



Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield

October 2022

The Rector writes.....

This is the last time I will write the introductory letter in our parish monthly newsletter. It has been my immense joy and privilege to have been your Rector for the past twenty years. I know a social event is being planned for Friday 14th October, and many of you reading this will be there, so I will use that opportunity to say my farewells. Suffice to say in this letter that I, Jacqui, and our family have had a wonderful time living in Douglas, and when we move to Kilkenny later this month, we will take so many fond memories with us. Cork is where our family grew up, and where, to a large extent, we will always call home. However, a new chapter awaits us, and we are looking forward to what lies ahead.

Please remember me in your prayers as I take up new responsibilities as Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory. It will be a very different form of ministry for me, but it is one to which I believe God has called me, however inadequate I may feel at times. God calls us all to launch out in faith, trusting that when he calls, he also equips.

Please also pray for your Parochial Nominators. They were elected at the Easter General Vestry (our AGM) to represent you on the committee that will search for your New Rector. This committee, known as a Board of Nomination, is made up of 10 members; four lay people from the vacant parish, four clergy from the Diocese, one lay person elected by the Diocesan Council and in the chair is the Bishop (or the Commissary if he is unavailable). The current nominators from this parish are **Patricia Bogan, Vicky Coomber, Stephen Daunt** and **John Kershaw**. Please be supportive of them in the weeks and months ahead as the process unfolds, but don't ask them anything! I know you will be interested to hear if there are any developments or if there are potential candidates being interviewed. However, the whole process is bound by very strict confidentiality, and this remains so even after your new rector is appointed. Just be patient, until an announcement is made and trust them to do the work on your behalf, along with the other members of the committee.

If you want to read more about the way this interview and selection process works, there will be a leaflet in the back to the churches called '**Now we need a New Rector**'. It was written by the Bishop and so you will find it helpful and informative. Please take one home to read if you are interested.

My ordination and consecration as Bishop is taking place in Christchurch Cathedral in Dublin on Sunday 30th October at 3.30pm. Obviously I could only invite a limited number of people from this parish to this service and so I chose the Churchwardens from each of our four churches, the Secretaries and Treasurers of the Select Vestries, as well as the four Parochial

Nominators as representatives of you all. However, as I will have six cathedrals in my new Diocese, in the coming months, there will be enthronement services in each of these buildings. There is no limit on numbers for these services and some of these cathedrals are much more accessible from Cork. So, in short, you are welcome to attend any of these services if you wish to. The dates and locations are as follows:

Sunday 13th November – Christ Church Cathedral in Waterford at 3.30pm.

Sunday 20th November – St Laserian’s Cathedral in Old Leighlin at 3.30pm.

Sunday 4th December – St John the Baptist and St Patrick’s Rock Cathedral in Cashel (time tbc)

Sunday 22nd January – St Carthage Cathedral in Lismore (time tbc)

Sunday 29th January – St Edan’s Cathedral in Ferns (time tbc)

Sunday 5th February – St Canice’s Cathedral in Kilkenny (time tbc)

Finally, as I sign off, I know you are in the very capable pastoral care of the parish clergy; the Revd Jean Carney and assisting her, the Revd Hazel Minion. In addition, on Sundays you might find some of our Readers taking services on occasion. We are grateful for their ministry in this way. The Select Vestry will be chaired by the Priest-in-charge, and you will be informed about as to who this is shortly. Important administrative matters will be dealt with by him/her in consultation with the vestries and parish clergy.

May God bless you all in the weeks and months ahead, and as you continue to be a community of faith, worship, pastoral care, mission and service, as you look forward to the leadership of your new Rector. As you will be praying for me, I will continue to remember and pray for all of you.

Yours in Christ,

Adrian.

St. Michael’s Notes



We have had a very busy start to our school year in St Michael’s. We were delighted to welcome Ms Jane Willis to our staff, and she is currently teaching 3rd and 4th Class. We also welcomed 14 wonderful Junior Infants and we are amazed by how quickly they have settled in.

Our assemblies have restarted, and we are so happy to be able to gather together in

St Michael’s Church each week again. Mr Carroll from St Fin Barre’s Cathedral choir has returned for singing with 1st – 6th Class. In the next few weeks, we will begin swimming and hockey training. 3rd and 4th Class will also begin ‘Cycle Right’ to learn about cycling safely on the road.

Our pupils are busy now preparing to celebrate St Michael and all Angels Day on the 29th of September. Our Open evening will take place also on the 29th of September from 6 - 7pm which is a lovely opportunity for us to showcase our school.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year at St Michael’s!



St Luke's School Notes

We were delighted to welcome our 24 new Junior Infants and other pupils into various

classes throughout the school in September. We hope that they will have many happy years in St Luke's with us.

It was great to have our traditional End of Year Service in June when we said goodbye to our 6th Class and presented various awards to the following pupils

Val Jago Shield: 6th Class – Max Dorgan, Anna Hobbs, Emma Baker

5th Class – Emily Gash, Meadhbh Keohane, Niamh Gambura, Mia Reynolds

Flack Handwriting Trophy: Sam Cromie

Gash Squaddy of the Year: Lily McDaid

Gradam Mháire Roycroft: Chloe Noctor and Isabelle Healy

Bean Uí Chaoimh (Gaeilge) Trophy: Ben Russell

Coombes Shield for Sportsmanship: Emma Barry

Andrew Chambers Memorial Award (most promising hockey player): Jody Bateman

Every good wish to Bean Uí Mhathúna in her new job share position nearer home. We were very sorry to say goodbye to Helen Wilson O'Brien and Arthur O'Shea and thank them for their service to the life and work in St Luke's. We wish them well in the future.

We welcome our two new teachers - Wanda Hogan and Marguerite Bradshaw and our new secretary – Margo O'Leary.

We were delighted to welcome the Rev Jean Carney to a recent assembly and hope that she will become a familiar face in St Luke's School.

It was wonderful to have the return of our Lord Mayor visits. Our new Cork City Lord mayor, Councillor Deirdre Forde paid a visit to the school on 7th September and spoke to the pupils about her role in the city.

A very sincere thank you to David Shine and Tom Chambers who worked very hard in the school grounds during the summer holidays in preparation for our return to school in September.

A note from our new assistant curate: I was delighted to be chosen to serve as assistant curate in the Douglas with Frankfield group of parishes. For the past month I have had the privilege of meeting people both at church and in their homes. After so many months of covid it is so nice to again be greeting people.

I would like to thank all those from the parish who attended my ordination on the 14th of September. It was a very memorable occasion. I have found it difficult in the past two years living alone and trying to complete my MTh, but the feeling of relief and the great welcome that I received from the clergy and lay that night has made it all seem worthwhile.

Adrian will be leaving us soon and I hope to follow in the great traditions he has set for this parish. I am still learning the ropes but with everyone's help, I expect that we will make him proud of this parish which he has so wonderfully maintained for so many years. I know we wish him well. God bless us as we continue in our service to God. *Jean Carney*

Re-opening of the Canon Packham Hall and Parish Events

Earlier in the year, a very serious water leak was detected between St Luke's National School and the Canon Packham Hall in Douglas. Both properties share the same site. After several investigations, the source of the problem was eventually discovered, and the Hall water supply was restored. This means that it is now open again for parish activities and events. We thank Uwe Schiller and John French who are on the hall committee, as well as others in the parish, who hard worked to resolve this problem. It is good to report that a number of parish organizations and activities are now back using the Hall again.

Sunday School Douglas will commence on a monthly basis. The dates are as follows; Oct 16th, Nov 13th and Dec 11th. Children of school going age welcome, younger children welcome too but must be accompanied by an adult. Collection from the Canon Packham Hall after church. Always looking for new volunteers. Consent forms to be filled in by an adult, found at back of the church or ask any of the Sunday school helpers.

Revival of Parish Book Club Douglas Union of Parishes' Book Club will be starting again very soon. We're hoping to meet once a month from 11 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall beside St Mary's Church, Marmullane (Passage West).

We would love to hear from past members of Book Club as well as any new book loving enthusiasts.

If interested, please text Sharon Kerr on 086 8327653 or Saskia O'Neill on 086 3439124 for further details.



Our **monthly parish prayer meetings** will commence on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7.30pm on Zoom. Please email douglasprayergroup@icloud.com if you would like the link. Each meeting lasts for just 30 minutes and all the prayers and readings are displayed on screen. Everybody is welcome to contribute personal prayers or intercessions if they wish or you can just read along! If you've never joined before, why not give it a try? By Kieran Hogan

Woman available Mornings for house cleaning and Light housework in Douglas / Rochestown/ B'rock/ Passage West areas.

Have own transport

Contact Jenny

086 8860906

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 5th October at 7:15pm in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Cork City. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more info call 01 4045378

Cork Autism Online Conference 2022 - Autism: Beyond. Sunday, October 23. Speakers include: Dr. Temple Grandin, Dr. Stephen Shore, Dr. Peter Vermeulen and other international speakers. Suitable for autistic people, parents, families, teachers, other professionals and anyone with an interest in autism. Learn more: www.autismcork.ie



Church Services – October 2022

Sunday 2nd October	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>16th Sun after Trinity</i>	9.45	Service of the Word	Passage
Green	10.00	Service of the Word	Frankfield
	11.15	Service of the Word	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
Wednesday 5th October	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Sunday 9th October	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>17th Sun after Trinity</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
Green	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
Sunday 19th June	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>1st Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
Green	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
Wednesday 12th October	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Sunday 16th October	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
Green	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
Wednesday 19th October	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Sunday 23rd October	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>5th Sunday before Advent</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
Green	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
Wednesday 26th October	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas

Sunday 30th October	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>4th Sunday before Advent</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
Green	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas

(reduced schedule of service due to the consecration of Ven. Adrian Wilkinson as Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory in Christchurch Cathedral Dublin at 3.30pm)

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John O'Donovan after his recent lecture on the **Battle of Cork** which was hosted by the parish in the Canon Packham Hall as part of culture night.

