



Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield

May, 2024

The Rector writes...

Dear friends

As I write this note, Tanya and I are in sunny Armagh for General Synod. It is good to catch up with friends and colleagues and to celebrate the breadth and diversity of our church family across the island of Ireland.

It is hard to believe that we are marking the end of our first year back in Cork. While it has been a very busy year, it has been a very good year in many ways. We continue to be so grateful to you all for your welcome and your friendliness to us. It has made everything much easier – and more joyful – as we settle in and find our feet!

Unfortunately, we will not have a curate for the next year. I will endeavour to do my best as I plan accordingly. As you know well, there is a great team across each of our four church communities and I am confident we can look forward to a rich and full year together. As ever, I am very grateful to Keith, Wilfred, Kieran and Richard for their excellent ministry among us. Bruce and Hazel have also offered to help from time to time too – which is wonderful! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would value a visit or a chat.

We had two encouraging and fruitful Easter Vestries in April and, again, on behalf of us all, I want to record our thanks to those who served last year and to all those who will be looking after the parish this year. As we begin to think about the 150th celebrations for St Luke's and the general care and upkeep of all our precious church buildings, the Vestry is making plans to ensure our life and witness are sustainable. In all this, prayer is very important!

Mentioning prayer, a reminder that there is a group of people in the parish who are committed to pray for all those who ask for prayer – either for themselves or for others. Just check that any details you pass on are with the full permission of the person themselves.

Here are details of three more events taking place later this month.

On Saturday 18th May in St Columba's Parish Rooms from 9.30-12 noon there will be training to lead and run Alpha youth in churches and schools. This is for everyone across the diocese. There will be a light breakfast served on arrival. Hilda Connolly will be there as will Gerard Hanley, Director for Alpha Youth Ireland.

Also on Saturday 18th May from 1pm there will be 'Praise in the Park' in Fitzgerald Park. Everyone welcome.

On Sunday 19th May - 4.30-5.30 Carrigrohane Union of Parishes (Church of Ireland) is inviting church members across denominations to gather at the Carraig Centre in Ballincollig to pray - there will be creative prayer stations (on the theme of the Lord's prayer) for families and individuals to write, draw and pray prayers on themes from the Lord's prayer. At 5.30 all are welcome to share fellowship over food (a BBQ) - signup (for catering purposes) - www.cupcork.ie/pentecost - we are asking if people who are staying for food might bring a salad or dessert to share.

Every blessing,

William

St. Luke's School Notes:



The Summer term is off to its usual flying start with a variety of sporting and creative activities! Tag Rugby has started on Wednesdays and is very well attended by our senior pupils. 5th class had a chance to develop their skills further with a trip to Bandon Grammar to take part in a tag rugby blitz. This was organised by the Transition Year students and was a terrific day out.

Our Hockey players were also recently in action with an inter-schools 'Colours Blitz', when no less than 60 pupils from our 3rd to 6th classes took part. 3rd Class also enjoyed a 4 week series of Athletics Workshops through Cork Sports Partnership.

Our 'Friday Treat Day' was given a great boost on April 18th by a wonderful cake sale organised by 6th class. There was a huge array of cakes, biscuits and treats on offer and everyone gladly availed!



If you are taking a stroll through Douglas Community Park over the coming weeks, keep an eye out for the great gardening work carried out by a number of pupils, in conjunction with Douglas Tidy Towns. They worked on raised beds and got some

useful gardening tips!

We were delighted to welcome Marie from Cork Penny Dinners to Assembly recently to accept a cheque of €568 from some recent fundraising activities. Marie explained the origins and work of Cork Penny Dinners and reminded pupils of the importance of giving and thinking of others who may be less well off.



St. Michael's School Notes

We had a very busy April in St. Michael's. The Rowan Room choir prepared tirelessly for the Cork Choral Festival. They competed in the National Competition for Schools. A huge amount of work and practice went into their performances. Our pupils did a fantastic job and were great ambassadors for St. Michael's. You might have seen them on the Official Choral Festival open top bus as they travelled to perform in City Hall. A special thank you to Ms Campbell, Ms Curran and Mr Matthew Breen for all their hard work and dedication. The Chestnut Room took part in a Biodiversity Workshop learning about local habitats of the school garden. They used clay to plant Sunflower seeds and created nature diaries. Many thanks to Diarmuid for running such an informative and exciting workshop.

The Hazel room visited the Titanic Museum and enjoyed a lovely trip to Cobh by bus and train. The Hawthorn room headed off to Douglas Library and enjoyed a peaceful afternoon reading some of the wonderful books on offer. The Oak and Willow Rooms have been hurling on Mondays in the Rockies and are continuing to enjoy themselves and learn new skills from their coach Paul. We were thrilled to have been awarded a 'Certificate of Recognition 2023' by Psyched, for ongoing and continued commitment to creating a mental health promoting workplace. Ms Claire O'Neill and Ms. Alison Quill received this award in County Hall.

On Wednesday 1st May, our Fabulous secretary Ms. Audrey Forde celebrated her 25th year working in St. Michaels! The occasion was marked with flowers, cake and a balloon! However, the real surprise celebration took place on Friday. The pupils performed a moving assembly where they read out world events that happened in 1999, read poems and created beautiful cards. Chairperson Mr. Bertie Smith spoke about Audrey's commitment, loyalty, and willingness to take on any role.



Audrey was presented with gifts and beautiful handmade cards. This wonderful assembly was attended by pupils, parents and staff, past and present. We were also thrilled that some of Audrey's family could attend this special occasion. The Chestnut and Rowan Rooms are looking forward to starting Tri Heroes with Trevor Mahoney in the coming weeks.

Walking Club will meet on Thursday, 16th May in Passage (carpark next to Aldi) weather permitting at 10.30am – 12 noon. All are welcome



Sunday School continues to be held once a month in St. Luke's, Douglas. The next Sunday School will take place on 19th May. 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. Consent forms to be filled in by an adult, found at back of the church or ask any of the Sunday school helpers.



The 6th Class Day out to Oysterhaven Outdoor Activity Centre, near Kinsale, is happening on Sat the 8th of June.

Cost: €35pp Age: Current 6th Class students Time: 9.30am-4pm

Please pass this info out to anyone you think might be interested. In the past, this day has been a huge stepping stone for our 6th class group going into 1st year in Sept 2024. They got the opportunity to meet people that could be attending the same school come that Sept. It also, gives them an opportunity to see what is available for them through CDYC events, when they "come of age"! The places for this event are limited.

Those who wish to go MUST let me know asap via email dyc@corkchurchofireland.com to reserve their place and a booking form will be sent to them. FORMS AND PAYMENT HAVE TO REACH ME BY 27th May TO SECURE THE BOOKING If you have any questions or enquiries, please contact me. As always, keep an eye on our CDYC facebook page or our [cdyc_cork](#) Instagram page for any updates. *Hylda Connolly*

The Parish Book Club will take place on Tuesday, the 14th May at 11am-12.30 in Passage.



Church Services May, 2024



Sun. 5th May	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>6th Sun after Easter</i>	9.45	Service of the Word	Passage
White	10.00	Service of the Word	Frankfield
	11.15	Service of the Word	Douglas
	11.30	Service of the Word	Blackrock
Sun. 12th May	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>7th Sun after Easter</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
White	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
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Sun. 19th May	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>Pentecost</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
Red	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
Sun. 26th May	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
White	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock

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