

# Parish Mirror

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## From the Rector

Who is God? What is he like?

These are not hypothetical matters.

As I write, the most horrific details are emerging of the brutal murder of the renowned Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in his own country's consulate in Istanbul to which he had been lured to collect marriage documents. Each account raises new and improbable questions and answers.

The question is not what sort of God he believed in: It seems that it was a standard, middle of the road, Islamic view of God as compassionate, merciful and an upholder of justice. It is what sort of God his murderers believed in?

It is important that we, as Christians, understand God in the life and example of Jesus Christ. God is a creator God whose very nature is love, who seeks peace and reconciliation.

In Bethlehem, a young country girl gives birth to a baby boy. God shows himself in that baby. The manger he is laid in is a throne, where the courtiers are simple shepherds and the animals they tend. Our Christmas hymns and carols which dwell on the stable are the antidote to the image of God as a figure of power and domination, a God who is to be feared with trembling and awe. We wonder instead that **'within a manger lies, he who built the starry skies'** (Edward Caswall 1814-78) It is the **'dawn of redeeming grace'** (Joseph Mohr 1792-1848)

What is God like? He is like that infant: Philip Brooks (1835-93) in 'Little town of Bethlehem' guides us towards a better world in our time which is inaugurated in the manger: **'No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in'**.

The infant grows up and tells us in word

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## St. Andrew's Parish Christmas Market

Saturday 24th November 2018

St Andrew's Parish Centre

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, cakes etc.

**Deli:** 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:** 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 22rd & 23rd 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!

**Cafe:** "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 place your order.

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## Parish Registers

### Christian Burial

8th Oct in St Andrew's Churchyard, after Service in Church, **Mary Elizabeth Kirker**, 151 Ardnamara. Elizabeth was a parishioner for over 60 years. Blessed with her own very distinct character and personality, she was very highly respected by the entire community. She had few relatives but many friends. Since the death of her husband, John, seven years ago, despite ill health she managed to stay in her own home until the last few weeks. We offer our sympathy to her son, Stephen (Cambridge) and his family in their loss

### Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Margaret Percival, Abingdon, on the death of her mother, Edie Nicholl, who has lived with her for many years. She lived an amazingly active life for over 98 years, and her funeral was held in St Nahi's Church, Dundrum on 16th August. It was well attended by parishioners and especially Mothers' Union members.

We also note the death of Bobby Oak, the last Captain of the 9th Co Boy's Brigade, Bobby was steeped in the Boy's Brigade, but ill health meant that he had to give up and, sadly, no one could be found to continue his good work. His funeral was held in Clontarf and Scots Presbyterian Church of which he had been a virtually lifelong member and a number of parishioners were present as well as many former BB members.

We also express our sympathy to Rita Gardiner, Dublin Road, on the recent death of her father

### Thanks

We thank Fr Kevin Moore for allowing us the use of St Sylvester's Church for funerals during June and July while we were unable to use the main church while it was being re-plastered. Thankfully we did not need to do so, but it was good to know that we could have done so as St Doulagh's is too small to hold the normal attendance on such occasions

### The Northern Fringe

To date, all houses in St Doolagh's, Parkside and the more recent parts of Castlemoyne, have been visited, and we are starting to see the fruits of very pleasant labours. We have made a number of new friends, and some have been faithfully coming along to receive a warm and friendly welcome. One of them even brought a box of chocolates along one Sunday for everyone to mark the friendly welcome she received from the congregation. Regular visiting used to be a norm of clerical training, as was the wearing of a clerical collar by the clergy of all traditions going about their parish business, and I think all traditions are the weaker by its decline!

### Archbishop's visit to Northern Fringe

We were delighted that the Archbishop visited us on Oct 5th to see for himself the huge housing developments which will be ongoing in the area for many years to come. Thanks to Rev Norman McCausland who made the arrangements for what was part of a comprehensive tour of the growth of Dublin, learning of the way in which the local parishes have reacted to the situation. We hope that the Diocese will find ways of assisting parishes like ours so that the Church of will be able to grow and witness in areas that seem to be bereft of communal facilities.

### Harvests

St Andrew's Harvest on 22nd September was well attended this year and the church was beautifully decorated by both the usual flower arrangers and the pupils of St Andrew's School. The preacher was Canon John McKegney, formerly Rector of St Mark's Armagh whose address had something for all ages, including a substantial amount of anecdote and humour!

St Doulagh's two Harvest Services were both well attended, indeed, the congregations were the largest for many years. We thank Canon Cecil Hyland and Rev Máirt Hanley for their stimulating and thought-provoking addresses, and also Harold's Cross Brass for providing the music at the evening service, and to the St Doulagh's decorators who as always, again excelled themselves at their art. We were delighted to welcome Fr Gerry Corcoran, PP of Holy Trinity Donaghmede, who participated in the service by leading intercessions, and in the light of our common work in the Northern Fringe area. Both parishes share the Belmayne, Balgriffin and Clongriffin areas

### Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes have begun, and this year we have plenty of time to divert away from the course to include involvement in the preparation of worship, and a number of special speakers. We also have a good number of candidates this year.

On 14th October Rev Máirt Hanley shared some of his life experiences and his vocation with candidates, and their parents, and great interest was shown by all.

The Confirmation Service for Malahide will be in Howth on 5th May at 3.30 pm .

### Professor Pat Barker

Professor Pat Barker is nothing if not adventurous. She missed the Diocesan Synod as she was in Bosnia, observing the elections there. This work has over the years taken her to many strange places, not usually on the tourist trail! Thankfully she managed to return home in one piece to her usual attendance at our 8am Eucharist.

## From the Rector

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and deed that **the Son of Man comes not to be served but to serve**. Those who knew him were drawn (often unwillingly) to realise that in this utterly human life there was no other explanation but that he was God, revealing his nature of love and care before their eyes.

I do not know what sort of God the Wa'habi Sunnis of the Saudi court worship. I do know that it is not the Allah the vast majority of Muslims worship, a God who is compassionate and merciful.. I am also aware that in the last 2000 years, many Christians have fallen into the same trap of using God as an excuse for utterly ungodly deeds. The slave-ship captain, John Newton, seeing a wretch being brought for execution at Tyburn for some petty crime, was converted with these words ringing in his mind **'There but for the grace of God go I'** and devoted the rest of his life to God and opposition to slavery and the death penalty.

We all have the potential to be brutal murderers. That is why we must come to the manger throne and see there God for whom he really is: humility, service of others reign there, and at the end of his life they are also there, as he washes the feet of his friends, and on the Cross gives all he has for the welfare of others. It seemed in vain, until the great truth of victory seen not in a great act of revenge on all who tortured and murdered him, but an empty tomb.

Christmas is not just for children: it is for all of us perplexed by the sickening violence and frustration of the world we live in. The true nature of God lies before us in simple humility and identification with us: a helpless baby.

I wish you all a Happy, Blessed, Humble Christmas that finds God where he is and not where we would want him to be!

Yours in Christ,

*Norman*

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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 will take place on the 1st Sunday night of each month from 6pm - 7:30pm . 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. The Next Messy Church is 4th November and 2nd December.

**Parent & Toddler Service** is the third Sunday of each month at 10.30 am. For all families with children with a simple prayer, Bible story and some songs. We have a short time of refreshment and fellowship after. The next Toddler services are 18th November and 16th December

**Confirmation Class** has 9 confirmands learning about God, faith and in learning about many different worship services.

The Confirmation service will be in Howth Church of Ireland 5th May at 3:30 pm. All are most welcome!

Everyone is invited on **11th November at 8.00 pm** to Christ Church Cathedral Dublin for a Night of Soul with songs for Peace and Hope. Discovery Gospel Choir and Dublin Gospel Choir will be singing.

All confirmands and youth are invited **1st December** to CIYD Christmas event at Clontarf St. John the Baptist Church from 6:30 pm until 10:30 pm. We will have a service, food, games and a disco. Youth from all over the Island will be attending.

Blessings,

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Pat's interest in the welfare of the less fortunate of the world, is a challenge to all of us, whether it is with the Rape Crisis Centre in Dublin, or in some country which is still unstable after years of war, tension and dictatorship, and a reminder to us that following Jesus can lead us into some pretty strange places, and that human rights and freedoms are a part of our Christian calling!

## Remembrance Sunday

There will, as usual be Acts of Remembrance at both 10am and 1130am services, and collections in aid of the Earl Haig Fund at all morning services. **Please note that there will not be an All Age Eucharist at 11.30 am that morning.** We are asking parents to bring along their children to the Remembrance Service so that in a world filled with stories and fears of war and refugees, they will come to understand what Remembrance Sunday is all about, seeking to ensure that the horrors of two World Wars will never be visited on anyone again.

As usual there will be church gate collections for the Earl Haig Fund at the morning services, and poppies will be on sale.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Malahide Ecumenical Committee met recently, and this year will be integrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity into the pattern of our very successful Wednesday evening gatherings during Lent. The theme will be reconciliation. The Week of Prayer service will be on Jan 20th in St Sylvester's RC Church at 8pm, and the preacher will be Rt Rev Trevor Williams, formerly Bishop of Limerick & Killaloe and a former head of the Corrymeela Community.

## Christmas Market

The annual St Andrew's Christmas Market will be held in the Parish Centre, Church Road, on Saturday

24th November from 10.30am to 3pm. All the fun of the fair, including Santa, Gifts, Books, Bottles, Cakes, Deli, Seasonal refreshments, Raffle, Lunches, teas, coffees, bric-a-brac, Christmas door wreaths and swags, Kids' stall and entertainment.

We invite everyone who wants to come to do so and join in all the fun of the fair. It is our major fundraiser during the year and we look forward to your presence.

## Carol Services

The annual Advent Carol Service will be held on Sunday 2nd December at 7pm, beginning our spiritual approach to Christmas. Other services leading to Christmas include the Children's Carol & Gift Service on the 9th December at 11.30am, and the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 16th December at 7pm.

We will also be hosting a Carol Service in St Doulagh's

on Sunday 9th at 3.30pm. This service will be rather different from previous ones, as music will be provided by the Young Dublin Symphonia. This service will once again be broadcast on Christmas Day as it has for a number of years past by local radio station NearFM and has been much appreciated by many elderly listeners.

## St Andrew's Church

Unfortunately, we were unable to get the walls repainted in time for the Harvest Thanksgiving service at the end of September but it will be undertaken in the very near future.

## Old School House

Trevor and Valerie Richmond have been residents in the Old School House for very many years, since Trevor came to Malahide to teach in St Andrew's School. Trevor stayed on in the house after retirement to recover from major surgery, but by the time this appears in print they will have moved to the Marina Village. We wish Trevor and Valerie a very long and happy retirement, and are delighted that they are staying in the parish.

Their departure brings to an end what we believe to be the last Church of Ireland School in the state, with a house for the teacher and thus it is the end of a tradition which stretches back almost two centuries. The house is vested in the RCB, and the Select Vestry intends refurbish the property and use it to secure an income flow for the parish.

## Select Vestry

The October Select Vestry discussed many matters, including our finances which are in line with our plan, with cash in the bank to keep us from an overdraft and the accompanying bank fees. However, this is due to some extent to money in the bank which has been earmarked for special purposes including St Doulagh's Restoration and the overhaul of the Old School House. These funds will be spent in the near future, thus possibly returning us to an overdraft situation, which bedevilled us for many years. It is for this reason that it is vital that we have both a very successful Christmas Market, and also a generous conclusion to the years in the giving of parishioners.

One of the matters which we discussed was security in our Churches. There have been some breaches in security which could imperil our insurance cover in the event of a break-in, and this will be dealt with in coming weeks. We know that all parishioners will be only too willing to comply with new procedures which may be necessary, to better secure our buildings.

## Church of Ireland Gazette

The Gazette has been published for almost two hundred years. It was originally a monthly publication, but for most of its existence it has appeared weekly and concerned itself with reporting news from all over the Church of

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## Decorations for the Harvest Festival



## Do you want to help children reach their potential?

**Barnardos** are seeking extra adult volunteers, aged 55 years and older, who have lots of life experience and an enjoyment of reading, for their volunteer reading programme for primary schools based in Finglas, Dublin 11. Volunteers provide one-to-one reading sessions to children in 1st and 2nd class who need some extra help with their reading. The sessions occur 2 times a week, Monday to Thursday, at fixed set times. The volunteer will be asked to read with 2 children on each visit, which happen during primary school hours. Some of the volunteers who have worked with us have said: "It's enjoyable and very easy", "It is like reading with your grandchildren", "It's not as difficult as you might imagine!", "Children love it and feel special and you bond with the child". For more information or to register your interest in this programme please contact Suzanne, Barnardos Volunteer Service, on **01 7080431 / 086 8570112** or email [volunteers@barnardos.ie](mailto:volunteers@barnardos.ie)

## Malahide Mothers' Union

"FAITH IN ACTION"



On a very wet and windy evening on 20th September, eight members of our Branch took the Dart to Monkstown and attended the Diocesan Festival Service in Monkstown Parish Church. At this service the Revd. Norman McCausland, Diocesan Chaplain, and Amy Hourie, Action and Outreach Unit Co-Ordinator, were commissioned.

On 6th October, members of the Branch attended the All Ireland Thanksgiving Service in Christ Church Cathedral.

At our Branch Meeting on 11th October, unfortunately our speaker on 'Personal Safety and Security' was not able to be with us. We organized an alternative evening using our own resources and talents with a quiz, family recollections and poetry readings.

The North Area Meeting 'A Crafty Evening with Roz Garrett' will be held in Castleknock Parish on 5th November at 8.00 p.m.

At our next meeting on 8th November at 8.15 p.m., Andrea and Susan will share their thoughts and experiences following their visit to the Holy Land in October.

In December we will have our Christmas Auction in aid of M.U. Overseas Relief Fund. This is always a very successful and enjoyable evening starting at 7.00 p.m. with seasonal refreshments.

*Olive Haynes*

## BOOK STALL - CHRISTMAS MARKET

It's that time of the year again!

Books in excellent and good-as-new condition are needed for the Book Stall please. Also Jigsaws, but no magazines and no DVDs or CDs. Thank you.



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## Decorations for the Harvest Festival



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Ireland and the wider church.

With the advent of the internet, publishing has changed. The Gazette has for some time appeared in an online as well as a printed edition. However, from January it will appear as a monthly magazine in both formats which will be able to report in greater depth on the issues facing the Church at home and abroad, as well as a more attractive format.

Those who already subscribe will have their subscription continued unless they wish to cancel, but we hope that more readers will be attracted to the new format.

Many of us subscribe to the diocesan magazine, Church Review. This, however, has a very different purpose to

the Gazette. Most of its content is news reports from each parish, and the rest is news items relating to the diocese as a whole. The Church Review offers very little debate and information regarding events elsewhere in the Church of Ireland and the issues current in the Churches, including such matters as marriage, investment ethics and the environment. Those who want to know what is going on in other parishes should also be aware of the challenges which face us as Christians in the world of today, and this is where the Gazette fits in, and will continue to do so.

We trust and pray for God's blessing and guidance on its editor, Rev Earl Storey and his board, and I ask you to support them by subscribing to either text or online editions.

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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

4 <sup>th</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> before Advent	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Eucharist with Children's Church 6.00 pm Messy Church
11 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> before Advent	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Morning Prayer, Act of Remembrance, Children's Church 6.30 pm Eucharist
18 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> before Advent	8.00 am Eucharist 10.30 am Parent & Toddler's Service 11.30 am Eucharist with Children's Church 6.30 pm Ministry of Healing
25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent (The Kingship of Christ)	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am All Age Service 6.30 pm Eucharist

### Weekday Services

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> All Saints' Day	9.15 am Eucharist 8.00 pm Service of Remembrance
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> All Souls' Day	9.15 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am Eucharist
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am Eucharist
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	11.00 am Eucharist
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am Matins 11.00 am Eucharist
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> St Andrew Apostle & Martyr	9.15 am Matins 11.00 am Eucharist

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

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Eucharist (All Saints' Day)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer
11 <sup>th</sup>	Eucharist with Act of Remembrance (Remembrance Sunday)
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Eucharist (St Doulagh the Hermit)
18 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer
25 <sup>th</sup>	Eucharist

December

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

2 <sup>nd</sup> Advent	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Eucharist & Holy Baptism with Children's Church 6.00 pm Advent Carol Service
9 <sup>th</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Advent	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Children's Carol & Gift Service 6.30 pm Eucharist
16 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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
23 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> of Advent	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Morning Prayer, Holy Baptism and Children's Church 6.30 pm Evensong
30 <sup>th</sup> First of Christmas	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Morning Prayer 6.30 pm Watchnight Eucharist

### Weekday Services

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am Eucharist
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am Eucharist
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am Eucharist
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve	09.15am Matins 1130pm First Communion of Christmas
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> The Nativity of Christ (Christmas Day)	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am All Age Eucharist
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> St Stephen Deacon and Martyr	11.00 am Eucharist
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> St John the Evangelist	11.00 am Eucharist
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Holy Innocents Martyrs	11.00 am Eucharist
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.15 am Matins 11.30 pm Watchnight Eucharist

### St. Doulagh's Church, Balgriffin

2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00 am Morning Prayer
9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am Eucharist 3.30pm Carols for Christmas
16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am Morning Prayer
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am Eucharist Christmas Day
30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am Morning Prayer

## St. Andrew's Recipe

### Carrot and Parsnip Soup

(Ideal starter for Christmas Day)

#### Ingredients:

- 1 oz Butter



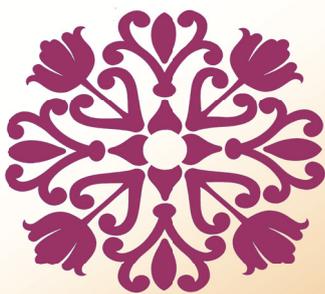
- 5 oz potatoes (peeled and diced)
- 4 oz parsnips (peeled and diced)
- Salt & freshly ground black pepper
- 4 oz onion, diced
- 9 oz carrots (peeled and diced)
- 2 pt vegetable stock

#### Method:

1. Melt the butter in a saucepan
2. Add the onions and potatoes and coat them well in butter
3. Sprinkle with salt and pepper

4. Cover the saucepan with lid and sweat on a gentle heat for 5 mins
  5. Add the carrots, parsnips and sweat on a gentle heat for a further 5 mins
  6. Add the stock, bring to the boil and simmer until the vegetables are just soft
  7. Blend the soup in a liquidiser or hand blender.
  8. Serve sprinkled with chopped parsley.
- Enjoy!

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