

JUNE 2023

RATHMICHAEL PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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Commissioning of New Principal

On Sunday 7th May, Ms Naomi Rousseau was commissioned as Principal of Rathmichael Parish National School during the 11am service.

It was a joyful and uplifting occasion and we were blessed to have children from our school lead the prayers.

Rathmichael School End of Year

We look forward to welcoming 6th Class from our parish school to the church for a Valedictory Service on Tuesday 27th June, on the eve of their last day in Primary School.

We ask your prayers for our young people as they prepare to finish in Rathmichael School and begin in pastures new in September.

Mrs. Hazel Crawford, a previous Principal of Rathmichael School, has published a book - Sixty Years at School - A Memoir 1947 - 2007.

Copies are available from the school, in the church or from the rector.

SUMMER CELEBRATION FAMILY SERVICE

Our end of school term family service will take place on Sunday 25th June.

We will be distributing gifts to each of the children during it. Afterwards we will gather for a church family picnic.

We'd love to see you there - all are welcome.

(More details nearer the time)

We were, once again, delighted to welcome John Scottus School to the church for their annual School Leaver's Service on Friday 19th May.

It was an uplifting occasion with contributions from all of final year.

We pray for God's blessing on them as they move forward to the next exciting stage of their lives.

CHURCH SERVICES - JUNE 2023

DATE	08.30 HRS	11.00 HRS	19.00 HRS	LECTORS
The Day of Pentecost Whitsunday <p style="text-align: right;">Red</p> 28th May 2023	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13 Acts 2: 1-21 Preacher: Revd Canon Dr .Maurice Elliott	EVENING PRAYER	Willie Coulter
Trinity Sunday <p style="text-align: right;">White</p> 4th June 2023	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 Matthew 28: 16-20	EVENING PRAYER	Avril McWilliam
The First Sunday after Trinity <p style="text-align: right;">Green</p> 11th June 2023	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER with HOLY BAPTISM Psalm 50: 7-15 Hosea 5: 15 – 6: 6 Romans 4: 13-25 Please join us for coffee af- ter the service.	EVENING PRAYER	Baptism Party
The Second Sunday after Trinity <p style="text-align: right;">Green</p> 18th June 2023	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Psalm 100 Romans 5: 1-8 Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8	EVENING PRAYER	Ronnie Whelan
The Third Sunday after Trinity <p style="text-align: right;">Green</p> 25th June 2023	H.C.	FAMILY SERVICE FOR THE END OF SCHOOL YEAR You are invited to join us for coffee after the service	HOLY COMMUNION	Family Service
The Fourth Sunday after Trinity <p style="text-align: right;">Green</p> 2nd July 2023	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18 Romans 6: 12-23 Matthew 10: 40-42	EVENING PRAYER	Danny Manseragh

PARISH REGISTER:

HOLY BAPTISM:



The Baptism of Levi, son of Alan and Stefanie Sothern, took place on the Sunday after Ascension Day, 21st May 2023 during the Ascension Family Service.

We welcome Levi to his church family and we will keep him in our prayers as he grows among us.

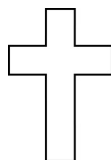
HOLY BAPTISM



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.

Confirmation Preparation Group



Our Confirmation class for 2023 is almost complete, 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 and as they now discern whether or not to be confirmed in the Autumn.

SUNDAY CLUB in JUNE

We look forward to seeing you all on

Sunday 4th

Sunday 11th

Sunday 18th

Sunday 25th (Family Service)

There will be a celebration Family Service to mark the end of the school term on the 25th - more details nearer the time.

Baby & Toddler Room

Available for use
every Sunday
during the
11am service



The Sunday Club team were delighted to welcome Mr David Turner on Sunday 14th May.

David shared stories with the children about his work with Church in Chains, an organisation that helps Christians imprisoned and persecuted for their faith across the world.

ROTAS FOR JUNE 2023

CHURCH CLEANING

- 3rd Kate Desigar
10th Michelle Hennessy
17th Valerie Grier
24th Valerie Robinson



CHURCH COFFEE

- 11th Barbara Fagan and Catherine Millar
25th Carol Beamish and Anne Green



CHURCH FLOWERS

- 4th & 11th Jenny O'Keeffe
18th & 25th Jackie Sharpe



THE BOOK CLUB

Date: Tuesday 13th June

Time: 19.00

Place: Susie Horne's House

This is our last meeting before the summer break.

Happy holiday reading.



Please join us and bring a friend for coffee and a chat!

THE TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB



The Tuesday Lunch Club meets at 12.30pm in the Erck Hall.

We will meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month and our next meeting will be on

Tuesday 6th June 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.

HANDS FOR LIFE CPR TRAINING



10 Parishioners recently completed a Hands for Life Course run by Shankill First Responders. Contacting the Emergency Services, CPR skills, use of an AED (Automatic Emergency Defibrillator)were demonstrated.

The Church AED has been relocated to an outside location beside the Vestry door in a new specially heated cabinet. This was made possible with a generous donation from a parishioner.

The AED location is now registered with the National Ambulance Service so that when a 999 call is received for a Cardiac Arrest in our locality it will show up on their screen and our AED can be rapidly accessed by a responder prior to the Emergency Services arriving.

Shankill First Responders have been most helpful and have offered to run a repeat training session.

If you are interested please contact me.

Fiona Ashe

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SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Rathmichael Parish Fete will take place on

Saturday 9th of September 2023

There'll be plenty more information to follow in the coming months, but for now put the date in your diaries.

RATHMICHAEL WALKERS

Our walk in April was planned to be in Glendalough to the Miner's Village. But, because it was the Saturday of the May Bank Holiday weekend, most people had planned to go away. So we went with Plan B. Four of us met for coffee at the Erck Hall and from there we walked up to the Lead Mines Chimney.

It was a warm day and, as they say in Kerry, "a grand soft day, thank God"! As we all know, that means it was damp and misty, progressing to heavy rain!

But it was a lovely walk, more uphill than I remembered, but that shouldn't have come as a surprise. The trees were coming into leaf and their summer finery. The paths were in good condition although quite rough in places and we made good progress. We met other walking groups, probably facing a longer itinerary and wearing more suitable gear and footwear, but everyone was cheerful and not in the least bothered by the downpour that happened when we reached our destination, the Chimney!

There was very little in the way of a view. We looked up at the sky from inside the Chimney, not much shelter there either! So we stood under the big umbrella for 10 or 15 minutes chatting, before retracing our steps, back to Rathmichael Church.

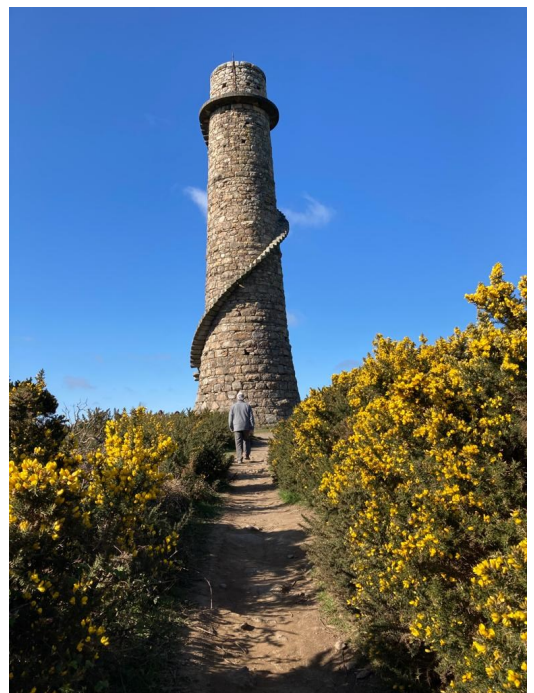
Some were damp from the rain but none of us were cold.

We felt energised by the climb and the company and parted ways to continue our respective Bank Holiday weekends at home.

In May, on the 27th, we hope to return to Plan A and drive to Glendalough, park at the Visitor Centre and walk to the Miner's Village. We are hoping for some sunshine!

Everybody welcome!

Helen Darcy



Last month we had a 'Go Green Day' organised by Gillian Bourne.

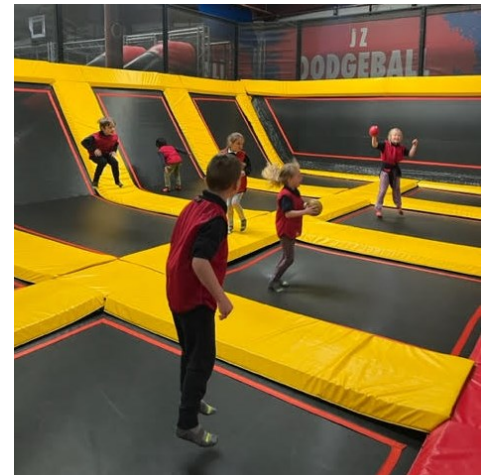
Everyone dressed in green and there were activities carried out in the grounds around the school. All About Trees gave us a load of bark mulch which the children helped to spread around beds and paths in the tree area and garden. The children were encouraged to put something green in their lunch boxes. 1st Class held a Green Assembly which told everyone what they can do to keep our environment safe and healthy.



6th Class had a European Food Day which was delicious. Following a lengthy period learning about the European Union and doing projects on different countries in Europe each child made something from a country they had been studying. They brought in samples for everyone, including the staff. Everyone got to try foods they had not had before. Europe was brought into the classroom.



As I was leaving on 31st March the PTA paid for the whole school, including Gary, our caretaker, and Trish, our secretary, to go to Jump Zone. The Buses arrived to collect everyone and the children and staff were very excited. Great fun was had by all. It was very well run by Jump Zone as well.



We returned to the school to have a picnic on the grass. Children brought in their own rugs to sit on. The Astro turf was timetabled for football for each of the classrooms. A very memorable day!

I said goodbye to the school on 31st March. I was spoilt rotten over the two weeks prior to this. So many lovely occasions and sentiments to enjoy. I only have good memories of Rathmichael School and Church. The community has been my family for so long. I will miss the staff, the children and the great atmosphere in the school. Katie Fox and Trish O Neill have guided me well. Thank you to everyone who has helped my journey. May I take this opportunity to wish Naomi Rousseau the best as she takes over this wonderful school.

Thank you and Goodbye.

Caroline Senior

RATHMICHAEL PARISH SCHOOL JUNE 2023

I am delighted to have joined Rathmichael School as its new Principal. I have been made to feel very welcome by everyone and I look forward to what we can all achieve together going forward, both in school and in the wider community.

Over Easter, a number of pupils travelled to Barcelona with their Shankill FC teams, to play in the International Football Cup. They had an amazing time and really enjoyed the experience. The Under 10 and Under 11 teams returned with silverware – many congratulations. School has been busy since we came back to school after the Easter Holidays.



The children in 4th, 5th and 6th Class took part in a regional National Children's Choir concert on Wednesday 19th April in the National Basketball Arena, along with pupils from 6 other primary schools, over 500 children in total. It was a wonderful occasion and the children sang beautifully – everyone was so proud of them. A number of them have been selected to sing in a 300 strong Choir in the National Concert Hall at the end of May. Thanks to all the pupils, Naomi Clarkson and the class teachers for all their hard work – it certainly paid off on the night!



We received the great news that we have been successful in attaining our Green Flag for Travel. This recognises the efforts of the whole school – everyone has put so much work into making sure that sustainable travel and global awareness is to the forefront of our collective consciences. A particular thanks to Mrs Bourne for coordinating our Green Schools initiatives and the Green School Committee for all their hard work.

6th Class collected pre-loved sports shoes for the "In My Shoes" charity – 131 pairs in total. Well done Mrs Crammond and our 6th Class pupils.



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RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

On 21st April, we held a Bake Sale - **Baking for Barretstown** – thanks to all the pupils and parents who baked goodies for this. We raised over €700 for Barretstown which is an amazing amount and the children loved selecting and buying all the treats. Thanks to the P.T.A. Committee and all its volunteers for helping on the day.



Our School Team played Kildare Place NS in their Inter-Primary League, on 24th April and came through as 2-1 winners – an excellent result, under difficult playing conditions. They also had an emphatic win over St. Kilians of Clonskeagh on 10th May.

Congratulations to those children in 6th Class who made their Confirmation in St. Anne's Church on Tuesday 25th April. We hope they enjoyed the day.

Pollinators Workshops – Edel Heeran of Laois Outdoor Education came into school to give workshops to 3rd to 6th Classes on 24th April, under the Heritage in Schools Programme. The children found these very interesting and informative.

As part of the Europe Day celebrations on 8th May, we were delighted to welcome Jennifer Carroll MacNeill TD and the Latvian Ambassador to Ireland, HE Mr. Juris Stalmeistars, to talk to 6th Class and to raise our Blue Flag.

On Friday 5th May, selected children from 4th, 5th and 6th Classes represented the school in the inaugural Scoil Mhuire organised Cross Country Invitational, held on the pitches on Stonebridge Road. Despite the weather, it was a great success so many thanks to Scoil Mhuire for hosting and co-ordinating this event, involving eight primary schools in the locality. Our 4th Class Boys team came 3rd, our 5th Class Girls team came 2nd and our 6th Class Girls team came 3rd. Well done to everyone who took part.

On Monday 8th May, a number of Rathmichael pupils took part in the Shankill Community Games. Well done to all who participated, with particular congratulations to those children who made it through to the provincial stage in Santry.

During May we supported Liberty Recycling by collecting clothes and other textiles. This company aims to help those recovering from addiction with their rehabilitation and to progress into employment. Thanks to everyone who donated items.

Naomi Rousseau
Principal



RATHMICHAEL & KENYA

By now hopefully most will be aware of the proposed Parish and Parish School link with the Diocese of Maseno North, and especially Wandechu School Western Kenya. Following the visit the Rector and I made there in March, the Rector has preached about the plans and more details were given at the parish Easter General Vestry.

Essentially this is a missionary link which will enable us, as a strong parish, to support a small part of the church world where they have so little. It is a five year programme of which year 1, this August, will see a party of 14 volunteers from the parish spend a short but concentrated period refurbishing, and some building in a school with some 230 pupils - i.e. the same size as our own Parish School. Years 2 - 5 will be ongoing links and support from our Church and School. The volunteers will each pay for their flights and associated costs. The project budget is set at €25,000, the bulk of which will provide for building equipment and materials. As part of our church's annual charity giving, our church will contribute €5,000 this and next year. I have committed to raise the remaining €15,000. Fund raising is well underway and I have been frequently asked as to how individuals can contribute. Your prayers, financial support and continuing interest are essential as we prepare for this next step forward in our church life.

Obviously I would be very happy to give any more information, answer any questions etc.

Geoffrey Perrin 087 917 4452

Donations may be made by:

Directly to Rathmichael Parish Church a/c no. 40168005
IBAN IE31 AIBK 9333 9240 1680 05 (*If using this method please specify 'Kenya Project'*)
N.B. CHY No. 20003623

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By cheque/cash to Geoffrey Perrin, Ballyman Rd, Enniskerry, Co.Wicklow, A98TV79