



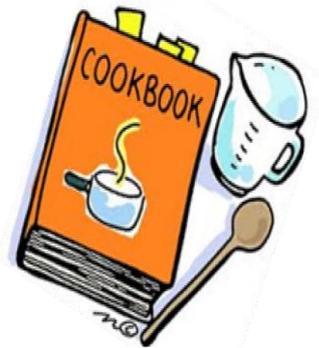
# Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield

November 2020

## The Rector writes.....

Thanks to those who submitted recipes for our **Parish Lockdown Cookbook**. It was wonderful to see the variety provided and the personal stories behind many of them. We are currently working at compiling the book and looking for ways to print it off and distribute it. While this is not primarily a fundraising exercise, we need to cover our costs and any profit that is made will be given back to the parish. We hope to have it available in December, by which time we hope that our churches will be open again, and people may be able to buy their copy and some more for Christmas present too.



The **Genesis Bible Reading Challenge** continues. I would like to thank those who have recorded contributions and their thoughts on a favourite passage or event in this book of the Bible. Some of those involved include Florence Binions, Olivia Carroll, Dr Tim Jackson, Revd Hazel Minion and Jacqui Wilkinson. Their 3-minute reflections are being made available on a phased basis throughout this month on our parish YouTube Channel. I hope you enjoy them as you continue with your own reading.

1<sup>st</sup> November is **All Saints' Day**. This period in the church calendar is traditionally a time of remembrance as we think of loved ones who have gone ahead of us and continue their worship of God in a greater light. Those who have had funerals in recent months have found bereavement particularly hard, given how the health restrictions have impacted on the conduct of funerals. Nevertheless, we continue to celebrate the lives of all who, in varied and in often testing circumstances, have shared in the Church's life and mission. According to St Paul, 'saints' (Latin *sanctus* – meaning set apart of a special purpose) are what all Christians are called to be. As you think of the 'saints' who have had a positive influence on you, perhaps the following prayer might be helpful.



Lord Jesus, we thank you for your love  
shown in the lives of all your saints:  
those who lived in the past and those living now;

those whose names are well known  
and those whose names are known only to you.  
Come then Lord and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood;  
and bring us with all your saints to glory everlasting.

Yours in Christ,

*Adrian*

## Church Renovations



Even though our churches are closed, the job of essential repairs and maintenance continues. In recent weeks, the exterior of the north transept of **St Luke's Church** has been shrouded in scaffolding. The plaster work in the interior of that part of the church is in poor condition. External repairs to the pointing were deemed vital to prevent



the further ingress of damp. Essential roof repairs have also been done in recent weeks too.



In **St Michael's Blackrock**, the entrance gates have been removed for dipping, restoration and repainting and the gate pillars, which had been damaged and were leaning, have been rebuilt. The curtain wall will also be repainted to make the approach to the church more attractive. While some of the cost of this work will be met from grant funding, and in the case of Blackrock from a legacy received from the late Sheila Griffin, the parish will still have a considerable bill. This indicates a degree of faith in the future on the part of the Select Vestry. We look

forward to when the current pandemic is passed, and normal church services can resume. It is important that we have well-maintained churches when that day comes.

The **Annual General Vestries** were held in September and the results of the elections are as follows.

Douglas Union of Parishes

Churchwardens and Glebewardens

Marmullane      Incumbent's Churchwarden  
                         Vestry Churchwarden

Douglas            Incumbent's Churchwarden

Shirley Clarke-Swanton  
Alfred Hosford  
Philip Doherty

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|-----------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Blackrock | Vestry Churchwarden      | Kieran Hogan   |
|           | Incumbent's Churchwarden | Denis Hinchion |
|           | Vestry Churchwarden      | David Kerr     |
|           | Incumbent's Glebewarden  | Mervyn Hosford |
|           | Vestry Glebewarden       | Tom Chambers   |

Select Vestry - John Kershaw (Hon. Treasurer), Kieran Hogan (Hon. Secretary), Aoife Bhreatnach, Patricia Bogan, Martin Brennan, Vicky Coomber, Stephen Daunt, Keith Dawson, Janet Dillon, Anne Hevers, Ivan Johnston, Emily O'Donoghue, David Perrott

#### Parochial Nominators 2020 – 2023

1. Vicky Coomber
2. John Kershaw
3. Patricia Bogan
4. Stephen Daunt

#### Diocesan Synod Members 2020 – 2023

1. Kieran Hogan
2. Howard Dunne
3. Vicky Coomber
4. John Kershaw
5. Aoife Bhreatnach
6. Anne Hevers
7. Ivan Johnston
8. Patricia Bogan

#### Holy Trinity Church Frankfield

##### Churchwardens and Glebewarden

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Incumbent's Churchwarden | David Wolfe    |
| Vestry Churchwarden      | Marcia Appelbe |
| Vestry Glebewarden       | John Kingston  |
| Hon. Secretary           | Noel Locke     |
| Hon. Treasurer           | Roger Flack    |

#### Diocesan Synod Representatives 2020 -2023

1. Sandra Coombes
2. David Wolfe

Due to its trustee status, all parishioners in Frankfield are permitted to attend meetings of the Select Vestry. Frankfield Parish does not elect parochial nominators. We thank all those who serve the parish in this capacity. Their commitment is appreciated.

## Parish YouTube Channel

During the period of Level 5 health restrictions, a service recorded from one of our churches is put up each weekend on our parish YouTube channel. In addition, the recorded contributions by parishioners on the Genesis Reading Challenge will also be available on it over the next couple of months. The link to this can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZDmEQt2VvcJI9ErW29vxPA/videos>

Happy viewing!



The **Church of Ireland Historical Society** will host it's winter conference in a virtual format on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> November. Members and day participants can hear four speakers via Zoom Video Conferencing. The first speaker will start at 11am.

Dr. Aoife Bhreatnach will give her presentation at 3pm on 'Burying the poor: the Church of Ireland and the friendless dead, 1830-1930.'

Burying the very poor presented a recurring challenge to communities, parishes, and local government yet the burial practices of the destitute remain an understudied area of Irish funerary culture. 'Friends' – family and community who claimed bodies and petitioned for coffins – negotiated a network of private alms and publicly-funded poor relief to secure burial for their dead. This paper will use Cork-city parishes to show who paid for the burial of the destitute dead from 1830 to 1930. St Luke's in Douglas played an important role in burying the Protestant dead from the nearby workhouse from the 1880s to the 1930s. Extensive claiming of corpses by friends and Anglican parishes from the workhouse in post-Famine Cork shows that the symbolic power of the pauper grave was manifest in the burial landscape rather than cheap coffins and common graves. She will also talk about city-centre parishes such as St Nicholas, St Anne's and St Fin Barre's.

## Zambia Link

Over the past three years, we in this parish have supported Keith and Lyn Scott in their work in St John's Theological Seminary in Kitwe, Zambia. The latest class of



ordinands is studying towards a theological degree, having completed placements in their home dioceses. This is a new course to St John's, the legacy of Keith's work over the past three years. He is currently lecturing in Old Testament Studies and Hermeneutics. Lyn teaches Academic English to assist the students in their college assignments. Former students work as priests and deacons all over Zambia. One of these, Geoffrey Banda who did a placement here in Cork Diocese during his training, is now a deacon in the Cathedral of the

Holy Cross in Lusaka.

Zambia has not experienced the surge in Covid 19 widespread in Europe. Between 18th and 27th October only 2 deaths were recorded; in a population of over 18 million the total stands at 350 deaths. (Compare Ireland's total of 1900 deaths). But masks are compulsory, with similar health guidelines to ours. "People have other worries. The economy is declining and inflation is becoming a serious problem," commented Lyn.

Pray

- For the people of Zambia in the lead up to the presidential elections of 2021;
- For God's protection for the St John's students and their families far away during Covid 19.
  
- For Keith and Lyn as they finish their work in Zambia and return to Ireland in December and pray for their next steps.

*Rev. Hazel*

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