

# Parish Mirror

NEWSLETTER – MAY-JUNE 2017

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## *Making the Parish tick.*

As these notes are being penned, the current Select Vestry had what should be its last meeting before the Easter General Vestry meeting at which a new Select Vestry will be elected. What has struck me is how much time in the past year has been devoted to organisational spring-cleaning matters. It is all essential to the functioning of the parish, but it is 'behind the scenes' work, rather than looking after fundraising campaigns, organising services and so forth. I would pay tribute to the outgoing Select Vestry and their hard work.



Some use their skills and contacts to keep our buildings in good condition and to look to the future. They have been preparing the St Doulagh's Appeal which has been very substantial to date: this is for money for a programme of work which will take a number of years, re-plastering the tower, re-slating the roof, re-tiling the floor and a host of other tasks, and if we prepare our appeal carefully we will be able to attract financial aid beyond the gifts of parishioners and visitors.

We have also spent time investigating sewers and damp patches, and collapsing walls: we need to ensure that those using our Parish Centre and attending special events have insurance and that risks have been identified and minimised: in this regard, our resident bunnies at St Doulagh's need to be assessed in regard to car boot sales and open air services. In case you think some of this is 'over the top', William of Orange died after his horse tripped over a molehill: in this litigious age, would the farmer have been considered to have assessed the risks adequately and have insurance cover had the accident occurred today?!

Our finance team has also been busy. New charities legislation means that we have to adapt to new ways in which charities keep their accounts. There are new standards of accountancy required by the Charities Commissioners and while 2016 was a year in which we adapted to these, they will be enforced 'de rigueur' from the present year. In the past, all parishes 'hid' under a common Church of Ireland charity number: now we have our own distinct number and produce our own accounts. Common sense says that this is a 'good thing': after all, we are entrusted with other people's money and sadly charities have not always been exemplars of trust in the past! Now vestry members are trustees of the parish and have to sign an annual form to this effect. This does not mean that members are likely to be sued, but that they are legally protected when they act as a body corporate, rather than a bunch of individuals each doing their own thing.

We are also responsible for ensuring protection policies for children and vulnerable adults. This is inspected by the diocese in triennial reviews, and by ensuring that all necessary persons are 'Garda vetted' and trained: it is now a crime to work with these

groups without the necessary clearance and this will be strictly enforced from December next.

We owe so much to this 'behind the scenes' work of the Select Vestry. It's not a boring job: meetings in the past years have been unfailingly good tempered and patient and a great deal has been done to be as efficient as we can be: sub-committees or property and finance make use of the many gifts of those elected. Thank you to all who give so generously and willingly of their time and talents on the Select Vestry: they are unsung heroes in the life of our parish.

*Norman*

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## Parish Registers

### Holy Baptism

Feb 19th in St Andrew's, **Logan Spencer Keegan**, son of Mark Keegan and Kirstin Smith, 12 Coill Dubh View, Malahide

Feb 26th, in St Andrew's, **Mark William Carroll**, son of Daragh and Konstantina Carroll, 15 Belltree Avenue, Clongriffinn

April 2nd, **Megan Maedbh Hoffman**, daughter of Ken and Anette Hoffman, 9 Dunard, Swords Road, Malahide

Apr 2nd, **Lucy Maeve Kidd**, daughter of Neil and Mary Kidd, 47 Milford, Malahide

### Christian Burial

Jan 18th, **Frank Pickering**, 46 Bawn Grove, Malahide. Frank Pickering was South African, and after a long career as an officer in the merchant navy, moved to Malahide on retirement to be near his wife's family. Until recently, he enjoyed excellent health, and died after a short illness. His funeral, conducted by Rev Ken Sherwood, was held in Jennings' Funeral Home, Coolock followed by interment in Dardistown. We express our sympathy to Audrey on her deep loss.

Feb 23rd, in St Andrew's Churchyard after service in Church, **Vera Margaret Talbot**, 35 Millview Court, Malahide. Vera Talbot had lived in Malahide for many years. She was reserved in nature, although her great passion after the sudden passing of her husband, Rob, in 1990 was bridge, at which she excelled and also made many firm friends. The respect and affection she was held in was reflected in the large attendance at her funeral, at which the address was given by Rev Kingsley Long, a cousin of Rob's. We offer our deep sympathy to her son, Ian (Old Golf Links) his wife Dheirtbhile and grandsons, Scott and Peter.

Mar 15th, in Dardistown Crematorium, **Mary Hoffman**, 9 Auburn Grove, Malahide. Mary died after a very brief illness, and almost 25 years after the sudden death of her husband, Frank. Her funeral was held in Dardistown Crematorium and her ashes will be joined with Frank in St Andrew's Churchyard at a date in the near future. We offer our love and sympathy to her son, Ken (Dunard) and her daughter Olga, (Rush) and their families in their loss, and also to her sister, Nora and brother Paud, and her partner Dermot, all of whom will miss her greatly

13th April, **Irene Ellen Barker**, 3 Woodlawn, Dublin Road, Malahide. Cremated in Dardistown after a service in St Andrew's. Irene and her husband, George, came to Malahide on retirement 29 years ago to be near their son, Robert. Both from Salford, they spent much of their working lives in Bolton, and retained their Lancastrian accents. Irene's health was indifferent, but she never gave up: the wheelchair she needed was never used in a shop and when George died three years ago, she acquired an electric wheelchair and put its range and speed capability to the test! Until shortly before her death, she enjoyed an active life and great mental clarity. Thanks to the support of Robert and Pat, she lived an independent life until shortly before her death, and we offer them our sympathy and support at this time.

### Holy Week and Easter 2017

This year, services were better attended than for a few years past, both the 7.30 Eucharist and the 8.00 evening service. We had a different preacher each evening, and it has been interesting to hear such different addresses on the same subject, of 'A Personal View of Holy Week'. Fr. Godfrey O'Donnell of the Romanian Orthodox Church spoke on the

importance and role of icons, David Rea spoke of meditating on the cross at the centre of our spiritual life, and Fr. Kevin Moore, on his youthful experiences of Holy Week within his own tradition and how he grasped any excuse to avoid the strict family attendance at the various ceremonies! The rector spoke of the Last Supper as the pivotal point of Holy Week and Easter, which must be seen as one part of the remembrance of the observance of the life of Jesus which is the basis of the Christian year and Rev Kingsley Long spoke of his own observance of the pattern of the week and the suffering of Christ.

The main services on Easter Day were very well attended, and the churches were both lovingly and imaginatively decorated by our teams of flower arrangers led by Norma Williams and Norma Sherwood. Although it is interesting that the two early morning services are no longer as well attended as they once were: one thinks of the words of our Lord to the disciples in Gethsemane (Luke 22 v 46): look it up for yourselves!

Perhaps we need to rediscover the idea of walking with Christ so that we become aware of the importance of worship and witness. Society seems to have forgotten the story: it is not that long ago that businesses on Good Friday closed early so that staff could attend worship at the time of his death: it now appears that even the pause for drink that marked the day will never occur again!

And if Holy Week drifts into obscurity, aided by the longer school break of recent years, where stands Easter, the keynote feast of the Christian year? Is it just another Sunday, or is it a day on which remind ourselves that Holy Week and Easter celebrate the rock upon which our Christian Faith is built, that Jesus conquered death and evil and invites us to join him in faith in the kingdom of God's love?

### Run/Walk

We are holding our annual Fun Run/Jog/Walk for individuals, groups and families on Sunday 21st May leaving the St Andrews Parish Centre, Church Road, Malahide at 11.00 am. The unique route has both 5k and, for those wanting more of a challenge, 10k options and takes in both the lovely Coast Road and the iconic Malahide Castle.

It is €20 per adult, €30 per family to include free fruit and a free tech Tee-shirt for adults. The proceeds this year are for Peter McVerry Trust and the Alice Leahy Trust, both trying to tackle the problems of homelessness which face so many people today. There is a reasonably priced BBQ at the finish.

This is our 2nd event and last year proved to be good fun and a great social and financial success. Hope to see you there. **To register visit: [www.runireland.com](http://www.runireland.com)**

**NB Worship times will be altered on this Sunday: in St Andrew's at 8.00 am, 10.00 am and 6.30 pm and St Doulagh's at 9.30 am.**

### St Doulagh's Open Air Service

St. Doulagh's Annual Open Air Service of Praise and Thanksgiving takes place on Sunday 28th May at 3.30pm in St. Doulagh's field beside what is Ireland's oldest church still in regular weekly use as a centre of Christian worship. Each year, this service draws people from near and far to where people have gathered since the 6th century to thank God for his many

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## Youth and Children Update

**Our Mission:** We believe in taking the faith of our church into the community by planting the seeds of Christianity into all children and youth we meet. We realise this by doing talks, events and sharing of our faith story to all those around us in schools, assemblies and anywhere we are invited to go to spread the faith.

### Planned Activities:

**Messy Church (NOTE THE TIME CHANGE)** will take place on the 1st Sunday night of each month from **6.00 pm to 7:30 pm**. This is for the whole family to come and worship together. Each night is a themed night. We have crafts, celebration time (worship) and end with tea together in fellowship. Dates for your diary: 7th May, 11th June. Everyone is welcome!

**Family Day Out at Tayto Park** on Saturday 17th June. Mark your calendar!

**Children's Church** is on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month. All children are welcome to come back to the Chapel immediately after the Gospel reading.

### Summer Madness 30th June – 2nd July

This for the whole family to camp in tents or bring a caravan for an additional cost of £35 sterling. The cost for a family is £230 sterling.. A single person is £75-£105 depending on registration date. Everyone is welcome. I hope to take youth from secondary school to this event with families from our church, as there are activities for everyone of all ages! Summer Madness exists to enthuse, equip and engage the youth and young adults of Ireland in the Christian faith so that they may be real change makers in their churches and communities across the island. Check out the web site: [www.summermadness.co.uk/festival/project/festival](http://www.summermadness.co.uk/festival/project/festival). Questions: call, text or email Jamie.

I would like to acknowledge and thank John Mangan, chaplain of Malahide Community School, for inviting me to continue to teach R.E. classes during this school year, and for his kind invitation to attend the graduation ceremony.

Finally on a personal note, I am delighted and honoured to have attained Irish Citizenship. Thanks are due to all those who supported and helped me towards the realisation of this goal.

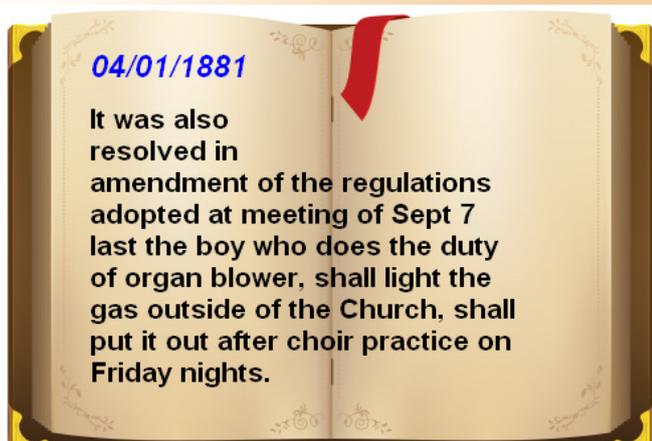
Blessings,

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Easter Messy Church

### Reeling through the Select Vestry Minutes



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blessings through the centuries. The preacher this year will be the Rev. Brian O'Reilly, Rector of Rathdrum. Music will be led by the Dublin Conservative Club Male Voice Choir to sing for us, and 1st Dublin Boys' Bridge Brass, and the collection at the service will be for St. Doulagh's Restoration Fund.

The church is on the Malahide Road at Balgriffin, and we look forward to seeing you all enjoying the service and the sunshine that God will provide. There is plenty of parking and buses 42 and 43 pass the church.

## St Doulagh's Restoration

The recent 'Italian Evening' was very successful and a profit of about €2500 made for the Restoration Fund. We were also delighted to receive a donation from the Malahide Regional Bridge Club.

During the next few months, we will be running a number of Car Boot Sales, you can check out the dates on [www.collect.ie](http://www.collect.ie) or by email to [stdoulaghs@yahoo.ie](mailto:stdoulaghs@yahoo.ie) or by phone to 087-6711547.

Tickets are now available for our Limited 400 Ticket Draw for a unique gold edition of St. Doulagh's Cross (normally in silver) with an 18" chain. (valued at €600). To get tickets email us or ring the above number. The draw will take place in September.

We are now getting to the stage in the appeal where we will be appealing to various heritage funds and agencies. Often these bodies ask for us to prove that we have raised funds on a 'pound for pound' basis, and we will also have to get a number of technical assessments and surveys of the various parts of the project for which we are looking for assistance.

## Frank Kearns

Frank Kearns and his wife Margaret live around the corner from St Andrew's Church and are among those from St Sylvester's who often attend inter-church meetings in St Andrew's such as during the week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Frank is also a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. This began as one of the knightly orders which were founded in the Crusades to liberate and defend the Holy Places of Christendom. That phase did not last very long, but the Equestrian Order still survives as a charitable and spiritual lay order which raises money and support for the Christian minorities in the Biblical lands.

Frank is planning to cycle to Rome in June as part of a team to raise funds for the children of Aleppo in Syria who have suffered dreadfully in the last five years of civil war. They need food, clothing, medical care and shelter. Syria, and in particular Aleppo, had a very substantial Christian community before the war which lived in peace and harmony with its neighbours: most Christians in Aleppo have fled, churches and community life have been destroyed and many families are destitute.

Frank will be talking to us at services on 28th May, just before he leaves and the extent of his commitment to this cause will be clear when we realise he will celebrate his 76th birthday 'en route' as he begins to move through the Alps! He also hopes that we will be able to support him in a material way!

## Egyptian Church Bombings

We will all have been appalled by the bombing of two Coptic churches in Egypt on Palm Sunday. We in the parish have a link with Cairo Anglican Cathedral, and some of us visited Cairo in 2007 to support their ministry among Sudanese refugees. There we met Archbishop Mouneer who in the previous year laid the foundation stone of our St Marnock's Chapel extension.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your messages of condolences and your prayers.

Palm Sunday this year was a sad one. As I was going to celebrate Palm Sunday at All Saints Cathedral, Cairo, I heard the news of the explosions at Mar Girgis [St George's] Coptic Orthodox Church in Tanta, in the middle of the Nile Delta area. During the Service, I heard of another explosion at St Mark's Coptic Orthodox Cathedral in Alexandria. The outcome of these terrorist attacks is that 45 were killed and 129 injured, some of whom were Muslim policemen and guards. Sadness overshadowed all Palm Sunday celebrations all over Egypt.

Intensive security measures and regulations have been made since this last Saturday. This included security personnel emptying all the streets around the churches and cathedrals of cars with extra policemen and sniffer dogs checking all church buildings and worshippers before Services start. I believe these measures were done to safeguard all church buildings in the country. Although the security was very tight, the evildoers by their own ways and it is extremely difficult to achieve 100 per cent security. This was also the case behind the recent terrorist attacks in Sweden, Britain, Germany and France.

Both terrorist attacks were done by suicide bombers. In Tanta, the suicide bomber succeeded to enter the Church, while in Alexandria, the metal detector gates beeped as the bomber was going through and to avoid being arrested, he detonated the bomb.

As I am writing these words, the burial of the Coptic Orthodox martyrs from the Church in Alexandria are being held at Mar Mina Monastery in a mass grave.

Last evening, President Sisi conveyed his condolences and expressed his strong determination to fight and defeat terrorists. He also announced about the formation of a national council for fighting terrorism that will have all the authority to take firm action. In addition, he applied a 3-month emergency law. These terrorist attacks on Churches are not the first. More than 60 Churches were burnt in August 2013 as a reaction to the ousting of the former Muslim Brotherhood President. They aim to destabilise the country.

In view of these terrorist attacks, we expect that tourist numbers to Egypt will drop considerably although Egypt is still considered a much safer destination than other countries in the region.

Thank you for your prayers,

Mouneer +, Anglican Bishop in Egypt



## Women's World Day of Prayer



An Ecumenical and Interdenominational Service taking place in churches, halls and homes all over the world starting from the International Date Line and moving westwards on the first Friday of March every year.

Friday 3rd March in St Andrew's Church, Malahide was the setting for WWDP 2017 written by the women of the Philippines and entitled "Am I being Unfair to You".

We heard that God gives us abundant resources both human and material and that this is His provision for all of creation. It is God's display of economic justice in contrast to the economy where the strong and powerful take God's resources for themselves and their families.



We were delighted to see so many people from all our local churches for what has become a great tradition especially here in Malahide going back well over 35 years. It was a privilege to have the Philippine Choir from Beaumont Hospital with us and especially singing the 'Our Father' in their language, they made the evening very special for us.

Our thanks go to everyone for making the evening so enjoyable, especially our readers, projectionists, organist, flower arranger, church decorators, banner makers and refreshments team.



Next year this service will take place on the morning of Friday 2nd March in the Sacred Heart Church, Seabury and is written by the ladies of Surinam in South America entitled "All God's Creation is Very Good"

Blessings

Susan



## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

We had a very successful Mothering Sunday service on 26th March which had been organised by the Mothers' Union. The address was given by the Rev. Abigail Sines, Vicar of Christ Church Cathedral, which was enjoyed by parents and children. We would like to thank her for coming out to Malahide. We provided very tasty refreshments after the service. There was also an opportunity to buy cards from our Literature Stall.

On Tuesday 4th April, a number of our members attended the North Area Service in North Strand. Revd. Norman McCausland gave the address which was followed by refreshments in the church.

On Thursday 6th April, we held a short service and AGM in St Andrew's Room at the Parish Centre. This was a new idea and it worked out very well. We would like to thank our Rector Norman for chairing our meeting. Daryl Hyland has decided to step down from the committee, and I would like to thank her for her many years of service. We welcome Margo Seymour back on to the committee after a long break!

Our outing to Ardgillan Castle will be on Thursday 11th May where we will be having a tour followed by afternoon tea. Our thanks to Norma Williams, our secretary, for planning our day out. All we need is a nice sunny day.

Sunday 7th May in Raheny a service will be held to celebrate 130 years of Mothers' Union. Lady Eames will be giving the address.

Wishing everyone a very enjoyable summer and see you all back in September.

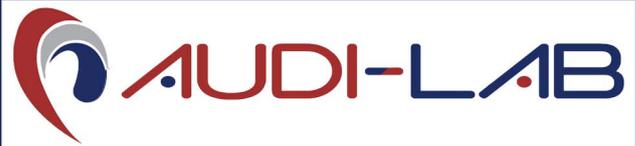
*Christine Mullock*

### *Malahide Horticultural Society*

Summer is approaching, so it's time to fill those hanging baskets, containers etc. Are you struggling to come up with ideas?

Come and get the 'know-how' on Wednesday 10th May in St Andrew's Room, St Andrew's Parish Centre at 8pm to get advice and also a demonstration on how best to fill those baskets.

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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

May

### St. Andrew's Church, Malahide: Sunday Services

7th <b>Fourth of Easter</b>	8.00 am Eucharist 10.30 am <b>Combined Service followed by Easter General Vestry</b> 6.00 pm 'Messy Church'
14th <b>Fifth of Easter</b>	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am 'All Age' Eucharist 6.30 pm Eucharist
21st (Rogation Sunday) <b>Sixth of Easter</b>	8.00 am Eucharist 10.00 am Toddler's Service 6.30 pm Healing Service <b>SEE ALSO ST DOULAGH'S</b>
28th <b>Sunday after the Ascension</b>	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am All Age Service 6.30 pm Eucharist

### Weekday Services

Wednesday 3rd	11.00 am Eucharist
Wednesday 10th	11.00 am Eucharist
Wednesday 17th	11.00 am Eucharist
Wednesday 24th	11.00 am Eucharist
Thursday 25th <b>The Ascension of Christ</b>	9.15 am Eucharist
Wednesday 31st <b>Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth</b>	11.00 am Eucharist

### St. Doulagh's Church, Balgriffin

7th	10.3- am <b>Combined Service in St. Andrew's, followed by Easter General Vestry</b>
14th	10.00 am Eucharist
21st	9.30 am Morning Prayer <b>NB Time</b>
Thurs 25th	10.00 am Eucharist (The Ascension)
28th	10.00 am Eucharist 3.30 pm Open Air Service

June

### St. Andrew's Church, Malahide: Sunday Services

4th Pentecost	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Eucharist with Children's Church 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
11th Trinity Sunday	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am 'All Age' Eucharist 6.30 pm Eucharist
18th First after Trinity	8.00 am Eucharist 10.30 am Toddlers' Service 11.30 am Eucharist & Children's Church 6.30 pm Healing Service
25th Second after Trinity	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am 'All Age' Service 6.30 pm Eucharist

### Weekday Services

Saturday 3rd	6.00 pm 'Messy Church'
Wednesday 7th	11.00 am Eucharist
Friday 9th <b>St Columba</b>	9.15 am Eucharist
Wednesday 14th	11.00 am Eucharist
Wednesday 21st	11.00 am Eucharist
Saturday 24th <b>The Birth of St John Baptist</b>	9.15 am Eucharist
Wednesday 28th	11.00 am Eucharist
Thursday 29th <b>SS Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles and Martyrs</b>	9.15 am Eucharist

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

4th	Morning Prayer <b>Pentecost</b>
11th	Holy Communion
18th	Morning Prayer
25th	Holy Communion

## St. Andrew's Recipe

### FIFTEENS

#### Ingredients:

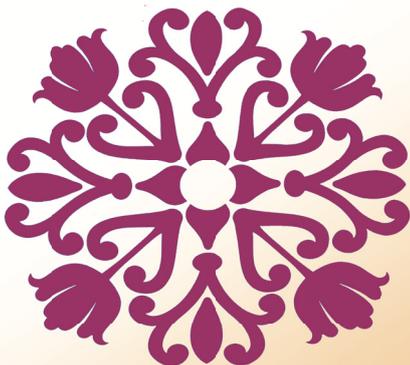
- 15 digestive biscuits
- 15 marshmallows
- 15 glacé cherries, cut in half
- 200ml condensed milk (roughly)
- 200g desiccated coconut, to coat



#### Method:

1. Crush the digestive biscuits in a food processor or in a plastic bag with a rolling pin, and then put them in a large mixing bowl. Chop each marshmallow into 4 pieces and add to the bowl with the cherries and 175ml condensed milk. Mix until the ingredients are well combined and you have a sticky mixture. If the mixture is a bit dry, add a splash more condensed milk.
2. Sprinkle most of the coconut over a large piece of cling film (or foil). Tip the mixture onto the coconut and shape into a long sausage shape, about 30 x 5cm. Sprinkle more coconut over the top of it and wrap the cling film tightly around, twisting the ends together. Leave in the fridge to chill for 4-6 hrs, then cut into 15 slices and serve. The mixture will keep in the fridge for up to 1 week wrapped in cling film.

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