



Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield
July & August, 2026

The Rector writes...

Dear friends

As we move into these summer months of July and August, our service pattern is going to change. In addition to an 8.30am service of Holy Communion in Blackrock, we will come together for a united service every Sunday at 10am. For July and August, these united services will rotate between the 4 churches: week 1 in Douglas, week 2 in Frankfield, week 3 in Blackrock, and week 4 in Passage. We have produced a leaflet, which, I trust, sets everything out clearly. Please take one home with you! If this proves helpful, we plan to produce similar leaflets for future service schedules.

Over the summer, we will continue to plan for the new all age united service beginning in September that will take place on the first Sunday of each month at 10am in Douglas. This will be a service for everyone that will see much more participation from all ages. We will follow the great themes of the Christian year. Each of these services will be followed by light refreshments in the church. The service on Sunday 6th September falls within the season of creation. Amongst other things, we will be blessing school bags as the new school year begins. We will also be taking the opportunity to pray for everyone's work, asking God's blessing on our own 'tools of the trade'!

Please pray for this new-look service. I hope it will provide a space to come together, to enjoy fellowship, and to re-connect with members of our community. It will be a learning process – but I hope it will become a source of life and potential for our parish. More details to follow over the weeks ahead.

Every blessing for the summer, *William*

St. Michael's School Notes:



June has been a very busy month for everybody in St Michael's. The Rowan Room went to St Luke's National School to see a fantastic play called "In Real Life," a production from the Abbey Theatre, accessed through The Everyman. It was a production that they will remember for a long time.

We were very proud of all our pupils who took part in the ISSA Athletics Blitz in MTU. We're very lucky to have great parents who organised the entry and volunteered at the event. The Hazel Room ran a very successful Ice Cream Day fundraiser. The other classes were delighted with their ice creams, especially when they got to choose some sweet treats to put on top! The funds raised will be used to buy games for the classroom. Our last school tour of the year took place with our youngest classes in Oak Room visiting Piccolo Play Village in Ballincollig. They enjoyed a Pizza Party and Disco on their return to school. The whole school enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day on the last Monday of the Summer Term. We were blessed with the weather and all children enjoyed an ice cream from the Ice Cream Van that was waiting for us on our return to school. On our penultimate day we held our Graduation Service in Church to say goodbye to our eleven, 6th Class graduates. We wish them well as they embark on the next stage of their education.

St. Luke's School Notes:

All classes enjoyed some fantastic school tours over the past couple of weeks, even if the weather was not always favourable! Classes visited a range of places, including Ardmore, Rosscarbery, Courtmacsherry, Leahy's Farm and Ballyhass. The junior classes enjoyed many activities on farms and adventure courses, while the senior classes undertook more challenging water-based activities; great times were had by all!





Well done to our excellent athletes who took part in the recent Inter-Schools athletics Competition. We came home with a huge haul of medals and a second place finish overall, but most importantly we were proud of the effort, determination and sportsmanship shown by all our athletes.

On Friday June 5th we were delighted to raise our 5th Green Flag, which was awarded this year for our work on Biodiversity. Our Green Schools committee gave a presentation to remind us of all that was done this year, before the flag was raised by our wonderful caretaker Kevin Cronin, who has helped the committee enormously this year!



Our 6th Class organised the annual school sportsday on Monday June 22nd. With the sun blazing down, we had an array of activities from obstacle courses to hockey matches. Thank you to rang a Sé for their energy and efforts!



As we finish another school year, we wish all members of our school community a wonderful, safe, fun-filled Summer!

Pastoral visiting and Home Communion

William is 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

Confirmation 2027

Please contact Rev William, before school reopens in September, if you are interested in your child being confirmed next year.

Monthly Parish Prayer Group takes place on Wednesday July 1st at 19.30pm and will continue on the first Wednesday of every month thereafter in the home of Kieran Hogan. Please email douglasprayergroup@icloud.com if you would like to attend. *Kieran Hogan*



The Parish Bookclub We will resume after the Summer on the 8th September and if anyone would like to join our little Bookclub they would be very welcome - and if interested please contact Sharon Kerr on 086 8327653.

If Parishioners would like to include any of our reads to their reading lists here are a list of books we have been reading since September 2025:

Rembrandts Promise by Barbara Leahy, The Stone Diaries by Carol Shields, 56 Days by Catherine Ryan Howard, Fault lines by Emily Itami, The Correspondent by Virginia Evans, The finest Hotel in Kabul by Lyse Doucet The Actress by Anne Enright, The Longbourn letters by Rose Servitova and Four Seasons in Japan by Nick Bradley

Join the conversation...

Telling the Bees ***Death Café*** You are warmly welcome to join us in discussing death and all its aspects over a cuppa and cake.

A death café is a place and space to talk, listen and learn about death, dying and grief. No agenda, open, honest, compassionate and confidential; this is an opportunity to break the taboo and share your thoughts and experiences.

Monday 29th June 2026 6.30-8pm

Maureen's, T23FT65

Queries / Book: tellingthebeesdeathcafe@gmail.com

While the event is free, we do gratefully accept donations to cover venue and expenses. All are welcome, however, it may not be the right time if you are recently bereaved, as this is not a grief support group, nor facilitated by a therapist.

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