



Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield

Holy Week and Easter 2021

The Rector writes.....

This newsletter is being posted to those on our parish lists who we think do not use email. If you fall into this category, you will have received a Palm Cross in your mailing. I would ask you to stick it up prominently in a window or place it somewhere visible so that those who are passing your home will be able to see it. Under the current Level 5 restrictions, none of us will be entertaining visitors indoors this Easter. Our churches must remain closed for public health reasons. So, it is all the more important that we find some way to remind people about the importance of this week in the year and how, no matter how dark things may appear at times, there is always hope. In the end light conquers darkness and joy overcomes despair. The cross is a reminder of that.

The vast majority of you will be receiving this newsletter via email. You too will have an opportunity to get your Palm Crosses. I propose having them available for collection outside the Rectory front door from 9am and outside our four churches, or just inside the church porch if the weather is bad, between 12pm and 1pm on Saturday 27 March. Please come and collect your cross and likewise display it prominently.



The fact that we cannot meet again this year in person for worship in Holy Week and on Easter morning is sad. I for one will miss not seeing those devoted parishioners who attend services at this most important time of the year. However, I am reminded of a phrase I heard recently where someone described the church in these times of COVID-19 restrictions as 'a community divided but not undimmed'. I hope that has been your experience to date and will be as we look forward to Easter and beyond.

As all of our worship in Holy Week and Easter is online, if you have an email address and are not receiving weekly emails from me, I encourage you to please contact me, as soon as possible, to be added to the parish email list.

Yours in Christ,

Adrian.



Holy Week Services

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday we are meeting on Zoom for services of Morning Prayer at 11.00am. At these the Revd Hazel Minion will provide a short reflection.

On Maundy Thursday the focus is as always on the Last Supper and the command Jesus gave to all his disciples, including us, to 'love one another as I have loved you.' A recorded service of Holy Communion will be available on the parish YouTube Channel that day. It is one of the most moving services of the year and I hope you will make it a priority to join us if you can.

On Good Friday, a service of readings, music, meditations, imagery, and prayers will be available on the Parish YouTube Channel from midday. Traditionally the hours between noon and 3pm on Good Friday are particularly sacrosanct as it is the time when we recall Jesus' last hours on the cross. Also, on Good Friday at 8pm I will read the service of Compline from the Rectory. It is an evening service in traditional language and is particularly appropriate for Good Friday. You can join me on Zoom for this service and I will share the text of it on screen for you to follow so you don't have to worry about not having a Book of Common Prayer at home. The Zoom link will be sent to all parishioners on my email list earlier that day for your convenience.

Looking ahead to Easter morning, unfortunately our churches will remain closed under the Level 5 restrictions. However, a recorded service full of joy and resurrection hope will be available on the Parish YouTube Channel for you to watch.

For ease of reference, the list of online services are as follows:

28th March, Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Service with blessing of the Palms and Reading of the Passion Gospel
Recorded Service available on Parish YouTube Channel from early morning.

29th March, Monday in Holy Week

11.00am - Morning Prayer with short reflection by Revd Hazel Minion on Zoom.

30th March, Tuesday in Holy Week

11.00am - Morning Prayer with short reflection by Revd Hazel Minion on Zoom.

31st March, Wednesday in Holy Week

11.00am - Morning Prayer with short reflection by Revd Hazel Minion on Zoom.

1st April, Maundy Thursday

The Eucharist of Maundy Thursday to commemorate the Institution of the Lord's Supper and the Vigil of Good Friday

A recorded service will be available on the Parish YouTube Channel from 6pm.

2nd April, Good Friday

'An Hour by the Cross' - Readings, Music and Meditations for Good Friday.

Available on the Parish YouTube Channel from noon.

Also at 8pm Service of Compline on Zoom with short address by Archdeacon Adrian Wilkinson.

4th April, Easter Day

The Eucharist of Easter Day

Recorded Service available on Parish YouTube Channel from early morning.

The Zoom link for the above services will be circulated to all parishioners on our email list in advance.

I hope you will be able to join us for at least some of these services during Holy Week. *Adrian Wilkinson*

January 5km Walking Challenge

The money raised earlier in the year, as a result of our January 5km Walking Challenge, has now been distributed. The total donated was **€12,970** with €8055 being received through the GoFundMe page and €4915 through direct giving to the treasurer. Many thanks to all who supported it. As advertised, the proceeds were divided equally in three ways between the parish, local charities and overseas aid and development, as follows:

Local Charities	€4323
Cork Simon Community	€1441
Cork Penny Dinners	€1441
Pieta House	€1441
Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal	€4323
Douglas Union with Frankfield	€4323
Douglas Union	€3476
Frankfield	€847

Easter General Vestries

The dates for these annual meetings are as follows:

Frankfield - Wednesday 21 April at 8pm.

Douglas Union - Thursday 22 April at 8pm.

Please note these dates. There is every likelihood that both these meetings will be held via the Zoom video conference facility. If so, the link will be circulated to parishioners in advance.

A little Christian kindness

Douglas parishioner Penny Shaw-Hamilton is a very keen knitter. She has not been wasting her time over the long months of lockdown. Recently she gave her supply of beautifully made and colourful knitwear as a gift to the residents of the Accommodation Centre on the Kinsale Road. It was gratefully received.



Safeguarding Trust in the Parish



Safeguarding Trust is the means by which we protect children in the Church of Ireland. Each parish has a Safeguarding Trust panel. The panel for Douglas Union with Frankfield has three members, Archdeacon Adrian Wilkinson, Dr Ann Caird and Noel Locke. The panel ensure that youth group leaders and Sunday School teachers are Garda vetted and fully trained in the policies of Safeguarding Trust. While many church activities are curtailed due to Covid 19, the panel members are always available to deal with any issues which may arise.

A Prayer for peace and tranquility *St Teresa of Avila*

Let nothing ever disturb you, nothing affright you;
All things are passing, God never changes.
Patient endurance attains all things;
Who God possesses in nothing is wanting:
Alone God suffices.

An Ancient Collect

Bless all who worship you, almighty God, from the rising of the sun to its setting:
from your goodness enrich us, by your love inspire us, by your Spirit guide us, by
your power protect us, in your mercy receive us, now and always.

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