



# Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield

May, 2023

## The Curate writes.....

Happy Easter! My thanks to all the children for helping me with the sermon on Easter Day. It was lovely to see so many people attend and to have the churches so beautifully decorated. It had been a busy time getting ready for Easter and now it seems to have come and gone for many people. However, don't forget that it continues until the 28th of May when we celebrate Pentecost. So don't be surprised if I continue to wish you a happy Easter until then!

At the time of writing, the parish is looking forward to welcoming Bishop Paul to his church in Douglas for Confirmation on Sunday, 30th April at 11:30. We have sixteen young people who will be confirmed.



On Sunday, 16th April, we welcomed Abigail Frances Barber (Abbie), daughter of Naomi and Peter Barber as our newest baptised member in St. Michael's Church, Blackrock.

The commissioning of the Lay Ministers of Holy Communion took place in the various churches on April 16th and 23rd. Congratulations to all.

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our new Rector, The Reverend Dr William Olhausen. Services on Sunday, 28th May will be Holy Communion at 8:30am in St. Michael's, Blackrock and then at 5:00pm in St. Luke's, Douglas where Revd Olhausen will be instituted officially as

our new Rector. Personally, I can't wait!

*Yours in Christ*

*Jean*

**School Notes:** Classes from St Michael's School and St. Luke's School are looking forward to attending the School Service in St. Peter's Church, Bandon on Thursday, 25th May.



### St. Michael's School Notes



We have had a very busy start to our 3rd Term at St Michael's. Last week we were awarded our first Green Flag, and we are looking forward to the presentation ceremony on the 17th of May. A huge thanks is owed to Ms Sweeney and to our Green Schools Committee.

Our Rowan Room have been practising all year with the Cork Children's Choir under the guidance of Peter Stobart.

We were incredibly proud of them on Wednesday 26th of April when they performed at the Opening Gala of the Cork International Choral Festival. Well done to all involved, but particularly to Ms Campbell and the Rowan Room.

We were also very proud of our swimmers who took part in the recent ISSA Swimming Gala. We were delighted to take part in this competition again, having missed it for the past few years. St Michael's placed second in the overall small schools' section. Many thanks to all of our parent volunteers who made taking part in this event possible.

Our 3rd and 4th Class have started a STEAM Up project which is based on science, technology, engineering, art and maths. They are enjoying weekly visits from engineers from Jacobs. This week they designed and made windmills.

Mr Hegarty has completed his teaching placement with 3rd and 4th Class and is now on placement with 5th and 6th Class. Our pupils are very much enjoying his lessons and we wish him well as his placement continues.

### St Luke's School Notes

Tús maith, leath na hoibre! Our Summer term has started wonderfully, with success on many fronts. Congratulations to our swimmers, who recently won the inter-schools' Swimming Gala. We applaud all who competed on the day!

Our school choir had the great privilege of taking part in a Choral Festival event in St Luke's Church on Wednesday April 26th. The concert showcased several different choirs, under the guidance of Dr Mary O'Brien, Ashton Music teacher. We were very proud of our school choir who sang beautifully, and we were delighted to see and hear some of our past pupils in the Ashton choir! We were also fascinated to hear a wonderful choir, Santara, who traveled all the way from Lithuania for the Choral Festival.

Our school yard recently became a temporary farmyard, as our Junior Classes enjoyed a visit from Woolly Farm. Pupils were allowed to hold some animals, while learning about feeding and caring for our furry friends. It was time for a break from our usual school attire on Friday April



21st, with a 'Comfy Day' organised by our Student Council. Everybody certainly looked relaxed and cosy in their 'comfy wear' that day! Our senior infants delivered a wonderful assembly on April 25th, reminding us of the importance of caring for each other at home, in school and in our community. We are now turning our attention to many outdoor sports, and our 3rd class enjoyed a 4 week block of Athletics training with an outside coach. Long jump and high jump are in full flight also as we eagerly await many sporting events this term. Fingers crossed for good weather!

**Sunday School** continues to be held once a month in St. Luke's, Douglas. New volunteers to assist would be most welcome. My thanks to those who are providing such a wonderful opportunity for our young people in the parish. The next Sunday School will take place on May 21<sup>st</sup>. 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. 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 on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 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.

**Douglas Choir** is looking for junior choir members to join their choir. Please contact Veronica Tadman for more details at [vakaveronica@gmail.com](mailto:vakaveronica@gmail.com). Choirs are such an important part of our church worship.



A **Coffee Morning** will be held at St Mary's Church Hall Marmullane on Saturday 13th May from 10 am- 12 midday. Plants, Raffle and Cakes. Entry €4 includes tea/ coffee and scone. In aid of Parish Funds

Please note that Rev. Jean will be away from the parish on holidays from Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> to Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> May. Please contact the Reverend Canon Elaine Murray for pastoral by email at [emitincork@gmail.com](mailto:emitincork@gmail.com) or phone 021/4372224



**CDYC** are in the planning stages of a 6th Class Day out to Oysterhaven on the 3rd of June 9.45am-4pm. In the past, this day has been a huge stepping stone for their 6th class group going into 1st year in Sept 2023. They get the opportunity to meet people that would be attending the same school come that September. It also, gives them an opportunity to see what is available for them through CDYC events, when they "come of age"! Hilda Connolly, Diocesan Youth Officer, will have costs and forms ready soon, but again if anyone is interested in going, please let her know by email and she will put them on that list and forward a form. If you have any questions or enquiries, please contact her at [dyc@corkchurchofireland.com](mailto:dyc@corkchurchofireland.com). As always, keep an eye on their CDYC facebook page or [cdyc\\_cork](#) Instagram page for any updates.

Rev. Jean Carney is looking for a house/dog sitter from the 7<sup>th</sup> July to the 21<sup>st</sup> July. Please contact her at 021/2298810 if you are able to help.

### **Eco-Congregation Ireland**

Kate Chandler, Communities and Engagement Pollinator Officer with Biodiversity Ireland

would love to hear from any parishes/churches who are working on making 30% of their parish grounds nature-friendly in line with the ask from the bishops in this newspaper link - Irish bishops ask parishes to put aside 30% of parish grounds 'as a haven for biodiversity' ([irishexaminer.com](http://irishexaminer.com)). She is wondering if there are any churches/parishes around the country that would like to do a blog for the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan website. Kate would appreciate it if you would email her directly at [kchandler@biodiversityireland.ie](mailto:kchandler@biodiversityireland.ie) if you would like to do this.



### **Pledge Your Parish for Pollinators**

Across the island of Ireland, pollinators are in decline. These important insects are crucial for the growth of many of our fruits and vegetables, as well as flowers and wild plants. Fortunately, there are simple ways we can help them. The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is inviting you to pledge your parish for pollinators and join a network of places around the island of Ireland where pollinators can survive and thrive. For more information, visit their faith community pages: Faith Communities » All-Ireland Pollinator Plan ([pollinators.ie](http://pollinators.ie))



## God's Garden Wonder

I picked a rose and across the garden wall  
Scattered it's frayed petals.  
Smelled the regal lily kissed by the morning dew,  
And I thought of you.

Grasped the lavender between my fingertips,  
It's fragrance filled the air.  
The cheeky pansy faced the dancing sun,  
And I thought of you.

Collected daisies and made a daisy-chain or two,  
One for my neck, then one for my wrist.  
Blew the fluffy dandelion called one o'clock, then two,  
And I thought of you.

Snipped the fuchsia bloom and draped it around my ear,  
Placed the foxgloves on my fingertips,  
And I thought of you, dear,  
All day and everywhere.

The woodbine hangs in glory, the carnations scent the air,  
The bottle-brush spreads wide and far,  
The allium draws a tear.  
Oh, God, you are everywhere.

By Ann Levis

# Church Services – May, 2023



<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sun of Easter</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
White	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>Rogation Sunday</i>	9.30	Morning Prayer	Passage
White	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<b>Ascension Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>7<sup>th</sup> Sun of Easter</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
White	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>Pentecost Whit Sunday</i>	5.00pm	Institution of Rector	Douglas
Red (joint service)			

## **Parish Contacts:**

Rev. Jean Carney      Tel: 2298810    E-mail: [carneynormajean@gmail.com](mailto:carneynormajean@gmail.com)

Parish Office            Tel: 4369578. E-mail: [douglasofficecork@gmail.com](mailto:douglasofficecork@gmail.com) (Friday mornings only)

Parish Website: [www.douglas.cork.anglican.org](http://www.douglas.cork.anglican.org)    Follow us on Twitter: @DouglasUnion