



Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield

April, 2024

The Rector writes...

Dear friends

I want to begin this letter with a big 'thank you' to everyone who helped to make Holy Week, Easter, and the confirmation service such an encouraging and uplifting time. At the recent Easter Vestries I also had the opportunity to thank everyone for the welcome extended to our family – and for all the hard work in preparing for our arrival. We really are beginning to feel at home. I can't believe it's nearly a year!

Since the last edition of the Diocesan Magazine, we have said 'goodbye' to Rev Jean Carney who has been the curate in the Douglas Union of Parishes with Frankfield since 2022. It was a joy-filled occasion as we gathered for Jean's licensing in the small church of St Mark's Kilbonane. Jean is now the half time Bishop's Curate in the Moviddy Union of Parishes and half time the assistant healthcare chaplain in the Cork hospitals. She is not too



far away!



We had our parish confirmation service on Sunday 7 April in St Luke's Church, Douglas. Bishop Paul confirmed 21 young people in a full church. It proved to be a memorable occasion for the confirmands and their families. And the sun shone!!

On Monday 8th April Holy Trinity Frankfield held their Easter Vestry, followed by the Douglas Union of Parishes holding theirs on the 9th April. Both evenings were very encouraging and, on behalf of us all, I want to say 'thank you' to everyone who has served on the Vestries over the last year. I am very conscious of the time and commitment it takes. It enables us all to enjoy our church and to be a place of welcome to all those who want to explore and grow in faith. Please pray for the new Vestries – it will be another busy year.

On Sunday 28th of April we will hold another sausage service in St Luke's Church and Canon Packham Hall. Please put the date in your diaries. All welcome!!

Tanya and I are having a belated Easter break this next week and look forward to being back in Cork for Sunday 21st April.

Every blessing,

William

St. Luke's School Notes: March/April 2024

It was Lights, Camera and Action for the pupils of St Luke's School as the term ended with our Creative Celebration performances on March 20th and 21st. From Busy Bees in Junior infants to Oompa Loompas in 6th, with everything from Annie to the Olympic Games in between, each class presented a variety of songs, poems, raps and dramas to a packed hall on both nights. This performance was the product of months of preparation and practice and was a wonderful event. Our sincere thanks to all involved.



We have also had huge success in the sporting world recently. Our Senior and Junior hockey teams took part in the Inter-Schools Hockey Tournament on Saturday March 2nd. Both teams showed their usual determination, commitment and sportsmanship, resulting in silver medals for our junior team and an overall win for our senior team, bringing the cup back to St Luke's!



We also brought another trophy back to St Luke's when our excellent swimmers won the recent Inter-School Gala- well done to all who took part!

We were delighted to hear that some of our younger artists were prizewinners in a recent colouring competition organised by O Briens Storage. Well done to Ruby-James Delea, Erica Flynn, Scott Young, Poppy Clarke, Clodagh Foster, Jared Sugrue, Roisin Marshall and Arthur Buckley.

Our very busy term ended with a visit from the world-famous Vanbrugh String Quartet, who played a beautiful selection of music and answered many questions about musical instruments and how to play in an ensemble. It was finally time to enjoy the Easter treats and head home for a well-earned holiday!



St. Michael's School Notes

We had a very busy March in St Michael's! At the start of the month we celebrated Engineers Week with a visit from 2 engineers involved in the STEPS Programme.

World Book Day was on Thursday March 7th, and as always it was a great hit with our pupils. The Chestnut Room attended a Marine Explorers Workshop at the Lifetime Lab on Friday 8th March. The Rowan Room ran a Funday Friday Fundraiser on the 15th March, which helped raise money for their school tour.

We were invited to join the Cork City St Patrick's Day Parade this year. A huge amount of creativity and planning went in to making our props, as the theme of the parade was Pure Imagination. It was a great experience for all who could march on the day.

Beth Harte-Barry, Sophie Gartland, Ben Foley and Eli Cassidy are representing us this year at the Munster Tennis Championship. They have won their first round against Gaelscoil Uí Riada.

Walking Club will meet on Thursday at the Lee Fields (carpark opposite County Hall) weather permitting at 10.30am – 12 noon. All are welcome

Sunday School continues to be held once a month in St. Luke's, Douglas. The next Sunday School will take place on April 21st. 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.

Results of the elections at the Douglas Union of Parishes Easter Vestry on Tuesday, 9th April, 2024

Incumbent Churchwardens

Marmullane: Shirley Clarke-Swanton (Incumbent's) & Alfred Hosford (Vestry)
St Luke's Douglas: Aoife Bhreatnach (Incumbent's) & Edward Gash (Vestry)
St Michael's Blackrock: David Kerr (Incumbent's) & Mark Exshaw (Vestry)

Glebewardens:

Mervyn Hosford (Incumbent's) & Tom Chamber (Vestry)

Select Vestry:

John Kershaw (Treasurer), Kieran Hogan (Secretary), Patricia Bogan, Sidney Bradfield, Stephen Daunt, Keith Dawson, Leslie Deane, Janet Dillon, Derek Dunne, Ivan Johnston, Lisa Lingwood, David Perrott.

Church Services April, 2024



Sun. 14th April	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>3rd Sun after Easter</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
White	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock

Sun. 21st April	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>4th Sun after Easter</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
White	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock

Sun. 28th April	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>5th Sun after Easter</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
White	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock

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