



Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield

June, 2023

The Curate writes.....

This month of June reminds me of the Roman God, Janus, who looks both backwards and forwards. Our parish is proud to look back on the many wonderful years that we had with our former Rector, Archdeacon Adrian Wilkinson, and how we have managed to continue through the pandemic years and the last little while without a Rector. But now, we are excited to look forward to a new beginning, a new ministry with our new Rector, The Reverend Dr William Olhausen.



The institution of The Reverend Dr William Olhausen by The Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, The Right Reverend Paul Colton took place on Sunday, 28th May at 5:00pm in St. Luke's Church, Douglas. With all the dignitaries, priests and lay people attending, it was certainly a wonderful occasion.

The Bishop thanked the many people involved in preparing for Reverend William's institution, the fantastic tea following the service, and for the running of the parish. I, too, would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome, kindness, and support in helping me during the last number of months. Our parish is now ready and so pleased to welcome Reverend William as we look forward to many delightful times ahead. I, especially, am looking forward to working with Reverend William and assisting him in the parish. *Fáite romhat, á William.*

Confirmation: The sun shone brightly as sixteen young people were confirmed by Bishop Paul on Sunday, April 30th. Congratulations to all and I look forward to their receiving their first Holy Communion in the next few weeks.



Yours in Christ, Jean

A message from the our new Rector, Rev Dr William Olhausen

Dear friends

This is a very easy first note to write...I am delighted (and a little daunted) to have been instituted as your new rector and I want to thank you all for making us feel so welcome. We appreciate how much work is involved in making preparations for a new rector! I look forward to getting to know you all in the weeks and months ahead and working together to fulfil our God-given purpose and aims.

Every blessing

William



St. Michael's School Notes

May has been another wonderfully busy month at St Michael's! We were treated to a truly magnificent class assembly by the Willow Room. All involved should be incredibly proud of their exceptional performance. A huge thank you to Ms Bowden and Tracey for all of the creativity and work. During Europe Schools' Week and to celebrate Ireland's 50 years in the EU, our school welcomed a visit from Cathaoirleach of the Seanad, Senator Jerry Buttimer and the Slovakian Ambassador to Ireland, HE Mr Andrej Droba. A big thank you to parent Alex Mrvova for the beautiful art work that she created for us to present to both HE Mr Droba and Senator Buttimer. Thank you also to Ms O'Donovan for leading the Blue Star Project every year, which has in turn led to this extremely informative visit. Ms Sweeney, Marina, Fiachra and Klim attended the Green Schools Award Ceremony where they were presented with our first Green Schools Flag. Following the spirit of Green Schools, they travelled by public bus and train to the ceremony. 740 schools around Ireland received Green Flags this year, with 74 of those schools receiving their first flag for "Litter and Waste". Pupils from the Hazel Room and Hawthorn Room took part in a Football for All competition in Scoil Ursula. The Willow Room and Rowan Room travelled to Bandon to represent our school at the Diocesan Schools' Service, where our Rowan Room Choir performed beautifully. They were also accompanied by Ms Campell on the violin for part of their performance. Our 3rd and 4th Class travelled to MTU and had a fantastic day at an Athletics Blitz thanks to Cork Sports Partnership. The Willow Room enjoyed a fabulous school tour to Cuskinny Court and The Chestnut Room enjoyed their tour to Zipit in Farran. The Chestnut Room had a wonderful visit from the Lifetime Lab to complete their Marine Explorer's Project that they have worked extremely hard on throughout the year. Another big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who made CAPER literacy innovation possible. This was our first year implementing CAPER and due to the extremely positive feedback from the children we will continue to run this next year.



St Luke's School Notes



The summer term is flying along, with everything from archaeological digs to water sampling, athletics to Tag Rugby and dress-up days to sports days!

On May 18th and 19th all classes enjoyed a fantastic workshop with The Big Dig Company. Pupils used trowels to uncover real artefacts while also learning about the job of an archaeologist. Our senior classes also had a Viking coin and pouches workshop as well as an artefacts display and handling session. In the same week, 3rd, 4th and 5th classes went to Ballybrack woods to partake in workshops with Karen Loxton from Wildworks, organised by Douglas Tidy Towns. Here the pupils learned about biodiversity and water sampling; our thanks to Douglas Tidy Towns for organising this. All pupils have been busy on the sports front also, with athletics training in full swing in the Mardyke on Tuesdays. Our 4th and 5th classes went recently to St Peter's Secondary School in Passage West to take part in a fun sports day. This was hosted by the Transition year students of St Peters and was a terrific fun-filled day- our thanks to all involved! Our rugby players have also been busy, taking part in the ISSA tag Rugby tournament recently. Well done to all pupils and coaches involved, and congratulations to our winning 6th class team! It was time to get creative and ditch the school uniforms on Friday May 27th, with a 'Dress up as you Idol' day, organised by our excellent Student Council. We saw everyone from Marie Curie to Einstein, Amelia Earhart to Gandhi, as well as several mum, dad and teacher lookalikes! With plenty more activities to come over the next few weeks, we are looking forward to a busy and active end of term!



Parish Book Club

The Douglas Union of Parishes' Book Club will be meeting again on Tuesday, 13th June 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.



Notices: Please note that Rev. Dr. William Olhausen will be away from the parish on holidays from Monday 19th June to Monday 26th June inclusive. Please contact Rev. Jean for pastoral emergencies by phone at 021/2298810

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

The Parish Office will close on Friday 30th June for the summer holidays and reopen Friday 1st September.

Church Services – June, 2023



Sunday 4th May	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
White	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
Wednesday 7th June	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
Sunday 11th June	8.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
<i>1st Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
White	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
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Sunday 18th June	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>2nd 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
Sunday 25th June	8.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
<i>3rd 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

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