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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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**OCTOBER 2019**



**The 200<sup>th</sup> celebrations in  
St Senan's continue...**







***Thank you Noelle  
for such great  
photos! And  
Marion for the  
wonderful cake!  
Sunday 1  
September 2019***





## 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**



## Communicating the Vision for The Carraig Centre...

How would you finish the sentence *'The Carraig Centre is....'?!'*

**You might have very clear ideas for how that sentence should end, or you might have read that and thought: 'I haven't a clue'!**

Either way, you are warmly invited to contribute to a discussion lunch after the **October United Celebration** (11 am on 6 October) to shape our 'branding' i.e. how we communicate who we are and what the Carraig Centre is all about to ourselves, *but also importantly to our wider community.*

From early October, we plan to have the builders commencing on site, which means large security boards will go up around the perimeter. These are necessary for site safety, but are also an opportunity to communicate with the community about what is happening at the former gun store and also pass on a welcome to those currently beyond our church networks.

*Our logo's, tagline (i.e. how we finish the sentence above), and visual communication are opportunities to raise our presence and facilitate connections, but we need to be clear about what we are saying!*

So get your thinking caps on, bring your ideas to what promises to be a fun and interactive session to think creatively about our branding for 'The Carraig Centre'.

The TCC committee will take on the input from this session as we plan our communication strategy going forward.

Session hosted by Matt and Soup and Bread will be provided by the Goulds!

## CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2019

**Tuesdays:** 10 am – 12 noon – **Blarney Toddler Group** in The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney & **Fridays:** 10–11.30 am – ‘**Sparks**’ (parent/carer and toddler group) in the Parish Centre **THURSDAYS: ALPHA** IN RATHPEACON NATIONAL SCHOOL, 8-10 pm.

**Saturday 5 October:** 7.30 pm – Concert with a Breton Group of musicians: E-Leizh, supported by local Irish musicians, in St Senan’s, Inniscarra – presented by Inniscarra/Plougouven Twinning ‘Communicating Europe’ Project (DFA). Donations to Medicins San Frontieres (more info: Catherine Frost 087 2486114)

### **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

**Monday 7 October:** 8 pm – Select Vestry meeting in The Glade, Inniscarra

**Friday 11 October:** 7-9 pm – ‘Glow’ in the Parish Centre, Carrigrohane

### **Sunday 13 October**

9.30 am - Holy Communion, St Peter’s, Carrigrohane

11 am – Sunday AM with ADVENTURERS in the Parish Centre

11 am – Holy Communion, the Church of the Resurrection, Blarney

11 am – Holy Communion, St Senan’s, Inniscarra

5.30-7.30 pm – Sunday PM in the Parish Centre

**Monday 14 October:** 7.15 pm Mothers’ Union/Ladies’ Guild – Hilary Dring, our new Mothers’ Union Diocesan President comes to share with us her own personal story and hopes for the future – all welcome to the meeting room in the Parish Centre

**Friday 18 October:** 7.30-9.30 pm – ‘Glow Max’ in the Parish Centre, Carrigrohane

### **Sunday 20 October**

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

### **Sunday 27 October**

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 – Morning Prayer

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

No Sunday PM – half term!

### **Sunday 3 November**

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

11 am – United Celebration in the Parish Centre – **led by the Adventurers!**

No Sunday PM – half term!



**Audrey Nicolson (nee Williams) – at 96, was first up to dance at the Jazz concert in Inniscarra!**

## **CUP CORK**

### **LIVING LIGHTLY & SUSTAINABLY**

This month we are continuing to think about how we can reduce the impact our use of plastics has on the environment and ourselves.

Much of our clothing today is made with the use of synthetic fibres; polyester, nylon, acrylic etc. When washed they release microfibers (or tiny pieces of plastic) which get into the water system and eventually enter our rivers and seas, where they are ingested by marine life, and then eventually transferred up through the food chain to ourselves.

The following are some practical ideas to reduce the release of these microfibers into our water systems.

When buying clothing choose garments made from natural fibres, e.g. cotton, bamboo, and wool.

Wash clothing less often, this helps clothing to last longer as well as reduce your electricity bill.

Friction in the wash cycle increases the release of microfibers. You can reduce friction by; lowering the spin frequency and changing to liquid detergents such as products produced by Ecover and Winnies.

### **‘The Lighthouse’ is looking for leaders...**

‘The Lighthouse’ is Messy Church where the Bible and our relationship with God are explored through Bible related activities and our relationships with each other. The values of Messy Church are: Christ-centred, All-age, creativity, hospitality, & celebration.

The afternoon begins with an hour of activities, crafts & games, all Bible related, followed by a celebration (Bible story, songs and creative prayer time) and ends with a hot meal for everyone.

It takes place in Blarney church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 3.30-5.30pm with the team meeting at 2.45pm to go over the story, what each activity entails and to pray together as a team. Everything is setup and ready to go at 2.45pm so the commitment a team member gives is for that time, although team members may also be involved in other ways outside of this if they have extra time to give. If you are interested in helping or finding out more, please speak to Robert or April, or email [robert@cupcork.ie](mailto:robert@cupcork.ie) or [lighthouse@cupcork.ie](mailto:lighthouse@cupcork.ie)

***Ian writes...***

## **Ripples of Faith**

There is a ripple of excitement in Carrigrohane Union, with the work commencing on The Carraig Centre in the days ahead. A decision of faith some years ago has rippled outwards through all the necessary stages of a building project, with a vision to bless others in the name of Christ, where his loving presence ripples through all that we are and do in and beyond the building.

For the call of all Christians is to cause ripples wherever we are, and ALL our buildings are for just that purpose. St Senan's, St Peter's and the Church of the Resurrection Blarney and soon The Carraig Centre, are simply there to bring ripples of God's blessing to others in ever widening circles.

*"To spread the aroma of the knowledge of him (Christ) everywhere" 2 Corinthians 2 v14*

For a world where: *"People are behaving, in increasingly irrational, herd-like and unpleasant ways in order to create a new religion of "social justice"* (Douglas Murray "The Madness of Crowds")

And the ripple starts with it being less about ourselves:

*"Acts of sacrifice and decency without regard to what's in it for you create a ripple effect. Ones that lift up families and communities that spread opportunity"* (Barak Obama)

Ultimately, this is a ripple of excitement participating in God's Kingdom, beginning with our faith in Christ.

**The Offering** – please don't skip this!

Let's face it, reading the Bible about all the offerings made by the Jews to the Lord isn't exactly riveting reading. I guess most of the time we skip over the 1000+ references! But persevere and you sense that this is a way the people of God were shaped and held their community life together before the Lord – Yahweh.

Week in week out, scores of CUP members offer their service to God because in his Son he has freely offered *a perfect person to perfect some very imperfect people!*\* It is this which creates our fellowship and we all have a role - the giving of ourselves in a 1000 different ways.

That's maybe an exaggeration, but not if you begin to add it all up over a year, and add the 1000's of euro it costs to keep CUP serving from week to week. So inside this Connect there is a reminder about how things work financially and about the ways to give. Much of it will be familiar. But please don't skip over



it! We simply ask that you might review your giving in faith, in the light of your circumstances, and make an offering for the glory of God.

And yes - like those offerings of old - it helps to help shape and hold our community life together before the Lord Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 10 v 14 The Message).

**More Ripples** - It is thrilling to hear of the Alpha training day in September in Rathpeacon where over 90 people from all over the south of Ireland came to learn how to run Alpha courses. It was in the 1990's that the first Alpha Course took place here in Carrigrohane Union, and some of those who found faith in new and exciting ways then, now meet with over 20 others in the Blarney Growth Group. And we congratulate Theresa Cronin for organising the event in her leadership role for Alpha Ireland - ripples of faith through the decades.



The ripples can also be traced back to the time our former rector the Rt Rev Harold Miller, as he introduced the Alpha course in Cork. Some from the parish have been invited to represent CUP at a special service in Down Cathedral to celebrate his ministry as deacon, priest and bishop - a

time to give thanks with Harold and Liz, and pray for their retirement.

**Stepping out in Faith?** All of us need to confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord. i.e. to take ownership of what we believe. Our baptism is a sign of this and if you were baptised as a child want to take ownership of what was promised for you, then it is good to consider the rite of Confirmation - our personal commitment. So if you would like to be confirmed in 2020 please get in touch with Ian or Robert, in the next month.

**St Senan's 200th** It was a first for us to host the St Finbarre's Choir in St Senan's at the beginning of September, with Bishop Paul preaching. Given the wonderful acoustics in the building, we knew it would capture the beauty of the choir singing and this proved to be true. More important still it reflected how traditions in the Church can be celebrated to the glory of God and for the blessing of all. On Saturday 5th October 2019 @ 7.30pm we welcome a concert by a Breton group of musicians presented by Inniscarra/Plougonven Twinning – details on the calendar.



## Joy, sorrow & prayer

Our sympathy goes to the Lane family on the death of Bill's father Tom in Victoria Canada, while also rejoicing with them on the birth of baby Riadh to Helen and James in Maynooth. As a parish family we join with the Tyrrell family in prayer for Martyn as he faces surgery in England. **Ian**



*Thanks to all those have been praying for Sarah Louise as she au pairs in France. The support of our church family has helped so much. Sarah plans to come home for a week in October for her graduation and would love to invite anyone who can make it to drop in to the Meeting Room in the Parish Centre, Carrigrohane any time between 4.30 – 7.30 pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – for a catch up chat and some tea/coffee/juice and a slice of celebration cake!*

Editor's thought for the month:

Quote from Sheran Harper, the Mothers' Union Worldwide President from Guyana: 'We are called, daily, to be living proof of a loving God.'

Starting Thursday 3 October,  
8-10 pm in Rathpeacon National School –  
all welcome!

**We're running  
Alpha.**



### **And from Robert...**

**Groups?** One of the joys within this Parish is that many people meet together around the Bible either weekly or fortnightly - Recently we held a meeting for those who provide leadership to those groups. If you would like to find out more about any of those groups please do contact any of the staff team and we can point you in the right direction. Check out the Alpha opportunity on [www.cupcork.ie/alpha](http://www.cupcork.ie/alpha)!

**New to the Parish?** In recent months it has been great to welcome new people who have moved into the parish - If you happen to be one of those who are new - you are very welcome.

If you want to find out what's happening - a great way is to sign up for our weekly email from the office - email Jaki/Patsy - [office@cupcork.ie](mailto:office@cupcork.ie) and ask that they put your name on the email list and you will receive an email about service times and the other things that are happening in the parish.

Also, the clergy would be delighted to have have a cuppa to welcome you - simply email [robert@cupcork.ie](mailto:robert@cupcork.ie) or [ian@cupcork.ie](mailto:ian@cupcork.ie).