

Templebreedy News

Parish newsletter for
Holy Trinity Church, Crosshaven
and
Nohoval Parish Church



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From the Rector

Readers of the Templebreedy News will need no introduction to Drake's Pool where in 1589 Sir Frances Drake took shelter in the lee of Currabinny Hill from the Spanish fleet pursuing him into Cork Harbour. What might be less well known is Drake's reputed life of prayer, although any seafarer might be unsurprised by the sentiments that are attributed to him. In reality, it is not possible to be absolutely sure that either of the two prayers I share below are genuinely his own work but they contain valuable insights nonetheless especially as we approach the most sacred season the Church's year.

During Lent we follow Jesus into the wilderness as he contemplates who he is and how he is going to fulfil his calling as Messiah. The community into which he was born had clear ideas as to whom the messiah figure was to be and how that figure would achieve political and military freedom from the occupying Roman Empire; Jesus had an altogether "bigger picture" of his role and identity. The freedom he had come to reveal was an existential liberation from the crushing effects of human sin and failure. This prayer captures something of the expansion of our horizons which Jesus encourages as we grow in faith and get more fully drawn into the mystery of God's love.

Disturb us, Lord, when
We are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when
With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.

We ask You to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push into the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

In Passiontide our Lenten journey switches from the dusty paths of the desert to the rocky road to Calvary - we now follow Jesus to the cross. The liturgy of the Holy Week is rich but hard work if we are to enter into it fully following Jesus from the triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through the crushing events of the following days culminating on Good Friday at the foot of the cross, before embracing the silence and darkness of Holy Saturday...and out of the silence and darkness of Easter morning, we are embraced by the new life of the risen Christ. It is hard work but it offers a glimpse of the mystery which underpins our faith, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, touching both mind and heart. To that extent, the other prayer attributed to Drake is one particularly apposite for the rigours of Holy Week.

“O Lord God, when thou givest to thy servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same, until it be thoroughly finished, which yieldeth the true glory; through him who for the finishing of thy work laid down his life for us, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.”

What do these events have to say to our contemporary experience of the world? The city over which Jesus himself wept, Jerusalem, the City of Peace, remains a war zone. It seems “t’was ever thus” for the Psalmist wrote, perhaps 25 centuries ago,

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ‘May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.’ Psalm 122:6-7

Jerusalem remains a vision of peace and yet it feels more a mirage than a concrete promise. Human folly, greed and obsessive ideology result in our inability to live together recognising each other as fellow creatures in the

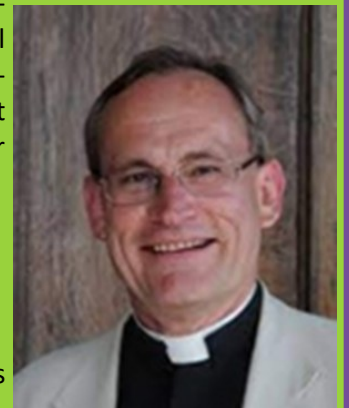
image of God. Perhaps because of the vision the city holds within its walls and in its very name it is always where conflict is going to be keenly felt and terribly revealed. Our Lenten Charity this year is Friends of the Holy Land which supports Christians in Israel, Palestine (the West Bank and Gaza) and in Jordan working closely with the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem. Their particular project is the sponsoring of employment projects for young Christians, whose number is constantly dwindling in the very land over which Jesus walked.

Yet, Jerusalem is not the only place of conflict in the world. The Ukraine War is now well into its fourth year with ever more bizarre politics seemingly swirling around it as the “so-called” leader of the Free World makes somewhat erratic claims to territory in what was considered to be the settled democratic West.

How does Jesus reigning from the cross and defeating death in the resurrection offer any hope to our present world? He challenges our diminished understanding of power revealing the deeply resilient nature of divine love in which is to be found real power. From the cross he declares the forgiveness of deepest sin reconnecting creation with the creator and confronting us with the horror of our depraved actions. In the resurrection, he reveals the mystery of divine power in bringing hope and new future to a situation that appeared devoid of any such thing – indeed, a situation of apparent abject failure becomes the seedbed of a new way of living. Twenty centuries on we strive in our faltering way to continue that living in hope knowing in our deepest selves the world still cries out for that message. We know in a particularly powerful, even if at times unstable manner, on this island how deeply divided peoples can find ways of striving for a more hopeful future. The challenge of the cross and resurrection is as fresh and crucial today as it was in that garden in the early morning of the first Easter day.

Fiona joins me in wishing you all a blessed and joyful Easter.

James



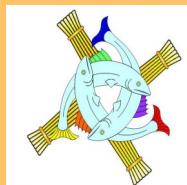


Church of Ireland
**United Dioceses of
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Templebreedy Group

Welcome to this edition of Templebreedy News!

We shall be looking back over the last three months from Christmas and forward to our keeping of Holy Week and Easter – the “Queen” of Christian Festivals and indeed beyond to some exciting events in the Spring and Summer. In reading the following pages you will get a feel for our “common life” as a group of parishes, both different in a number of ways but united in our desire to reveal the Kingdom of God to those amongst whom we live and work.

This also marks the time for new Select Vestries and Wardens to be elected and appointed. I take this opportunity of expressing my deep gratitude to all who have served on our vestries and in these crucial roles since my institution last July. They all know I have asked them to consider standing again for the coming year as we consolidate some plans for the future which are covered in these pages. Nonetheless, it is always good to welcome others onto our vestries and any vestry person is free to stand for election so I encourage you to do so! Not only are our Select Vestries the bodies who take responsibility for day-to-day the running of our Group answerable to the Diocese but as a charity in our own right, members act as trustees. Our Easter Vestry Meetings take place on Sunday 4th May in Crosshaven following the morning service at 11.30 a.m. and on Thursday 8th May in Nohoval at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome to attend and all registered vestry persons are eligible to vote.



CHRISTMAS

Christmas seems a very long time ago but this magazine would not be complete without some mention of the festivities that mark December and the birth of Jesus!

The Templebreedy Christmas Fayre

Would we get away with the weather given that a good deal of the Templebreedy Christmas Fayre is held outside on the final Saturday of November??!!



We did and we were deeply grateful that the rain and wind held off enabling a large crowd to gather once again at the Community Centre behind Crosshaven House on Saturday 30 November - seasonal and warming refreshment was on offer as were Christmas Trees alongside the usual tombola, bottle stalls, produce and craft stalls, toys, games and

books, not forgetting a very successful raffle. Children sang; Santa Claus was in attendance, the sheer joy on faces of expectant children contributing to the overall warmth and success of the day. The “bottom line” is always of significance at such events in the ever-increasing challenge of raising the necessary funds for our mission, our contribution to the wider church, the support of Templebreedy School and for the maintenance of ancient buildings but their real value is their community significance in bringing people together, which this much looked-forward-to annual event certainly did. None of this would be possible without an enormous amount of hard work over many weeks and indeed months beforehand and we need to express our thanks to all involved in what is a truly wonderful community event. It was great way to begin Advent reminding us of the feast for which we are preparing during the dark days of December.



The Nohoval Christmas Concert

The Annual Nohoval Christmas Concert took place over two days on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December, the church being full on both occasions. Excellent refreshments were served during the interval thanks to Stonewell Cider and George and Isobel Buttmer who made dozens of mince pies –

according to the Rector, the best he has ever tasted! A wonderfully eclectic programme was headed by Dan Twomey, accompanied by Antoinette Baker, whose own programme of songs were both celebratory and thought-provoking: a masterful repertoire! He was joined by our own organist at Nohoval, Amber Keir, the Hilfilin Flute Quartet, UCC Soul/Pop Band, the Bandon Concert Band on the Saturday and the Polyphonics on the Sunday. Both Concerts were expertly overseen by MC Lydia Gleasure. We look forward to this year's concert already in the diary for Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 December!



St Finian/Fionan

Quietly, amongst all the usual per-Christmas activity, a small group gathered on the evening of Friday 13 December to celebrate the life of St Finian, also known as Fionan, in a service of Evening Prayer. It is believed that St Fionan may have been the founder of the original Christian community in the parishes of Tracton and Nohoval. Records suggest that St Fionan's Day, 13 December, was celebrated in the parishes until at least the early part of the 20th century. There is need for further research on this but it was good to re-introduce honouring the saint who may have brought the Gospel to our parishes, possibly as early as the Sixth century.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at Crosshaven

A full Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols took place at Holy Trinity, Crosshaven on Friday 20 December. The traditional Bidding Prayer, the work of Eric Milner-White who had introduced the first such service while Dean of Kings College Cambridge was adapted, as Kings Cambridge had done, to acknowledge the current conflicts in the Holy Land and Ukraine. A collection was made for Cork Simon Community which had been further increased by the choir singing carols on a thoroughly wet evening outside Centra!!

Christmas Services

A well-attended Midnight Communion ushered in Christmas Day. On Christmas morning, both Nohoval Church and Holy Trinity, Crosshaven were full. Younger members of the congregation were encouraged to bring favourite presents to the service enabling us to discuss what the greatest present of all may be – Jesus Christ himself, the Prince of Peace, bringing peace and love to a troubled world.

Reflections by Julia Gillingham

on

Paula Gooder's Women of the Nativity: An Advent and Christmas Journey in Nine Stories

(This is the book which formed the basis of our reflections during the Advent Mid-week Eucharists.)

Paula Gooder reflects on Mary and her experience of the events of the nativity as a young woman who, all of a sudden, is thrust into a series of events that she could never ever have expected even in her wildest dreams – even less so than Sarah and Hannah in the Old Testament, or even her own cousin Elizabeth. After all, Sarah has been hoping for a child her entire life by the time the three strangers announce to Abraham that his wife would bear him a child in their old age. And Hannah, having spent years longing for a child and being taunted because of her childlessness by her husband's other wife, who has borne him several children, likewise takes the initiative and goes into the temple to pray for a son. Moreover, this longed-for child is conceived in the usual manner with her husband Elkanah, even though Hannah presumably takes courage in the words of Eli the priest as she leaves the temple, who asks on her behalf that "the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him."

Closest to Mary's own experience are the events surrounding the late-in-life pregnancy of her own cousin, Elizabeth, which Paula Gooder also explores in her book. On both occasions, the archangel Gabriel is sent to announce the impending birth of a very special son to a woman who would not have expected to become a mother at this point in time. Overall, however, Elizabeth's experience more closely reflects that of Sarah before her, since both women and their husbands are old and beyond the natural age of childbearing. The miracle God works in their cases enables them to become pregnant "the natural way" despite their advanced age – and, of course, both Sarah's son Isaac and Elizabeth's son John are fathered by the two women's respective husbands.

Mary, on the other hand, finds herself in even more strange and unbelievable circumstances than either Hannah or Sarah, or even her cousin Elizabeth. In her reflections, Paula Gooder first paints a vivid picture of a courageous and confident young girl named Miriam who accompanies her father, a renowned potter, to sell his clay jugs in Sepphoris on market day, and muses about how the way other people see her doesn't tally at all with how she sees herself: In the market square, an old Roman soldier calls her

“pretty” and refers to her by the Latin version of her name – Mary. She, however, wants to be known as Miriam, and insists that she is strong, clever, and quick rather than “pretty”. The words her father speaks to her on this occasion would prove a portent for the rest of her life, and they still ring true for each of us today: *“You can’t change or control what other people think about you. All you can do is find out what God created you to be, and live up to that.”*

Years later, we meet Mary again as she is on her way to be counted in the census in Bethlehem together with her husband-to-be, Joseph. As they stop for a brief rest along the way, their thoughts turn to the future, to the baby growing in Mary’s womb. They ask themselves, “What will become of us?” Both of them are acutely aware of the gossip surrounding their unusual circumstances: Some people say that the child is Joseph’s but that they are trying to hide that fact since they are not yet married... Others say the father must be a Roman soldier...

Mary asks Joseph if he has ever considered walking away from it all, from the whole confusing situation – from her. In that honest way of his, he replies that yes, he has... But it is not every day that an angel tells you what to do, and who is he to defy an angel? So he stayed.

“And anyway,” he adds, “you did not choose this.”

“Neither did you,” she replies. “And I did say Yes, after all...”

And Joseph reassures her: “So did I.”

But the one thing that worries Mary even more than their own difficult circumstances is the position that her son is going to find himself in once he is born. She can’t help but wonder, “Who will he be? Will I understand him? Will anyone else understand him any more than they understand us? I wonder what they’ll say about him...”

And although Joseph has no answer to these questions either, he reassures her that, yes, lots of things would likely turn out to be difficult – but nothing would be impossible. “For nothing will be impossible with God.”

Mary first heard these words from the angel Gabriel himself, during that fateful meeting when he proclaimed her impending motherhood to her – and all this time, she and Joseph have found hope and strength in them. And now, as they are about to become arguably the most unusual family ever to dwell on the face of the earth, all they have to do is believe these words to be true. “For nothing will be impossible with God.”

(Bible quotes and citations from NRSVA: Genesis 18, 1 Samuel 1:10-17, Luke 1:25; 37)

Epiphany - The visit of the Magi

The almost life-size Crib scene in Nohoval only had the manger, Mary and Joseph and so in celebrating the visit of the Magi, younger members of the congregation became the star and the kings, offering the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh during the service of Holy Communion on Sunday 5 January. A similar service took place at Holy Trinity, Crosshaven.



Epiphany – The Baptism of Christ.....and of Felicity Gleasure-Midorikawa

The first Sunday after the Epiphany marks the Baptism of Jesus as the lectionary dictates. At Holy Trinity, Crosshaven, the congregation reaffirmed their baptismal vows in a service of Morning Prayer which included the Easter Anthems and the Song of Christ’s Glory. At Nohoval, those vows were reaffirmed by the congregation in the context of the baptism of Felicity

Frances Gleasure-Midorikawa, daughter of Sonia and Kevin, sister to Remi, during which younger members assisted in the pouring of the water and in its “distribution” (sprinkling.....splashing!) around the church as we were reminded of our own baptisms. The service was particularly special in that George Gleasure, great-grandfather, who has been in hospital and currently residing at Haven Bay Home in Kinsale was able attend Nohoval Church for the first time in many months.



Children’s Corners

Continue to make use of our kiddies corners in Crosshaven and Nohoval Churches.



This is an area where you can sit with your children during the service while they play or do an activity sheet linked in with the day’s theme.

Also enjoy the library of Christian books.

Crosses and Christingles!

Saturday 1 February, the Feast of Brigid, is the “Patronal Festival” of the Templebreedy Group of Parishes although no church in the Group is now dedicated to St Brigid. The ancient church carrying that dedication was replaced by St Matthew’s (the “old” Templebreedy Church) in the eighteenth century. Nonetheless, we kept the day with a celebration of the Eucharist at 10.00 a.m. followed by a short “pilgrimage” to St Brigid’s Well where prayers were said for the wider mission of the parishes. Our younger members laid St Brigid’s Crosses at the well.



On Sunday 2 February, the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Candlemas) was celebrated in both Crosshaven and Nohoval with a Christingle Service. At Holy Trinity, Crosshaven, in the context of the Christingle Service, we also baptised Jack Buckley, welcoming his extended family, including his cousins and aunt all the way from Australia.

Christingles are a fairly recent innovation in the modern church but they trace their origin back to a practice by the Moravian Church in Germany in the eighteenth century. Traditionally, they are made of an orange, representing the world, decorated with sweets, representing the fruits of the earth, encircled by a red ribbon, representing the embrace of God’s love and the cost of that love in the cross. Finally, a candle represents the light of Christ, which makes the service particularly appropriate for Candlemas, although where such services are held they more usually take place nearer to Christmas. That said, some would want to say that Candlemas brings the

whole Christmas season to a close!

In our services, we didn’t actually use oranges and we didn’t risk too many naked flames; instead, the Rector was able to “import” chocolate oranges supplied by the Meaningful Chocolate Company in the UK who specialise in providing Fairtrade chocolate “goodies” associated with the great Christian festivals. They produce Advent Calendars which tell the Christmas story and the Real Easter Egg which proclaims the Resurrection; their chocolate Christingles are wrapped in such a way that all the symbolism of the traditional orange Christingle is maintained on the packaging without the need to “waste” oranges or risk too many burning candles!

Diamond Wedding

Mr Jim and the Revd Joy Ferguson were married on 20 February 1965. The Rector was delighted to celebrate communion with them at home in Oysterhaven with their family on the day of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Subsequently, they celebrated further with friends and family in a grand tea party! Congratulations to them!



Confirmation

Please pray for our four candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation which the Bishop will conduct at St Peter’s Bandon on the afternoon of Sunday 18 May. They are Aoife Coalier, Anna McKeown, Ben Bywater and Matthew Howe. The preparation course has been using C S Lewis’ classic tale, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe as a basis for discussion. The Bishop has already met with all the candidates in the Diocese – almost 100 – for a morning at Ashton School on Saturday 8 March. It is his intention to plant a tree for every candidate as part of the Anglican Communion Forest initiative; this year, the trees to be planted will be Hazel trees.



The Marriage of John Bryan and Sarah Mockler: Monday 30 December

John Bryan, son of Gordon and Doris Bryan, Head Teacher of Templebreedy School, married his fiancée Sarah Mockler in a ceremony at Star of the Sea Church, Ballycotton



conducted by Fr Tony Lambe, Sarah's parish priest from Tipperary, assisted by the Rector, James Power. The hospitality shown by Fr Tony to John's family and friends was much appreciated in a service which acknowledged and fully valued the tradition of the Church of Ireland. It was a very special occasion, and the Rector wrote personally to Fr Tony to thank him for his generosity and understanding.

Ash Wednesday

The Rector ashing children at St. Finbarre's Cathedral during the Ash Wednesday Service.



Rev James with the Very Revd Nigel Dunne, the Dean of Cork and the Revd Martin Steele

Pancakesand Lent!

To facilitate the demands of a clergy conference, it was not possible to hold the annual Pancake Feast on Shrove Tuesday itself, so on the Sunday before Lent, (Transfiguration Sunday) we celebrated a "Group Eucharist" uniting our parishes from Crosshaven and Nohoval at Holy Trinity, Crosshaven at 11.00 a.m. followed by a Grand Pancake Party at the Rectory raising funds for St Michael's



School for Blind Children, Ranchi, India. Templebreedy School has had a long association with St Michael's and taking advantage of a visit to India by Dr Sean Dunphy who has kindly agreed to include Ranchi on his itinerary, it is hoped to re-establish the relationship. Just over €900 was raised for St Michael's some of which will be used to update the school website.



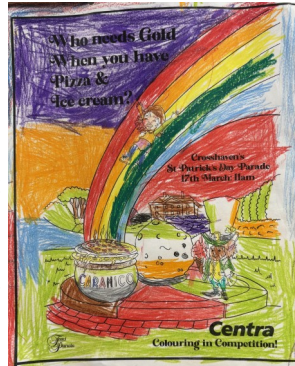
Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday began in Crosshaven with a joint Parish and School Service at 9.30 a.m. which included burning last year's palm crosses, using some of the ash to put an ash cross on the Rector's head and combining the rest of it with compost in which we then planted wildflower seeds – out of the dust of the ground new life is always possible. Let's hope that by Easter Day we will have a carpet of wildflower seedlings which will form the foundation an Easter Garden! In the evening, the Service for Ash Wednesday from the Book of Common Prayer took place at Nohoval Church.

Lent Study Course and Midweek Communion

Our Lent Course of study and reflection has focused on the Nicene Creed taking account of the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea celebrated this year. We have met at the Rectory 7.30-9.00 on Mondays 10, 24, 31 March & 7 April. What's the Nicene Creed ever done to you.....?? A dozen people from both parishes have been attending sessions which have included looking at the history of the Nicene Creed, the theology behind some of the statements and their Biblical foundation and they have concluded with a short period of reflection and prayer often using relevant parts of the Credo from Bach's Mass in B Minor.

On Tuesdays during Lent, there has been a celebration of the Eucharist at 10.00 a.m. each week. In addition there was a service at 9.00 a.m. on St Patrick's Day, prior to the Annual Parade in Crosshaven at 11.00 a.m. at which the Rector (assisted by St Patrick himself) blessed the shamrock. A variety of competitions added to the fun and we are delighted to congratulate Nicholas Hodder from Templebreedy School for winning the art competition.



Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent was kept in both parishes and included the "traditional" gift of posies. At Nohoval the "production line" took place with the service; in Crosshaven, Violet Chambers worked her usual magic to produce basket-

fuls of wonderful flowers. Following the service in Crosshaven, the congregation enjoyed refreshments, a cake sale and the raffle of a hamper of Palestinian products in aid of our Lent Appeal for Friends of the Holy Land, to which reference is made in Rev James' Easter Letter.

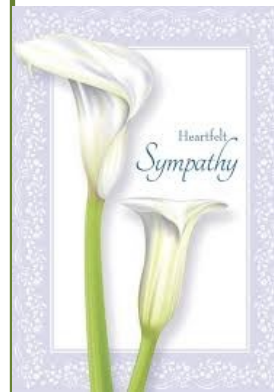


Deepest Sympathy

The funeral of Philip Taylor took place at Holy Trinity, Crosshaven on Saturday 11 January. A large congregation of over 200 attended with many having visited his home the night before. Following the Funeral Service, led by the Rector assisted by Canon Elaine Murray, the Committal took place at the Island Crematorium, Ringaskiddy. Philip had died at the Mercy University Hospital in the early hours of Thursday 9 January surrounded by his family. We send our special condolences to his wife Maisie, his children Linda and Wesley, grandchildren Mark, Abby and Andrew as well as to Linda's partner, James and daughter-in-law Lorraine. Special mention should be made of Jackie Gleasure, Churchwarden at Nohoval and Debbie Boyd, Parish Secretary, who made sure a full service sheet was produced during the period the Rector was away visiting family.



On the evening of 11 January, the Rector attended the Annual Dinner of the Carrigaline Branch of the Irish Farmers Association of which Philip had been Chairman. His long life and sterling service to the local farming community was widely acknowledged and for which he received a posthumous award.



The funeral took place at Holy Trinity, Crosshaven of Clive Doherty on 27th February who had died suddenly on the 22nd February. Clive had been planning new sailing adventures the day before he died; he was living life to the full. His well-attended funeral celebrated his rich and varied life before his burial at St Patrick's Cemetery. We send our condolences to his wife Maria, sons, Philip and Nicholas, daughters-in-law, Sue and Claudine and grandchildren, Sophie, Hugo, Luca and Zoey.

Youth Group re-established!

A well-attended meeting in the Upper Room at Nohoval Church on Saturday evening 4 January saw the re-establishment of the "Templebreedy Youth Group" as plans were laid for a programme



of monthly meetings during the coming year – as far as possible we will meet on the first or second Saturday of the month. The meeting also included an “brain-storming” session on how we might develop the Upper Room in Nohoval Church into a more homely and inviting space not just for the group but for others as well. The group also agreed that they would contribute to the leading of services particularly in Nohoval on an occasional basis. Pizza was enjoyed by all as discussions continued. Subsequently, the group has met on two further occasions for a series of “games evenings”, both the board (yes, they are still played!) and the electronic variety!

The Group has been remarkably successful in attracting grant aid to fund future activities and to carry out the development of the Upper Room. €400 has been received from the Diocesan Youth Council and €1150 has been granted by the Cork Education and Training Board. We are hugely appreciative of both tokens of support and thank both bodies.



Patronal Festival & Sea Sunday at Holy Trinity, Crosshaven – “Super Sunday”!

Trinity Sunday this year falls on Sunday 15 June. On our website we affirm, “As our Parish Church in Crosshaven is dedicated to the Holy Trinity so in the theological richness of this dedication we hope that all who worship with us are able to explore, express and live out their faith in God the Holy Trinity in an open and inclusive way in our group of parishes.” We shall celebrate exactly that as we gather for a Group Service of Thanksgiving at 11.00 a.m. on Trinity Sunday at which the Revd Canon Dr Daniel Nuzum returns to Templebreedy as our preacher.

On the same day, at 2.00 p.m. there will be a Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration to celebrate Sea Sunday. A Blessing of Boats will follow with the laying of wreaths in the harbour. Further details will be available closer to the date but the following organisations have already committed to being involved:

Crosshaven RNLI, Crosshaven Coast Guard, National Ambulance Service, Fire Service, Organisation of National Ex Servicemen (O.N.E), Naval Service, An Garda Síochána, L.A.S.T, Sea Scouts, Traditional Boat Festival, Port of Cork, Mallow SAR, Cork City missing persons SAR, Carrigaline Pipe Band, Royal Cork Yacht Club.

Mission Planning

The nature of a magazine like this is that it is, in part, a celebration of the previous three months or so. There is nothing wrong with that – there is much to celebrate! It is nonetheless important that we also look forward and to that end we will be engaging in a process of setting some priorities and plans for our life together in the future and for our wider mission. We will identify some “achievable goals” over the next five years using the Anglican “Five Marks of Mission” as a template. Those “Marks of Mission” are

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
- To respond to human need by loving service.
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation.
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

As part of the process, which the Select Vestries will oversee, not least because of any financial considerations, we will all be invited to contribute to a SWOT (Strength, Weaknesses, Threats & Opportunities) analysis of our parishes. I will be saying and writing more about this in the coming months but I would encourage everybody to engage with this exciting project, the fundamental purpose of which is to focus our minds and hearts on practical ways in which we can continue to be the instruments of our Lord in our parishes, proclaiming the love of God to all amongst whom we live and work.

To quote St Paul writing to the Ephesians (3:14-21)

“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”



The baptism of Jack Buckley, grandson of George and Frances Jagoe took place during the Christingle Service at Holy Trinity, Crosshaven on Sunday 2 February. Here is Jack with his "Australian" cousin Archie who was baptised at Holy Trinity last August.



We are very grateful to Mark Drake who has been giving his time to welcome people to Holy Trinity, Crosshaven on Sunday mornings, assisting at the Christmas Fayre (with Alison Gash) and more menial yet essential tasks!



Parent and Toddler Group



Wobblers and Toddlers

The Rectory on Friday mornings
10 a.m. - 12 noon during school term time.
All Welcome
Come and meet other Mums/Carers over coffee



Love. Grow. Serve.

Templebreedy School News



The end of another term is fast approaching. Time has flown by since we were busy with Christmas activities.

We were pleased to have Wyatt Woodard join first class at the beginning of this term, and welcome him and his family to Templebreedy.

Our usual activities continued for the term. Children played hockey every week, and played some matches. They competed very well in the hockey tournament at the beginning of March, with the Seniors coming in third position. They are now eagerly awaiting the Colour Blitz.

Children in the Junior classes have had swimming lessons and some children from every class participated in the Swimming Gala winning the Small Schools Category.



Shrove Tuesday was celebrated in the traditional, and very popular way, with pancakes served in every classroom. The following day, Ash Wednesday, the Junior children attended a church service, while the Seniors travelled to St. Fin Barre's Cathedral to join with other schools and attend a Service there.

We marked World Book Day with a visit from Carol and Eoghan Corrigan authors of "My Irish Adventure" and children came dressed as their favourite characters.

During the first two weeks of March we placed an extra emphasis on Irish language and culture with everyone making an effort to speak "as gaeilge".

We are at the end of our two year programme, to achieve our 6th. Green School Flag, for Global Citizenship – Litter and Waste. We focused on how we could reduce food waste, The Green School Committee organised a bake sale which raised €650 for Sierre Leone. Rev. Tony Murphy and Rev. Andrew Coleman spoke to the children on the work being carried out by Christian Aid in Sierre Leone.

The Seniors are currently in the final stages of preparation for their performance at a concert of Bird Songs and Folk Tunes. This is the finale of an inter-generational music project which has been delivered by Ruti Lachs throughout the year.

We are now looking ahead to next term which will be busy with lots of activities planned, beginning with tag rugby, athletics and senior swimming.

Before we begin the term, however, I hope everyone will enjoy a very Happy Easter.

Doris Bryan, Principal



News from the Nohoval Parish Treasurer

Easter Vestry meetings are fast approaching and after a few years as Nohoval Treasurer my time has come to an end.

Thank you to my son Adam for helping me with the more technical side!!

Our Recorder Het Ross for her support and to Nohoval Vestry members for the hard work of fundraising and supporting the Church in its day to day life.

It has been a pleasure.

Jackie Gleasure, Nohoval Parish Treasurer

Notes from the Templebreedy Treasury

Our annual accounts for 2024 have been audited by our accountant and accepted by the Select Vestry. They will then be presented at the Easter General Vestry on 4th May 2025. Even though we had an increase of over €8,000 in the annual amount we have to submit (€66,240 for the year 2024) to the Diocesan Office, we ended up with just owing a €1,000 shortfall in the parishes account. We will this year have to have a financial review of all our income/expenditure. We continue to receive the occasional win on the prize bonds.

Barry Jenkins, Parish Treasurer



Safeguarding Trust and Parish Panel

What's it all about?

'Safe guarding trust' is the COI Code of good practice for ministry with children. The COI has to set standards for the welfare of all children sharing in its ministry with a view to protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm.

Each parish is expected to implement this code and train leaders and panel members. All workers/helpers paid or voluntary are expected to know the code.

The code exists to safeguard children, young people and their leaders; it therefore has to be reasonable and practical.

Church of Ireland child protection policy statement:

It is the policy of the Church of Ireland to set standards for the welfare of all children sharing in its ministry with a view to protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm.

The purpose of the code of good practice

Thousands of children visit Church of Ireland premises for worship and for other social, educational and recreational purposes each week. The Church's ministry to them is a priority for the Church and it is only possible because of the commitment of adults who are prepared to work with children.

Safeguarding Trust: the Church of Ireland Code of Good Practice for Ministry with Children is designed to protect and to enhance that ministry.

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to create a safe environment which will promote healthy and fulfilling participation of children and young people in educational and recreational activities and minimise the possibility of harm, either deliberate or accidental.

to encourage safe practices for those who work with children.

to set out the appropriate responses and procedures in the event of abuse taking place.

to safeguard those who work with children from the consequences of unfounded accusations.

The panel members are:



Rev'd James Power
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Mrs Dorothy Verplancke
Tel: 021 4887247

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday 13 April Palm Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Eucharist	Crosshaven	
10.00 a.m.	Blessing of Palms, Reading of the Passion & Eucharist		Nohoval
11.30 a.m.	Blessing of Palms, Reading of the Passion & Eucharist		Crosshaven

Monday 14 April Monday in Holy Week

9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Litany & Eucharist	Crosshaven
7.00 p.m.	Compline	Crosshaven

Tuesday 15 April Tuesday in Holy Week

9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Litany & Eucharist	Crosshaven
7.00 p.m.	Compline	Nohoval

Wednesday 16 April Wednesday in Holy Week

9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Litany & Eucharist	Crosshaven
7.00 p.m.	Tenebrae (A service of readings and music charting the Passion as candles are gradually extinguished concluding with the church in darkness.)	Crosshaven

Thursday 17 April MAUNDY THURSDAY

9.00a.m.	Morning Prayer	Crosshaven
12noon	Chrism Eucharist at	Rosscarbery
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist of the Last Supper and Stripping of the Altar	Nohoval

Friday 18 April GOOD FRIDAY

9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer & Litany	Crosshaven
12 noon	Family Service followed by Hot Cross Buns	Crosshaven
3.00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross with the Roman Catholic Community	Nohoval

Saturday 19 April HOLY SATURDAY

8.00 p.m.	Easter Vigil	Crosshaven
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Sunday 20 April EASTER DAY

6.00 a.m.	Dawn Service – St Matthew's	
8.30 a.m.	Eucharist at	Crosshaven Order 1
10.00 a.m.	Eucharist at	Nohoval
11.30 a.m.	Eucharist at	Crosshaven Order 2

Pastoral Visitation

If you have been unwell or in hospital please let the Rector know. In this diocese the hospital chaplain/s look after our pastoral needs when we are ill in hospital but if you would like a visit from the Rector in hospital, or on return home / to respite please do let me know or ask the chaplain to do so.

Please bear in mind that without a parishioner's permission chaplains are not at liberty to advise the Rector that a parishioner is in hospital.

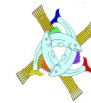
Parish Records and Weekly 'Parish Happenings' e-mail

Please advise us of any address changes and we will update our records. If you do not wish to receive Templebreedy News please let the office know.

If you would like to receive the weekly 'Parish Happenings' e-mail, please forward your e-mail address to the office. Thank you.

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If you would like to be more involved in parish life or would appreciate a pastoral visit from the Rector or the Lay Pastoral Assistant, then please do let them know by contacting the Rectory or sending an email to the address above. If you should ever be ill or in hospital and would like a pastoral visit please do let the office or Rector know.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAYS: Nohoval 10.00 a.m. Crosshaven 8.30 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.

The next issue of **Templebreedy News** will be published in the Summer. Any item that you like considered for inclusion can be sent to the Rectory before the end of June.
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