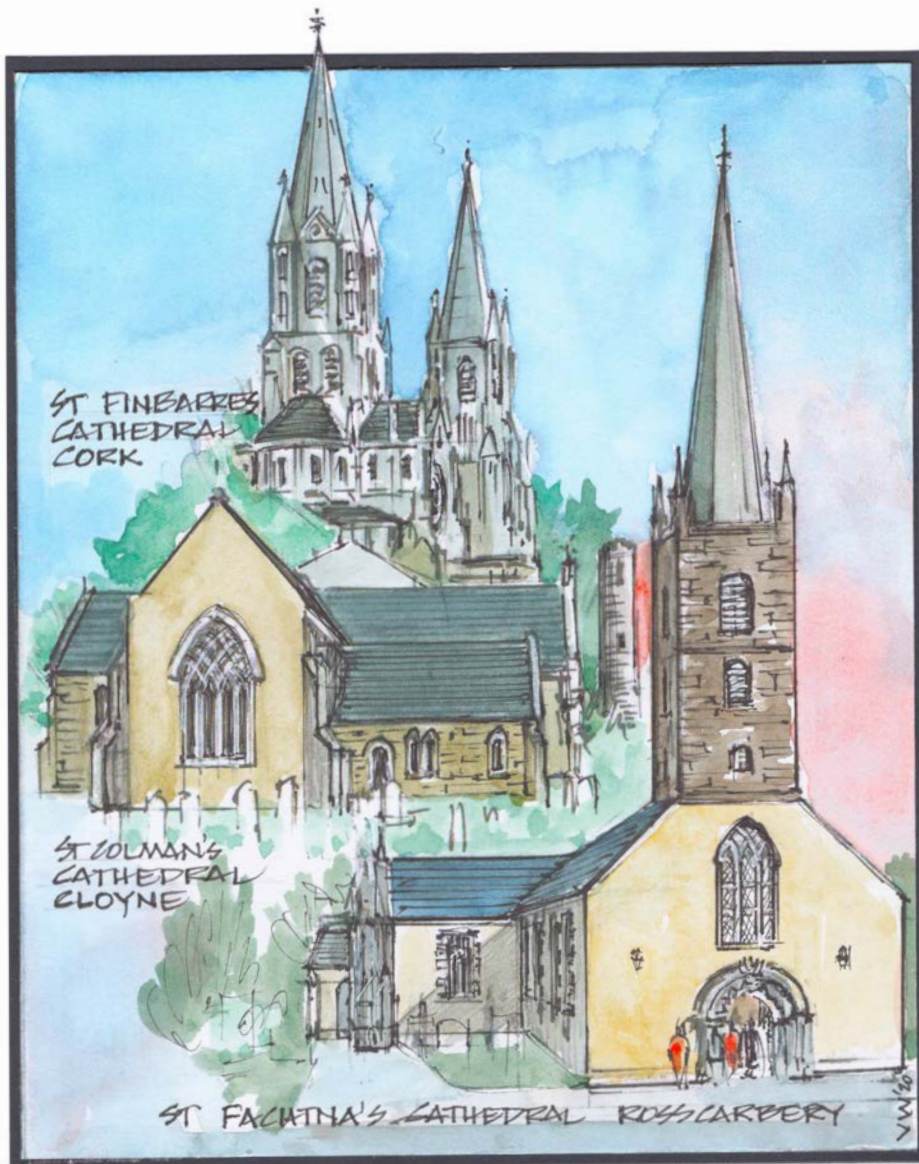


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Dear Friends,

I am writing this to you on my 60th Birthday. I am beginning to feel that, having lived on three continents and seen much, I have seen a lot. Many of you in the Diocese have known me longer than I have known myself! But even those of you who are around longer haven't seen it all, it would seem. When have we ever seen it all? Never. But we do learn lessons from the past in order to live now. We are truly living in strange and bewildering times. When I say that people have lived through such times before, in our communities locally, nationally, and worldwide, that is not in any way to diminish our own sense of anxiety and vulnerability at this time. Almost certainly by the time this issue of the Diocesan Magazine gets to you (however it does) things will have changed again; they are changing by the hour, yet alone the day.

On two occasions in recent days I have been in contact with all of the clergy personally in the Diocese who I've been able to make contact with. I've been messaging ministers - lay and ordained - involved in ministry. The staff in our Diocesan Office have already put in place new technologies for our communication with each other. Many times a day I am in touch with some of my episcopal colleagues.

The one thing ALL of these chats have in common is our shared concern to do the right and responsible thing. About key matters, people - clergy and laity alike - are not agreed on how we should proceed. We are a small Church and Diocese that draws on very limited resources, stretched to the limit at a time of emergency. Against this backdrop, wanting to do the right thing at every turn, I concluded that the safest thing at every stage is to follow Government advice and the HSE guidelines. These, no doubt, will change. We have also been asked repeatedly, while assessing risk in our situations, not to be impetuous about taking unilateral actions. I do urge everyone to rely on those official sources too: online and by telephone if need be: 1850 24 1850. Please help neighbours without internet to be aware of the guidance coming from the State. Radio news is a valuable resource.

We draw strength, I hope, from our faith. The Good News is still good news in times of great trouble and fear. As Christians we proclaim it and we share it, lovingly and practically, with those who are most affected at this time, and least in a position to feel that there is much that is 'good' for now.

Following the tragedy of the death of Moses, and when the children of Israel faced the task of pressing on into the unknown, we read that God told them to carry on, and said to Joshua their leader 'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'





Scouting Ireland

Douglas and St Fin Barre's Scout Group

Maintenance work at Fota Scout Centre continued as normal over the winter, although somewhat curtailed because the weather has been so wet.

Only one group has visited us so far this year and as I write it may well be the only one for a while, as it is likely Scouting will have to close down for the duration of the Coronavirus.

One of our bunkrooms is having an overlaid timber ceiling put in at present, that will only leave one room

to be done. This work has been ongoing over a few winters in order to stop dust coming down through the old timber ceilings.

A very successful Training Day for our Staff was held at the centre on 7th March so as to bring everyone up to date on new buildings, health and safety and general management of groups.

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Easter Message

I wonder sometimes what people who are less connected with church life think of Easter, is it all chocolate and bunnies, Springtime, a few days off and the hope of a bit of good weather during the break?

Easter is at the very heart of the gospel, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is really what it's all about, new life, and that really is good news.

Our churches are full on Easter Sunday, and on Christmas, but they are very different celebrations, and sometimes too many of us skip, from one to the other without spending time thinking and reflecting on what's in between. Going straight from the baby Jesus to the resurrected Christ or, as Nadia Bolz Weber puts it, from "Santa Claus to Peter Cotton Tail, so quickly that we don't bother with the messy important parts in-between - namely, what Jesus taught, how Jesus lived, and how Jesus died."

The teaching, the healing, the challenging of social norms that Jesus did, his radical reworking of the accepted thought of the day, his introducing us to a God who loves and cares deeply for each one of us as well as for the earth and every living part of earth, who challenges us, accepts us on a deep level and loves us all

the time. This helps us measure the transition from Babe in the manger to the Jesus that was crucified

When Mary Magdalene met Jesus at the tomb that first Easter morning, she didn't recognise him. He wasn't glowing and majestic, we're told she mistook him for the gardener. It was only when he spoke her name that she knew him...At the heart of the resurrection account is this story of relationship, and of connection.

It's really not about chocolate and fancy music, (though I do love amazing, joyful, glorious Easter music and I'm fond of good quality dark chocolate). It is however about the God who cares about us and calls us by name, who is with us in the graveyard of the depths of despair as well as when we rejoice. This God isn't just about making us 'good' and 'nice.' God is about so much more than that - about making us new; bringing about a deep radical transformation of our relationships... with God, with ourselves and consequently with the earth and everyone we meet.

Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed.
Alleluia!

By Dean Susan Green

COVID 19

Please note that Bishop Paul Colton has made a number of statements in relation to the Coronavirus, Covid 19. These statements can be accessed online at Latest News from the Church of Ireland Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

The Health Service Executive guidelines and information are available on www.hse.ie or telephone 1850 24 1850.

CDYC - Advent Challenge 2019

What have I learned from my reading of the Gospel according to Saint Mark and why does Jesus matter? By Keelan Shorten (winner 3/3).

Like the gospels of Luke and Matthew, Mark's take the form of prose to tell the story of Jesus' life. Mark's Gospel leaves out several well-known narratives and parables, including the Nativity and the Sermon on the Mount. It begins with the story of John the Baptist and a reference to Isaiah's prophecy concerning the Messiah's forerunner ("Elijah"), and moves through Our Lord's ministry; his forty days in the desert and his temptation, his healings and miracles, his Transfiguration, the killing of John the Baptist and ultimately his Passion, death, resurrection and ascension.

Mark firmly establishes Jesus' identity as the Messiah foretold in the Old Testament and as the Son of God who lived a sinless life. Mark places an emphasis on Jesus' supernatural abilities and his miracles with well-known stories like the Feeding of the 5000, Jesus walking on water and healing many people including Peter's mother-in-law, a paralyzed man and a deaf man.

A large proportion of the gospel is based on the last few weeks of Jesus' earthly life leading up to and including that fateful week in Jerusalem. Now, in a shocking twist, Jesus defines the role of the Messiah as one of suffering

and death. Peter is shocked at this defeatist attitude and rebukes Jesus. Jesus, in turn, rebukes him right back: "Get behind me, Satan!... You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." Though Peter is right that Jesus is the mighty Messiah and Son of God, he cannot fathom the suffering role of the Messiah. Yet without his suffering and death, the salvation of humankind will not be accomplished.

I believe that is one of the main reasons why Jesus matters. Without him, humanity's relationship with God would still be damaged by our sinfulness, but by his ultimate sacrifice as the *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God) on the cross we are redeemed and through our faith in his death and resurrection we too may know eternal life. Though our earthly bodies die, we never truly die but live forever in heaven, thanks solely to the grace of God.

This is summed up in Mark 10:45 "*the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*" Jesus fully atones the sins of all people and restores our relationship with God. Through him we are saved. Jesus also leaves us with a clear set of guidelines as to live our life. Many of his teachings are found in Mark, such as those on divorce and remarriage (quite controversial!) and famous parables including the Sower and the Tenants in the vineyard.

Bishop John McDowell Elected as New Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland



Bishop McDowell

The Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher, has been elected by the House of Bishops as the new Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. He succeeds Archbishop Richard Clarke who retired on 2nd February this year.

Bishop McDowell (aged 64) was ordained in 1996 and has served as Bishop of Clogher since 2011. He was previously Rector of St Mark's, Dundela, in East Belfast (2002-2011), Rector of Ballyrashane (1999-2002), and Curate of Antrim (1996-1999). He has also served as an Honorary Secretary of the General Synod (2008-2011) and is currently Chairman of the Church of Ireland's Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue.

Speaking on his election, Bishop McDowell said: 'I am overwhelmed by the confidence which my fellow bishops have placed in me to fill this ancient office. I look forward to working with them in the time to come and to serving the people of the Diocese of Armagh and the Church of Ireland in whatever way I can.'

The translation will take effect from Tuesday, 28th April, and the enthronement date will be announced in due course. Upon taking up his responsibilities as Archbishop of Armagh, Bishop McDowell will be the 106th in the succession of abbots, bishops and archbishops of Armagh since St Patrick.

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As I sit at home writing this, amidst all the COVID-19 anxiety, I realize how lucky I am to be able to work from home. The last few days have given me a lot of time to reflect on what really matters. Which, ironically enough, I spoke about this recently on my visit to Douglas Church when the Archdeacon asked me during the sermon "What Lent meant to me?" My answer - reflection and being grateful! But I will admit it is easier said than done until something like the virus comes along and I have no choice but to slow down!

So yes, I am so grateful for all the things that I have that a lot of people and families might not have. I am grateful for our health and please God it will stay that way. I am grateful for my work which I absolutely love. And I am absolutely and utterly grateful for my family. I am one very lucky girl! So instead of moaning about our holidays that might have to be cancelled, or the work that had to be postponed or the fear of the unknown, I am going to stand by what I said in Douglas and remember that we are still in Lent and that I will use this time to reflect. And to also enjoy this time with my kids in between work and be thankful that I can spend a bit more time with them.

And to be fair...I am being spoilt too, cups of tea being brought to me while I sit at the laptop, breakfast in bed...even though they eat half of it themselves... my boys are NEVER leaving home!!

Up until these past few days, I have had a very busy month. I had the opportunity to visit Rosscarbery, Abbeystrewry and Douglas Confirmation classes so far. And I have met some fantastic kids along the way. As I already mentioned earlier, I had the chance to meet the Douglas group for a second time when the Archdeacon invited me along to one of their morning services where I was interviewed as part of the sermon. Following that, we had a Soup and Roll lunch in Canon Packham hall which was also a fundraiser for Penny Dinners. The candidates did an amazing job of looking after everyone. It was lovely to meet with some of the parishioners and I met quite a few with Clonakilty links, so we had plenty to chat about!

I was also in Midleton with a group of parishioners who are planning and preparing some great things for their youth over the coming months.... fingers crossed it will all go to plan!



Back in February, we had our first Youth Leaders Day (see photos).

Both LIT groups were invited along. Steve Grasham, from CIYD, was our guest speaker and spoke on leadership and our roles and importance in leadership with young people. We are also hoping to set up a sub-committee with this group of young people so that we can get a broader view and hopefully provide what is needed for the youth of our diocese.



At the beginning of March, we held our Confirmation Retreat Weekend for this year's candidates (see photos).

We had our biggest number yet attend! Even though this year's group were younger than other years, they were just as committed and eager to participate, learn and were super fun! We gathered on Friday evening for games, pizza and worship. Sleep was actually had, maybe a little more for some! On Saturday morning, we headed to Canon Packham Hall in Douglas for the Bishop's Confirmation Morning, which was jam packed with the Bishop's talk with the groups, music, activities, games and food. The place was buzzing with excitement. After our morning with the Bishop, we went for pizza and bowling before heading back down on the bus to Bandon. At the centre, they had some free time after a busy morning. Some headed to their dorms for some chill time, while others headed for the sports hall and the pool table.

Judy Peters held a workshop on the Bible – a true or false game on facts about the bible, discussions and group work. After dinner, our young LIT leaders put together a Prayer workshop using a number of prayer stations. The candidates really engaged in it and spent time at each station. By the time that was all over, they were ready for home! It was a brilliant weekend and gave me a chance to meet with some of the up and coming youth. I am looking forward to meeting with them all over the next few months again at their Confirmations. Unfortunately, a lot of our galivanting has been curtailed for the moment. So I have no events to offer you until I get the go ahead again. Here's hoping that we will all be back to

normal as soon as possible. Stay safe everyone!

I think that is everything for now but as we plan for the coming months keep an eye out on the CDYC Facebook page for any updates and if you would like more info on anything please contact me on dyo@corkchurchofireland.com or (086) 8790623 and I will get back

to you as soon as possible. Our **NEW Website** is - <http://cdyc.ballineen.com> You will find booking forms for upcoming events on the website.

Bye for now,
Hilda Connolly.
(Diocesan Youth Officer)

New Diocesan Registrar



John C. Jermyn

Cork, Cloyne and Ross. John is a parishioner of the parish of Douglas Union, with Frankfield.

John's appointment is historic and significant in that it comes at the start of a new century of voluntary service in that particular role to the United Dioceses by the Jermyn family. John C Jermyn succeeds his father John L. Jermyn who was appointed Diocesan Registrar in 1980. The new Registrar's grandfather – John Bennett Jermyn – served in the same post from 1947 to 1980, and his great-grandfather – also John Jermyn – was appointed Diocesan Registrar in 1920 by the then Bishop: Dr Charles Dowse.

Former Irish international hockey player and Olympian, John C. Jermyn, has been appointed by the Bishop of Cork, Dr Paul Colton, to be the new Diocesan Registrar of the United Dioceses of

A date will be set in due course when the Diocese will mark both the retirement of his father John L. Jermyn, and when John C Jermyn will be installed.

Each Church of Ireland Diocese has a Diocesan Registry in a place named by the bishop, and the Diocesan Council is required to make arrangements for the safe custody of the registry and its contents. The contents may include: judgments or orders of the Diocesan Court or the Court of the General Synod; records of appointments of clergy, appointments of clergy by licence, retirements and resignations; the appointment of deputy chancellors and deputy registrars of the Diocese.

The Diocesan Registrar has responsibility for these matters, and also the keeping of a verified roll of the clergy of the Diocese which is to be tabled at meetings of diocesan Boards of Patronage (which nominates clergy to the bishop for appointment to parishes). More generally, Diocesan Registrars are frequently turned to by bishops for advice in legal matters.

Morning of Fun and Activity for Confirmation Candidates 2020

Nearly 80 young people from the Church of Ireland Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross who are preparing for Confirmation later this year, joined their Bishop, Dr Paul Colton, for a morning of meeting each other, chatting with the Bishop, games and activity on Saturday 7th March.

The Canon Packham Hall, Douglas and St Luke's National School, Douglas provided the campus once more for this now annual morning of fun, laughter and learning. As ever, the Bishop was supported by clergy and youth leaders from the Diocese.

Bishop Paul Colton said:
In a small Diocese like this, the young people mostly know me already, but this is a chance to meet informally before the 'big day' of their Confirmation. What is really important is that they have a chance to ask questions, and to see also that they are part of a bigger group. Those from smaller parishes realise they are part of something much bigger, and even those from populous parishes realise that there is a world of Christianity far beyond their own setting.

Once everyone had signed in, with special provision this year for sanitising hands throughout the morning, the games got under way. Diocesan Youth Worker, Hilda Connolly, had found out that

the Bishop has a significant birthday next week so 'happy birthday' was sung before splitting into groups.

All the young people took part in four group sessions. The first, hosted by Archdeacon Adrian and Mrs Jacqui Wilkinson, was about asking questions. It focussed on how Jesus asked lots of questions as part of his teaching, and also how, in the Gospels, Jesus himself was asked 183 questions but only directly answered three of them. A card game was involved, and also posters



Challenging Questions with Mrs Jacqui Wilkinson and Archdeacon Adrian Wilkinson.



Listening intently to Canon Elaine Murray



Bishop Colton tells the story of the Beads - the Pearls of Christ

all Confirmation Services in the Diocese. The hymn chosen by the Bishop for this year was written by American contemporary hymnwriter Marty Haugen: 'Let us build a house where love can dwell .. All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.'



Singing the Confirmation Hymn 2020

Through his work over the years with the Church of Sweden, Bishop Colton discovered the Pearls of Christ or Wreath of Christ - a way of helping people to shape their private prayers, each colour being a different theme. Devised by Swedish Lutheran Bishop Martin Lönnebo, their use has spread throughout the world. For many years now, Bishop Colton has

with questions about Christianity and the world to put to the Bishop. Canon Elaine Murray led the second group, in a visual presentation about God the Holy Spirit in signs and symbols.

made them as his personal gift to each person he confirms. This session, led by the Bishop, was about ideas about how to pray.

Mr Peter Stobart, who directs the Diocesan Church Music Scheme, was on hand again this year to teach the young people and leaders a hymn new to them which will be this year's Confirmation hymn sung at

Afterwards everyone gathered together in one big group to sing the hymn they had learned and for a closing prayer, before enjoying the healthy hospitality that was laid on.



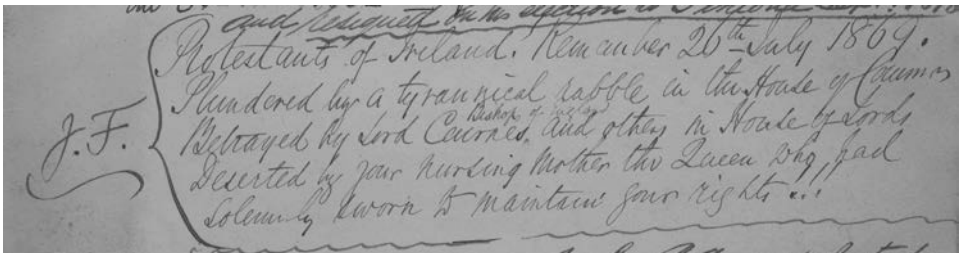
Monaghan Parish Register Reveals Rector's Response to Disestablishment

Under the terms of the Irish Church Act, of 26th July 1869, which passed into law in 1871, the union between Church and State in Ireland that had existed since the Reformation was dissolved, and the Church of Ireland ceased to be established in law, leaving it 'free to shape her future course, independent of state control' (as stated in the *Journal of the General Convention*, 1870, pp v-vi).

The legislation was desired by a very few within the Church and, for most, the dominant prevailing emotions were those of resentment and fear. In some cases, this boiled over into anger, and one of the more unusual responses to the changing realities of the period is to be found on the title page of the combined register of baptisms, marriages and burials for the parish of Killeevan, County Monaghan (Diocese of Clogher), where the Revd John Flanagan LLD served as rector from 1853 to 1876. Amid hand-written details of the succession of clergy

of the parish, he penned his feelings about the Act: 'Protestants of Ireland! Remember 26th July 1869. Plundered by a tyrannical rabble in the House of Commons, Betrayed by Lord Cairns, Bishops of England and others in the House of Lords. Deserted by your Nursing Mother, the Queen, who had solemnly sworn to maintain your rights'. Flanagan's tone was likely shared by others, but he is the only cleric to have annotated a parish register in such a manner. The annotated register parish is currently on display in the Library's entrance foyer where visitors are most welcome to view it. Further items from the Library's collections documenting the Disestablishment story also form part of the Dublin and Glendalough Disestablishment exhibition currently on display in the Lady Chapel of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.

To view the latest Archive of the Month online, visit: www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive



Flanagan's annotated entry in the title page of the Killeevan Register of Marriages, Burials & Baptisms, 1838-1876, RCB Library P805.1.2

The Reverend Canon Noel Scott



Noel Scott was born in 1935 in Kildoo, Mohill, Co. Leitrim. He was baptised in St. Mary's Church in Mohill and was brought up in

the fellowship of Christ's Church; he took on the Christian faith for himself and made a conscious decision to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and give his life in His service. To that end he attained a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Divinity, from Trinity College between 1954 and 1960 and subsequently was ordained to the priesthood in 1960.

He served as curate in Saint Patrick's Ballymacarrett in the Diocese of Down from 1960 to 1963. From there he went to Shankill, Lurgan, County Armagh from 1963 and 1967. In response to a calling he joined the Diocese of Matabeleland, Rhodesia, and served as Assistant Priest at the Church of the Ascension in Hillside from 1967 to 1970. He further served the same parish as Rector between 1970 and 2002. Between those years there were occasions when he also served as Archdeacon and Vicar General in the Diocese of Matabeleland. On retirement as Rector of the Church of the Ascension in 2002, he was made Rector Emeritus of the same Parish. He had accepted the call to ministry so that he could give to others that same privilege of walking with God.

He was the inaugural recipient of the Diocese of Matabeleland Inkanyiso YoMondli (Light of the Steward)

Award for Peace and Justice.

He served as Chaplain to Whitestone School, the Teachers' College and Saint Josephs' Home for Boys. He also partnered with other Parishes.

He was a member of the Committees of Island Hospice; Matabeleland AIDS Council; Bulawayo Shelter; Bulawayo Projects Centre; Bulawayo Crematorium and the Mater Dei Trust. All these were service organisations that offered very important and useful services to the community in and around Bulawayo.

He actively promoted joint worship and action among the churches in Hillside. He founded "Christians Together for Justice and Peace", an organisation that sought to pursue matters to do with peace and justice. He was also a founding member of The Way Clinic, a medical facility that was set up to serve the less privileged in the community.

He returned to Ireland 2010 to live in Kingston College, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork, where he was very involved with the community and had a full diary of commitments which included services in the wider parish and diocese. He convened the retired clergy gatherings and enjoyed the fellowship and life of the college.

In 2017 he relocated Brabazon House, Sandymount where he was also involved in community and attended St John the Evangelist's Church until his passing on the 6th of February 2020. His Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration for his life and ministry took place in St

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A happy group before lunch after the 150th anniversary commemorations of the disestablishment of the Church of Ireland. See article - Re-enactment of Defining Church of Ireland Moment in 1870 (photo -Jim Coughlan)



City Primary School choirs gathered in St Fin Barre's Cathedral for Ash Wednesday

Mary's Church Mohill on the 15th February 2020.

He was immensely popular, loved as much for his eccentricities as for his decency and goodness, and nobody who knew him will forget him. He was a character.

"Rest eternal grant unto him O Lord and may Light Perpetual shine upon him."

(Rev Isobel Jackson, Templebreedy Union, is the niece of the late Canon Scott).



Today, as we face into unprecedented times for our country, I have sent an email out to members to ask them to cancel all MU events/meetings over the next while. I am sure that by the time you read this, things will have changed again regarding COVID19 – there is so much uncertainty all around us. What I am sure of though, is that we all will be **pulling together** to get through this difficult time. The Mothers' Union prayer includes these words...

"Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world."

This is what we are called to do all the time and we continue look for new and creative ways to support each other, along with families and others in our communities, especially those who are adversely affected by all that is happening Our Quiet Day on the

25th March, which had already been rescheduled, had to be cancelled again; at the time of writing (13th March) it is not possible to say whether our Festival Service at 7.30 in Mallow on the 30th April will go ahead. We will get word out in plenty of time. We are looking forward to welcoming our All Ireland president to Cork and pray that it can go ahead as planned. Easter is on its way, a very special time of year for Christians – may you be blessed and experience the power and hope of the message of Good Friday and Easter Sunday in your own lives.

A reminder to put our trust in God - Philippians 4:6-7

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." HD



Thank You

Many thanks to **Vicky Wilson** who so generously gave of her time and talent to provide the artwork for the front cover of this magazine.

Also, many thanks to **Dean Susan Green**, Dean of Cloyne, who so kindly and willingly gave of his time to write the Easter Message for this magazine.

Re-enactment of Defining Church of Ireland Moment in 1870

On Monday 24 February, in St Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork, young people from Ashton School, Bandon Grammar School and Midleton College, accepted the invitation of the Bishop Paul Colton, to join him, some of the clergy of the Diocese, Dr Richard Clarke (recently retired Archbishop of Armagh) and Bishop Michael Mayes, in re-enacting a seminal moment in the history of the Church of Ireland: the reading of the Church's *Preamble and Declaration* for the first time by Bishop John Gregg of Cork on 19th February 1870 at the General Convention of the Church of Ireland.

Amidst the fallout of the passing of the Irish Church Act in 1869, the Church of Ireland had just over a year to organise itself on a new footing before it would be disestablished on 1st January 1871. A new Constitution was required, and a body to be legal trustee of the Church's property (the Representative Church Body) was to be set up by Royal Charter.

In 1870, therefore, a lot of homework having been done by an Organization Committee, the Archbishop and Bishops, together with clergy and lay people elected from every Diocese, met for two extended sessions as a General Convention in Dublin: a Spring session of 41 days and an Autumn session of 16 days. At the outset it was essential to set down first principles; a new Church was not being founded, rather it was a continuation of the ancient Church, catholic and apostolic, which had espoused also the principles of the Reformation.



Ashton School students, Sadhbh, Emily, Lucy and Claire in costume (photo - Jim Coughlan)



Ashton School students, Kyle, Luke and Daniel (photo - Jim Coughlan)

On Saturday 19th February 1870, the fifth day of the General Convention, having first put in place the rules to order the way it would work, the meeting turned, as of first importance, to first principles: the continuity, tradition and key beliefs of the Church of Ireland. These were set out in a *Preamble and Declaration* which was proposed for adoption by the Bishop of Cork, John Gregg, and seconded by the Archbishop of Dublin, Richard Chevenix Trench. So solemn was the moment that the Journal of the General Convention records that those present



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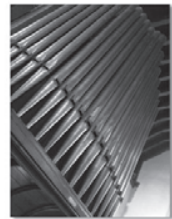
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The solemn reading of the Preamble and Declaration for the first time in 1870 (photo - Jim Coughlan)



Mr David Bird, Diocesan Trustee (back row, second from left) with the cast at the re-enactment (photo - Jim Coughlan)

were' standing their heads uncovered'; they removed their hats.

This short but powerful and symbolic moment in the history of the Church of Ireland was re-enacted in part of St Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork which was transformed to emulate the Antient Concert Rooms on Great Brunswick Street (now Pearse Street) Dublin where the General Convention convened.

The Chaplains of the three schools - Drew Ruttle, the Reverend Anne Skuse, and Canon Andrew Orr - recruited the cast who were decked in period costume sourced by Drew Ruttle who also oversees the drama department at Ashton School. Dr Richard Clarke fulfilled the role of his predecessor

Archbishop in Armagh, Marcus Gervais Beresford. Bishop Mayes took the part of the Archbishop of Dublin, Richard Chevenix Trench.

The re-enactment was filmed for posterity, with a number of rehearsals and 'takes' during the morning. In a rest between filming, Bishop Colton introduced the students to one of the Trustees of the Diocese, Mr David Bird, whose great-grandfather, D.R.P. Sarsfield, J.P. of Doughcloyne in Cork was one of the laymen representing the Diocese. Sarsfield Road and the Sarsfield Roundabout on Cork's South Ring Road are named after him.

It is a fact that women were not members of the General Convention in 1870. Indeed, they were not part of the decision-making synods of the Church until the 1950s. It is not known whether or not they attended as guests, but in this re-enactment they did, emphasising the historical fact of their non-participation.

Having rehearsed and filmed, before packing up, the entire moment was solemnly re-enacted in commemoration of that historic moment on 19th February 1870 when Bishop John Gregg read aloud the *Preamble and Declaration* for the first time.

After the re-enactment, the entire cast, accepted the Bishop's invitation to lunch at the Bishop's Palace across the road where everyone relaxed under the watchful eye of the portrait of Bishop John Gregg, and, indeed, the portraits of bishops as far back as 1582.



SCHOOL NEWS

Ashton School

Transition Year 24-hr fast for Concern and World Vision The Ashton Transition Year carried on the tradition of a 24-hr fast to raise funds for Concern and World Vision. A committee of four TY pupils: Ciara Burns, Doireann Magee-Salau, Cerys Lewis and Maja Pedersen organised the event.

Pupils had to apply for one of the limited number of places. 40 pupils took part. The pupils fasted for 24 hrs stayed, school overnight and had breakfast together on Friday morning. There were some hungry and tired faces on Friday morning but the learning experience and positive outcome for the charities was worth the suffering.

Noeleen Doyle from Concern will attend school assembly in April to accept a record amount raised by the pupils. The pupils raised over €2800 for both charities.

The teachers who supervised the Fast were, Ms Dennehy, Ms Lynch, Mr Curran and Mr Scanlan.

Pictured are two members of the committee.

Mary Elmes Prize Congratulations to Ashton Students Sean Tuohy and Clodagh Kelly for their successes in the Mary Elmes Prize in Holocaust Studies for Transition Year Students. The Prize was launched in September by the Holocaust Education Trust in association with the History Teachers Association of Ireland. It honours Mary Elmes, a past pupil of Rochelle (now

Ashton School) for her exceptional courage in rescuing Jewish children from Nazi persecution.

Sean Tuohy took first place in the Music Response Category and Clodagh Kelly was runner-up in the Literary Response Category. The topic was offered to students for the first time this year and their teacher Maggie Gleghorne is delighted with the way students engaged with it. We join Ms Gleghorne in expressing our congratulations to Sean and Clodagh and all those who took part.



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Young people from the diocese who will be confirmed in 2020



Fanlobbus Youth Group visiting West Cork Biscuits in Dunmanway



Bandon Grammar School

The Covid-19 virus is dominating much of the conversation in Bandon Grammar School, reflecting the wider anxieties of the community as a whole. Principal Coombes and all his staff are working every day to educate students on how to stay safe and working towards minimising the risks of infection in school. Sadly this has led to a host of cancellations including an upcoming Form 6 parent teacher meeting and a trip to Brussels for a group of fifth year students. It has been followed by a national closing of schools but all at Bandon Grammar School would like to assure students and parents that everything will be done to maintain as much teaching and learning as possible, particularly for those anxious ahead of the state exams. We have met many challenges as a school community in recent times and all at Bandon Grammar School are confident we will successfully cope with this stressful period.

In much more positive news, well done to Trevor Collins and all involved in this year's 24-hour soccer marathon that took place this month.. It was yet another fantastic event with students and staff rowing in for a blend of hard work, fun and always a little mayhem! It was all in aid of the school community and sincere thanks is offered to anyone who contributed in terms of sponsorship. A big thank you to Mr Collins for working so tirelessly in the run up to the day and throughout the 24 hours. Where does he get the stamina?!

Big congratulations to the Senior Boys' Hockey Team who won the Munster

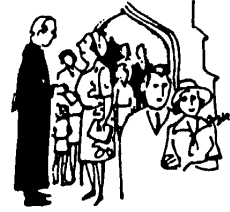
Schools' Senior Soccer Cup for the first time in five years this month. It was a great occasion capped off by a wonderful display of hockey from the boys. Rob Sweetnam, Mark Collins and Ian Perrott all scored in a resounding 4-0 win. Thank you to coaches Will Bartley, Ashley Smyth and Caroline Collins for working so tirelessly to help the boys achieve this huge success.

Well done to our Junior Boys' rugby team who defeated Bantry in the Munster Plate Final in Independent Park. It was a comfortable 22-10 victory and should prove an excellent stepping stone towards success next year.

The school is in the middle of a six week tree planting campaign and are keen to get help from people with expertise in the community. The aim is to plant over one acre of trees of a native broadleaf variety in the main. Anyone with any specialist advice to offer is asked to contact Mr George Bradfield through the school office.

Well done to Ms Redmond and all her team who have managed to collect a gargantuan quantity of books for children in Malawi. Her collection has been running for the last month, upon learning that children in this west African country are limited to 45 textbooks between 1250 students. The support from the staff and the wider school community has been immense and she is sending off thousands of books. Congratulations to all involved in this worth endeavour.

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From the registers As a parish we extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Wilkie Hackett whose who was buried in Creagh graveyard on Sunday 23rd February. May he rest in the peace of Christ and rise in his glory.

Shrove Tuesday Many thanks to all who supported the pancakes in St. Mary's Caheragh. We raised €215.00 for parish funds. Well done all!

From the Rector...

Dear Friends in Christ, I write to you in very strange, troubling and uncertain times in relation to the pandemic of Covid 19. We are all aware of the situation that confronts us and we as a community need to respond in the best manner.

Following advice from the Government and the Bishop, the following measures will be taken to try and slow the spread of this disease. This is very uncharted waters, so the advice may change in the near future.

Please read the following, and try to observe the spirit of what they are trying to do, which is to keeps us, and those whom we love safe.

- Please note, there is no obligation to attend services. If you feel unwell, you should stay at home. If you are in the 'at risk' category, please do not unnecessarily risk your health by attending public worship. You may consider listening to Sunday services on radio, or watching RTE Sunday service, or if you are really desperate there is always Songs of Praise!
- If you are attending services on Sunday, please observe 'social distancing'. This may appear unsocial, and even Un-Christian, but is best practice. Please do not greet each other before or after services. Please do spread around the Churches, best practice is to put a distance of at least two metres between each member of the congregation. This mean moving from your traditional pew. (There is plenty of room at the front pews!) A reminder that the sign of peace will not be exchanged during the Eucharist.
- To try and limit interaction, there will only retiring collections for each service, instead of the usual collection at the offertory hymn.

- Please take your own hymn books at the beginning of the service and return them after the service.
- Indoor gatherings of people in the state, have been limited to 100 people. Ordinarily this will not be an issue, but if there are funerals, I would request that you respect this rule. This would of course mean that expressing your condolences with the bereaved is not allowed. Again, this may be considered uncaring, and extremely unnatural in West Cork, but this is a necessary precaution.
- Communion where celebrated, will be in one kind only (Bread). Clergy will observe the necessary hygiene measures and will receive communion in both kinds. Again, there is no obligation to receive Holy Communion, the prayer book states those who are incapable of receiving the sacrament are to be assured that they are by faith partakers of the body and blood of Christ and of the benefits He conveys to us by them (Book of Common Prayer, p.440).
- If you have influenza-type symptoms, please do not call on the clergy to visit you. Please do phone, but to try and limit spread of any sickness please be understanding that clergy may have to keep a distance. Again, this is not what anyone wants, but is a necessary precaution.

As of now, the following parish activities have been suspended until further notice:

- Sunday Club
- Messy Church
- Table Tennis
- Coffees after service
- Choir
- Bell ringing
- Services, for the moment will remain as scheduled (as found on newsletter and on the website). In future this may change, any changes will be posted on our website: www.abbeystrewry.com , or the parish Facebook page: (search for Abbeystrewry on Facebook) or will be emailed out if you are on the newsletter emailing list. (If you would like to be added to the list, please send an email to abbeystrewryunion@gmail.com). Please note that at this stage it is impossible to predict arrangements for Holy Week and Easter.

Please look out for each other, support each other (where it is safe to do so), and most importantly pray for one another.

May God keep us all safe in his love,

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Living in God's dwelling place In Psalm 91 we read, *"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; for He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways."* (verses 1, 10 and 11)

The literal translation of verse 1 communicates that those who spend their nights in the presence of God, who is Almighty, will be protected. Everyone has *night-times* of life, when earthly circumstances appear darker than desired. Yet the words in the psalm communicate a state of peace and bliss which can sound too perfect; so perfect that you might believe them unattainable this side of heaven. Yet, God's Word is always a source of life for those who cherish, honour, and place faith in His promises, and so we do well to consider these verses more closely.

The verb from the first line, *to dwell* is the act of establishing a place to remain; it is one's own habitation or home; the place one has the habit of living. Habits develop over time. Before completely adapting them, people will try out behaviours, speech patterns, and manners of thinking. As a person takes shelter and comfort in behaviours, speaking and thinking, the time arrives when an individual begins to dwell in the behaviour, words, and thoughts more habitually.

Considering the words of the psalm and considering your own dwelling places, pause for a moment and ask yourself, where would you like your mind to dwell today? Where would you like your mind to dwell tomorrow? Where would you like your mind to dwell five minutes from now? Avoiding the question serves no purpose, as all people will establish a dwelling place by the manner of their lives. Yet God's own word invites each person to dwell in His secret place, that is, His tabernacle, His place of Holiness. God who is Holy and Mighty endows each person with the privilege of establishing all thoughts and intentions upon His place of dwelling. Like tuning a radio to the station of choice, each person may choose to tune their hearts and minds to the dwelling place and to the will of God. Yet' do to the sinful state of humanity, human thoughts do tend to end in the realm of this world, in the immediate comforts and discomforts of the flesh. What does it mean to return to God's Holiness and Mightiness?

This activity of dwelling or habiting God's Holiness is a perpetual activity. A person will remember where home is, and return to that place daily, and even several times in one day. If the Lord God is our habitation, then it is to Him that we will return daily and also several times during any one day. Where our spirits rest in God and in His Holy Spirit, we are safe. While the realm of this world encourages people to believe in the feelings of doubt, fear, dread, anxiety, poverty, shame and illness; Life in God invites the believer to return our thoughts to Him according to His Word which gives strength, peace and joy.

It is no surprise that Saint Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans (chapter 8), *"Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace."* As disciples of Jesus, we put on the minds of Christ our Lord, and with the psalmist they make Him their dwelling place. Choosing the thoughts of God's desire for our salvation over and above temptations to be occupied by other thoughts and beliefs, we will be sheltered in His strength.

We are living in a time of temptation and fear; in this time of anxiety and alarm, so with Saint Paul, lets *“put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”*

Then taking up verse 14-16 of Psalm 91 the believer can live in confidence, knowing that God’s promise is true: *“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me,*



I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honour him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

That word, Salvation, the last word in the Psalm is *Yeshua*, Jesus’ own name. Jesus who is salvation in Yahweh, our Father, has, does and will be our protection always and a dwelling that cannot be conquered.

After School Club

Thank you to Esther Stevenson of Faith Mission, parishioners and for all those who supported the Ballydehob Union of Parish’s After School Club. For a number of Tuesday afternoons in the last year, children and adults from the surrounding parts of the parish union gathered and shared Bible stories, games, activities and the life of faith. In the last



Children in the Ballydehob Union making sheep buns as they appreciate the sweet side of the 23rd Psalm.

several meetings Esther drew our attention to the 23rd Psalm and

remembering how God looks out for His people, the sheep of His pasture. As we

give thanks for the opportunities to celebrate the life of faith together, we pray that God will continue to open opportunities to us to share in His abundant blessings.

Service times for the Ballydehob Union

(the types of services listed can be subject to change, so please check the website for updates)

Sunday 5 April 2020, The sixth Sunday in Lent, Palm Sunday

Saint Matthew, Aughadown: Holy Communion Service; 10:00am

Saint Matthias, Ballydehob: Morning Prayer Service; 11:30am

Sunday 12 April 2020, Easter Sunday

Saint Matthew, Aughadown: Holy Communion Service; 10:00am

Saint Matthias, Ballydehob: Holy Communion Service; 11:30am

Sunday 19 April 2020, The second Sunday of Easter

Saint Matthew, Aughadown: Holy Communion Service; 10:00am

Saint Matthias, Ballydehob: Morning Prayer Service; 11:30am

Sunday 26 April 2020, The third Sunday of Easter

Saint Matthew, Aughadown: Morning Prayer Service; 10:00am

Saint Matthias, Ballydehob: Morning Prayer Service; 11:30am

Sunday 3 May 2020, The fourth Sunday of Easter

Saint Matthew, Aughadown: Holy Communion Service; 10:00am

Saint Matthias, Ballydehob: Morning Prayer Service; 11:30am

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Congratulations March got off to a celebratory start with the marriage of David Wilson and Audrey Henry in Holy Trinity Church, Rathclaren on Saturday 29th February. I would like to wish them well in their married life together.

Wedding Dress Fundraiser held on Friday the 14th February went very well, we have over forty wedding dresses modelled on the night some by the brides themselves and others by pupils from Bandon Grammar School some of whom hope to be heading to Zambia in June with Habitat Humanity of course if travel is permitted. Dresses that received a lot of attention were those that were worn during the war years, in particular, the late Mrs Mc Cutcheon's dress. There are over one hundred and fifty photographs of the event on our parish face book page if you are interested in viewing the dresses. €2,000 was raised on the night, donations will be made to Habitat Humanity, Penny Dinners and Bandon Playground appeal. We would like to thank all those who helped organise the event, donated prizes, and gave of their time and services.

Tractor Run Presentation On Saturday, 8th March at the Old Still in Bandon - cheques were presented to Cork Down Syndrome Centre and BASC. Both groups received a cheque for €3,200. The balance of the money raised went to the St.

Peter's Development Fund. Again we would like to thank, our sponsors and all those who helped out in various ways. Without your help and the generosity of those who entered their tractors, lorries, jeeps and vintage cars, we would not be able to help these worthwhile causes.

Bereavement On 5th of March we were sorry to hear of the sudden death at home of Mrs Kathleen Teape of Rathrout, Ballinadee. We extend our deep sympathy to her beloved husband George, daughters Olive, Beryl and son Thomas, to her daughter-in-law Liz, sons in-law, Trevor and Victor and to her grandchildren, Alyson, Gavin, Katelyn, Aine, Lucy, Sarah, Victor and David and to her wider family. Kathleen, was a dedicated member of Ballinadee Church, a great supporter of Bandon Union Parish and a regular attender at services up until her recent illness.

On Monday 9th March, Mrs Gladys Kingston of Garrendruig, Kilbrittain, died peacefully in the loving care of the Staff of Criona Ward at Clonakilty Community Hospital. She died in the presence of her loving family. Gladys and her late husband Sam always attended St. Peter's Church, Bandon and were great supporters of everything in the parish. She will be sadly missed. I would like to extend our condolences to her daughter Linda, sons Ken, Alan, Gordon and Harold. To her daughters-in-law Lorna, Patricia and Jennifer, son-in-law Andy, grandchildren Chloe, Ben, Kathlyn, Steven, Kendra, Clara, Ellie, Scott, Lauren, Josh and Poppy, brother Albert, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and to her wider family.

On Friday 28th of February, Thomas Gervais Rentoul Brown, died suddenly at his home in Prestatyn, North Wales. He was the beloved son of the late Reverend Thomas Rentoul Brown and Phyllis Brown, and devoted brother of Daphne (Deane) and Anne Brown. Following a Service in Wales his funeral service was held in St. Peter's Bandon on Thursday 12th of March. We extend our sympathy to his sisters Daphne Deane and Anne Brown and to brother-in-law Bob, niece Jennifer (Moore), nephews Mark and David Deane, grandnephews James, Marcus and Alex, grandniece Megan, cousins and his large circle of friends. May they rest in Peace and rise in glory. Amen.

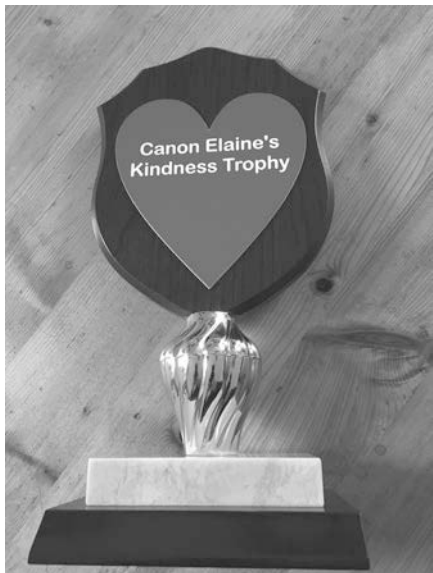
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Theological Book Circle are reading 'Mr Golightly's Holiday' by Salley Vickers and we will meet in the Rectory at 8pm on Monday 11th May to discuss. All welcome.

Littles Plus One continue to meet in the Parish Hall beside St Mary's Church for a couple of hours from 10am each Monday morning. All accompanied toddlers welcome for some uncomplicated playtime, coffee & chats.

Sunday Club at the time of writing these notes are planning to do something special for Mothering Sunday and hopefully by the time you are reading this you will have enjoyed the surprise. Sunday Club meet at 11am on the 2nd Sunday of each month in the Parish Hall.



St Mary's School The rector has gifted a 'Kindness Trophy' to the school (see the photo), beautifully made by Joy Keeffe ... thank you!) Each year, the children and staff will vote for the child they believe has been the kindest child in the school. Then this child will keep the Trophy for a year. Knowing the wonderful children in St Mary's, it'll be a tough job to pick just one child for this annual award.

Friendship Club generally meet in the Rectory on the 2nd Thursday of each month for tea, coffee & chat. There will be no gathering in April because of the Easter break and we will meet again at 11am on Thursday 14th May. All welcome.

Ecumenical Project Team - Carrigaline Welcome Group

Thank you to everyone who is supporting this initiative. At the time of writing we still hadn't managed to secure a house to rent in the locality, so we would appeal to everyone to keep their eyes peeled!. Somewhere there is a refugee family in waiting whose greatest wish is to come and be part of our community here in Cork.

Mothers' Union We had a very insightful and reflective Women's World Day of Prayer on Saturday 7th March in the R.C. Parish Centre at 10am. (see photo).



Women's World Day of Prayer group

We were privileged to have Sue and her husband Nick with us who grew up in Zimbabwe and have lived in Ireland since 2004. She took part in the service and also brought some special artefacts including a Zimbabwean flag. This occasion was well attended by both parishes, and

great chat afterwards with a cuppa and refreshments. By the time you read this we will have had our Ladies' Day celebrations when a Bring and Buy sale will be held at 3pm on Wednesday 25th March to fundraise for the M.U. "Make a Mothers' Day Fund. All will have enjoyed the afternoon occasion with a cuppa and cake/biscuits, I hope, and the cakes and home produce snapped up!

Forward Planning: On Sunday 5th April after the 11am service there will be a Famine Lunch in aid of the M. U. Overseas Fund. Soup and rolls and cheese will be provided. Wednesday 22nd April at 8pm there will be a talk on "How Guide Dogs Change our Lives", when a visually impaired speaker will talk about her life with her Guide Dog who will accompany her. Supper will follow afterwards as always. All welcome! (DW)



Some of the confirmation candidates at the Bishop's Confirmation morning in Douglas

Congregation on www.ecocongregationireland.com

If you have any items on any aspect of our parish life that you would like included in the May Magazine, please email them to the rector (emitincork@gmail.com) before the 7th April please.

FORWARD PLANNER

HOLY WEEK :

5th April Palm Sunday:

- 9:30am Service in St John's – Palm & Passion Liturgy
- 11am Service in St Mary's – Palm Procession & Liturgy.

Followed by the Mothers' Union Famine Lunch in the Parish Hall.

6th April Monday of Holy Week:

- 10.30am Holy Communion in St Mary's
- Joining with Douglas Congregation 7.30pm in St Luke's Church Douglas

7th April Tuesday of Holy Week:

Green Matters

There are still a couple of the free oak saplings left, if you would like one, please contact John Andrew and thanks to John for organising it all. If you have any further ideas of how we can improve on what we already do environmentally as an Eco parish, please do contact Valerie Andrew. You can also find out more about Eco

- 10.30am Holy Communion in St Mary's
 - Joining with Douglas Congregation 7.30pm in St Luke's Church Douglas
- 8th April Wednesday of Holy Week:
- 10.30am Holy Communion in St Mary's
 - Joining with Douglas Congregation 7.30pm in St Luke's Church Douglas
- 9th April Maundy Thursday:
- 12 noon Chrism Eucharist in St Fachtna's Cathedral, Rosscarbery
 - 7:30pm Holy Communion with foot washing and stripping of the altar, St Mary's Church
- 10th April Good Friday:
- 10.30am St John's - Morning Prayer with Litany
 - 7.30pm St Mary's - Evening Prayer with Litany
- 11th April Easter Saturday:
- 9pm St Mary's - Easter Vigil Service
- 12th April Easter Sunday:
- Dawn Ecumenical Service, meeting at 6:30am at St John's Church Monkstown,
 - 9.30am St John's - Easter Eucharist
 - 11am St Mary's - Easter Eucharist
- 21st April Easter Vestry (Annual General Meeting of Parish) 7:30pm Parish Hall
- 23rd May Parish Fete 10am till 2pm St Mary's School
- 31st May United Service Pentecost, 11:15am St John's Church,
Preacher: Revd Arthur Huston, former Rector of Carrigaline Union
- 7th June United Service Confirmation , 11:15 St Mary's Church
- 26th June Parish BBQ in Rectory grounds

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With the cloud of Covid 19, below is a compassionate and prayerful response which can be circulated.

With the church programme on hold, please check the website for further information.

The journey to the Cross this year will be one burdened in prayer and yet with the promise of new life. We share this with everyone.

Sabbath Space Wash and Pray! It's a bit disconcerting for sure, this coronavirus. Some are stocking up with gels, extra food, masks, and strategizing for all sorts of threats. Many are having conversations based on 'what if'. We are rehearsing

how to stay a couple of metres away from each other, how to prepare for self-isolating, how to refrain from hugs, handshakes etc. Everyone has their own reaction, but three things seem to be coming through as we chat about it here in our Ruah, Community;

- (1) No matter how we 'stock up', or armour up, we are connecting with our underlying vulnerability.
- (2) We are discovering we are not gods and masters and we cannot control everything.
- (3) We all impact on one another, we cannot just look after number one and wash our hands (literally) of everyone else.

Author, and psychiatrist, Gerald G. May, in his book 'Will and Spirit', tells us that 'we are so intimately joined in Divine Mystery that when a single one of us falls, we are all wounded. And when a single one breathes freely and opens to the exquisitely painful ecstasy of love, we are all nourished' Whether the one 'that falls' is a human being, an animal or tree, whether we hear it echoing in our neighbourhood, or from a far off place through the newspaper or television, it is part of our family. Our circle of care must extend to all because at the very heart of the universe is the movement of inter-relational energy.

Researchers in quantum physics and science agree that the universe is an interconnected system, all part of each other, and all related. It recognizes that essentially we are all one; held together by 'invisible chords'. In *Laudoti Si* we learn 'Everything is related and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures.....

Seeing as washing our hands will be something we do with great care and precision for the next while, perhaps we could introduce this simple prayer, which extends our care and concern for all our brothers and sisters. It will take about the same time as it takes to wash your hands, so perhaps you could place it near the sink somewhere. Also, feel free to pass on to others so we can all send a ripple of healing and blessing, rather than just focusing on stocking up and catastrophizing.

May Nations and Neighbours work together at this time.
May fear be calmed and illness cured.
May the most vulnerable be safe and comforted
May we know we are all one,
connected in the web of life, through love,
Held and Healed through Christ.
Amen.

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In the last day we have entered a new phase in our experience as we begin to feel the arrival of Covid 19 into our communities. As we batten down the hatches, it is heartening to see acts of kindness and caring amidst the panic buying and stockpiling in preparation for times of little to no social contact.

Although services are proceeding we are advising that people be responsible about attending church, if they are in an at risk category or have any symptoms. We need to care for each other and staying away may be the most caring way to act for some. Having said this, our church buildings are spacious and handwashing facilities, are in place as well as social distancing measures.

Confirmation Class Many thanks to the members of the Confirmation group who have been meeting for the last few weeks, and especially to their parents who attend on a rota basis to ensure another adult is always present.

Lent Bible Study Group The Bible Study group are meeting weekly on Mondays at 8pm and looking at the % Marks of Mission in the Anglican Communion. We also attended the lecture in UCC given by Professor Katharine Heyhoe. We are due to meet on:

- Monday, 23rd March - Marks 3 and 4
- Monday, 30 March - Movie night and
- Monday 6 April - Mark 5.

However, all of these are now subject to change.

Holy Week and Easter Services are as follows

Palm Sunday 5th April	Tenebrae, Cloyne Cathedral
Wednesday of Holy Week 8th April	Evening Prayer, East Ferry 7.30pm
Maundy Thursday 9th April	Diocesan Chrism Eucharist 12noon Holy Communion, Corkbeg 7.30pm

This marks the Institution of the Eucharist and is followed by the Stripping of the Altar as we move into the period of mourning for Good Friday.

Good Friday 10th April Evening Prayer, Cloyne Cathedral 7.30pm

Easter Eve Saturday 11th April Easter Vigil, Midleton 8pm

This service has three separate parts, it begins in a darkened church with readings, we then move outside where the lighting of the Pascal candle symbolises the resurrection. Finally the darkened church is fully lit as we share the light from the Pascal candle with each other and celebrate Holy Communion.

Easter Day There will be a service of Holy Communion in each church as follows:

- Corkbeg 8am
- East Ferry 9.15am
- Midleton 10.30am
- Cloyne 12.00 noon

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5th April, Palm Sunday

10.30am – Christ Church, Rushbrooke; *Eucharist with liturgy of the Palms*
 United service NB time

6th, 7th, 8th, April, Holy Week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

10.30am – St Lappan’s, Little Island; *Eucharist*

9th April, Maundy Thursday

8pm – Christ Church, Rushbrooke; *Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar*

10th April, Good Friday

12 noon – St Lappan’s, Little Island; *At the foot of the cross: An all-age liturgy for Good Friday*

3pm – Christ Church, Rushbrooke; *The Liturgy for Good Friday: Ante Communion & Litany*

5pm – St Mary & All Saints’, Glanmire; *The Stations of the Cross*

11th April, Easter Eve

10am – Christ Church, Rushbrooke; *Mattins (said)*

12th April, Easter Day

10am – Christ Church, Rushbrooke; *Eucharist*

11.30am – St Mary & All Saints’, Glanmire; *Eucharist*

19th April, The Second Sunday of Easter

10am – Christ Church, Rushbrooke; *Eucharist*

11.30am – St Mary & All Saints’, Glanmire; *Mattins*

Saturday 25th April, St Mark the Evangelist

10.30am – St Mary & All Saints’, Glanmire; *Eucharist*

26th April, The Third Sunday of Easter

10am – Christ Church, Rushbrooke; *Mattins*

11.30am – St Lappan’s, Little Island; *Eucharist*

Sunday Club

The Sunday Club meets every Sunday at the 11.30am service in Glanmire / Little Island. All children are most welcome to attend.

Gift Day Our annual gift day will be on Palm Sunday, 5th April. Your donation to the upkeep and mission of the parish is most appreciated.

Plant Sale There will be a plant sale in Christ Church, Rushbrooke on Saturday 25th April from 2pm.

Karen Underwood to perform in Christ Church, Rushbrooke On Friday 15th May at 8pm, internationally renowned singer Karen Underwood will perform in concert at Christ Church, Rushbrooke (Cobh). Born in Chicago, she has lived in Cork since 1997. She has delighted and enchanted audiences across Ireland with her music, and has performed at various festivals including Oxegen, Electric Picnic, and the Cork Jazz Festival. Come and be captivated by Karen – tickets are available via Eventbrite and cost €21.59 (price includes booking fee).

Annual Fete The annual parish fete will take place in the grounds of St Mary & All Saints', Glanmire, on Saturday 9th May at 2pm. All are most welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

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Coronavirus Covid-19 At the time of writing, there is massive concern surrounding the spread of Covid-19 throughout the country. By the time you read this, a lot will have happened. We are in uncharted waters and so parochial activities and worship schedules outlined in these notes may or may not happen depending on the advice of the HSE and other agencies. When changes are made, announcements will be given locally and through our parish website and other social media.

We are mindful of those who work on the front line in the health service, as well as family members caring for frail relatives and those who have contracted the virus. The most obvious change in terms of our worship, apart from the cancelation of services, is the suspension of the common cup at the Eucharist. This is a very necessary but regrettable change to our practice, and we hope that when things return to normal, it too will return at the earliest appropriate opportunity.

There have been other profound changes in terms of our social interaction. The human contact of the handshake has completely disappeared. The practice of shaking hands goes back to the ancient Greeks. The open palm signified to the other person that your fist was not clenched and ready to strike, and that you were not holding a sword or dagger in threat. The handshake came to symbolise

a solemn agreement or bond. In Hebrew, the word for friend is 'yedid' and is formed by repeating and combining the word for 'hand' together, suggesting two friends walking together while holding hands. Quite rightly we are being urged to practice social isolation to prevent the spread of the virus. While this deprives someone of the warmth of physical human contact, it does not mean that we have to practice emotional or spiritual isolation. Please look out for one another. Take the time to phone or contact those who live on their own or who may be feeling vulnerable. If there is one positive thing from all this, it is that we are all reminded of our common humanity. This virus knows no political borders, or divisions of class, creed or gender. So we are all challenged to find new ways to show the warmth of our love and care for our families, friends and neighbours, as well as people everywhere.

St Luke's Notes Life in St Luke's School has been particularly busy lately. Our Parents' Association organised a special screening of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone when the pupils had to dress up as their favourite Harry Potter character. A superb night was had by all! Our Student Council organised a 'Crazy Hair Day' when they raised over €300 in aid of Barnardos. Our Green School Committee had a visit from Lisa O'Grady from An Taisce to find out how we were progressing with our Travel Flag. Lisa was very impressed at the fact that the amount of children being driven to school has reduced and walking to school has increased.

Our school choir visited the Everyman Theatre to see an excellent performance of Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes. Thank you to our PA who funded this event as a gesture of thanks to the choir who represented us so well at many occasions during the year.

We were delighted to welcome Jacqui Wilkinson to a recent assembly. She spoke to us about her newly published book of prayers entitled 'Praying Together'. It is a collection of prayers written by pupils, teachers and others – a wonderful resource to have in our schools. 5th Class are very fortunate to have the opportunity to take part in rowing classes in Shandon Rowing Club in conjunction with Cork Sports Partnership. 5th Class are also involved in basketball classes this term. Our hockey players were very successful in a recent Inter-Schools Tournament and managed to bring home some silverware! Congratulations to all involved, especially our hockey rep, Orla Kingston.

The pupils of 3rd Class graduated with flying colours when they went on a recent trip to UCC! They had a tour of the campus and finished off with a graduation ceremony. 3rd Class are also taking part in a session of very worthwhile workshops organised by a parent of the school, Dr Boyd on the topic of Vikings.

We are very proud of Cian Dorgan, a past pupil who came to a Tuesday morning assembly and spoke to us about his selection to the Irish under 16 hockey squad. Good luck, Cian in your upcoming matches.

We extend our sympathy to Olwen Anderson on the death of her uncle and to Delia Hodnett on the death of her mother.

Holy Week Assuming services can continue as normal, for Holy Week we anticipate welcoming back a former curate as our guest preacher – Canon Eithne Lynch. Many remember her ministry in this parish with affection and appreciation. It will be good to have her with us for this most important of weeks in the liturgical calendar. We hope to have an evening service at 7.30 each night in Holy Week in St Luke's Church in Douglas.

Easter Vestry Dates The Easter General Vestry for Holy Trinity Church, Frankfield will be held on Wednesday 22 April at 8pm in the Sunday School Room. For Douglas Union it will be on Tuesday 28 April at 8pm in the Canon Packham Hall. All are welcome.

Coffee Morning There will be a Coffee Morning and Sale in St Mary's Hall in Passage West on Saturday 25 April from 10.00 till 12.00. All are welcome.

Marking St Mark's Gospel on St Mark's Day Have you ever heard one of the four gospels being read aloud from start to finish at one time? Sunday 26 April is St Mark's Day and so in St Luke's Church, we hope to read all of this gospel. There are sixteen chapters and so if at least sixteen people pledged to read part or all of a chapter each, that would be wonderful. It is hoped that others might come to listen in and be part of the experience. We will then start reading the Gospel at 3pm in St Luke's church and should be finished at about 4.30pm. Please contact the Rector for further details and do volunteer to be involved as a reader on the day.

Penny Dinners On Sunday 1 March, the 21 members our confirmation group hosted a soup lunch in the Canon Packham Hall. At the lunch €576 was raised for Cork PennyDinners. They were assisted by their parents.



Confirmation Group host Lent Lunch in Douglas in aid of Cork Penny Dinners



Men's Breakfast
 Approximately 90 men enjoyed breakfast together in Bull McCabe's Bar and Restaurant 29 February. This was a kick start to Lent and the speaker was Harold Kingston. (see photo).

Harold Kingston (guest speaker) with the staff of Bull McCabes Bar and Restaurant after the parish Men's Breakfast

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Cox's Hall Bookings

Newsletter & Diocesan Magazine Notes

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Fanlobbus parish vision review We had a good review of our parish vision (2016-2020) on Tuesday 21st January, looking at the 6 areas that we had set as priorities for Fanlobbus Union of Parishes back in 2016. Overall we have made good progress, but there were a few areas where we have not achieved as much as we had hoped. A fuller report will be given at our Easter Vestry. As we begin to look to again to our priorities for the next few years, the question that we want parishioners to reflect on, if there were no limitations is ...

In 5 years time, how would you like our parish to have developed?

What would we be doing then that we are not doing now?

What would be have stopped doing?

What level of leadership and involvement would parishioners have in our activities?

Would our faith be deeper and stronger? How might this happen?

In what ways would we be engaging with those not involved in church?

What kind of outreach would we be engaged in?

How can the Union of Parishes be more united, or should it be?

How do we develop our ecumenical relations?
How do you feel God is guiding us as a parish at this time?
How can we be of service to those in need?
How can we be more responsible in our choices and how they affect the environment ?

How would you like these areas to have developed in 5 years time?

We would like you to be thinking about these questions and we will return to developing our vision for 2020-2024 after Easter.

Young People Our young people have been busy over the half term week in February. The junior bell ringers went on a tour of the tours in West Cork. They went to Skibbereen, Rosscarbery and Bandon churches who all have sets of bells in their towers. Our youth group went on an event called 'behind the scenes', where they visited industry, emergency services and some food manufacturing facilities in an overnight event.

Baptisms There were several baptisms in the past few weeks. We welcome the following in to the life of the church: Thomas Gannon, son of Shane and Orela (nee Kingston) in St. Mary's Church, Dunmanway. Hazel Deane, daughter of Trevor and Donna Deane (nee McSweeney) in Coolkelure Church. Clodagh Warner, daughter of David and Ruth Warner (nee Meredith) in Christ Church, Drinagh (see photos here).



Baptism of Hazel Deane

The World Day of Prayer was held in St. Mary's Church in Dunmanway on Friday 6th of March at 4pm. The service was led by the Church of Ireland this year. Many thanks to Hilda Deane for organising the event and to all those who participated on the day. Rev. Cliff Jeffers was our preacher at this service.

The Model School GAA - 2020 has kicked off for us with Tony Walsh visiting once a week to teach GAA skills and games. As always this is an extremely popular part of the week. It

has to be weather permitting however, as our GP room is still being used as a classroom. We are very much looking forward to our new classroom building commencing later in the year.

Music - Our four Senior classes went to Bandonbridge NS to join with other schools from the diocese for singing with Peter Stobart from St. Fin Barre's



Baptism of Hazel Deane

Cathedral. They enjoyed their visit there once again and are looking forward to another trip there next term.

Up-coming events - Guitar classes are beginning after our mid-term break in February.

Scriobh Leabhar - We will take part in this project again this year, which involves producing books as Gaeilge in each classroom, presenting our books to other classes, sending our books to be displayed with those from other schools and some pupils will be able to go along to enjoy the display.

Learn It Lego - We are looking forward to this activity in March, fun robotic and engineering challenges for each class during the day.

Finally, our annual fundraising raffle is underway. The pupils and their families have been selling tickets and we hope to add to their tally by selling more in Dunmanway on our Flag Day on Friday 28th February.



Baptism of Thomas Gannon

St Mary's Juvenile Badminton Club Budding St Mary's Juvenile pictured here with her mom Caroline. Kate has excelled to achieve a very high standard of badminton making the county and Munster squads as one of the top players. Congratulations to you and your family, brilliant achievement, commitment and well deserved.

St Mary's Adult

Badminton Club The div 4 mixed team were runners up in the championship cup, competing against the much stronger Mallow side. All the mixed teams 4, 5 and 6 have made it to county semi stage and we await these results. In the double the div 5 and 4 ladies and 2 men have also made it to the semi final stages.

Many of our parish groups and activities are being suspended due to the risk of the spread of the Coronavirus. At time of writing our toddler group, whist drives and holiday club training weekend have been cancelled, and it is likely that many others will follow in the coming days. We pray for God's protection for those working on the front line in our health services and remember those who are affected by this crisis. As followers of Jesus in this situation, we need to look out for opportunities to serve our relatives, neighbours and community through this difficult time.

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Covid 19 Virus Much is being said about the Covid 19 virus at this time and we all need to take the recommend precautions and not instil fear in one another or our children. We need to be sensible and use our common sense. Many of our events are cancelled at this time but our Sunday services will continue in line with the bishop's guidelines.

Fermoy Adair School On return from short term break ready to embrace the Spring and the promise of better weather. Our crocus Star of David is in full flower as we remember the Holocaust. The junior room are learning about 'The Post Office'. They are practising letter writing and addressing envelopes. They are writing to pupils in Cabra Centre National School in Kingscourt, Cavan which is a 3 teacher Church of Ireland school that Ms Jeffery, their teacher, has links with. Pancakes were made for everyone on Shrove Tuesday- a feast of sugar/ lemon/ Nutella and honey on top. The school is collecting Aldi Rugby stickers again this year. Last year we got a very good supply of PE equipment from our efforts. We would appreciate it if parishioners could ask for them when in Aldi and give them to the school. The school is closed as in line with government announcement and we will all try and adhere to guidelines issued.

Kingston College On Thursday 6th February, sad news reached Kingston College that Canon Noel Scott had died suddenly while out walking on Sandymount strand. Noel came to Kingston College about ten years ago where he gained the respect of everyone here and was very popular in the wider community. About three years ago he went to reside at Brabazon Home in Dublin. Canon Noel spent most of his ministry as a missionary priest in Rhodesia and Zimbabwe with USPC serving as rector of the Church of the Ascension in Zimbabwe until his retirement. A busload from Kingston College attended his funeral service at St Mary's Church, Mohill. We thank Mrs Hazel Sherlock for organising and making sure all went well along the way there and back. A memorial service was held at Kingston college on 11th March.

Women's world day of prayer The service for the Women's World day of prayer as held in the Adair hall in Fermoy on Friday the 6th March as well as in Kingston College on 10th March. Thank you for everyone who took part in this service highlighting Zimbabwe this year.

Funeral Dorothy Berry funeral service was held at Christ Church Fermoy on 2nd March followed by cremation at Island Crematorium Ringaskiddy. We give thanks for her life and involvement in our community and the fond memories that many have of her. We continue to pray for her family at this time.

This little story was told by Útmutató a Léleknek (Hungarian writer) and thought and share it for this month.

A story goes: In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other: "Do you believe in life after delivery?" The other replied, "Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later." "Nonsense" said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?"

The second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now."

The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded."

The second insisted, "Well I think there is something and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore."

The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover if there is life, then why has no one has ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere."

"Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us."

The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?"

The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her this world would not and could not exist."

Said the first: "Well I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist."

To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and you really listen, you can perceive Her presence, and you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above."

So know that God enfolds you and loves you even when you unaware of Her presence.

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New Arrival Many congratulations to Ian and Sorcha Buttimer (of Knockskeagh) on the arrival of baby Thea on the 17th February. Thea will be a lovely friend for her sister, Willow.

Timoleague Restoration Project Leaking roof, slipping slates, wet walls and damp floors have all necessitated a major restoration project to be started on the Church of Ascension, Timoleague. A professional Conservation Report has been drawn up, prioritising the works that need to be carried out, along with an estimation of the costs involved. As hopefully many of you are aware, the inside of this special little Church is unique. All the walls are covered entirely with fine intricate mosaics, and it has many beautiful stained-glass windows too. Unfortunately, because of the roof being in such bad repair and the walls allowing water ingress, the mosaics and the windows have now reached a critical stage. In order to preserve this special building for future generations, a small group has been set up in Timoleague Parish to get this project moving and help begin to raise the €400,000 that will be needed. Log onto timoleaguemosaic.ie to see all the details of the project. There is a donate button which will direct people to a “Go Fund Me” page. It is hoped that people will feel the need to preserve what is a beautiful building and will spread the word widely about the project, encouraging as many as possible to donate generously. If everyone gives a little, it will help a lot. Thank you.

Bereavements There have been quite a number of bereavements amongst our parishioners over the last month. Frank Appelbe (Carrigroe), brother to Albert Appelbe and Gladys Kingston, died in Clonakilty Community Hospital on 2nd March. Kathleen Teape (Rathrout, Ballinadee), the mother of Beryl Abbott passed away on the 5th March. Hessie Buttimer (Enniskeane), sister of the late Eleanor Buttimer (Timoleague) and aunt of Young Deane passed away on the 5th March. Gladys Shorten (Bealad) and resident of Clonakilty Community Hospital for many years away passed on 7th March. Gladys Kingston (Garrendruig, Kilbrittain), sister to Frank and Albert above, and mother of our church warden at Kilmalooda Gordon Kingston, passed on from Clonakilty Community Hospital

on 9th March. It is never easy to see a loved one pass away, no matter if we are expecting it or not, a big void is left behind. We pray that God will help to fill that emptiness with his love. Our faith in God is the connection with our loved ones from which we will never be separated.



High Concentration at the Whist Drive for Kilgarriffe National School on Sunday 8th March

Kilgarriffe National School Thank you to everyone who

helped in any way to make the Bingo for Kilgarriffe National School on Sunday 8th March such a great success. We have never managed to squeeze so many people into the hall- it became a full house of fun and entertainment. Lily Stanley was as steady as a rock in calling out the numbers clearly and consistently. The break after seven games gave us a chance to replenish our thirst for more, plus a chance sell the raffle tickets. A huge thanks to all our sponsors and especially to the local businesses in Clonakilty. The final games resumed and after the raffle was concluded the grand final game of bingo was held. As the game was reaching its climax, the buzz of concentration and the increasing longing for the calling out of that last number to fill the panel - all came to a sudden end when Jim O'Driscoll down the back of the hall shouted 'check' and the €75 prize had been won! Well done Jim! A super afternoon and over €1800 was raised- and just in time before the Covid-19 restrictions came in five days later.

Confirmation Preparation Thankfully the Confirmation Retreat in the Carhue centre and the Bishop's Confirmation Morning in Douglas were not cancelled by the Coronavirus and went ahead as planned on Friday 6th and Sat 7th March. All eleven of our candidates engaged with the full weekend of activities and all reports back so far say that they thoroughly enjoyed it. It was great to gather with all the other candidates of the diocese and realise that they are all part of something that is much bigger than just the local church. They are being prepared to confirm their faith in God in the church universal. This really helps to secure our faith to something that is much bigger than ourselves. In this time of global pandemic, it is very important to rest secure in the fact that God is still bigger and better than anything that can happen. That's the sort of faith that brings Confirmation to life. Please do pray for our candidates: Alison Brennan, Conor Creswell, Nicolas Deane, William Kingston, Colm and Lucy Kirby, Emmet and Justin Lucas, Zoe McInerney, Emily Nunan, Sinead O'Mahony and Jonah Sutton.

Services for April (Subject to Government & Diocesan advice)

Palm Sunday 5th	10am Timoleague Morning Prayer 11:15am Meet at the Parochial Hall for Donkey procession up to Kilgarriffe Church 11:30am Palm Sunday Service in Kilgarriffe Church
Maundy Thursday 9th	8pm Timoleague
Good Friday 10th	8:30pm Kilgarriffe An act of remembrance around the cross of Jesus
Saturday 11th	11am Ecumenical Service together in the Church of the Immaculate Conception 8:30pm Easter Vigil at Kilmalooda
Easter Sunday 12th	10am Timoleague Family Holy Communion 11:30am Kilgarriffe Family Holy Communion
Sunday 19th	10am Timoleague Holy Communion 11:30am Kilgarriffe Holy Communion 8.30pm <i>Come & Worship</i> contemporary praise service in Kilgarriffe Church

Sunday 26th

9am Timoleague Morning Prayer
 10am Kilmalooda Family Holy Communion
 11:30am Kilgarriffe Morning Prayer
 3pm Confirmation Service with Bishop Paul in
 Kilgarriffe

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Service Details

Sunday, April 5th Palm Sunday

St. Brendan's Church, Bantry	8.15am	Holy Communion 1
St. Brendan's Church, Bantry	10am	Holy Communion 2
St. James Church, Durrus	11.45am	No Service

Wednesday, April 8th

St. Brendan's Church, Bantry

Wednesday in Holy Week

11am Holy Communion

Thursday, April 9th

St. James Church, Durrus

Holy Thursday

8pm Liturgy of the Last Supper

Thursday, April 10th

St. James Church, Durrus

Good Friday

Noon The Holy Hour

Saturday, April 11th

St. James Church, Durrus

Easter Eve

8pm The Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 12th

St. Brendan's Church, Bantry	8.15am	Holy Communion 1
St. Brendan's Church, Bantry	10am	Holy Communion 2
St. James Church, Durrus	11.45am	Holy Communion 2

Easter Day

Sunday, April 19th

St. Brendan's Church, Bantry	8.15am	No Service
St. Brendan's Church, Bantry	10am	No Service
St. James Church, Durrus	11.45am	Holy Communion 2

The Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 26th

St. Brendan's Church, Bantry

The Third Sunday of Easter

8.15am Holy Communion 1



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Sunday, May 3rd

St. Brendan's Church, Bantry
 St. Brendan's Church, Bantry
 St. James Church, Durrus

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.15am Holy Communion 1
 10am Holy Communion 2
 11.45am Holy Communion 2

Journey The Christian journey is like a race, but one with a difference. We run not to win but to try and ensure that we all cross the line together. The fittest and strongest helping out the 'little ones' - the frail, the marginalised and the weak. There have been numerous assurances from food supply agencies that there are sufficient stocks of food and other requisites but nonetheless we have seen images of panic buying, stockpiling, greed and very poor behaviour. We have been assured that there is enough for everyone. Our journey of faith is a walking expression of our commitment to live out the new commandment of loving God and loving our neighbour! Given the serious situation in which we find ourselves, it goes without saying that we will pray for all those affected directly by the COVID - 19 viral outbreak. We also pray for our country, our government and, in particular, the heroes, the doctors, nurses and all the staff of the HSE who are working so hard on behalf of all of us. On our journey to Easter and beyond let us all endeavour to support each other in prayer, share what we have and be kind and gentle to each other.

Thank you As we approach the date of the Annual Easter Vestry we take this opportunity to thank all those who have served as officers in the parish and on the Select Vestry for this past year. Given that this is a triennial year we also thank those who have served as parochial nominators and representatives on the Diocesan Synod.

In Memorial We extend our sympathy to Betty Owen, her sons Robert and Gary and their family as they mourn the death of her husband Vyron. A proud Welshman from Treorchy, in the Rhondda Valley, he was a true ambassador for his country. *Bydded iddo orffwys yn heddwch Duw.*

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Sunday, April 5th

Holy Trinity Church, Schull

The Altar, Toormore

Rev Dr. Alex Jensen

Palm Sunday

10am

Holy Communion

11.30am

Holy Communion

Sunday, April 5th
Holy Trinity Church, Schull
The Altar, Toormore
Rev Dr. Alex Jensen

Easter Day
10am Holy Communion
11.30am Holy Communion

Sunday, April 19th
Holy Trinity Church, Schull
The Altar, Toormore
David Bourne

The Second Sunday of Easter
10am Morning Prayer
11.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday, April 26th
Holy Trinity Church, Schull
The Altar, Toormore
Brian Studdert

The Third Sunday of Easter
10am Morning Prayer
11.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday, May 3rd
Holy Trinity Church, Schull
The Altar, Toormore
Rev Ian Elliot

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
10am Holy Communion
11.30am Holy Communion

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SERVICES IN APRIL 2020

Sunday 5th – Sixth Sunday in Lent - Palm Sunday

10.00 Kinneigh – The Eucharist
11.30 Farranthomas – The Eucharist

Friday 10th – Good Friday

8.00 pm Farranthomas – United Service

Sunday 12th - Easter Sunday

10.00 Kilmeen – The Eucharist
11.30 Kinneigh – The Eucharist

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Sunday 26th – Third Sunday after Easter

10.00 Kilmeen – Morning Prayer

11.30 Kinneigh – Morning Prayer



Baptism of Sophie Jennings

Baptism On Sunday 8th March in St. Bartholomew's Church, Kinneigh we celebrated the Baptism of Sophie Mary Jennings, daughter of Richard and Mary Jennings. We wish her well as she begins her Christian journey.

Bereavements We offer our condolences to the family of John Anderson who passed away on March 4th. John was a long serving member of St. Bartholomew's Church, Kinneigh and will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

We offer our condolences to the family of Hester (Hessie) Buttimer (nee Deane) who passed away on March 5th. Hessie was a member at St Mary's Church, Desertserges for over 50 years before it's closure and a member of the Mother's Union for many years. She will be sadly missed by her family and her many friends within the parish and community.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Ballymoney National School Unfortunately, the fund-raising bingo night on Saturday 4th April in the BEDA Hall has been cancelled due to the current situation regarding COVID 19. The proceeds would have been used to finance resources for our new polytunnel. It is 35 metres squared, and we are all excited about extending the variety of vegetables that we can produce in our school garden.

As we were one of the top two schools in West Cork, we have qualified for the National finals of the Concern primary schools debating competition. Our first debate in the national finals will take place against Kerry on Monday 27th April. The motion is "To tackle Climate Change, all people should be vegetarians".



Rev. Cliff Jeffers teaching the story of Jesus' temptations in the desert at Ballymoney National School on Ash Wednesday

Both classrooms have completed a six-week project on the European Union in conjunction with UCC. Their projects will be displayed in UCC on 2nd April and a small number of pupils will represent our school and collect our European Award. We had Rita Morrissey, an artist in residence, working with the pupils for a month. She taught them all about ceramics and they have produced ceramics to represent each of the countries of the European Union. They look wonderful!

Desertserges National School We are very happy to start our Kick Boxing/Self Defence classes again this year, we have got a senior world champion giving the classes. These lessons also include the theory/health/physical/mental side of looking after our bodies. We have enjoyed doing some baking, recently we made an apple pie and the pupils also made the batter for the pancakes on Pancake Day. The pupils have spent a month in Art class constructing miniature 3D bedrooms, this includes a lot of sewing, making furniture, curtains etc. Desertserges National School is open for enrolment now. Please notify the school office (023 8847093) to arrange a visit or to receive an application form. All our activities, Artwork, trips etc. can be seen on our blog www.desertsergesns@eircom.net

Mother's Union At our closing service on 10th March, led by the Rev. Cliff Jeffers a presentation of flowers was made to Dorrie Draper, who will have been a member of the Kinneigh Mother's Union for over 50 years on the 25th March. Congratulation Dorrie.

Easter Vestry Will be on Tuesday 21st April at 8.00pm at St. Paul's Parish Hall, Ballineen.

Continued thanks Our thanks to the Rev. Cliff Jeffers, Rev. Edwin Hunter, Rev. Tony Murphy, Rev. Trevor Lester, Rev. Peter Hanna, David Bourne, Gordon Coombes, Keith Roberts and Andrew Coleman. We are most grateful to them for leading our services. Also, thanks to Billy Skuse and the staff of the Diocesan Office for their assistance.



Confirmation Retreat weekend - see CDYC notes

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Friendship Club The St Multose Friendship Club met on the afternoon of Thursday 16th February to hear the local author, Alice Taylor, talk about her writing and her latest book, *As Times Go By*. This was a fascinating presentation, including the reading of extracts from some of her books about what rural Ireland was like more than 50 years ago.

Women's World Day of Prayer On Friday 6th March people from the various churches in Kinsale met together in the Carmelite Friary Centre for the Annual Ecumenical Women's World Day of Prayer Service. It was good to hear of the experiences of women in Zimbabwe.

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Sunday Service Times

Castletownroche 10am M.P. 1st and 3rd Sunday H.C. 2nd and 4th

Doneraile 10am H.C. 1st and 3rd Sunday M.P. 2nd and 4th

Mallow 11.45am H.C. 1st and 3rd Sunday M.P. 2nd and 4th

The above M.P. and H.C. services may vary depending on who is available to take the services during the vacancy. Thanks to all the people who are covering our services during our vacancy.

Mothers' Union We look forward to the Diocesan Festival Service in St. James' Church Mallow on Thursday 30th April at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Mrs. June Butler, All Ireland President. (Please confirm it is still going ahead before travelling).

International Women's Day International Women's day was on Friday the 6th of March. As a way of celebrating the creativity of the women in our lives, St Mary's Church, Doneraile hosted an exhibition of art, craft, singing, music, a little acting and a reading from one of Doneraile's local authors that weekend. Thanks to all involved in this it was a great success.

Easter Vestry will be on Thursday 2nd April. Please try and attend this parish meeting.

MONTH AHEAD

Wednesday 1st April	Lent Service - Doneraile 8pm, Rev Tony Murphy
Thursday 2nd April	Easter Vestry - meeting in St. James' Hall at 8pm
Wednesday 8th April	Lent Service - Doneraile 8pm, Canon Alan Marley
Thursday 9th April	Maundy Thursday - Castletownroche 8pm, Rev Tony Murphy
Friday 10th April	Good Friday Service - Mallow 8pm, Canon Alan Marley
Saturday 11th April	Easter Vigil - Castletownroche 8.30pm or 9pm (Time to be confirmed), Rev Tony Murphy
Sunday 12th April	Easter Day Doneraile 10am, Canon Alan Marley Mallow 11.45am, Canon Alan Marley
Thursday 30th April	MU Diocesan Festival Service - St. James' Church 7.30pm

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Sunday Services for April

5th April Palm Sunday

St Martin's Church, Templemartin	9.45am	Holy Communion
St Andrew Church, Kilmurry	11.30am	Holy Communion

9th April Maundy Thursday

St Andrew's Church, Kilmurry	8.00pm	Holy Communion
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10th April Good Friday

St. Martin's Church, Templemartin	3.00pm	Hour by the Cross
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12th April Easter Day

St Andrew's Church, Kilmurry	9.45am	Holy Communion
St Mark's Church, Kilbonane	11.30am	Holy Communion

19th April Second Sunday of Easter

St. Martin's Church, Templemartin	9.45am	Holy Communion
St. Andrew's Church, Kilmurry	11.30am	Morning Prayer

26th April Third Sunday of Easter

St Martin's Church, Templemartin	9.45am	Holy Communion
St Mark's Church, Kilbonane	11.30am	Morning Prayer

At time of writing these notes we are inundated with talk of the Corona Virus. These are difficult times where we must stick together for the sake of society,

especially those vulnerable in our society. It is important to look at the bigger picture and not put those at risk who need protection.

Please think of what you can do for those who might need your help. Keep them in your prayers, see what practical help you can give them, even if it is just picking up the phone for a chat or doing some shopping for them. It could make a huge difference.

In the meantime, please follow the guidelines put forward by the diocese and the HSE. It is by following them that we can recover from this virus and let it have the least impact on us.

Please note the following:

- * We will review 4th April Choir practice closer to the time.
- * We will review the Easter General Vestry meeting of 29th April closer to the time.
- * Sunday School is postponed for the moment.
- * If you are elderly, vulnerable or feeling unwell, please stay home. There is no point at putting yourself or others at risk.
- * Coffee after church to be postponed for the moment.
- * Lenten Bible Studies postponed for the moment.
- * We are following the HSE guidelines with regard to Sunday Services and Holy Communion.
- * The Parish Sale Scheduled for Friday 24th April has been postponed. We hope to reschedule it for September, all going well.
- * Home visiting and Home Communion will be curtailed until it is safe to resume, unless in case of emergency.

All this is pertinent at time of writing, but of course things may have changed by time of printing. We take each day at a time. God bless and keep safe.

David

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*'God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.'* Psalm 46: 1

Confirmation Group The group has been meeting over the last few weeks and also attended the CDYC Overnight Retreat and the Bishop's Confirmation morning where they met the other candidates from around the diocese. The Confirmation Service is planned for April 26th although, as with all arrangements, at the moment it is dependent on how the coronavirus progresses.

Mothers' Union This session's programme was drawn to a close with a service of Holy Communion on March 12th. Ideas would be appreciated for the programme beginning in September.

Women's World Day of Prayer A good number attended this ecumenical service produced by the church in Zimbabwe. Very nice and generous refreshments were enjoyed after the service in the Narthex.

Tea Party The next tea is planned for Wednesday, April 15th at the Deanery. Again, this will be dependent on the state of the coronavirus outbreak.

Women's World Day of Prayer This year the service has been prepared by churches in Zimbabwe. Our service was on Friday, March 6th at 8.00pm in the Cathedral. This was a good opportunity to gather with friends from the community and other churches.

Installation of Canon Elaine Murray Unfortunately Canon Murray's installation had to be postponed and another date will be arranged later

Holy Week. The planned schedule of services is as follows:

Wednesday, April 8th. 8.30 p.m. Ross Cathedral. Compline.

Maundy Thursday, April 9th. The Diocesan Chrism Eucharist is currently under review.

8.30 pm. Leap. Holy Communion

Good Friday 12 noon. Good Friday Service. Castleventry.

6.00 pm. Ecumenical walk of witness. Union Hall.

8.30 pm Good Friday Service. Ross Cathedral.

Easter For many years 'Sun Up' has been a wonderful part of our Easter celebrations. It has combined an over-night for young people with a sunrise Eucharist on the Warren Beach. This year we will not be having 'Sun Up' – a decision which has been vindicated by subsequent developments.

Services:

Ross cathedral 8.00am and 11.30am.

Union Hall. 9.00am.

Leap. 10.00am.

Castleventry 10.15am.

Funerals The funeral service of Frank Appelbe took place at the Cathedral on March 5th. We extend our sympathy to the family who suffered the further loss of Frank's sister Gladys Kingston a few days later. The funeral of Gladys Shorten took place in Holy Trinity Church, Castleventry on March 10th and we extend our sympathy to her family.

Both Frank and Gladys had been cared for in Clonakilty Hospital and heartfelt thanks were expressed at both funerals for the excellent care they received.

Prayer We offer our prayerful support to those who have been ill in recent times and to others who have suffered bereavement. We show our concern in practical support of one another but also by prayer. The ministry of prayer is one we can all share in as we remember those who are going through struggles with illness or loss.

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Sunday Service Times

8.00a.m. The Eucharist (said)

11.15 a.m. Choral Eucharist

3.30 p.m. Choral Evensong

Weekday Services

10.00a.m. Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday

12.00p.m. The Eucharist Monday - Saturday*

5.15p.m. Evening Prayer Monday - Thursday
6.15p.m. Choral Evensong Friday (during choir term time, September - June inclusive)

** The Midday Eucharist on the second Saturday of each month is celebrated in Irish.*

Opening Days and Times for Visitors in April

Monday-Saturday: 9:30am - 17:30pm

Sunday: 1.00pm-2.30pm & 4.30pm-17.30pm

(Guided tours are available outside of service times)

Last admissions 30 minutes before closing times.

Visiting Choir The choir of Saint Bartholomew's Church, Clyde Road, Dublin sang both choral services in the Cathedral on Sunday 23rd February. It is one of very few parish churches in the Church of Ireland which continues a full choral foundation tradition with child choristers and adults. There are three points of connection with the Cathedral - the Dean served his first curacy in St Bartholomew's, the Dean's Vicar also served as curate there in the 1980s, our former Director of Music, Malcolm Wisener, held the same post there for many years and their Vicar, the Revd Andrew McCroskery was Dean's Vicar at Saint Fin Barre's and later Rector of Youghal Union.

City Schools Gather for Ash Wednesday On Ash Wednesday over 160 pupils and staff from three of the city Primary Schools in the Diocese gathered with some Cathedral parishioners, the Cathedral clergy and the Bishop for the 12 noon Choral Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes. The choirs from St Fin Barre's National School (Gillabbey Terrace), St Michael's Primary School (Blackrock) and St Luke's National School (O'Mahony's Avenue) sang the Kyries, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei from the musical setting by Joseph Rheinberger. This gathering of the school choirs was part of the Diocesan Church Music Programme which is run in schools and parishes across the Diocese and is staffed by the Cathedral's music department.

Choristers Earn More Medals! Seven choristers were presented with the Royal School of Church Music awards at the Choral Eucharist in the Cathedral on Sunday 8th March. Five boys received the bronze award and two the silver award. The seven boys were examined in November and were assessed on their singing and associated musical skills such as sight reading and aural tests. The silver award candidates were required to give a short presentation on several aspects of church liturgy and how it links the music which they sing. Their marks reflect the hard work which they put in preparing for the examination and also the commitment and dedication which they have given to the Cathedral Choir over the years.

Choir Tour Cancelled Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the planned Cathedral Choir trip to St Alban's had to be cancelled. This is most unfortunate not least because most of the monies raised for the trip which were fundraised by the music department and parents have been lost.



Cathedral Choristers following the presentation of their RSCM medals in the Cathedral

Events in April

Subject to End of Coronavirus Restrictions

Friday 17th April - 7.30pm

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CMS 2020 Impact Roadshow Church Mission Society visited the parish on the 9th February. We were delighted to welcome Gillian Maganda who shared with us stories of hope and encouragement from Mission and Global Partners. There was a gathering of people in Canon Packham Hall later in the afternoon to have some more updates on personnel and time to pray together for the local church and the church overseas.

Friendship Club In February we had a very lovely and social lunch at the Monkstown Golf Club. This annual gathering is very well attended and growing. In March we had a return visit from Valda Rumley speaking on interior design, which left members inspired and heading home to do creative things. Thanks to Jane Bryan and Liz O' Boyle for keeping us organized.



Pancake Morning

On Shrove Tuesday for our annual pancake fundraiser in the rectory was a hive of activity. There were cakes, home produce, crafts and a raffle not to mention lovely treats including pancakes in the kitchen. The monies raised are going to a CMS project called UDP in Nairobi, Kenya supporting children in the slums. Thank you to the wonderful team of helpers, suppliers of items and everyone who came along and made it a very enjoyable morning (see photos).



World Day of Prayer

Women of Zimbabwe prepared the liturgy this year for our services. The theme was "Rise - take your mat and Walk!". Our service

was held this year in Nohoval Church of Ireland church with many attending from the community and taking part. The service was led by Dorothy Verplancke and we had a little talk about life in Zimbabwe given by Patricia O'Flaherty from Crosshaven who lived and worked in Zimbabwe for many years. The service

ended with a beautiful supper. Thanks to Esther Ross and Isobel Buttimer who gather and organise people together for this service every year.

Lenten Bible Study Wednesdays throughout Lent we are meeting in the Rectory and are following a church course called 'Celebrating Communion'.

Children's Church Nohoval Continues the second Sunday each month during morning worship at 10am. It is lovely to see all ages participate, and to see teen members of the congregation helping out.

Wobblers and Toddlers Parents and others with little ones are invited to the Rectory on Friday morning's 10am-noon during school terms. Coffee and play are on the agenda.

Table Tennis Table Tennis Club continues on a fortnightly basis on Tuesdays between 7.30pm and 8.30pm for 5th and 6th Class in the parish room. Older teens and adults are welcome from 8.30 onwards.

Holy Week 2020

Nohoval Parish Church, Wednesday and Maundy Thursday at 8pm
Holy Trinity Church Crosshaven, Tuesday 8pm and Good Friday 8pm

We look forward to welcoming Revd Bruce Pierce on Tuesday night speaking on "Mindfulness."

The annual '**Way of the Cross**' on Good Friday between Nohoval Parish Church and St. Patricks Church Nohoval takes place at 3pm.

Easter Day

Easter Celebrations:

Sunrise Service Fountainstown Beach 7.00 am Holy Communion
Nohoval 10am Holy Communion
Holy Trinity 11.30 am Holy Communion

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As I write these notes, we are just beginning the period of school closures and other measures to contain the spread of the Covid 19 virus. By the time you read them, the situation may be very different. At this time, many of the events previously scheduled are not going ahead. Please remember all those who are sick in your prayers, and especially healthcare professionals on the front line of this fight.

Ash Wednesday Thank you to everyone who attended the Ash Wednesday, with St. Mary's looking particularly well on a spring evening.



Holy Baptism We were delighted to welcome Don Mossop (junior), son of Daryl and Michelle at his baptism in St. Mary's on 16th February.

Congratulations to Billy and Veronica Deane on the birth of their first grandchild, Emily, (daughter of Mark and Laura) in Bandon. (apologies for getting Laura's name wrong last month...).

Women's World day of Prayer Thanks to everyone who made the effort to come along to the service, held this year in the Holy Family church in Youghal. There was an excellent congregation, and all enjoyed the service, and the refreshments afterwards. It was prepared by the women of Zimbabwe.

Sponsored Walk During February, Ria Drohan walked 80 km in aid of Women's Aid. She raised the fabulous sum of €400 and she has asked us to thank all those who supported her. Well Done Ria! A reminder of the Women's Aid national helpline: 1800 341900.



Holy Week (subject to virus restrictions)
 Our Holy Week services will be as follows:
 Wednesday 8th April St. Mary's Collegiate Church 8pm
 Maundy Thursday 9th April. St. Anne's, Castlemartyr 8pm
 Eucharist of The Last Supper and Stripping of the Altar
 Good Friday 10th April St. Mary's Collegiate Church 8pm
 Service of Tenebrae with the Clerks Choral

Easter Sunday 12th April
 Easter Sunday services will be at the usual times (subject to virus restrictions):

10am St. Anne's, Castlemartyr
11.30am St. Mary's Collegiate Church

Coming up in April and beyond:

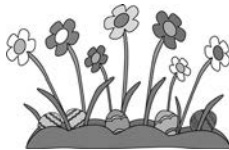
Easter Vestry (subject to restrictions)

The Easter General vestry will be held on Wednesday 22nd April at 8pm in the Red Store. All are encouraged to attend!

Mothers' Union Prayer Walk on Wednesday April 8th at 3 pm. Venue Glencairn Abbey by kind permission of Rev Sister Marie, Abbess. Prayers will be led by Lesley Bayley, Diocesan President, Mothers' Union from Cashel Ferns and Ossory. Refreshments will be served. €10 to cover expenses.

2020 celebrations while we have had to postpone the performance of the Messiah, as yet all other dates are "up in air". A shame for all those who have worked so hard to prepare for this year, but we have to put safety first. Hopefully the other events planned will go ahead.

We wish all our
contributors and
readers a very
Happy Easter



HOLY BAPTISM

February

- 23 In Coolkelure Church, Dunmanway - Hazel Deane, daughter of Trevor and Donna Deane
- 23 In St. Mary's Church, Dunmanway - Thomas Gannon, son of Shane and Orela

March

- 1 In Christ Church, Drinagh - Clodagh Warner, daughter of David and Ruth Warner
- 8 In St Bartholomew's Church, Kinneigh - Sophie Mary Jennings, daughter of Richard and Mary Jennings

HOLY MATRIMONY

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CHRISTIAN BURIAL

February

- 21 In St Luke's Churchyard, Douglas - Elizabeth Greene (burial of ashes)

March

- 5 In St Mary's Cemetery, Clonakilty - Frank Appelbe
- 7 In Innishannon Cemetery - Kathleen Teape
- 8 In St Bartholomew's Churchyard, Kinneigh - John Clarke Anderson
- 9 In Killowen Graveyard, Enniskeane - Hester (Hessie) Buttimer
- 10 In Castleventry Churchyard - Gladys Shorten
- 11 In Kilbeg Cemetery - Gladys Kingston
- 12 In St Peter's Churchyard, Bandon - Thomas Gervais Rentoul Brown

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