  
for more information



## HOSPITALITY TEAM

We are hoping to put together a rota of people who are willing to make a meal for people who have just come home from hospital, and families who have had a new baby. If you would like to be part of this, or even have time to call into someone for a chat to lend a bit of support, then contact

Fiona Ashe - [fionaashe3@gmail.com](mailto:fionaashe3@gmail.com) or

Revd. Séan Hanily - [rector@rathmichaelparish.org](mailto:rector@rathmichaelparish.org)

Tuesday  
Lunch  
Club

Tues 3rd October

12:30pm

Erck Hall



  
Rathmichael  
Parish Church

*Food for the body, food for the soul*