



# Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield

June, 2025

## The Rector writes...

Dear Friends,

Over the remaining months of 2025, we have several special united services planned as we continue to mark the 150th birthday of St Luke's Church, Douglas. In June we are looking forward to welcoming back Rev David Bowles and Bishop Ferran Glenfield, Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh. Both David and Bishop Ferran were former curates of the parish. These are the dates:

Sunday 8th June (Pentecost) - Rev David Bowles. David was curate in the parish from 2013-2017. Remembered with great affection, especially for drama productions and sausage services! I bumped into David earlier this month at the General Synod in Naas. He is looking forward to his visit with us – with a full weekend planned!

Sunday 29th June - Bishop Ferran Glenfield. Bishop Ferran was a curate in the parish from 1991-1994 when Archdeacon Robin Bantry-White was Rector. Bishop Ferran is still remembered for his diligent pastoral visiting and fine preaching. At the beginning of May, I had the pleasure of welcoming Bishop Ferran to the curates' end of year annual retreat in the beautiful setting of Mullaghmore in Co Sligo. Bishop Ferran delivered a memorable bible reading and celebrated Holy Communion with us. I also bumped into Bishop Ferran at general Synod. He too is looking forward to being with us soon! There will be light refreshments after each of these services so there will be an opportunity for chat and fellowship.

June is also the month when schools come to the end of the school year. One of the highlights of my week is spending time with the communities of St Michael's, Blackrock and St Luke's Douglas. They are both excellent schools. I love being part of the assemblies and always feel blessed and encouraged by these times together. Please pray for a good finish for everyone and a restorative summer holiday – richly deserved!

Following the Ascension of Jesus, the disciples waited in Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit. During these days, they met regularly to pray. There is a lot to pray for today as well. So, with Christians around the world, let us continue to pray 'Come, Holy Spirit!'

Every blessing

**William**

### **St. Michael's School Notes:**

It has been a very busy May in St Michael's National School. In a bid to achieve our Amber Flag, which is an initiative from Pieta House to promote positive mental health in schools, we held a "Wellbeing Week". Activities were embedded into each day to encourage mindfulness, gratitude and to raise awareness of the importance of wellbeing. Wellbeing week culminated with a sponsored Danceathon for Pieta House. Everybody had great fun and even better, a staggering €1030 was raised for Pieta House. Rowan Room was instrumental in leading the week's activities, including work on a whole school mural that was created as a whole school collaborative project.



In other news we all enjoyed a wonderful production of Pinocchio from the West Midlands Theatre Company and the Chestnut Room walked to St Luke's Care Home to sing for their residents.

Finally, two 6th class pupils along with members of staff, travelled to Fota to receive our newly earned Green Flag.

### **St. Luke's School Notes:**

The Summer term is flying along, with the usual variety of sport events, trips and activities! Our 4th and 5th classes were recently invited to take part in the Primary Schools Sports Day organised by St Peter's in Passage West. All pupils enjoyed a fantastic variety of activities in glorious sunshine.





We were very proud of all our teams who played in the inter-schools Soccer Tournament held recently in Ashton. Congratulations to our junior girls, who took home the trophy for a second year in a row!

Our student council members welcomed Adele, Tracy, Laura and John from Enable Ireland Adult Service to accept a cheque for €656, raised through a recent Crazy Hair Day. We were delighted to hear that the money will be used for the development of an outdoor sensory area in Enable Ireland.

Following their wonderful performance at the recent Choral Festival concert, members of our school choir were rewarded with a trip to Planet Centre for a game of bowling. Choir has now finished for the year and we thank our great singers for their commitment and performances this year!

We are looking forward to all the activities the end of term will bring, including science fairs, sports days, school tours and much more!

### **Baptisms**

4th May in St Luke's Church, Douglas

Fiadh and Jack Hurley-Wyse (parents, Jonathan Wyse and Saoirse Hurley).

4th May in Holy Trinity Frankfield

Luca Jacob Daly (parents, Cathal Daly and India Williams-Salter)

### **Weddings**

12th April in Holy Trinity Frankfield

James Phillips and Sinéad White married by Bishop Paul.

### **Funerals**

22nd May in Holy Trinity Frankfield Joyce Kingston.



**Mothers' Union in Cork, Cloyne and Ross** is celebrating 130 years this year. We are having a special Holy Communion Service on the 9th July in Christchurch in Rushbrooke. Mary

and Ken Good will join us and be our speakers on the day. Please see the attached invitation. We would love it if you could join us. Everyone is welcome

to join us for this special occasion. Mary is a former Diocesan President of Mothers' Union in Derry and Raphoe, and her husband, Bishop Ken, was Bishop of Derry and Raphoe from 2002 - 2019. SVP to corkmupresident@gmail.com by 25th June, please. From the Cork Mothers' Union Trustees

The **Douglas Union of Parishes Bookclub** will break for the Summer and resume again on Tuesday 9th September. We are always looking for new members and if anyone would like to join our little group please contact Sharon Kerr on 086 8327653.



### **Home Communion Visits**

For home visits please contact either Rev William Olhausen, Rector, or Rev Anne Skuse, Assistant Priest. You can contact William by email (wolhausen@gmail.com) or by mobile (0871660356), or Anne by email (annemskuse@gmail.com) or by mobile (0860239688).

*Rev William*

The next **Prayer Group Meeting** will take place in the home of Kieran & Rosie Hogan, Blackrock on Wednesday, June 11th at 7:30 pm. New members welcome. If you would like to join, please email douglasprayergroup@icloud.com"

### **Results of the elections at the Douglas Union of Parishes Easter Vestry 2025**

#### **Churchwardens**

**Marmullane:** Shirley Clarke-Swanton (Incumbent's) & Alfred Hosford (Vestry)

**St Luke's Douglas:** Aoife Bhreatnach (Incumbent's) & Jacques Jansen van Rensburg (Vestry)

**St Michael's Blackrock:** Derek Dunne (Incumbent's) & Mark Exshaw (Vestry)

**Glebewardens:** Mervyn Hosford (Incumbent's) & Ivan Johnston (Vestry)

**Select Vestry:** John Kershaw (Treasurer), Kieran Hogan (Secretary), Sidney Bradfield, Keith Dawson, David Kerr, Lisa Lingwood, David Perrott.

# Church Services June, 2025



<b>Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	9.45	Service of the Word	Passage
White	10.00	Service of the Word	Frankfield
	11.15	Service of the Word	Douglas
	11.30	Service of the Word	Blackrock
 <b>Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	11.00	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.45	Holy Communion	Maryborough NH
 <b>Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>Whit Sunday</i>	11.00	United Service	Douglas
Red			
 <b>Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
White	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
 <b>Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sun after Trinity</i>	9.45	Holy Communion	Passage
Green	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
	11.15	Holy Communion	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
 <b>Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sun after Trinity</i>	11.00	United Service	Douglas
Green			

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