



Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield

October 2023

The Rector writes...

Harvest Thanksgiving We are looking forward to celebrating Harvest in our 4 churches this month. Frankfield, Douglas and Blackrock will be holding their harvest services on Sunday 1st October, and Passage will hold an evening ecumenical service on the evening of the 15th at 7.30pm. Rev Roger Thompson, CMS Ireland, will be speaking in Frankfield and Douglas. Dr Kieran Hogan will be the preacher in Blackrock and Rev Hazel Minion will be the preacher in Passage.



United Service This year we are experimenting with holding a united service on the fifth Sunday of the month. In July we were all in St Luke's Douglas. On Sunday, 29th October parishioners from all the parishes in the Douglas Union with Frankfield will join in a United Family Service in Frankfield at 11:00am. We will be celebrating All Saints' Day with the presentation of flowers. During the service, those wishing to may bring forward plants or small bouquets of flowers with the names of those they wished remembered. After the service the flowers can be placed on graves or taken home to remember loved ones who have died.

Children and Family Ministry in CCR - An Invitation

Saturday, 21 October 2023 ,Venue: Northridge House

Timings: Arrival, tea/coffee from 10.30 AM, for 11.00 AM start, concluding approx 2.15 PM (bring your own lunch) ,Theme: 'Renewing our Welcome'

The convenor of our Children's Ministry Network, the Reverend Abigail Sines describes the morning as follows:

We will be joined by Rachael Murphy the National Development Officer for Children and Families, who will be sharing resources and ideas with us. In particular we will be focusing on 'Renewing our Welcome', as we look at examples and 'good news' stories demonstrating ways of welcoming and including children in our services. To help parishes be prepared well in advance, Rachael will also be bringing some ideas and suggestions for Advent and Christmas this year!

Please register your interest with the Reverend Abigail Sines (not me). Her email is abigail@cupcork.ie

Yours in Christ, William



St. Luke's School Notes:

While the end of every school year is busy and exciting and full of activity, the end of June 2023 saw a very special celebration in St Luke's, as we said goodbye to our SEN teacher of over 40 years, Ms Betty Stoutt. Since 1978, Ms Stoutt has worked tirelessly in the area of special education, helping countless pupils develop confidence and skills in literacy and numeracy. The pupils of St Luke's spent the final weeks of June treating Ms Stoutt to performances, quizzes, trips, displays and even a couple of tests to send her on her way! We also held a special assembly to mark the end of a wonderful teaching career. We thank Ms Stoutt for all her work and dedication to St Luke's and we wish her a long and happy retirement!



Our new school year is in full swing, with a wide variety of activities and events underway.

We are delighted to welcome our new class of Junior Infants, who have been made to feel very welcome by their wonderful 6th class Buddies. Our wonderful team of Squaddies from 5th class are hard at work, providing a wide variety of games and equipment for all pupils at lunchtime. Our senior classes recently had Chess Classes with Mr Paul Harrington, providing a great opportunity for beginners and improvers to develop skill and strategy in the game. 3rd, 4th and 5th class also enjoyed an excellent circuits workshop with Lifetime Lab on Sept. 26th.

We are also delighted to see Reverend Jean and Reverend William at assembly every Tuesday. On Monday, Sept. 11th we welcome the Lord Mayor, Cllr Kieran McCarthy, to our school. The Lord Mayor spoke to the pupils about his curiosity as a child and his love of history. He answered questions posed by a number of pupils and announced a 'night off homework'! He also gifted the school a bookmark for each pupil, detailing the history of the Cork City Coat of Arms



All after school activities, including swimming, tennis, choir, hockey and soccer have started and are well attended. We look forward to many exciting and varied activities throughout the school year!

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 4th October at 7:15pm in the Maryborough Hotel, Douglas, 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



The **Parish Book Club** will take place on Tuesday the 12th of October, 11am-12.30 in Passage West.

Sunday School continues to be held once a month in St. Luke's, Douglas. The next Sunday School will take place on October 22nd. 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.

On Thursday 19th October, 2023 there will be a **Band Concert** conducted by Noel Galvin in St. Michael's Church, Blackrock at 8pm. Ticket price is €10 and can be purchased from a band member or at the door. Special guests will be members from Youghal Pipe Band. It is sure to be a marvelous evening.



The **Everest Radio Documentary about Dr Richard Hingston** is going to be broadcast on RTÉ Radio One on September 30th at 2pm. You can listen to 'The Lost Mountaineers' on this link on the day <https://www.rte.ie/radio/radio1/>
The podcast is available from September 29th.

Are you interested in exploring more about the Christian faith?

There are different ways we can explore faith together. One way is through the Certificate in Christian Studies. Bishop Paul and the Diocesan Further Education and Training Officer, Rev Terry Mitchell, have worked hard to set up a new phase of the Certificate in partnership with the Pontifical University at Maynooth. The new deadline for enrolment is 6th December. If you would like to have a very informal chat about what this might involve, I would be delighted to meet with you and discuss further. This can often be a good way of exploring the first steps in authorised ministry!

Baptism news

We celebrated 3 baptisms in St Luke's Douglas during September: on the 3rd Brooke Ali Donnelly; on the 17th Max Barber; and on the 24th Isaac Teap.

Come and Sing Evensong St. Fin Barre's Cathedral

Peter Stobart is running a diocesan Come and Sing Evensong on Saturday, 7th October in St. Fin Barre's Cathedral. Rehearsal at 2pm, Tea/Coffee at 4.15pm and Service at 5pm. Music includes Bairstow's anthem Save us O Lord and the canticles are Walmisley in D minor. Music will be supplied on the day and a copy can be emailed in advance if individuals would like to see it. Please email directorofmusicsfb@gmail.com to register your interest.



Confirmation candidates?

If you or a member of your family is interested in being confirmed in 2024 please let William or Jean know. The Bishop is keen to have details so he can plan for the year ahead.

Walking Club will meet on Thursday 5th October in the Lee Fields Carpark (opposite the County Hall) at 10.30am – 12 noon. All are welcome

Church Services October 2023



Sun. 1st October	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.45	Service of the Word	Passage
	10.00	Harvest	Frankfield
	11.15	Harvest	Douglas
	11.30	Harvest	Blackrock
Wed. 4th October	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.45	Holy Communion	Maryborough NH
Sun. 8th October	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
Sun. 15th October	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>19th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
	7.30pm	Harvest	Passage
Sun. 22nd October	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>20th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
Sun. 29th October	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>5th Sunday before Advent</i>	11.00	Joint Family Service	Frankfield

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