

Parish Mirror

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From the Rector

A Cairde, (friends) is a wonderful Irish way to begin a letter. All are equal in its loving embrace.

Christians of all shapes and sizes are an Easter people. The Easter message is at the centre of our faith. Christ is risen, set free in our hearts to fill them with God's love, a love which wants to pour through us into the lives of all we meet.

That was the power of the Church to change lives. It is a message of joy about a present reality, not just the remembrance of a past event.

We have not always been worthy followers of Jesus: Muslims still remember the sacking of Jerusalem by Christian knights; nearer to home and in our own time, Christian labels were waved about in the middle of sectarian strife.

We in Malahide have developed excellent relationships with our neighbours and in particular with the local Roman Catholic Church. We do things together and I am often asked about it by members of other Church of Ireland parishes. It is obvious in the very successful Lenten meetings we have organised together.

This is as it should be, for while the differences between the various Christian traditions are often on important issues, they are on examination found to be secondary to what we undisputedly hold in common.

Our society desperately needs the witness of a shared Easter faith lived out in worship and daily life. An infectious development like that of the Apostles is necessary for the growth of the Church in Malahide, and through us, to places far afield. 'Christ is risen' is a cry for all the world.

Yours in Christ,

Norman

Thank You Ken.....

On Sunday 25th January, a large congregation was present at evening service in St. Andrew's Church to celebrate eleven years of ministry by Rev. Ken Sherwood in our parish. As previously reported, Ken has been recently assigned to Holmpatrick Parish.

The service was followed by a reception in the parish centre, when a presentation was made to Ken on behalf of the parishioners.

Tributes were paid to Ken for the considerable contribution in all aspects of his ministry in the parish and especially for his role in the development of worship for young families. The dedication and encouragement of his wife, Norma, in supporting his work, was always evident. Her personal skills in coordinating floral arrangements in St. Andrew's Church were greatly appreciated.

We wish both Ken & Norma, health, happiness and God's blessing for their future.



Hon. Treasurer Brian Brown making a presentation to Rev. Ken Sherwood on behalf of the parishioners & friends.

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Parish Registers

Holy Baptism

Jan 31st, in St Andrew's, **Esme Ivy**, daughter of Gail and Andrew Florio, 17 Portal Close, London SE27.

Christian Burial

Dec 24th, after service in St Andrew's, **Lucy Anne O'Sullivan**, daughter of Katie O'Toole and Ryan O'Sullivan, 25 Martello Court.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Lucy's parents on her death shortly after birth. Words fail, actions speak louder in the large attendance at the funeral at a time when the world celebrates a birth. We pray for strength for them and for their families at this time, and hope of an awareness of God's presence at all times in life as strength, comfort and hope.

Jan 18th, cremated at Glasnevin after service in St Andrew's Church: **Beatrice Hogan**, 77 Marina Village.

Much of Bea Hogan's life was lived on the south side of Dublin, until she and her husband, Charles, moved to Portmarnock to be near her son, Ken. On Charles' death, she moved to the Marina where she was able to live independently until very recently. She was always active and independent and continued to drive until she was into her 90s. We offer our sympathy to Ken and to her daughter Ruth (Tallaght) and her family, all of whom were a great support to her at all times.

Sympathy

The Burnby family from Drynam and Monkstown are all in our prayers as they mourn Betty's daughter-in-law, Joan who died after a long illness borne with faith and great courage. Many parishioners attended the funeral and interment in St Columba's Church, Swords.

As we go to press, we have learnt with great sadness of the death of May Arnold of 'Green Acres', Baskin. May was devoted not only to George, but also to his sister Daphne Clarke who lived next door, and seemed to have endless energy which belied her years. Her care for George, Daphne and vulnerable neighbours was exemplary. For many years she was a very active member of the Malahide Active Retired Association. She was always in good humour, and had a quick mind which was never slowed down by the years. She will be greatly missed, and we offer our sympathy to George and Daphne, to Daphne's son David (Balbriggan) to May's brother Denis (Blackrock) and her sister Ena (Raheny) and to all the family in their deep loss.

May's funeral took place in St Sylvester's R.C Church on Tuesday 17th, followed by cremation at Glasnevin. Only two days beforehand, Daphne's sister-in-law died in Leskinfere, Co Wexford and we offer our sympathy to her on this double loss. Indeed, Daphne was unable to attend May's funeral due to ill-health and we remember her and all the family at this very difficult time.

We also offer our sympathy to John Eadie whose mother has died in Killarney and to Alison Killen and to Bill Colclough (both Seabury) on the death of their mother in Raheny.

Another passing to be noted was that of Fr Tom Butler CM, formerly Parish Priest of Kinsealy. He was a retired teacher with a concise and independent mind quite prepared to challenge assumptions, and his ministry in Kinsealy was greatly appreciated beyond the members of his congregation.

Lenten Ecumenical Evenings

The local Ecumenical Committee has organised the usual Lenten programme of interesting and relevant talks and worship on Wednesday evenings, and the meetings during March are as follows:

4th March in the Presbyterian Church, the speaker will be Tom Tate, our former youth worker now Youth Officer of Dun Laoghaire Presbyterian Church.

11th March, in St Anne's Church, Portmarnock, Fr Damien McNeice, Master of Ceremonies to Archbishop Martin and Chair of the Dublin Council of Churches.

18th March, in St Andrew's Church, Malahide, Fr Donal Harrington who lectures in Pastoral Theology in both All Hallows and in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute.

25th March, also in St Andrew's, Archdeacon Gordon Linney, retired Archdeacon of Dublin.

The reason why we are hosting two evenings is that construction work at Seabury (Yellow Walls) Church means that it is not available to us this year.

Each meeting begins at 8.00 pm, begins with a short act of worship and this is followed by a talk and discussion, refreshments and fellowship, and the numbers who attend each year show that it is a valuable contribution to the needs of our local society, achieved when we all work together in witness to our faith.

Mothering Sunday

It has been the tradition for the Mother's Union to organise a service for all on the morning of Mother's Day and to arrange for a speaker, following consultation with the Rector. This year they have invited Linda Chambers, a former parishioner who is the Irish Secretary for Us (The United Society and formerly USPG or the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel). Founded in 1699, Us works alongside the Anglican Provinces in Africa and India. The Irish section has a particular work in the impoverished country of Swaziland and we look forward to Linda's visit. She will also be preaching in St Doulagh's.

Diocesan Board of Education

Emma Rogan has been co-opted as a member of the Diocesan Board of Education, in addition to the Rector who has been elected as Hon. Secretary. Mrs Susie Hall is also a member of the Board, giving us a very healthy representation on this essential Diocesan Board. It promotes and supports educational work in the diocese, and many of our schools, including St Andrew's, are vested in the Board.

St Patrick's Day

St Patrick's Day as presently celebrated does little to help us remember his remarkable and humble life. At his death, this quiet but firm man, lacking education but having been enslaved in Ireland for many years, was seen as the leading figure in the Christianisation of Ireland in the 5th century.

Surely the remembrance of his achievements should be part of our celebration. St Doulagh's Church has its origins about a century after his death, by when Ireland was indisputably a Christian land. On the morning of St Patrick's Day, you are all

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invited to a celebration of the Holy Communion in St Doulagh's at 10.00 am to remember Patrick as he was, the one guided by God to bring the good news to this island and its people

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer service this year will be in Malahide Presbyterian Church on Friday 6th March at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

Holy Week in St Andrew's

Easter comes early this year. Palm Sunday is on the 29th March, and each evening in Holy Week there will be a service in St Andrew's at 8.00 pm, as well as a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30 am Mon-Thurs.

This year there will be a series of meditative services on the 'Actions of the Passion' each evening at 8.00 pm. The topics will be

Monday 'The foot-washing – Cross as Service'

Tuesday 'The self-offering – Cross as Sacrament'

Wednesday 'The Prayer – Cross as Work'

Thursday 'The suffering – Cross as Pain'

Friday 'The death: Cross as Life'

On Good Friday morning there will be an All Age Service in St Doulagh's at 10.00 am. What we will actually do depends on the weather. On some years when it is dry underfoot, we have been able to walk around the grounds with readings and song, remembering the Good Friday journey of our Lord along the Via Dolorosa to Calvary. Otherwise, and more likely, the service will be in the Church.

That afternoon, at 2.00 pm, there will be a Quiet Hour of music and readings as we remember the last hour of our Lord's earthly life.

On Easter Day itself, the celebrations begin with the dawn with a Sunrise Eucharist at St Doulagh's in which we hopefully leave the Church to meet the sun rising in the east through the trees which surround St Doolagh's Park. There will also be celebrations of Holy Communion at the usual morning hours of worship of 8.00 am (Holy Communion 1), 10.00 am (St Doulagh's) and 11.30 am (St Andrew's) and Messy Church for Easter at 6.30 pm. All are welcome.

Farewell to Ken.



A section of parishioners in St. Andrew's Parish Centre after the church service.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Mothers' Union

We had a great response to our New Year lunch held on Thursday 8th January. Members and friends enjoyed a 4-course meal upstairs in Oscar Taylor's complete with a welcoming fire. It was enjoyed by all and very few left before five!

On the 12th February, Commandant Jayne Lawlor (Reid), Defence Forces' Gender Equality and Diversity Officer, came to talk about 'A career in the Irish Army'. Jayne gave a most informative talk on her work which includes Tour of Duties Overseas. I know our many members and guests really enjoyed the evening and I would like to thank Jayne for coming and taking time off from her busy life to speak to our branch.

Dates for your Diary:

On 28th February, Dublin & Glendalough Mothers' Union are hosting a Women's Breakfast in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip. The speaker will be Jacqui Armstrong who is going to speak on "Friendship – How full is your Bucket" from 9.30 – 11.30 am.

Friday 6th March World Day of Prayer in Malahide Presbyterian Church.

Thursday 12th March 'Dublin Crystal' speaker is Janet Taylor.

Mothering Sunday on the 15th March once again the service is organised by St Andrew's Mothers' Union. Address will be given by Ms Linda Chambers – National Director of the United Society.

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Youth Group News

We believe in teaching our young people about Scripture and in showing them how to lead a godly life in a tough world. We believe in having a Christ-centred life with prayer, times of silence and openness to God's leading in our lives. The youth programme will have games nights, sports nights, music, dancing and outings so that we can spend time with our community of young people. Everyone is welcome to attend Youth Group, Kids Club, Messy Church and Children's Church.

Messy Church is a great programme for the whole family. It is held in St. Andrew's Church on the first Sunday night each month from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. We welcome all families in the Schools, in our Community and from all faith backgrounds to take part in this ministry of Messy Church.

In **Messy Church** each night we will have a theme for the evening. We will have a craft time, celebration time (worship) and refreshments. Our 2015 dates for Messy Church are **1st Feb.**, **1st March**, **5th April** (Easter), **3rd May**, **7th June** and **5th July**.

Kids Club is in the Parish Centre on Fridays from 2:40 pm – 3:30 pm. It is for all children in 1st through 6th class. We have games, snack and a story of faith. All are most welcome.

Our **Confirmation Class** meets on Sunday night at 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm for all youth of eligible age. Our confirmation retreat is the 8th and 9th of May. The Confirmation service for our confirmands will be held on Sunday 17th May at 3.00 pm in St. Andrew's Church.

Our **Children's Church** is on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sunday mornings. It is for all children over 2 years old. We have games, stories and prayer each week. All are most welcome.

Our **Youth Group** has two outings planned for Churches of Malahide and Portmarnock. Our first event is at St. Sylvester's Church on Wednesday 25th of February at 8.00 pm. Our Speaker is Ger Brennan. Our second event is at Malahide Presbyterian church on Wednesday 4th of March at 8.00 pm. Our speaker is Tom Tate. Meet you all at the church of the event.

Blessings,

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N.B. Traditional Language services (BCP Form One) are normally the 8.00 am service on Sundays and the 11.00 am service on Wednesdays, and also at 10.00 am on the first two Sundays of a month in St Doulagh's and Compline at 7.00 pm on the 5th Sunday of a month.

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Church Services

March

St. Andrew's Church, Malahide: Sunday Services

1 st Second in Lent	8.00 am Holy Communion 11.30 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm 'Messy Church'
8 th Third in Lent	8.00 am Holy Communion 11.30 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Holy Communion
15 th Fourth in Lent (Mothering Sunday)	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Toddler Service 11.30 am 'All Age Service' Address, Ms Linda Chambers, US 6.30 pm Ministry of Healing
22 nd Fifth of Lent (Passion Sunday)	8.00 am Holy Communion 11.30 am Morning Prayer 6.30 pm Holy Communion
29 th Sixth of Lent (Palm Sunday)	8.00 am Holy Communion 11.30 am All Age Service with blessing of palms and procession 6.30 pm Compline

Holy Week

Monday 30 th	7.30 am Holy Communion 8.00 pm Late Evening Office and Address
Tuesday 31 st	7.30 am Holy Communion 8.00 pm Late Evening Office and Address

Weekday Services

Wednesday 4 th	11.00 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 11 th	11.00 am Holy Communion
Tuesday 17 th St Patrick, Bishop	9.15 am Matins (see also St Doulagh's)
Wednesday 18 th	11.00 am Holy Communion
Thursday 19 th St Joseph of Nazareth	9.15 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 25th The Annunciation of our Lord	11.00 am Holy Communion

St. Doulagh's Church, Balgriffin (all services at 10.00 am)

1 st	Morning Prayer
8 th	Holy Communion
15 th	Morning Prayer (Mothering Sunday). Ms Linda Chambers, US
Tuesday 17 th	Holy Communion (St Patrick Bp)
22 nd	Holy Communion (Passion Sunday)
29 th	Morning Prayer (Palm Sunday)

April

St. Andrew's Church, Malahide: Sunday Services

5 th Easter Day	8.00 am Holy Communion 11.30 am Family Communion 6.30 pm 'Messy Church'
12 th First of Easter	10.30 am Holy Communion and Easter General Vestry Meeting THIS IS THE ONLY SERVICE IN THE PARISH ON THIS SUNDAY
19 th Second of Easter	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Toddlers' Service 11.30 am Holy Communion & Holy Baptism 6.30 pm Ministry of Healing
26 th Fourth of Easter	8.00 am Holy Communion 11.30 am 'All Age' Service 6.30 pm, Holy Communion

Holy Week

Wednesday 1 st	7.30 am Holy Communion 11.00 am Holy Communion 8.00 pm Late Evening Office
Thursday 2 nd Maundy Thursday	7.30 am Holy Communion 8.00 pm Holy Communion for the Institution of the Lords's Supper
Friday 3 rd Good Friday	2.00 pm Holy Hour of Prayer, Readings and Music 8.00 pm Evening Prayer
Saturday 4 th	9.15 am Matins

Weekday Services

Wednesday 8 th	11.00 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 15 th	11.00 am Holy Communion
Saturday 25 th St Mark the Evangelist	9.15 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 29 th	11.00 am Holy Communion

St. Doulagh's Church, Balgriffin

Friday 3 rd	10.00 am All Age Service for Good Friday
5 th	6.00 am Sunrise Communion 10.00 am Family Communion
12 th	NO SERVICE. UNITED SERVICE IN ST ANDREW'S FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL EASTER VESTRY MEETING
19 th	10.00 am Morning Prayer
26 th	10.00 am Holy Communion



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