



Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield

June, 2024

The Rector writes...

Dear friends

The Select Vestry met yesterday evening and one of the things on the agenda was the 150th Anniversary of the building of St Luke's Church. We will be celebrating this next year in 2025. We had a great discussion exploring various imaginative ways we might mark this. During the conversation, we realised that it would be good to have a team of people to work on the different components of the celebration. For instance, work to re-plaster the transepts and service the organ is already in progress. We also want to host a series of services and events throughout the year. If anyone would be interested in being part of this 150th celebration project, then please let me or one of the church wardens (Aoife or Edward) know and we can make sure you are put in touch with the right people.

Thinking about St Luke's Church we are conscious that St Michael's, St Mary's and Holy Trinity will have their own ideas about how best to showcase their life and witness too in the years ahead. To this end, I hope that teams might develop for each church community to think, pray and plan how we can make the most of who we are and what we are called to be. We have so much to be thankful for – our wonderful church buildings, the beautiful part of the world in which we live, and, most of all, us - the people who make up our church community. So, in the first instance, if you would like to be involved in being part of a team for your church, please speak with one of the church wardens when you are next in church. Alternatively, you can send an email to Paula in the office or to me.

St Luke's graveyard

There will be a working party for St Luke's graveyard on Friday 7th June from 5pm. The graveyard is in very good order – which is excellent. There is still some risk of fire from growth in certain parts and so we are inviting anyone who would be willing and able to join in a working party to help cut and tidy these areas on Friday 7th June from 5pm. The more who come, the quicker we will finish!

Quiet Day

Bishop Paul is inviting clergy and lay people to join him and Brother Tobias, SSF (Society of St Francis - an Anglican religious order)

- on Saturday morning, 15th June 2024
- in the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Youghal
- for coffee at 10 a.m. before a start at 10.30 a.m.
- ending at 1.30 p.m. but followed by a light lunch
- all under my auspices and that of the Bishop's Continuing Ministerial Education Fund and
- with grateful thanks to the Archdeacon and people of Youghal Union for hosting it.

Brother Tobias worked on the railways in the UK for 20 years before his profession 6 years ago. He and I first met on social media, and in person at the last Lambeth Conference. He also spent some time working in Derry in ministry. Email rsvp@corkchurchofireland.com before 10th June if you would like to attend.

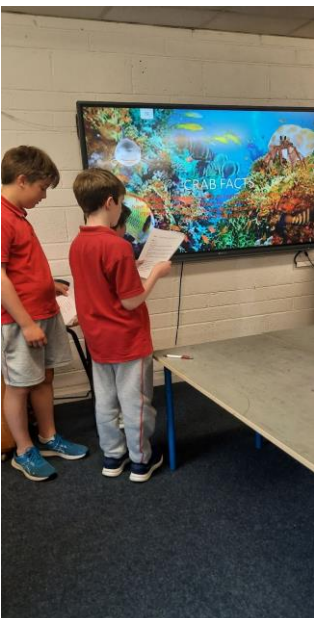
Sausage Service

Looking ahead, the next Sausage Service will be on Sunday 8th September at 5pm. Thanks to Veronica, we are also hoping to start a new junior choir to rehearse and sing for these services. More details to follow.

Finally, I hope you can enjoy the good weather this weekend and I look forward to seeing you over the summer months.

Every blessing

William



St. Luke's School Notes:

The summer term continues to be a busy one, with everything from crazy clothes day to woodland workshops! At the start of the month, our Parents Association organised a Coffee morning and cake sale for parents and pupils, which was as always well supported. Our student council continued their excellent year of events and fundraising with a Crazy Clothes day on May 17th. There were certainly some interesting outfits on display!



There were a variety of science activities in school during the month. 5th and 6th put on a terrific science show for the younger classes as part of their Val Jago Award Preparation, while 3rd and 4th prepared science projects and presentations for their new Deane Award.



Second and third class enjoyed an excellent workshop in Ballybrack Woods, learning about water quality and the cleanliness of the water in our local area. Our thanks to Tidy Towns for organising this.



We have had a number of visitors to the school recently. We were delighted to welcome Ruth from the Simon Community, who attended our assembly to accept a cheque from our fundraising efforts this year. Ruth expressed her appreciation for the much-needed funds that will help the homeless in Cork City.

We were also highly entertained on Wed 22nd May by the amazing West Midlands Theatre, who put on a fantastic performance of Sigard and the Dragon.

There has been no shortage of sporting activities this month either! Well done to all pupils who took part in the recent Inter-Schools' Soccer Tournament. We had four teams in total taking part. Congratulations to our Senior and Junior Boys who both came third in their sections. Well



done to our Senior Girls who came fourth and a big 'Maith Sibh!' for our Junior Girls who won their section and brought back a lovely trophy.



4th and 5th class recently visited St Peter's in Passage where they enjoyed an excellent sports day, while 3rd class went to MTU to take part in an Athletics Blitz, as part of the Cork Sports Partnership Initiative. Our tag rugby teams were also in action recently in the inter-schools blitz, bringing home yet another

trophy via our senior boys!



St. Michael's School Notes

We have come to the end of another very busy term in St. Michael's! Our Chestnut Room attended MTU for their Athletics Blitz, organised by Cork Sports Partnership. Hurling with Paul came to an end for the Oak and Willow Rooms and huge improvements were made by all. A massive thank you to Trevor for all the wonderful Tri Heroes sessions delivered to the senior classes. Also a big thank you to the PA who organized the weekly swimming lessons open to all pupils.

The Chestnut Room school tour was a trip to Fota. The tour guides were very impressed with the questions 3rd and 4th class pupils asked. They got to see lots of animals and got very close to a real sloth!

The Rowan Room had a fantastic school tour in Ballyhass Lakes which combined water and land sports. Great fun was had by all. They worked tirelessly preparing for the 6th class Graduation Service, creating beautiful collaborative art which took place on Thursday 6th June. We said farewell to Eli, Juno, Ruby, Sophie, Ben, Eve, Gloria, Max, Beth, Amelie, Sophia, Daria, Ezra and Emily. We wish them the very best for the next step of their journey as they begin secondary school.



The incoming Infants and their parents attended a short induction day to see their classroom and meet their peers. We look forward to welcoming them to St. Michael's in August.

We were thrilled to welcome our French Pen Pal visitors from Ecole Notre-Dame de Lorette. They stayed in Cork for a few days and had a busy schedule of activities with their penpals in the Chestnut Room. They were welcomed to the school with a picnic for the two groups to meet. They headed off on fabulous trips to UCC, Fitzgerald's Park, Blackrock Castle, and enjoyed a Hurling session in the Rockies! Ms O'Donovan organised a team for 'Football for All' at Scoil Ursula, which was enjoyed by all the pupils who attended.

Our PA held a quiz night and raised a fantastic sum of money. Well done to all involved! We wished Lucy all the best as she made her First Holy Communion in St Michael's Church and had a wonderful celebration. We said goodbye to our Ashton School Community Action pupils, Lucy and Aimee as their weekly Tuesday visits came to an end with us in St. Michael's. A wonderful Sports' Day took place in the Rockies. Where we saw great sportsmanship and enthusiasm. We had a fantastic time and enjoyed an ice cream after the events. We wish Nele our German Intern a very fond farewell as she completes her 3 month internship with us this month. She was an absolute pleasure to work with and she will be missed by all pupils and staff.

We want to congratulate Ms Pope on completing her Droichead process over the past year. We wish her luck for her future endeavours.

Another school year has come to an end in St. Michael's. We wish all the best to our 6th class graduates, pupils, staff and parents a well deserved summer break. We look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 27th August.

Walking Club will meet on Thursday, 6th June in Lee Fields (carpark opposite County Hall) weather permitting at 10.30am – 12 noon. All are welcome

The Parish Book Club will take place on Tuesday, the 11th June at 11am-12.30 in Passage.

Monthly Parish Prayer Group will meet by zoom @ 7.30pm. Please email douglasprayergroup@icloud.com if you would like the link. (Kieran Hogan)

On Saturday, 8th June a concert featuring **Our Savior Lutheran Choir, St. Charles, Missouri, USA and HiFilutin Flute Quartet** will take place in St. Luke's Church, Douglas at 8pm. Tickets at the door on the night. €5 per ticket. All proceeds to Rainbow Club Cork Centre for Autism.

On Sunday 30th June 2024 at 3.30 p.m. at **St Fin Barre's Cathedral**, Cork Bishop Paul Colton will ordain Andrew Coleman and Eoghan Healy to the diaconate. Both will serve as deacons in the Ordained Local Ministry.

Church Services June, 2024



Sun. 2nd June	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>1st 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	Service of the Word	Blackrock
Wed. 5th June	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.45	Holy Communion	Maryborough NH
Sun. 9th June	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>2nd Sun after Trinity</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
Green	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
Sun. 16th June	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>3rd Sun after Trinity</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
Green	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
Sun. 23rd June	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>4th Sun after Trinity</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
Green	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
Sun. 30th June	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>5th Sun after Trinity</i>	11.00	United Service	Passage
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