



# Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield

March, 2025

**The Rector writes...**

Dear Friends

Lent begins this month. But what is Lent and what are we supposed to do? The word Lent comes from the Old English *lencten*, meaning "spring," referencing the time of year when Lent occurs. In our Western Christian tradition, Lent is a season of self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter, to which almsgiving has traditionally been added.

It can be difficult to find time to devote to these practices – and it is especially difficult to do this on our own. This year, I am delighted that Rev Meghan Farr will be leading us in our Lent course – The Story of Scripture. Meghan will show us how the bible fits together and tells us one big story. We will be holding 5 successive Wednesday evenings. These will start in the Canon Packham Hall for light refreshments, followed by a multi-media presentation and time for questions and discussion in the school hall where there are some excellent audio-visual facilities! The first evening is on Wednesday 12th March at 7.30pm. We will finish each evening by 9pm. Everyone welcome. It will be accessible for all levels of understanding.

If anyone would like to be part of a hospitality team that would be wonderful. Please let me know. It will involve arriving a little bit earlier and making teas and coffee – and bringing something simple like biscuits or cake to offer to other guests. Having said that, you will be free to do whatever you think would be nice.

Every blessing for a 'go deeper' Lent!

*William*



## St. Michael's School Notes:

Towards the end of January we received the brilliant news that three St Michael's pupils had won awards in the Discover Cork: Schools' Heritage Competition. Huge congratulations to Jacob O'Sullivan for his Community Heritage Award, to Aifric O'Neill for her Best Detective Work Award, and to Ellen Cremin and Bláithín McGonigle Walsh for their People of Cork Award. The winners will attend an awards ceremony which takes place in City Hall at the beginning of March. The children in our Chestnut Room have been building a special connection with the community at Bessboro Alzheimer's Day Care Centre. They enjoyed visiting them in February to create some Valentine's Art! At the end of February the whole school will take part in Denim Day, a special day that aims to raise funds for The Alzheimer's Society of Ireland. February was also a busy month for our youngest pupils in Oak Room who visited The Teddy Bear Hospital at UCC. 1st to 3rd year Medical Students were on hand to rescue and care for the pupils' teddy bears. The ultimate aim of the event is to make the idea of healthcare visits fun for children and to help them understand the purpose of x - rays, injections, antibiotics, healthy eating, exercise and more.



**The Douglas Union of Parishes' Book Club** will meet again in the parish hall beside St Mary's Church in Marmullane (Passage West) on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Last month we discussed the Booker prize winning book "Orbital" by Samantha Harvey which most of us really enjoyed and the author's wonderful descriptions of our earth from a very different perspective. Our chosen book for this month is "The Boy with the Topknot" by Sathnam Sanghera. We are always delighted to welcome new members and if anyone would like to join our little group please contact Sharon Kerr on 086 8327653.

## Pastoral visiting and Home Communion

I am always available to visit members of the parish who now find it difficult to attend church services. In accordance with the recent House of Bishops' guidelines on pastoral visiting, it is important that a third party is present – preferably a family member. I would therefore be very grateful if a family member contacts me so a mutually convenient time can be arranged. *Rev William*

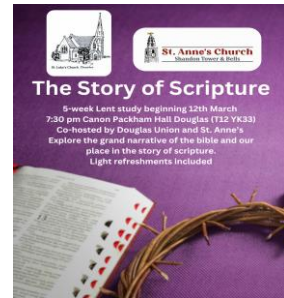
**CDYC Confirmation Weekend** for the upcoming Confirmation Candidates only will be



happening on the 7th-8th March (overnight) in the Carhue Centre Bandon. If you have an interest please contact Hilda Connolly at [dyo@corkchurchofireland.com](mailto:dyo@corkchurchofireland.com)

**St Stephen's Protestant Orphan Society** pays out quarterly grants for educational purposes to members of the Diocese who are in financial distress. These grants are EUR300 per quarter per child/dependant as well as a Christmas bonus. Anyone who's child/dependant attends school or university is eligible. Please contact Rev William if you would like more information and an application pack.

**Join us for a Lent Study** Rev. Meghan and St. Anne's will join us for a 5-week series during the season of Lent entitled "The Story of Scripture". Beginning Wednesday 12th March at 7:30pm in Canon Packham Hall.



**Monthly Parish Prayer Group** will meet on the first Thursday of every month by zoom @ 7.30pm. Please email [douglasprayergroup@icloud.com](mailto:douglasprayergroup@icloud.com) if you would like the link. (Kieran Hogan)

### **Michele deFoubert – In Memory**

Michele, my wife of just six years and my best friend of twenty-two years, sadly died suddenly on June 3rd, 2024. Michele was so loved by so many – Not least, by the 120 members of the Fleischmann choir of the MTU Cork School of Music. She was a member of that choir from its foundation in 1992. After Michele's death, three members of the Fleischmann choir and dear friends of hers felt the need to do something in her memory. The concept of creating a perpetual trophy in her name to be gifted to the Cork School of Music seemed the answer. A fundraising drive began and between the choir members and friends, over four thousand euro was raised. It was decided that a unique sterling silver trophy should be created. Ali Cullinane, one of the three members driving the project, was tasked with designing the silver trophy and O'Carroll silver smiths with its creation.



On Monday 20th January, the Cork School of Music hosted an evening to mark the presentation of the Michele de Foubert perpetual trophy to the school management, to be awarded annually to the highest achieving student in BMus or voice. Michele's memory will now live on in the life of the Cork School of Music and the lives of Corks music students into the future.

*David Shine*

### **Baptism**

We had a wonderful service of baptism for Nina Hannon on the first Sunday of February in St Luke's, Douglas. Nina's great uncle Rev Prof. Pat Hannon was our preacher.

# Church Services March, 2025



<b>Sun. 2<sup>n</sup> March</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>Sunday before Lent</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
<b>Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	11.45	Holy Communion	Maryborough NH
Violet			
<b>Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>1st Sun in Lent</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
Violet	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<b>Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>2nd Sun in Lent</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
Violet	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
<b>Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>3d Sun in Lent</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
Violet	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
<b>Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>4th Sun in Lent</i>	11.00	United Service	Blackrock
Violet			

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