

AUGUST 2023

RATHMICHAEL PARISH

NEWSLETTER

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We have had a lovely summer period as a parish, of which our BBQ evening together was a real highlight. My thanks once again to all who made the evening such an enjoyable occasion in the life of the parish.

Looking ahead to the coming weeks, we are 'getting into gear' early for the new term. Our team of 12 will be heading to Kenya on the 25th of August to transform Wandeché Parish School in Western Kenya. A lot of work has gone into planning this trip and we are greatly appreciative to Geoffrey Perrin for his leadership of the whole programme. We look forward to sharing the experience of the trip with the parish on our return – and in the meantime hope to share updates of our work as it progresses on our Parish Facebook page.

The Archbishop visited Rathmichael on 27th July to Commission the Team who are travelling to Kenya. We are delighted to be building this link between Rathmichael and Wandeché and look forward to hopefully the link this will also bring between the Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough and the Diocese of Maseno North in Kenya.

We will return from Kenya on 3rd of September, just in time to get straight into the busy work of our annual Parish Fete. We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 9th September for this wonderful occasion and you will find all the details you need for dropping off donations and items to the fete in the September newsletter. Thank you to Dave Simmons and his team for their trojan work as always!

We look forward to the month of September and the busyness that it brings to the life of the parish – our School re-opens at the end of August and we pray that the staff, students and families continue to enjoy a restful summer period.

Our Sunday Club will resume for the new academic year in mid-September and further details of the exciting programme for next year will be issued closer to the time.

Finally, I would ask you to continue to hold the many and varied ministries of the parish in your prayers as we prepare for all that the Autumn brings. We look forward to seeing those who have been away over summer, as we also look forward to welcoming new faces into the church community in the coming months.

God bless,

Sean



Confirmation:

The young people of Rathmichael church who have been preparing for confirmation this year, will be confirmed by the Archbishop in Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday 1st October. We are very proud of this great bunch of young people and look forward to celebrating with them in our own church later in the month.



Ordination of Dr Mathew McCauley

We are delighted to be joining with Dr Mathew McCauley on Sunday 17th September in Christ Church Cathedral when he will be ordained Deacon by the Archbishop.

Please hold Mathew, Kate, Mathew Jr and Madeleine in your prayers as they approach this significant occasion in Mathew's life and call from God.

CHURCH SERVICES - JULY & AUGUST 2023

DATE	08.30 HRS	11.00 HRS	19.00 HRS	LECTORS
The Transfiguration of our Lord White 6th AUGUST 2023	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Psalm 97 2 Peter 1: 16-19 Luke 9: 28-36	EVENING PRAYER	Carol Beamish
The Tenth Sunday after Trinity Green 13th AUGUST 2023	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER with HOLY BAPTISM Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b Romans 10: 5-15 Matthew 14: 22-33 You are invited to join us for coffee after the service	EVENING PRAYER	Baptism Party
The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity Green 20th AUGUST 2023	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Psalm 133 Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: 10-28	HOLY COMMUNION	Barbara Bates
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Green 27th AUGUST 2023	H.C.	MORNING PRAYER Psalm 124 Exodus 1: 8 – 2: 10 Romans 16: 13-20 You are invited to join us For coffee after the service	HOLY COMMUNION	Paul Barron
The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Green 3rd SEPTEMBER 2023	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Psalm 115 Romans 12: 9-21 Matthew 16: 21-28	EVENING PRAYER	Ronnie Whelan
The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Green 10th SEPTEMBER 2023	H.C.	HOLY COMMUNION Psalm 149 Romans 13: 8-14 Matthew 18: 15-20	EVENING PRAYER	Anne Thompson

PARISH REGISTER: HOLY BAPTISMS:



Sienna Marlene Cassie McShane, daughter of Emma Duggan and Ben McShane was baptised on 23rd July

Emma Beere, daughter of Jeffrey and Aisling Beere, was baptised on 23rd July.

Aleah Rose Holohan, daughter of Donal Holohan and Hilary Lynch, was baptised on 13th August.



**Commissioning of the rector and members of Rathmichael Parish, Diocese of Dublin for
the work of mission in Wandech School, Diocese of Maseno North, Kenya.
25th August - 3rd September.**

Service of Evening Prayer Rathmichael Church, Diocese of Dublin

**Sermon preached by The Most Reverend Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin,
Thursday 27th July 2023**

St Luke 10.3: *Go on your way ...*

This evening we gather for worship, as members of the parish, as family and as friends. We do so to commission together those who are well known to us and to commission them for a work of God. This work will take them to The Diocese of Maseno North in Kenya. This work will connect two parts of the Anglican Communion in ways of which we might only have dreamed. For my part, I have The Lambeth Conference 2022, which began yesterday one year ago, to thank for getting to know Bishop Charles who will welcome those who come from this diocese to his diocese. I also have Mr Geoffrey Perrin to thank because he took up the vision of a partnership such as this when I suggested it to him, coming out of Lambeth 2022. I also have all of you, not least the rector The Reverend Sean Hanily, to thank for taking the next steps to implement this vision. In worship and in prayer and hope, we commission them all this evening in their parish church of Rathmichael for a service of God that will be transformative of their lives and of the lives of those they meet on their return. It will also transform the lives of those with whom they partner in Maseno North. We wish them well and we live in hope.

St Luke 10.3: *Go on your way ...*

What is this way and what will it look like?

A way of work and a way of practical application to needs identified, discussed, prepared, prayed for and planned ...

A way of generosity, as different sorts of resources are shared and learning happens in both directions between Ireland and Kenya through The Anglican Communion ...

A way of mission where values of faith underpin relationships and understanding, both of which will grow in the rhythm of shared life, joy and humanity ...

A way of hope where motivation gives fresh inspiration; and innocence of encounter around things that matter energizes those with material need and those with material excess ...

A way of return where two-way traffic, using the best of contemporary media, opens up present and future pathways of belonging across continents and cultures through a life shared within The Anglican Communion ...

1 Corinthians 12.11: *Together we are the body of Christ, and individually we are members of that body.*



The Archbishop with the team - Peter Harty, Jan Perrin, The Rector, Revd. Sean Hanily, Aine Halligan, Geoffrey Perrin, Robert Gallagher and Anthony Perrin.

Also travelling (not in picture) Peadar Bruton, Ben Allison, Simon O'Connor and Aidan Reilly.

ROTAS FOR AUGUST

CHURCH FLOWERS

August 5th & 12th - Denise Deane

19th & 26th - Ann Colville

Sept 2nd & 9th - Charlotte Norwood

16th, 23rd & 30th - Catherine Millar



CHURCH COFFEE

September

13th - Pamela Hill & Sheila Walsh

27th - Marian Conboy & Barbara McWilliam



Baby & Toddler Room

Available for use
every Sunday
during the
11am service



5-12s ☀️
There will be no Sunday Club in July and August.
There are a wide variety of Bible books, colouring sheets and activity pages for the children to enjoy during the 11am service.

0-5s
The Baby & Toddler Room will remain available during the 11am service throughout the summer.

All welcome

Saturday morning coffee

11am
Every week
Erck Hall

Rathmichael Parish Church

SAVE THE DATE

WATERFORD TREASURES

A Parish outing is has been arranged for Saturday 30th September 2023 to Waterford to discover some of its fascinating history in its museums, including the Irish crafts of silversmithing and glassmaking, concluding with a guided tour of Christ Church Cathedral, described by architectural historian Mark Girouard as the finest 18th century ecclesiastical building in Ireland.

For further details and to book your place on the coach contact

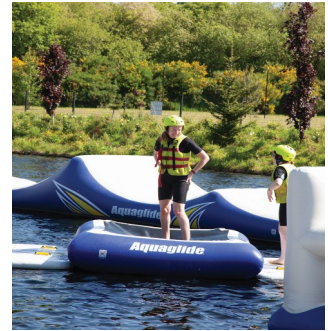
Fiona on 087 821 5806 or Geoffrey on 087 917 4452

RATHMICHAEL PARISH NATIONAL SCHOOL

May and June are always very busy months in school with lots of events and tours, in addition to the normal school day.

We had a visit from author, Eve McDonnell, who undertook workshops with 2nd to 6th Classes – the children went wonderlarking and mudlarking with her and thoroughly enjoyed the activities.

5th and 6th Classes went to Hidden Valley on 25th May and had an amazing day trying out all the activities – they were in the Aqua Park and they went kayaking, tubing and did laser tag. They all slept well that night!



Thirteen pupils from 4th, 5th and 6th Classes sang in a 300 strong Choir in the National Concert Hall on Sunday 28th May. They put in a lot of hard work in preparation for the performance and really enjoyed the experience. To quote a parent, "it was a night to remember". We are very proud of them all.



Many congratulations to those 2nd Class pupils who made their 1st Holy Communion during the month. Thanks to Elaine McGuire, the Parish Worker, for all her work in preparing the children.



On 7th June, 5th Class took part in a Cricket Blitz with other primary schools and were very successful, winning 5 out of 8 games. The children all enjoyed the experience. Thanks to those parents who were taxi drivers and supervisors on the day.



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8th

On 8th June, we had our annual Hawaiian Day. Although it was chillier than in previous years, the children (and the teachers) all got into the spirit of the occasion, making masks, dressing in bright colours and wearing garlands. There was hula hoop dancing and limbo dancing and the PTA Committee served hot dogs and refreshments. Everyone had a wonderful day. Thanks to the PTA Committee and helpers on the day.



On 9th June, 6th Class and our Green School Committee went to Booterstown Wetlands for a Seashore Safari, as part of a Marine Institute sponsored Explorers Education Programme. They all enjoyed learning about the marine life on our seashores and found lots of interesting shells and crustaceans.



The school is delighted to be able to support Rathmichael Church in its commitment to helping to support the Diocese of Maseno North in Kenya and to establish a missionary link. In August, a party of volunteers will travel to Kenya to help refurbish a school very much the same size as ours. In advance of this trip, the Parish is actively fundraising and as part of this, families are being asked to donate pencil cases to bring on the trip as the children lack even the most basic of materials.

Diary Date:

Preparations are already underway for the Church and School Fete on 9th September, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. – this is always a great occasion for the whole community. Donations will be accepted in the evenings of the week prior to the Fete.

Naomi Rousseau
Principal

PARISH 'GET TOGETHER' BARBEQUE

A barbeque was organised for Saturday 15th July to take place in the rectory garden beginning at 7.00 p.m. This was to give parishioners a time to be social and have a chat and just enjoy themselves - no fund raising involved.

As the day progressed on Friday 14th it became clear that sitting in the garden was not going to be an option due to the wind and rain that decided to settle in! So the ever ready organisers made a quick and effective change and the BBQ was relocated to the Erck Hall.

This turned out to be a most enjoyable evening. Good food and a little vino and everyone was happy. The organisers, cooks, bar staff and helpers are to be congratulated for a job well done! Our thanks go to Fiona Ashe, Andrew Hewat, Peter Richardson, John Bolton and all who lent a hand.

Well done!

P.S. As we pointed out - this was not a fund raiser but somehow a profit of €568 was made at the end of the evening and this has been donated to the Kenya Fund.





RATHMICHAEL WALKERS

Five of us met at the church on Saturday June 24th for a walk. Plan A involved the Luas to Broombridge, a canal walk and lunch at the Botanic Gardens.

This wasn't an option when we discovered that the Luas wasn't operating between St. Stephen's Green and Dominic stops due to the Gay Pride Parade.

So Plan B came into effect. We took the Luas to Milltown, where we alighted and made our way down to the Dodder near The Dropping Well. We walked upriver to Riverside Cottages. It was a beautiful day, warm and sunny, but the riverbank was well shaded by the leafy trees, most noticeable being the weeping willows, hanging like curtains and looking fresh and green.



We discovered that they are developing the Dodder Greenway in this area, Rathfarnham, Rathgar etc. Good to know that this walk is being upgraded, but awkward for us as we had to walk on the road rather than beside the river for a short time. But it is all progress and hopefully next time the Greenway will be complete and that will be much more enjoyable.

We found a little place for lunch called "Fifty 50". So we rested and had some nourishment before quite a long walk but shady and pleasant along the riverbank.



So we hope to revisit Plan A for our July walk on the 29th.

Looking forward to more public tracks along the Canal and the Botanic Gardens, always a great place to visit.

Helen (087 2342689)



RATHMICHAEL

FETE

**SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER
12-4PM**

RATHMICHAEL PARISH & SCHOOL FETE



Parishioners,

Fete 2023 is getting closer. Please put the date in your diary, on your iPhone, note on the fridge, anywhere to help you remember this important date - **9th September 2023.**

What do we love the most about Rathmichael Fete? Is it meeting old friends, the clothing, the cakes or white elephant gems found amongst the stalls, or is it the appeal to our creativity that allows us to dream of the garden we can plant or the interior decorating schemes we can improvise or the stylish wardrobes we can create or the home baked goodies we can bring home to enjoy or the many books we can read over a fresh cup of coffee. Whatever it is, we can appreciate the positive atmosphere created and enjoy our fete on a sunny (fingers crossed) Saturday afternoon.

We'll have an expansion of popular games on the astro turf, we added Tily's coffee van last year and they are back again and they will be beside the smoothies. Last year they were a great hit. We also have additional sponsorship from a number of local companies. If you are in a position to become a sponsor we would love to hear from you. Parents from the school will already have received an email regarding sponsorship. It costs 150 euro to become a sponsor and your company name and logo will be displayed on a sign outside the school for the 2 weeks following the fete. It is a good way to promote your business as we will display your logo around the fete and it will also be promoted on social media. Speaking of which please like our Facebook page and forward to all your friends and families. Please contact the school office if you want to become a sponsor.

As always, your contributions of time and goods to the stalls are vitally important. We welcome any genuine items that we can sell onwards and that can help with fund raising efforts for Rathmichael Parish Church & School. As you know, recycling laws have tightened up, which affects our efforts at the fete. We are not in a position to accept anyone's unsellable junk, large furniture items, electrical goods, unwanted rubbish etc.

Before you donate it, ask yourself would you or a friend buy it? Is it damaged beyond repair and use? Is the appropriate place for this item in your own bin? We ask people contributing goods to avoid using the Rathmichael Fete skip as a dumping ground. A hugely expensive skip is hired each year for clean up after the Fete, a task made so much easier if the skip has not been filled with unusable rubbish beforehand. In fact, last year we had to hire extra skips to bin the unused items.

Each year we endeavor to improve the fete and we trialed a Triage system where fete committee members vetted goods being delivered in the run up to the fete. This was hugely successful and we managed to segregate lots of items which were unsellable. XMAS trees and decorations, opened and partially used make up, torn clothes, broken toys, VHS tapes etc. were all refused which made sorting for those dedicated volunteers who give up their time all that much easier. This year we will be making the vetting process a lot more formal so be warned. Only good quality products will be accepted.

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RATHMICHAEL PARISH & SCHOOL FETE



The Fete is purely voluntary and relies on people to volunteer to help either the week before with sorting or on the day manning the stalls. Last year we struggled to have enough people to cover the 4 hours and other volunteers had to stay for longer. So please consider giving an hour or 2 of your time to make Rathmichael Fete bigger and better.

In the meantime, we'll look forward to seeing you on **Saturday September 9th** and welcome any help you can give us:

Donation of Goods - attached please find a list of stall managers and the types of goods they're looking for. Can you find time during the summer to put things aside for the Fete? Any goods we can sell are welcome.

Sponsors and Donors - The costs of running the Fete are substantial (tents, tables, equipment, supplies, skip etc) and we welcome help with these costs. If you are in a position to provide sponsorship or a financial donation, any fete committee member would love to hear from you.

Helpers - all of the Stall Managers need helpers, please contact any of the Stall Managers or Fete Committee if you're willing and able to help. We need to hear from you!!!

Fete Publicity - Restrictions from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co Council means we can only Display a limited number of signs in public places. With this in mind, would you have a garden or suitable wall/premises, especially on a busy road, that you could let us erect a sign for the week prior to the Fete? If yes, please contact any one on the committee or the school.

Lead up & Afterwards - We especially need support during the week leading up to the Fete with sorting and stacking etc. One or two evenings from any of you will make a huge difference to the flow of preparation for the big day. We also need helpers for setting up inside tents on the Friday beforehand and of course with clearing up immediately after the Fete. We'd love to see you and welcome any help you can give us.

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RATHMICHAEL PARISH & SCHOOL FETE



Other ways to help include - donation of raffle prizes

help with publicity
making jam or baking
growing plants
erecting signs, etc etc

Please contact any of the Fete Committee by phone or email if you can help in any of these areas.

Your help and support is vital to the success of Rathmichael Fete and is truly appreciated.

Whether you are new to the Parish or a long established Parishioner, your involvement is welcome, it's a great way to meet people and of course to help make Fete 2023 a huge success.

Dave Simmons

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FETE STALLHOLDERS 2023

Stall	Name	Contact number
Adult Clothes	June Lawless	087 7973537
Shoes and bags	Hannah Harty	087 2428230
Shoes and bags	Jan Ovington	087 133 4982
Baby Biz	Julie Perrin	087 6465858
Book Stall	Aine Halligan	087 1228247
Burgers	Peter Harty	087 1928905
Burgers after clean up	Peter Harty	087 1928905
Car Park	Maurice Horan	087 2537262
Collector's Corner	Anne Golden	086 4004277
Collector's Corner	Valerie Robinson	086 6023374
Games	Hanrahan Family	
Wheel of Fortune	John Halligan	086 8345510
Gate	Robert King-Hall	086 2523911
Home Entertainment	Ciaran Brady	087 7627706
Home Entertainment	Finbarr Hayes	086 3738225
Jewellery	Samantha Drohan	087 9900868
Plants	Susan Stuart	087 2747471
Raffle/Sponsorship	Sue Melbourne & Claire Homan	086 3253576
Country Fayre	Heather McNally (Chawke)	086 8204165
Country Fayre	Kate McCauley	089 4696708
Refreshments	Clare Dunwoody	089 6000383
Home made food & smoothies	Fiona Ashe	087 8215806
Home made food & smoothies	Richard Marshall	086 0261188
Soft Furnishings	Frances Marshall	087 2715418
Sports Centre	Peter Richardson	087 2475372
Sweets	Pia & Laura (Mark)	087 6209800
Toys	Iseult Bergin & Kim Hannigan	
Face Painting	PTA	
Fancy Dress	PTA	
White Elephant	Corinna & Fernanda Power	087 0652312
Stallholders Lunches	Claire Miller	086 8750540
Friday Breakfast	Claire Miller	
Soup for stallholders	Susan Stuart	087 2747471
MC	Martin Bernon	
Money & Banking	Frank O'Kennedy	086 8293344
Skip	Nigel Kenny	
Official Fete Photographer	Michael Hill	087 2623859
Tents	Eugene Fitzgibbon	087 2469237
Refreshments	Claire Dunwoody (helper)	089 6000383

Help needed on the Country Fayre Stall:

Planning has already started for the Country Fayre food stall for this year's **Rathmichael Fete** on **September 9th**, but we would LOVE for you to help!



We would be grateful for any quantity of the following:

- cakes
- pies
- tray bakes
- fruit loaves
- buns
- biscuits

We would also be delighted to receive any savoury dishes such as:

- lasagnas
- pasta bakes
- veggie dishes
- curry
- fish pies
- quiches



In addition to the above, we would be grateful for someone to make big batches of salads for the deli counter.

Also, please feel free to let us know if you are able to volunteer one or two hours on the day, serving behind the counter.

Please contact Kate McCauley via Rathmichael church or school if you can offer any help at all in September.

Many thanks for your support!

THE PLANT STALL

The Stallholders who run the Plant Stall have a stunning selection of plants for the home and garden for our loyal customers!

As well as the old favourites we have beautiful Ferns, Succulents and some amazing Specimen plants such as Monastera Musa (Banana Tree) and Philodendron.

For the gardeners we have the much sought after "Café au Lait" Dahlia, the magnificent Senecio "Angel Wings" and Purple Oxalis Triangularis, to name but a few.

Remember, in order to continue the success of the Plant Stall, we need all the "Leafy" donations we can get our little green fingers on!! So PLEASE, have a look around your homes and gardens and see whether there are plants which you would be willing to propagate and share with the Plant Stall. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our wonderful, loyal supporters, who sow, propagate and dig up fabulous plants from their own gardens to donate to the Fete

Please- Don't forget to label the plants too!

We would also welcome donations of Ceramic or Terracotta pots - even the old ones lying in the back of the shed!

Susan Stuart, Stall Holder.
087 274 7471

