

From the Rector

Dear Parishioners,

On this my first occasion to put pen to paper for the Parish Mirror, I want, at the very outset, to say a big thank you for your welcome and kindness, shown in so many ways, since my appointment as Rector of the United Parishes of Malahide, Portmarnock and St Doulagh's.

By the time the magazine appears in print, the Institution will have taken place and Tanya and I will be well settled in The Rectory.

In advance of our arrival, much work was undertaken in The Rectory, and I should wish to thank, most sincerely, the Glebes Committee and all involved with that project. The house is looking really well, and we will look forward to welcoming parishioners to our new home in due course. The refurbishment which was undertaken was extensive, time consuming and, as these things always are, costly. Thank you for all you have done and for the constructive and enthusiastic way in which you went about the task.

The Rectory grounds are also looking superb; we are most fortunate indeed in Ruairi Delaney and his father, Tom who have worked tirelessly in recent weeks cutting grass, weeding, replenishing flower beds and cutting back the greenery at the back of the house. The way in which both men maintain the church grounds, and the churchyard in particular, is a credit to them and to the parish. Their talents also extend at St Doulagh's

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'Grow together in Faith'

There was an air of excitement and delight in St Andrew's Church in Malahide as parishioners gathered to welcome our new Rector on Friday evening (November 5). Canon David Gillespie was instituted Rector of the United Parishes of Malahide, Portmarnock and St Doulagh's by Archbishop Michael Jackson.



David was joined by his wife Tanya, and members of his family travelled from Northern Ireland to be with him. Continuing restrictions on numbers allowed in church meant that some people could not attend the service in person. However, many people watched online including large numbers from his former parish of St Ann's and St Stephen's. Members of the choir, who had not sung together for over 18 months, provided the music for the service.

The sermon was preached by the Archbishop who focused on Romans 15: 14 and 15 which he said gave a framework of care, church and community.

Archbishop Jackson said it was very important that a Rector cared for his or her own spiritual life and personal discipleship. He said it was not possible for a Rector to serve in ordained life without thinking of it as a gift from God.

"Care of oneself, within the love and the service and the response to the gift from God, is essential to being a happy Rector. And a parish surely wants its

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Rector to be happy if it, in turn, is to be a happy parish. A Rector is not a Branch Manager or a local CEO of an NGO called The Church of Ireland. A Rector is a servant of God like any parishioner but also with specific responsibilities and opportunities within the parish as Rector," the Archbishop said.

He added that it was important that the Rector and parishioners find happiness in a positive parish and in a worshipping church. On that front he paid tribute to the Rural Dean, Canon Lesley Robinson and her team, for sustaining a strong sense of worship in the parish "through the period of the most severe and sustained closure of churches and lockdown of church people in living memory". Parish and Rector now had the opportunity to grow together in faith and in the image and likeness of God as they planned for the present and the future, he stated.

Archbishop Jackson said that community offered churches a particular challenge and opportunity. "The community is not a field ripe for harvesting by any church. The community is people with their own preoccupations, joys and sorrows, to whom the values and the generosity of the church are overwhelmingly unknown today and where we as Christian people are ambassadors of God's goodness," he said. He added that there were real opportunities for the parish to meet and enjoy community belonging and the new Rector had years of experience of doing this in St Ann's and St Stephen's.

Welcoming Canon Gillespie on behalf of the parishioners, Anne Winslow O'Dea said they were delighted that the day of the institution had arrived. She noted that many more parishioners, friends and supporters would have liked to come but that keeping people safe was a priority. She said that parishioners were very proud of their lay readers, churches, school, relationships with sister churches and the community.

Outlining the search of the parish nominators for their new Rector, she said that for once Covid was their friend as they were able to surf the internet and watch services online. She said they had connected with Canon Gillespie and he with them and looked forward to a new and fresh vision and to him "welcoming, witnessing and worshipping" with them. She highlighted the parish's historic churches and said that the bicentenary of St Andrew's would be celebrated next year. "Every day there is something to be grateful for and tonight is no exception," she stated. "We thank the Archbishop for your support and we are grateful for the support of Norman and Susan for over 30 years and Lesley's support for the past 10 months as well as the clergy and lay readers. We will work to support you [David]. After the celebrations there is work to do and you can do it. We can do it."

Representing the local Roman Catholic churches, Fr Martin Noone said he was delighted to welcome David and Tanya on behalf of the community. He wished them every blessing and looked forward to working together in

the service of the Lord.

Archbishop Jackson thanked David for all the work he had done at St Ann's and St Stephen's and in contributing to civic life in the heart of the city. He noted the warm welcome from parishioners in Malahide and said it was clear that people wanted to build a new future together.

Canon Gillespie thanked everyone for their warm welcome and kindness since he and Tanya moved into the rectory and said he was really looking forward to all that lay ahead. He thanked all who had worked on the rectory and those who had organised the service and the Archbishop for his sermon and support. He looked forward to meeting and getting to know his parishioners.

Parish Registers

Funerals

Tom Fitzpatrick

Tom, a former very involved member of our Select Vestry who at one time managed all activities in the parish hall, now known as our parish centre, died on 13th September. His funeral service has been proudly deferred as his body has been donated to medical science. We extend our condolences and sympathies to his wife Marion and family.

Vivienne Firth.

On 14th September we heard of the death of Vivienne Firth. Viv (as she was known) is survived by her husband Richard and her children Ioana and Tenny. The funeral service was held in St. Andrew's church with burial in adjoining graveyard and was conducted by Revd Ken Sherwood assisted by our rector in charge Revd Lesley Robinson. Our condolences to Richard and family.

Sheila Jackson

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Sheila Jackson on 16th September, just a mere month after the death of her husband Eddie. Our sympathies are with her daughter Gillian and sons Ian and Steven. Her funeral service was conducted in Dardistown crematorium by Revd. Kingsley Long.

Harold Kinsman

Last month we proudly congratulated Harold Kinsman on celebrating his 100th birthday, and now very much regret reporting Harold's death on 2nd October. His funeral service was conducted by Revd. Lesley Robinson in St. Andrew's church with burial in the adjoining graveyard. Our sympathies go to his wife Margaret and children Moira, Oonagh and William and all their extended family.

Down MEMORY LANE (and far beyond)

St Doulagh's Church – The Baptistery

The date of origin of the Baptistery is unknown. It is octagonal in shape which we believe is unique in Ireland – but this may not be so. It should be noted that there is an octagonal lavabo or washhouse in the great Cistercian Abbey at Mellifont in Co. Louth. The abbey dates from 1142 and one might just wonder had the French monks in Mellifont any hand in the building of the baptistery at St Doulagh's.

In Christianity, the number eight represented the re-birth and re-creation. The octagon served as a visual reminder of the six days of God's creation of heaven and earth, the one day of Sabbath, and the eighth day, upon which Christians were "re-born" or "re-created" through baptism. Octagons had become a common shape for baptisteries around the world. So says Dan Brown in the "Inferno".

The Baptistery is oriented to the four cardinal points with the entry facing South. On the other three faces are loopholes, each in the form of a cross. Again because of the shape of the Baptistery, four panels are created inside, in the corners between the main four faces. We know that the Baptistery dates from at least 1609 as in that year a Mr. Peter Fagan, a brother of Mr. John Fagan of Feltrim paid for the painting of four frescoes in these four panels. The murals depicted St. Doulagh dressed an Anchorite and the three principal saints of the early church, St. Patrick, St. Briget and St. Columcille. The centre piece in the ceiling would have represented the celestial heavens with the Holy Spirit descending on the apostles.

Unfortunately, Sir Richard Bulkeley of Dunlavin in

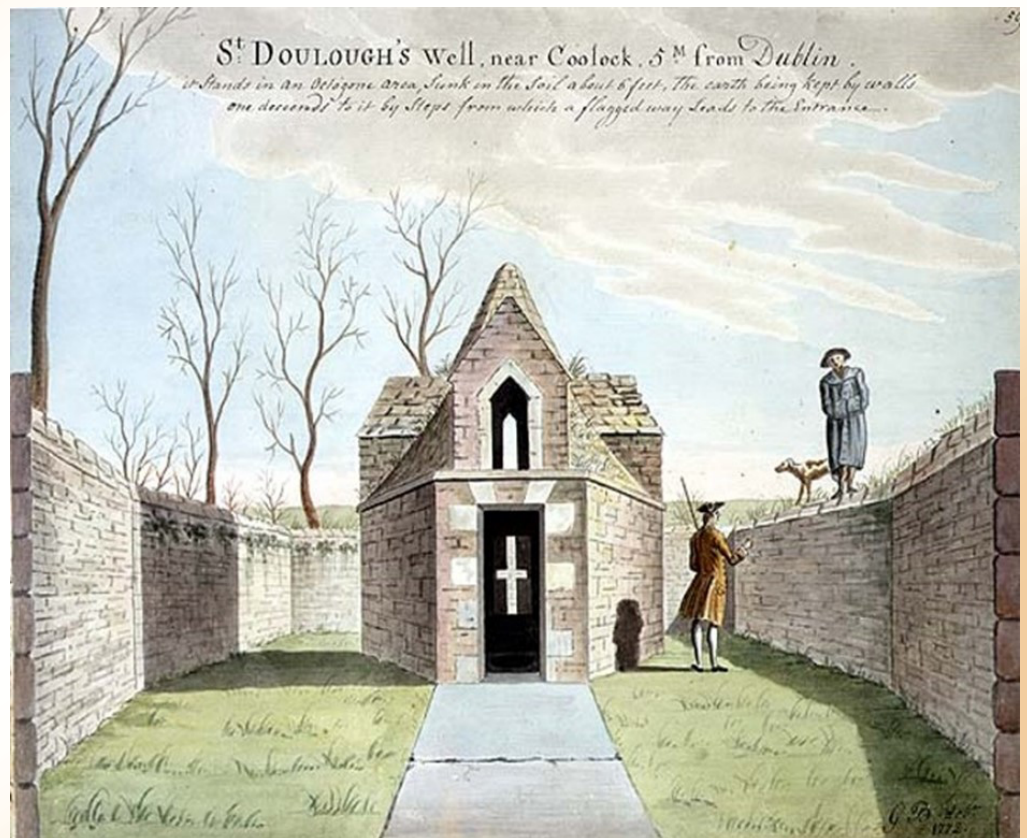
County Wicklow, a puritan, who was returning from the Battle of the Boyne in 1690 destroyed the frescoes. He was a hunchback and apparently under the influence of others. This can be seen in the context of time as it was just under forty years after the ending of the Civil War in England and the removal of statues, brass communion rails etc. from churches.

If one looks up you can still see the remains of the plaster on the alcove panels and ceiling. Whether this is original plaster has still to be determined.

The well is finished with a very fine circular single piece stone and of course wells were essential of the wellbeing of any community.

On the wall at the entrance was a tablet in Latin with the following inscription "Bethesda's sacred pool, let others tell, With healing virtues let her waters swell; An equal glory shall Fingallia claim, Nor be less grateful for her blissful stream. Thy prayers, Doulachus, mounted up to Heav'n, Thence to thy will the mighty power is given. To drive the fiery fever far away, Strength to replace and rescue from decay, In every malady to life a stay. The Cherub, wondrous, moves his wat'ry sphere; The saint beholds, who stirs the fountain here, Hail, lovely fount! If long unsung they name, It hence shall rise above the starry frame".

To the rear of the Baptistery can be found a baptismal bath. This was totally covered at the time of restoration in 1989 but its existence was made known by an elderly man who lived locally and who had in turn been told when he was much younger by another elderly gentleman that it existed. Why three steps down? Baptism is in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.



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Church where the front lawn and the churchyard are kept beautifully.

I am grateful to the Rural Dean, Canon Lesley Robinson for making the arrangements for the Service of Institution and to all who took part especially the choir and organist, Mr Rodney Baldwin. Tanya and I both love church music and we look forward very much to supporting Rodney, and encouraging the members of the choir, in any way we can.

Now that there has been a further relaxation of Covid-related restrictions, we can look forward to the return of more normal forms of church worship and to greater attendances at church on Sundays. Many churches have reported a slow return to churchgoing, but I look forward to welcoming as many people as feel comfortable to return and to getting to know as many of my new parishioners as possible. Please do remember that it will take me time to get to know each of you and if I forget your name, in these early days, please do not be slow to remind me of it! It will take time for me to get to you, but please do be in touch if I can help in any way. Details of a new telephone number for The Rectory and my email address are included in this edition of the magazine.

The season of Advent is just around the corner and if I may draw your attention to the details elsewhere [p. 8] in the magazine) of an Online Advent Retreat with which I am involved. It will take place on Zoom and offers attendees a time of prayer and reflection in what is a busy time for most of us. The speaker is the Rev. Ruth Patterson, who is excellent. For booking, please contact Catherine Smith: catherine.smith@rcbdub.org or contact me directly.

Elsewhere, you will find details of services for Advent and Christmas. We look forward to the Advent Carol Service and to the return of the Nine Lessons and Carols in both

churches - Covid restrictions permitting.

We have all lived through the most traumatic of times – the ongoing pandemic has taken its toll on everyone. However, we can now begin to look forward and, beyond Christmas, to 2022 which is, of course, a very special year in the life of St Andrew's Parish which will celebrate its bicentenary. We will give some thought as to how we might suitably mark the occasion early in the new year. Suffice to say, for the moment, that it will be an opportunity for all of us to re-dedicate ourselves anew to the important work and witness that God has called us to in this most beautiful part of north County Dublin.

May God bless you and thank you again for all you have done in advance of our arrival to St Andrew's and St Doulagh's.

David



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Tom's thoughtful spot

Love for life

A reflection on Mark 10:2-16 [Sunday 3rd October 2021]



Marriage is a keystone in the life of most people. Falling in love, making a commitment and staying faithful to it is the story of so many people. Thank God for this. All societies value marriage: it is the bedrock of happy relationships, stable and nurturing environments for children to grow up in and the means by which couples support each other in the ups and downs of life.

I am afraid that the ideal of marriage – as a self-sacrificing love that lasts until death of one partner – is not the reality for many, many people especially in these Western and post-modern societies. It may come as a surprise to those not familiar with the scriptures and Jewish history that divorce was commonplace in the time of Jesus. In fact, the grounds for a man to issue a decree of divorce were flimsy enough. In this context, the clear, blunt and uncompromising teaching of Jesus was as shocking to those who heard Jesus 2,000 years ago as it is to those of us today who take care to listen to the Word of God and take it seriously. Indeed, in our own lifetimes we have seen huge changes in attitudes and behaviours where sex, marriage, birth control, divorce and remarriage are concerned. Here in Ireland two bitter referenda were fought in 1986 and again in 1995 to remove the constitutional ban on divorce. The latter referendum was carried by the slimmest of margins at that time.

It would be all too easy in these few words this Sunday to talk about divorce and how to navigate this topic given the cultural context in which the Bible refers to divorce as well as the varying interpretations and pastoral challenges that confront the churches today. The matter has been compounded by the question of same-sex marriages. Let me not go there this Sunday. Rather, let me focus on what is essential, radical and compassionate about Jesus's teaching about marriage.

In the teachings of Jesus love comes before every rule

and every custom. The Sabbath was made for men and women and not the other way round. Marriage is a wonderful and free gift for those ready to receive it. Marriage grows from the love of two people. What is special about married love is that it is exclusive to two persons. Not just that but it is for life – at least until one partner passes from this life. Finally, marriage is open to new life because sexual love is ordered to the union of those married as well as the procreation of new life – God willing and circumstances permitting of course!

Today, sadly, as in Jesus' day many fall short of the ideal of an exclusive, life-giving and life-long relationship 'until death do us part'. There are as many reasons for this as there are married persons. To stay faithful means so much and has huge benefits for children, women, men and for society as a whole of which family is the basic unit.

We should do everything possible to help individuals and couples remain faithful to their married vows. Of course, in a minority of cases, physical and psychological abuse indicate that separation is the best way forward for everyone. Most cases of relationship breakdown are not so clear cut. Much prayer, dialogue and support is required to help people in difficulties.

I can speak from personal experience that marital separation is a hugely traumatic and heart-breaking experience and one that is not made lightly.

Many find themselves in second relationships. Some even go through the terrible trauma of divorce which is devastating financially, psychologically and spiritually. Many remarry and find new happiness and joy. We must look with eyes of compassion on those wounded by such experiences even if the outcome is a positive and loving commitment. I have no easy answers. It is easy to quote those verses of scripture to defend a 'liberal' approach or a strict 'no exceptions' approach to divorce and re-marriage.

The best way of responding to a world turned upside down is to re-affirm Christian values of:

Love for life

Loving sexual union

Love for family.

If people should find love, life and freedom in re-marriage after a journey of pain and separation who am I or who is anyone to exclude them from full communion in and with the Body of Christ?

Tom Healy



The institution of Rev. Canon David Gillespie



In St. Andrew's Church, Malahide



Parish Centre News

It has been a very busy Autumn in the Parish Centre with most of our regular users returning and some new ones starting. The weekdays and evenings are busy with Kandoo, Little Milestones, Irish Dancing, Taekwondo and Ballet. On Saturdays, Little Kickers and Girls' Brigade are back using the centre too and on one Sunday a month we have the Young Dublin Symphonia practising in the Main Hall.

Kandoo held a Halloween party in aid of 'Trick or Treat for Temple Street'. They raised €1,000 and have matched the donation themselves to give a total of €2,000. Congratulations to Susan and in particular Charlene for all the baking and treats she made.

Vicki

MOTHERS' UNION NOTES

REBUILDING HOPE AND CONFIDENCE

Due to Covid 19 restrictions a small occasion was held by the Committee of Malahide Branch Mothers' Union in September to mark the retirement of Rev. Norman Gamble.



On behalf of the Branch, we thank Norman and Susan for all their support and care over the years. We wish them every happiness in their retirement and in their new home and look forward to seeing Susan at our Branch Meetings in the future.

We were very sad to hear of the death of one of our members. Sheila Jackson died on 16th September, and we offer our sincere condolences to the Jackson family. Sheila was a great supporter of MU and although she was not able to attend Branch Meetings in recent years, Betty Burnby regularly kept in touch with Sheila and kept her up to date with news from the Branch.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Parish Centre on 14th October. This was very well attended by members and the Committee was elected for the 2021/22 season. The programme was discussed, and the ideas suggested will be followed up by the Committee. It is hoped to have a Branch Meeting in November and members will be contacted when this is organised.

Olive Haynes

St. Andrew's Recipe



Herb & Sausagemeat Stuffing

Ingredients:

- 50g butter
- 2 red onions chopped
- 8 rashers rindless streaky bacon chopped
- 350g sausagemeat
- 250g breadcrumbs
- A good handful of parsley chopped
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh sage or 2 tsp dried
- 3 tbsp chopped fresh thyme or 2 tsp dried
- 1 egg beaten

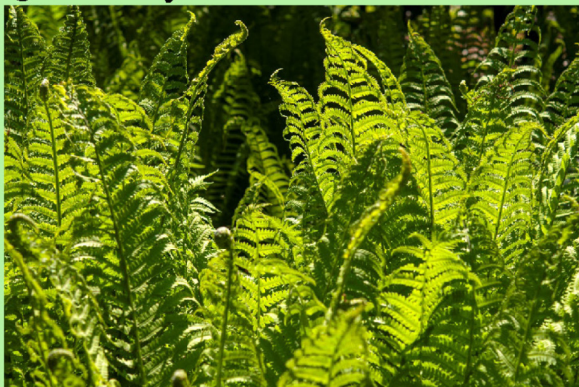
Method:

1. Melt the butter in a pan, then fry the onions with the bacon for about 8 mins until softened and golden.
2. Put the sausagemeat in a bowl with the breadcrumbs, herbs and egg. Mix well.
3. Add the onion and the bacon mix and stir in.
4. Leave to cool.
5. Place the mixture in a greased loaf tin and cook for roughly 1 hour at 170°C until a golden brown crust appears.

Enjoy!

'One Step Too Far Away – One Breath Too Near'

An online Advent retreat for lay people and for clergy
Organised by the Commission on Ministry



Saturday 20th
November 2021
9.30 am -1pm

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Speaker: Rev Ruth Patterson is a Presbyterian minister, and for the last 29 years has been Director of Restoration Ministries, a non-denominational, Christian organisation committed to peace and reconciliation. In 1976 she was the first woman to be ordained in Ireland. She was the recipient of the Alumna of the Year 2000 award (Edinburgh University / Royal Bank of Scotland), in 2001 an honorary doctorate from the Presbyterian Theology Faculty of Ireland, and in 2003 was awarded an OBE for her efforts in reconciliation. She has authored five books and numerous articles stemming from her commitment to unity and peace. She is one of four church representatives to L'Arche International and holds the post of Ecumenical Canon in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast. She is on the Board of Oneings, a bi-annual publication of the Centre for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Christmas Eve 1989

A recollection by Kingsley Long

Traditionally, Christmas Services in our United Parishes start with Holy Communion at 11.30 PM on Christmas Eve, again at 8.00 AM on Christmas Morning, and Morning Prayer at 11.30, in St. Andrews, with a Holy Communion service in St. Doulagh's Church at 10.30AM. Within 12 hours there were four Services, three being celebrations of the Holy Communion.

This tradition was very slightly altered in December 1989. The Rector, Canon Gough Cooper, had taken ill on Christmas Eve, but was happy to take the services as scheduled, and supported by a Lay Reader.

At 11.25PM, all preparation were made, the two clerics robed, and the vestry prayer said, when our Rector took a weakness, and was helped by the Church Wardens, back to the Rectory.

The Lay Reader, not being ordained, was authorised to read the HC service, up to "The Prayer for The Church Militant", but no further. (Five pages of an 11-page service).

Within two minutes of the vestry prayer, the unfortunate Lay Reader was thrust into the leadership of worship. The church was two-thirds full as he announced that the Rector was taken ill, and that Lay Readers are allowed to read the Holy Communion service but that he was prohibited from reading beyond "The Prayer for The Church Militant".

The service commenced, the ecclesiastical laws were complied with, and after reading the allowed portion, he ended with a blessing, and disappeared into the vestry behind the organ.

This is where confusion broke out. Being Christmas Eve, many of the faithful were not punctual as to the starting time, so had not heard the announcement. They were astonished when the Lay Reader vanished and the congregation started to leave the Church for no apparent reason. It was then explained by those who were on time.

More confusion was caused as the congregation left the church only to see the very late pilgrims coming through the gates, astonished and looking at their watches.

Eventually, the unfortunate Lay Reader returned home, and explained his difficulties to his family, at least to those still awake. The next step was to prepare a Sermon and Prayers for another three services, later that morning.

At a time when parishioners would be hanging up their empty stockings, hoping that they would be filled with surprises, that unfortunate Lay Reader was sitting down at his desk looking at an empty page, and hoping that it too would be filled with surprises, to be delivered from the two churches' pulpits, within a very few hours.

Farewell message from Lesley Robinson

'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven' Ecclesiastes 3:1

At the beginning of this year, a very long incumbency ended, and these united parishes entered a time of clerical vacancy for the first time in thirty years. As Rural Dean it fell to me to arrange pastoral and liturgical cover at a time when the resurgence of the coronavirus pandemic meant that our retired clergy had to continue to cocoon, so I saw no other option than to assume the role of Priest-in-Charge myself. Eleven months later, as I relinquish that position, I can honestly say that the experience of getting to know even some of you and working with the Select Vestry and its sub-committees has been both a pleasure and a privilege. With the churches closed for the first five months of the year, the weekly zoom services proved to be an acceptable and enjoyable alternative, which allowed us to meet and greet each other in a safe, virtual space and to bellow out our favourite hymns from the comfort of our own homes and with all the confidence that the 'mute' button brings! I'm thankful to Dr. Tom Healy who has continued to provide this online option since we re-opened to in-person worship in May. I'm also thankful to the other two members of Team Clontarf who kept the show on the road during the interregnum- Mark Acheson and Rev. Prof. Anne Lodge, and to Rev. Kingsley Long who officiated at a number of funerals, and Rev. Ken Sherwood who stepped in to help lighten my load when I broke my ankle in the Summer. Sadly, too many parishioners lost loved ones over the course of this year: they remain in my thoughts and prayers. My sincere thanks go to Linda Barry and Hazel Bolton for always making themselves available to ensure that funeral services, and indeed baptisms, went off without a hitch. Thanks also to Nigel Warburton and Brian Brown for steering me in the right direction at Select Vestry meetings, and to all of you who always made me feel so welcome and appreciated.

As we prepare for the Institution of your new Rector, David, I have no doubt that he will receive your full support and that he and Tanya will feel cherished and cared for as they settle in. Your parochial nominators worked very hard on your behalf and made a great choice and it is not only my prayer but also my firm belief that together you will go from strength to strength in these united parishes. I look forward to making occasional visits back to St. Doulagh's and St. Andrew's as opportunities arise and wish you all God's richest blessings as you embark on the exciting new journey ahead.

*Rev. Lesley Robinson
Rector, Clontarf Parish, Church of St. John the Baptist
Rural Dean of Fingal*

Woodbine Willie

1883 - 1929

Revd. Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy was the son of the Revd. William Studdert Kennedy the vicar responsible in 1864 for repairing the medieval part of St Doulagh's and rebuilding the present church in which we worship today.

After completing the building works William and his family emigrated to England in 1865.

Tragically his wife Jane died in childbirth leaving William to look after their five children. Geoffrey, the youngest son of his second marriage to Joan Anketell, was born in 1883 in Quarry Hill, Leeds. He was an avid reader and a good student who after grammar school was sent to Trinity College Dublin from where in, 1904 he was awarded a First with Silver Medal in Classics and Divinity. Returning to England he worked as a teacher until, like his father and grandfather he received a calling to enter the church. After being ordained in 1908 he was appointed as curate to Rugby Parish Church.

Geoffrey had a kind and generous nature which endeared him to his parishioners especially those less well off than himself but above all he was a brilliant orator and when he preached his congregation listened, a virtue for which he was later to be appointed Royal Chaplain.

In 1914 he married and moved to his new parish of St Paul's in Worcester, however with the outbreak of war in July of that year Geoffrey being true to his belief that all young men should join up, volunteered as an Army Chaplain.

His first posting was to Rouen in northern France in 1915 where his job was to minister to the soldiers, spiritually preparing them for battle. He mixed well with the troops, they loved him especially as he came from a working-class background and spoke plainly and often in rough language that was familiar to them.

As the troops were dispatched to the various 'battle fronts' by train, Geoffrey would pass down the carriages dispensing Bibles or New Testaments to those who could read but more importantly giving each a packet of cigarettes. In character, the cigarettes were the working man's smoke – 'Woodbines' and it was from this sincere and generous act of kindness that he became affectionately known as 'Woodbine Willie'.

Although a non-combatant he later served at the front, administering to the troops, especially the wounded and dying. He ably assisted medics in the field dressing stations often retrieving injured soldiers from No Man's Land under heavy enemy fire.



He saw action at the infamous Somme in 1916 and later at Messines Ridge in 1917, from where for his courage he was awarded the distinguished Military Cross.

Geoffrey survived the Great War but like many who saw active service was bitterly disillusioned with the outcome, not that Germany had been defeated but that the social conditions for which they believed they were fighting had worsened, the rich were richer, and the poor were poorer!

Instead of returning to mainstream church ministry Geoffrey joined the Industrial Christian Fellowship endeavoring to improve the living conditions of the working classes.

Always considering the need of others before his own he led an exhausting life and died in the flu epidemic of 1929 aged only 46. The nation mourned with huge crowds attending his funeral and as his coffin was lowered many ex-service men and widows tossed packets of Woodbine cigarettes into his grave as a token of their respect.

Woodbine Willie's association with our parish is much more than the simple fact that he was the son of a previous vicar of St Doulagh's.

The late Canon Gough Cooper who was rector here from 1949 – 1990 was also a Forces Chaplain, all be it in the later 1939 – 1945 war from which for his bravery he was awarded two Military Crosses.

Although like many, he seldom spoke of his wartime experiences, Gough in his sermons, especially on Armistice Sundays often mentioned Woodbine Willie and quoted from his poems.

These words from Woodbine Willie's 'Patience' have often been heard as a prayer from within the walls of both St Andrew's and St Doulagh's.

Patience

Sometimes I wish that I might do

Just one grand deed and die,

And by that that one grand deed reach up

To meet God in the sky.

But such is not Thy way, O God

Nor such is Thy decree,

But deed by deed, and tear by tear,

Our souls must climb to Thee....

Church Services for November & December

Morning Prayer Service of the Word will take place on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 10.00 am in St. Doulagh's and 11.30 am in St. Andrew's. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10.00 am in St. Doulagh's and 11.30 am in St. Andrew's.

An alternative Zoom service will be provided at 10.30 am each Sunday.

Full details of the services and the link for the Zoom connection will be distributed by email every Thursday from the Parish Office.

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Church Services

November

St. Andrew's Church, Malahide: Sunday Services

5 th Friday	8.00pm	Institution of the Rev Canon David Gillespie as Rector.
7 th	8.00am	Eucharist One
Third before Advent	11.30am	Eucharist Two
14 th	8.00am	Eucharist One
Second before Advent	11.30am	Morning Prayer Two (with Act of Remembrance)
Remembrance Sunday		
21 st	8.00am	Eucharist One
The Kingship of Christ	11.30am	FAMILY FRIENDLY Eucharist Two
28 th	8.00am	Eucharist One
The First of Advent	11.30am	Advent Carol Service

Weekday Services

Wednesday 10 th	11.00 am	Eucharist Two
Wednesday 17 th , St Doulagh	11.00 am	Eucharist Two (<i>In St Doulagh's Church. There will be no service in St Andrew's Church</i>)
Wednesday 24 th	11.00 am	Eucharist Two
Tuesday 30 th , St Andrew	11.00 am	Eucharist Two

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7 th	Eucharist Two
14 th	Morning Prayer Two (with Act of Remembrance)
21 st	FAMILY FRIENDLY Eucharist (The Kingship of Christ)
28 th	Advent Carol Service

Weekday Service

Wednesday 17 th , St Doulagh the Hermit	11.00 am	Eucharist Two (<i>Please note time!</i>)
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December

St. Andrew's Church, Malahide: Sunday Services

5 th The Second of Advent	8.00am	Eucharist One
	11.30am	Eucharist Two
12 th The Third of Advent	8.00am	Eucharist One
	11.30am	Morning Prayer Two
19 th The Fourth of Advent	8.00am	Eucharist One
	11.30am	Eucharist Two
	6.30pm	Nine Lessons & Carols
26 th The First of Christmas	8.00am	Eucharist One
	11.30am	Morning Prayer Two

Weekday Services

Wednesday 1 st	11.00 am	Eucharist Two
Wednesday 8 th	11.00 am	Eucharist Two
Wednesday 15 th	11.00 am	Eucharist Two
Wednesday 22 nd	11.00 am	Eucharist Two
Friday 24 th Christmas Eve	11.30 pm	First Communion of Christmas
Saturday 25 th Christmas Day	8.00 am	Eucharist One
	11.30 am	FAMILY FRIENDLY Eucharist (<i>All children asked to bring a gift to church please!</i>)

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

5 th	Eucharist Two
12 th	Morning Prayer Two
	Carols by Candlelight (<i>Time TBC!</i>)
19 th	Morning Prayer Two
25 th	FAMILY FRIENDLY Eucharist (<i>All children asked to bring a gift to church please!</i>)
26 th	The First of Christmas

News snippets....

Family worship

There will be a Family Friendly Eucharist in St Andrew's Church on SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER at 11.30am and in St Doulagh's Church at 10am.

These occasional services are planned very much with young people in mind.

They will read the lessons and pray, and your attendance to support and encourage them would be very much appreciated.

The theme of the service in November will be the Kingship of Christ.

St Ann's Choir

We look forward to welcoming members of St Ann's Church Choir to St Doulagh's Church for a candlelit Carol Service on Sunday 12th December, Covid restrictions permitting.

Under the direction of Mr Charles Marshall, the choir sings the Sunday service at St Ann's, Dawson Street, Dublin but many members also sing with Christ Church Cathedral and other choirs in the city.

This promises to be a fantastic evening of festive music not to be missed.

Further details, and the time of the service, will be announced nearer the time.

Readings

November

7 th , The Third Sunday before Advent HC2	Psalm 127 Hebrews 9: 24-28 Mark 12: 38-44
14 th , The Second Sunday before Advent MP2 Remembrance Sunday	Isaiah 2: 1-5 Psalm 130 John 15: 9-17
21 st , The Kingship of Christ FAMILY HC2	Psalm 132: 1-12 Revelation 1: 4b-8 John 18: 33-37
28 th , Advent Carol Service	Order of service and readings TBC.

December

5 th , The Second Sunday of Advent HC2	Psalm 75 Philippians 1: 3-11 Luke 3: 1-6
12 th , The Third Sunday of Advent MP Two	Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Psalm 146 Luke 3: 7-18
19 th , The Fourth Sunday of Advent HC2	Hebrews 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-45
24 th , Christmas Eve	2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-11, 16 Psalm 89: 2, 21-27 Luke 2: 1-20
25 th , Christmas Day	Psalm 98 Hebrews 1: 1-4 John 1: 1-14
26 th , First Sunday of Christmas MP2	Psalm 119 2 Chronicles 24: 20-22 Matthew 10: 17-22

**Wishing all our Parishioners a Happy Christmas
and a Peaceful & Healthy New Year**

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