

Parish Mirror

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2019

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From the Rector

My friends,

All of a sudden, the days have shortened, temperatures have dropped and we are counting the number of shopping days to Christmas. It is the children's festival: a baby in a manger and a modern secular society has added other images: Santa Claus and red-nosed reindeer prominent among them.

It is all too easy to let these additional layers hide the central message of Christmas. A child is born in unprepossessing circumstances: a stable, and soon his parents have to flee for their lives and his. Christmas is marked today in the thousands who have had to flee from the Turks in Syrian Kurdistan. Where will they go? Will they be accepted or simply moved on, waiting and longing for a return to their homes. Could they turn up on our doorstep, and if they do, will we welcome them? We think we will, but is all too easy to warp our minds listening to seductive voices, as happened in Oughterard a few weeks back.

And will we explain this to our children? Will we teach them that this is an opportunity to show God's love? In school nativity plays, the inn-keeper is the villain and yet is the hero of Luke's account, for despite the pressure on his inn, he still finds room for Mary and Joseph. 'There was no room for them in the inn', so he found space in the back yard.

And even those intruding elements of Santa and Rudolf and his merry
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United Parishes of Malahide, Portmarnock & St Doulagh's

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 30th November 2019

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 28th & 29th 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: Refreshments available during the market- take a break for a chat and relax with family and friends.

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

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Pat Young of Hanlon's Lane, the Estuary, and his children Helen and Graham, on the recent death of his wife, Anne. Anne was buried in Balgriffin Cemetery after a requiem Mass in St Sylvester's Church in which the rector was invited to take part, and a goodly number of parishioners attended.

We also extend our sympathy to Niav Stephenson, Millview Court, on the recent death of her father.

Congratulations

to John Moran and Audrey Hackett of St Doolagh's Lodge, who have been regular attenders at St Doolagh's for some time, and whose wedding took place recently. Following a ceremony in the Marriage Registry Office, there was a service of blessing in St Doolagh's on 31st August, and a reception in St Doolagh's Park House, once the home of Nathaniel Hone the younger, who was instrumental in the rebuilding of the Church in the 1860s. Congratulations also to David Caird, who has been appointed as Hon Lay Secretary for Dublin at the Diocesan Synods held recently in Taney.

St Andrew's Clock

After many years when it only told the right time twice a day, a new clock has been installed in the tower at St Andrew's. The new traditional clock face (in St Andrew's blue) disguises the fact that the accuracy of the new clock is satellite controlled and weather- and pigeon-proof, quite a change from its predecessor!

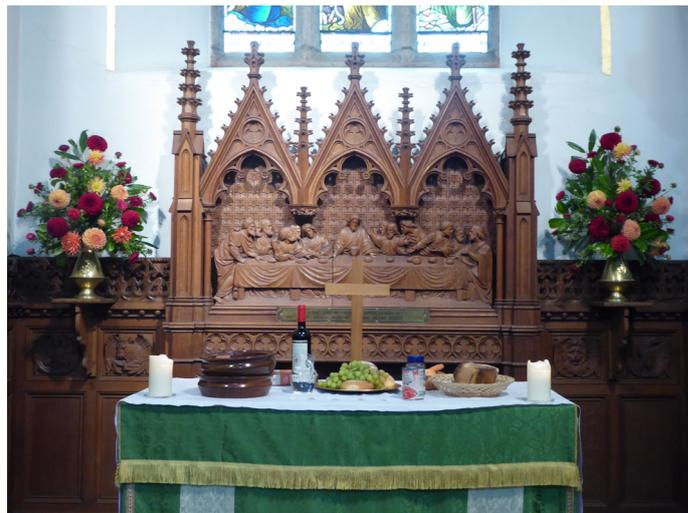
Harvests

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 Mark Acheson, lay reader in Clontarf and BB Secretary, and we thank him for his excellent address.



Window decorated for Harvest in St. Andrew's, with items provided by pupils of St. Andrew's School.

St Doulagh's two harvests were both well attended, indeed by the largest congregations for many years and we thank Rev. Ross Styles and Ven. Neal O'Raw for their challenging and thought-provoking addresses, and especially Neal who confessed that his notes were still sitting on his desk up in the Glen of Imaal(!), and also Harold's Cross Brass Band for providing the music at the evening service, to our good friend, Fr. Gerry Corcoran PP of Donaghmede who led the intercessions, and to the St Doulagh's decorators who once again excelled themselves at their art.



Harvest decorations in St. Andrew's

Fr. Mattie O'Farrell

Fr. Mattie has been in charge of St Nicholas of Myra Church in Kinsealy and has been over the years a good friend of St Doulagh's. He has recently announced his retirement on health grounds and has moved to Tipperary to be near his family. The Select Vestry decided at its September meeting to make a gift to him to mark his years in Kinsealy and Portmarnock. We wish him a restoration of health, and a happy and active retirement.

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. Confirmation will be in Howth on 5th May at 3.30 pm.

Remembrance Sunday

There will, as usual, be Acts of Remembrance at both 10.00 am and 11.30 am services, and collections in aid of the Earl Haig Fund at all morning services on Sunday 10th November. **Please note that there will not be an All Age Eucharist at 11.30 am that morning.** However, 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

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St Andrew's Church ceiling

You may have heard that we have recently encountered a problem with part of the ceiling in the nave of St Andrew's Church. Patches of the original plaster between the beams have become detached from the ceiling laths.

Work is underway to remedy this problem. A contractor has been appointed and work has commenced during the last week of October. While this is under way, we will be using the transepts area and the chancel only, and the nave will be sealed off while the work is undertaken. Entry to the church will be by the old, back entrance which will be signed. We can accommodate about 100 in the transepts and chancel which will be adequate for our normal Sunday needs.

The work will cost in the region €23,000 but will result in a high-quality resolution of the problem across the entire ceiling area of the nave. In the process, the contractor will also redecorate the nave walls, a task which would have to be undertaken anyway in the near future. The lighting will also be checked out while the scaffolding is in place.

The Select Vestry is undertaking this work, realising that we have responsibility for the Health and Safety of those who use the church whilst we are fully aware that it will strain the parish finances to the limit.

We ask for your generous response to this unexpected need, at a time when we have already this year encountered considerable unplanned expenditure, on replastering the nave walls and fixing a ceiling problem over the choir. Fortunately, we were able to finance these items out of our current account reserves.

Rest assured, that while the work goes on, we will be able to continue to use the church in safety for the 11.30 am service, with other services using St Marnock's Chapel as usual.

Detailed plans will be shared following the next meeting of the Select Vestry, but we hope that all going well, the work will be finished by the end of November.



Stop press!

As we go to print we are delighted to report that the Old Schoolhouse has been successfully leased which will add a very welcome source of income to parish funds.

Brian Brown

It was Eric Crampton's 80th Birthday

To celebrate Eric's 80th & his grand-daughter Emma's 30th, they are looking to raise as much as they can for The Alzheimer Society of Ireland. Eric was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2018, and since then has taken on the task of raising as much awareness about the disease and how it affects those who live with it, as well as their family members.

With World Alzheimer's Month upon us, Eric & Emma would like to raise as much as they can for their special birthdays. Every bit counts! The Alzheimer Society of Ireland spends over 90% of all funds received on direct care provision such as Day Care, Home Care, Respite, and Information & Advisory Services.

As Eric has been a great contributor to his local community and clubs for many years, he is now asking for as many of you as possible to help him reach his fundraising goal.

On October 6th, we celebrated their birthdays in Malahide, and would love to reach their goal as the best birthday present yet!

Help Eric & Emma with this by sharing far and wide and donating if you can.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/ericandemma>



Eric and his family presenting a cheque to the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland. They are still raising money for an additional contribution.

Malahide Tidy Towns

Malahide Tidy Towns has received a GOLD MEDAL in the National Awards 2019, and also "5 Blooms" in the Bronze in the International Communities in Bloom Competition. Congratulations to all involved. Volunteers are always needed to lend a hand. Just meet at the Railway Station Car park on a Saturday at 10.30 am.

Tidy Towns adjudication covers the following categories: **Community, Streetscape and Public Places, Green Spaces and Landscaping, Nature and Biodiversity, Sustainability, Tidiness and Litter Control, Residential Streets and Housing Areas, and Approach Roads, Streets and Lanes.** So a GOLD MEDAL is a great achievement.

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.

Christmas Market

The annual Christmas Market will be held in the Parish Centre, Church Road, on Saturday 30th November from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm. All the fun of the fair, including Santa, Gifts, Books, Bottles, Dakes, Deli, seasonal refreshment, 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.

'Messy Church'

With the onset of autumn, Messy Church will recommence in St Andrew's on the first Sunday of a month at 6.00 pm. We thank Solome Keegan, Lauren Hunter, Tennison Firth and Flora Fu who have taken this commitment on, and Jamie Heffelfinger for providing the necessary training.

Carol Services

The annual Advent Carol Service would normally have been held on Sunday 2nd December at 7.00 pm, beginning our spiritual approach to Christmas. Unfortunately, as we go to press, two pieces of plaster have fallen from the ceiling in St Andrew's and prudence has left us using only the front part of the Church while the damage is repaired. We await a report by experts but it is quite likely to be under repair that evening.

Other services leading to Christmas include the Children's Carol & Gift Service on the 8th December at 11.30 am, and the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 15th December at 7.00 pm. Hopefully, we will be able to hold both these services.

We will also be hosting a Carol Service in St Doulagh's on Sunday 8th at 3.30 pm. This service will be rather different from previous ones, as music will be provided by the Young Dublin Symphonia. For a number of years, this has been recorded by NearFM, and broadcast on local radio station NearFM on Christmas Day and has been much appreciated by many elderly listeners. Sadly, NearFM finances have been greatly reduced, and they may not be able to undertake this task this year but the service will be held and the collection will be divided between Peter McVerry Trust and the Alice Leahy Trust, who do so much to help the homeless and also make the wider community aware of the huge needs involved.

St John Henry Newman

Early last month, Cardinal John Newman was declared to be a saint by the Pope. You may wonder what relevance this has for members of the Church of Ireland. But in fact there were a number of reasons why we should celebrate.

Least among them was the manner in which the Roman Church declares someone to be a saint in heaven, through reputed miracles through prayer to the saint, for prayers to the deceased were a major cause of offence to the Reformers as unscriptural and superstitious. There are saints in heaven whose godliness and humility have brought them into God's presence, but that is a matter for God and Jesus taught that prayer was to be brought directly to God through him.

But there are many good reasons why we should celebrate Newman. He was one of a group of young clergy connected with Oxford who in the 1830s sought to recover for the Church of England a sense of our catholicity: we are a part of the Catholic Church, reformed but still Catholic.

For this they met with hostility from the clergy who were steeped in the wrongs of Rome and did not want to acknowledge that they had anything in common with the Roman Catholic Church. By the late 1840s, some of them, including Newman, were so exasperated that they concluded that Rome, for all its faults, represented the one Catholic Church, and they joined it.

Rome was triumphant but was soon to discover that Newman and his friends were not easy bedfellows with Rome, and were very much aware of the shortcomings of their new spiritual home. Newman was sent to Dublin in 1858 to form a Catholic University to counter Trinity but wrote a book called the Idea of a University which advocated a liberal institution far removed from the vision of the Roman Catholic bishops, and his ten years here were marked by tension and arguments between him and the bishops. He is today acknowledged as the founder of UCD which was built upon his liberal and open vision for university education.

Subsequently, he was made a cardinal but never given any real authority. He spent the rest of his life as a Parish Priest in a deprived part of Birmingham, still in touch with many of the Anglican clergy of his Oxford days. By his death in 1890, what Newman had advocated in the 1830s for the Anglican churches was increasingly accepted. Anglo-Catholicism was a growing force, especially in the industrial slums where colour and ceremony enriched and informed the otherwise colourless and hopeless life of the poor.

Had he remained in the Church of England for another 15 years, he would have been accepted as a prophet and visionary among his own people, and recent events in Rome are a recognition by both sides of the contribution he made to the Church of his time, and of our own, as Anglicans and Roman Catholics gathered in Rome to

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celebrate him. The old fractures which divided the Church of his time are slowly but surely being healed and we can get down to common worship and witness in a world scarred by our division.

Church publications

There are three publications which are distributed through the parish. One is our own Parish Magazine, the 'Parish Mirror'. This is available to all parishioners by email and appears every two months, but you cannot get it if we do not have your email address which should be sent to Anne Taplin, our parish administrator, so if you have not been getting it, please send your email address to her.

A small number of parishioners do not have email and a limited number of hard copies are available for a small charge. They are also useful for new parishioners before we obtain their email address.

The second publication is the Church Review. This is published on the Thursday before the First Sunday in every month except August, and contains news of what is going on in the diocese and its individual parishes as well as some more general news items. Subscriptions should be paid to Anne Taplin, and renewal date is the beginning of the year, meaning payment by mid-December.

The third is the Church of Ireland Gazette. Until last year it was a weekly newspaper style publication, but is now a beautifully designed magazine containing not only news from across the Church of Ireland but also regular articles on Church life from around the Anglican Communion and further afield! The new Gazette has won many awards for its innovative design and content, and once again Anne can get you on the list. PLEASE CONTACT HER FOR DETAILS:

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I would love to see more parishioners taking the Review and the Gazette, for it would mean a greater interest in the wider Church, and not simply in our own parish. The Church will only thrive when it is aware of its scale and diversity, and I know I have benefitted both with the years I spent as Irish Representative on the Governing Body of SPCK in the 1990s, and more recently as Irish Convenor of the Society of Catholic Priests, and also with personal links with the Diocese of Europe.

Norman

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

Have you anything you'd like to give to the White Elephant Stall? If so, please give me your contributions now. Collection can be arranged if necessary. All contributions would be gratefully received.

Call Addy on 01 845 3984 or 087 785 5478.



Royal British Legion Republic of Ireland

September 8 ·

REMEMBERED AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

This morning, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the day of his tragic death, a wreath, in the RAF colours, was placed on the grave of Sgt Gordon Edward Manning at St Andrews Churchyard, where he was interred on September 14th 1944.

At 11.30 am on the morning of September 8th 1944 Sgt. navigator G E Manning, aged 20 years, an only child, took off in a Wellington bomber on a training mission and at 1.45 pm the Wellington crashed and burst into flames at Little Oak, near Oswestry in Shopshire, England.

The entire crew of seven were killed, Desmond Clarke, Harold Holmes, Thomas Donovan from Australia, Leslie Walker, John Nicholson and air gunner, Clifford Taylor from UK.

Per Ardua Ad Astra.

St. Andrew's Harvest:

A special "thank you" to Christopher White – the Dahlia Expert for his generous donation of beautiful blooms for the Harvest Services.

Hazel Bolton

Malahide Mothers' Union

LISTEN, OBSERVE, ACT - IN STEP WITH GOD.



On 12th September, a number of our members attended the Diocesan Festival Service in Rathfarnham Parish. Our opening service on 19th September was followed by presentation of our programme for 2019 / 20.

On 5th October five of our members travelled by train to Newry to meet members of our Link Branch Ballyholme for lunch and chat. A member of the Garda Siochana attached to Malahide Garda Station joined us at our meeting on 10th October giving us advice and information on personal safety.

Our meeting on 14th November has to be finalised and details will be advised to members soon. On 12th December starting at 7.00 pm, we will have our Christmas Auction which over the years has been a very successful fundraiser, as well as being a very enjoyable evening. The amount raised will be in aid of MU Overseas Relief Fund.

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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MOTHERS' UNION NOTES (Part 1)

"Listen, Observe, Act - In Step With God"

4 Million Members and counting, in 83 countries - that's our Mothers' Union.

We in Malahide are part of a worldwide organisation standing up for Christian care for families and transforming communities worldwide.

The Mothers' Union is involved in many projects at home and overseas and what follows is a small flavour of our work. This issue of the 'Mirror' includes projects we support in Ireland.

MU members take part in the worldwide **16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence** to raise awareness of, and call for an end to, all forms of violence against women and girls.

Christmas Shoe Boxes for Jigsaw Centre, Darndale - Belcamp Integrated Childcare Services where almost 240 children attend every day.

Gifts to Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin. Donations of trauma teddies, Freddie bags and beautiful blankets make a huge difference to the limited resources of the hospital.

Women's Refuges. There are 5 Women's Aid centres in the Dublin Area. Branches of MU in the diocese support these centres. We in Malahide have donated to the shelter in Coolock - Aoibhneas. They say "Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference". We will have a speaker from the Coolock refuge at our Branch meeting in February.

'AFIA' offers a break 'Away From It All', time out, a chance to get away even for a few hours or maybe for a night. The fund works through the clergy who are on the ground and who are aware of people's circumstances. This project is funded by the Mothers' Union.

"Made with Love" Pattern Book launched in 2015 has been a great success. It has inspired many branches and dioceses to undertake knitting and sewing projects and inspired other organisations to support hospitals and the homeless. Among the items produced are Blankets of various sizes, Teddies, Freddie bags, prayer shawls and hats. Fiddle blankets and muffs are greatly welcomed and widely used in Nursing Homes. The latest project is the supply of bereavement bags for Temple Street Hospital.

The MU also provides **baby changing and feeding facilities** at the National Ploughing Championships.

Our Branch in Malahide supports the **Alice Leahy Trust** which involves every month sorting donations of clothes for the homeless, and organising delivery to the Trust premises in the City.

New members and anyone who would like to join us at our meetings would be very welcome. We meet on the second Thursday of the month, September to April, in the Parish Centre. Contact **Olive Haynes** for further information, **8450745**.

Olive Haynes

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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 Wednesday Eucharist

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- Malahide Library.
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**Monday - Friday 10.00 - 12.30
and 2.00 - 4.30.**

**Free legal information on the last
Saturday of each month.**

St. Andrew's Church, Malahide: Sunday Services

3rd 4th before Advent	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Eucharist & Holy Baptism 6.00 pm 'Messy Church'
10th 3rd before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Morning Prayer with Act of Remembrance 6.30 pm Eucharist
17th 2nd before Advent	8.00 am Eucharist 10.30 am Parent & Toddler's Service 11.30 am Eucharist 6.30 pm Ministry of Healing
24th Sunday before Advent (The Kingship of Christ)	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am All Age Service 6.30 pm Eucharist

Weekday Services

Friday 1st All Saints' Day	9.15 am Eucharist 8.00 pm Service of Remembrance
Saturday 2nd All Souls' Day	9.15 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 6th	11.00 am Eucharist
Wednesday 13th	11.00 am Eucharist
Wednesday 20th	11.00 am Eucharist
Wednesday 27th	9.15 am Matins 11.00 am Eucharist
Saturday 30th St Andrew Apostle & Martyr	9.15 am Eucharist

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

Thursday 1st	Eucharist (All Saints' Day)
3rd	Morning Prayer
10th	Eucharist with Act of Remembrance (Remembrance Sunday)
17th	Eucharist (St Doulagh the Hermit)
24th	Eucharist

St. Andrew's Church, Malahide: Sunday Services

1st Advent	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Eucharist 6.00 pm 'Messy Church'
8th 2nd of Advent	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Children's Carol & Gift Service 6.30 pm Eucharist
15th 3rd of Advent	8.00 am Eucharist 10.30 am Parents & Toddler's Service 11.30 am Morning Prayer 7.00 pm Ministry of Healing
22nd 4th of Advent	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Morning Prayer 6.30 pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
29th First of Christmas	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am Morning Prayer

Weekday Services

Wednesday 4th	11.00 am Eucharist
Wednesday 11th	11.00 am Eucharist
Wednesday 19th	11.00 am Eucharist
Tuesday 24th Christmas Eve	9.15 am Matins 11.30 pm First Communion of Christmas
Wednesday 25th The Nativity of Christ (Christmas Day)	8.00 am Eucharist 11.30 am All Age Eucharist
Thursday 26th St Stephen Deacon and Martyr	11.00 am Eucharist
Friday 27th St John the Evangelist	11.00 am Eucharist
Saturday 28th Holy Innocents Martyrs	11.00 am Eucharist
Tuesday 31st	9.15 am Matins 11.30 pm Watchnight Eucharist

St. Doulagh's Church, Balgriffin

1st	10.00 am Morning Prayer
8th	10.00 am Eucharist 3.30 pm Carols for Christmas
15th	10.00 am Morning Prayer
22nd	10.00 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 25th	10.00 am Eucharist Christmas Day
29th	10.00 am Morning Prayer

St. Andrew's Recipe

CHRISTMAS CUPCAKES

Ingredients:

Cupcakes

- 225g Self Raising Flour
- 225g Golden Caster Sugar
- 225g Butter, softened
- 1 tsp. Vanilla Extract
- 4 Eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 tsp. Mixed Spice
- 6 tbsp. Mincemeat
- 4 tbsp. Milk



Icing

- 175g Butter
- 350g Icing Sugar
- 1 tbsp. Brandy

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C. Line 2 x 12 hole bun tins with baking cases.
2. Beat Butter, Sugar and Vanilla Essence till light and fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs, 1 at a time. Sieve in the Flour and Mixed Spice, fold into the mixture gradually adding the Milk. Stir in the Mincemeat. Spoon mixture into the cases. Bake for 15 minutes. Remove from oven and leave on wire tray to cool.
3. For the Icing, whisk the Butter and Icing Sugar until smooth and creamy. Add the Brandy and mix well. Pipe or swirl Icing onto each cupcake and decorate.

Merry Christmas

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crew can teach us good lessons: the quiet generosity of Nicholas of Myra to the poor children of his town was remembered for 1500 years until it was turned into our vision of Santa Claus caring for children and nobody left out. That was the vision of God that the little baby in the manger grew up to proclaim, that nobody is outside the care and love of God.

One thing we can all do: when sending Christmas Cards, please send ones that carry the message of Jesus. They don't have to be sentimental or serious but they should remind those who receive them of what God was doing in the manger behind the inn in the little town of Bethlehem.

Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas

Norman

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