



Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield

November, 2024

The Rector writes...

Dear friends

People I meet here in Cork will often tell me about their family history, how long their family have lived in Cork, and who they are related to! I am always interested to hear these stories. Many of us enjoy finding out about family history. It gives us a sense of identity and belonging. Just by discovering where a great grandparent lived can make us feel like we have a connection or affinity with that place – even if we have never lived there! I have friends who have spent a great deal of time mapping a family tree. Sometimes there can be dozens of distant relations scattered around the world.

We are in that time of the Christian year called the season between All Saints (1st November) and Advent. It is a time to celebrate our Christian family (the communion of saints) not only around the world today – but also all those who have lived before us and have now gone to be with the Lord. All these millions of people are our family too. This is the family with whom we will share eternity. I wonder who your favourite saint is? Or who the people are who encouraged you in your journey of faith? We also take time to remember loved ones and members of our church who we knew and loved. This is sometimes called the commemoration of the faithful departed.

When we inhabit the Christian year, we find ourselves in another story about who we are, where we came from and where we are going. It is within this story that our local stories find their full meaning. I believe this is why we have an innate longing for connection, for relationship, and for belonging to a place. That's the way God has made us.

On Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, we will take time to remember the many millions of people in wars past, especially the World Wars, and wars present whose lives have been taken prematurely. People who were asked to make the ultimate sacrifice to protect and defend a way of life, or who were innocent victims caught in the middle of conflicts of which they had or have no understanding. We think of the many hundreds of thousands of casualties of the Russian Ukrainian war, the tens of thousands of casualties in Gaza, Lebanon, Israel, and the West Bank. We think too of the civil war in Sudan. And there are other conflicts which rarely make our news headlines. Together, we will remember them and hold them in our prayers.

William

Sausage Service

10th November at 5pm Sausage Service in the Canon Packham Hall.

Pastoral visiting and Home Communion

I am always available to visit members of the parish who now find it difficult to attend church services. In accordance with the recent House of Bishops' guidelines on pastoral visiting, it is important that a third party is present – preferably a family member. I would therefore be very grateful if a family member contacts me so a mutually convenient time can be arranged. *Rev William*

Confirmation 2025 Please let William know asap if you would like to be confirmed in 2025.

St. Luke's School Notes:



We were delighted to welcome many visitors to our school on Wednesday October 9th for our School Open Evening. Visitors enjoyed everything from science displays to choir performances to literacy initiatives, before hearing a selection of staff and pupils speak about our school. Later that week we enjoyed a whole-school walk to the Community park. On a beautiful autumnal day we did some brisk laps of the park before enjoying playing in the grass around the many fallen leaves!

Our 6th class recently attended the annual Diocesan School Service in St Peter's Church, Bandon. This service involved over 300 pupils from the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. Bishop Colton launched the Liloma Project and pupils had the opportunity to hear about life in Sierra Leone. While in Bandon, 6th class also visited the local heritage museum.

Junior and senior infants had a fantastic soccer workshop in October with Coerver training, while our senior classes enjoyed learning new skills in a Volleyball workshop.



To finish the term, we had our usual dress up day on Friday Oct. 25th, with a huge variety of weird and wonderful costumes on display!





St. Michael's School Notes:

We have had a fantastic start to our 2024/25 school year, and as always, a very busy week leading up to our first mid-term break this school year.

This week our Student Council held their first meeting. Harry, Ailbhe, Julie, Raphael, Aobh, Alla, Patrick and Bláithín all spoke to the whole school at assembly as they introduced themselves as the Student Council. They will meet again after midterm and they are really looking forward to gathering student

voices with a survey. Thank you to all who donated to our Goal Fundraiser in October. We raised a seriously impressive €242. Well done to everybody. We held our 6km Water Walk with over 100 pupils and staff walking 60m each. The enthusiasm and smiles of the pupils were fabulous. We have now completed our Green Schools Active Day for the Water flag. We would like to wish a big congratulations to Ms Ryan-Purcell on her Graduation. We were incredibly impressed by the imagination and effort gone into the costumes our pupils wore for Halloween. We were lucky to take advantage of a break in the weather to hold a Halloween Parade, and to enjoy a short disco at the end of the school day.

Some news from our classrooms... Some pupils made spooky castles for Halloween. They made turrets for their castle and painted the walls black. Then the last step was making the windows and decorating the walls. Some pupils baked traditional brown bread and learned about some old Halloween traditions. They were delighted to do some Halloween artwork with their Buddies in the Chestnut Room. The Willow Room put on a beautiful performance of their Aria in front of their parents. Some pupils are enjoying doing Ernest Shackleton projects in their scrapbooks. Other children enjoyed reading "The Ghost Teacher" by Alan Ahlberg and made very insightful, thoughtful observations. Their imaginations were further fired by a look at "The Mysteries of Harry Burdick". They ended with a reading of "The Witches Broom" by Chris Van Allsburg. We were treated to a fabulous assembly by the Rowan Room, with a gorgeous dance. The theme was Harvest and caring for those less fortunate.

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas Fair run by the PA on Sunday 1st December at 1pm-3pm. All are welcome!



The Douglas Union of Parishes' Book Club will meet again in the parish hall beside St Mary's Church in Marmullane (Passage West) on Tuesday 12 November. After last month's 'Second Honeymoon' by Joanna Trollope, we will now discuss 'Hamnet' by Maggie O'Farrell. New members welcome! If interested, please text Sharon Kerr on 086 8327653 for further details.

Monthly Parish Prayer Group will meet on the first Thursday of every month by zoom @ 7.30pm. Please email douglasprayergroup@icloud.com if you would like the link. (Kieran Hogan)

Request for Old Liturgical Fabric

Dear Friends, I am a member of the congregation of St John the Baptist Church of Ireland Church, Midleton and with the blessing of Bishop Paul and the support of Dean Susan Green, I would like to ask for your help in making something that will, I hope, express our connection and unity within the United Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. I'm currently working towards my City and Guilds Diploma in Patchwork and Quilting, and the final element of the course is to design and make a large quilt, inspired by my theme of study. My theme for the course has been Church and Faith. I would love if each Union would consider letting me have one or two items of old liturgical fabric, (or where there are multiple Parishes in a Union, perhaps one piece per Parish, as a guide), which I could work on to include in the quilt. I don't need huge amounts of fabric, and it doesn't need to be new or perfect. In fact, what I'm looking for would be old, worn and even stained items of liturgical fabric or linens, in colours or in white. These might be, for instance altar cloths, lectern falls, purificators, corporals, burses or veils. The working title for the piece is '(Inter)Linked' and I hope that when it and my studies are complete, it might be displayed somewhere centrally, so that people will have the opportunity to see what they've contributed to. I am working to a deadline and must ask you to send in your items before the end of this year. Please either send your items directly to the Diocesan Office, for me to pick up, by Friday 13th December. You could also contact me directly to make other arrangements at 0872379682 or email twaddle1164@gmail.com. *Tracey Twaddle*



CDYC Christmas Shopping Day Out in Cork on the 30th November.

A bus will leave Clonakilty at 12pm with pickups on the way. First stop will be lunch in the Marina Market, followed by shopping in the city before we head out to Fota to their Wonderlights show at 6pm. Bus will leave there at 8pm. Cost is €30, Age: Secondary School. Spaces are limited due to prebooked tickets. If you would like to attend please email me at dyo@corkchurchofireland.com to reserve your place and booking form will be sent to you. *Hilda Connolly*

Advent Youth Service will take place in Ross Cathedral on December 8th at 7.30pm. Guest speaker will be Rev. James Power from Templebreedy Group of Parishes. All are welcome.



Christmas Trees for Sale in the Canon Packham Hall, Douglas on Saturday, 7th December at 10am to 12.30pm. Come along and choose your perfect tree. Standard trees (approx.. 7ft) - €50. Larger trees available to order in advance. Netting facility at no extra cost. All profits to Douglas Union with Frankfield Parish Funds. For further information contact Uwe Schiller at 087/2318099.

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