

APRIL 2023

**RATHMICHAEL PARISH
NEWSLETTER**
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RATHMICHAEL IN KENYA

During the second week of March Revd Sean and Geoffrey Perrin travelled to the Diocese of Maseno North in Kenya. The Diocese is located on the equator, in Western Kenya – an area that gets regular rainfall and which is home to the Kakamega Rainforest.

They were there as guests of the Diocesan Bishop, Rt Revd Charles Kascan Asilutwa. Bishop Charles had met our own Archbishop Michael at the Lambeth Conference last summer and the hopeful link with Rathmichael was made. After many months of planning and investigation by the Vestry of Rathmichael, led by Geoffrey Perrin, the Rector and Rector's Glebe Warden travelled for the short trip to make further investigations as to the potential for a mission link between Rathmichael, and the Parish of Wandeché in Kenya – who's school is in urgent need of refurbishment.

Sean and Geoffrey both felt a strong sense of God's hand with them on the journey, and especially in their meeting with the people of Wandeché.

On their return to Dublin the Vestry agreed to firm the link with Wandeché and Rathmichael parish are looking forward to the opportunities and challenges which this will present in the coming months. It is hoped to take a work party to the school in Kenya later this year to carry out the works.

The welcome in Maseno North Diocese was generous and sincere and we can wholeheartedly encourage other parishes to explore similar links in the Diocese.

Easter General Vestry

The Annual Easter General Vestry meeting will take place after the 11am service on Sunday 23rd April 2023.

We encourage all members of the church to attend this important meeting, during which we will be hearing a presentation on the proposed trip to Kenya later this year.

EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday 6th April 20.00hrs

The Lord's Supper, Service of Holy Communion

Good Friday 7th April 20.00hrs

Service of Tenebrae

Easter Day 9th April

Dawn Gathering on Rathmichael Hill (meeting at the church at 6am and will involve an uphill walk. Alternatively go to the car park at Puck's Castle lane and meet at the 'viewing point' on Rathmichael Hill)

08.30hrs Service of Holy Communion

11.00hrs Festival Service of the Eucharist for Easter

Sunday Club Special Easter Party

We extend a warm invite to everyone in the community to join us during Holy Week and to celebrate Easter.

CHURCH SERVICES - APRIL/MAY 2023

DATE	08.30 HRS	11.00 HRS	19.00 HRS	LECTORS
The SIXTH SUNDAY in LENT PALM SUNDAY Red or Violet 2nd APRIL 2023	H.C.	FAMILY SERVICE Matthew 21: 1-11	HOLY COMMUNION	
EASTER DAY The FIRST SUNDAY of EASTER White or Gold 9th APRIL 2023	H.C.	EASTER SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION WITH SUNDAY CLUB SPECIAL EASTER PARTY The Easter Anthems Acts 10: 34-43 Matthew 2: 1-10 Please join us for coffee after the service	No Service	Avril McWilliams
The SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER White 16th APRIL 2023	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION with HOLY BAPTISM Psalm 16 1 Peter 1: 3-9 John 20: 19-31 Please join us for coffee after the service	EVENING PRAYER	Paul Barron
The THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER White 23rd April 2023	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17 1 Peter 1: 17-23 Luke 24: 13-35 Followed by The Easter Vestry	HOLY COMMUNION	
The FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER White 30th APRIL 2023	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER Psalm 23 1 Peter 2: 19-35 John 10: 1-10	HOLY COMMUNION	Andrew Hewat
The FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER White 7th MAY 2023	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2: 2-10 John 14: 1-14	EVENING PRAYER	Hilary Lynch
The SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER ROGATION SUNDAY White 14th MAY 2023	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER Psalm 66: 7-18 1 Peter 3: 13-22 John 14: 15-21	HOLY COMMUNION	

Easter and the First Letter of Peter

The Lectionary readings during the Sundays in Easter take us through the First Letter of Peter – a powerful letter written to Gentile Christians, reminding them that they are chosen by God and have a future hope in Jesus. In many ways it is a relevant letter for the church today. Join us each Sunday from 16th April as we journey through this letter and its meaning and context for us today, alongside the familiar stories of Christ's post-resurrection appearances.

PARISH REGISTER:

HOLY BAPTISMS:

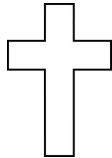


26th February 2023: Thea Judy Ayers

26th February 2023: Jordan Patrick Murphy

We welcome Thea Judy and Jordan Patrick to their Christian family and we will keep them in our prayers

Confirmation Preparation Group



Our Confirmation class for 2023 is currently underway, with 15 young people from Rathmichael and Crinken meeting on Sunday evenings.

We ask for your prayers for them during this important time of formation in their faith.

HOLY BAPTISM



We are planning on holding another preparation for baptism course in the Springtime.

If you or anyone you know is hoping to bring a child for baptism this year then please contact the Rector to book a place on the course.

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

Throughout Lent 2023 we held a Tuesday Lunch Club at 12.30pm in the Erck Hall.

The Lunch Club will now continue to meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Our next meeting will be on

Tuesday 2nd May at 12.30.

Come along for a thought for the week followed by a soup lunch.

All are welcome and we encourage parishioners to bring a friend.



MEALS ON WHEELS

The Shankill Old Folks' are in need of more drivers to provide 'meals on wheels' each day Monday to Friday.

If you can help then please contact the Day Centre.

Telephone: (01) 2826364

FLOWERS ON EASTER DAY

Come to church a little bit earlier than usual and bring a small bunch of flowers and help to decorate the cross in the church grounds. This cross is admired by everyone who is passing by and hopefully it reminds them of the Easter story.



The Irish Cancer Society

Daffodil Day - Thank you

Thank you to everyone who came to my home and helped with the Daffodil Day Coffee Morning, setting up and serving coffee and looking after kitchen duties - your help was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the bakers who made such delicious cakes, biscuits and tarts which were bought by our faithful supporters.

We raised €4,000 which is fantastic and will help greatly with the work carried out by the Irish Cancer Society.

Thank you again,

Marian Conboy

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CHURCH CLEANING

DATE	CHURCH	BRASS
15th	Edwina Bernon	Sandra Ganly
22nd	Jenny O'Keeffe	Sandra Ganly
29th	Jenny O'Keeffe	Sandra Ganly

CHURCH FLOWERS

2nd

(9th No Flowers)

16th, 23rd & 30th
EASTER DAY



CHURCH COFFEE

9th April Jill Fleming, Helen Darcy
& Dougie Grey

23rd Pamela Hill & Barbara McWilliam

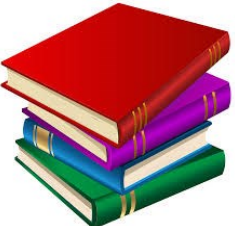
RATHMICHAEL BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 4th April
at 7.30 p.m. in Avril McWilliams' house.

The chosen book is

Strange Sally Diamond by Liz Nugent,

Any queries contact
Marian 086 307 0968



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



COFFEE MORNING

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

AT 11.00 a.m. THE ERCK HALL

ALL WELCOME



Robert Peet with one of his
delicious Cheese Cakes which
the Saturday Coffee visitors
enjoy along with a selection of
fruit desserts and home made
scones.

Come and try them!

RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

FAREWELL MS. SENIOR

On Sunday 26th March we marked the retirement of Caroline Senior as Principal of Rathmichael Parish National School after the 11am service. Ms Senior was Principal for 16 years, and a member of staff at the school for 32 years. We wish her a long and happy retirement and are grateful for the many happy memories in both parish and school.

Sean Hanily
Rector

MRS. SENIOR'S FAREWELL

On behalf of the staff, parents and pupils of Rathmichael School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Senior for her years of dedicated service to our school. She started teaching in Rathmichael in 1991 and became Principal In 2007. Under her watchful eye, children have grown and blossomed into strong, independent, caring teenagers and adults and it is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to her.

We said our final farewells on 31st March and wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Katie Fox,
Deputy Principal



Caroline's Final Assembly



Leinster Primary Schools League Final

Huge congratulations to our Girls' Hockey Squad for reaching the final of the Primary Schools League.

They played Wesley Preps on Thursday 30th March in a nail biting, heart stopping game. They came into their own in the 2nd half and were unlucky not to win in normal time. The match went to 1 v 1 penalties and remained in deadlock, due to some fine saves from both goalies.

Unfortunately, Rathmichael lost in sudden death 1 v 1s. However, they should be so proud of themselves – they played extremely well and supported each other to the very end. They are a credit to themselves, the school and their coach, Mrs Harte, who has worked with them tirelessly since September – thank you to her for her commitment and her coaching skills.



RATHMICHAEL WALKERS

We took the Dart to Killester on February 25th to visit St Anne's Park, Raheny. Saturday is a busy day there, with a very popular market, a great restaurant and multiple sports training events for children. It's wonderful to see so many people using the Park and enjoying it so much.

We walked down Furry Park Road and reached the Main Gates of St Anne's. The Main Avenue is lined with massive evergreen trees, (holm oaks, I believe) and very impressive. Also, lots of crocuses in the grass.

We took the first left turn and walked as far as the Nanekin River, following it South past the all weather pitch to the next right turn; another lovely avenue lined with trees, back to the Main Avenue. We explored the Physic Garden full of herbs, the Tranquillity Garden with it's pools of water but the Chinese Suzhou Garden was closed due to renovations. We went back under the Clock Tower and turned left, back towards the river.



This was the loveliest part of our journey, by the River Nanekin. The path is enhanced by numerous follies, bridges, caves and the Herculaneum House. Lots of interesting things to see! Further along we reached the ornamental lake with it's Temple of Isis. Here, at James Larkin Road at the seafront, we had views of the North Bull Island and the skyline of South Dublin, Killiney Hill, the Sugar Loaf Mountains and Djouce in Wicklow.



We went round the lake and down to the "Tree by the Sea", an amazing tree carved with all sorts of animals, birds and sea creatures. Very interesting. Back then to visit the beautiful Tower on the hill behind the Temple of Isis. Next we headed West, parallel to the road, to see the Annie Lee Tower Bridge, where we climbed up the steps and took the path to the Red Stable Restaurant.

My sister and her husband joined us there for lunch and had the foresight to find tables for us!

After a very tasty meal, we headed through the Rose Garden and back to the station and home. The consensus was that it was a great day out, plenty to see and a very beautiful place.

Next walk is on March 25th and we plan to go from the Church to Tully Cross, Lehaunstown, Tully Park, lunch in Cabinteely and back via Cherrywood Park and Mullinastill Road.

Everybody welcome!
Contact Helen on 087 2342689

