



Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield

September, 2025

The Rector writes...

Dear friends

I hope very much that most of you managed to enjoy the beautiful summer weather that we have been enjoying. Our new term got off to a very special start with Bishop Adrian and Jacqui Wilkinson's visit last Sunday. Tanya and I had the pleasure of hosting them for lunch afterwards and so I know they were very blessed to see everyone again and really enjoyed the morning with us. There was a great crowd in St Luke's and the chat after the service was accompanied by some excellent hospitality. A big 'thank you' to everyone who made it such a memorable occasion.

Our next VIP visitor will be Archdeacon Robin Bantry-White (Rector of the Douglas Union of Parishes with Frankfield from 1987-2002) on Sunday 14th September. He will be preaching at the harvest services in Frankfield and Douglas.

Passage will be holding their ecumenical harvest service on Sunday 28th September at 7pm. This is always a good time, and we will look forward to excellent hospitality in the parish hall afterwards.

Looking further ahead, as we continue to mark the 150th year of St Luke's Church, Bishop Michael and Claire Burrows will be with us on Sunday 12th October and Bishop Paul and Susan Colton will be with us (probably for the last time in an official capacity!) on Sunday 30th November. Please make a note in your diaries.

Every blessing for the busy autumn ahead!

William

Sunday School

Sunday School will begin again on Sunday 21st September in St Luke's Church.

Alpha Douglas Churches Together Alpha begins on Tuesday 30th September @7.30pm in Ardfallen Methodist Church on the Douglas Road. Alpha is a great way to explore the basics of the Christian faith in a low key and non-threatening environment. It is also an excellent way to meet new people across our Christian traditions. While I and other clergy will be part of the course, this will be a lay-led course for all the churches in Douglas. For further details and/or interest in being part of the team, please contact William.

Confirmation

Bishop Paul will be hosting confirmation services for the last time in February 2026. Our service will be held in St Fin Barre's Cathedral on Sunday afternoon the 1st February. Confirmation classes will begin on Monday 13th October and conclude on Monday 17th November. Consequently, anyone who would like to be confirmed this year please contact Paula in the parish office for an application form. These forms need to be completed in full and returned to the office by Friday 26th September.



Pastoral visiting and Home Communion

William and Anne are always available to visit members of the parish who now find it difficult to attend church services. Please contact William on 0871660356 or email: wolhausen@gmail.com and Anne on 0860239699 or email: annemskuse@gmail.com

Safeguarding. As we begin a new academic year, it is important that we remind you all of safeguarding. Our parish has a Safeguarding Panel who look after all the Safeguarding requirements according to the Church of Ireland's Safeguarding Policy which can be viewed on: www.safeguarding.ireland.anglican.org/ Every parish has a Safeguarding Panel, and our panel members are Ann Caird, Noel Locke and Rev William Olhausen. All our adult leaders are Garda Vetted and Trained before they can lead or help in any activities for those who are under 18.

Children who attend parish events need to complete a consent form, and parents should make themselves aware of the parish safeguarding policies and procedures which can be found here: www.rosscathedral.ie.

Every three years, a member of the Diocesan Safeguarding Support Team come to visit our panel and audit our procedures and processes. Our audit has just been undertaken at the end of August.

If you have any Safeguarding questions, please feel free to contact any of our panel members.



Anne Hevers Chairperson of St Mary's Church Hall presented a cheque for €1200 to Lynda Khara Chairperson of Passage Association for the **Care of the Elderly(PACE)** Included in the pictures are members of St Mary's and PACE.

PACE which was established

45 years ago relies strongly on the support of volunteers to cook and deliver meals. 30 meals are cooked on a daily basis 6 days per week. PACE also runs community activities including art classes, yoga, whist drives, toddler groups.

The cheque represents money which was raised at a coffee morning held in St Mary's church hall in May.



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Diocesan Youth Officer

The next event **Cork Diocesan Youth Council** are hoping to plan, is a Young Leaders Team visit from Cork, Cloyne and Ross Diocese through CMS Ireland with the proposed location of Egypt, Province of Alexandria at Easter 2026.

Costs would roughly estimated at around €2,500/€3,000pp. If you think you might be interested, please contact Hilda by email for more details at dyo@corkchurchofireland.com asap.

As always, keep an eye on our CDYC facebook page or our [cdyc_cork](#) Instagram page for any updates.

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Church Services – September, 2025



Sunday 7th Sept	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>12th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.45	Service of the Word	Passage
Green	10.00	Service of the Word	Frankfield
	11.15	Service of the Word	Douglas
	11.30	Service of the Word	Blackrock
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<i>15th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
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	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock
	7pm	Harvest	Passage