



Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield

February, 2024

The Rector writes...

Congratulations Jean!

We will be very sorry to lose our curate Rev Jean Carney but we rejoice with her at the announcement of her appointment as Bishop's chaplain for the Moviddy Union of Parishes and assistant Church of Ireland chaplain to Cork University Hospital. For your diaries, Jean's licensing will take place on Thursday 21st March at 8pm in the church of St Mark, Kilbonane. February will be a busy month for Jean!

Confirmation classes

This year's confirmation preparation will begin on Tuesday 30th January and continue for a further 5 weeks through February into March. Confirmations will take place in St Luke's Church on Sunday 7th April. We have 21 candidates this year!

Return of the Sausage Service

As the descendant of pork butchers, I am very pleased to announce the relaunch of our parish Sausage Service on Sunday 11th February! We will meet for a time of all age worship in St Luke's at 5pm before gathering for hot dogs and chat in the Canon Packham Hall. Everyone will be very welcome.

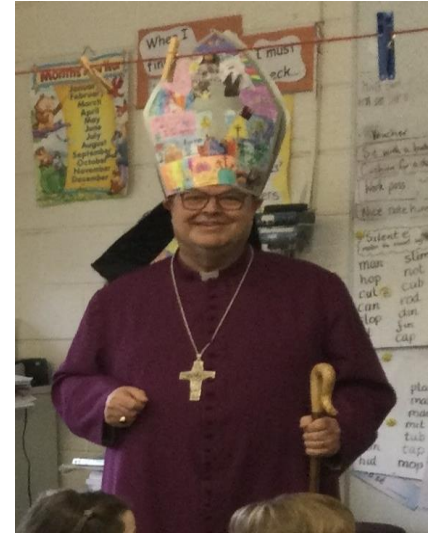
Yours in Christ,

William

St. Luke's School Notes:

Despite the cold January mornings, the pupils of St Luke's have kicked off 2024 in style with a variety of Activities and events. Our 5th class led a terrific assembly on friendships and helping others on January 23rd, while a week later we were delighted to welcome Bishop Paul Colton to our assembly. Bishop Colton visited as part of his Silver Jubilee Celebrations, and recalled his own school days at St Luke's.

First Class presented him with a Silver Mitre, which we are sure he will wear with pride!



5th and 6th Class recently visited Ashton to watch their performance of Oliver. This, as always, was a terrific production and many past pupils were spotted showing their talents on stage! We thank Ashton for their kind invitation and congratulate them on another wonderful show.



The Douglas Credit Union quiz recently took place and we were represented by teams from 4th and 6th Class. All teams showed their excellent general knowledge, and we say a huge congratulations to our winning junior team, Vicky , Ruairi, Mirey and Freddy.

Douglas Select Vestry Meeting will take place in the upstairs room CPH at 7.30pm on Thursday, 8th February.

Walking Club will meet on Thursday at the Marina (second carpark) weather permitting at 10.30am – 12 noon. All are welcome



Monthly Parish Prayer Group will meet on Zoom on Thursday 8th February at 7.30pm. Please email douglasprayergroup@icloud.com if you would like the link.
Kieran Hogan

Anam Cara Cork, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 7th February 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 13th February at 11am-12.30 in Passage.

Sausage Sunday Service will recommence on the 11th February at 5pm in St. Luke's Church, Douglas followed by hotdogs in the Canon Packham Hall afterwards. All welcome.



Sunday School continues to be held once a month in St. Luke's, Douglas. The next Sunday School will take place on February 25th. 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.

Call out for IT assistance. The select vestry is seeking advice from any parishioner who has experience in the IT sector as we review our future IT requirements as a Union of Parishes. If you can assist, please e-mail douglasofficecork@gmail.com

Church Services February, 2024



Sun. 4th Feb	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>2nd Sun before Lent</i>	9.45	Service of the Word	Passage
Green	10.00	Service of the Word	Frankfield
<i>(St. Brigid's Day)</i>	11.15	Service of the Word	Douglas
	11.30	Service of the Word	Blackrock
Wed. 7th Feb	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.45	Holy Communion	Maryborough NH
Sun. 11th Feb	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>Sun. before Lent</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
Transfiguration	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
White	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
Wed. 14th Feb	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	11.45	Holy Communion	Maryborough NH
Violet			
Sun. 18th Feb	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>1st in Lent</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
Violet	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
Sun. 25th Feb	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>2nd in Lent</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
Violet	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock

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