

Parish Mirror

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2017

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From the Rector

Dear Friends

Christmas is about gifts but we sometime forget the purpose of gifts, so that Christmas becomes a kind of children's party where it sometimes seems the size of our presents is an indicator of the scale of our love for our children.

The child at the centre of Bethlehem was destined to have nothing. His parents ended up renting, and then were driven into exile in Egypt by a ferocious and cruel king (sounds familiar!). One can be pretty sure that Jesus received little from his parents and the wider family. But that does not mean he wasn't loved! Mary remembered and stored in her mind everything he did. The circumstances of his birth were so special: the vision of an angel, the response of obedience, and all that followed.

It was Jesus himself who was the gift. He was God's gift to humanity. God wasn't materialistic. God's gift was the cheapest one imaginable. It wasn't wrapped up in shiny paper and glitter. There was no maternity hospital and medical facilities; the simplest of births in an inn stable.

And the gift of Bethlehem was to know that God was love. God moves even at the margins of humanity. He identified with all. No-one was outside his care, even if they did not own the proverbial 'bent ha'penny', even if they had been pushed to the margins and beyond of an uncaring society.

Let us this Christmas give gifts to our children, but at the same time, teach them of God's free love which calls us to be Jesus to others who are in spiritual and emotional as well as material need. Our Children's Carol & Gift Service, for example, is about giving gifts to others who might be otherwise left out and

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Parish Christmas Market

Saturday 25th November 2017 - St Andrew's Parish Centre from 10.30 am - 2.30 pm

WE NEED YOUR HELP to fill stalls and by joining us for this great Parish occasion.

Bring your friends and neighbours along too!! Santa will be there, will you?

Stalls will include:

Cakes: Lots needed – breads, biscuits, tray-bakes, tarts, buns etc.

Del: Jam, marmalade, chutney, pâté, salsas, sauces, meals, mincemeat, fruit and vegetables.

Curios: Good quality items only - your unwanted item could be treasure for somebody!

Books: DVDs, Jigsaws etc. - must be **in good condition**.

Toys: Lots needed - must be in good condition - No soft toys.

Toys can be dropped into the Parish Centre on Thursday and Friday 23rd & 24th November

Bottles: Any kind, plenty needed - If every family gave **one bottle**, what a great stall it would make!

Gifts: Any unwanted gifts could find a home here. Think Christmas shopping! Always a great selection available!

Food: "Food for thought" available during the market - take a break for a chat and relax.

Raffle: Great prizes - buy tickets - If you're not in, you can't win!

Christmas Cheer: Mulled wine and mince pies - hot chocolate and more!treat yourself.

Friends of St Doulagh's: Gifts, cards and surprises.

BBQ: Hot dogs

Place your order: For Christmas Door Swags, Wreaths etc. in time for the festive season.

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Parish Registers

Christian Burial

18th Sept, in St Andrew's Churchyard, **Margaret Hely-Hutchinson**, 6 Carlisle Terrace.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Margaret's husband, Mark, her children Henry (Sandymount), Anna (London) and James (Brussels) on Margaret's passing. The large attendance at the funeral was a statement of the respect in which they are held, not just in Malahide, but also in the business world, and among those with whom Margaret shared her love of tennis, and in recent ill-health, bridge.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Millie Foot (Mountfield) whose sister has died in Salisbury, and to Sylvia Leeson, The Moorings, on the recent death of her sister.

After a remarkably healthy first half of the year, a number of parishioners have been in hospital, and we wish them all a healthy and full recovery, including our Parish Administrator, Anne Taplin. During Anne's absence, arrangements have been made to reply to messages left on the Office answering machine, and to answer queries and contacts made by email.

St Andrew's Harvest

Harvest Thanksgiving has been a regular feature of Anglican worship ever since 1843 when the Rector of Morwenstow in Cornwall, Rev Stephen Robert Hawker, a rotten year for farming, and invited his parishioners to a Harvest service where he asked them to give thanks to God for providing such plenty as they had.

We live in a world increasingly aware of its fragility, and even in such an urban society as ours, we need to be aware of our dependence on the harvest of land and sea and give thanks for it while thinking of others who do not enjoy our resources.

The service in St Andrew's was very well-attended, and thanks are due to all those who brought gifts of fruit and vegetables for decoration of the Church, and especially Mr Christopher White, a well known dahlia grower in Naul who presented us with a large number of beautiful blooms. We thank Rodney and the Choir, and especially Rev Eugene Griffin for his appropriate address.

St Doulagh's Harvest

Both services were very well attended, and both our visiting preachers, Archdeacon Richard Dadswell and Canon Kevin Brew certainly challenged the congregations' minds. As usual, the flower and vegetable displays were absolutely wonderful, and thanks are due to Norma Williams and her helpers as the country was brought in to the city, as over 2000 dwellings are due to be constructed in the part of the Northern Fringe stretching from the erstwhile Bewley's Hotel to the Malahide Road in the coming years. What a harvest for the Lord if we are only able to reach out to them and invite those who are wandering spiritually in a troubled and anxious world inside the almost 900 years of Christian life and witness that is St Doulagh's.

All Saints' tide

All Saints' Day will be on Wednesday 1st November and there will be celebrations of the Eucharist in St Doulagh's at 10.00 am

and in St Andrew's at 11.00 am.

The Annual Service for all who have experienced bereavement during the past year will be held in St Andrew's Church on the evening of All Soul's Day (Thursday 2nd November) at 8.00 pm and all are welcome to come along.

St Doulagh's Day

This falls on November 17th, and is the date on which it is reputed that St Doulagh's soul returned to its creator. This year it falls on a Friday. The Patronal Festival service will be at 8.00 pm, and the Preacher will be Very Rev Gerry Tanham, who served in St Sylvester's R. C. Church in Malahide and was well known to many of our parishioners through his support for the ecumenical witness of the Church in the area. After a spell in Athy, Fr Gerry has returned to the area as PP of Howth and we welcome him back to the area and look forward to hearing what he has to say to us.

Wycliffe Bible Translators

John Young, and his wife Jenny, have been regular attenders in St Doulagh's for quite a while. They work for Wycliffe Bible Translators which is a society aiming to make the scriptures available in as many languages as possible, and John will be talking about this work at the main services in both churches on Sunday 19th November. Please try to come along if you can!

Christmas Market

This annual fund-raiser and social event will be held on Saturday 25th November in the Parish Centre. We ask everyone to become involved, and hope that we can reach our target of €20,000 this year!

To achieve this we need the following:

Items for the stalls. Now is the time to think about making jam, baking cakes and buns and whatever you do best, giving us some bottles for the bottle stall, items for the gifts stall, toys for the toy stall, books for the bookstall and some of those antiques and bric-a-brac that has been in the loft or garage for ages!

Help with the raffle! Do you know anyone or anything that you may be able to persuade someone to give to the raffle? This is urgent as we need to have the list of prizes together before we apply to the Gardai for the licence! Please contact Emer Bryan or Pat Barker if you can help out in this regard. Also, we need a number of hardy volunteers to sell tickets outside Dunnes Stores in Portmarnock. This has been particularly profitable in the last couple of years. It is also a particularly good way of telling people it is on, and that we exist!

Suggest new ideas You may have a good idea which can be shared with the organising team! They may even feel it is so good that they will ask you to help put it into practice or even, do it yourself!

Help get the Parish Centre ready for the market. Many hands needed for this one on the Thursday and Friday evenings before the big day! If you have time, come along, and don't leave it to the small group you think will be there on the day!

Help on the day. We need people to staff the stalls, provide security; tell your friends about the Market and get them to come along. We need the community to row in behind us by being present and buying! We cannot do it on our own!

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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:

Our Kids Club Camp will take place on Fri. 12th Jan. 2018 at the parish centre from 12:40 pm to 3:30 pm. The programme involves arts and crafts similar to those used in Messy Church. We will also play games, talk about faith and have a snack together.

Messy Church will take place on the 1st Sunday night of each month from 6.00 pm – 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. Next Messy Church services will take place on 5th Nov. and 3rd Dec. We will have a dinner after Christmas Messy Church on 3rd December.

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

Confirmation Classes have started back on Sunday nights at 6:30 pm on third Sunday of the month, continuing through until Feb.2018. All parents and youth are asked to come to the sessions. Confirmation service will be at Howth Parish Church on Sun. 4th February at 3.00 pm.

I would like to acknowledge and thank John Mangan, chaplain of Malahide Community School, for inviting me to continue to teach R.E. classes at the school during 2017/2018 year.

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St. Doulagh's Church, Balgriffin

Carol Service

10th December 2017.

All Welcome



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Commissioning of Dr Tom Healy

Our former parishioner, Dr Tom Healy has completed his Diocesan Readers' Course and will have been commissioned in Christ Church Cathedral on 21st October at 5.00 pm by the time this Mirror reaches your computer or letterbox! The Rector has been approached by the Warden of Readers and asked to give Tom some practical experience both in preaching and in the conduct of worship, and was delighted to do so. Tom is by profession an academic economist, but also has a strong theological background and writes a weekly blog inspired by the Sunday readings and will be a great asset to whichever parish he is eventually attached to. In the meanwhile, we welcome him back to familiar haunts from his northern residence on the cliffs of Skerries!

Children's' Carol & Gift Service

For many years, our Children's' Carol Service has seen the children present gifts which will be used by Barnardo's so that children living, as many sadly do, in difficult and deprived circumstances, will receive a Christmas present they might not otherwise have.

We ask all children and families to come along and bring a gift to the 11.30 am service on Sunday December 10th. Wrap it up and put a removable sticky label indicating the gender and age of the child for which it is intended.

Nine Lessons and Carols

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will be on Sunday 17th December at 7.00 pm with seasonal refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre. All are welcome, so why not invite your friends and neighbours for some excellent Christmas music, old and new. Relax afterwards with a glass of mulled wine, or a cuppa, and a tasty mince pie!

Christmas Day

Jesus was born during the night, and the Jewish day was reckoned as beginning at sunset rather than midnight. It has been a Christian tradition to celebrate the birth at midnight or thereabouts, and the First Christmas service in the parish is at 11.30 pm in St Andrew's Church on Christmas Eve. Other celebrations of the Eucharist will be at 8.00 am (traditional service, Form 1) and at 10.00 am in St Doulagh's and 11.30 am in St Andrew's. Both these services will be with the needs of young families in mind, and use the form of the Eucharist which we use on the 2nd Sunday of a month.

Christmas is one of the occasions on which all are asked to communicate, along with Easter and Pentecost, and we hope that all parishioners will take the opportunity to share in Holy Communion at some point during the day. If for some reason you are unable to do so, please note that there will be services on the saints days following Christmas.

New Year

There will be a watch-night Eucharist at 11.30 pm in St Andrew's Church on New Year's Eve when as the first act of a New Year, we gather in fellowship and ask God's blessing on us as individuals and as a community in the Year that lies ahead.

Living the Christian way

For a number of years, the parish was involved with All Saints' Cathedral, Cairo in assisting refugees from Sudan and elsewhere who had fled to Cairo. A number of us went to Cairo and were mightily impressed by the ecumenism we found there, not only with other Christians but also with Islamic leaders at Al Azhar University. But we also got some glimpses of tensions at the level of the uneducated, and I attach a very poignant blog by Bishop Angaelos, bishop of the Coptic congregations in the British Isles, who just happened to be there when this happened:

Another day in Egypt with another Christian murdered; this time a priest from Beni Suef, Upper Egypt, who was in Cairo collecting humanitarian aid for those most needy in his parish. Fr Samaan was paying a pastoral visit to a family in Cairo and returned to the church where he was earlier to collect his mobile phone. On the way, he was attacked by a knife-wielding assailant who chased him, stabbed him repeatedly, and then brutally killed him.

This incident makes us once again ask so many questions. Why should a priest not be able to walk safely down a street, especially a suburban street in Cairo? Why should he be chased by a man brandishing a deadly weapon and have no one run to his aid; in actual fact, everyone was running away. Why, when he lay drenched in his own blood did the ambulance service not arrive for over an hour, and then not treat him? Why, when the police finally arrived, and he lay dead, was a crime scene not secured and forensic evidence not collected to enable a robust and serious investigation? Why is his assailant immediately deemed mentally incapable without professional diagnosis, and why, if he is incapable, and a known violent criminal, is he left in the community with weapons within his reach?

After the initial shock and the immense sadness, today is a day that brings anger and I am not apologetic for that anger. I would be just as angry if this was any other person being dealt with in this way, in any other part of Egypt or indeed any other part of the world. Yet he is a Christian, a Coptic Christian, and a Coptic priest, which makes it all the more close and all the more painful.

Just this week I have been with a Coptic delegation from Cairo seeking grants to serve not only the Coptic community but the wider Egyptian community. Grants that would cover health, education and poverty eradication. Where was this wider Egyptian community however when Father Samaan ran terrified through a street being chased by a violent criminal, and where was it when he lay dying and alone? Where was it when the assailant attacked him repeatedly, and where will it be while his family and congregation grieve the loss of their father, husband, brother, pastor and friend? These are questions that need to be addressed at every level of Egyptian community and leadership.

Crime cannot be totally eradicated, but at least it needs to be properly investigated, prosecuted, and shown to be a violation against the whole state and not just its immediate victim.

The immense pain of this incident and all that have preceded it, including: child kidnapping, forced conversion, individual targeting, bus attacks and church bombings against the Coptic Orthodox community in Egypt, leads us to hold more strongly onto the words of our Lord God in Exodus 3:7: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have

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heard their cry...for I know their sorrows." Christians who have endured injustice, persecution, and loss of life for centuries without retaliation, repeatedly forgiving unconditionally, deserve to live with respect and dignity in their indigenous homeland.

While recognising that anger may often open a path to hatred or resentment, there are times at which it is a natural expression of a human emotion, and reaction to a sense of deep injustice. I am sure that I am not alone in my anger, but that it is shared by every law-abiding person of any belief and indeed of none, who has witnessed this vicious and inhumane attack. In the midst of this anger and this sadness however I continue to pray. I pray repose for Father Samaan, I pray for his family, I pray for his community. I pray for the wider Egyptian Christian community that feels more and more vulnerable and targeted daily against a backdrop of negligence and injustice. I pray for the wider Egyptian society, that becomes more and more discredited and compromised as these incidents continue to happen.

This anger is not void of forgiveness, but cries out for accountability and justice.

These things don't happen in far away places; they can happen here if people lose sight of the Spirit of God who is love. Some years ago, a colleague of mine returned to the vicarage to find it ransacked: the culprit was caught having stabbed a Roman Catholic priest: clerical collars exploded his mind because he had been abused as a child: another Church of Ireland priest, retired and in his late 90s, was beaten up and died at the hands of someone who had suffered similarly, when he was walking his dog in a leafy road in Rathgar because he always wore his collar. We need to be vigilant, not for our own safety, but to rid society of blind hatred in all its forms.

BOOK STALL - CHRISTMAS MARKET

Books in good condition, Jigsaws and DVDs are needed for the Book Stall at the Christmas Market. Please no magazines or sets of magazines. Thank you!



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From the Rector

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reminds our children that they live in a world in which love is often in very short supply indeed.

And at Christmas we begin to follow Jesus in a great journey. In miles or kilometres it was not a long one, but it leads us from life to death and to life again. The Jesus who died at Calvary is the baby born at Bethlehem: in all he is we see and experience of the God who is love: God's generous gift to humanity to restore us to fellowship with him, despite what we have shown ourselves capable of doing to each other.

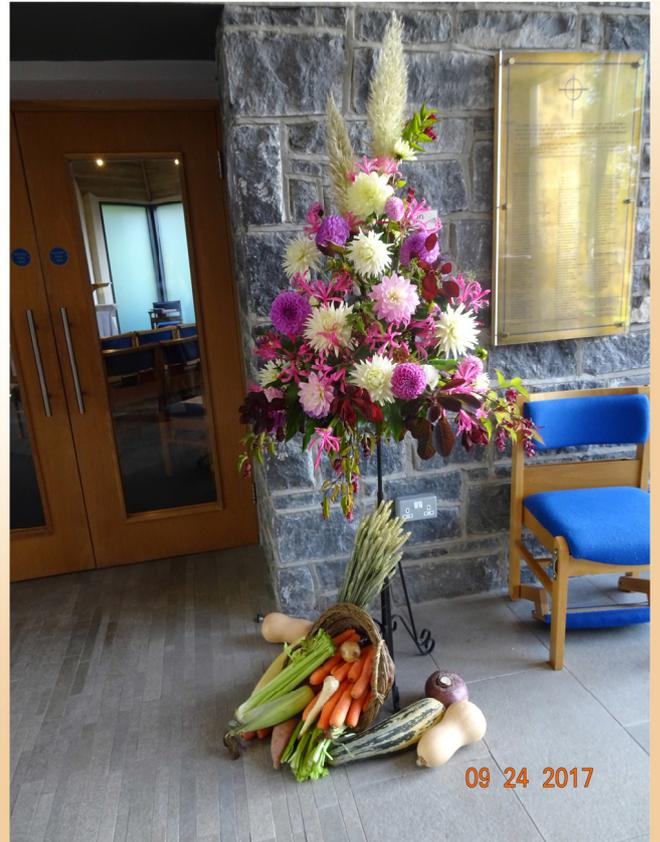
If we are to understand Christmas properly, we must look at our gifts. If for young and old alike they enlighten us about the God of love who pours his love into our hearts, they will have achieved their purpose and Christmas will become for us a time of inspiration about God and ourselves.

May this Christmas season be for all of us a time of blessing and his gift an awareness of his presence in every moment of our lives .

Yours in his Love,

Norman

Harvest Decorations in St. Andrew's



Christ Church Cathedral Sheep Trail

As part of our Advent season, Christ Church Cathedral will be home to a flock of mischievous hand-knitted sheep, let loose in the aisles and side chapels to guide our visitors on a pilgrimage trail in the spirit of Advent. The Sheep Trail invites pilgrims of all ages to take note of some of the cathedral's remarkable stained glass, architectural features and art work, helping us to remember the reason why we celebrate Christmas and to prepare a place in our hearts. The trail concludes at the crib display where visitors are invited to write down a prayer to leave in the crib.

We are delighted to welcome Sunday Schools, uniformed organisations, Messy Church groups, or any other parish or community groups to visit us free of charge and participate in the Sheep Trail, which runs from 3 - 24 December.

Malahide Mothers' Union

"FAITH IN ACTION"



- 2nd November Holy Communion in Christ Church Cathedral at 11.15 am (Thursday)
- 6th November North Area Meeting in Raheny (Monday)
- 9th November Images of Old Malahide 8.15 pm Speaker: Roger Greene ALL WELCOME
- 17th November Mothers' Union Dinner celebrating 130 years at the Crown Plaza Hotel (Friday)
- 14th December Seasonal refreshments followed by our Christmas Auction. 7.00 pm Proceeds in aid of M.U. Overseas Relief Fund

Christine Mullock

Long-standing parishioner!

Our visiting preacher for the Harvest Festival in St. Andrew's mentioned to us, in his address, that his attention had been drawn to the fact that one of the congregation, Pat Keegan, had been married in the same church exactly 75 years ago. A round of applause for Pat followed.

Pat is to be seen in her pew in the east transept, supported by her son Dougie, almost every Sunday. An inspiring record!



Pat Keegan in St. Andrew's Church, where she was married 75 years ago.

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Daily Service at 9.15 am

Morning Prayer each weekday at 9.15 am in St Andrew's EXCEPT DEC 25th to 28th. All are welcome to attend and pray for the needs of Church and society. The service lasts about 15 minutes and provides an opportunity for reflection upon the scriptures, and for prayer for private and public needs.

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

November

St. Andrew's Church, Malahide: Sunday Services

5th 4th before Advent	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Eucharist with Children's Church 6.00 pm Messy Church
12th 3rd before Advent	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Morning Prayer with Act of Remembrance & Children's Church 6.30 pm Eucharist
19th 2nd before Advent (Christ the King)	8.00 am Eucharist 10.30 am Parent & Toddler's Service 11.30 am Eucharist & Children's Church Mr John Young 6.30 pm Ministry of Healing
26th Sunday before Advent	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am All Age Service (Girls' Brigade Enrolment) 6.30 pm Eucharist

Weekday Services

Wednesday 1st All Saints' Day	9.15 am Matins 11.00 am Eucharist
Thursday 2nd All Souls' Day	9.15 am Morning Prayer 8.00 pm Service of Remembrance
Wednesday 8th	11.00 am Eucharist
Wednesday 15th	11.00 am Eucharist
Wednesday 22nd	11.00 am Eucharist
Wednesday 29th	9.15 am Matins 11.00 am Holy Communion
Thursday 30th St Andrew Apostle & Martyr	9.15 am Eucharist

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

Wednesday 1st	Eucharist (All Saints' Day)
5th	Morning Prayer
12th	Eucharist with Act of Remembrance (Remembrance Sunday)
19th	Morning Prayer Mr John Young
26th	Morning Prayer

December

St. Andrew's Church, Malahide: Sunday Services

3rd Advent	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Eucharist & Children's Church 6.00 pm Messy Church
10th 2nd of Advent	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Children's Carol & Gift Service 6.30 pm Eucharist
17th 4th of Advent	8.00 am Eucharist 10.30 am Parents & Toddler's Service 11.30 am Morning Prayer & Children's Church 7.00 pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
24th Christmas Eve	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 pm First Communion of Christmas
31st First of Christmas	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Morning Prayer 11.30 pm Watchnight Eucharist

Weekday Services

Wednesday 6th	11.00 am Eucharist
Wednesday 13th	11.00 am Eucharist
Wednesday 20th	11.00 am Eucharist
Monday 25th The Nativity of Christ (Christmas Day)	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am All Age Eucharist
Tuesday 26th St Stephen Deacon and Martyr	11.00 am Eucharist
Wednesday 27th St John the Evangelist	11.00 am Eucharist
Thursday 28th Holy Innocents Martyrs	11.00 am Eucharist

St. Doulagh's Church, Balgriffin

3rd	10.00 am Morning Prayer
10th	10.00 am Eucharist pm St. Doulagh's Carol Service
17th	10.00 am Morning Prayer
24th	10.00 am Morning Prayer
Monday 25th	10.00 am Morning Prayer
31st	See St Andrew's

St. Andrew's Recipe

Salmon Mousse

(A great starter for Christmas Day)



Ingredients:

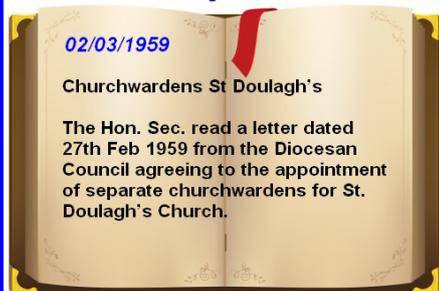
- 1 tbp gelatine
- 2 tbsp hot water
- 1 tin salmon (7 1/2 oz)
- 1/4pt natural yogurt
- 1 tbsp tomato ketchup
- Salt & Pepper
- 2 egg whites
- 1/4pt mayonnaise

Method:

Sprinkle gelatine into the hot water until it has dissolved. Flake salmon into a bowl, add the yogurt, stir in the mayonnaise. Then stir in the ketchup, gelatine and seasoning. Whisk the egg whites until stiff, but not dry, and fold into mixture. Pour the mixture into a bowl and chill for an hour or until set. Garnish the mousse with orange and lemon slices and dill and parsley sprigs, serve with toast and salad.

Enjoy!

Reeling through the Select Vestry Minutes



Churchwardens St Doulagh's

The Hon. Sec. read a letter dated 27th Feb 1959 from the Diocesan Council agreeing to the appointment of separate churchwardens for St. Doulagh's Church.

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