



CARRIGROHANE UNION OF PARISHES

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**The work is
started!
As we give
thanks,
please pray
for the safety
of the
builders, and
great results
as the
development
progresses!**

Thanksgiving and Generosity

The spiritual writer Joyce Rupp* describes November as being a month of thanksgivings - Harvest Festivals and Thanksgiving Day. Joyce is American, and Thanksgiving doesn't come readily to mind at this time of year for most of us in Ireland. But that said, there is something about thanksgiving that is transformative at any time of the year.

So yes, this is the month of remembrance for loved ones who have died. But time also to be intentional about recalling their lives in thanksgiving, even amid the tears. As the days shorten, can we see with newness the things around us that we can be truly thankful for, and spur us to live a life of generosity; as Joyce Rupp encourages us to in the same chapter.

As we move forward with The Carraig Centre, our outreach project for Ballincollig, we have returned to our values of our vision and in particular, that of generosity:

***We value: Generosity of time and resources
because we worship a generous God***

And this important value we hold on to, and from my vantage point seeing the sweep of the work of Carrigrohane Union of Parishes and not just the Carraig Centre, there is rarely a week goes by when generosity by deed, attitude and word is not felt, heard and touched. Most recently, the St Senan's 200th celebrations have been led by a handful of church members who have given their time and resources in extraordinary ways.

But living generously has its dangers - of over doing it and becoming exhausted, and Robert F spoke to this in a recent email to a committee:

My prayer is also that we would surround ourselves with the armour of God - as this season has the potential to unravel us in all sorts of ways so let's be sensible. If there's a need for any of us to pause, to take time for family, to pray, and re-group let's do that in manageable ways. Especially as committees multiply - let's make sure we're looking out for each other.

This is a timely word, so that as well as generosity we make space for the things that build us up as Christ's disciples and strengthen relationships, so that we become truly thankful as a way of life, not just this November.

Ian

** Fresh Bread p 138 by Joyce Rupp*



Bible Reading Resources - How's your Bible reading - your quiet time - your time out with God?

One of the ways Christians down through the years have grown in their relationship with God has been with some systematic reading of the Bible. Today there are many resources from many places ... here are just a few ideas

If your **SMART Mobile Phone** is always by your side - there are a few Apps which might help - You can search for these via your app store on Android and Apple

- The Church of Ireland Daily Prayer App
- The Church of England Daily Prayer App
- Common Prayer for Ordinary Radicals
- The Bible in a Year
- The Bible App - You Version



If you prefer a book by your side - There are loads of possibilities: **Scripture union produces some very good resources** -

- Daily Bread - <http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/ecards/dailybread/index.html>
- Encounter with God - <https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/resource/encounter-god-subscription>



- **UCB produce - Word for today** - You can sign up <http://www.ucbireland.ie/word-for-today/sign-up/>

I do have examples of all of these around - so if you are looking for inspiration - do get in touch.

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 Ferris



CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2019

Tuesdays in term time: 10 am – 12 noon – **Blarney Toddler Group** in The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney & **Fridays in term time:** 10–11.30 am – **‘Sparks’** (parent/carer and toddler group) in the Parish Centre

THURSDAYS: ALPHA IN RATHPEACON NATIONAL SCHOOL, 8-10 pm.

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!***

Monday 4 November: 8 pm – Select Vestry meeting in The Glade, Inniscarra

Saturday 9 November – 10 am meet in the Parish Centre car park to share cars to Kinsale for Parish walk

Sunday 10 November

9.30 am – Morning Prayer, St Peter’s, Carrigrohane

11 am – Sunday AM with ADVENTURERS in the Parish Centre – followed by sponsored walk in Regional Park in aid of Dogs for the Disabled.

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

Friday 15 November: 7-9 pm – ‘Glow’ in the Parish Centre, Carrigrohane

Sunday 17 November

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

11 am – Sunday AM with Holy Communion & 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

Monday 18 November

7.15 pm – Mothers’ Union/Ladies’ Guild in the Meeting Room of the Parish Centre

Sunday 24 November

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

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

Friday 29 November: 7.30-9.30 pm – ‘Glow Max’ in the Parish Centre, Carrigrohane

Sunday 1 December

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

11 am – United Celebration in the Parish Centre

ADVANCE INVITATION....

SENIORS’ CHRISTMAS LUNCH WILL BE ON THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER WITH
CAROLS AT 12 NOON AND LUNCH SERVED AT 12.30 PM.

ALL WELCOME !