



## 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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**October 2021**

### *Apple Orchard -* **Volunteers needed to help with planting**

**When:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 10am for  
approximately 1 hour (weather  
permitting) Alternative date if needed  
due to weather conditions Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>  
2.30pm.

**Where:** St Peter's field

**What to bring:** if you have garden  
spades and/or forks please do bring  
them along

Do come even if you don't have these  
items or any planting experience and  
bring your children too!

*The Eco – group*



We are planning a wonderful **Christmas Festival**  
this year – with Trees decorated by local people,  
businesses and groups and LOTS of other events  
for everyone to enjoy – using all our churches, St  
Peter's Field and The Carraig Centre! There'll be  
many opportunities for parish members to volunteer  
and help along the way...more news of how will

come soon! So, this is just to ask everyone to put **9-13 December** in  
your diaries as an exciting time to look forward to!

# Sowing, Planting, Growing and Harvesting

I write this as I prepare to celebrate Harvest 2021 at St Senan's, and I realise that this is a very important date in our Church Family – when we gather to give thanks to God for the fruit and vegetables and all the great



things we enjoy. This is great to remember and Praise him for that! In the Gospels when Jesus talks about Harvest he also is pointing beyond food to something practical and spiritual – the work of the Church and the growing of the kingdom of God. At the Harvest service 9 years ago, I wasn't here, but the visiting preacher was Bishop Ken Good - at that service Canon Ian Jonas launched a seed of an idea that would see a group in the parish set up from all of the congregations that grew our vision 2015-2018 document which has shaped the parish to where we are right now.

At that time the Union of the Parishes was in a different place to where we are now. This harvest as I prepare for it - it is my hope that we are able to give thanks to God for his provision for us – in the past and as the seasons change we prepare for the next season of sowing, planting, growing and harvest.

I have been very aware this month of the seeds which have been sown down through the generations of God's Word in this Union and how those have borne much fruit but just as a farmer or gardener after a period of work, growth and eventual harvest doesn't just sit back and put their feet up for a few years neither do we.

This harvest time I would love us as a Union of Parishes to think about the produce of these past nine years

- The youth ministry of the parish - the depth of faith that has been developed
- The growth of our Alpha Ministry
- The planting of a new congregation in Ballincollig
- The development of the Carraig Centre
- The amazing links we've been building in all our communities
- The links developed within the Diocese
- The involvement of so many in ministry on a Sunday morning
- The work of our Lay Pastoral Assistants / Lay readers
- The work of our Office Staff
- The development of our Mission / Vision / Identity / Purpose & Values

These just are the tip of the iceberg!

Going forward, it is my hope that we build upon all of this and prepare to scatter new seed - there is much work to be done. Thinking, say, 5 years ahead, we have much work to be done for example:

- For families in Blarney, Inniscarra & Carrigrohane on a Sunday Morning
- Developing our youth programme
- For reaching out with God's Love in Ballincollig
- Playing our part in the wider diocese
- Pioneering further new ways to be church
- Developing our pastoral care
- Investing time in building up our teams and leadership
- Developing Alpha across the Parish
- Ensuring our buildings are equipped for mission and ministry
- Ensuring the Carraig Centre is developed as a sustainable social enterprise
- Releasing new leadership into the wider church

So, this Harvest Season - I would love to ask you, will you partner with us as we do this? Financially, Prayerfully, Practically?

There is a place for everyone in this. Do have a chat to me.

**Robert**

### **COVID-19 Precautions**

In Carrigrohane Union - We continue, as we have done throughout this pandemic to follow all of the government guidance upon worship spaces as detailed in the HSPC website – available here: <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/placesofworshipguidance/>

We will continue to monitor the latest advice and guidance.

By the end of this month many of the restrictions will be lifted in society generally, and church particularly - and the latest advice from government is that we will move to more of a personal responsibility model rather than imposed restrictions.

There are 2 Important things here:

1. If you have symptoms / been asked to restrict your movements due to close contacts please do not come to parish gatherings / meetings / services – even if you are in a leadership role – We WILL find cover for you.
2. Please do ensure that you are looking out for those who might understand things differently to you – keeping distance, hand sanitisation and wearing masks where necessary.

In the parish we will communicate via the email update when we have more information about our plans on easing of restrictions on Sunday services after 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

Robert

# October Worship in Carrigrohane Union of Parishes

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

| Date          | <i>St Peter's,<br/>Carrigrohane<br/>(also on-line)</i> | <b>The Carraig<br/>Centre,<br/>Ballincollig<br/>(also on-line)</b>                  | <b>St Senan's, Inniscarra</b>  | <b>The Church<br/>of the<br/>Resurrection,<br/>Blarney</b> |
|---------------|--|---|--|--|
| 3 October     |  |   | <b>9.30 am, 11 am<br/>2 pm, 7 pm<br/>UNITED HARVEST<br/>CELEBRATION &amp;<br/>PARISH GIFT DAY<br/>Booking Required:<br/><a href="http://www.cupcork.ie/harvest">www.cupcork.ie/harvest</a></b> |  |
| 10<br>October | <i>9.30 am<br/>Holy<br/>Communion*</i>                 | 11 am<br>Sunday AM &<br>Adventurers<br>(booking required)                           | 11 am Holy Communion   | 11 am<br>Morning Prayer                                    |
| 17<br>October | <i>9.30 am<br/>Morning<br/>Prayer *</i>                | 11 am<br>Sunday AM &<br>Adventurers<br>(booking required)                           |  | 11 am<br>Holy<br>Communion                                 |
| 24<br>October | <i>9.30 am<br/>Morning<br/>Prayer*</i>                 | 11 am<br>Sunday AM<br>(No Adventurers<br>– ½ term!)                                 | 11 am Morning Prayer   | 11 am<br>Morning Prayer                                    |
| 31<br>October | <i>9.30 am<br/>Holy<br/>Communion*</i>                 | 11 am<br>Sunday AM &<br>Adventurers   |  | 11 am<br>A Service of the<br>Word                          |
| 7<br>November | <i>9.30 *</i>  | 11 am <b>United<br/>Celebration &amp;<br/>launch of<br/>'Ordinary<br/>People 4'</b> |  |  |

## ST PETER'S – PLEASE NOTE:

**\* Venue for 9.30 service during October to be confirmed - see website and weekly email updates for details – there is uncertainty around the availability St Peter's Church, Carrigrohane due to works being completed on the tower. Work has now begun!**



## CUP and Volunteering

Can you imagine our church without volunteers? I certainly cannot and don't even want to contemplate it either! When I think of the countless hours of committed and essential work, lovingly given by so many, I am deeply thankful that I am part of this community of faith, which supports and encourages, celebrates and comforts so many and digs in to do the practical behind the scenes and up-front work needed to keep the Parish Union going and the Kingdom of God being manifest in our wider community.

As we gradually get through the COVID-19 pandemic more and more people are using our community facilities in St Peter's Parish Hall, Blarney Church, The Glade at St Senan's and The Carraig Centre. This is a joy, and it brings much needed revenue and wider community awareness of who we are as a serving people. It also brings a need for more volunteers, more opportunities to share in spreading the Kingdom and blessing our neighbours. It is wonderful that Blarney and St Senan's are looked after already!

The Carraig Centre and St Peter's Hall are particularly busy and we are hoping to get more volunteers to help with various things at both locations. In the Carraig Centre, our Reception Volunteers were a great success last autumn and we hope to get started on Monday October 4<sup>th</sup> with the faithful few who have signed up already! We need many more, and in addition St Peter's Parish Hall needs volunteers for cleaning and maybe even help with management.

If you regularly have a morning or afternoon which you could give to help with these things, please let the office know at 021 487 7260 or [office@cupcork.ie](mailto:office@cupcork.ie). Your time and skills are valuable to you and invaluable to the Parish!

**Bill Lane**

**Another new venture...a TOY LIBRARY in The Carraig Centre from 12 noon – 1 pm on the first Friday of each month. We began on 1 October – and got off to a great start!** If anyone has toys or puzzles (old are fine but need to be complete/unbroken!) that they'd like to donate, please drop them into the parish office!



'Sparks' toddler group families will pass the library as they leave at 12 noon – so if any family would like to come to the Library but are not attending 'Sparks' – you're very welcome from 12.30 – 1 pm!

# The Carraig Centre Toy Library

Do you or your kids want something new  
to play with but money and space mean  
it's not possible?

Would you like fewer toys but still the joy  
of playing with something new?

Why not come and borrow some toys and  
bring them back when your kids are tired

- ☀ Runs on first Friday of the month 12-1pm @ The Carraig Centre
- ☀ Toys suitable for ages up to 12 years
- ☀ We also have some baby/ toddler equipment available to borrow
- ☀ Cost €2 family one off membership fee. After that the library is free to use



## How it works

Toys are loaned for one month. You can let us know if you'd like to keep it longer and extend the loan for up to 3 months. Then we ask you to return it and give someone else a turn!

Equipment is loaned for as long as you need it.

We ask that toys are returned clean, and in good condition, but we know that accidents do happen and toys are meant to be played with! So we ask that if something is damaged or missing a piece, that you let us know when you return it so we can make sure we are not loaning out things that are broken or with pieces missing.

## Why we run the toy library

As followers of Jesus we have been given so much; we want to share God's goodness and gifts with others.

We hope the toy library will:

- serve our community by giving kids the joy of fresh toys, to play with and learn from, without the expense
- help families with limited space
- help us to live more sustainably, by sharing and reducing the number of new things people need to buy.

## Disclaimer:

Parents must ensure the suitability of the toys for their children before they borrow them. The Carraig Centre is not responsible for any accidents or injury involving the toys.



## Eco Group News:

Many of you might already know that on 6 September the Government of Ireland announced the following: **“Soft Plastic Waste, that is clean, dry and loose, can now be placed in Irish Household Recycling Bins.”**

Making the announcement, Minister of State, Ossian Smyth TD said soft plastic can be placed in the household recycling bin along with “rigid” plastic. “This is a significant and very positive development in Irish recycling and waste management. Soft plastics have been added to the household national recycling list due to advancements in technology at Irish recycling facilities. This is welcome news as we work to reach EU recycling targets. Currently in Ireland we recycle less than a third of all plastic packaging waste. We have commitments to increase our plastic packaging recycling figure to 50% by 2025 and 55% by 2030. Today’s announcement is a significant step towards achieving these targets,” added Minister Smyth.

Adding her support to the announcement, Repak Team Green Ambassador Roz Purcell said, “The Irish citizen can play a key role in helping Ireland increase our plastic packaging waste recycling rate and continue our journey to becoming a more sustainable society. We can make a big difference by simply ensuring that we place the plastic packaging waste that we discard – **clean, dry and loose** - into our household recycling bin.”

All permitted waste collection companies are now accepting soft plastic packaging waste that is placed clean, dry, and loose into the recycling bin. Thanks, CUP, for helping to care for the beautiful world our loving God has given us!

### Here is a more detailed list of plastics that can be recycled from repak.ie

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| Bread wrappers                                   | Meat / veg / bread trays                     |
| Fruit/veg and salad wraps and bags               | Butter/margarine / ice-cream tubs            |
| Kitchen/ toilet roll over wrap                   | Yogurt pots                                  |
| Breakfast cereal bags                            | Salad/fruit bowls                            |
| Plastic shopping/carrier bags                    | Chocolate/biscuit trays                      |
| Dried fruit/seed and nut bags                    | Bottle/jar lids                              |
| Frozen food bags                                 | Take-away plastic containers                 |
| Pasta/rice/noodle bags                           | Shampoo / liquid soap and gel bottles        |
| Cheese packs outer wrap                          | Make-up/toiletry tubs and mouth wash bottles |
| Baked goods/Confectionary outer wrappers         | Detergent/household cleaning bottles         |
| Crisp/cracker wrappers                           | Plastic plant pots                           |
| Bubble wrap                                      |  |
| Electrical item/white goods/appliances bags/wrap |  |
| Mattress / pillow wrap                           |  |
| Wet wipes outer wrap                             |  |
| Detergent/dishwasher bags                        |  |
| Garden compost / bark bags                       |  |
| All pots, tubs and trays                         |  |
| Water/juice Bottles                              |  |
| Milk/cream Bottles                               |  |
| Sauce/dressing Bottles                           |  |

**THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT  
ALL MATERIALS MUST BE CLEAN, DRY  
AND LOOSE !**

# Family Ministry

Parenting for faith is not necessarily about adding more and more activities into an already very busy life, but about including God in the skills that we are already using to help explain the world to the children. It's also not just for parents, but anyone who wishes the children they know to develop a good heart connected relationship with God.



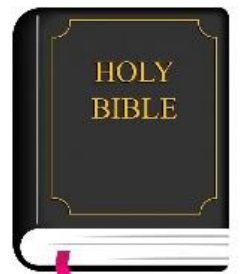
This month's tool is **'framing'**, which is basically creating a picture of who God is, what he does and how he works in the world.



We may not realise it, but we use framing all the time with children when we talk and help them to see how the world around them works. To do the same spiritually we just need to add God into our explanations. There are 3 main ways we can do this: (1) explain everything, (2) help them see the relationship between God and

people in the Bible, (3) answer their questions.

What might this look like: perhaps when talking about the need to recycle you could add that we do this because God instructed Adam and Eve to take care of the beautiful world he created, or when explaining why you give to charity you might add that you do this because God has given us so much. When reading the story of David and Goliath perhaps you might point out or



discuss together how there was a huge problem, but David knew God was with him and that together they could defeat Goliath. Answering children's big questions is not about having the correct answer but rather about exploring the issue together.

When those questions come, one strategy you might use is:

(1) to ask what they think? This will help you clarify what they are thinking and help you formulate any response needed.

(2) Ask what do we know? This could be from the Bible

or other people's thoughts. (3) Ask what do we not know? Then you can set about finding out together. Or you might tell the child that you will find out and report back to them. (4) You could tell them how you deal with similar situations, perhaps you bring it to God in prayer or you talk things through with a trusted friend.

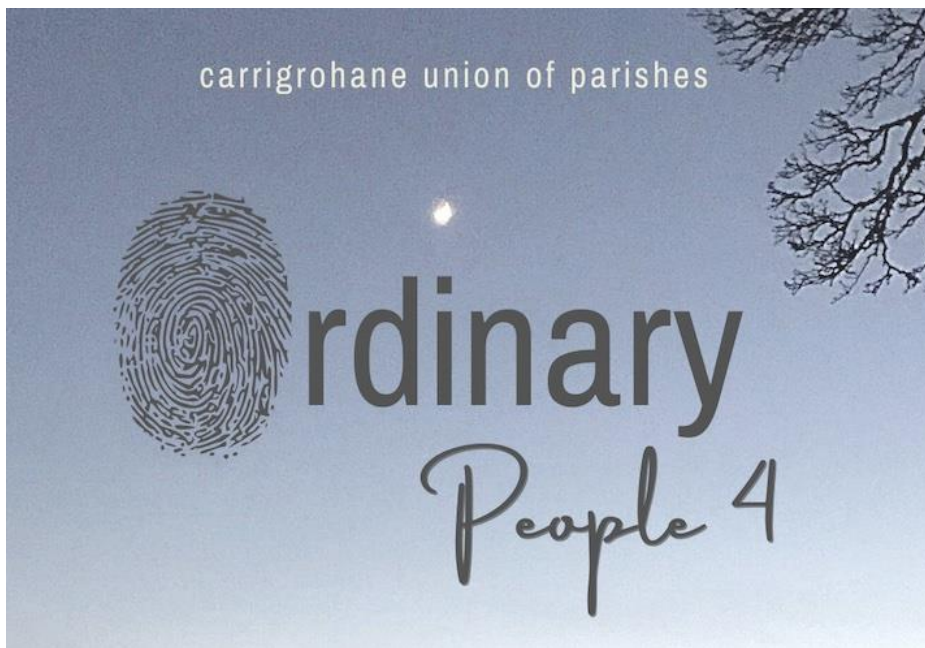


Framing is something which can be used to help children understand what we are doing when we attend church and what is going on during different parts of the Church Service. Perhaps you could lean over and explain to your child how you are relating to God when singing hymns and songs, or during the prayer time. You can then gradually add to the information that you share with them.

Check out <https://parentingforfaith.org/search?keywords=framing> if you are interested in finding out more about framing.

**April Gunn**





We're coming to the final stages of our Ordinary People 4 Project as we finalise the last few details and send off for printing. This has been such an exciting project to be part of - gathering the faith stories of 26 members from across the Union of Parishes, and we're so grateful to each person for the courage, time and care that went into writing each story.

We're looking forward to sharing the finished product at our November United service!

Many thanks for all the enthusiasm, support, and prayers throughout this process!

***Sarah Louise and Ruth***



***Bishop Kenneth Good –  
The Langton Award  
for Community  
Service.***

*'For giving strategic leadership to the local church to engage fully with the community, throughout his ordained ministry, most of which was in the complex community of Northern Ireland.'*

*Bishop Ken received this award in 2020, but was just presented with it by Archbishop Justin Welby in September 2021 in Lambeth Palace. They had a lovely day!*

***Congratulations Ken!*** So well deserved.

*Ken and Mary visited The Carraig Centre recently and congratulated Rev Robert and all the parish on the wonderful facility. Ken had been through a similar process with The Jethro Centre when he was Rector in Lurgan – which provided much helpful advice and information to us as we began the work – so he well understands the effort involved!*



## Youth Update

We were delighted to be able to run our “Move AT” event in early September. Over a Friday evening and Sunday Afternoon we gathered for a mix of outdoor games and discussion, some indoor reflections, videos and music and (even some pizza and s’mores!). It was wonderful to explore some deeper questions of faith with our young people and spend some time building upon the connections we’ve made over the Summer.



We were also very excited to see some of our younger musicians taking the lead for our worship set!!!

Glow and Glow Max for the term ahead have started well- we’re making the most of the fairy lights as the evenings get a bit darker! For more information on dates for the coming term please feel free to contact Matt ([matt@cupcork.ie](mailto:matt@cupcork.ie)) or Sarah Louise ([sarah@cupcork.ie](mailto:sarah@cupcork.ie)).





As part of St Peter's Strategic Plan, we are committed to sharing insights into the lives of both people who currently worship in St Peter's, and those who have been associated with the Church over its 700 years history.

Last month, Jane Moffatt shared her story, and the role St Peter's has come to play in her faith journey. This month we want to look briefly at the life of Sir Thomas Tobin who was closely linked with St Peter's when he came from Liverpool in

1834 to manage the Powdermills which his father's company had bought a few years earlier. It seems that the Mills had fallen into a state of disrepair and a considerable amount of money was invested in modernising them. Consequently, they became one of the largest employers in the Cork area with over 500 employed. During this phase of the Mills history, much of the powder was used in the construction of roads, railways, and quarries in various parts of the world. By all accounts Tobin was a good employer and paid attention to the welfare of his workers on site as well as providing them with quality housing. Because of his efforts there is reference to Ballincollig becoming almost a "model village".

For much of his life in Ballincollig he lived in the Oriel House. He was active in many aspects of the life of Cork City including being a patron of St Peter's National School in Carrigrohane; he played a role in the Cork Exhibition in 1852 for which he was knighted; he was involved in many hospitals including helping to set up the Victoria Hospital. He was a member of the Royal Irish Academy as well as being involved in the setting up the Cork Athenæum (now Cork Opera House). His wife, Catherine, was also involved in the world of antiquities and seems to have been an accomplished artist.

They had only one child, Arthur Lionel who was born on August 7, 1837, in Ballincollig. Arthur became a lieutenant in the 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers and he served in both the Crimean War and in the Indian Mutiny where he was wounded and died on October 12, 1858, aged 21. To commemorate his son, the family commissioned and presented the stained-glass windows behind the communion table (more about these in a later posting). Thomas died on January 9, 1881 and was buried in Inniscarra Graveyard.

*Ivan McMahon*

The parish is offering a short meeting for those who read scripture and lead congregational prayer on Sundays. It will focus on tips for reading well and developing congregational prayer, and will be lead by Robert.

The meeting is scheduled for **24 October at 7:30-8:00 pm over zoom**. If you have questions or if you'd like to be part of this contact Chuck Hohnbaum at [chohnbaum@serge.org](mailto:chohnbaum@serge.org)



## 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 – 085 1800720; Jane Moffatt – 086 8935866; Ivan McMahon – 086 8125792

**Hilary Dring (MU Diocesan President)** will be in the parish on Monday 18 October for her walk (she's walking 21 in 2021 like All Ireland President, June Butler has done/is doing at All Ireland level - but within the diocese!) in Carrigrohane Union.

She'll be at The Carraig Centre at 10.30 am for a short time of prayer in the garden...and then the walk will be a lovely loop through the park and back here...so no worries about getting back to cars.

Anyone who'd like to come...just for the prayer time and/or for the walk - **please do come along!**



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

Carrigrohane Union Select Vestry Current Account, AIB, South Mall, 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.*



### November 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> October 2021.

It is hoped that we might be able to have Connect Newsletters available on the First Sunday of each Month – hard copy and email/website.

### 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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