

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 2022



Such a lovely sunny morning for the baptism of Aidan Kenning on 16th January!

The congregation gathered outside in the garden at The Carraig Centre, at the end of the service for the baptism in the borrowed pool!

Congratulations Aidan!

Save the dates!

Holy week 2022

Palm Sunday 10th – Easter Sunday 17th April

This year we are having former Rector of Carrigrohane Union and recently retired Bishop of Down and Dromore Harold Miller leading us as a parish through Holy Week



All events this year will be held in the Carraig Centre. Please do set aside time to journey with us through the story of Holy Week – the week of all Weeks!

FEBRUARY 2022 Worship in Carrigrohane Union of Parishes

For links to online services – check out www.cupcork.ie/hall

Date	St Peter's, Carrigrohane	The Carraig Centre, Ballincollig (also on-line)	St Senan's, Inniscarra	The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney
6.2.22	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11 am United Celebration		
13.2.22	9.30 am Holy Communion	11 am Sunday AM (with Adventurers)	11 am Morning Prayer	11 am Holy Communion
20.2.22	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11 am Sunday AM - Holy Communion (with Adventurers)		11 am Morning Prayer
27.2.22	9.30 am Holy Communion	11 am Sunday AM (with Adventurers)	11 am Holy Communion	
2.3.22 Ash Wednesday	8 pm Ash Wednesday Service			
6.3.22	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11 am United Celebration		
13.3.22	9.30 am Holy Communion	11 am Sunday AM (with Adventurers)	11 am Morning Prayer	11 am Holy Communion

Worship in the parish

It is a joy and a delight to be back to singing in our services – I want to thank all those who have maintained the worshipping life of the Parish over the past years. Particularly going above and beyond the call of duty in being our singers, as well as musicians, when we couldn't have congregational singing.

Over the course of the next while I'd love to develop our worship – If you have ideas, I would love to hear from you. I have been very conscious of the need to keep things simple during the time of restriction in terms of limits of time, and also things like social distancing and other factors.

As restrictions are now lifted, I would be interested in looking at what we can do in terms of diversity in worship styles and service types as we go through the run up to Lent and Easter. Please do chat to me if you have particular ideas. **Robert**

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.



March 2022 Magazine

Please note that any articles or photographs for the next edition of Connect need to be emailed to patsy@cupcork.ie or left in the Parish office on or before:
Monday 14 February.

CUP Youth Key Dates

Glow - 4th-6th Class Age (Choice between 2
Feb dates- booking required)

February: Friday 4th OR 18th (7-9pm)

Glow Max - Secondary School Aged
Feb: 11th & March: 25th (7:30-9:30)

Sunday PM - Secondary School Aged
Feb: 6th and 20th (5:30-7:30)

March: 6th and 20th (5:30-7:30)

Contact sarah@cupcork.ie for details

PARISH CONTACTS AND OFFICE HOURS:

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The Carraig Centre reception desk is open from 9 am – 5 pm each week day.

The Parish Office (in The Carraig Centre) 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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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 McMahan – 086 8125792

The Stained Glass Windows in St Peter's, Carrigrohane – Chuck Hohnbaum

My first visit to St Peter's came during the spring of 2019. I was amazed by the beauty of the historic building, and impressively carved oak pulpit, lectern, pews, and communion rails. Yet I was puzzled by the colorful stained-glass window in the Chancel. These windows were installed by Thomas Tobin in memory of his only son, Arthur, who died during the Crimean War in 1858. He was only 21. Thomas was owner of Ballincollig's powder mill at the time.

What puzzled me is this. I am used to seeing a story from the Bible in stained glass, but these are not depicting any story from Scripture. What were these images about and why are they there? One morning I asked Ted Rea about the windows. Ted is nearly encyclopedic about these things. He deciphered the words at the top of each window for me – Temperance,

Fortitude, and Justice.

Now I knew what they were about, but I was still puzzled. Why would these character traits be depicted in stained glass in a church? When my son and daughter-in-law visited us in 2020, I asked them if they had any ideas. They were as much in the dark as I was. That is, until they returned home. My son had been reading C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*



and he saw an explanation. Lewis talks about these traits in the book. They are three of the four historic Cardinal Virtues. I suspect that only three are in St Peter's since there are only three window openings in the Chancel wall. Lewis writes:

"...there are seven "virtues." Four of them are called "Cardinal" virtues, and the remaining three are called "Theological" virtues. The "Cardinal" ones are those which all civilised people recognise: the "Theological" are those which, as a rule, only Christians know about. (The word "cardinal" has nothing to do with "Cardinals" in the Roman Church. It comes from a Latin word meaning "the hinge of a door." These were called "cardinal" virtues because they are, as we should say, "pivotal.") They are PRUDENCE, TEMPERANCE, JUSTICE, and FORTITUDE."

These Cardinal Virtues are not unique to Christians. They were recognized by Plato (*Republic* Book IV), and Cicero (*De Inventione*, II, LIII). Among Christian theologians who discuss them are Ambrose, Augustine of Hippo, and Aquinas. But they are older than that.

The deuterocanonical book *Wisdom of Solomon* 8:7 reads, "She [Wisdom] teaches temperance, and prudence, and justice, and fortitude, which are such things as mankind can have nothing more profitable in life."



The book of 4 Maccabees in the Apocrypha reads, "Now the kinds of wisdom are right judgment, justice, courage, and self-control. Right judgment is supreme over all of these since by means of it reason rules over the emotions." (1:18–19). Courage and self-control can also be translated as fortitude and temperance.

These traits were considered vital because they form the foundation for a virtuous life. A well-ordered life and a well-ordered society must have these virtues as their foundation.

But what do they mean? Lewis continues:

"Temperance is, unfortunately, one of those words that has changed its meaning. It now usually means teetotalism. But in the days when the second Cardinal virtue was christened "Temperance," it meant nothing of the sort. Temperance referred not specially to drink, but to all pleasures; and it meant not abstaining, but going the right length and no further. Fortitude includes courage—the kind that faces danger as well as the kind that "sticks it" under pain. "Guts" is perhaps the nearest modern English. Justice means much more than the sort of thing that goes on in law courts. It is the old name for everything we should now call "fairness"; it includes honesty, give and take, truthfulness, keeping promises, and all that side of life."

In many churches and artwork, the Cardinal Virtues are depicted with symbolic items. Among the images are:

Temperance – wheel, bridle and reins, vegetables and fish, cup, water and wine in two jugs. **Fortitude** – armor, club, with a lion, palm, tower, yoke, broken column. Interestingly, the window in St Peter's shows the man grasping a winged dragon from a castle.

Justice – sword, balance and scales, and a sometimes a crown.

There is much symbolism in the windows that I still do not understand but would like to learn. What is the castle in Fortitude? What is the dragon? Do the colours have significance? Usually the figures are female, why are these male?



Questions remain for me, some of which I will never have an answer to. For example, why did Thomas Tobin chose these Cardinal Virtues in memory of his son? Is it because Arthur exemplified them? Did they form Thomas' philosophy of life? Or was there some other reason?

With a congregation and building as historic at St Peter's, there are many details to reflect on and learn. The stained-glass window is just one of those details. When I sit in a pew on Sunday and look at the window, I reflect on these virtues and consider how I currently live them out, or how I might be better doing so. Now, if I can only figure out more about the amazing pulpit, lectern, pew carvings, and communion rails!

Pastoral Ministry

Throughout the pandemic I have been available for pastoral ministry and have enjoyed the encounters with parishioners, primarily at the Carraig Centre and other places. I want to assure parishioners that I am available if you would like to contact me, please do.

With the pandemic risks still around I'm not doing general house calls just yet but am very much available if parishioner need me I can arrange to meet up – at a convenient location or for those who are housebound, simply let me know and we can arrange something.

Robert – robert@cupcork.ie / 0851800720

Prayer Points

- Please continue to pray for the position of Associate Minister – over the course of the next month or so we hope to have some discussions with possible candidate/s .
- Please pray for the Carraig Centre Board as they finalise the application of Charity Status.
- Please pray for the team working on our Youth Work Strategy as they review what has been and bring suggestions of what could be to Vestry in the coming months.
- Please pray for families in the parish, especially those touched by illness or grief.



Family Ministry

The last of the key tools in the Parenting for Faith Course is **Surfing the waves**. It is all about helping parents, or anyone involved in the spiritual life of children, to learn to note the waves of interest, curiosity and passion their children may have at any given time and to help them to help their children find God within them. Childhood is a great adventure of exploring, a time when character and interests are formed and this applies as much to spirituality as any other area.



Here are some lessons that can be learned from the experienced surfer:



- (1) Ocean waves are endless and it is not possible to surf them all; some are not good to surf and at other times the surfer will not be in the right position to surf a particular wave they see. They surf the ones they can and let the others pass by. Just like the surfer in the ocean you will not be able to catch every wave in the spiritual life of your child and there is no need to worry about this. It is enough to catch the waves you can.
- (2) An inexperienced surfer only spots there is a wave coming but with experience comes the ability to see which one is worth waiting for. At first you may spot waves but not know which ones have the most significance, but that experience will come with time as you see patterns within their waves. So, what might the clues be to these spiritual waves? Notice their interests, the things that make them curious or they want to know more about, the things they are passionate about or angered by, the types of characters or activities they role play, as all these may indicate the wave they are in at present.
- (3) The surfer must paddle at the correct speed once they spot the wave. As a wave is spotted come alongside the child and be directed by their pace as together you explore the wave.



- (4) Waves are not always predictable in how strong they will be or how long they will last but the surfer surfs the wave for however long it lasts and then goes back to finding the next one. Children's spiritual waves are similar, some may last for a very short time and others will last longer.

You can check out some lovely stories or find out more information on this topic at: <https://parentingforfaith.org/search?keywords=surfing+the+waves>

What strikes me most about these stories is that they describe situations which are not repeated and although the children clearly connected with God, that connection cannot be directly described, which is a good reminder that the whole premise behind the Parenting for Faith course is that it imparts skills to parents and others to help children develop their own connection with God.

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In Sunday PM this term we're going to be looking at what it means to "Dwell" in God's presence and how that looks in our daily lives.



We spent some time thinking about where we find "refuge" as we re-lected on Psalm 91 and captured what stood out to us in Lego form!

Our group at Glow have continued to brave the cold in the name of fun and silliness with some epic games of uni hoc, and our current favourite: the family version of Cards Against Humanity as well as some creative challenges and time to think about



how God's peace guards our hearts and minds.



We finished off the Glow Max last year with a bang (and lots of Hot Chocolate!) at our “Festive Fiesta”

Our Young people competed in team challenges to win the ultimate prize of a chocolate medal and lush bath bomb each!

In a wild turn of events the winning team took the prize by a lead of a year half point!



The standard was high in our “gift-wrap a team member” round (If not incredibly unsettling!!)

RSVP

With Restrictions lifting lots more things are possible – but with the protective measures still in place. We have been asked to continue to share the message of RSVP when thinking about meeting up – In parish events we’re wanting to ensure that all are as safe as can be. We will still be ensuring people – sanitise hands and that our venues are well ventilated.

Risk

Are you vaccinated / have you received your booster?

Being vaccinated offers good protection against severe illness and hospitalisation and lowers the risk to you and others.

Are you more vulnerable than others?

Activities that involve meeting others are higher risk so you need to take steps to protect yourself.

Symptoms

Do you have symptoms that could be associated with COVID-19?

If you are [displaying any symptoms](#), you should [stay at home](#) and [arrange a test](#). Do not go out.

Does anyone you're meeting have symptoms that could be associated with COVID-19?

Feel comfortable asking the people you are meeting [if they have symptoms](#). If they do, advise them to [stay at home](#) and [arrange a test](#).

Venue

Will the venue be crowded?

Avoiding crowded places will reduce the risk associated with an activity.

Will you wear masks?

Wearing masks [reduces the risk](#) for everyone.

Will the event be indoors?

Indoor activity is riskier than outdoor activity.

If the activity is indoors, will there be adequate ventilation?

Let fresh air in to reduce the risk of COVID-19.

People

How many people are you meeting?

The more people you meet, the greater the risk.

Are you meeting vulnerable people?

You should take particular care if you are meeting with vulnerable people. You should take steps to protect them such as [wearing a mask](#) or [taking an antigen test](#) before meeting them.

What are you doing for Lent?

Lent is a time when we prepare for Easter – the 40 days of Lent allow us time to think about faith and life. For some it is a time when new habits are formed. Over the course of the past few years, a number of parishioners have enjoyed the Lent devotions from Biola University <https://ccca.biola.edu/events/2022/mar/1/2022-lent-project-devotional/>

The **2022 Lent Project** starts on **Ash Wednesday, March 2** and runs through **Saturday, April 23rd**. Each day of the Lent Project features a Scripture passage, a devotional written by a member of the Biola community, a work of fine art, a poem, and a piece of music. “This season we have chosen to focus on the Book of Psalms. As we journey together over the eight weeks of the Lent Project we will encounter wisdom Psalms, the penitential Psalms, Psalms of mercy and salvation, some of the Messianic Psalms, imprecatory Psalms, Psalms of the Passion, and finally resurrection and ascension Psalms. Our prayer is that in the midst of this challenging season, the Lent Project will help you encounter Christ in the Prayer Book of the Church and may our hearts and lives be transformed in that meeting.”

How do we run the parish?

- The annually elected group of parishioners who, take care of the practical and financial decisions of the parish are the SELECT VESTRY.
- They are proposed and seconded (permission must be given!) from people across the 4 congregations in the parish, all of whom are listed on the GENERAL VESTRY ROLL.
- Everyone over 18 who attends any of the services in the Union of Parishes and/or lives within the parish bounds may be on this Roll, and therefore have a vote to elect the Select Vestry at the EASTER GENERAL VESTRY meeting – which is the Parish A.G.M.
- Also elected at this meeting are the Church Wardens (two per congregation), who assist the Rector with practical matters in each church - and the two Glebe Wardens, who take care of the buildings and lands within the parish.
- The Select Vestry then meets and elects an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer.
- The SV meets between 8-10 times a year.
- Every three years, eight people (with 3-4 supplementals) from the General Vestry Roll are nominated and elected to represent the parish on the Diocesan Synod (meeting once a year),
- and four people (with 4 supplementals) are nominated and elected as Parochial Nominators who, along with Diocesan Nominators and the Bishop, form a Board of Nomination to select a new Rector when a vacancy occurs.

If you are new to the parish - please do get involved – We will have forms available soon in the Churches or from the front desk at the Carraig Centre – if you aren't registered you can't vote!

Gender Based Violence

This topic has been very much in the news recently – due to the horrific murder of Aisling Murphy.

Gender-Based violence refers **to harmful acts directed at an individual based on their gender**. It is rooted in gender inequality, the abuse of power and harmful norms. ... It is estimated that one in three women will experience sexual or physical violence in their lifetime.

It is also understood that men can suffer from Gender based violence too.

In Advent I preached into this topic as part of Mothers' Union's 16 days of Action against Gender Based Violence.

In Africa, at each of the churches I visited there were posters on the walls very clearly saying that Gender based violence is wrong.

Over the next while as part of the 5 Marks of Mission, this is one area that it would seem we can do something about – and I want us to begin to address the topic.



I'm thankful to our Mothers' Union for being at the forefront of this important topic which impacts men and women. No one should be living in fear.

We will be putting up posters in the toilets around the Carraig Centre and our churches with places to find help if you are suffering from this – there are people to help.

Robert Devoy has been participating in a pilot course on Gender Justice (prepared by Mothers' Union/Tearfund/Bishops' Appeal).

Let's be specific about this: *Violence against women, girls, men and boys manifests itself in physical, sexual **and** psychological forms.*

Where such violence exists, it is wrong - it needs to stop!

Robert

Select Vestry Update

At the present time, the Vestry are dealing with many issues as part of their agenda: finalising 2021 Accounts; Charity Registration for TCC & Parish; buildings maintenance; Youth Work strategy, Safeguarding Trust; the Staffing committee are looking at new positions; keeping things within budget for 2022, dealing with queries from various people.

Getting Involved

There are many ways to get involved in the parish if you are interest in finding out more, please do contact the parish office – here are some ways:

- Website Maintenance
- Magazine Distribution
- Sound & Vision in St. Peters & Blarney
- Music
- Prayer Chain
- Volunteer Receptionist in The Carraig Centre
- Volunteers in our youth programmes
- Diocesan Readers
- Pastoral Visitors
- Visual artists
- Welcome team
- Tea & Coffee Makers
- Volunteers in Toddler groups
- Catering/serving
- Offering to read in worship

What are we all about anyway!!!???

Our Mission:



Our mission is to be an authentic, open community of all ages and stages:

- Making whole-life disciples of Jesus who live and share his gospel
- Praying, playing, and learning together
- Worshiping God passionately

Our Identity:

Carrigrohane Union is a union of churches whose members are drawn from near and far. Each of our four congregations seeks:

- To be centred on the life and teaching of Jesus
- To grow in his love together
- To express his love in action



Our Purpose:

We seek to be a church for everyone; following Jesus's example of serving our community, making disciples and enabling people to experience the generosity of God.

Our Values:

We value:

Risk taking which allows us to try new things because we worship a creative God

A whole life spirituality which encompasses prayer, Bible study, outreach and living out our faith

Generosity of time and resources because we worship a generous God

Relevance making sure that what we do connects with everyday life in Cork

Encouragement and support within the community, helping each other through tough times and celebrating through good times

Enabling people of all ages and backgrounds to find their God given place as we create and celebrate our changing community.

Developing an inter-generational church where people from all ages learn, grow, and serve together





The next opportunity to join ALPHA is here!

WHERE: The Carraig Centre, Ballincollig

WHEN: February 10th 2022 at 7.30 pm

HOW LONG: Runs for 11 weeks

WHO FOR: Adults of all ages and stages of life and faith

HOW DOES IT RUN: Video presentations and interactive discussion groups (and refreshments!)

WHO IS RUNNING IT: The people of Carrigrohane Union and friends – it's open to everyone – all faiths and none!

REGISTRATION FORM can be found on www.cupcork.ie/alpha-course

But if you haven't registered and still would like to come – just come, and you'll be very welcome!

No charge – no pressure – no follow up (unless wanted!)



ADVENTURERS



The **ADVENTURERS** – who are aged from 3-13 (!) – meet during the Sunday AM service in The Carraig Centre (except on United Celebrations – first Sunday of each month and during some holidays!). Following Aidan Kenning’s exciting baptism in January we have been exploring the theme of Baptism – and had a wonderful visit from John the Baptist himself on 23rd January! He returned the next Sunday – bringing samples of locusts and bugs that we could actually eat!!!



Next, we’re looking forward to learning more about the Dogs for the Disabled (with more exciting guests!) for a couple of weeks – and, following the service on 20th February, we plan a walk from the Carraig Centre and through the park! More details will be on the weekly email updates and through the children. Everyone will be welcome to join us – and



everyone will be very welcome to sponsor us as we raise funds for this wonderful charity!

Then we plan to think about the service of Holy Communion – what we do and why we do it – leading beautifully towards Easter.

We thank all the parents for their support and encouragement – everyone in the wider parish family for their prayers – and most of all the children and helpers for their enthusiasm, creativity and SO much fun! They’ve been very patient throughout the time of restrictions!

Kathy, Ruth, Dean & Patsy



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