



CARRIGROHANE UNION OF PARISHES

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

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MARCH-APRIL 2020

You are invited..




To a Fundraising meal for April Gunn's Zambia Mission Trip

What: A 3 course meal

Where: The Church of the
Resurrection, Blarney

When: Friday 20th March at 7pm

*Donations on the night. Tickets
(necessary so we know how much food to
prepare!) available from April & Robert*

Carrigrohane Parish Centre update:

As this issue of Connect comes out, the Parish Office is preparing to move to its new location in the Carraig Centre, Ballincollig! We *hope and plan* to be on the move the week of 16 March.

The telephone and email addresses remain the same as always – but if you need us, or the copier etc – then please phone to check during that week before calling in, to make sure you come to the right place!

Our opening hours remain the same as usual at the moment.

Other regular groups and activities will remain in the Parish Centre, Carrigrohane until Easter.

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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WANTED...

Volunteers Receptionists for The Carraig Centre

With the opening of The Carraig Centre, we will need to find a group of parishioners who are able to give at least 4 hours per week to serve as volunteer receptionists.

As a volunteer receptionist you will play an important role in welcoming visitors, showing them around and trying to answer their questions! A role description is available with the application form.

So all volunteers are comfortable and confident in this enjoyable role, two sessions of training will be provided during April.

As volunteers will be expected to complete Safeguarding Training, we will be holding brief interviews with all those who are interested (*who have not already been trained*), on 24-26 March (evenings).

If you are interested, please email the Parish office and ask for an Application form and a copy of the Role Description or alternatively call in and collect one.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Applications must be returned by Friday March 13



Prayer Space Vision

In this short article we want to introduce the vision for the new Prayer Space in the Carraig Centre.

Why 'Space' and not 'Room'?

We have intentionally chosen to use the word 'space' for the new prayer room because it speaks powerfully about what we hope will be the spiritual purpose of this area within the new building.

When you think about it, there was something curious about the worship that took place in Moses' Tabernacle and in the later temple at Jerusalem; it was all focussed on a seemingly empty space. In the Tabernacle God had promised to meet with Israelites in the space where the wings of the cherubim met above the lid of the Ark of the Covenant. And in the post-exilic temple, the Holy of Holies was empty as the Ark had been lost.

And yet we know the thought that this space was physically empty, it was full of God's presence for God promised *'There above the cover between the two cherubim...I will meet you'* Ex 25:22.

This is a useful picture for the Prayer Space. The writer Henri Nouwen talks about the importance of having a *'vacare deo'* – *'a holy vacancy, a space that is for the first love, God alone'*. It seems a 'waste' to have a room at the centre of our building, that sometimes may be empty, but it is making spiritual statement about the importance of leaving space for God at the centre of our activities and projects.

Worship and prayer should sometimes be wasteful. There should be times when we just 'waste time' sitting at the Lord's feet like Mary, instead rushing around like Martha or when we 'pour out' our worship like the perfume from the alabaster jar.

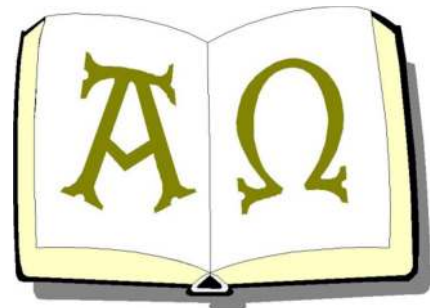
What will the Prayer Space be used for?

- **Continuous Prayer:** Times and seasons of 24/7 prayer when we have a schedule where groups and individuals book themselves into a specific time slot to maintain a continuous cycle of prayer.

- **Rhythms of Prayer:** The St. Senan's Prayer Community will meet in the Space twice a month for liturgy and meditative prayer, but we also hope that individuals & groups will also want to book themselves in for prayer at a particular time each week or month.
- **Individual Prayer:** We hope that parish members and local people will also feel welcome to pop into this inviting space for a few minutes and pray.

There are so many ways we can pray!

- Intercessions - for those we know, our locality and the wider world.
- Liturgical prayer – using a liturgy such as the Daily Office written by the Northumbria Community to help us draw near God.
- Lectio Divina – time spent focussing on a bible passage
- Silence – just listening to the Spirit and 'wasting time' in God's presence.
- Speaking blessings over our town, city and nation.



- **Creativity:** In the Old Testament Bezalel was filled with the Spirit to create the wonderful fabrics and furnishings of the Tabernacle. Solomon's Temple resounded with the sound of choirs and musical instruments. Likewise, we want the Prayer Space to also be a place of creativity where people can express their worship to God through times of musical worship, art or creative writing.

We hope you are as excited about the Prayer Space as we are and will see it as a place to draw aside and experience God's presence!



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MARCH & APRIL CALENDAR - CUP

Monday 9 March:

Prof. Katharine Hayhoe, Texas Tech University: "CHRISTIANS, CLIMATE AND OUR CULTURE AROUND THE WORLD"

8 pm in Boole 1 Lecture Theatre, Main Campus UCC

Free and no pre-registration needed

There is also an earlier 5pm talk for the general public, also free, but requiring preregistration at: <http://bit.ly/2viqjeJ>

Tuesday 10 March:

10 am – 12 noon Toddlers in Blarney

Sunday 15 March:

9.30 am Holy Communion, St Peter's, Carrigrohane

11 am Reflective Worship, St Senan's, Inniscarra

11 am Sunday AM with Adventurers in the Parish Centre, Carrigrohane

3.30 pm The Lighthouse in Blarney

5.30-7.30 pm Sunday PM in the Parish Centre, Carrigrohane

Monday 16 March:

8.15 pm – Youngstars Music School Blarney Adult Choir performs in Blarney church – admission is free with donations towards Air Ambulance

Tuesday 17 March:

11 am Holy Communion for St Patrick's Day, Blarney – preacher Rev Andrew Robinson, Cork Methodist Church

Wednesday 18 March: Day of Fasting & Prayer (see elsewhere for details)

Friday 20 March:

10 am – 11.30 am 'Sparks' toddler group in the Parish Centre, Carrigrohane

7-9 pm 'Glow' in the Parish Centre, Carrigrohane

7 pm – Fund-raiser for April Gunn's mission trip to Zambia: a 3 course meal in The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney. Donations on the night. Tickets (necessary so we know how much food to prepare!) available from April & Robert

Sunday 22 March:

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

11 am Holy Communion, St Senan's, Inniscarra

11 am A Service of the Word, Blarney

11 am Sunday AM with Adventurers in the Parish Centre, Carrigrohane – followed by a bring & share lunch – all welcome to join us!

5.30-7.30 pm Sunday PM in the Parish Centre, Carrigrohane

Monday 23 March:

7.15 pm Mothers' Union/Ladies' Guild Movie night in the upstairs room of the Parish Centre – all welcome!

Tuesday 24 March:

10 am – 12 noon Toddlers in Blarney

Friday 27 March:

10 am – 11.30 am 'Sparks' toddler group in the Parish Centre, Carrigrohane
7.30-9.30 pm 'Glow Max' - test event in The Carraig Centre, Ballincollig

Sunday 29 March:

9.30 am Holy Communion, St Peter's, Carrigrohane
11 am Morning Prayer, St Senan's, Inniscarra
11 am Morning Service in Blarney
11 am Sunday AM with Adventurers – test event in The Carraig Centre, Ballincollig
5.30-7.30 pm Sunday PM in The Carraig Centre, Ballincollig

Tuesday 31 March:

10 am – 12 noon Toddlers in Blarney

Sunday 5 April:

9.30 am said service of Holy Communion, St Peter's, Carrigrohane
10.30 am coffee & refreshments in the Parish Centre
11 am United Celebration in the Parish Centre, Carrigrohane followed by bring & share lunch and the Easter General Vestry meeting at 1 pm.



Monday 6 April:

8 pm – Holy Week service with Bishop Harold Miller, St Senan's, Inniscarra

Tuesday 7 April:

8 pm – Holy Week service with Bishop Harold Miller, St Senan's, Inniscarra

Wednesday 8 April:

8 pm – Holy Week service with Bishop Harold Miller, St Senan's, Inniscarra

Thursday 9 April:

8 pm – Holy Week service with Bishop Harold Miller, St Senan's, Inniscarra

Good Friday – 10 April:

8 pm – Holy Week service with Bishop Harold Miller, St Senan's, Inniscarra



Saturday 11 April:

Decorating the churches for Easter

Easter Sunday – 12 April:

9.30 am Holy Communion, St Peter's, Carrigrohane

11 am Holy Communion, St Senan's, Inniscarra

11 am Holy Communion in Blarney

10.45 am Sunday AM meets in the Parish Centre, Carrigrohane and, led by The Adventurers, walks to the Carraig Centre, Ballincollig for an Easter celebration!

**Wednesday 15 April – Saturday 18 April:**

Youth Trip away in Bandon

Sunday 19 April:

9.30 am Holy Communion, St Peter's, Carrigrohane

11 am Reflective Worship, St Senan's, Inniscarra

11 am Sunday AM with Adventurers in the Carraig Centre, Ballincollig

3.30 pm The Lighthouse in Blarney

Tuesday 21 April:

10 am – 12 noon Toddlers in Blarney

Friday 24 April:

10 am – 11.30 am 'Sparks' toddler group in the Carraig Centre

7-9 pm 'Glow' in the Carraig Centre

Sunday 26 April:

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

11 am Holy Communion, St Senan's, Inniscarra

11 am A Service of the Word, Blarney

11 am Sunday AM with Adventurers in the Carraig Centre, Ballincollig – followed by a bring & share lunch – all welcome to join us!

5.30-7.30 pm Sunday PM in the Carraig Centre, Ballincollig

Monday 27 April:

10.30 am - LG/MU in the Carraig Centre – 'Faith & Creativity' with Janet Lane

Tuesday 28 April:

10 am – 12 noon Toddlers in Blarney

Friday 1 – Sunday 3 May – The Carraig Centre Community Launch Weekend



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**Details and plans will be
coming soon!**

Dear Friends,

I made my first visit to the Carraig Centre for the handing over of the keys by Clancy's the builder, and I was blown away to see the detailed drawings of Reddys the architects, transformed into such a stylish spacious venue for our new parish centre. I am thrilled for those who have managed the project at every level but especially the committee, who combined attention to detail with the ability to dream big. There is so much to praise God for.

It is just part of a bigger picture which we see in Carrigrohane Union. For it never ceases to amaze me about the levels of service across all the congregations and the financial giving, in response to the grace of God. When time is so precious, the hours spent in service to build up the church and witness to the Kingdom of God is priceless. And yes of course many of us have more than enough to live on. But when money is "the root of all evil" and so alluring, the levels of giving are extraordinary. So a huge thank you to everyone, on behalf of the Select Vestry.

We now have a new vastly improved parish centre and a superb facility to reach out, and it is all paid for without being a financial burden on the day to day running of our churches. This is a cause for celebration and thanksgiving, and we look forward to gathering to do this in the Carraig Centre. But it is also



a time when we look to sustain and grow the work of the whole Union of Parishes, and so at the last meeting of the current Select Vestry, we agreed to make 2020 a year to "Live to Give" with a special appeal for our own personal responses to the grace of God.

Heather Cochrane

For such a solitary person, Heather gave so much love to others and this was seen at her funeral where four or more generations of nieces and nephews gathered to say farewell in St Senan's in February. Heather was a quiet, unassuming individual who never wanted to be a burden to anyone. She was such a joy to know and exuded gratefulness and has left us all with an indelible memory of a life of simplicity rarely found these days.

Ian

Start as you mean to go on: Communicate, Communicate, and Communicate.

What do you do after you have called a few people together to discuss communications? Communicate! Quite simple isn't it. Start as you mean to go on. So here's to share some of the ideas and learning from a small group that met recently, in the hope that as you read you will be part of the conversation and that you will let us know what you think i.e. please communicate. The group are: Pam Wood, Viv Squire, and Jane Moffatt, Jessie kindler, Mel Harris, Robert Ferris and myself.

We started by asking how each individual found our current communications. The conversation ranged from the weekly email updates to posters outside church buildings. The email updates for those present were very useful and with the new website making it easier to produce them in more attractive and clearer style they should be even better. Facebook too is important for many, while Instagram and Twitter are developing for different users.

A New Welcome Booklet

Strategically, a new Welcome Booklet is being produced for the Launch weekend of the Carraig Centre in May. This will be an introduction to the life of the whole Union; St Peter's Carrigrohane, St Senan's Inniscarra and the Church of the Resurrection Blarney, as well as the Carraig Centre.

The Connect Newsletter needs feet

Alongside the Welcome Booklet will be an enlarged print run for the May Connect, a taster for Connect going forward.

The group felt we are not hearing nearly enough about the many things taking place, we need to proactively ask people to let us have stories behind the activity, like the fact that St Senan's had 140 people turn out for a Blue Grass concert in February, and that the Sparks group in Carrigrohane has grown in numbers in the last while. Quite simply we need stories – your stories.

But we also need feet. We have good news to share and it would be quite simple for a dozen or so people to take extra copies to those who are not out and about so much, and those who are new to us, like the parents of children who have had their children baptised. So we need feet – your feet to take these parish newsletters to the four corners of the parishes.

UNITED CELEBRATION and THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING (Easter Vestry)

This year's annual meeting, when we hear about the running of the churches to resource and equip our ministry and mission takes place after the **United Celebration on Sunday 5th April at 1pm** in the Parish Centre. This year we need to elect not only a Select Vestry, Church and Glebe wardens but also representatives to the Diocesan Synod and to serve as Parochial Nominators. The latter is hugely important, as you need nominators who are willing to give the time to be thoroughly involved with the process, and will be prayerfully seeking a man or woman of God, who understand the dynamics of the Union.

Do talk to Robert or Ian or any of the current Select Vestry members if you would like more information and if you wish to offer your name for any of these roles please complete the nomination papers kept in each church.

2019-2020 SV: Jane Moffatt & Laurel Watts (St Peter's Wardens); Andrew Watson & Richard Wood (St Senan's Wardens); Richard Bolster & April Gunn (Blarney Wardens); Paddy Heron & Robert Devoy (Glebe Wardens); Michael Kenning, Ruth Hockey, Cian Jenkinson, Mary Venables, Liz Kenning, Chris Hockey, Doug Venn, Bill Lane, Marion Murphy, Sylvia Bolster, & Mick O'Dea was co-opted as Treasurer.

Ian

CUP CORK - LIVING LIGHTLY & SUSTAINABLY

Perhaps the hardest part of living lightly and sustainably is the reality that to do so we have to face up to the fact that we are going to have to choose to make better choices, to do things differently and then follow through and act on what we believe or understand will be better for ourselves, our communities and our environment.

I'm sure we can all think of things that we know we could change. Perhaps it's buying less ready meals in questionable recyclable containers and making an effort to cook from scratch using all the reusable kitchen equipment we all have, or choosing to change brands of cleaning products for more eco-friendly ones, or even to make our own. There are plenty of suggestions online as to how make these up.

One that I'm going to try this month is a home-made

Carpet Cleaner (au.koala.com, 17/02/2020)

Ingredients: White vinegar, Baking Soda, Lemon essential oil

There are two ways to use these ingredients:

- mix a few drops of essential oil with ¼ cup of baking soda and sprinkle over the carpet – leave to sit and then vacuum away, or
- mix vinegar and baking soda in a 1 to 1 ratio and spray onto any stubborn stains. Allow to sit and then blot away.



Day of Prayer & Fasting

Wednesday 18 March - from 9am to 9pm

As we prepare for the opening of the Carraig Centre - we as leaders are calling the church to pray for certain practicalities that need to be put in place.

More details will be circulated closer to the time.

It would be great if you could join us at one or all of the churches during this period as we seek God's heart and ask for his help:

- 9 am in Blarney beginning with praise
- 1 pm in St. Senan's Church beginning with praise
- 5 pm in St. Peters Church beginning with praise

Prayer points for each hour will be distributed via email & in churches soon for those who are unable to make the day.



Holiday Bible Club In Ballincollig

This year the Church of Ireland (in Inniscarra, Blarney, Carrigrohane & Ballincollig) are running our usual Holiday Club for all Primary School aged kids at our brand new location in Ballincollig.

There is expected to be high demand so please do register early!
The kids will explore some great scientific discoveries. Find out who God is and how exploring science and following him can go hand in hand.

WHAT IS IT? Sports, games, songs, drama, bible stories, crafts, quizzes and lots and lots of fun!!

WHEN IS IT? On Tuesday 7th—Fri 10th July from 10am to 12.30pm. Friday Evening the whole family is invited to join us for a BBQ and activities from 5.15 - 7.30pm

WHERE IS IT? NEW VENUE! - The Carraig Centre, Old Quarter, Ballincollig - just past McDondalds!

WHO IS IT FOR? Anyone in Primary school, including those beginning in September

WHAT DOES IT COST? Just €25 per child - maximum €50 per family

IMPORTANT TO NOTE : - Places are limited – so book early to guarantee your spot! (1st come / 1st booked basis)

More information & Permission Forms:

Available from the Parish Office at office@cupcork.ie or telephone- 021 4877260 or downloading them from www.cupcork.ie/holidayclub