



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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MAY 2022

Diocesan Readers – getting involved

This month I want to highlight the work of our Diocesan Readers – **Helen, Ted and Michael** and also **Joan and George** who recently retired from this work.

Readers are members of the Church of Ireland, from all walks of life, who are called by God, theologically trained and licensed by the Church to preach, teach, lead worship and assist in pastoral, evangelistic and liturgical work.

Without their work in the diocese and particularly in the Parish here, we would not be able to have the range of services we currently have.

As Rector I want to say a **big thank you** to our Readers – and also to ask through the magazine – if anyone might consider a calling to the position of Diocesan Reader? Please give it some consideration and I'd be glad to have a chat about it if you're interested.



Bishop Paul pictured in
St. Finbarres with the
Diocesan Readers

MAY 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
1.5.22	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11 am United Celebration		
8.5.22	9.30 am Holy Communion & Baptism	11 am Sunday AM	11 am Holy Communion & Baptism	11 am Morning Prayer
15.5.22	9.30 am Holy Communion	11 am Sunday AM		11 am Morning Prayer
22.5.22	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11 am Sunday AM Holy Communion & Baptism	11 am Morning Prayer	
29.5.22	9.30 am Holy Communion	11 am Sunday AM		11 am Holy Communion
5.6.22	9.30 am Holy Communion	11 am United Celebration/Holy Communion		

Family Ministry

Over the next month I would like to chat to families in St. Peter's, Inniscarra & Blarney - particularly those with younger kids. I want to find out what activities you think we should provide that would be helpful for families as well as looking at how best we can be welcoming to new families.

Could I please ask you to fire me an email if you'd like to get involved in this conversation.

Annual Report

We recently published our annual report as a Newsletter which can be found on-line at <https://cupcork.ie/connect-newsletter-annual-report/>

Holy Week

We enjoyed a great week with Bishop Harold Miller and his wife Liz. It has been good to welcome them back to the parish and attendances were very good at the Carraig Centre each evening. Harold spoke on the theme of the Rock's and stones of the Bible. We thank Harold very much for his ministry amongst us and look forward to welcoming him back to the parish at some point in the future.

Easter General Vestry Report

At the General Easter Vestry the following people were elected: Church Wardens: Rector's: Richard Wood (Inniscarra), Jane Moffatt (St Peter's), April Gunn (Blarney) and Ciaran McKeown as Glebe Warden; People's: Mel Harris (Inniscarra), Laurel Watts (St Peter's), Richard Bolster (Blarney) and Robert Devoy as Glebe Warden.

Select Vestry: Janice Healy Bird, Douglas Venn, Michael Kenning, Liz Kenning, Bill Lane, Ivan McMahon, Sylvia Bolster, Paula O'Callaghan, Jessica Kindler, Daniel Wardle & Mick O'Shea.

New Administrator appointment

Our long-serving parish administrator Mrs Patsy Devoy will be retiring at the end of June. We have recently announced that a parishioner Mrs Deirdre Lightbody will be our new Administrator. Deirdre brings with her a wealth of experience and will begin her work officially from 1st July. Alongside Deirdre will be Jaki Godfrey and the soon to be appointed Finance officer.

The Great Outdoors

Two walks have been planned for May & June. Both have been designed to stay mostly 'on the flat', but with spectacular views, and will be about 10-12km in length. The first will be to the well-known Sheeps Head, West Cork on Saturday 21 May and the second on Saturday 18 June to the Kerry Lakes area, Killarney & into the Black Valley (option of a lake boat trip as part of this route). Cars will be needed to get there. Meet up to go from the Carraig Centre at c.9am, but final times and details will be circulated closer to the date. If you'd like to come on the walks, one or both, let Robert Devoy (0876205059) &/or Paul Tassie (0876368845) know. Best to text. If you have a car & room to offer others a lift, as appropriate, that'd be great. Let us know.

Autism Support

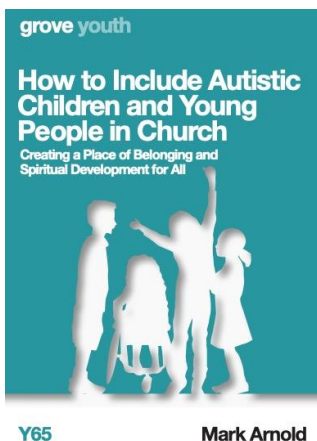
On Sunday 24th April at Sunday AM we welcomed a number of guests to both worship and a lunch afterwards. As a community we were celebrating the success of the Gould family in advocating for Autism provision in Ballincollig Schools.

It was great to welcome local councillors, families and friends who had helped with this campaign.

As Katie said it is good to stop and celebrate success but that there is more to do.

The campaign has highlighted a particular need in local schools. I commend the facebook group to your support & Prayers <https://www.facebook.com/Autism-classes-for-Ballincollig-Schools-103183108886865>

Autism Awareness



The Gould's campaign has highlighted the need for Autism support in schools – I am becoming much more aware of needs within the church context as well. I have recently found a very helpful book on the topic available from Grove Booklets. If you would like to get a copy, it's available for €3.50

I would also love to have some conversations around this – do let me know if you are interested in chatting about this.

Pastoral Visits /cuppa

It has been a joy and a delight to begin pastoral visits again. Whether that be general on request or specific (ie. For Home Communions /Prayers for the sick).

At the moment, I continue to simply respond to requests for visits, rather than appearing on doorsteps (due to covid concerns) – please do get in touch if you would like me to call, would like a cuppa at the Carraig Centre or at a local coffee shop.

There doesn't need to be anything wrong – simply if you'd like a chat, want to find out a bit more about me, see around the Carraig Centre or thinking about getting more involved in the parish, have questions about the church etc

Congratulations to Michael Kenning

Big congratulations to Michael Kenning who recently received news that he has been accepted for training at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. Michael has been in the process of discerning a call to ordination after many months' work on the foundation course. Our thoughts & prayers are with Michael, Liz and the family as they adjust to a new phase of life and ministry as Michael heads to Braemor Park in Dublin in September.

As with the Diocesan Reader discernment, as Rector I would love to continue to encourage anyone who might be considering ordination to get in touch with me and we can have a conversation about the process - even if you simply have an inkling or would like to explore the topic.

Ukraine Crisis Appeal

In the past month we have been extremely active around the Union of Parishes doing what we can with the resources we have been blessed with. We have been working in partnership with both Together-Razem and their Woman for Woman Appeal and have sent around 35 + packs to their centre in Blackpool. Similarly with the Irish Red Cross, we have sent packs for kids arriving at Cork Airport.



The Union has also been active in their support for Bishop's Appeal and have raised €3.000.

Coptic Orthodox Easter Celebration



Bandon Valley Killings

The past week (26th to 29th April 2022) marked the centenaries of the Bandon Valley killings and the funerals which followed on those dates in 1922. The Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, Dr Paul Colton, announced that he intended to mark the centenaries by making pastoral visits throughout next week to the parishes that were most closely affected by those events one hundred years ago.

Writing in the Cork, Cloyne and Ross Diocesan Magazine this month, Bishop Colton said that the historiography of that period and those events in the Bandon Valley ‘has been written about extensively and debated with different narratives, emotions and responses elicited. Why it happened and what the motives of people were are elusive questions. What can we know with certainty at this remove? ‘

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‘At one straightforward level what happened is clear. In that week, 14 people were killed: Michael O’Neill, Thomas Hornibrook, Samuel Hornibrook, Herbert Woods, James Buttimer, David Gray, Francis Fitzmaurice, Robert Howe, John Chinnery, Robert Nagle,

Alexander Gerald McKinley, John Buttimer, James Greenfield and John Bradfield. Two of those were 16 years of age and the oldest was 82. Twelve were members of the Church of Ireland in this Diocese. Attempts were made on others' lives and they had to escape, many never to return. We know that in the years that followed, many people from Cork, Cloyne and Ross felt insecure in this part of the world and left.'

Announcing his approach to the centenaries Bishop Colton said:

'I am not in a position to adjudicate on the historiography of that period. As lead pastor in this Diocese today, however, my primary duty, having consulted with the local clergy, who have listened to descendants, is to ensure that in prayer and liturgy, these people and events are appropriately remembered in the context of this Decade of Centenaries. With that in mind, as Bishop, I will be spending the octave of 24th April to 1st May 2022 on pastoral visits to the parishes which were caught up in those events one hundred years ago.'

Since 2014 Cork, Cloyne and Ross has been commemorating the centenaries of the period 1914 to 2024 in a programme called the *Cork, Cloyne and Ross Centenaries Commemoration and Reconciliation Project* co-funded by the Church of Ireland Priorities' Fund. One element of this was the creation of a memorial space for prayer and reflection in St Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork which, from 2014 to 2018, commemorated Cork people who were killed or wounded in the First World War. Since 2019, that space has been one of prayer and commemoration of those who died in the War of Independence and the Civil War. In 2021, led by the Lord Mayor of Cork and the Mayor of Cork County, a Service was held to remember all those who died in Ireland during the War of Independence.

On Wednesday 27 April, as Rector of Carrigrohane Union, I attended a service led by Bishop Paul as part of this commemoration, as members of this Union were murdered in these events 100 years ago.

Further to this, President Higgins wrote a letter to Bishop Paul at the beginning of this remembrance and also said in a tweet on the 26 April:

"President Higgins has welcomed @DrPaulColton's series of pastoral visits this week to mark the centenary of the Bandon Valley killings. As part of a process of ethical remembrance, it is crucial that the voices of all those without exception who were impacted by events are heard."

Music Amongst the Trees

Choir practice begins on Tuesday 26th May at 7.30pm in St. Senan's in preparation for Music amongst the Trees on June 3rd. New singers very welcome, please contact Wendy Watson 087 2661564."



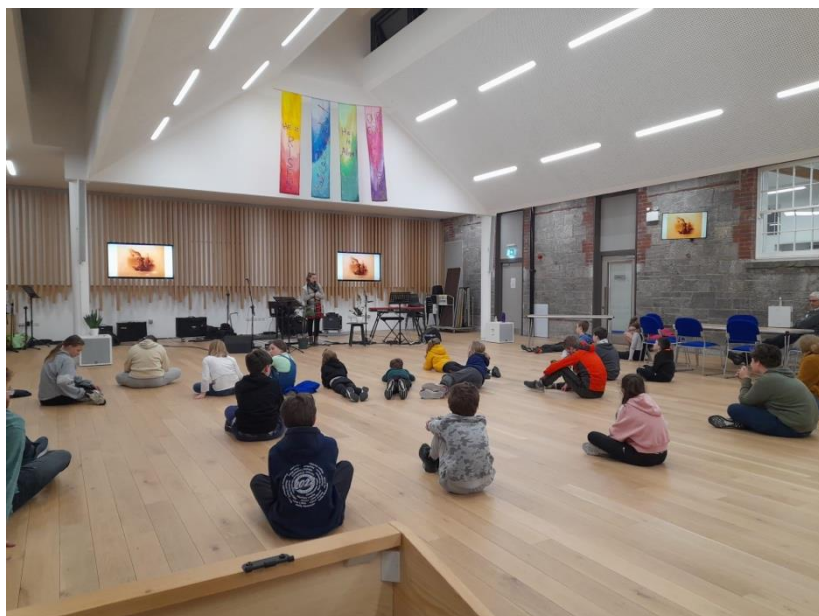
Sparks is CUP's toddler group which meets on Friday mornings during school term at the Carraig Centre. Unlike the movie title *A Few Good Men*, Sparks, is looking for **A Few Good People: Men or Women**, to join our fabulous Sparks Team! We have about two months left before the summer break and then we begin again in September.

The team meets on Fridays at 9:30 until 12:30pm (the actual Sparks time is at 10:30am - noon) to set up the main hall with chairs, tables, toys, toys and more toys! We spend time in prayer before we welcome babies, toddlers, preschoolers, their mums, dads, grandparents and carers. We have opportunities to chat with the adults over a cuppa and dote over their little ones, all the while, listening to what they have to say and speak of God's love and graciousness when the opportunity arises. On good weather days we often enjoy time with families out in the playground. Towards the end of our time, we gather for a time of songs and a Bible story. After our guests have gone the cleanup starts and we are usually done by 12:30pm. As with any activity that involves children, garda vetting and Safeguarding Trust training is required, which we can arrange with you.

If you are interested or have questions please contact Kathy Hohnbaum, 0857450181.

YOUTH CUPDATE

We had a lovely April at CUP youth with a big group gathering for Glow (4th to 6th class) and lots of buzz with new people joining, crazy activities and even a bit of calm space as we talked about the Max Lucado story “You are Special”.



We had a very competitive Glow Max (secondary school aged) experience with an intense game of “ultimate spoons”!



Some of our Sunday PM group (secondary school aged Bible Study) went to visit another youth group in Douglas. We had a fab day with them sharing food, playing some very fast-paced ‘ninja’ and discussing some very important topics including “Is marmalade a jam?”



A huge thank you also to the Sunday PM gang who helped with the preparations for Holy Week and especially for painting the tomb that was constructed around the bike shelter at TCC and helping with the prayer stations.



Dates:

Glow (4th-6th Class Primary)

Friday 20nd May: 7-9pm TCC

Friday 24th June: 7-9pm TCC

(Booking via email, sarah@cupcork.ie, or Eventbrite)



Glow Max (Secondary School)

Sunday 8th May: 1.30-3.30pm Lunch & games afternoon with Sunday PM and Douglas Methodist Youth

Friday 3rd June: 7.30-9.30pm

Sunday PM (Secondary School)

Sunday 1st May: 5.30-7.30pm TCC

Sunday 8th May: 1:30-3:30pm TCC (see Glow Max)

Sunday 22nd May : **No Sunday PM** but Lighthouse in afternoon if YP would like to lead please contact April at lighthouse@cupcork.ie)

Sunday 29th May: 5.30-7.30pm TCC

Friday Family Time

It was so good to welcome so many families to our Friday Family Time on Good Friday morning in The Carraig Centre, where we looked at why a day when such a terrible thing happened could be called Good Friday.



We began the morning with some games to set the scene and to put the story that was to follow in the context of all that happened from Palm Sunday through Holy Week. One of those games was Kim's game with pictures on the screen to represent parts of the story of Holy Week and it was so good to see lots of the children engage and tell us what each picture represented. This led into the story which was told from Mary's perspective, what she saw and

felt on that day as she watched her son on the cross. We then had a time of reflection; with sorry prayers which were shredded to show how God forgives; an activity time with a cross craft and dominoes activity; and a reflective song to listen to. We then had notices, the Messy Grace and we concluded the morning with Hot cross buns and grapes along with tea and coffee and a lovely time chatting and playing in the playground.

QUIET DAY – 11am–3pm
Saturday 28th May 2022
St Senan's Inniscarra

FAITH
PATIENCE
HOPE

Carrigrohane Union of Parishes are planning a couple of Quiet Saturdays in 2022 for reflection, prayer and renewal. This will be the first one, the contemplative time will be guided and some direction/suggestions will be given for how you might spend the time.

All are invited to come and:

- Step aside from the busyness of life
- Be quiet
- Focus on your life with God
- Seek God's voice and direction
- Enjoy God's presence

More detail will follow, but please save the date or contact Mel Harris for more information.

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Carrigrohane Union of Parishes:

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

