

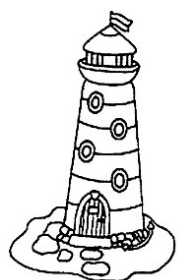
CARRIGROHANE UNION OF PARISHES

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



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June 2022



The Lighthouse – Messy Church in Blarney



It is so good to be back meeting together again. On Sunday 24th April our theme was 'Breakfast on the beach with Jesus' where we looked at the story in John 21: 1-19.

We started the afternoon with activities: a magnetic fishing game, a collage of fish in a net, breakfast scrabble, a handprint sheep craft, a blindfold walk, creating a fishing net for use at story-time and a follow the leader activity. Activity time was followed by our Celebration which included



songs, story-time, creative prayer time, notices (what church Service would be complete without notices!!) and the Messy Grace (for anyone who has never been to The Lighthouse this is the Grace, that

might be said at any church Service or event, but with actions which help to draw out the meaning for the youngest people present but more than likely does also for those who are older!) The afternoon ended with a picnic outside in the glorious sunshine.



A few highlights from the afternoon: beforehand we prayed that there would be fun and



laughter and we definitely saw that prayer answered: as the story was been told some of the children tried to climb into the net which had been created to be fish! And shortly after that one of the girls said 'I've got the giggles' which spread! A little boy proudly saying, 'I've caught them all.' He had been given the net to



go around and collect up all the Thank-you God prayer fish. Watching the children watch and copy the actions/signing for a new song and the happy chat during the picnic.

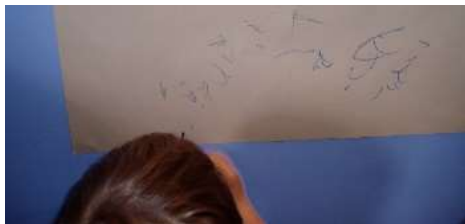
When the children were asked what their favourite part of the afternoon was, the answers were: the breakfast scrabble, the fish game, the story.

On Sunday 22nd May we welcomed some new families to 'The Lighthouse' and it was delightful to have so many people in the church and to see the children doing the crafts with their parents and the leaders.



Our theme for the afternoon was Pentecost and we had two painting activities which were enjoyed by all, the Pentecost flames banner, which looks far more impressive in reality than in the photo and will be displayed at the United Celebration on 5th June for all to see, and the salad spinner

painting. For some of the children that used up lots of energy as they tried to spin it as fast as possible to make the sound of the wind! Another popular hit were the helicopters, unfortunately



they flew too quickly to be captured on camera. We also had a dove craft and a Pentecost spinner, which if you twirled it quick enough showed the flame appearing on one of the disciples' head.



But one of the most precious moments for me was to overhear a young child say: 'Thank you God goes on forever', and what a true statement as there is so much we all have to be thankful to God for, our need to say thank you to God does indeed go on forever. This happened at the graffiti wall where the idea was to use google translate to find out how to say: 'Thank you God' in different languages. The really cool thing about The Lighthouse is that everyone has the chance to connect with God in their own unique way.

After our celebration time we finished the afternoon in the sunshine having a lovely picnic and super chat together.

'The Lighthouse' meets next on Sunday 26th June, 3.30 – 5.30pm, in The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney. We will be celebrating 13 years of 'The Lighthouse' and that means there will be cake and other yummy food!

The Lighthouse team are looking for new members. If anyone is interested, please contact April at lighthouse@cupcork.ie. Maybe you're thinking:

- 'I'm not sure if I'm interested' – well you could arrange to come once to see if you like it and want to commit to coming again.
- or 'I don't know if I have the right skills' – well there are just so many different ways to be involved, I'm sure we will be able to match you to an area that interests you and you might even discover a skill you hadn't realised you had!
- or 'I'm not sure I could commit to going each month' – well you don't have to! The commitment you make is up to you, it might be a once off commitment, or to come once a term or once a year...



June 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
5 June 2022	11 am United Celebration for Pentecost in St Peter's Field			
12 June	9.30 am Holy Communion	11 am Sunday AM with Adventurers	11 am Morning Prayer	11 am Holy Communion
19 June	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11 am Sunday AM – Holy Communion – with Adventurers		11 am Morning Prayer
26 June	9.30 am Holy Baptism	11 am Sunday AM with Adventurers	11 am Holy Communion	
3 July	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11 am United Celebration		

July & August Summer Service possibilities

Over the summer our service pattern changes in a few ways:

- During July and August we are introducing a Parish Family Service at St Peter's one Sunday a month as an experiment. This will be a more informal service – Robert is looking for help to organise this service so if you would be willing to help, please let him know
- We will also be running services in Blarney Church on Sunday Evenings – The theme of these evenings will be Bible & Me – Some parishioners & friends to share some thoughts about Bible Passages which mean a lot to them.

More details will be available in the next Connect.

Small job opportunity – starting asap but at least by July 1st!

The St Peter's Centre on Church Hill in Carrigrohane needs the loving care of a weekly cleaner and (except in summer!) a heating clock setter!

**The rate will be €12 an hour and the work needed should
fit into 2 hours a week.**

The work does have to be done when the areas are not occupied with rentals – so, at the moment, Patsy is mostly going in on Fridays – but there are other slots if that isn't convenient. Contact the office on 4877260, or talk to Patsy (087 6413559) to find out more details.

Summer at The Carraig Centre

Bill Lane, Matt Gould

As the summer draws ever closer, May finishing and June getting underway, our regular school term time activities are winding down. But does that mean that all is quiet in the Carraig Centre? Not a bit of it!

Enable Ireland continues to liven up the weekdays with their on-going presence and there is always something happening for the staff and “service owners”.

Whether it is new faces, regulars departing, activities of art and crafts, trips and walks there is always a buzz about the place when Enable are present. We are negotiating with Enable for an expansion of their Main Hall space in the autumn.

Mothers' Union in the Diocese has planned two summer events – just a chance to gather and enjoy the summer and each other's company!

- Meeting in Timoleague church at 11 am on Saturday 16th July for a short time of prayer and a tour of the wonderful mosaics in the church – with Rev Kingsley Sutton. Then time for a walk and bring-your-own picnic lunch!
- On Mary Sumner Day (founder of MU) – on Tuesday 9th August – meeting in St Mary's church in Doneraile at 11 am – again for a short time of prayer and then time to walk in the park and enjoy your bring-your-own picnic lunch!

Everyone is very welcome – just come along!

For members in the parishes – we're also invited to attend one of the two 'Transformation Now' encouragement events, either in Clonakilty hall on Saturday 27th August or in Carrigaline hall on Saturday 10th September – 10 am coffee for 10.30 am start with bring-your-own lunch finishing the morning by about 1.15, and home journeys started at 2 pm.



Youth Update

May was a busy month!
We had a great time with Sunday PM
and Glow Max (Secondary School)
making Pizzas for the afternoon in TCC



We've also invented a new
form of Jenga (Thank you
Izzy!)
(Patent pending!)



Some of our Glow Max Group went on a trip to Zipit in Farren
Woods, organised by Hilda Connolly with the CDYC (Cork
Diocesan Youth Council)



Lots of energy and enthusiasm from our Glow (4th-6th class) Group!!



A Favorite Hymn – from Sean Healy of St Peter’s Church

Choosing a favourite hymn is a tall order, given the myriad I love, especially those of the prolific hymn composer, Charles Wesley. However, Joseph Scriven’s ***What a Friend We Have in Jesus*** is particularly meaningful to me.

I believe that the most beautiful prayers we make to God are divinely inspired hymns of praise and adoration. Many bring words of comfort when we find ourselves embroiled in the vicissitudes which may befall us, especially the death of loved ones. My family and I experienced two such untimely events, the most recent being the passing of my beloved wife Laetitia at age 56, three years ago. In such instances we can find ourselves bereft in a whirlpool of emotions: despair, anguish, hopelessness, emptiness and grief, bringing to mind the words of the ancient poet Aeschylus who wrote;

*Even in our sleep
Pain which cannot forget
Falls drop by drop upon the heart
Until in our despair
And against our will
Comes wisdom through the awesome grace of God*

I found God’s wisdom and grace by reading and pondering the words of the hymn, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*. It is particularly illuminating for it contains words which I repeatedly kept reflecting upon, finding solace and comfort (therein these being),
“O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.”

These words exemplify the theme of the entire hymn. Thus, I must conclude it is my favourite.

Key Summer Dates for CUP Youth



CUP Cork Youth Summer Activities

June

- Monday 13th: Movie night 6:30-9:30pm
- Monday 20th: Games night 7:30-9:30pm
- Monday 27th: Farran Zipit Trip 4-7pm (Spaces limited)

July

- Youth Café at TCC (Friday 15th, 22nd, 29th 2:30-4:30pm)
- Family Fun morning Tuesday 19th 10am-12pm (Helpers needed)

August

- 1st-5th: Move
- Tuesday 16th : Beach Trip (TBC)
- Wednesday 17th 3-5pm : Family Fun Afternoon (Helpers needed)
- Friday 26th: Family Fun Evenin - 6-8pm St Peter's Field Carrigrohane

All secondary
school aged
Young People
Welcome

GLOW SUMMER'22 INFO

FINAL GLOW:

24TH JUNE 2022 - 7-9PM

THE CARRAIG CENTRE (TCC)

PARENTS WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR SOME
REFRESHMENTS AND GAMES AT 8:30PM

Summer Family Activity Events:

Designed for parents and children of all ages
to come to together for games,
stories, activities, prayer, refreshments and
play all surrounding a theme from the Bible.

All welcome!

-JULY 19TH AT TCC, 10AM-12 NOON

-AUGUST 17TH AT TCC, 3-5PM

- AUGUST 26TH AT ST PETER'S FIELD, CARRIGROHANE, 6-8PM

Nua:Move: Activity and Discussion event for all young
people starting Secondary in September
15th August 3:30-6pm TCC

You can also visit carraigcentre.ie (and scroll down) for info on
summer camps that will be run by various groups over the summer





July/August 2022 newsletter

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 13 June

PARISH CONTACTS AND OFFICE

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Community Leader and Lead Evangelist in The

Carraig Centre:

Matt Gould – 085 1080067 -

matt@carraigcentre.ie

Carraig Centre Bookings Manager TCC: Bill Lane -

bill@carraigcentre.ie

Youth Worker: Sarah Louise Hockey -

sarah@cupcork.ie

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.

Phone: 4877260 - office@cupcork.ie Jaki

Godfrey, Parish Secretary - jaki@cupcork.ie Patsy

Devoy, Parish Administrator - patsy@cupcork.ie

WEBSITE: www.cupcork.ie & find us on Facebook and YouTube!

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 the office know who you are, we can do the necessary work to substantially increase the value of your gifts.

Toy Library

Just a reminder that
we're open for
'business' on the first
Friday of every month –
in the playroom of The
Carraig Centre following
Sparks –
from 12 – 1 pm!

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

Thank you to everyone who organised, hosted, decorated, played and sang for the Music Among The Trees concert – held on Friday 3 June!

At the time of writing, we're still looking forward to this lovely evening!



The Church of Ireland General Synod was held at the beginning of May at this various below is a report published in the Church of Ireland Gazette.

The reports of the Representative Church Body (RCB), the Standing Committee and all other committees reporting to the General Synod were presented for the year leading up to March 2022.

The RCB report notes that during 2021, the total funds available to the RCB increased by €41 million to €249 million. Expenditure from General Funds, decreased by €100,000 to €7.1 million. Allocations have been set at €3.7 million for 2022.

The initial research phase of the **MindMatters** COI project, to promote better awareness of mental health, was completed during 2021 and the project team will this year develop training and the application process for grants to dioceses and parishes.

Standing Committee

The Standing Committee received a report from the House of Bishops on women in ministry and reviewed the possible future use of online technology for central church meetings. It also provided a subvention to Cumann Gaelach na hEaglaise (the Irish Guild of the Church) towards the reprinting and republishing of An Bíobla Naofa (the Holy Bible) in the Irish language.

The Bishops' Appeal for World Aid and Development is this year celebrating 50 years of standing in solidarity with people who live in poverty.

The Working Group on Pioneer Ministry brought forward proposals for pioneer ministry with the aim of reaching more people outside the Church in a way that complements existing ministry within the Church of Ireland. These were approved

Other reports

Committee reports were also presented by the Board of Education, Church of Ireland Youth Department, Covenant Council, Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue, Liturgical Advisory Committee, Council for Mission, Commission on Ministry, and Marriage Council.

The Council for Mission is continuing its work on promoting the Anglican Communion's Five Marks of Mission with a focus on discipleship and our care for Creation, and is completing a series of videos to raise awareness of all Five Marks.

The Commission on Ministry is undertaking the follow-up work on the Report on Women's Ministry. In its report to General Synod, the Commission welcomes feedback and responses from members of the General Synod on the theme of rural ministry, which will form part of its work in 2022 and 2023. The Commission is aware of the many positives of serving in rural communities alongside the challenges involved and the particular issues affecting rural areas more greatly than urban areas.

The Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue reported on a busy year with many meetings and discussions to maintain good relationships with other Churches and faiths undertaken by its working groups on Anglican and ecumenical affairs, Europe, and inter-faith matters. The Covenant Council continues to encourage the implementation of the Church of Ireland–Methodist Covenant at every level and to consider how to best support the interchangeability of ministry.



The Church of Ireland began a three-year mental health promotion initiative in October 2020. This initiative aims to raise awareness of, and respond to, the mental health needs of communities across the island of Ireland. The project was made possible by a significant grant from one of the UK and Ireland's largest grant-making charities, Benefact Trust, and is fully supported by the Representative Church Body of the Church of Ireland and the Church of Ireland's House of Bishops.

The Church of Ireland are now looking for mental health champions/advocates as part of our MindMatters COI project. The volunteers will help promote positive mental health in the Church of Ireland and in communities across the island of Ireland. Over the next couple of months we're going to be thinking about what we can do locally with the resources.

Robert has already been to a training run by Action Mental Health as part of this initiative and is looking forward seeing us as a parish discuss possible opportunities in the union of parishes. <https://mindmatters.ireland.anglican.org/>

Another deliver of Red Cross Ukrainian children's welcome packs – packed and leaving The Carraig Centre. Thank you to all the generous people giving and packing! See www.carraigcentre.ie/ukraine for more details!



WE ARE HIRING

Q CE Scheme -Caretaker

Check out:
cupcork.ie/jobs

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Baptism & Confirmation 2022-2023

If anyone is interested in either Baptism or Confirmation please get in touch with Robert or Matt.

Confirmation Preparation will be starting in the Autumn for Confirmation in 2023

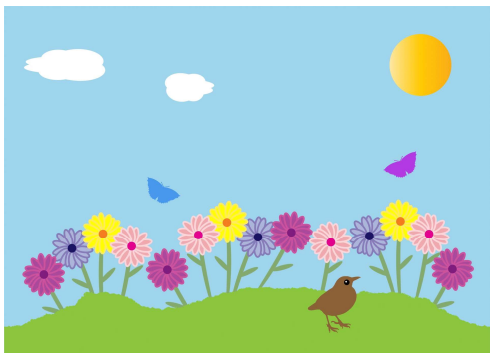
Baptism preparation will be on-going on an adhoc basis.

Congratulations to the Douglas family (St Peter's), the Sharman family (St Senan's), the Fleury Lane family and the Collins/Crepin-le Blond family (The Carraig Centre)



Safeguarding Trust

Over the next few months we are tightening up on our Safeguarding Trust Admin due to requirements we have around documents and processes we are ensuring these are complete and up to date – Jaki in the parish office may be making contact with those who have been through our Safeguarding Trust system asking for signatures, forms filled in or ID documents. We want to thank all of those who are signed up to help in our youth and children's ministry.



Gardening Help Required

Over in Blarney our flower beds are looking a bit tired – We are wondering if there might be a couple of volunteers who might be able to take them on for this season? If you would be interested please get in touch with Robert F or Richard Bolster.

Over the course of the past few months Chuck Hohnbaum has been doing a lot of work around the East Window in St Peter's Church. This was launched at Easter General Vestry, and also during a service in May at St Peter's Church. At the launch Declan Martin paid tribute to Chuck's work and ministry in the parish.



Afterwards Chuck made himself available for anyone with any questions about the window. Over the next while Chuck is going to be working on a booklet about the history of the St. Peter's building. If anyone has any information about the building, please do get in touch with Chuck directly.

On Friday 17th June Robert will be in Blarney 10am - 4pm sorting out lots of things in Blarney Church. If you would like to join-in gardening, Putting up shelves, sorting stuff out etc etc - do come along. There's lots of work to be done and if you happen to be free that day - come along.

Weddings on the horizon

Over the summer months we will be holding weddings in our 3 church buildings – please do pray for the couples as they embark on a new life together:

Please do pray for ...

Abigail & Ian, Jade & Victor, Eric & Fionnuala, David & Siobhan



Saying thank you

Over the next month we are saying thank you to two staff members.

On **Sunday 19th June** we will be saying thank you to former youth worker Katie Gould – we will be saying thank you to her as a parish at our Sunday AM service in the Carraig Centre at 11am.

At our **United Celebration in July** we will be saying thank you to Patsy Devoy who will be retiring at the end of June.

If you would like to contribute to a gift to either of these please do leave an envelope in collection plate at any church in the next couple of weeks with the direction FAO Jaki / Robert.

Robert Ferris

New Wine Ireland

<https://www.newwineireland.org/summer-conference>

Prayer Points

As we approach summer let's remember all those who are sitting their exams during June

& those in Hospital and those who are sick at home.



Cork Summer Show is on again! 18 and 19 June – and the Mothers' Union baby change facility will be there!
We won't be having colouring and extras – but the basic service of space for changing little ones will be in place.
If you'd like to help out (MU or not!) – by taking a turn on the rota (no one is on alone!) – please contact Pam – 086 1597860.

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

