



# Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield

## July & August, 2023

### The Rector writes...

It has been a joy to renew old friendships and make new ones in these early days. Here are some of the highlights of my first month in the parish...

Just before my institution I had the opportunity to attend the official opening of the new hockey pitch and bowling green at Garryduff Sports Centre on Saturday 27th May. What a wonderful resource for the whole community – I already have my eye on lots of pastoral work needing my attention there!

Since then, I have had an opportunity of taking services in every church. This has obviously been a highlight because I have been able to meet so many of you – sometimes chatting too long and being late for the next service – sorry!

I have also thoroughly enjoyed engaging with our National Schools of St Michael's Blackrock and St Luke's Douglas – especially participating in the two end of year services, the St Luke's summer BBQ and Betty Stoutt's retirement lunch marking 45 years of service to education – especially to the successive generations of pupils at St Luke's. What an inspiration!

I have visited St Luke's Home and Northridge House for my first diocesan meetings – an important gathering to discuss pioneer ministry (I will be talking about that in the weeks ahead!) and my first meeting of the new session of the diocesan councils (this is like the Select Vestry for the diocese).

At their weekly Wednesday coffee morning, Howard Dunne introduced me to the community at Lapp's Court and I managed to secure an invitation to play croquet one Thursday afternoon.

Finally, I am also very pleased to report several baptisms in the pipeline!

I am conscious that there are still lots of gatherings and lots of people still to meet – both of which I look forward to.

*Yours in Christ, William*



## St Luke's School Notes

June flew by with the usual mixture of tours and activities in St Luke's!

All classes enjoyed wonderful school tours, visiting such places as Leahy's Farm, Let's go Camp,



Cuskinny Woods, Spike Island, Ballyhass and Rosscarbery. We had plenty of variety back on the school grounds too, with an excellent sports day organised by 6th class on Tuesday June 20th. All classes took part in basketball, hockey, obstacle courses and many more challenges! We were also delighted recently to welcome Munster Rugby player Stephen Archer and the URC cup. All classes got to meet Stephen, who answered many rugby questions before taking everyone outside



to see the huge cup! On the same day, we had a visit from 'Wobbly Circus', who put on a display for the infant classes and taught circus skills to the older classes! Pupils tested their balance, juggling and plate spinning skills! To finish off the term, our wonderful student council organised a school talent show. We enjoyed a wonderful array of performances, including cartwheels, piano, harp, singing, dancing and magic tricks.

All too soon it was time to say 'Slán libh' to Rang a Sé. We held a special graduation service on the last day of term. We were delighted to welcome Reverend William Olhausen to his first end of year service with us and we thank him and also Reverend Jean Carney for a wonderful service. We wish our 6th class the very best of luck as they begin their journeys through secondary school. Go n-eirí libh go léir.

## 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.



## Baptism

We welcome Sophie and Hannah Deane, daughters of Jodie and Stephen into the family of Christ. Their baptism took place on Sunday, 11th June in St. Michael's Church, Blackrock.

Sophie and Hanna with their family



The **Parish Office** will close on Friday 30th June for the summer holidays and reopen Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 9am.

# Church Services – July & August, 2023



<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
Green	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.45	Holy Communion	Maryborough N.H
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
Green	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
Green	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage West
Green	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	11.00	United Service	Douglas
Green			
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Green	11.45	Holy Communion	Maryborough NH

<b>Sunday 6th August</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>9th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
Green	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
<b>Sunday 13th August</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>10th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
Green	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<b>Sunday 20th August</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>11th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
Green	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
Green	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock

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