



Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield

September 2022

The Rector writes.....

An ordination is a wonderful occasion in the life of any parish, and it has been a few years since we have had a curate being ordained as a priest. On Wednesday 14th September, the Revd Jean Carney will be ordained priest in St Fin Barre's Cathedral at 8pm. I hope many of you will be there to support Jean on this next step in her journey of faith and service. I hope she feels happy as she settles in among us.

On a personal level I am so grateful to have a colleague with so many gifts to share. While my time ministering alongside her will be brief, I am enjoying it and when I leave, I know you will be in good hands.



This month we will also hold our services of Harvest Thanksgiving. We herald the return of the traditional evening Harvest Thanksgiving in St Mary's Church, Marmullane (Passage West) on Sunday 18th September at 7.30pm. We are delighted that the Revd Meurig Williams, rector of Mallow Union, will be our guest preacher. We assure him of a warm welcome. We also look forward to having the members of the Passage West Folk Group with us to lead us in worship. Hopefully Fr Chris O'Donovan from the Harbour Parishes will be able to join us too. For many years Fr John Galvin attended all our ecumenical services in Marmullane. Unfortunately, he will not be with us but we wish him well in his retirement.

On Sunday 25 September we look forward to having Mr Andrew Coleman from Christian Aid with us in Holy Trinity Frankfield and St Luke's Douglas for our morning harvest services. Revd Jean Carney will lead and preach at the harvest thanksgiving in St Michael's Blackrock that day.

Finally, I alert you to an event which might interest many of you which we are hosting in the parish. In early August one hundred years ago, one of the significant conflicts in the Irish Civil War took place in this parish. On 8 August 1922 clashes

between the anti-Treaty IRA and the National Army occurred in Passage West. Bullet holes are evident on some of the buildings there to this day. The following day the conflict moved to Rochestown, Moneygourney and Douglas. Most of you will be familiar with the house which is now the centre of Garryduff Sports Club. At the time it was the home of Dr James Lynch. As the violence broke out around the area,



this house became a temporary command centre and emergency dressing station. Today, in the midst of leafy suburbia, it is hard to imagine the horrific events which happened there a century ago. This year on Culture Night (Friday 23 September), historian John O'Donovan will give a talk on the topic in the Canon Packham Hall in Douglas. He will give an outline of the chain of events and refer to some of the significant sites

that are still evident today. The talk will start at 7.30pm and all are welcome.

So as the parish returns to the autumn rhythm, there is much to attract your involvement. The Canon Packham Hall is open for business again now that the problem with the water leak has been addressed. Both the social and spiritual dimensions of parish life, which were so disrupted during the pandemic, are returning to normal. I hope to see many of you in the coming weeks.

Yours in Christ,

Adrian.

We wish the pupils and staff of both **St Luke's School** in Douglas and **St Michael's School** in Blackrock every blessing now that they have reopened.

We also remember all our younger parishioners who received their **Leaving Certificate** results. We pray for them too as they embark on further studies, training courses or prepare for employment in these extraordinary times.



Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 7th September at 7:15pm in the Clayton Hotel, Silver Springs, Cork City. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more info call 01 4045378

Concert in solidarity with Ukraine in aid of Kingston College Restoration

A concert is being held in the Church of Our Lady Conceived without Sin in Mitchelstown, County Cork on Sunday 18th September at 8 p.m. in support of the Kingston Charity Trust and the restoration work at Kingston College for Ukrainian refugees. Tickets are available on www.eventbrite.ie

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, FRANKFIELD. PROPOSED ROAD WIDENING.

Earlier this year the National Transport Authority published plans under the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy for 12 new bus corridors around Cork City.

The proposal as it currently stands appears to take approximately 7 meters, 21 feet, at the widest from the road frontage of Holy Trinity. The plan is only at the consultation stage but is for a wider road, new cycleway and footpath. It will be a few years before we know the details of the full proposal and its effect on the church. Subsequently there will be a Compulsory Purchase Notice and compensation will have to be agreed together with suitable remediation works to our frontage, carpark and cemetery area. This could be between two and four years away. An information brochure for all the routes can be obtained from National Transport Authority, Harcourt Lane, Dun Sceine, Dublin 2 DO WT20.

Cork Street Pastors We are holding a public promotional event at the Grand Parade, Cork on the 24th September from 4pm -9pm. It would be wonderful to meet you there.



Photos of recent weddings that took place over the summer

Coombes/Gleeson Wedding



Sweetnam/Kavanagh Wedding



Church Services – September 2022



Sun. 4 September	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>12th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.45	Service of the Word	Passage
	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Service of the Word	Douglas
	11.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
Wed. 7 September	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Sun. 11 September	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>13th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
Wed. 14 September	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Sun. 18 September	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>14th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
	7.30pm	Harvest Thanksgiving	Passage*
		*Rev. M. Williams (<i>guest preacher</i>)	
Wed. 21 September	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Sun. 25 September	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
	10.00	Harvest Thanksgiving	Frankfield*
	11.15	Harvest Thanksgiving (HC)	Douglas*
	11.30	Harvest Thanksgiving	Blackrock^
		*Mr A. Coleman (<i>guest preacher</i>)	
		^Rev. J Carney (<i>preacher</i>)	
Wed. 28 September	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas

COST OF LIVING PRESSURES

We are all aware of the increasing cost of living. Electricity and fuel bills have gone up considerably in recent months, and many households are also facing back to school expenses and other demands on their family budgets. If you find that you are in need of some financial support, please let me know and I will point you in the right direction to some local and diocesan charities. Your privacy will be respected and all applications are treated in the strictest confidence. Please don't struggle on. Sometimes even a modest grant can make all the difference to get you over a difficult patch. A. Wilkinson

Recent baptisms that took place over the summer months

26 June in St Luke's Church, Douglas – Aaron Kelleher, son of Patrick and Niamh Kelleher.

July 17 In St Luke's Church, Douglas - Jakob William Donnelly, son of Brian and Vikki Donnelly.

July 24 In St Luke's Church, Douglas - Sam Gordon Thompson, son of Ailsa Thompson and Martina Kerins.

31 July in St Luke's Church, Douglas – Holly Shereen O'Driscoll, daughter of Cillian and Leetha O'Driscoll.

31 July in St Luke's Church, Douglas – Leah Shereen Cummins, daughter of Owen Cummins and Ashni Gokul.

14 August in St Luke's Church, Douglas – Isla Leonard, daughter of Eoghan and Anya Leonard.

21 August in Holy Trinity Church, Frankfield - Emma Jermyn, daughter of Mark and Claire Jermyn.

The Parish Office Reopens Now that we are in the month of September, Paula will be working again in the Parish Office on Friday mornings. Please keep in touch with her by phone and email. If you need to call by to collect printing or other parish material, please feel free to do so, but make an appointment in advance if possible. Also please do not call into the Office if you are unwell or have tested positive for Covid.

Holy Communion

This is just a reminder of our current practice, as we keep in mind Covid health guidance, when it comes to receiving Holy Communion in our parish. The congregation is asked to come forward to the communion rails at the appropriate time. All are encouraged to receive the consecrated bread (or gluten free wafer) into their hands. Everyone will also be offered the chalice. Please take it and receive as you feel comfortable. However, if you still prefer to receive physically in one kind only for the time being, please still take the chalice and return it to the priest

without drinking from it. Do not feel awkward. We request that you come forward to the rails to receive communion as you feel comfortable. However, if you are feeling in any way ill, or have tested positive for Covid, we ask you not to come to church, but to stay at home. You can watch the service from St Fin Barre's Cathedral, which is online every Sunday until you are well enough to return to church.

Open Garden Fundraiser

Alison and Roger Flack of Coolamber, Currabinny and Sandra and John Stone of Milton Lodge, Currabinny opened their gardens on Saturday 9 July in aid of Marymount Hospice and the Holy Trinity, Frankfield renovation fund. The sun shone and the event was a great social and financial success raising almost €5000 for parish funds. We are very grateful to both Roger and Alison for taking this initiative.



On Saturday 10th September at 12 Noon in St Fin Barre's Cathedral: The monthly celebrations of Holy Communion as Gaeilge will begin again for the new season.

On Wednesday 28th September at 8pm in St Anne's Shandon: a Concert of Irish Music with the Long Family, Máire Ní Chéilleachair and 'Rory and Cillian' and the launch of the new book, Scéal an tSeandúin. This event is part of the Shandon 300 celebrations, and admission is free.

The **Parish Prayer Chain** is still going strong! Thank you to those who are committed to praying for those who are ill or in difficulties. If you would value some extra prayers at any time, just give or send a message to any of the clergy, or pop a note in the Prayer Box in your church. We will treat your message in confidence and prayers will be said for you every day. We will appreciate you keeping us up to date from time to time on the situation. 'Prayer is a small fire lit to keep cold hands warm.' Pádraig Ó Tuama.



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