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From the Rector

As we go to print our Rector is currently on sick leave from his duties in the parish.

Pending our Rector's return, Sunday worship is being planned by Canon Lesley Robinson and a provisional schedule of church services for the month of May is available on page 8 of this publication. There will be no midweek services until further notice.

For emergency pastoral support please contact Canon Lesley Robinson at email revleslierobinson@gmail.com or mobile 0879091561.

Planned parish activities involving the Rector in May are on temporary hold for the time being.

We pray for David's recovery to full health, and we look forward to his presence with us again in the not too distant future.

Brian Brown

St. Andrew's Church---- A Centre for Worship in Malahide for 200 years

St. Andrew's was constructed in 1822 on land donated by Richard Talbot, funded by means of a gift of £830 15s. 41l. 2d. donated by the late Board of First Fruits, a loan of £276 18s. 53l. 4d. from that Board and a donation of £92 6s. 13l. 4d. from Col. Talbot.

The 19th century church was a very small structure, which didn't include the main aisle and overhead balcony which was subsequently added to the building in 1870 and more recently the addition of St. Marnock's chapel and ancillary rooms.



The communion table was positioned beneath the East-facing stained glass window, which is now partly obscured by the pipe organ, which wasn't part of the original church. This window is a great example of the work of the well-known and successful London firm of Kempe and Co. It is somewhat unique in a Church of Ireland setting, depicting the crucifixion of Christ on the cross, which as far as we are aware, only one other church in the country similarly portrays the crucifixion in this manner.

The church was consecrated on 21st November 1822.

The incumbent at the time of the opening of the church for worship was Rev. Francis Chamley.

To celebrate the Bicentenary, a series of events are planned, details can be found on Page 2.

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Bicentenary Programme of Events

[Note: All dates will be reconfirmed closer to the scheduled event]

May/June

Bicentenary Census

As well as celebrating 200 years of St Andrew's Parish Church, we are also looking to the future needs of the parish and feel this is an appropriate time to update our Parish Database, to serve you and the entire parish community better. You will receive this census by email. Printed copies will also be available. Your participation in this information gathering exercise would be greatly appreciated. When received, please take a few moments to complete and return to the parish office.

Special Bicentenary Appeal

It is planned to refurbish the west wing of St. Andrew's Church, the area opposite where the choir sit, which it is felt could be put to better use. The plan will see the wooden pews removed and soft seating installed, similar to that in St. Marnock's Chapel, to allow greater flexibility. A permanent children's area will be created and the project will also include the procurement of a piano for use in public worship.

School Service in St. Andrew's Church

The pupils and staff of St. Andrew's National School, dressed up in 19th century clothing will transport us back to 1822 for this special service on Friday 10th June. After the service there will be a parade in the village, weather permitting.

October

Recording of RTE Television "Sunday Service"

On Sunday 2nd October, St. Andrew's Choir and parishioners will be joined by members of Young Dublin Symphonia for Sunday Service recorded at the RTE Studios in Donnybrook for transmission on Sunday 9th October.

Gala Celebration Concert

On Saturday 15th October join the Band of An Garda Siochana and members of the Garda Ladies' Choir, under the direction of Rodney Baldwin, our Choir Master, for an audience-focussed concert in the Golf Links Hotel, Portmarnock marking the bicentenary of St. Andrew's Church.

November

Anniversary Service and Parish Lunch.

A service of Thanksgiving will take place in the church on Sunday 27th November to mark the 200th anniversary of the consecration of St. Andrew's Parish Church attended by the Primate of All Ireland, the Right Rev'd John McDowell and the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Rev'd Michael Jackson. Following the service, lunch will be served in the Parish Centre.

December

Bicentenary Christmas Market

On Saturday 3rd December we are looking forward to the return of this very popular pre-Christmas event after an absence of a number of years due to the Covid pandemic.

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Parish Centre News

Spring is definitely bringing new life to the Parish Centre. The outside timber has all been painted, which will hopefully be the start of a number of planned refurbishments over the year.

The Centre continues to welcome back users who had been curtailed during Covid restrictions including **The Irish College of English** who will be returning over the next few months after a long absence. The college uses rooms for language lessons during the day and in the evenings during the summer they use the main hall for ceilis and other fun activities aimed at giving students a taste of Irish culture. The majority of the students are Italian, Dutch, Spanish and French and they range in age from 11 to 17 years old.



Kandoo After School Club has been one of the longest consistent users of the Parish Centre since it opened. Susan and her team, Charlene, Claire, Ruth, Eoin, Ruben and Cyan look after children before and after school and during school holidays. They use most areas of the Parish Centre for homework, eating and after school activities. These activities include baking, outdoor games, fitness, football, gardening and Spanish classes. During school holidays they run baking camps, sports camps and arts and crafts camps too.

Susan McKay can be contacted on 086 317 5889 or visit their website www.kandoo.ie.



Little Milestones Montessori School is now nearly finished its second year in the Parish Centre. It is run by Lynne Forsythe and they use St. Marnock's room in the mornings which is a lovely bright room. They also have a wonderful outdoor space at the back of the centre which the children enjoy. They provide a Montessori/Preschool service for children from 2 years and eight months to five years and are currently open from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm Monday to Friday term time. Children can attend using the ECCE scheme if eligible or privately. They are Tusla registered, fully insured, and all members of staff hold a recognised qualification.

For further details or enquires please contact Lynne Forsythe at littlemilestones20@gmail.ie or 0860600617.

East Coast School of Ballet runs on Thursdays in the Parish Centre. They have many options for Ballet classes and Jazz/Contemporary classes. Ballet is offered to all ages - from Preschool age 3 all the way up to and including Adult Ballet and Fitness Classes.

Jazz/Contemporary is offered to students aged 8+.

Students at the school progress through their Royal Academy of Dance Ballet Grades with the option to take part in Examinations, Shows, Demonstration Days & Workshops. They also host Summer Camps with guest teachers of Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Musical Theatre and Arts & Crafts. Part of the Summer Camp series will be held in St. Andrews Parish Centre on 2nd and 3rd August 2022.

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Mary Grimes School of Irish Dancing has classes running throughout the week in St. Doulagh's room, upstairs in the Parish Centre. Her pupils start from as

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young as 3 years old. She also runs Summer Camps and there will be one in the Parish Centre from 4th -8th July. Please contact Mary on 0868822024.

Little Kickers runs on Saturday mornings in the main hall. They cater for children from 18 months old up to 5 years old. Children are introduced to the basics of football (dribbling, striking, goal scoring etc.) in a play-oriented yet structured format. It is a fantastic way to help them develop physically as well as improving cognitive and social skills. The games cleverly disguise the learning aspect so the children just think they are playing. The more the children enjoy the games, the more they participate. This enjoyment leads to greater confidence, which in turn leads to self-initiated participation and independent play. As the children get older they begin to understand the importance of team play and matches are gradually introduced. If you are interested in contacting Little Kickers their details are as follows:

Telephone: 01 486 5828
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Other users of the Parish Centre include **Malahide Taekwondo** run by Damien Cleary. They have been using the premises for over 15 years and run classes on Tuesday and Friday evenings throughout the year. Damien can be contacted on 086 173 3924 or at damienhcleary@gmail.com.

Girls Brigade operates from September to April on Saturdays in the Parish Centre and Table-Tennis (adult section only) runs on Monday evenings also from September to April.

Young Dublin Symphonia also uses the premises once a month on Sundays.

They are all now on their summer break and will resume in the Autumn along with a new group on Wednesday evening **Dance Yourself Fit!**

Vicki Deacon

Down MEMORY LANE (and far beyond)

St. Doulagh's Church – Anchorites and the Monks of Old

St. Doulagh was an anchorite and it is believed that he lived around about 600 A.D. Regretfully there is no account of his history but Bishop Reeves, when Vicar of Lusk, published a paper in 1859 which was read before the Royal Irish Academy and in which he assigned the year 600 as about the time that he lived.

He was variously described in ancient documentation. Angus, in the 9th century calls him "Duilech the beautiful" and Maelduire, in 1171 described him as "Duiligh the devout". The Calendar of Donegal says "Duilech of Clochar by Feldruim on the South, in Fingall; and Cloghar Duiligh is the name of his town, beside Swords of Columcille".

Anchorites were a rite of the Eastern Christian Church and they prevailed widely in Ireland in ancient times. The presence of Anchorites in Ireland distinguished the Irish Church from the other Churches of Western Europe including that in England. Anchorites were very numerous in Syria, Egypt and throughout the east. Wherever we find the name Desert or Dysert in an Irish place name it signifies a solitary place where an anchorite took up his abode. It is believed that the last anchorite lived in Kilkenny as late as the 17th century. Another connection with the Eastern Church is that the Church in Ireland in early times observed Easter on the Eastern and not the Western day.

Another spectacular recent archaeological discovery in Ireland, further ties the early church to that of the Middle Eastern Coptic church, it was the discovery, in a bog at Fadden More in Tipperary of the remains of an illuminated vellum manuscript Psalter, written in Latin but obviously a translation from ancient Christian text and also bound with the aid of papyrus possibly from Egypt in a fashion previously unknown in Ireland.

This connection with the Eastern Church is difficult to understand or justify but I believe it could have been the result of the Roman Empire occupying most of Western Europe but not Ireland.

The early Christian Church was very different in its make-up from what we have today – it was much more monastic. Many of the small monasteries were apparently handed down from father to son. Such practices were not approved of by the Pope and so we arrive at the Bull of Pope Adrian the IV which allegedly empowered Henry II to Conquer Ireland in A.D. 1155. The text says "Thou hast signified to us, indeed, most beloved son in Christ, that thou dost desire to enter into the island of Ireland, in order to subject the people to the laws and to extirpate the vices that have taken root, and that thou art willing to pay an annual pension to St Peter of one penny from every house, and to preserve the rights of the churches in that land inviolate and entire. We, therefore, seconding with the favour it deserves thy pious and laudable desire,

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and granting a benignant assent to thy petition, are well pleased that, for the enlargement of the bounds of the church, for the restraint of vice, for the correction of morals and the introduction of virtues, for the advancement of the Christian religion, thou shouldst enter that island, and carry out there the things that look to the honour of God and to its own salvation”.

So what does this really say – it seems to say – Go over to there and put manners on the Church.

The authenticity of this Papal Bull has long been in dispute. It is said that a Papal Bull was sent to England at this time but whether this was the wording is the matter in dispute. It seems strange that if the Bull and desire were authentic - why did it take until 1171, or sixteen years later, for King Henry II to invade Ireland.

Pope Adrian IV was the only English Pope.

So we must enter St. Doulagh's Cell. It is only 12 feet by 12 feet. This was the space occupied by St Doulagh or indeed by any other anchorite monk. It is believed that they would enter this room or one like it at about the age of sixteen and that they would remain there for the rest of their lives. Marianus Scotus, or Marianus the Irishman, who was also an anchorite, wrote a book in which he gives an account of being an anchorite. The following is an extract from that text –



“An inclusa, that is, the abode of an inclusus, should be built of stone, measuring twelve feet in length, and as

many in breadth. It should have three windows, one facing the choir, through which he may receive the body of Christ; another at the opposite side, through which he may receive his food; and a third to admit light, but which should always be filled with glass or horn. The window through which he receives his food should be secured with a bolt, and have a glazed lattice, which can be opened and closed, because no one should be able to look in except so far as the glass will allow, nor should the recluse have a view out. He should be provided with three articles, namely, a jar, a towel, and a cup. After tierce, he is to lay the cup and jar outside the window, and then close it. About noon he is to come over and see whether his dinner be there. If it be, he is to sit down at the window and eat and drink. When he has done, whatever remains is to be left outside for anyone who may choose to remove it, and he is to take no thought for the morrow. But if it should happen that he has nothing for his dinner, he must not omit to return his accustomed thanks to God, though he is to remain without food till the following day. His garments are to be a gown and a cap, which he is to wear waking and sleeping. In winter, if the severity of the weather require it, he may, with his pastor's licence, wear a woolly cloak, because he is not allowed to have any fire except what his candle produces. He is to be provided with a cotton pallet and a bolster. Three times a week he is to fast on bread and water, namely, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. On the other days he may eat one Lenten dish, and pears or apples if he has any. On Sundays and the principal festivals he may use milk. He is to observe silence; between noon and evening, however, he may speak, if he wishes.”

We have all seen in our time vows of celibacy, of chastity, of silence etc. but none compare with those of an anchorite. During his lifetime the anchorite was expected to dig his own grave within the chamber and this alone would take up to 25% of his space. It was to remind him of his final earthly resting place. It is said that perhaps most anchorites would have been sons of wealthier families who could afford to maintain the anchorite with food etc. As they were unable to leave their cell they really can't be described as hermits who chose to live in isolation but who had the freedom to move around. A correct description of an anchorite can be seen in the centre in Glendalough.

A very good read is a BBC Book - Vikings – A history – Neil Oliver

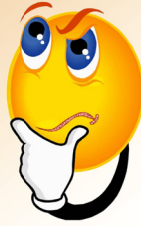
It says – “The community on Lindisfarne was initially a product not of Roman Christianity, but of its Irish – Celtic variant. The conversion of Ireland had begun in the fifth century and because the society there had never been part of the Roman Empire, the early Church followed its own path, significantly independent from the dictates and fashions of Rome. It was therefore Rome Celtic Christianity that came to Scotland with St Columba towards the end of the sixth century, and that took root most tellingly on that other northern British Holy Island, Iona, just off the west coast of the larger island of Mull.

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Tom's thoughtful spot

Christians and politics

At least three major events have shaped our lives in the last decade: recession, covid and the war in the Ukraine. The extent and speed at which these events arrived were not foreseen. Many of us are still adjusting our lives as a result of their impacts. Other developments including climate change also pose a huge and long-term challenge.



Thankfully we have enjoyed a relative prosperity and peace over recent decades. The arrival of war in Europe in February of this year has come as a huge shock. In a matter of hours old certainties and assumptions have vanished. Here in Ireland we will need to re-appraise our stance at international level especially in a European context. The European Union (for which we pray in the Prayer Book) is evolving into something far more than a common or single market: the Union is a political force providing economic and political integration to defend democratic values and improve the living conditions of European citizens. We should be grateful for this. However, we need to play a more active, prayerful and engaged part in this undertaking. Christian churches need to engage with a host of social issues from migration to ecology to European security.

As Christians, we are called to work for the Kingdom of God here on earth. This makes demands on us as disciples to shape our lives and our relationships around values informed by the good news of Jesus Christ. Politics – the business of governing and overseeing – is not an extra option for us. At the very least, we are duty bound to inform ourselves, engage respectfully in dialogue and sharing of information and to vote. Some of us may even feel called to play a more active role in the political process whether as activists or party members.

Christians do not belong to left, right or centre. We are, in the first place, radical because we seek transformation from the inner heart outwards. So many social projects have failed because of a fundamental neglect of the heart. Attempts to build societal utopias based on social or racial engineering floundered on the rock of human greed and lust for power.

While agreeing on key principles and values we will encounter many hues of political persuasion in the household of faith. Our starting point must be the work of compassion and justice. Political diversity founded on democratic values is to be welcomed. What values are important for us? I suggest the three 'S's':

Solidarity with others near and far but especially those who are poor or vulnerable;

Subsidiarity which is the idea that authorities should delegate or decentralise decision making as much as possible;

Shared understandings of human dignity that crosses age, social status and ethnicity.

Solidarity implies that we strive to protect the weakest and support access to public services such as health, education and sustainable public transport. Access to accommodation is a basic right among others. In this regard there is much room for improvement given the acute shortage of housing and the ever escalating cost of renting or buying.

Subsidiarity is a vital value because we risk undermining human liberties or responsibility by relying too much on State-led or top-down organisation of society. We have seen the disastrous results of authoritarian regimes operating on communist or fascist ideologies in the past century. The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1990 was widely expected to usher in a new and happy chapter in history. Alas, a new-found capitalism became even more feral especially in countries where the oligarchs or the very wealthy substituted for State bureaucracies and elites.

A shared understanding of human dignity springs from our belief that all have been made in the image and likeness of God. However, human dignity is nurtured in the common home that is the natural world in which we live and move and have our means of nourishment and provision of essentials. Humanity is entering into a decisive moment in which our very future depends on decisions made in this decade to curb CO2 emissions and develop new sources of renewable energy. In the name of God, we cannot afford to be silent about these and other social challenges.

Here in Western Europe we need to reach out to our Orthodox sisters and brothers in the East. Some in positions of leadership in the East have openly supported political and military actions that are an affront to human dignity and solidarity.

In this moment of existential crisis, we should turn to God more and more in our daily lives as well as open our hearts, home and societies to those fleeing war, poverty and persecution. This is easy to say until it comes to our own doorstep or neighbourhood. Are we ready to be a good Samaritan? Politics like charity begins at home. However, it does not stop there.

Tom Healy

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A monk named Aidan arrived from the West, and he was granted the tidal island of Lindisfarne as the setting for a monastic community. The Celtic idiosyncrasies included such apparent affronts as a different hairstyle for the monks, but the crucial (and unforgivable) stumbling blocks was the way the Irishmen had calculated the date for Easter each year – so that the two Churches might celebrate the principal festival of the Christian year as much as a month apart. The Synod of Whitby in 664 decided in favour of Roman ways, and many of the disgruntled Celts took their leave of Lindisfarne for good and there, returning to Iona, where they felt able to continue doing things their own way and the right way as they understood it."

Times don't change that much!!!

Derek Moffatt

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Church Services

May

St. Andrew's Church, Malahide: Sunday Services at 11:30

1st	Holy Communion	Rev. Kingsley Long
8th	Morning Prayer	Mark Acheson
15th	Holy Communion	Canon Robert Deane
22nd	Morning Prayer	Tom Healy
29th	United Service of Healing & Wholeness	Canon Lesley Robinson

No weekday Services.

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

1st	Holy Communion	Rev. Kingsley Long
8th	Morning Prayer	Mark Acheson
15th	Holy Communion	Canon Robert Deane
22nd	Morning Prayer	Tom Healy
29th	No Service. United Service of Healing & Wholeness at St. Andrew's	Canon Lesley Robinson

June

Details of June Services for both churches will be available on the Parish Website and in the weekly information bulletin from the Parish Office.

World Day of Prayer – 2022

This year's World Day of Prayer took place on Friday 4th March. It was a bright sunny day and the daffodils were in full bloom, Covid restrictions had just been lifted and it finally felt like Spring was in the air.

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome us all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This seemed particularly poignant considering Russia had invaded Ukraine only the week before.

WDP is truly an ecumenical undertaking and this year it was hosted by the women of St. Anne's in Portmarnock. The theme was – "I know the plans I have for you." An invitation to place our trust in God in times of suffering.

The service was based on the letter that the prophet Jeremiah wrote to the exiles in Babylonia. Women from the many churches of Portmarnock and Malahide relayed the stories of many women who feel excluded - living in poverty or in fear of violence. A large congregation came to share the service with us as we prayed together and lit candles in hope.

Those churches taking part included St. Andrew's, St Sylvester's, St. Anne's, the Presbyterian church and Sacred Heart who will be hosting the WDP in 2023.

After the service we enjoyed sandwiches and cake together all home made by our wonderful hosts at St. Anne's. After two years of pandemic, this felt like a truly heart-warming occasion, sharing food together and chatting.

I will be taking on the mantle of organising St. Andrew's contribution to WDP next year taking over from Susan Gamble who has done such an excellent job so far. I will be looking for volunteers nearer the time to read and also to support us in the congregation. I hope some of you will be able to get involved.

Sally-Anne Edwards

St. Andrew's Recipe

CHICKEN FAJITA WITH MEXICAN RICE AND FRESH TOMATO & CORIANDER SALSA



Ingredients:

- 800g Chicken fillets (sliced)
- 70g Fajita seasoning
- 2 x red peppers
- 1 x yellow peppers
- 2 x teaspoons of Garlic Granules
- 2 x white onions (diced)
- 3 x garlic cloves (chopped)
- 1 cup of frozen sweetcorn

Method:

1. Place small amount of oil in a frying pan and heat.
2. Place sliced Chicken in hot pan and fry until nearly cooked.
3. Place the diced onions, peppers and sweetcorn in frying pan with the chicken.
4. Coat all the ingredients with the fajita seasoning along with the garlic granules and pepper and salt to season.
5. Stir all the ingredients in the pan until cooked.

Mexican Rice

Ingredients:

- 2 x cups of rice (long grain)
- 4 x cups boiling water
- 1 x Chicken stock cube
- 2 x 400g cans of chopped tomatoes
- 3 x teaspoon garlic granules
- 4 x tablespoons paprika
- 2 x tablespoons mild chilli powder
- 1 x white onion diced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon cumin

Method:

6. Fry the rice in olive oil until lightly browned.
7. Pour in the chicken stock in boiling water, chopped tomatoes, onion and all seasoning.
8. Leave to simmer on a low heat for 25/30 mins until rice is fully cooked.
9. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Salsa

Ingredients:

- 1/2 fresh lime
- 4 large vine tomatoes (diced)
- 1 teaspoon rock salt
- Bunch of fresh coriander chopped
- 2 x cloves garlic diced

Method:

10. 1. Place the diced tomatoes and all the ingredients in a bowl and mix.

Serve with warmed wraps and for an extra kick you can fry some diced chorizo in a hot pan with no oil.

Enjoy!

MOTHERS' UNION NOTES



THEME: TRANSFORMATION - NOW

At the end of February, four Branch members attended the Breakfast Meeting in Leixlip. The speaker was June Butler, All Ireland President. This event was very enjoyable and gave the opportunity to those attending to meet up with members of other Branches.

At our Branch Meeting on 10th March we had planned to have a speaker from the organisation Dogs for the Disabled but unfortunately, due to being a Covid-19 close contact, she had to cancel. However, we were delighted to welcome Canon David to speak about his life and ministry and we thank him for stepping in at short notice.

Ada Lawson was commissioned as Mothers' Union Diocesan President in Castleknock on 25th March. The Branch members wish her every success in her new role.

Our AGM was held on 7th April and was very well attended. We welcomed Daryl Hyland to the Committee and the 2021/22 serving Officers and Committee were re-elected for another year. The future of the Branch was discussed at length and the Committee will meet soon to plan the programme and events for the new season. Olive thanked all the members for continuing to support the Branch and hope 2022/23 will be a better year for all. The Branch wished Canon David well and a speedy recovery to health.

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