



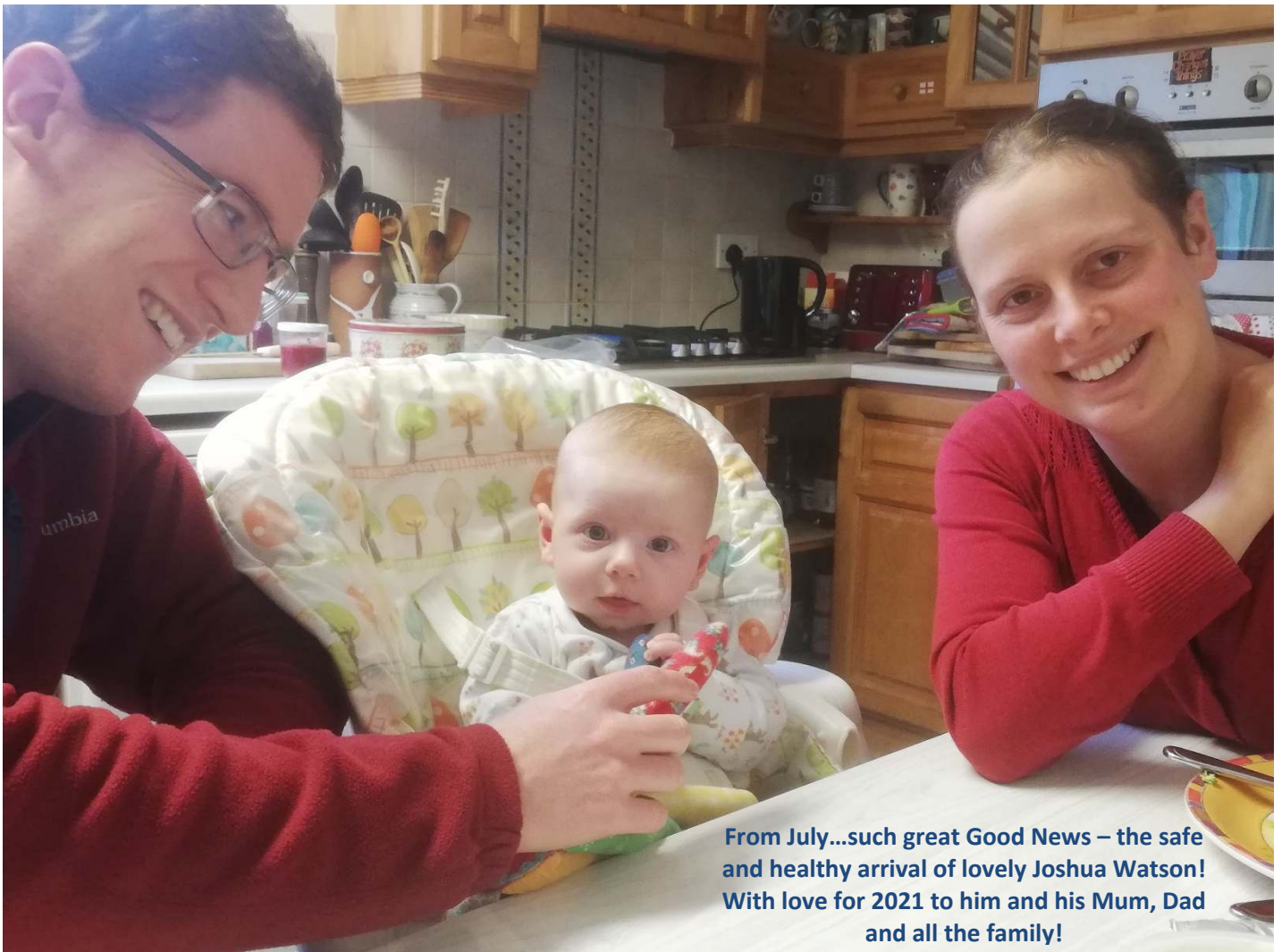
CARRIGROHANE UNION OF PARISHES

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

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So much Good News from 2020....



From July...such great Good News – the safe
and healthy arrival of lovely Joshua Watson!
With love for 2021 to him and his Mum, Dad
and all the family!



We – despite everything! – managed to send Ian and Gail off into their retirement in Kerry – with our love and thanks – and all good wishes for their future!



For a little while in the summer... Adventurers had a lovely time in the sunshine using the partly completed garden of The Carraig Centre!



HARVEST CELEBRATION DID HAPPEN !

LOTS OF ACTIVITY IN THE CARRAIG CENTRE!

Welcome to the Carraig Centre

What's On Today? Wednesday 30th September, 2020

	Main Hall	Prayer room	Meeting Room	Mezzanine	Playroom	Other Space	(Staff/ Volunteers)
Morning	Baby Sensory /Enable Ireland	Bible study	Enable Ireland	Mini Musicians	ETB		(Patsy) Noreen
Afternoon	Enable Ireland		Enable Ireland	Enable Ireland (lunch) Konfident Kidz	Enable Ireland		(Patsy) Robert D
Evening				Konfident Kidz			

Please remember 2m Distancing



GARDENING WORK to the front & back!



'We asked listeners to be honest, creative, funny, engaging and evocative in their writing ... to try to make us laugh, cry and think. We never imagined we would get the quantity and quality of entries that we did for **A Page from My Life.**' - Ray D'Arcy - A couple of months into lockdown, The Ray D'Arcy Show invited RTÉ Radio 1 listeners to send in 'A Page From My Life': 500 words from anyone, anywhere on the island, and beyond. Congratulations to **Kate Durrant** – with 2 pieces included!



National Pride of Place awards:
Blarney Village took top spot in the Urban Neighbourhoods with a Population under 3,000 category with judges praising them for

developing a “a very caring community, with fantastic volunteers, where a very impressive list of activities was presented. Notwithstanding a celebrated and established tourist attraction the judges were in no doubt that this is a community with great heart and spirit.”



Technological blessings and 'silver linings'...



For the Mothers' Union...

- **Midday Prayers** – which has happened for about 100 years around the world - without stopping - has gone 'live' via Facebook!

A couple of thousand people are joining together from all over the world every day at midday – re-uniting old friends and making new ones as we pray!

- MU in Ireland has produced an amazing **16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence** Prayer Diary (25 November-10 December). This resource has gone to every member and every clergy person in Ireland – and the on-line version is now being shared across the world!

<http://www.mothersunion.ie/files/16-Days-Prayer-Diary-for-Interactive.pf>

- It is great to have the collaboration established between Mothers' Union in the diocese of Cork, Cloyne & Ross, The Carraig Centre and **CRITiCALL** - the new initiative to support people emerging from domestic violence circumstances, many of which have been compounded by the Covid-19 pandemic.

A second collection from The Carraig Centre will take place at 9.30 am on Tuesday 15 December – so any gifts or vouchers for supermarkets will be gratefully received and be able to be included in this, the last distribution of this year. We've begun assembling gifts – from the Mothers' Union members in East Cork with supermarket vouchers from Katie Gould's 'Get Fit and Fund-raise' – but are very happy to receive more donations ready for 15 December collection!

Thanks everyone!

ZOOM and other platforms have helped meetings of parish staff, ALPHA, The Lighthouse, home groups, St Senan's group, book clubs, youth groups, Select Vestry, The Carraig Centre Board & operational group, exercise classes, wine tasting – and probably many more!

The **worship** services that have been shared by You Tube and on Facebook have been attended by many people...parishioners, other contacts and even friends and family members from across the Globe – despite time differences!

THANK YOU SO MUCH to all the techie people who have made this all possible – and to everyone willing to give it a go and even participate – attending, reading, singing & playing, praying, leading, tech-ing & speaking!

Adam and Lauana Douglas's wedding in St Peter's this summer... as reported on in the Irish Examiner! *The full story can be found here:*

<https://www.irishexaminer.com/lifestyle/people/arid-40059845.html>

WEDDING OF THE WEEK

EVE KELLIHER

Language of love leads leads to a walk down the aisle

Lauana Nogueira Terra and Adam Douglas met when Lauana moved to Cork from São Paulo, Brazil, in 2017. Adam, from Bartlemy, was coordinating tour groups and outings for a language school in the city and the couple got to know one another when Lauana was a student there.

They got engaged while sipping glasses of prosecco by the River Lee on a chilly evening in January 2019. "It was something we'd talked about a fair bit, so it came as no big surprise in the end!" said Adam.

They were married recently in St Peter's Church of Ireland, Carrigrohane, Cork, in a ceremony led by Reverend Ian Jonas. "It was short and simple, but really beautiful," said Lauana.

Pandemic restrictions meant altering original plans but the couple embraced it. "It was really fun and different getting ourselves ready and helping each other out. We'd originally planned to be in different locations, wearing different outfits, and with sty-

lists for hair and make-up. It was quite improvised in the end, but provided a good deal of challenge and entertainment to look ok for the photos, much less the service!" said the bride.

"It totally wasn't what we were expecting — to go from a big weekend event for a hundred or more, to an intimate ceremony for a dozen, but the weather and the service were how we'd always dreamed it."

Adam's parents, Heather and John, were there in person while Lauana's father and mother, Luiz and Rosana, followed the ceremony via a webcam link which the church set up for the bride and groom.

The couple's friends, Fatma Ahmed and Keith Geoghegan, were their witnesses. "The four of us had a great time getting photos prior to the service. Viv, our church musician, kindly did both the music and prayers during the service," said Lauana.

"We never imagined ourselves and our guests and those officiating all having to wear masks, as well as



Lauana Nogueira Terra and Adam Douglas.

Pictures: Sheenagh Morley, Bismark Photography

keeping an arm's length from each other, but made it something unique, both as a story and for the photos!"

The reception had been originally scheduled to take place in Actons Hotel in Kinsale but in these those plans were put on hold and the newlyweds now hope to host that celebration in the future. "We have deferred that to another time when we can have

our friends and family from Brazil, as well as safely having everyone from Ireland as well!" said Lauana.

The bride and groom will live in Ballincollig and their wedding-day photoshoot took in the local regional park there. Sheenagh Morley of Bismark Photography captured the big day on camera and House of Flowers (Ballincollig) took care of the floral ar-

rangements.

The newlyweds' honeymoon was a week's driving holiday here in Ireland. "We got seven days of the best weather Ireland offers, and were blown away by Sligo and Donegal, in particular," said Adam. Lauana runs her own handmade confectionery, event-planning, and design business, Lauana Designs, and Adam works in IT.



Lauana and Adam (above) and with their friends and witnesses Fatma Ahmed and Keith Geoghegan (left).



Of course birthdays come and go – regardless of pandemics! Congratulations to Dean on turning 50!



Wonderful answered prayer for Leigh's revision surgery being such a success!



Great to have Sarah covering Katie's parental leave with

the youth gang! Thank you Sarah!

What Sarah & Matt are busy constructing is a mystery...that will be revealed during December!



A 2020 Baptism in St Senan's – welcoming Andy on 23 February – with his parents Gary & Jen Sharman and his god-parents!

CONGRATULATIONS FROM US ALL TO VIV SQUIRE !

Viv writes...

Last academic year I undertook a Masters in Applied Spirituality in response to a persistent nudge from God that had first occurred some eight years earlier after I finished my Diploma in Spiritual Direction. The MA was a year of both rich blessings and many challenges, with the added stress of Covid affecting our classes. Once a month I travelled up to Dublin by train as

the course was held at the Milltown Institute (although it comes under the aegis of WIT), and I stayed in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, where I enjoyed wonderful hospitality, including the weekly Holy Communion service with the staff and students. A 45 minute walk there and back each day kept me fit!

Our classes included Spiritual Direction, Contemporary Spiritual Writers, Contemplative Psychology, Spirituality and Social Concern, Spirituality and Ecology, as well as writing one's spiritual autobiography and the many assignments related to each subject - not forgetting the 'small matter' of a dissertation! Exploring and practising Spiritual Direction was a significant part of the course, and, when Covid struck and we resorted to using Zoom, we had to discover and adjust to a different approach on listening to others.

As a class, we supported each other using WhatsApp and Zoom, and, as graduation, needless to say, has not happened, we did our own fun version of 'graduation.' I was also blessed to have the support of so many Carrigrohane friends, not forgetting my house-group who, on one Zoom meeting, insisted on watching me open the box containing the hard cover copies of my dissertation!

In the acknowledgements at the start of my dissertation, I wrote 'thank you to all those who supported me in so many ways - my church family of Carrigrohane Union of Parishes (you precious friends all know who you are!).' I thank you all again. **Viv**



*The congregation in St Peter's continues to work together – even through lock-down - as they focus on ways to continue moving forward with the new Vision Statement:
"St Peter's is a welcoming community that is centred on making the goodness of the life-giving God known to our faith family, neighbours and wider community."*

The new signage is looking great... clear and welcoming...



And the new sign is on the wall in St Peter's field – naming the area of planting in honour of Gail Jonas!





And as we proceed through Advent towards Christmas – this is what's ahead...

The wonder of Christmas

At the moment on TV there is a whole category of films that only appear at this time of year – the feel good Christmas movie – we know that they will live happily ever after - awww!

There is something about this time of year that

generates a feeling of hope, love and peace – rightly so as we are remembering the coming of the Christ Child – Immanuel – God With Us.

In a year that has seen so much change and upset, new patterns of living and difficult restrictions. This Christmas is going to be different for us all, but my hope and prayer is that we do not lose the wonder of Christmas – which for us as Christians centres on the message of Christmas. You will see that our service times have changed for this year but I do hope that you will find some time out to join us, either in person or at home via our online services at some point over the Christmas Season.

Christmas Services explained:

Due to the restrictions many of our services require booking in if you are able to attend – please check out our website for links – www.cupcork.ie/hall - if you would like help on this please contact the parish office 021 4877260.

You will see that at 8 pm there are services on **Monday, Tuesday and Christmas Eve** in our church buildings – you are invited to one of these services – we want to ensure that we spread out the times of these services and that as many people are able to attend at some point over the Christmas period. These services will be candlelit and will have the same readings at each and seasonal carols.

On Christmas eve there is a **Holy Communion service** in St Senan's at 3 pm – this will be a simple said Communion service

On Christmas day there will be a **Family Communion Service** in the Carraig Centre at 11 am.

For all services in December please check out our website – www.cupcork.ie/hall where there is a link to the schedule of services and links to book in.

Pastoral Care

Usually at this time the clergy would be sorting out Home Communion and lots of pastoral visits but due to the restrictions this will look different this year but I am very much available please do get in touch with me to chat, to pray – Pastoral care does continue and if there is something that we can do please let me know – my mobile number is 0851800720.

Robert



Services in Blue require booking in – www.cupcork.ie/hall

Services with a * are the same service repeated, so please just choose one.

Services with a # are being broadcast online at the usual places – links on our site

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time & Place</u>	<u>Service</u>
Sunday 6th December	9.30 am, St. Peter's #	Holy Communion
	11 am, Carraig Centre #	United Celebration
Sunday 13th December	9.30 am, St. Peter's #	Morning Prayer
	11 am, Carraig Centre #	Sunday AM
	11 am, Blarney	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th December	9.30 am, St. Peter's #	Holy Communion
	11 am, Carraig Centre #	Sunday AM
	11 am, Inniscarra	Holy Communion
Monday 21st December	8 pm, St Peters*	Festive music & readings
Tuesday 22nd December	8 pm, Blarney*	Festive music & readings
Christmas Eve	3 pm, Inniscarra	Holy Communion
	8 pm, Inniscarra *	Festive music & readings
Christmas Day	11 am, The Carraig Centre #	United Celebration Holy Communion
Sunday 27th December	9.30 am, St. Peter's	Morning Prayer
	11 am, Blarney	A Service of the Word
Sunday 3rd January	9.30 am, St. Peters #	Morning Prayer
	11 am, Carraig Centre #	United Celebration



Lovely Inniscarra has provided a place of refreshment with the prayer walk in the grounds. It is also open 10.30-12 on Fridays in the run up to Christmas for private prayer.



During all our services we will be following all the latest government advice & protocols including ...

Social Distancing, Contact Tracing, Hand Hygiene, 1 hour max services...

Much more detail on all our measures can be found on our website – www.cupcork.ie/services-covid-19-protocols/

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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