



Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield

March, 2023

The Curate writes.....

It was with great joy that the parish welcomed the news that Reverend Dr William Olhausen had been selected as our new Rector. We look forward with great anticipation to his arrival in May and his institution as our Rector on May 28th in St. Luke's, Douglas at 5:00pm by The Right Reverend Dr Paul Colton. It is always difficult for parishes without a Rector, and our prayers continue for those parishes in our diocese who are still searching. We hope that the Prayer Vigil led by Bishop Paul will bring forth good results and all our parishes will soon be filled.

We again wish Reverend Hazel Minion all the best as she retires from active ministry in our parish.

After the many months of absence we are delighted to welcome back the choir members of St. Michael's church Blackrock and Kevin O'Neill who played the organ for us on February 5th. Our parish is fortunate to have the services of Veronica Tadman, as well as Michelle de Foubert and Mark Slade to play the organs on Sundays. Thanks also to the choristers in St. Luke's, St. Mary's, and Holy Trinity who help lead in the singing each Sunday.

Thank you to all for your generosity who contributed to the Bishop's Appeal for Syria and Turkey.

The Revision of Vestry Members will take place on Thursday, 2nd March, 2023 in the Upstairs Room in the Canon Packham Hall at 7.30pm. If you are new to the parish or having turned eighteen, please ensure that your name is added to the vestry list.

Wishing you all a prayerful and penitential Lent.

Jean

St. Michael's School Notes

We are enjoying a very busy 2nd Term at St Michael's. We are delighted to have welcomed back two past pupils for their Community Action programme. Liam O'Neill and Alec Hegarty are completing this 10 week programme through Ashton School. We greatly appreciate their help in our classrooms. On the 16th of March we will be visited by a Green Schools coordinator and we are looking forward to showing her how much preparations we have made for our Green Flag. We have a wide range of sports activities coming up for the rest of the term. We will be running a Tri Heroes Programme for 5 weeks. This is supported by Triathlon Ireland and will be facilitated by Trevor Mahony, a parent in our school. This will be followed by a four weeks athletics programme provided by Cork Sports Partnership. Our Rowan Room (5th and 6th Class) are preparing for their performance in the Cork Children's Choir at the Opening Gala of the Cork Choral Festival on the 26th of April in Cork City Hall. The choir has been assembled by Mr Stobbart, and the original piece they will perform has also been written and composed by him. We wish to thank Mr Stobbart for all of his time and support for our school in this project. Our Chestnut Room will be visiting The Lifetime Lab on the 15th of March as part of a Marine Explorers Project. Our Willow Room and Oakroom will visit the Everyman Theatre for "The Teddy Bear's Picnic" on the 23rd of March. We would like to say a huge congratulations to Beth Harte-Barry, Daria Yurchanka and Sophie Gartland for winning the Primary Group Category in the "Discover Cork, Schools Heritage Project". Their project "What's the Craic in Cork Entertainment" was a very deserving winner. Well done to Daria, Sophie and Beth. We also would like to congratulate Scarlet Collins for qualifying in the 100m and 50m categories for the School Swimming Nationals taking place in the National Aquatic Centre in Dublin on March 25.



St Luke's School Notes

The fresh Spring weather has brought plenty of energy to the pupils of St Luke's this term! We enjoyed two excellent class assemblies recently- 5th Class presented an assembly on Hope, while 3rd Class did a 'Signs of Spring' Assembly. Our Junior Infants enjoyed a lovely walk to the local community park with their 6th Class Buddies. Here the Junior Infants had a chance to use their new Gaeilge words on 'Aimsir' with the 6th class experts!

On January 18th, 5th and 6th class were fortunate enough to be invited to Ashton's production of "Moanna Jr." This was a fantastic opportunity to see a wonderful performance by the Ashton Transition Year students and many familiar faces were spotted on stage! We congratulate and thank the Ashton pupils and staff for their outstanding work.



Our student council has been busy organising some fundraising events. On Friday February 3rd a Non-Uniform day was held. Pupils had a chance to show off their personal style and raise over 600 euro for our school sensory room. February 10th saw a brand new idea coming to fruition! Organised by our excellent Student Council, pupils were asked to make a 'Self-portrait sock'. Pupils brought in their creations and showed them off around school. The imagination and creativity on display was fantastic to see.

The Parents Association held a cake sale on the same day, ensuring a happy end to the week with plenty of excitement ahead of the February mid-term break!

Sunday School Douglas will commence on a monthly basis this year. The dates are as follows March 26th, April 23rd and May 21st. 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. Always looking for new volunteers. Consent forms to be filled in by an adult, found at back of the church or ask any of the Sunday school helpers.

Parish Book Club

The Douglas Union of Parishes' Book Club will be meeting again in the morning of Tuesday, 14th March from 11am to 12.30pm in the Parish Hall beside St Mary's Church, Marmullane (Passage West). New members welcome! If interested, please text Sharon Kerr on 086 8327653 or Saskia O'Neill on 086 3439124 for further details



Parish Prayer Chain

The Parish Prayer Chain exists to pray for anyone in the parish who is in times of difficulty, sickness, or other challenge. You can send in a request for prayer if you are seriously ill or in some other difficulty by putting a note in one of the prayer boxes at the back of each church, or by a message to Rev. Jean.

The conditions are that this is done in confidence and only with the knowledge and consent of the person being prayed for. Only first names or pseudonyms are used. Prayers will continue every day for a month; please update us if there is a continuing problem.

Confirmation Classes are continuing every Wednesday evening. The sixteen young people from our parish are looking forward to the Bishop's Morning on Saturday, 4th March. The parish is pleased to see the confirmands assisting with Sunday morning services as they prepare for their confirmation on Sunday, 30th April in St. Luke's Church, Douglas at the 11:15 service.

During **Lent** there will be a service of Holy Communion every Wednesday at 11:00am in St. Luke's Church, Douglas.

Holy Trinity Frankfield 10:00am, St Michael's Blackrock 11:30am- Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sunday -Morning Prayer 2nd and 4th Sunday

St. Mary's Passage West 9:45am, St. Luke's Douglas 11:15am- Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sunday - Morning Prayer 1st and 3rd Sunday

St. Michael's Blackrock 8:30am-Holy Communion every Sunday

Church Services – March, 2023



Wednesday 1st March	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Sunday 5th March	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>2nd 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
Wednesday 8th March	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Sunday 12th March	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>3rd Sun in Lent</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
Violet	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
Wednesday 15th March	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Sunday 19th March	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
Violet	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
Wednesday 22nd March	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Sunday 26th March	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
Violet	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
Wednesday 29th March	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas

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