

# 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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**July-August 2021**



## ***From Robert's Desk:***

**Dear Parishioner and friends,**

Welcome to the new Summer bumper edition of ***Connect***.



I hope this edition finds you well. Over the course of the past few weeks, I have found myself using the word *NEW* quite a bit of the time.

I am pictured here with Father Kyrillos Hanna – The local priest from the Egyptian Coptic Church, a congregation who will be making their home in the Parish Centre on a Sunday Morning – one of a number of *new* links we've been building over lock-down.

In the Carraig Centre – we have many *new* groups connecting with us, in Sunday AM we have *new* families joining the parish, in Blarney we're planning on *new* services in our pattern for the summer, in Inniscarra we're planning for *new* quiet days and a *new* prayer trail has been set, in St Peter's we have a *new* space in our ancient graveyard.

None of these things are radical departures but simply *new* life springing up from things which began years and years ago – and I am very excited about the possibilities ahead.

Over the course of the summer months there are many other *new* things being planned.

You will find in this edition some words from our *new* friends who are using our spaces in Carrigrohane – Neighbourhood and the Coptic Church mentioned above.

You will also find a new advertisement which has gone live, for the new role of Associate Minister for CUP. This role has been revised, based on my reflections and experience with the Blarney focused role. Whilst the minister will be geographically based in Blarney, they will have a wider Union remit – and I will continue to build upon my relationships in Blarney. So, the role description says the Associate Minister will 'make their initial focus of ministry within the Blarney and Inniscarra communities, while also having roles within the wider parish'.

I hope, in each edition of *Connect*, to highlight some of our volunteer roles which may be of interest. Please do consider how you might get involved in the parish at this time.

***Robert***

## Big Prayer Points

This summer is going to be a very important summer for the Staff Team as we seek to put in place a staff team for the years ahead.

- Please pray for clergy who might be considering a move from where they are to Carrigrohane Union.
- Pray for discernment for Robert as he meets with potential candidates.
- Please pray for the Board of Church Army based in England as they read our proposals and grant permission for the Centre of Mission.
- Pray for the interview panel – for wisdom in their deliberations around the Church Army post and potential candidates who will be interviewed by them.
- Above all – our prayer needs to be very simple – Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done.

## Come to the Quiet- reflecting on our journey through a pandemic



As the days roll along, more and more freedoms are coming, and we are looking forward to re-entering life as we once knew it. But we know that it won't actually be the same. We are different, and our culture has changed too. Some of us will adjust well. Others will struggle a bit. It can be very helpful to

take the time to look back and ask “What happened to me, and in me, during this pandemic? How have I changed? Where was God in my life? How do I feel about the past and the emerging future?”

If you would benefit from that kind of reflection, join Chuck for a time of quiet at St Senan's. Choose **either** Saturday, July 10, 10am - 2 pm, **or** Sunday July 11, 2-6 pm. Capacity is limited to 10 participants each day. Email Chuck ([chohnbaum@serge.org](mailto:chohnbaum@serge.org)) indicating your interest and choice of Saturday or Sunday. He'll fill you in on the details.

## New members

It has been a joy to welcome new people – families and individuals to the parish. If you are new to the parish / area and would like to find out more – please do get in touch with the office / Rector should you need any information or would like to get more involved in the parish.





**Thank you** to Cork City Council for a grant to help us keep in touch with the more senior members of our parish family – and people across our community. The Adventurers are making lovely cards to go with some gifts – and these two

lovely big pots were prepared on Sunday 13 June, and delivered – with cards – to the Ballincollig Nursing Home just near the Carraig Centre, and to Rosenalee Nursing Home.

## **NEIGHBOURFOOD - BALLINCOLLIG**

‘We’d like to say a big thanks and a big hello to everyone in the Parish. We are operating for the last 2 months out of the Carrigrohane Centre. It has been a wonderful space to grow Neighbourfood Ballincollig. For those of you who do not know anything about the Neighbourfood movement, it is a new way to do your weekly shop - online, supporting local producers, and with zero food wastage involved. We create relationships with local producers, artisans, farmers, bakers, and growers. Our virtual farmer’s market opens on a Thursday and runs through just after midnight on a Monday. Our customers place their orders during this time. On Tuesday, all the orders get prepared to spec - so there is no wastage. On Wednesday, fun starts! The farmers pick the vegetables, the butchers prepare the orders, the bakers bake. And they deliver the freshest produce in the morning to the Centre. Our customers come and pick up their orders in the afternoon. Everything is safely distanced, and abides by latest Health & Safety requirements.

We have slowly built the market up over the past few months, and we now have over 45 producers offering over 3,000 products. Our market includes Izz Cafe, Sage Restaurant, Leamlara Honey, Tom Durcan Meats, Ballycotton Seafood, Sesasian, Malay Kitchen, My Goodness, The Natural Foods Bakery, Bread & Roses, Hederman, Food for Humans, Organic Republic, Kilbrack Farm and YumGelato amongst others. We are always looking for producers local to Ballincollig / Carrigrohane, so if you know of anyone, please get in touch with us at [neighbourfoodballincollig@gmail.com](mailto:neighbourfoodballincollig@gmail.com). If you are interested in exploring our online market, please do join us at [www.neighbourfood.ie/ballincollig](http://www.neighbourfood.ie/ballincollig). Thank you! **Kevin & Pia’**

## Summer 2021 in the Carraig Centre

The buzz is getting bigger here in the Carraig Centre! It has been wonderful to see groups starting to make plans for getting back together within the COVID guidelines, first tentatively, then with more confidence as the weeks, and COVID numbers move in the right direction. The weather is helping matters too of course - and what has been most encouraging to me personally is to see the Carraig Centre full on Sunday mornings for our hybrid (live and on-line) services!

Our garden committee has been very active, and the patio garden is now a place to relax, meet people safely outdoors, enjoy a cup of coffee together or watch the children playing in the playground. Adventurers have also been using the outdoor spaces as well during alternating Sunday services. The planting has proceeded with vigorous growth, the canopy cover has been a successful experiment to date, and as I write, the woodwork is being varnished! A very big thank you to Rob Devoy, Kathy and Chuck, Mel and Viv, and various young people who have contributed energy, creativity and enthusiasm.



The play areas and garden are proving popular for booked in young families, birthday parties and social get togethers which is wonderful, and the 5 summer camps that are now booked in will make use of these great facilities as well. Our own Youth programme is planning Friday evening activities using the spaces, both for our own young people, and hopefully as a way to interact with local young people as well.

This summer the 5 camps will feature two Lego activities, an Art camp, a music camp and a general activities for younger kids camp. Several of our own young people have signed up to help with some of these camps which is terrific! While we are not running the Bible camp this year again, it is great that members of Carrigrohane Union of Parishes can engage with the wider community through these popular activities.

Autumn activities are booking in too - and two Irish Countrywomen Associations (Local and Regional) have booked the Mezzanine for regular weekly meetings. Slimming World is back in business as well and we have several other tentative bookings that we are trying to fit into the jigsaw puzzle too! Of course, our regular Enable Ireland, YMCA and recovery support groups are all planned into the rich tapestry of community groups making use of the Carraig Centre.

It will be wonderful, in the middle of all this activity, to have our hard-working office (Jaki and Patsy) back in place from early July; we also hope as the restrictions lift and things get clearer so that we can ask any of our volunteers, who are willing and able, to think about returning! We will probably need to start some volunteers on Saturdays as well as we have several activities that will be running then, birthday parties included. Plans are still only at discussion stage for this.



want to express my thanks to a very large group of people who are involved in multiple ways with the running of the Carraig Centre. I won't mention names, but you all know who you are! **THANK YOU!**

**Bill Lane** (Acting Carraig Centre Manager)

### ***From the TCC Garden Committee:***

You may have noticed that the gardens at the Carraig Centre back patio are almost finished! They are looking lovely! If you have not had a chance to see it, please find some time to do so!

Many people outside of our Parish are enjoying the space and the beauty of the flowers and plants that God has created! This garden space which we are sharing with many different groups, is hopefully, one more way in which we can make positive community connections and ultimately be able to share about our most gracious God.

You can have a part in making this garden an inviting place by volunteering a few hours each month to care for the garden areas! (You can make it more fun by inviting a friend to help you and introduce them to the gardens and the Carraig Centre!)

**What:** TCC garden waters and weeders

#### **Responsibilities:**

1. Watering the TCC back patio beds twice a week, and roadside beds periodically if a dry spell happens.
2. Light weeding of the beds and tidying up the spaces.
3. Brief recording of what work was done.
4. Calling the Carraig Centre to set up your watering times so it does not conflict with scheduled outdoor bookings.

**How often to do the tasks?** Depends on the number of volunteers, if we have 4 volunteers then it will be one week on in a 4 week period; if we have 8 volunteers, then one week on in 8 weeks.

Ideally, we would like the **back patio gardens** to be watered and weeded twice a week, especially as our new plants are getting established. As well, a tidy up of the patio area (sweeping) would be helpful.

The **roadside beds** might need periodic watering during dry periods. A tidy up of the roadside beds (rubbish collection, weeding, and sweeping stray bark mulch back into the beds) should be done twice a week.

In the **winter months**, watering will probably not be needed, but leaf, and paving sweeping would be appreciated.

The time/day for these tasks would preferably be Monday and Thursday or Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 9:30 am and 4:30 pm.

Brief instructions will be given at the beginning of your first time volunteering!

Please contact Kathy Hohnbaum if you are interested in this opportunity and if you have any questions. [khohnbaum@serge.org](mailto:khohnbaum@serge.org), or 0857450181.

Thanks for considering this way of serving the parish and the community!

***The TCC Garden Committee***

## Mission & Ministry Appeal 2021

We do thank everyone in the Parish for your generous and sacrificial giving - which continues to enable so much mission and ministry to happen.



Over the course of the Autumn, we're going to have a specific focus upon our Big Vision for the parish and as part of that we will be focusing upon the topic of giving, with a Gift Day being planned in October. Over the Summer if you would like to review your giving, please do get in touch with the parish office.

The Select Vestry has set an aim to raise 20,000 euro this year through the Gift Day in the Autumn and a Christmas Festival Fundraiser. This is a large sum of money, but we hope this will provide the opportunity to work together, raise the needed funds, and see fresh faith forming as we continue to reach out with the good news of the Gospel in our Union of Parishes.

We realise that it is a difficult time for some, and if this is you, please do **not** feel any pressure from this appeal. And for those who can, we encourage you to consider what you can give as a thanksgiving offering.

The 20,000 Euro which we hope to raise will be put towards:

- The new post being created of Associate Minister for the Union of Parishes
- The added expenses being incurred for on-line services which have been essential over the lock-down – and continue to be much appreciated.

This is very much a faith-based appeal – and we're asking simply if individuals and households might partner with us in either once off gifts or by increasing their monthly giving slightly. It would be very much appreciated.

This €20,000 target amount takes into consideration that our giving in 2020 was down by nearly €10,000 Euro on the previous 12 months due to the pandemic and not being able to meet in person. It is hoped that by launching this appeal now we can plan for growth into the future.

If you would like to make a once off donation to this, please do contact Patsy in the Parish Office or you can give online.

You can also make regular donations via bank transfer or online – details can be found on our website [www.cupcork.ie/giving](http://www.cupcork.ie/giving)

The annual tax reclaim makes a very significant contribution to our finances – so identifying yourself to the office as you give is so very helpful. We are in receipt of a few very generous standing orders that are anonymous – so if you are one of the kind donors and would be happy to identify yourself, your gifts could be included in this process – thank you!  
(patsy@cupcork.ie)

We are in this together. **Robert**

## Over the course of the Summer:

### Staffing:

- We will hopefully be advertising the role of Lead Pioneer Evangelist /Carraig Centre. Community leader. This post will be in conjunction with Church Army – More details about this in the September edition. We are currently waiting on approval by the Church Army Executive Board.
- The Advertisement we are currently running for the Associate Role:

### **Carrigrohane Union of Parishes, Diocese of Cork, Cloyne & Ross Vacancy for Associate Minister (Curate Assistant)**

We are seeking to appoint to our Parish team an ordained curate with at least three years parish experience.

Carrigrohane Union is made up of four missional communities that share a commitment to worship, discipleship, and active engagement with those who are outside the traditional church.

The person will work closely with a team including the incumbent, staff & volunteers. S/he will use their God-given gifts in serving a diverse community and across a broad spectrum of parish life and activities.

We hope that the successful applicant will take up this role as soon as possible.

For more details or to request an application pack, please contact Revd Robert Ferris,

**Email:** [robert@cupcork.ie](mailto:robert@cupcork.ie)

**Phone:** +353 851800720

**Website:** [www.cupcork.ie](http://www.cupcork.ie)

Informal exploratory conversations & visits are welcome & actively encouraged.

**Closing date for receipt of applications: 12 Noon Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021**  
**Interviews: Early August**

## Thanks to the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross

Over the past months much time has been spent on emails & Zooms to and from our Diocese (Cork, Cloyne & Ross) in regards to staffing both the parish and the Carraig Centre.

Through both the medium of the Connect Newsletter and also an email to the Diocesan Secretary Billy Skuse, Robert, on behalf of the Parish, thanks the Diocesan committees, office holders and Bishop Paul. They have all been very helpful in passing the necessary permissions and supporting the application process to Church Army amongst other important decisions.

This working together is vitally important and will be of mutual benefit going forward. Robert says it is so great to be part of Diocese which works together to support and encourage one another.

## Volunteer Roles:

### **Your church needs you!**

Over the summer we will be looking at developing a number of roles around the parish and if you might be interested in filling some of these please do get in touch with the Office.

- Grounds Maintenance – in Blarney / St Peter's / Parish Centre
- Parish Centre Management – Heating controls / liaising with renters/ supplies etc
- Painting shed at Blarney
- Diocesan Lay Reader Roles – Training involved
- Volunteer Receptionists at the Carraig Centre
- Lighthouse Team (Messy Church)
- Hedge Clipping when it is safe to do so
- TCC garden upkeep (see article elsewhere in Connect for details!)
- Flower and cleaning rotas in the churches
- Communications – web, social media, video, photography etc
- Fund-raising team



## Summer Evening Services:

Over the course of the Summer we're opening up Blarney Church in the evenings at 7.30 pm for short services on the theme of: *'Ordinary People, Extraordinary God'*.

We'll have a short liturgy and Robert has asked some people to share from their story of faith or what God has been doing in their lives / or the story of someone who has meant a lot to their faith as well as a Bible Passage which means a lot to them.

Music will be recorded and reflective of the themes of the services.

Do pop along to Blarney on any Sunday evening EXCEPT for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July when there will be a New Wine Summer Conference Evening the Carraig Centre (booking is essential for this)

## New Wine Conference:

For details of the New Wine Conference this year check out -

<https://www.newwineireland.org/summer21/>

We will be hosting an online conference event in the Carraig Centre on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July – starting at 7pm.

Tickets on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/myevent?eid=160531667539> .





### **Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Visits**

The Rector appreciates being informed if parishioners are in hospital, going into hospital or if they have been discharged. The diocese runs a Hospital Chaplaincy service if you / family member would like a chaplain to visit please do let the Rector know so that he can make a careful note of the details.

Unfortunately, at this time Pastoral Visits to homes is still not possible – but Robert is available for conversations by phone, Zoom or other means. Also over the past few weeks Robert has met with individuals in the new Garden Area at the Carraig Centre where it is possible to socially distance and have a quiet conversation. Please do get in touch with Robert to arrange this if it might be helpful.

### **Vestry Update**

The Select Vestry meet usually once a month but take a break in July / August. At its last meeting there were a number of important issues. At the moment we are preparing, like every other parish in the Republic of Ireland, to form a Charity and now need to sort out all of the policy documents. We received updates from Property, Finance and TCC board as well as Staffing and Youth work.

### **Safeguarding Trust**

The Rector, Select Vestry and parish leaders are committed to upholding good practice in the Parish's ministry with children, young people and vulnerable adults. Should you have a concern or suspicion regarding child welfare in the parish please contact a member of the parish panel below or any of the statutory agencies:

Robert Ferris – 0851800720

Jane Moffatt - 0868935866

Ivan McMahon - 0868125792



### **September Magazine**

Please note that any articles or photographs for the September edition of Connect need to be emailed to [patsy@cupcork.ie](mailto:patsy@cupcork.ie) or left in the Parish office by 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021

It is hoped that we might be able to have Connect Newsletters available on the First Sunday of each Month – in churches, and also via email.

If you would like to receive a paper copy, please do let the office know – if you aren't able to pick it up on the first Sunday at a church service.

## COVID Compliance Continues...

### Singing

As we continue to adhere to the guidelines for Covid-Compliance. We still unfortunately cannot enjoy congregational singing. I want to thank all our musicians for their help and going way beyond the call of duty in helping lead reflective times of worship in all our places of worship.



Over the summer in our church buildings we will be continuing with a mix of recorded worship in many of our services – and using a range of music with our parish musicians. We do hope congregational singing will resume in the near future, but until that time comes we will persevere and keep each other safe.

### Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be available in both kinds thanks to a resolution of the House of Bishops. However, it will be slightly altered as we unfortunately cannot use the common cup at this moment in time. The common cup will be reinstated on the advice of the HSPC in due course. Bishop Paul has agreed that the wine will be consecrated in the Chalice and the decanted into small individual cups and distributed by Lay Eucharistic Assistants.

#### **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.***

***Jaki & Patsy are working from home until restrictions allow a return to The Carraig Centre office.***

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Rector: Robert Ferris – 085 1800720 - [robert@cupcork.ie](mailto:robert@cupcork.ie)

Youth Workers: Matt Gould [matt@cupcork.ie](mailto:matt@cupcork.ie) – 085-1080067 & Sarah hockey - [sarah@cupcork.ie](mailto:sarah@cupcork.ie)

WEBSITE: [www.cupcork.ie](http://www.cupcork.ie) & find us on Facebook!

#### **CUP Bank Details for Standing Orders or direct lodgements:**

Carrigrohane Union Select Vestry Current Account, AIB, Patrick Street, Cork.

Account: 21109077

IBAN: IE89 AIBK 9342 8321 1090 77

BIC: AIBKIE2D

***Continued grateful thanks to everyone for generous giving to the life & work of the Parish.***

*Please note that any lodgements and Standing Orders that are anonymous means your generous giving can't be included in the annual Tax Reclaim that is such a great help in our annual finances. If you prefer your name not to be on the bank statements, but you are willing to let Patsy know who you are, we can do the necessary work to substantially increase the value of your gifts.*

Thank you  
To Viv for  
this fun  
suggestion!  
Found in old  
Bible study  
notes!



## *Bible cake*

Have fun exploring the scriptures for the ingredients, and then invite friends round to enjoy the finished product!  
Heat oven to 150°C (300°F, Gas mark 2).

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|---|---------------------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 teacups 1 Samuel 30:12<br>(second ingredient)   | 7  | 6 of Jeremiah 17:11                 |
| 2 | 2 cups Nahum 3:12                                 | 8  | 2 tbsps 1 Samuel 14:25              |
| 3 | ½ cup Numbers 17:8 (plus<br>a few for decoration) | 9  | 1 pinch Leviticus 2:13              |
| 4 | 8oz (225g) Psalm 55:21                            | 10 | 2 tsps Amos 4:5 (crumbs)            |
| 5 | 2 cups Jeremiah 6:20 (sugar!)                     | 11 | 1 cup Judges 5:25 (final<br>clause) |
| 6 | 4 ½ cups 1 Kings 4:22                             | 12 | ½ cup Judges 4:19 (first<br>liquid) |
|   |                                                   | 13 | Season with 2 Chronicles 9:9        |

Grease and line an 8-inch cake tin.

Separate 1. Chop 2 and 3. Set aside.

Blend 4 and 5. Add 6 gradually. Beat in 7 and add 8, 9 and 10.

Stir in 1, 2 and 3. Add 11 and 12 as necessary. Blend in 13.

Put into prepared tin, decorate with a few flaked 3s, and bake on a low shelf for 3 ½ hours.

If the top browns prematurely, reduce heat to 140°C (275°F, Gas mark 1) and cover with greaseproof paper.

Eat with prayer and thanksgiving, and resolve to follow the example of 2 Timothy 1:6!

Update from Emma Bolster Rodrigues and the

# BALLINA CENTRE OF MISSION

June 2021



Emma Rodrigues and Marian Edwards

Is there light at the end of a very long lockdown tunnel? Corrie Ten Boom's quote encourages us to consider –

*“When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer”.*

The last few months were indeed dark and difficult for many, but by God's grace it seems that we are facing brighter days. **Updates;**

**Gift bags for families:** St. Patrick's Day in Ballina, we sent out gift bags to the children of Mill View and Greenhills Estates. Through continuing connections, we have been able to keep contact with the children who used to come to our Kidz Clubs on the Big Blue Bus. A few volunteers crocheted shamrocks for all the bags. The St. Vincent de Paul and Dealz of Ballina also contributed colouring books, calendars, playing cards and sweets for the children. A ceramicist from Sligo made Shamrock fridge-magnets. We also included scripture colouring pages and a copy of St. Patrick's Prayer in each bag.



For Easter, we filled the bags with easter eggs, gifts and Easter colouring sheets. We also added a new booklet from Ruth Gyves, entitled Joy for the Soul, which she had produced just in time for Easter. Ruth is a Diocesan Lay Reader in the Dublin and Glendalough Diocese of the Church of Ireland. On this occasion, we distributed the bags of joy to the elderly, the medically vulnerable and carers in the community. A volunteer from Ballina Methodist Church also made flower posies, which we gave to neighbours and friends of Ballina Churches Together. We delivered flowers, chocolates, gospel c.ds and booklets to the retired Mercy nuns who reside in Ballina. It was a joy to bless so many people, who were somewhat weary of lockdowns.

**Pastoral care:** Our work has continued in pastoral care. There are people who live alone, the elderly - isolated from family and friends, some of whom do not have a support network. We continued all through the lockdowns to reach out to them through various means ... phone calls, messaging, post and doorstep visits to those who live alone in the countryside. We have also continued to take elderly people for hospital tests to the nearest Hospitals. We have continued out Pastoral Care work in the Community. Through a 'Ministry of Presence' on the streets of Ballina we have kept up contact with many of the men who used to frequent the Big Blue Bus. The prolonged period of lockdown and isolation has caused the vulnerable to experience loneliness and confusion. Sadly, for some, such as our friend K, he now requires hospitalisation at this time. We had worked with him and taken him out litter-picking in order to get him out of the house and keep him active. However, his mental health continued to deteriorate over time. He remains in our prayers.

**Big Blue Bus:** It was a difficult decision to say goodbye to the Big Blue Bus. The iconic bus was a well-loved by those frequented it and news of its sale was met with sadness. At the weekend, it was a place for adults to meet for community, tea, biscuits, song, prayer and community. Many young people also visited the bus at the weekend also. The bus was a café for them and a warm place to be on a cold winters' night. A place for hot chocolate, laughter and banter! Every Saturday evening, the young people would be standing outside Penney's, waiting for the bus to arrive. Through the buses ministry we came to know many people.

We also used to visit various housing estates for Kids Clubs. The children of Mill View and Greenhills Estates, would tumble out of their homes and pile onto the Big Blue Bus. We played games, had bible storytelling, songs and arts and crafts. The bus was a happy place filled with laughter and fun. For the turning on of the Christmas lights, St. Patricks Day and at the Salmon Festival, the Big Blue Bus would be parked outside the Jackie Clarke Museum. A team of volunteers were seated outside for face-painting and the children loved to visit the bus along with their parents. Memories of the Big Blue Bus will stay with us for years to come. Many happy memories of friendships made, laughter and song, copious cups of tea and of winter nights in Tesco's car park!



**Chalk art:** Ballina is a picturesque town situated on the River Moy. These days fishermen are once more back in the famous Ridgepool in search of Wild Atlantic Salmon. This is also a popular area for pedestrians as people enjoy walking around the bridges that cross the Moy. It is here that we leave our chalk messages on the pavements opposite the Cathedral. These messages can be funny, inspirational, thought provoking and scriptural. We usually get to do chalk-art once or twice a month, depending on the weather!

The art messages has been very well received by so many people, who have appreciated the messages of hope, joy and peace which they give. One lady approached recently and expressed her gratitude for the chalk art. She is interested in knowing more about Jesus and asked for a Bible. She had been looking in the shops for one and could not find one. We were able to give her a New Testament. She loves to sew and now she is making gift-bags so we can continue to bless people in the community.

**Missional community:** We brought our (post Alpha group) Bible study on zoom on Thursdays at 7:30pm. We also brought the men's group from the bus (on zoom) and have a time of worship, prayer, and Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 8pm. We have had a few new people start to attend this. Our prayer group has continued through zoom on Sunday evenings.

**Farewell:** In the past year we said goodbye to 4 of our volunteers. Three have moved to Scotland to work in a Church, and one has returned to Brazil after helping with the Futsal in the community for 4 years. Emma is also leaving Ballina and will finish her role at the end of June 2021. Following a 5-year spell in Ballina, she has taken the opportunity to review her future and felt that this was a good time to look for new challenges in her working life. However, Marian will take over as lead in the work and Rosemonde Adamson will be the new part-time pioneer evangelist. They will continue to raise up more people in the community to help build on the mission work begun in 2016.

**PRAYERS:**

### Please pray for...

- For our safety as we start to connect to more people in the community. Pray we would remain safe and no one will get COVID 19.
- We pray for Gods financial provision to keep this project going as charities and Churches have taken a knock financially during this time.

### Things to be thankful for...

- Thankful to God for the new people we have met and connected with and prayed for during the last few months.

Your support makes a huge difference to the impact here. If you would like to make a regular or one-off gift to support us please visit [churcharmy.org/donate](https://churcharmy.org/donate) and quote ref. **1165 / 2017MED**. We don't take your support for granted, so thank you so much for standing with us and praying for us throughout the year. It has been a good year and we are seeing God transform and touch lives. We want to pray for you so please let us know how we can, by emailing [emma.rodriques@churcharmy.org](mailto:emma.rodriques@churcharmy.org) [Marian.Edwards@churcharmy.org](mailto:Marian.Edwards@churcharmy.org)

Thank you! *Emma and Marian*



**A greeting from** Father Kyrillos Hanna – the local priest from the Egyptian Coptic Church, a congregation who will be making their home in the Parish Centre on Sunday mornings. *“Our community in Cork has about 30 families, and includes some students from Canada and some single people – coming to about 150 people. We are from Egypt, Eritrea, and Ethiopia. On Sunday morning we*

*have our Mass. Our Liturgy which starts with the morning offering of incense followed by the offering of the Lamb, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Faithful. In the Liturgy of the Word – we have reading from the letters of St Paul and then from St James or St John, and also we have reading from the Acts and reading from the Gospel. We usually have Bible Study and we have a Sunday School for the kids and we also have youth meetings. Most of them are over Zoom with youth-related topics. Also, we have midnight praises...and in the afternoon – also over Zoom. The Egyptians in our community are from Cairo, Alexander and other places...some work as engineers, some as doctors.”*

The **Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria** is an ancient Christian Church. It is one of the oldest Churches in the world, having been founded by Saint Mark the Apostle, the writer of the second gospel, in the first Century. The word 'Coptic' comes from the ancient Egyptian word 'hekaptah' meaning 'Egypt', and thus 'Coptic' merely means 'Egyptian.' As a conservative Church, the Coptic Church has carefully preserved the Orthodox Christian Faith in its earliest and purest form, handing it down from generation to generation, unaltered and true to the Apostolic doctrines and patterns of worship.

There are many links between the Coptic Church and Ireland as early as the 9th Century. More recently, the first Church was established in 1993 by HG Bishop Antony, Bishop of Ireland, Scotland, North-East England and affiliated regions. Since then, His Grace has opened 7 churches all over the island of Ireland, established St Athanasius Monastery for monks and St George's Abbey for nuns.

## Update from Matt Gould:

Over the summer the two big courses I have been involved in, come to an end. As I have been helped with time for study, financially, and supported in prayer, it seemed a good time to give an update and say **thank you** to CUP...



In mid July I complete my last module for the **Church Army Evangelist Course** which I have been working on over these last two years. During 2019 and early 2020 this involved travelling for training weekends to Church Army Centre in Sheffield, with a mix of taught content, group discussion and personal assignments. Since COVID hit, training has been online, which has reduced my air-miles carbon footprint, but definitely lacked the peer support element of meeting together.

Overall, I have really enjoyed the course, especially meeting people from many walks of life who share a passion and call to reach the lost with the secure hope we have in Jesus. The training has fed directly into the work of CUP in Ballincollig and beyond, and it has refined my own sense of call and place in God's wonderful tapestry.

Because of the COVID picture in the UK at present, I will not be travelling over for the scheduled commissioning on 20<sup>th</sup> of July, but will be commissioned at a later date once arrangements are confirmed from Church Army. **Please pray for where all this is leading, as I don't know - but God does, and that is enough.**

Prior to starting the C.A. Evangelist course I was working towards a **MA in Applied Theology from the Irish Bible Institute** based in Dublin - sure if you are going to do one course, why not do two! I have completed four significant modules (Evangelicalism: Theory and Practice, Pastoral Care, Church and Mission, and lastly Biblical Interpretation) which has been wonderful, encouraging, tiring and stretching all at the same time. I have never worked so hard on something in my life!

The MA finishes this year whenever I get my Dissertation done (deadline mid-October). For my topic I chose to focus on the Tree of Life - tracing its first appearance in the Genesis garden, through its use in Proverbs and how the prophets reimagine it, and finishing by unpacking its reappearance in Revelation. Amazingly, 15,000 words on a tree may not feel enough!

This chance to develop my theological education has been fantastic, and has fed directly into my youth teaching and wider service leading and speaking over these last few years. **A huge thank you to the parish for support to work this all through**, and also a big thank you to my family, and sorry for being a bit grouchy towards essay hand-in deadlines.

Now back to the dissertation...!



# Youth Update



**Summer Glow MAX**  
We're delighted to have started off our summer programme with a bang (and some sunshine!!) as our teens have been gathering at our outdoor hangout space at TCC.



Secondary school aged young people (including those going into 1st year in September) are welcome to come along on Friday evenings throughout the summer from 6-8pm for games, tuck shop and a place to chill out :)



## Summer Glow

(4th-6th Class -those going into 4th in Sept are welcome)

Beginning Friday 2nd of July we will be running a Friday afternoon slot as well for our younger group from 3-5pm!

CUP CORK YOUTH  
**SUMMER GLOW [MAX]**

So dress warm!  
EVENING OUTDOOR YOUTH HANGOUT SPACE

FRIDAYS 6-8PM, JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

THE CARRAIG CENTRE, BALLINCOLLIG, P31 PV20

Come along to chill out, play Spikeball, Soccer, basketball, pool, boardgames and enjoy the tuckshop (exact change only due to Covid restrictions)

For more info contact [sarah@cupcork.ie](mailto:sarah@cupcork.ie)

CUP CORK YOUTH  
**SUMMER GLOW**

Afternoon OUTDOOR activities for 4th -6th class  
Come along in warm clothes you don't mind getting messy in!!

FRIDAY'S DURING JULY AND AUGUST 3-5PM

THE CARRAIG CENTRE, BALLINCOLLIG P31 PV20.

Join us for games, crafts, soccer, basketball, spikeball and more!

For more info contact [sarah@cupcork.ie](mailto:sarah@cupcork.ie)



# Summer Services in Carrigrohane Union of Parishes:



For links to online services – check out [www.cupcork.ie/hall](http://www.cupcork.ie/hall)

Date	St Peter's, Carrigrohane (also on-line)	The Carraig Centre, Ballincollig (also on-line)	St Senan's, Inniscarra	The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney
4 July	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11 am <b>United Celebration</b>		7.30 pm
11 July	9.30 am Holy Communion	11 am (Holy Communion) <i>with Adventurers</i> <b>&amp; 7 pm</b> - New Wine celebration	11 am Morning Prayer	
18 July	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11 am		7.30 pm
25 July	9.30 am Holy Communion	11 am <i>with Adventurers</i>	11 am Holy Communion	7.30 pm
1 August	9.30 am Holy Communion	11 am <b>United Celebration</b>		7.30 pm
8 August	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11 am <i>with Adventurers</i>	11 am Holy Communion	7.30 pm
15 August	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11 am Holy Communion		7.30 pm
22 August	9.30 am Holy Communion	11 am <i>with Adventurers</i>	11 am Morning Prayer	7.30 pm
29 August	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11 am		7.30 pm
5 September	9.30 am Holy Communion	11 am <b>United Celebration</b>		7.30 pm

## OUR Story

A potential offshoot from the new Ordinary People project (and this is still in the process of forming) is to explore not only our individual stories- but also how

they are connected, particularly within this Union of Parishes. Something I've been reflecting on recently is the role that "remembering" played in the daily lives of the Israelites in the Old Testament. How Israel's foundation was built upon the intentional remembering of what God had done for them as a community and then actively declaring and incorporating that into their worship.



We forget things so easily- but the thing about stories is once you start the process of thinking things through, you remember more and more and are left marvelling at all that God has done! Let's get back into the habit of marvelling!

If you're interested it would be wonderful if you could keep a notebook in the car, or a google doc on your computer, or even a voice note on your phone, just to jot down memories as they come to you of times you noticed the "fingerprints" of our Creator in the parish, be it at a prayer meeting, vestry meeting, chance meeting, morning service, act of service- the list is endless! I'm not exactly sure what we'll do with them, but I'm excited about the opportunity to piece together those stories and express them creatively.

I really believe it could be such a blessing, not only for us as a Church family across the union, but also for those who join us along the way to be welcomed in.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or ideas about any of this.

God Bless, **Sarah Louise**

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### St Peter's Church, Carrigrohane

A small working group has been busy at work looking at what can be done around St Peter's – looking at Outreach, Communications, Building Maintenance.

The vivid Picture of St Peter's is that:

*"We see a church that is connected and committed to the local community, where families, children and adults of all ages feel welcomed and where prayer, biblical teaching, Spirit filled worship combined with laughter and conversation help people come to, and grow in their relationship with God and with each other. Essentially, St Peter's is a good place to be and we want the building & its grounds used as a resource that serves the wider community. "*

## June walking in July for Mums in May!



This year, 2021, June Butler, the All Ireland Mothers' Union President is walking 21 km in each diocese in Ireland – 21 in 21! She's raising awareness of the work of the Mothers' Union, and raising funds for Mums in May – our triennial fund-raising that provides grant aid for project work in dioceses throughout

Ireland. More details can be found on: <http://www.mothersunion.ie/mums-in-may-2021.html>

We can sponsor June: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/MumsinMay21](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/MumsinMay21) or contributions could be given via Jean Patterson!

June will have walked in Youghal on 14th, and will walk in Doneraile on 16th. At 10.30 am on Thursday 15th July, we'll meet in St Peter's, Carrigrohane for prayers with Rev Robert - and then June will walk to St Fin Barre's Cathedral, via the Straight Road, along the path by the River Lee and up through UCC (maybe including Fitzgerald's Park on the way - we have to measure the distance!). Hilary Dring (Diocesan President), Deirdre Whitley and Patsy Devoy will walk with June. If anyone else would like to walk with us, you'd be very welcome, but please let me know in advance (so we know who to expect, and because numbers do need to be kept within guidelines).

All other members and friends/parishioners are very welcome to come to St Peter's for the short time of prayer at 10.30 am (where, of course, all Covid precautions and restrictions will be complied with in Church).

Thank you!  
*Patsy*

## St Peter's Parish Centre, Carrigrohane

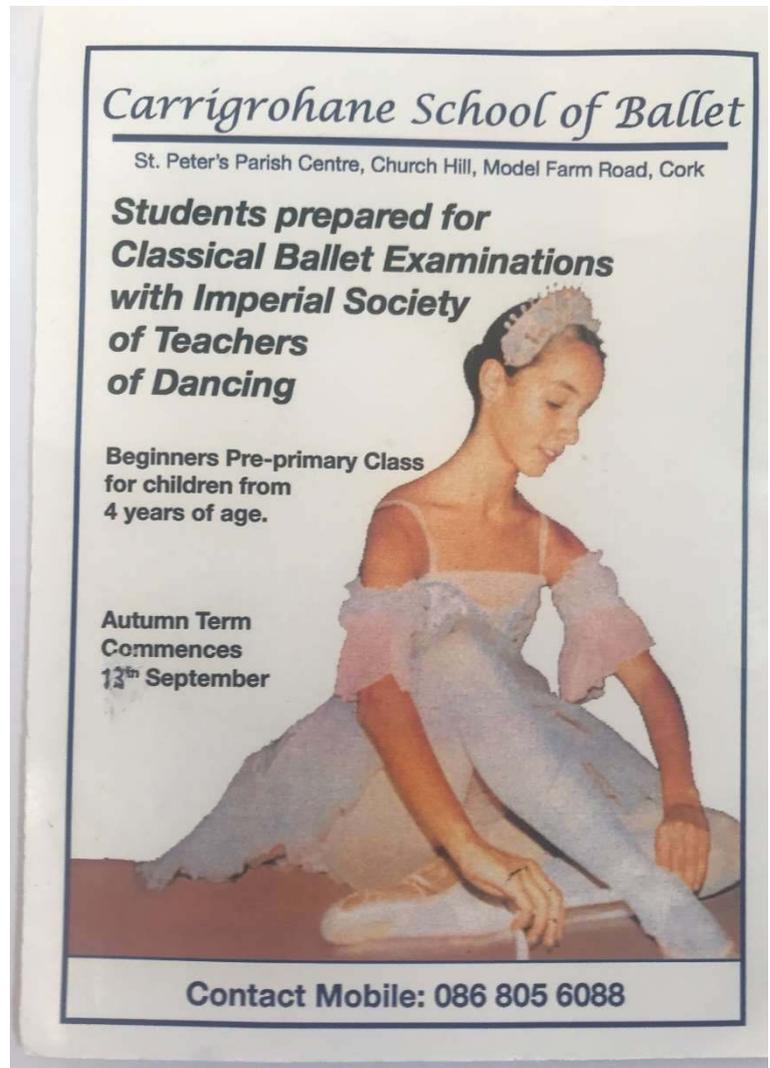
Thank you to everyone continuing the work on sprucing up the St Peter's Parish Centre on Church Hill.

It's great to be welcoming people in to use the facility.

You'll read all about Neighbourhood elsewhere in Connect – they are there on Wednesdays.

We're delighted to be welcoming the Scouts back to the old Centre – where there's a long history of Scouts meeting there. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Ventures will be meeting there from September.

Folk dancing is hoping to restart, in a very careful way, sometime soon! Mary will back in September too, with ballet classes – and Heather is back in action with her puppy classes. On Saturday mornings Toddler Sense is also coming back in term-time. And there will still be a few slots for possibly parties!



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