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CARRIGROHANE UNION OF PARISHES

St Peter's, Carrigrohane
St Senan's, Inniscarra
The Church of the Resurrection,
Blarney

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Huge thank you from Robert & Noelle
Sitting in Ard Dara now over a month
after our wedding - and we are so
thankful for all the very kind gifts, the
love and support of our parish family.



September Mini Series - Vocation & the Call of God

Over the course of 3-4
Sundays across our morning
services we'll be looking at
the theme of the Call of God
on Our Lives. Sunday 15th
September will have a
particular focus on
Ordination. More details on
this can be found on the
vocations
website <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/our-faith/vocations>

Monday 9 September

10.30 am – MU/LG
meeting in St Senan's
to enjoy the Prayer
Trail around the
grounds and a cuppa
in The Glade – ALL
WELCOME!

The Carraig Centre - UPDATE

Vision for the Carraig Centre

We are aiming and praying for The Carraig Centre to be an updated Parish Centre at the heart of the community of Ballincollig and beyond. We prayerfully seek to be faithful to the great commission to 'Go into the world and make Disciples' (Matthew 28.18-20), AND seek to build God's kingdom through the local church. This will happen if we proclaim, both in words and actions, the gospel pointing to Jesus who is our rock for life. This gospel is a message of freedom in King Jesus, our Saviour and Lord.

The book of Jonah closes with a question God poses Jonah about Nineveh, saying; 'Nineveh has more than 120,000 people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, should I not be concerned about that great city?' (Jonah 4.11). God's heart for those far from him compels Jonah to reluctant action, and the future of that city is changed. God is the same yesterday, today and for ever and our hope is that The Carraig Centre will be a tool God can use to draw people into his Presence and Love.

Refurbishment Due to Start This Autumn

By the time CONNECT goes to print we should be very close to having a building contractor selected! This is another major milestone in this longer than expected process and one the committee has been eagerly anticipating. The only remaining hurdle to jump before we place the contract and start the refurbishment is the awarding of Fire and Disabled Access Certificates, a process which has been delayed by the boundary change in Ballincollig (jurisdiction moving from County to City Councils). The heritage nature of The Carraig Centre building has thrown up some challenges in meeting requirements and due to the boundary change timetable pressure, we couldn't complete the certification with the County Council. We expect this process to be complete and building to start before Christmas, exactly when is known only to God as the City Fire Office is very busy now with all the building projects underway.

After due process to get the estimated cost within budget, tender documents were issued at the end of June to six medium size contractors that have experience in managing projects of this scope within a heritage building situation. Bids are due back August 9 and the quantity surveyor and architects will issue a bid analysis and recommendation report by the end of August, upon which a contractor decision can be based. We are also starting work on

the procurement process for the LEADER/SECAD grant aided elements (lift to mezzanine, playground and ball playing areas and Audio-Visual installations in the Main Hall and Recording Studio). This process is rather bureaucratic, and we are grateful to our architects who are managing the majority of the effort. As a further encouragement, we have recently been awarded a small grant towards the kitchen equipment as well.

Tenant Negotiations Showing Progress

Discussions have been on-going with prospective tenants. We have two significant tenant options and have engaged a letting agent (Global Properties) to negotiate on our behalf. We hope to conclude a deal over the next month or so and sign a contract during the autumn. We will be retaining our design team to manage the tenant side fit out to ensure continuity of design, though financing this part of the build is still open to discussion depending on leasing agreements.

Governance Model with the Diocese

Currently we are waiting for the Diocese to give their comments and (hopefully) approval for our governance proposal. The Diocesan Council referred our proposal for the establishment of a Carraig Centre Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee (wholly owned by CUP Select Vestry but which would hold a lease from the RCB for the premises) to the Chancellor of the Church of Ireland to establish its constitutional validity. This is not expected to be a problem, please God, but simply clears the ground for the future.

Schedule

With the uncertainty around the Fire Certificate it is hard to give a definite schedule for completion of the building programme! However, we would value your prayers for all the matters mentioned below and with hope in our hearts and trust in God's faithfulness throughout, we aim for completion by late spring 2020!

Prayers

We are very grateful for your prayers! Main prayer points at this time are:

- Continued focus on God's lead and purposes amongst the committee.
- Thanks for good relationships amongst the team and committee
- Cost competitive quotations from the builders
- Rapid movement on the Fire/Disabled access certificates *(more overleaf!)*

- Clarity around the grant procurement process and vendor selection to ensure we get a satisfactory outcome for the lift, playground/ball playing area and A-V systems.
- Satisfactory negotiations with prospective tenants which will allow us a reasonable operating budget
- Clarity and speedy response from the Diocese on the governance model

Bill Lane, Ian Jonas, Robert Devoy, Jane Moffatt, Robert Ferris, Matt Gould, Chuck Hohnbaum – committee working on behalf of Select Vestry & all CUP

Quiet Afternoon in Ardmore

The Community of St. Brendan the Navigator is holding a Quiet Afternoon
- Reflective Walk and Communion Service on Saturday 24th August in Ardmore

Assembly time: 12.45 pm

Location: Church of Ireland, Ardmore

1 pm Reflective walk around the St Declan Way and Monastery site led by Revd Robert Ferris

4 pm Holy Communion celebrated by local Rector, Revd Andrew Orr

This is open to all – contact Robert for more details.

At the end of the afternoon there will be an opportunity for existing members and new members to affirm their commitment to the community, finishing with the prayer of St Brendan.



September's Eco-Tip

As the new school/college year starts let's take this opportunity to make some simple changes and reduce our dependence on plastic which requires large amounts of energy and water to recycle and contributes to environmental pollution.

Environmentally Friendly Paper Lunch Bags are available in Dunnes and Tescos. They are suitable for Home Freezing and storing all types of food.

And, why not change your plastic toothbrush for a compost-able bamboo toothbrush available in adults and children's sizes from **Quay Co-op** and online at the www.ethicalsuperstore.com

PARISH CONTACTS AND OFFICE HOURS:

The Parish Office is closed Mondays and open on: Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm; and Wednesdays 9.30 am – 5.30 pm.

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WEBSITE: www.cupcork.ie & find us on Facebook!



GOD CALLING!

September 15th this year will be a key day in the experience of many Christians worshipping on this Sunday. Why am I so confident? Because the whole Church of Ireland is being asked to address the issue of vocation. There could be many like myself, who many years ago, on discovering Jesus is

alive, began to think of how I might serve him as Lord and what he wanted me to do with my life? Meeting Jesus challenges us to the core about our priorities. Even though most don't follow the path of ordination, every kind of vocation is deeply challenging while also satisfying: challenging because vocation isn't just about us, but about our openness to God and His purposes.

At the heart of my call to ordination was a vision of the church. With my new found faith I was excited about the church. It was all so new and enthralling – for my parents, decent and loving as they were, church was simply a matter of “hatch, match and dispatch”! While through the church I found love and acceptance - people who believed in me. It was a place where I could contribute, along with others who shared the reality of Christ alive, and who read the Bible as if their lives depended on it. This was worth signing up for and hey, this wasn't just happening to me at that time. Tens of thousands, probably hundreds of thousands, around the world were waking up from their slumber as God's Spirit brought revival, healing and a passion to serve.

Vocation has many manifestations and here is a great quote:

“God is honoured by every human endeavour that comports with his good purposes for humanity and creation. Whether by parenting or studying or volunteering or holding a job we participate in the capacious work of God to redeem all things - persons, cultures, environments.” Bobby Gross “Living the Christian Year “

But just possibly God has plans to change the direction of your life on September 15th with a vision of a new vocation. Is God calling?

GREAT USE FOR AISLING COTTAGE - At the Select Vestry meeting in August we agreed to seek permission of the Diocese and RCB to use Aisling Cottage to rent to a young couple in need of a house - tenants for the next couple of years. The proposal for this exciting development came from one of our young Vestry members. Thank you!

VOCATION - DOING WHAT COMES NATURALLY - It was announced at the Diocesan Synod by Bishop Paul that he has invited the Rev Robert Ferris to help progress the Diocesan Strategy *Charting the Future with Confidence*. This

is an honour for Robert who has made himself at home in the Diocese, and we assure him of our prayerful support. We look forward to sharing in the inspiration and ideas as we face our own challenges of looking to the future, finding the particular vocation for each congregation within the Union. The St Senan's 200th anniversary celebrations have seen many connections with others, because a small group of leaders has a passion for music and bio-diversity. Evenings of music flowing from the building into the grounds where small eco-friendly features celebrate what God is doing in His creation - God's music among the trees. It was only a few years ago that some thought the church had closed its doors. They are very much wide open!

Please see elsewhere for news about more events in St Senan's!

CELEBRATING AND THANKSGIVING - We rejoice with Robert and Noelle following the wedding of the century in June. This bold claim, is the only way I can describe the joy, the beauty and the occasion – when will Blarney Church again see an “ordained” person getting married and dancing down the aisle with his bride?! We pray for them as they share their vocation to married life and the vocation God has given to each individually.

We rejoice too with Robert & Rachel, Trevor & Diane, and Ian & Ethel on the baptisms of their three children respectively; Forrest Hobbs, Luke Martin and Jakob Law over three successive Sundays in St Peter's in the summer. And a reminder to us: “You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?” (The Book of Common Prayer p 373)

Also congratulations to Sandie and Rory O'Brien and wider Hosford family on the safe arrival of baby Holly; and Jaki and Pat Godfrey on the birth of twin girls, Ailbhe and Esme, to son David and his wife Grace.

While at the crown of their lives we congratulate Jane Moffatt and Ivan McMahon as they retire from their work-a-day calling, to find a new vocation with different rhythms.

We rejoice with those who are happy with their Leaving Cert results...and remind them and those who weren't so happy that 'Your exam results do not define you as a person and/or predict your future!' (*Laura Henry*)

SYMPATHISING - Tears are never far from joy and our deepest sympathy goes to Jean and Eric Patterson on the death of relatives close and dear to them. Also for Dean Venables on the death of his father in Johannesburg South Africa, and Rosemary Hickey on the passing of her brother Kenneth Sweetnam.

Ian Jonas

SPECIAL EVENTS IN ST SENAN'S, INNISCARRA DURING SEPTEMBER

The St Senan's 200TH Anniversary Celebrations continue...

- **1 September at 4 pm – Anniversary Service with St Fin Barre's Choir and Bishop Paul preaching**

Items for the tea afterwards will be appreciated.

On Saturday 28 September - all offers of help appreciated for a work party to tidy and clean the grounds and decorate the church ready for:

- **The United Harvest Celebration, guest preacher: Rev Ruth Jackson Noble on Sunday 29 September at 4 pm, followed by a Bring and Share Supper.**



On Sunday 1st September we have the privilege of hosting Rev Canon Phil Potter at the United Celebration at 11 am. Phil has recently retired as the Archbishop of Canterbury's Missioner and Team Leader of Fresh Expressions in the UK and is beginning a new post within the Church of Ireland looking at fresh initiatives.

Over the weekend Robert is organising meetings with Phil around the diocese and in CUP he will be helping us to refine our vision around the launch of The Carraig Centre.

At the United Celebration on 1 Sept, Phil will be preaching. This will be a busy Sunday with the 200th Anniversary Service in St Senan's in the afternoon, but both will be great!

Cork Autism Conference 2019

Autism: No Limits, Just Possibilities,

Sunday September 22nd, Silversprings Hotel, Tivoli, Cork.

The conference provides a unique forum for Parents, Families, Caregivers, Autistic Adults, Employers, Educators, Professionals, Agencies, Advocates and anyone with an interest in autism.

All are welcome. More info here: www.bookwhen.com/autismcork or call 089 239 8900

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday 25 August

- 9.30 – St Peter's, Carrigrohane – Holy Communion with prayer for healing
- 11 am – Sunday AM, Parish Centre followed by a Bring & Share Lunch
- 11 am – St Senan's, Inniscarra – A Service of the Word
- 8 pm – The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney (Confidently caring for creation)

Sunday 1 September

- 9.30 am – St Peter's Carrigrohane – said service of Holy Communion
- 11 am - United Celebration with Holy Communion in the Parish Centre with Rev Canon Phil Potter
- 4 pm – St Senan's, Inniscarra – 200th anniversary service with St Fin Barre's Choir and Bishop Paul

Sunday 8 September

- 9.30 am – St Peter's, Carrigrohane – Morning Prayer
- 11 am – Sunday AM with ADVENTURERS in the Parish Centre
- 11 am – St Senan's, Inniscarra – Holy Communion
- 11 am – The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney – Holy Communion

Monday 9 September

- 10.30 am – MU/LG meeting in St Senan's to enjoy the Prayer Trail around the grounds and a cuppa in The Glade – ALL WELCOME!

Tuesday 10 September

- 10 am – 12 noon – Blarney Toddler Group in The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney

Friday 13 September

- 10–11.30 am – 'Sparks' (parent/carer and toddler group) in the Parish Centre

Saturday 14 September

- Coastal walk – details in email updates/announcements

Sunday 15 September

- 9.30 am – St Peter's, Carrigrohane – Holy Communion
- 11 am – Sunday AM with ADVENTURERS in the Parish Centre
- 11 am – St Senan's, Inniscarra – Reflective Worship
- 3.30 pm – The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney – **The Lighthouse**
- 5.30-7.30 pm – Sunday PM in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 17 September

- 10 am – 12 noon – Blarney Toddler Group in The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney

Friday 20 September

10–11.30 am – ‘Sparks’ (parent/carer and toddler group) in the Parish Centre

Sunday 22 September

9.30 am – St Peter’s, Carrigrohane – Holy Communion with prayer for healing

11 am – Sunday AM with ADVENTURERS in the Parish Centre followed by a Bring & Share Lunch

11 am – St Senan’s, Inniscarra – A Service of the Word

11 am – The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney – A Service of the Word

5.30-7.30 pm – Sunday PM in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 24 September

10 am – 12 noon – Blarney Toddler Group in The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney

Friday 27 September

10–11.30 am – ‘Sparks’ (parent/carer and toddler group) in the Parish Centre

Saturday 28 September – clean up grounds and decorate St Senan’s – all welcome!

Sunday 29 September

11 am – Sunday AM in the Parish Centre

4 pm – St Senan’s, Inniscarra – Parish Harvest Celebration with Rev Ruth Jackson Noble followed by a Bring & Share Supper

5.30-7.30 pm – Sunday PM in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 1 October

10 am – 12 noon – Blarney Toddler Group in The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney

Friday 4 October

10–11.30 am – ‘Sparks’ (parent/carer and toddler group) in the Parish Centre

Sunday 6 October

9.30 am – St Peter’s, Carrigrohane – said service of Holy Communion

11 am – United Celebration in the Parish Centre

5.30-7.30 pm – Sunday PM in the Parish Centre

GLOW & GLOW MAX dates are yet to be confirmed. Check email updates, the parish website or phone the Parish Office or Matt or Katie.

Robert's Cuppa Coffee

Over the Autumn I'm hoping to get around for coffee to anyone who would like to have a chat about anything - simply to catch up with anyone, anywhere. If you would like a cuppa please do get in touch. **Robert**





Great staff team for Seniors' summer lunch!

Parish groups starting up again...

- **Blarney Growth Group** will be running an Alpha this Autumn – dates and location confirmed soon
- **Wednesday morning (fortnightly) Home Group** in the meeting room of the Parish Centre
- **Wednesday evening Home Group** in Mary & Dean Venables' house
- **The St Senan's Prayer Community** (contact: Michael Kenning) – a few men of the parish meeting to worship using liturgy from the Northumbria Community, with Bible study and prayer
- **Mothers' Union/Ladies' Guild** (full programme out soon) – beginning on Monday 9 September in St Senan's, Iniscarra at 10.30 am to enjoy the Prayer Trail and a cuppa in The Glade
- **Sunday PM for those in Secondary School** – from 5.30-7.30 pm in the Parish Centre – starting again on 15 September
- **'Sparks'** parent/carer & toddler group in the Parish Centre on Fridays from 10-11.30 am (starting 13 Sept) & **Blarney Toddler** group in the Church on Tuesdays from 10 am – 12 noon (starting 10 Sept)

8 young people (+ Matt!) recently went to the inaugural '**MOVE**' - a five day youth event held in Clongowes Wood College.



It is run by 'Christ in Youth' and headed up by Jasper Rutherford - known to many in the parish and last year's Harvest speaker.

This year's theme was on Elijah, which our guys found impacting and helpful. The Event was well run, with loads of activities and games organised alongside the worship time. A strong focus is on small group time which we found really encouraging too.

Its highly likely a larger group will go next year, and so the youth will most likely be organising some fund-raising over the year ahead to help with the costs!

See [CIY Ireland](#) for more info.

Church of the Resurrection - Blarney Summer 2019 Evening Services

Theme: 'What are we doing here?'

An opportunity to worship, study the Bible, discuss, pray and respond to God - thinking particularly about what we are being called to do as Christians today here in Cork and beyond.
All very welcome



July 14 - Having Confidence in the God of the Bible
July 21 - Confidently proclaiming the Gospel
July 28 - Confidently growing in faith
August 11 - Confidently serving others
August 18 - Confidently working for justice
August 25 - Confidently caring for creation

8pm for an hour followed by refreshments
More information check out www.cupcork.ie



GOOD GOULD NEWS!



Over the Summer Matt has been 'Admitted' as an 'Evangelist-in-Training' into the Church Army - an Anglican Mission Order with a focus on Evangelism which seeks to reach those on the margins of society.

He hopes this training will equip him to effectively lead evangelistic focus with the outreach activities in our Parish.

Some in the Parish will remember George Newell's ministry in Blarney, and within the wider diocese: Keith Dyde, Charles Harris and Norris & Kathleen Boyland. Rita (O'Donoghue from Blarney) and Kevin Metcalfe are also part of Church Army, working in England. Getting right up to date, Emma Bolster-Rodrigues was recently Commissioned as a Church Army Evangelist and is busy working in Ballina, Co. Mayo.

Church Army has a Vision in the coming years for seeing a number of 'Centre's of Mission' across the UK and Ireland, which aim to facilitate ministry work.

This Vision is focused on a DARE strategy, which has four objectives:

- Doing evangelism
- Advocating evangelism
- Resourcing evangelism
- Enabling evangelism

Their **values** are (**GRACE UP**). We are:

Generous - God is generous and we want to model that generosity to others.

Risk-taking - We have a long heritage as a pioneering movement, prepared to take risks and give colleagues permission to succeed or fail as they seek to do new things.

Accountable - We are accountable to God and others, living reliably and responsibly to high professional standards.

Collaborative - We are committed to partnership with those who share our values; we believe it enhances our work.

Expectant - We are hopeful, expecting God to do new things amongst us.

Unconditional - God loves everyone and everyone is significant in his eyes; we will serve anyone regardless of their age, gender, race, sexuality, faith, ability, status or circumstances.

Prayerful - Listening to God, being obedient to God, we want to be like Jesus in our life and witness.

See <https://www.churcharmy.org> for more.