



Parish Matters

Newsletter of Douglas Union with Frankfield

September, 2026

The Rector writes...

On behalf of the Douglas Union of Parishes, I want to extend warm congratulations to the Venerable Andrew Orr on his appointment as our next bishop! We will be praying for Andrew, Susan and all the family as they make this big move.

There are several other events to look forward to in September. Here are some highlights...

New-look United Service

On Sunday 6th September at 10am, we are introducing a new-look united service. We hope to draw on the good things in the Sunday School tradition, the fellowship and hospitality of sausage services, and explore more fully the opportunities afforded by the Service of the Word. The aim is to follow the big themes of the Christian year in a genuinely inter-generational worship event. I am sure we will learn as we go along. These new-look united services will happen on the first Sunday of the month in St Luke's Douglas at 10am. Our current fifth Sunday of the month will continue to be united services rotating across Frankfield, Blackrock and Murmullane – all at 10am.

Harvest

On Sunday 20th September Frankfield (10am) will be holding their harvest. Blackrock (11.30am) and Marmullane (7pm) will hold their harvest celebrations on Sunday 27th September. Blackrock will welcome St Michael's National School to their celebration. The evening service in Marmullane will be an ecumenical service followed by refreshments in the wonderful parish hall – now fitted with acoustic dampeners! Douglas will be celebrating harvest at the united service on Sunday 4th October.

Alpha On Tuesday 29th September Churches together in Douglas will be hosting the Alpha Course in Ardfallen Methodist Church. Alpha is for everyone and is ideal for anyone wanting to explore the Christian faith or brush up on the basics. The evening begins with tea and coffee at 7.30pm (usually with some nice treats) followed by a video on the theme of the evening at 8pm. The video is followed by an opportunity for an informal chat around the theme when questions or comments are positively encouraged! The evening ends at 9pm. If you would like any further information, please contact Rev William on 0871660356 or email wolhausen@gmail.com.

Looking back...

St Luke's Douglas and St Michael's Blackrock were both featured in Heritage Week. It is so encouraging to see the interest from our communities in our beautiful buildings and their history!

Baptisms

On 26th July in St Mary's Church, Marmullane – Rosie Sweetnam Kavanagh, daughter of Cian Kavanagh and Holly Sweetnam.

Also on 26th July in St Mary's Church, Marmullane – Callum Gregory Sweetnam-McCann, son of Kirsty Sweetnam and Eoin McCann.

Funerals

With both sadness and gratitude for lives well lived, we have said goodbye to the following members of our parish. We continue to remember their families in our prayers.

On 27th June in St Luke's Church, Leslie Dawson

On 21st July in St Luke's Church, Rosamund (Rose) Wolfe

On 8th August in St Luke's Church, William (Bill) McMullen

On 26th August in St Luke's Church, William Bateman.

On 27th August in St Michael's Church, Patricia (Gwen) Ruddock

On 2nd September in St Michael's Church, Kathleen (Kay) Allander.

Every blessing,
William

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

Monthly Parish Prayer Group takes place on Wednesday September 2nd 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** will resume again after our Summer break on Tuesday the 8th September at 11am in the Parish Hall, beside St. Mary's Church, Marmullane, Passage West.

We look forward to hearing all about our members Summer reads and also our Book choice for Sept " Monsignor Quixote" by Graham Greene.

We would be delighted to welcome new members and if anyone is interested in joining the Bookclub please contact Sharon Kerr on 086 8327653.



Anam Cara Cork is pleased to announce their first Bereavement Information Evening especially dedicated to supporting surviving siblings this autumn.

As part of our commitment to supporting everyone following the death of a child, we are exploring opportunities to further support the entire family. This event is the first, hopefully of many, of that commitment. This event is open to all parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement. We are also opening this Bereavement Information Evening to bereaved adult siblings over 18. This event will take place online on Tuesday 15 September at 7pm. For more details email info@anamcara.ie or call 085 288 8888.



Save the date **Join Mother's Union Women's Getaway Weekend** in Garryvoe Hotel and Leisure Centre, Castlemartyr between Friday, 13th to Sunday, 15th November, 2026.

Mother's Union will be celebrating 140 years in Ireland 2027. Annabella Hayes Day 140th Service of Thanksgiving will take place in All Saints Raheny, Dublin on Sunday, 7th February at 11am. There will be a celebratory lunch after the service at Clontarf Castle Hotel at 1pm.



Let the countdown begin... a new season of youth work is around the corner! Just to get ahead of the September madness, I am letting you know about our

upcoming residential in the Carhue Centre in Bandon. DATES: Fri 18th at 6.30pm until 6pm Sat 19th Sept. COST: €35pp, AGE: Secondary School. Our adventure kicks off on the Fri evening at 6.30pm with settling into our dorms and getting ready for an evening filled with food, games, laughter, workshops with a guest speaker and the reality of no sleep! On Saturday, we have an action-packed afternoon planned at the Clonakilty Park Hotel Adventure Centre, where the group will be testing their courage on the Zip wires, navigating exciting obstacles, and seeing who will be crowned the Crazy Golf Champion. Finishing off with pizza and ice-cream. We're looking forward to an unforgettable 24 hours packed with adventure, laughter and memories made! During midterm we are looking to run our Soccer Tournament again. Details to follow. There are a few more exciting activities and dates yet to be confirmed, but I will keep you all up to date. If anyone is interested in the above youth weekend, please email Hilda Connolly dyo@corkchurchofireland.com for a booking form out.

Open Hands, Open Heart: Praying with the Psalms in Every Season. You are warmly invited by the Church's Ministry of Healing Ireland to join Lydia Monds for four-part online series, leaning into the wisdom & honesty of four Psalms, and then resting in God's presence through contemplative prayer. Mondays 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th Sept, 1.15pm - 2pm – you are welcome to

attend all or one of the sessions, as suits you. To book go to www.ministryofhealing.ie Facilitator: Lydia Monds is the Ministry Leader for the Church's Ministry of Healing: Ireland. She holds a Masters in Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies. As part of her role, she facilitates a variety of sessions and events, including Retreats, Contemplative Prayer Practices, Time in God's Creation and Creative Programmes.

St Michael's Church Handing over cheque from proceeds of joint Coffee Morning to the Alzheimer's Society of Irl Bessboro Day Care Centre

David and Sharon Kerr and Wendy Gilbert parishioners of St. Michael's Church were delighted to be able to hand over cheque for €900 to Adam Kelleher, Manager of the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland Bessboro Day Care Centre, on Tuesday the 25th August. This was half of the proceeds of the very successful Passage West and Blackrock Coffee Morning held in May in St Mary's Hall. Passage West had kindly given their half to PACE, so wonderful to be able to help the respective communities. We had a lovely tour of the amazing facilities at Bessboro Day Centre which caters for over 80 people a week and gives so much support to those who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and dementia - a calming welcoming space where the people can nurture their gardening skills in the beautiful garden, paint, read or engage in some arts and crafts and enjoy delicious scones and tea in the morning and a nourishing lunch later. A vital facility for those suffering from Alzheimer's and a great support for their families. Thank you to Adam, their Manager, who was so welcoming and supplied lovely refreshments for us and the Parish was delighted to be able to give something back to the community.





The **Alzheimer Society of Ireland** in connection with their Annual Memory Walk, will take place on Sunday, 20th September 2026, in the local community of Bessboro, Blackrock Road, Cork @ 11am – 1pm. Visit their website memorywalk.ie or phone 01-2073833 to sign up.

Bus from West Cork to Christ Church Cathedral on Wednesday 30th September for the **Consecration of Ven. Andrew Orr** as Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. To book a place, contact June Deane on 086-3419640 (Text/WhatsApp) or email june.deane@gmail.com.

Departing from Clonakilty at 9.30am, with the possibility of pickups along the way.

Bookings close on Wednesday 16th September.

Cost €35 per person.

Church Services September, 2026



Sun. 6th Sept	8.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock
<i>14th Sun after Trinity</i>	10.00	United Service	Douglas
Green			

Sun. 13th Sept			
<i>15th Sun after Trinity</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
Green	10.00	Holy Communion	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Holy Communion	Blackrock

Sun. 20th Sept			
<i>16th Sun after Trinity</i>	9.45	Morning Prayer	Passage
Green	10.00	Harvest	Frankfield
	11.15	Morning Prayer	Douglas
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Blackrock

Sun. 27th September			
<i>17th Sun after Trinity</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Frankfield
Green	11.15	Harvest	Douglas
	11.30	Harvest	Blackrock
	7pm	Harvest	Passage

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