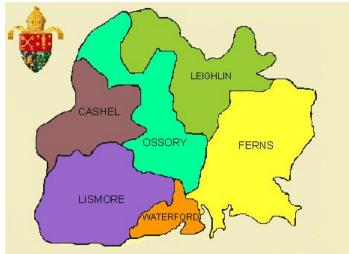


Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield July & August 2022

The Rector writes.....

I'm sure by now, most parishioners and friends of the parish will have heard that on 23rd June I was elected as Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory. Since I became your rector on All Saint's Day (1st November 2002) and previously the curate in this parish between 1994 and 1997, I have had a very happy time in Douglas Union with Frankfield. I will have a chance to say more in my September newsletter before departure, but for now, I just put on record my very sincere thanks to you all for your



support, friendship and fellowship over all those years.

In terms of our home, it means a move from Douglas to Kilkenny and to a house in the shadow of the splendid St Canice's Cathedral there. In terms of ministry, it involves a very new pattern of pastoral engagement for me. No longer will I be primarily concerned about a particular parish, but for a united diocese of six ancient dioceses.

The area covers all or parts of counties Kilkenny, Waterford, Wexford, Carlow, Tipperary, Wicklow and Laois. I will have the care of the clergy in parishes there very much at the heart of my pastoral work. Of course, I will also be concerned for the lay people in the parishes and those who are heavily involved in the mission and ministry in the diocese. A civic dimension to ministry is also important. A bishop must at times be a voice in the public square promoting gospel values and advocating for the needs of the most vulnerable. It is a very tall order and one for which I feel very ill equipped.

And yet I have been encouraged by all the emails, phone calls, letters, cards and messages on social media which I have received in recent days. To quote one which was sent the day after my election from a Roman Catholic priest friend, 'may God's grace and blessings sustain you, and may you have JOY, that you can share that joy with others'. He emphasised the word JOY in capitals! Please pray for me in the weeks and months ahead as I enter this period of transition that the joy of the gospel would be at the centre of all things, both here in Douglas Union with Frankfield and in the wider church. This issue of *Parish Matters* covers the months of July and August. Summer is a time for holidays for many people. I hope that if you are in a position to, you will be able to avail of some down time in the coming weeks to recharge the batteries and that however you take a holiday, you will benefit from it.

I end by wishing all parishioners and readers of this newsletter a very restful summer and hope you will find this prayer I have written helpful.

Lord, you reminded your disciples of the need for times of rest and refreshment from the stresses and strains of the day. We thank you for every opportunity to travel, to rest and to enjoy new experiences. Watch over our journeys. May our time away be one of warmth and love, so that we return refreshed in body, mind and spirit to continue in your service. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Adrian.

New Diocesan Reader

At the time of writing, Dr Richard Scriven has just been licensed as a Diocesan Reader at a special service in St Fin Barre's Cathedral. We look forward to having his involvement in leading worship, in this his home parish over the next year, as he continues his training.



Open Garden Fundraiser

Alison and Roger Flack of Coolamber, Currabinny, P43 HK26 and Sandra and John Stone of Milton Lodge, Currabinny, P43 HP22, will both open their gardens from 2 to 6pm on Saturday 9th July.

Entrance will be by donation. The funds raised will be shared between Marymount Hospice and the Holy Trinity, Frankfield renovation fund. We are very grateful to both the Flacks and Stones for opening up their

beautiful gardens and we hope many parishioners and friends of the parish will support this event.

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Celebrations after baptisms which took place recently.



The Kelleher Baptism





Sunday 3 July	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
St. Thomas	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
Red	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
Wednesday 6 July	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Sunday 10 July	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
4 th Sun. after Trinity	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
Green	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
Sunday 17 July	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
7 th after Trinity	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
Green	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
Sunday 24 July	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
St. James the Apostle	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
Sunday 31 July	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
7 th Sunday after Trinity	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
Green	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock



Wednesday 3 August	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Sunday 7 August 8 th Sun. after Trinity Green	8.30 9.45 10.00 11.15 11.30	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Blackrock Passage Frankfield Douglas Blackrock
Sunday 14 August 9 th after Trinity Green	8.30 9.45 10.00 11.15 11.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Blackrock Passage Frankfield Douglas Blackrock
Sunday 21 August 10 th after Trinity Green	8.30 9.45 10.00 11.15 11.30	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Blackrock Passage Frankfield Douglas Blackrock
Sunday 28 August 11 th after Trinity Green	8.30 9.30 10.00 11.15 11.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Blackrock Passage Douglas Douglas Blackrock