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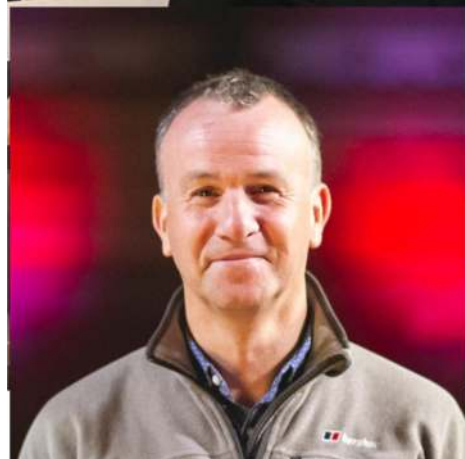
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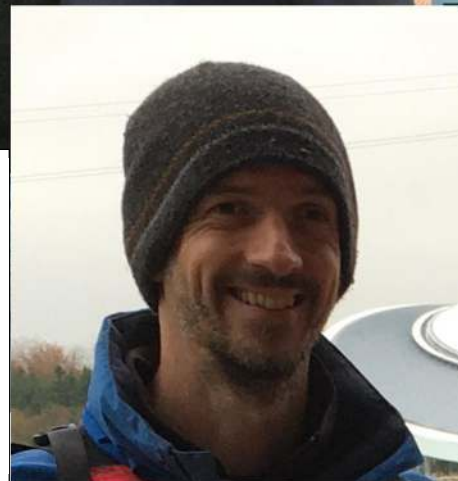
DECEMBER 2019- JANUARY 2020

The Church Army story continues...

The Church Army story in Cork, Cloyne & Ross began many years ago with Norris and Kathleen Boyland, continued with Charles (and Ruth!) Harris, and then Keith (and Pauline) Dyde. CUP was fortunate that the Boylands and the Harris family lived in Ballincollig – and the friendship continued with Keith who lived in Carrigaline. Our own Emma Bolster Rodrigues (now working in the Ballina Centre of Mission) met Keith, Norris and Charles at the recent Church Army AGM in England.



Then the story continued with George (and Eunice!) Newell joining us for a few years in Blarney!
The next part of the CUP/Church Army story: Matt Gould - is now Evangelist in Training.



Knock Knock

Who's there?

Rudolph

Rudolph who?

Money is the Rudolph of all evil!

Like most Knock Knock jokes this has probably left you smiling, and groaning - which is exactly what we experience in Advent! Think about it. We are anticipating the joy of the birth of the Saviour, while groaning at the commercial juggernaut it has become. Let's pray joy wins.

Recently, the knock knock on doors or the doorbell ringing, has led to some heart-warming encounters in Ballincollig, as homes and businesses next to the Carraig Centre were visited. The purpose was to drop in a letter informing them of the construction work taking place, and to let them know that when it is open, they would be most welcome. The response was very encouraging, especially when the perception is that cold knocking on doors is the last thing people want, underlined by many door stickers saying as much. It has become a myth reflecting the way society craves privacy, and the individual is all important.

So encouraged, we are planning to knock on doors with a small Christmas gift and information about our Christmas services etc, at the homes of the new estate above St Peter's church; and as we go we may sing carols. But we are not collecting for charity. It is simply freely giving, which has a wonderful way of surprising and opening hearts.

In doing so, it is in tune with God's heart, who is generous to us in his gifts of creation and salvation - the birth of Jesus the Christ the Saviour of the world, i.e. including those behind the doors of the homes around us and not just us Christians gathering to worship. If we don't go and knock knock, how will they hear about the amazing generosity of God?

Peace and Joy to everyone this Christmas from Carrigrohane Union.

Visit of the Rev Russ Parker 10th to the 12th January 2020

After his visit during Holy Week we are delighted to welcome Russ back to lead us on Friday evening and on Saturday with morning and afternoon sessions. The aim is to help us become better listeners in our everyday lives. So this is for everyone – not just counsellors.

There is no charge but donations will be welcome to defray costs. Please see our website or Facebook pages for more information.

People

We congratulate Jeffery and Muriel Good on the recent celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

And we continue to hold Martyn Tyrrell in our prayers as he recovers from his recent surgery in England.

Ian

RUSS PARKER - TRAINING US TO LISTEN



Listening Training is:

- A resource for every day conversation.
- A tool to improve and make more of the various ministries we are called to.
- A means to improve dialogue for reconciliation.
- An important aspect of healing the gridlock of unhealed history.

Russ says, 'As Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, once said, "Listening is the new radical act of healing." Listening is the indispensable tool for any work of reconciliation for reconciliation requires dialogue and dialogue is impossible without listening. This is a short teaching conference to empower people to listen to others, themselves and their communities. Through listening we identify the heart of many a wound and as such it inspires us to find better roads to travel to heal those wounds.'

VENUE: The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney T23 HH90

DATE: 10th and 11th JANUARY

Friday 10th @ 8 pm and Saturday 11th @ 10 am to 4 pm

(please bring a packed lunch - tea/coffee supplied)

All welcome - no charge, donations gratefully received.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KATE DURRANT

who recently received the 2019 Sunday Independent Overall Inspirational Person of the Year award in recognition of her work with Blarney Community First Responders, Pieta House, St Vincent de Paul, Dogs for the Disabled and Blarney tidy towns!



You – and your guests! – are invited to the

Seniors' Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 19 December 2019
on the Parish Centre, Carrigrohane
with Carols and nibbles at 12 noon
and lunch served at 12.30 pm.

Please let the office know if you can come!



Robert's Advent Thought

Advent is the season of Preparation - getting ready for Christmas with the anticipation that goes with that.

This whole autumn season has been a season of preparation - planning and dreaming big dreams but also looking at the fine detail.

Many, many hours have been spent in detailed meetings with diocese, architects, governance, child protection, diary planning, service planning, room allocation, website, communications and many other topics being considered.

We are in this season of planning and waiting for the fulfilment of vision which began so many years ago.

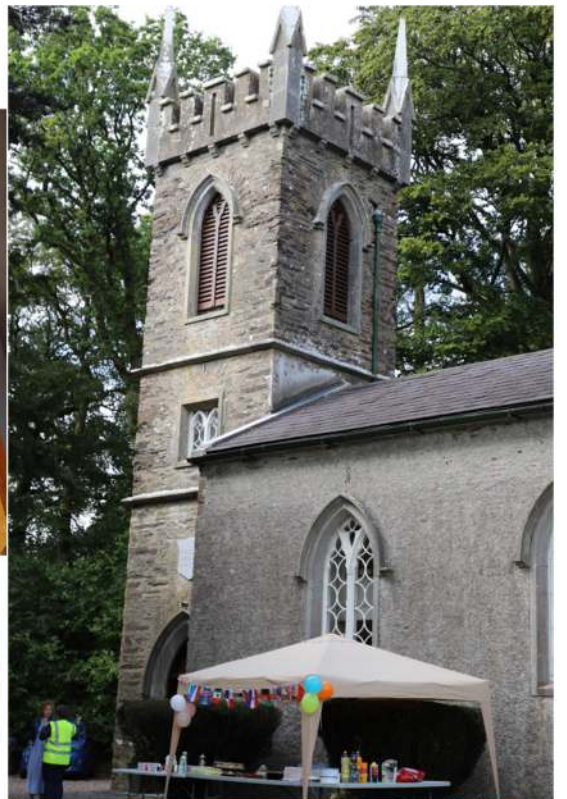
I am excited - not just for Ballincollig section of our vision but also for the whole union of parishes. With the new houses in Carrigrohane, the celebrations which have been held in Inniscarra and the exciting stuff which is happening in Blarney - together there are many things to be excited about as we head into the year 2020.

I simply wanted to pen a note to say thank you to all those who have been helping see this vision through their giving of time, talents and treasure and also those who have been praying for us in leadership ... it's so important and I personally have felt carried on the prayers of so many. Please do keep us in leadership in your prayers as we work together as a parish. I do believe God has great things in store for this Union of Parishes in 2020.

Thank You

Robert

2019 – what a year...



A happy busy Ferris year !!
Congratulations on the Masters degree Robert!



Pilgrimage, flowers, music, picnic – all part of St Senan's 200th celebrations...

CONGRATULATIONS to the Goods on their 50th wedding anniversary!





Blarney Toddler Group anniversary celebrations – Ruth Jackson Noble visiting preacher for Harvest – the Adventurers’ Bug Hotel for St Senan’s, part of the parish Eco work – the pilgrimage to Scattery Island – charity fund-raisers – and more lovely flowers...



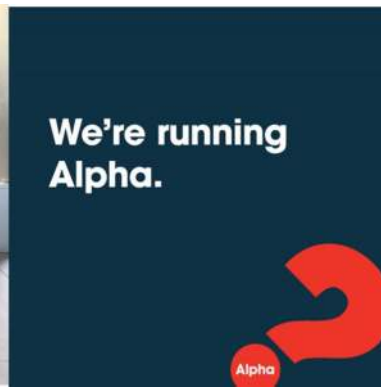
Coffee Morning
 for Gorodishche Orphanage,
 Belarus
 Tuesday 25th June, 10 'til 12
 Carrigrohane Parish Centre







Raising funds to help BCP support the building of a new house for independent living in Gorodishche Orphanage for children & young adults with special needs



A wonderful Select Vestry – 20 year anniversary of the Parish Office – Home Groups and the Alpha Course – lunches, celebrations and parties – a Seder Meal – more fund-raisers, including for Dogs for the Disabled who visited Adventurers!




 Invites you to our
TABLE QUIZ
 March 22nd 7-9.30pm
 The Parish Centre, Church Hill,
 Carrigrohane
 Come as a table (4-6 people) or come
 and join a table on the night!
 Prize hamper for the winning table
 Delicious
 homemade
 refreshments
 for sale
**All donations in aid of
 Stand by Me
 and
 The Haven**
 For more information call Katie 0851080000



The Easter garden in Blarney, celebrating birthdays, and retirements...
Youth trips- special times to pray together...



...and the builders are busy!!!



...and much much more!
LOTS to be grateful for as we look back...

... and forward into **2020!**