



News for You

March 2025

Dear Parishioners


Looking up, we can behold hidden sculptures as in this tree in St Stephen's Green.

As we anticipate in Lent beholding the One who became the Lamb of God on another tree on another hill, we live our hope with God given gratitude.

Adrienne





Parish Diary for March

The 10.30am in-person Sunday service is also live-streamed and is available on 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 2nd 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Sunday before Lent
Morning Prayer: the Transfiguration 


Wednesday 5th 7.30pm Ash Wednesday
Open choir practice followed by a Service of Reflection 

Sunday 9th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Holy Communion 2

Sunday 16th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Morning Prayer for St Patrick's weekend

Monday 17th 10.30am Bilingual St Patrick's Day
Holy Communion/Comaoineach Naofa 

Sunday 23rd 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Holy Communion 2 

Sunday 30th 8am & 12 noon Holy Communion 1
10.30am Mothering Sunday
Worshipping God Together family service 

www.rathfarnhamparishcoi.org

Choir News

We need some new members, especially men! So before the 8pm Ash Wednesday evening service on March 5th there will be an Open Choir practice at 7.30pm.

We welcome anyone who is interested in or curious about the choir to come along to this 'taster' - it might just whet your appetite for more!

For more information contact our choir director Jacqueline at music.rathfarnhamparish@gmail.com.



Parish Lists

Rathfarnham Parish holds two lists of parishioners -

- The General Parish Database** with names, addresses and contact details of all parishioners. Currently c. 600 families are listed on this list. Back in 2018 we issued GDPR forms for you to fill in with this info.
- The Register of Vestry Persons** which parishioners sign up to if parishioners wish to have voting rights at our **Annual Easter Vestry**. Currently c. 225 parishioners are on this register which is renewed annually in accordance with the Church of Ireland Constitution.

Signing up as a registered vestry person does NOT mean you will be put on the select vestry and become a trustee of the parish! There seems to be some confusion about this. The 12 members of the Select Vestry (aka trustees) are voted for at the Annual Easter Vestry by those who are on the Register of Vestry Persons.

This year's Annual Easter Vestry will be held immediately after the 10.30am service on Sunday 27th April. AG.



Good News Club

We are in the War Memorial Hall from 6.45-7.45 on Tuesday evenings. Games and crafts too of course!!

Good News Club together with Sunday Club and the Confirmation Candidates are supporting the Pancakes and Prayer Lent fund raising campaign to provide several schools in South Sudan within resources enabling every child to say: "I am educated, I am fed, I am safe and I am loved."



It costs a little over €10,000 per year to set up and maintain a school garden in a group of schools, feeding up to 3,500 children for a year at a cost of less than €3 per. That's not per child per day, but per year!

This is a project where a small amount of money can make a big difference - and where our prayers for safety, welfare and the protection and presence of our loving God can and will transform lives.

Boxes will be available from the leaders of the groups or at church from 2nd March. Thanks for your support

Good News Club is for 3-6th class children, Tuesdays 6.45pm-7.45pm, in the War Memorial Hall.

We'd love to see you there! **Adrienne 086 0390866.**

Sunday Club

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.

We'll be continuing to explore the early life of Jesus as He recruits his helpers and performs His first miracle. Children from pre-school (starting primary school this year) up to and including 2nd class are more than welcome to join us in Sunday Club - we love to see both new and familiar faces.

Join us too for the All Age Mothering Sunday service on 30th March.

There are lots of colouring sheets based on the Bible reading for the day and crayons, markers and books in the church for children to enjoy during services if required. You can find them on the pew beside the connecting door to the parish centre in the transept, and in the small brown press at the baptism font at the main entrance. Please feel free to help yourselves.

Dates for your Diary Sunday Club in the Parish Centre

Sunday March 2nd,
Sunday March 23rd.

Linda O'Connor,
Mobile: 087 6383844
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linda.f.oconnor@gmail.com



Toddlerzone

Toddlerzone meets most Tuesday mornings during school term in the Parish Centre from 10-11.30am. If you would like to join us for some sensory play, story and sing-along, please get in touch.

Our dates in March are Tuesday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th .

Like other parish organisations, we rely on volunteers to keep this much valued group running. Could you spare a couple of hours on a Tuesday morning once or twice a month to help us out? We'd love to hear from you.

Linda, (087 6383844), Helen and Julie.



Rathfarnham Ladybirds

Rathfarnham Ladybird branch of the Irish Girl Guides has had a busy start to 2025.

The girls learned first aid and gained another badge for their ever-growing collection on their sash. Apparently at home we now have many sick teddy bears who are bandaged up and those first aid skills have been well received!!

We also had a very successful scavenger hunt in Bushy Park. Many thanks to our amazing leaders **Lisa** and **Sara** who give up their time to make Rathfarnham Ladybirds the amazing unit it is.

We are also thankful for the help of **Rachel** our Gaisce student from The High School, who the girls love and have voiced that they never want her to leave. Ladybird Guides is for girls between the ages of 5-7 years.

Yours in Guiding, **Aisling O'Byrne 089 603385**



Wednesday Club

Our next meeting will be on 26th March, at 2.30 pm, in our Parish Centre.

Our speaker will be **David Hughes**, speaking on the history of ALONE and their services. The usual Tea, Homebakes and Chat afterwards! Any parishioner or friend is welcome to attend. See you there! **Advance Notice: our following meeting will be held on April 23rd. David Whyte 087 782 6054**



Rathfarnham Parish National School

In preparation for the new maths curriculum and thanks to the great fund raising efforts of the Parents' Association, new maths resources have been purchased for each class.

Well done to everyone for a very successful sponsored walk, quiz night and other well supported events.

We welcome **Ms. O'Connor** and **Mr. Duff** back to school and thank sincerely Ms Murphy for her great leadership in her role as Deputy Principal since August during Mr. Duff's leave of absence.

Select Vestry Update

We have been asked to consider making some of our parking at the church available Mon-Fri for 4 office workers in the village. We are currently liaising with the RCB legal department regarding this. When we have agreement signage will be in place and we ask parishioners please to keep these spaces free **8-6pm Mon-Fri**.

The parking spaces at the rear of the War memorial Hall have been marked out and parishioners are asked not to park in the reserved spaces 8-6 Mon-Fri (these are rented out to Bank of Ireland officials) and to leave the No Parking area free at all times.



Protestant Aid

Protestant Aid offers education and living expenses grants to parishioners who are finding bills exceed income so if you would like more information please go to www.protestantaid.org or ask the Rector for a grant application form. Confidentiality guaranteed.



Pop In

Pop In continues on Thursday mornings after the 10.30am service.

If you're in the village between 11am and 12 noon why not pop in for tea/coffee, treats and chat. **All welcome.**



Diocesan Cathedral News

Beginning on Ash Wednesday and each successive Wednesday during Lent from 7.30-9pm Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA will present 'Salvation in the Gospel of John' in the Music Room at Christ Church Cathedral.

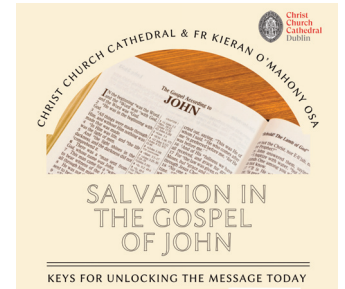
You can also join via Zoom.

Themes are:

1. After Anselm
2. John 3:9-18
3. Healing, Service and Love
4. Passover and New Creation
5. Holy Spirit
6. And Today?

Please go to

<https://christchurchcathedral.ie/event/lenten-series-2025-salvation-in-the-gospel-of-john/2025-03-05/> to register.



Lent Film Series in Rathfarnham Parish Church

Starting on Tuesday 11th March from 8pm-9.30pm in the Church we will be watching 'The Chosen' series of 40-minute films.

These short films will link in with our lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday as our Lenten series this year.

The Tuesdays in March are 11th, 18th, 25th, and in April 1st and 8th.

A short discussion over a cup of tea/coffee will follow the film. For more information please ask Rev Mike or myself. **AG**



Fête 2025

The date for the Fête has been set now for Saturday 24th May 11-2.30pm in the High School (incorporating the Diocesan Girls school), kindly loaned to us for the occasion. We will be phoning around looking for additional helpers as we need more hands on deck. Please do feel free to volunteer! Let the clergy or stall holders know please.

Our next Fête meeting will be on the **4th March, Shrove Tuesday at 8pm** in the Parish Centre and we'd be delighted to see you. **AG**

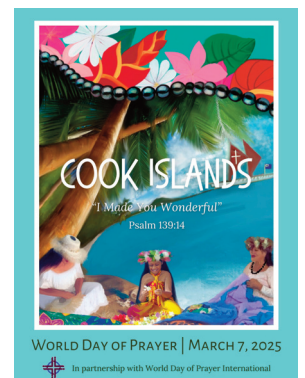
World day of prayer 2025

Friday March 7th at 7.30pm
Church of the Annunciation,
Grange Road, Rathfarnham,
D14 E803

International and Interdenominational Service with the theme **"I Made You Wonderful,"** written by the Women of the Cook Islands

Seven churches in Rathfarnham (Annunciation, Ballyroan, Ballyboden, Marlay, the Quakers and Church of Ireland Whitechurch and Rathfarnham) join together for this global ecumenical service.

For more information see www.worlddayofprayer.net Everybody is welcome. **JF**





RATHFARNHAM PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUBSCRIPTIONS PER ENVELOPE FOR THE YEAR 2024

No.	€	No.	€	No.	€	No.	€
1	200	39	321	71	640	114	10
2	209	40	165	73	260	115	135
4	90	41	144	74	650	116	120
5	3696	42	2250	75	1042.50	117	80
7	367.95	43	20	76	250	118	40
9	500	44	520	79	210	119	310
10	140	45	460	80	815	122	697
11	617	46	1060	81	225	123	250
12	552	48	235	82	60	125	58
13	135	49	600	83	136	127	1110
14	530	50	520	84	560	128	366
16	873	51	400	85	530	129	502
17	50	52	780	86	90	131	440
18	80	53	965	88	300	133	70
19	1600	54	126	90	6.35	134	245
20	415	55	605	91	525	135	832
21	1560	56	480.70	92	491	138	520
22	1210	57	680	93	3.50	140	560
24	10	58	530	95	630	142	275
25	250	60	290	96	535	143	150
26	520	61	432	97	320	148	550
29	950	62	570	98	290	149	230
30	280	63	330	99	260	150	295
31	530	64	790	100	210	151	15
32	345	65	350	101	120		
33	315	66	10	102	151		
34	1065	67	430	103	520		
35	370	68	900	108	10		
36	140	69	465	109	650		
37	1265	70	5	111	895		

Total: €50,217 for 114 subscribers. 2023 total was €55,591.55 for 125 subscribers.

The total for 2024 includes all subscriptions in envelopes received by the last Sunday in 2024. Any 2024 envelopes received after that day will be included in the 2025 figures. Finally, I would like to thank the 'counters' for all their work, and the subscribers for their generosity. *Eamonn Cooke*

From the Registers

Funerals

We extend our continuing prayerful support and sympathy to **Ian, Gillian and Lynn** on the recent death of their mother, **Doreen Frost**, whose indomitable spirit was inspirational. Doreen's funeral was held in Rathfarnham Parish Church on 3rd February followed by burial in Kilmashogue cemetery.

On 7th February we held the funeral for **Roger White**, another sterling parishioner at the very centre of parish life for decades. To his sons **Derek** and **Gordon** and all family members deeply mourning Roger's death, we offer our sincere condolences and prayers. Following the funeral a service of committal was held in Mt Jerome crematorium.

A service of Commendation for **John Chambers** was held on 27th February at 2pm and to his mother **Vivienne**, sisters **Karen** and **Susan** and all their family we offer our sincere condolences on John's death in Bournemouth on 25th January 2025. Reflecting John's ministry to strangers we are reminded of Heb 13 :1-2 'Let brotherly love continue. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.'

Baptisms

At the 12 noon service on 9th February we welcomed **Elsie Emma** and her brother **Arlo John Nicholson Göbl** into the Christian family. Their parents are **Rebecca** and **John**, and Godparents **Paula** and **Sean**. We hope Elsie and Arlo enjoy learning about God's great love for them from their parents, Godparents and us all.



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*"I trust in God,
even when the world
seems uncertain
and full of chaos."*

St Patrick

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