



Dear Readers

Overlooking Place Masséna in Nice are Jaume Plensa's sculptures representing the 7 continents.

They are angled to indicate the 7 continents in conversation with one another 12 metres over the heads of passers by. Bathed in different lights at night, this draws observers' eyes beyond the sculptures and up to the night sky. But actually they work just as hard during the day by gathering residents and tourists from the 7 continents and initiating spontaneous comments and conversations among those gathered in communion below them. The harvest of conviviality and harmony created does the heart good!

At this harvest time where we thank God for providing an abundance of the fruits of the earth, we also long to see a harvest of justice, peace and wellbeing on all 7 continents, not 12 metres out of reach but here on earth too. As I write this, world leaders from all continents are gathered at a UN conference. May their decisions, words and actions 'coax the plant of peace to flower' as we often have prayed and continue to pray until this harvest too is delivered.

Adrienne



Children's Groups Activities in October

Tuesday 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd

Toddlerzone in the Parish Centre, 10-11.30am

Tuesday 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd

Good News Club in the War Memorial Hall, 6.45-7.45pm

Sunday 6th and 20th

Sunday Club in the Parish Centre, 10.30-11.30am.

We are always looking for volunteers to help lead these groups so if you are interested please contact the Rector (086 0390866) or for Toddlerzone and Sunday Club, please contact Linda (087 6383844) and we will arrange Garda vetting etc. We'd love to have you join the team.



Parish Diary for October

The 10.30am in-person Sunday service is also live-streamed and is available on **YouTube** the Parish YouTube channel after 24 hours at www.youtube.com/channel/UCso-NPjtC4skX-mIKICJ-jA.

Each Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion 2 service in the Millennium Side Chapel

Each Sunday 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1

Sunday 6th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Morning Prayer



Sunday 13th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving
Holy Communion 2



6.00pm Uniformed Organisations and Children's Groups Harvest Service



Sunday 20th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Morning Prayer.



Sunday 27th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Holy Communion 2

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Harvest Gift Appeal

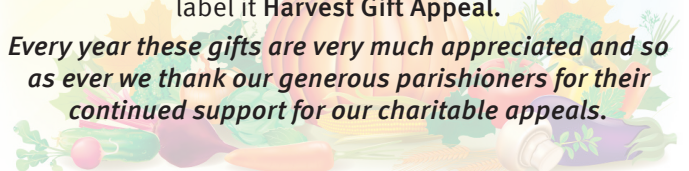
Each year at this time we ask parishioners and children to gift non-perishable food items for our annual Harvest Gift Appeal.

These items can be brought to the 10.30am Harvest Service on **Sunday October 13th** or to the Uniformed Organisations and Children's Groups Harvest Service that evening at 6.00pm.

You can also drop items into the church or the parish centre the week before if that suits. These will then be distributed to people in need by organisations the parish already has close links with.

Alternatively, you may wish to donate money which can be used to purchase much-needed groceries for families in need. Please pop your donation into an envelope and label it **Harvest Gift Appeal**.

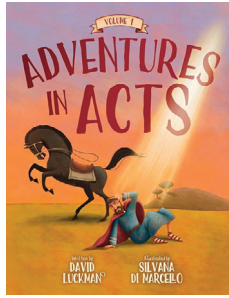
Every year these gifts are very much appreciated and so as ever we thank our generous parishioners for their continued support for our charitable appeals.



Good News Club

Good News Club are now well and truly back in action and enjoying the extra space the War Memorial Hall gives us.

Bible time, activity and games are all squeezed into a full-on hour and we are loving it. We particularly welcome our 3rd class group who have just joined us. It's also great to see everyone using their Sunday Club 'graduation' bibles as we explore the book of Acts and how the church started out. Table tennis, badminton and skittles are our current games offerings. And in activities we started our harvest decoration based on the colour green!
Adrienne 086 0390866.



Sunday Club

The new season of Sunday club is in full swing by now.

We are delighted to welcome children from pre-school (beginning primary school next September 2025) to 2nd class. We meet roughly twice a month in the Parish Centre during the 10.30am service, where we explore the bible in a fun, child-friendly, child-centred and interactive way. If you would like your child to join us, just get in touch with me or drop in to one of our sessions to see what we're up to.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday October 6th: Sunday Club in the Parish Centre

Sunday October 20th: Sunday Club in the Parish Centre

Linda O'Connor, Mobile: 087 6383844

Email: linda.f.oconnor@gmail.com



Toddlerzone

Toddlerzone is an inclusive group for babies and toddlers with their adults - mums and dads, grannies and grandads, minders - which meets Tuesday mornings from 10am until 11.30am during term time in the Parish Centre.

Our dates in October are Tuesdays 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd so please feel free to join us with your little one.

NO Toddlerzone on Tuesday 29th due to half term.

If you could drop one of us a text to let us know you're coming so we have an idea of numbers, that would be a great help. Linda O'Connor 087 638 3844, or Lynn Storey 087 695 7061



Beavers

Rathfarnham Beavers section reconvened with a fresh intake of 1st class boys in September.

We have 12 new boys joining us in 31st Rathfarnham Beaver Scouts and a troop of 36 which is fantastic. The new boys will embark on their scouting journey to learn by doing and experiencing new skills, mainly outdoors, rain or shine. We are grateful to have use of the War Memorial Hall for the really bad stuff! We look forward to keeping you in touch with our activities through the year - shelter building, hiking, and scavenger hunts to name a few. All activities are supported by our volunteer parent leaders without whom nothing is possible.

We have a new Beaver Section leader **Keith Gill** taking over for 2024/25 and we wish Keith every success.



Ladybirds

Rathfarnham Ladybirds branch has started the year with a full unit of girls and we have lots of exciting things planned for the year ahead.

We keep our vision and mission in mind with everything we do in guiding. As well as our meetings in the War Memorial Hall we plan on getting outside and into nature as often as possible. *Plus a sneak peek at some of the extra activities already planned for this year are a beach clean, the Gaiety Panto, Larch Hill and a visit to the nature room at St Enda's.* We also have some experts coming in to give talks related to some of the badges we are working towards this year.

We thank the parish for their support and the use of the War Memorial Hall. Ladybird Guides is for girls between the ages of 5-7 years.

If you would like more information, please contact: Aisling O'Byrne 089 603 3859.



Family 'Welcome Back' service, Sunday September 1st.



Wednesday Club

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 30th October, at 2.30 pm in our Parish Centre.

Our speaker will be Dr. Jean Clarke, a former Public Health Nurse. **"You've Your Woman Beside You": Motherhood and Health in the Inner City.** We can look forward to a number of hilarious stories! The usual Tea, Bakes and Chat afterwards! Looking forward to seeing our regular attenders. Everyone is welcome!
David Whyte 087 782 6054



Rathfarnham Parish National School

We have had a super start to the year in RPNS.

We were delighted to welcome 28 new Junior Infants at the end of August. They have settled in so well! It was great to welcome all the children back with smiles on their faces, ready for a new year.

We have lots of exciting events coming up in school in October. Our **Book Week** is the first week in October, during which our **Sponsored Walk** and the ever-popular **Book Fair** will be held. **Maths Week**, full of puzzles, games and maths challenges, is in the middle of the month.

We end our term on 25th October with our annual **Grandparents' Day**, one of the highlights of the school year. We're all looking forward to the term ahead! **Mr. Leonard.**



SAVE THE DATE!

Rathfarnham Parish
CHURCH OF IRELAND

Winter Fair

in the Church grounds

Saturday November 23rd from 3pm to 6pm.

Following the success of last year's Winter Fair, the team are assembling once more to host another festive family event in Rathfarnham Parish Centre and Churchyard.

There will be baked goods, gifts, preserves, a chatty café and fun for the kids, mulled wine & mince pies, crafts, popcorn, books & a selection of guest stalls, along with some festive music from our newly-refurbished organ and local musicians. We aim to raise funds to complete the final stage of the Organ Refurbishment.

Much has still to be decided for the Fair - but for now, please KEEP THE DATE FREE!

This is a callout to:

CRAFTERS, JAM-MAKERS, BAKERS, HELPERS

- and everyone who might be able to give of their time and efforts for this event.

We are asking you to:

START BAKING & MAKING!

SET ASIDE

GIFTS/BOTTLES/BOOKS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION

**CONSIDER JOINING THE WOMEN'S SHED
WINTER FAIR CRAFT INITIATIVES**

(Friday mornings, 11.30am in Rathfarnham Parish Centre or Thursday mornings in the Church of the Annunciation at 11.30am).

CONSIDER BEING PART OF A TEAM ON A STALL

HELP WITH SET-UP OR CLEAR-UP

Please come along to our **PLANNING MEETING** if you are free on **MONDAY 30th SEPTEMBER at 7.15pm** in the Millennium Side Chapel.

Contact: gillperdue@gmail.com if you have items to donate or if you are in a position to help.

Thank you all for your continued support.

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Baptism

On Sunday 18th August we welcomed into the Christian family **Zoe** and **Eabha O'Loughlin** when they were baptised at the 12 noon Holy Communion service. Their parents are **Sarah** and **Donagh**, Godparents **Steven** and **Sinéad**. We look forward to welcoming Zoe and Eabha into our children's groups to aid their faith development.



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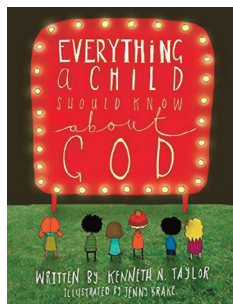


Parish Library

Light at Evening Time by Bishop R.A.Warke is a delightful little book of night time meditations that were broadcast on RTE. In one meditation based on the Irish hymn 'Be Thou my Vision' Bishop Warke writes, 'We all need a vision to inspire us in life, some ideal towards which we can strive. For the Christian that ideal must be Christ.'

New in the children's section is *Everything a Child Should Know About God* by Kenneth Taylor and illustrated by Jenny Brake. Taylor writes, 'God always knows what is the best thing for you to do. He is always glad to help you know what He wants you to do. You are His child, and He will be with you and help you today and tomorrow and every day of your life (Matthew 28:20).

The library is in the Millennium Side Chapel. JF



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