



Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield

November 2022

The Curate writes.....

It is with sadness and joy that we said our farewells to Adrian, Jacqui, and family during October as they head to Kilkenny where Adrian has now taken up his new position as Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory. Many events were held to honour Adrian and pictures of these can be seen throughout this magazine. He leaves us with his blessings as he dons his new vestments including his bishop's ring given by his fellow clergy, and bishop's cross given by his parishioners. Adrian shall be missed but we rejoice with him in accepting God's new call.

As many were unable to attend his consecration on the 30th of October, all are invited to attend any of his enthronement services. The dates and locations are as follows:

Sunday 13th November – Christ Church Cathedral in Waterford at 3.30pm. **R.S.V.P. by 5th November 2022 or Phone: 051 - 858 958 Email: contact.christchurch@gmail.com**

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)

Soon our Board of Nominators will begin the search for a new Rector. Should you wish to read more about the way the selection process works, there is a leaflet at the back of the churches called 'Now we need a New Rector.' It is a slow process and shall take a number of months to complete. In the meantime, having met many of you, I know that you will give great support to myself, Revd. Hazel Minion, our lay readers, and Dean Nigel Dunne, our new priest-in-charge, as we try to carry on with the fantastic work that Adrian has done in this parish.

November is a month of remembrance and we continue to pray for all those who have gone to Christ before us. May we continue to build up God's church in fellowship and worship.

Yours in Christ,

Jean

St. Michael's School



Notes

We have had an emotional October full of goodbyes, and a welcome back at St Michael's. On Thursday 13th of October, we held an assembly to say goodbye and thank you both to Reverend Wilkinson and to Mr Cotter.

We were truly delighted for Reverend Wilkinson to hear that he was Bishop Elect for Cashel Ferns and Ossory, but we were very sad to say goodbye to him. Our assembly was given as a thank

you for all of the support, guidance, kindness and service that he has given to St Michael's. We wish Reverend Wilkinson and his family every best wish as they move to Kilkenny.

Mr Cotter's last day at St Michael's was also on Thursday 13th and we were delighted that he could play the organ for us at our very special assembly. It has been a pleasure to welcome Mr Cotter our school for singing. To hear the sound of his singing lessons throughout the schools was such a positive experience especially as Covid restrictions lifted and he could return to our school. We also greatly appreciate all of his support in the preparation for last year's Choral Festival. We wish him the very best as he moves to Norwich Cathedral.

Our German Teaching Student Interns, Alina and Melina also finished their time at St Michael's in October. They had been with us for 6 weeks and were so positive and helpful during their time here. We hope that they will return to us next year.

We were delighted to welcome Ms Bowden back to St Michael's this week. We have missed her since last Easter and our Willow Room gave her a huge welcome back on Monday.

Our classes have been very busy as we approach Mid-Term. 3-6th Class attended a Hockey Blitz run by Irish Hockey at Garyduff, and 3rd and 4th Class have completed their Cycle Right programme. Our classes have been learning about autumn and taking advantage of the Blackrock Line to observe the change in seasons. We have had three local teams to support for County Finals, The Rockies, Blackrock Camogie, and St Michael's. Our school has been a sea of Green and Gold for the last three weeks!

Thank you to An Taisce who have provided and fitted a new bike shelter for us, and to Cork Sports Partnership who brightened up our yard with playground games and markings.



St Luke's School Notes



We were very sorry to say "Farewell" to Archdeacon Wilkinson at a recent assembly when he was presented with a unique cross and mitre specially crafted by the pupils of St Luke's School, a card with an individual message from each pupil and an Episcopal duck! We also sang his favourite hymns and our senior pupils composed an acrostic using the initial letters 'THANK YOU ARCHDEACON ADRIAN'. Thank you

Archdeacon for all your inspiring assemblies over the years. Thank you also to Mrs Jacqui

Wilkinson who supplied us with many creative ideas for Religious Education and Assemblies. We wish the Archdeacon and his family every blessing as they move to Kilkenny.

Our Parents' Association ran a very successful Coffee to Go and Clothes Drive when they raised over 700euro for school funds. Thank you to all who baked cakes and donated clothes.

Our 6th Class brought their "Buddies" in Junior Infants on a Nature Walk to our nearby Douglas Community Park. They were kept busy finding Signs of Autumn and enjoyed time in the playground. It is wonderful having such a great amenity so near the school that we can safely walk to.

We are very grateful to our local Tesco who very kindly donated 484euro to the school under the Tesco Community Fund initiative. This money will go towards the development of the school's sensory room. Thank you Tesco.

Sunday School Douglas will commence on a monthly basis. The dates are as follows; 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

The Douglas Union of Parishes' Book Club will be meeting again in the morning of Tuesday 8 November from 11am to 12.30pm in the Parish Hall beside St Mary's Church, Marmullane (Passage West). New members welcome! If interested, please text Sharon Kerr on 086 8327653 or Saskia O'Neill on 086 3439124 for further details



Restoration of Roberts Memorial in Passage West

Captain Roberts captained the Cork ship 'Sirius' which was the first steamer to cross the Atlantic from Cobh in 1838. A memorial was erected to his memory in the churchyard in Passage West, on the four sides of which were depictions of the ships he had commanded: *Black Joke*, *Sirius*, *British Queen*, and *President*.



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

CONSIDERING CONFIRMATION? I take this opportunity to notify parents and guardians of pupils currently in 6th class, or in secondary school, about the confirmation programme we hope will be running in the parish in the new year. For those currently in 5th or 6th class or older, and are thinking about confirmation, I will run a series of classes, probably on Wednesday evenings. These will not start before February. All I am asking for at this stage is expressions of interest from the potential candidates. Once I have some idea of the size of the possible class(es), I will know how best to arrange things and how many groups I will need to plan and work with. In mid-January, an introductory meeting will be held for all parents of children considering confirmation. I ask that you email me at carneynormajean@gmail.com to register interest and let me know what class your son/daughter is currently in. This is not committing you at this stage but will be helpful to me as I plan. It is important that the decision to be confirmed rests with the candidate themselves, so parents please take the opportunity to discuss it fully with them in advance of contacting me J. Carney



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 2nd November 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

Final phase of restoration of parish hall in Passage West completed.



CDYC Youth Events: In November, we are planning our annual Table Quiz on Sat 5th at 7.30pm, in The Carraig Centre in Ballincollig. On the 27th Nov at 7pm in St. Fachtna's Cathedral, we will be running our Advent Youth Service again this year, and hopefully for the first time in 2yrs it will be in person! This year our Leaders in Training group (six young leaders) will be organizing this from start to finish as part of their course, so they might be calling on some help from our youth. And on the 10th of December, we are planning on heading to Dundrum Shopping Centre for a bit of a Christmas shopping spree, followed by a youth service and sleep over in Rev. David Bowles new parish in Whitechurch in Dublin. I will be sending out reminders and booking forms closer to the time, but in the meantime I can provisionally put anyone who is interested on the list. If you have any questions or enquiries on any of these events, please contact me Hilda Connolly on dyo@corkchurchofireland.com or (086) 8790623



The annual **Christmas Tree Sale** will take place in the Canon Packham Hall on Saturday, 3rd December from 10am – 1pm. More details to follow.



More Photos of Archdeacon Adrian Wilkinson which were taken over the last few weeks.



Thank You and Farewell from the Archdeacon of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, Venerable Adrian Wilkinson

Sunday 23rd October

Dear parishioners and friends,

I write to thank you all for the wonderful send off you gave us last weekend. The farewell evening in the Canon Packham Hall was very enjoyable. It was so good to have people gathered from all four churches in our parish in one place to relax and socialise. This is something we have missed for a long time. I thank those who organised and were involved in the evening and also those who made the Canon Packham Hall ready for the occasion.



The speeches and very generous presentations to both myself and Jacqui, were very much appreciated. We are overwhelmed by your kindness and extreme generosity.



My final school assemblies in St Luke's and St Michael's earlier in the week were equally enjoyable and I thank the pupils, parents, staff and Boards of Management for their good wishes and generosity too.

My final services in the four churches will always linger long in my memory. The music, singing and worship were uplifting and it was good to have my colleagues in ministry, both ordained and lay, at these services.

As I said last Sunday in St Luke's Church, the pectoral cross which you gave me at the end of the service, and which I will wear as a Bishop, will be a constant reminder of my twenty very happy years as your rector and three years as your curate. The Rectory in Douglas has been a wonderful family home and a place we have loved. As I write these words, it is almost empty of all our possessions. While we look forward to making Bishop's House in Kilkenny our new home, we will continue to pray for you all as you look forward to the future under a new rector. I know they too will enjoy the love and support I have received in Douglas Union with Frankfield and that as a community of faith, you



will continue to live out the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and action in the years ahead.

Again, Jacqui joins me in thanking you for everything.



God Bless,

Adrian

Church Services – November 2022



Wednesday 2nd November	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Sunday 6th November	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>3rd Sun before Advent</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
Green	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
Wednesday 9th November	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Sunday 13th November	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>2nd Sun 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 16th November	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Sunday 20th November	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>The Kingship of Christ</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
White	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
Wednesday 23rd November	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Sunday 27th November	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>1st Sunday before Advent</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
Violet	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
Wednesday 30th November	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas

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