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From the Rector Novel Coronavirus

Many people have been rightly worried about this previously undiscovered virus which is sweeping parts of China at present. As I write this, it seems that it is slowly been brought under control, but has thankfully not yet reached our shores. It also looks as if China and Australia are producing a vaccine, although it will be some time before it is generally available.

The virus itself is highly infectious but seems to be serious only for those with existing ill health, and there have been very few fatalities outside China. We have had this type of thing before: HIV, Ebola and SARS. In all these cases, Churches have issued guidelines for Church services, especially responding to fears about contamination through communion wine.

When HIV was a serious problem, research was undertaken in the Church of England which showed that alcoholic communion wine (as used in the Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic traditions) was a strong disinfectant, but thorough cleaning of chalices between celebrations was sufficient, and that the danger was in the use of individual cups and the use of non-alcoholic wine as practised in many evangelical traditions.

The use of ceramic chalices (which had become quite common) was also a source of contamination as viruses could hide in the pores, as distinct from the smooth interior of traditional silver or gold plate such

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Restoration Completed!



Rededication service.

[See also “Call for Action” on page 3.]

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Select Vestry Report

The February meeting of the Select Vestry, among other matters, revised the register of those entitled to vote at the Easter Vestry. This year 6 names were removed having moved away from the parish, and no less than 15 added, and we welcome Cathy Carey, Colin Carey, John Chambers, Bruce Edwards, Sally-Anne Edwards, William Flynn, Bryan Harley, Jessica Harley, Audrey Moran, John Moran, Susan Oemmon, Anish Paul, Andrew Staunton-Smith, Niamh Staunton-Smith and Fiona Young to the Register. Interestingly, for the first time in living memory, it was noted that no name had been removed through death!

Much of the time was taken up with a review of our financial situation, and we were delighted to learn that a number of parishioners had made donations, or had generously lent us money to tide us over until fundraising gets under way in earnest. One event had already been held, a very successful and enjoyable Table Quiz which raised about €1000, and the Organist and Soloist in St Sylvester's RC Church will be organising a concert later in the year in St Andrew's. These are just the preliminaries in our effort to restore our finances to the state they were in in October so that we can undertake certain other essential works that need to be undertaken, including much-needed improvements to the Parish Centre.

Illness

Among those who are ill in then parish, we ask for your prayers for Addy Patterson. Addy has been responsible for the Bric-a-brac stall at the Christmas Market for many years, but has also been Lay Reader in Swords for the past thirty years. Addy has had some spells in hospital recently, and please pray for her full recovery to health.

Our Lay Reader, Tom Healy was taken very seriously ill on Christmas Day having been invited to Leighlinbridge for his Christmas Dinner, and ended up that afternoon in the ICU in St Luke's Hospital in Kilkenny for a week. He was very fortunate to be alive, and is only now getting back to full health, but will not be back to full activity for some months

Averting disaster!

It never rains but it pours! Not just a comment on our recent weather. When the Rector was away on holidays in mid-February at the far side of Europe, illness struck the lay reader who had agreed to take the service in St Doulagh's. We were indebted to two of our parishioners, Ken McAllister who stepped into the breach and read Morning Prayer and to John Young who shared his thoughts on the scripture readings of the day: before the Archbishop panics at unauthorised preachers, John works for the Whitcliff Bible Translators and knows his stuff, and everything was organised late on Saturday evening!

Illness also struck the parishioner who was providing music by CD in St Andrew's, and one of our young folk who was helping with leading the Toddler's Service was unable to come along at the last moment: thanks to

Solome Keegan for stepping into the breach. All in all, the potential for liturgical chaos was averted!

Thanks also to Canon Cecil Hyland who celebrated the Eucharist in St Andrew's, and Revs Kingsley Long and Ken Sherwood for covering the 8am and Wednesday eucharists in the Rector's absence.

Sympathy

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Anne Corry, longtime organist in Balbriggan parish. Anne was a great supporter of the 29th Co Girls' Brigade in Malahide, and played the piano for them at their meetings. She will be sadly missed.

We have also lost a good friend in the late Fr Godfrey O'Donnell of Swords. A former Jesuit from Derry, Godfrey was re-ordained as a priest in the Romanian Orthodox Church and assisted in their Church in Leeson Park. He was deeply involved in ecumenical affairs and in 2008 was Chair of the Irish Council of Churches, visiting us on a number of occasions. We offer our sympathy to his wife, Ruth and to all his many friends in many denominations.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Annual Malahide Area service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was held this year in St Nicholas of Myra Church, Kinsealy, and was very well attended. The address was by Rev Dr Katharine Meyer, Minister of Sandymount Presbyterian/Methodist Congregation whose well thought out and inspiring address led to many positive comments over the usual 'cuppa' afterwards. The continuing good attendance on this annual occasion is a testimony to the wisdom of asking the preacher to be open, honest and challenging in his (or her!) words!

Ecumenical Lenten Meetings

Our local ecumenical Lenten meetings which have been a prominent part of the local church scene for many years are being held again. This year the Ecumenical Committee has altered the time from 8 to 7.30pm. The first meeting will be held in St Ann's Portmarnock on 4th March, and we will be hosting Fr Peter McVerry on 25th. Each meeting begins with a short act of worship reflecting the host congregation, a talk and time for questions and discussion, followed by refreshments and time for fellowship. This year's theme is 'Christian Hope in a Secular World'. Everyone is welcome to come along, and the full programme will be on the parish website. Venues are listed in our service rota

Sustentation Giving

Some families who have been subscribing to the sustentation scheme by standing orders have asked why they have also received envelopes, and is this not a waste of money?

However, the envelopes still have to be produced in sequence (if you are, say 234 giving by standing order, envelope 234 must be made if 235 or a higher number

Parish Finances ----A Call for Action

Over the past 18 months, our parish has been beset with unplanned structural failures of our church properties. In recent years, we had built up a strong financial reserve to allow us to deal with unexpected problems and to a large extent this reserve has been of considerable value, allowing us to carry out essential repair and refurbishment programmes. As of the end of 2019 all reserves have now been depleted and we find our parish finances in an overdrawn state for the first time for many years

During 2019 we have completed refurbishment programmes at St. Doulagh's Church and the Old Schoolhouse. For both projects, we had successfully accumulated dedicated funds to enable us to carry out the work.

At the same time, we have been hit with major structural and safety issues affecting St. Andrew's Church, incurring a total unplanned expenditure in excess of €97k.

The main work programmes in St. Andrew's Church that we have attended to include:

- Stripping and replastering of the walls in the nave
- Refurbishing the entire ceiling area of the church
- Replacement of the clock in the tower
- Repainting all internal walls
- Upgrading of lights to LED devices.

The Select Vestry has now decided as a matter of urgency, that additional fund-raising programmes need to be embarked upon to rebuild reserves for future needs.

It is apparent that we will have to expand the scope of our current fund-raising efforts and in particular increase the involvement of a greater number of parishioners in meeting this goal.

If you feel that you can assist us in anyway, please contact our Parish Administrator, Anne Taplin, who will coordinate all offers of support and involvement.

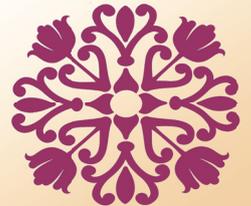
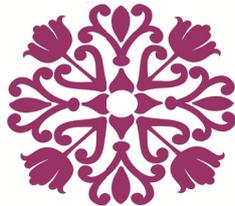
Thank you

*Brian Brown & Anne Winslow O'Dea
(on behalf of the Select Vestry)*



The Christmas Market team enjoying their "Thank you Night".

The Christmas Market "Thank you Night".



Malahide Mothers' Union

'BUILDING HOPE AND CONFIDENCE'



On 4th January, twenty-six members and friends met at the Pavilions Shopping Centre to attend an Andre Rieu Concert showing in the Cinema there. The concert was enjoyed by all, but unfortunately the seating booked for our party differed from that which we had organised causing upset. A complaint was made to the Cinema and eventually we received some complimentary cinema tickets.

Unfortunately the speaker for our Branch Meeting on 13th February, Nieve White from Aoiagneas Women's Refuge, Coolock, was unable to be with us due to illness. However, Hazel Caird stepped in at very little notice and gave an excellent talk on looking after our health and covered all aspects of our lives relevant to our age group. Many thanks to Hazel from the Branch.

A speaker from Mustard Seed Communities Charity will be with us at our Branch Meeting on 12th March. This Charity works in Jamaica, Dominican Republic and Zimbabwe as well as other countries in Africa where they care for children with disabilities and affected by HIV/AIDS.

The Mothering Sunday Service on 22nd March will be in St. Andrew's Church at 11.30 and as in other years, the Mothers' Union will take part in planning this. We hope as many families as possible will attend this Service and celebrate this important day. The Rev. Aisling Shine will be with us at this Service.

On April 2nd, our Closing Service will be in St. Andrew's Room, Parish Centre, followed by the AGM and Committee 'Supper'. Please note the date which is a week earlier than usual due to Holy Week.

Olive Haynes

St. Andrew's Recipe

CITRUS CHICKEN WITH POTATOES AND ROSEMARY

Serves 4 people

Ingredients:

- 8 chicken pieces, skin on
- 750g baby new potatoes
- Zest and juice of 1 orange
- Zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 1 additional lemon, sliced
- 15ml honey
- 60ml olive oil
- 15ml fresh rosemary (7ml dried)
- 8 garlic cloves, uncrushed and unpeeled

Method:

1. Place chicken and potatoes in a large casserole dish.
2. Season well and add orange and lemon zest and juice, honey, olive oil and rosemary. Toss to coat.
3. Tuck the lemon slices around the chicken pieces and scatter the dish with the whole garlic cloves.
4. Bake for 45 minutes at 190°C turning occasionally until chicken is golden brown and cooked.
5. Squeeze the pulp out of the now cooked garlic cloves and spread over the chicken.
6. Serve with a salad.

Enjoy!

Parish Notes

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gives by the envelope scheme) Interestingly, quite a number of these envelopes are used at Christmas and Easter to make 'top-up' donations which enables us to get more tax back from the Revenue Commissioners, and this mid-year and end-of-year boosts of tax refunds have been a very welcome addition to our funds.

Confirmation

This will be held on Sunday 3rd May at 3.30pm in St John the Baptist Church, Seafield Road, Clontarf. All parishioners are warmly invited to come along to support our candidates and meet with the Archbishop. Please pray for our candidates as they prepare for this very important day in their lives.

Easter Vestry.

This is the Parish's Annual General Meeting, and this year will be held on the evening of Friday 10th April at 7.30pm. This year is a particularly important one, as it is a triennial meeting at which we elect not only a new Select Vestry and wardens for the coming year, but also representatives to the Diocesan Synod, and Parochial Nominators who have the responsibility of representing us as a parish in the process of nominating a new Rector should a vacancy arise.

The Easter Vestry also receives and approves the financial report of the Select Vestry for 2019. This year there will be an opportunity to relax and socialise after the meeting.

The Select Vestry consists of four Churchwardens (2 per church) and two glebewardens. The latter were responsible for care of the rectory (glebe) and land: traditionally our glebewardens have looked after the day-to-day care of our property. Churchwardens are responsible for ensuring all is provided for what is needed for the conduct of services, and for keeping order in church. In addition, twelve ordinary members are also elected.

While all who turn up can speak, only those whose names are on the current parish register can vote or hold office.

What a small world!

When on holidays last month in Brno in Moravia (the east of the Czech Republic) Susan and I went to the English Mass in the Jesuit Church there. Brno is a large, but virtually unknown, city the size of Belfast about 160km north of Vienna, and while a very historic city with many lovely and ancient buildings is virtually unknown to western Europeans unlike Prague, about 250 miles west which is overrun with them even in February.

The Diocese of Europe has a monthly service in the Jesuit Church once a month but not on the weekend we were there. This seemed to be the best thing on offer. Gradually quite a considerable congregation assembled, and the service was led by an elderly woman, with an English-speaking Jesuit priest celebrating the mass and preaching an excellent sermon. Unlike what so often

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St. Andrew's Church, Malahide: Sunday Services

1st First of Lent	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Eucharist & rededication of Church after Restoration. Celebrant & Preacher, Most Rev Michael Jackson , Archbishop 6.00 pm 'Messy Church'.
8th : Second of Lent	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am 'All Age' Eucharist 6.30 pm Eucharist
15th Third of Lent	8.00 am Eucharist 10.30 am Parents' & Toddlers' Service 11.30 am Eucharist 6.30 pm Healing Service
22nd Fourth of Lent (Mothering Sunday)	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Family Service. Preacher, Rev Ashling Shine 6.30 pm Eucharist
29th Fifth of Lent (Passion Sunday)	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Morning Prayer with Prayers for Healing 6.30 pm Compline

Weekday Services

Wednesday 4th	9.15 am Matins 11.00 am Eucharist 7.30 pm Ecumenical Lenten Meeting in St Anne's Church, Portmarnock 'Helping Children achieve their potential' Ms Breda Corr , Gen Secretary of Association of Boards of Management of Special Needs Schools
Friday 6th	8.00 pm (in Malahide Presbyterian Church), Women's World Day of Prayer Area Service
Wednesday 11th	11.00 am Eucharist 7.30 pm (In St Sylvester's RC Church) Ecumenical Lenten Evening. Speaker: Ms Mary Kirk (Parish Worker) and Scoil Iosa 'Climate Justice'
Tuesday 17th St Patrick, Bishop	10.00 am see St Doulagh's
Wednesday 18th	11.00 am Eucharist 7.30 pm Ecumenical Lenten Meeting, Malahide Presbyterian Church. Speaker, Rev Trevor Johnston , Rector of All Saints' Parish, Belfast
Thursday 19th St Joseph of Nazareth	9.15 am Eucharist
Wednesday 25th The Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary	11.00 am Eucharist 7.30 pm Ecumenical Lenten Meeting. Rev Fr Peter McVerry SJ in St Andrew's Church 'Housing and Justice'

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

1st	Morning Prayer
8th	Eucharist
15th	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 17th	Eucharist (St Patrick, Bishop)
22nd	Eucharist (Mothering Sunday)
29th	Morning Prayer (Passion Sunday)

From the Rector

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as we use in the parish. There was also a lesser danger of infection in ordinary bread, and this was minimised by the use of wafer bread and hand washing by celebrants.

If the Church of Ireland issues guidelines, rest assured that these will immediately be followed in the parish, and that our current practice is safe.

What worries me about the present outbreak is that it is leading to hysteria. What may be justified in one part of China, is leading to incidents of hostility towards people of Chinese or south-east Asian origins who have come from places thousands of miles from Wuhan, and indeed, in many cases have lived all their lives in Ireland. This is to be roundly condemned and there is a moral duty on us as Christians to befriend our neighbours and protect and support them from bigotry and hostility.

Norman

Christmas market

The Wind-up 2019 -Set-up 2020 and "Thank you" evening took place on Friday, 21st February 2020 in the Coffee Dock, St. Andrew's Parish Centre. This was a get-together for those folk who had given their time and talents to help make the Christmas market so successful once again. From moving and shifting tables and chairs, organising stalls and filling them with all kinds of things, to unseen work in the catering area,hsuling books, bric-à-brac in and out, acquiring raffle prizes, selling tickets, all deserve our thanks. So, an enjoyable, relaxed, fun and friendship gathering was spent on the 21st, with food and "drink" to thank and celebrate the 2019 event.

So, on to the 2020 Christmas market – take note now for the diary – Saturday, 28th Novemeber! We need m ore help; can you lend a hand?

Hazel Bolton

St. Andrew's Church, Malahide: Sunday Services

5th	8.00 am	Eucharist
Sixth of Lent	11.30 am	All Age Service with Procession and Blessing of Palms
(Palm Sunday)	6.00 pm	Messy Church
12th	8.00 am	Eucharist
Easter Sunday	11.30 am	All Age Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
19th	8.00 am	Eucharist
Second of Easter	11.30 am	All Age Service
	6.30 pm	Eucharist and Confirmation Rehearsal
26th	8.00 am	Eucharist
Third of Easter	11.30 am	Morning Prayer
	6.30 pm	Eucharist

Weekday Services

Wednesday 1st	11.00 am	Eucharist
	7.30 pm	Ecumenical Lenten Meeting, Seabury Church
Wednesday 15th	11.00 am	Eucharist
Wednesday 22nd	11.00 am	Eucharist
Saturday 25th St Mark the Evangelist	9.15 am	Eucharist
Wednesday 29th	11.00 am	Eucharist

Holy Week

Monday 6th Monday in Holy Week	7.30 am	Eucharist
	8.00 pm	Compline
Tuesday 7th Tuesday in Holy Week	7.30 am	Eucharist
	8.00 pm	Late Evening Office
Wednesday 8th Wednesday in Holy Week	7.30 am	Eucharist
	11.00 am	Eucharist
	8.00 pm	Tenebrae: A service of Light and Darkness
Thursday 9th Maundy Thursday	7.30 am	Eucharist
	8.00 pm	Eucharist of the Passion
Friday 10th Good Friday	2.00 pm	Holy Hour Service of Music, readings and prayers
	8.00 pm	Evening Prayer and Address
Saturday 11th Easter Eve	9.15 am	Matins

St. Doulagh's Church, Balgriffin

5th	10.00 am	Morning Prayer with Blessing of Palms Palm Sunday
12th	6.00 am	Daybreak Eucharist Easter Day
	10.00 am	'All Age' Eucharist
19th	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
26th	10.00 am	Eucharist



happens in Ireland, intercessions were comprehensive and clearly led by a young girl from Nigeria, Those of all churches were invited to take the sacrament, which included wine as well as the host: indeed the atmosphere was that of a moderately Anglo-Catholic eucharist.

Towards the end of the service the question was asked: 'who is here for the first time', and quite a number put their hands up, and we were then asked give our first names and where we were from. Each person then got a clap of appreciation from the congregation. After the service, which lasted for over an hour, all were invited to a hall at the back where the elderly lady came over to us. We had said Dublin, but she asked for more details, and it turned out that she was Sr Georgina Cardey, originally from Co Limerick, who had been a teacher in Scoil Iosa when it was a convent school, but has spent the last fifteen years in Brno working with the Jesuits in providing a ministry to the English-speaking folk there. After coffee, many of the congregation went to a nearby (and excellent) restaurant and we were invited to join them (everyone paid for their own, by the way) and the fellowship and conversation were very stimulating and enjoyable, sitting at a table with folk from Denmark, France, South Africa and Tanzania as well as a couple of Czechs. There were also Indians, Nigerians, Filipinos and Chinese present and they all found the English Church Community a place where they could worship and make friends in an area where relatively little English was spoken and Czech is a very difficult language to learn: indeed Sr Georgina

confessed that she did not speak it after fifteen years, despite taking lessons!

Sr Georgina was very enthusiastic about the links she had forged with the Church of England and was very well aware of our Catholic heritage as Anglicans. It also reinforced my long-held conviction of the importance of practical ecumenism in daily life. Sr Georgina and the Jesuits with whom

she worked had a vision of a truly catholic Church which embraced something wider than a particular denomination and we should be trying to create a similar community of faith in Malahide, a spiritual home for Christians from all over the world. It was also a reminder of what a small world we inhabit!

Norman

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