



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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Parishioner Dr Naomi Masheti shared about her work with Cork Migrant Centre on Sanctuary Sunday.



Young people from the Cork Migrant Centre's Youth Initiative Against Racism performing at the Carraig Centre on 22 June 2023.



July/August 2023

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Parishioners in Hospital ?

We can no longer be certain hospitals will provide us with notifications of parishioners who have been admitted to hospital. If you or any parishioner you may know is in hospital, please let the office know and a visit by the relevant chaplain will be arranged..

Email Update ?

Each Friday we send out a message to all parishioners who have signed up—if you would like to get this please sign up on our website homepage or contact the office.

Summer Evening Series

Walking with the Patriarchs and Matriarchs

at the Church of the Resurrection, Blarney

***Every Sunday evening
in July and August @ 7.30 PM***

- 2 July: Sarah Louise Hockey (The Call to Sacrifice Isaac)
- 9 July: Revd Elaine Murray, (Isaac and Rebekkah)
- 16 July: Revd Robert Ferris, (Esau and Jacob)
- 23 July: Revd Meurig Williams, (Jacob's dream)
- 30 July: Revd Abigail Sines, (Rachel and Leah)
- 6 August: Michael Kenning, (Jacob wrestles with God)
- 13 August: Patsy Devoy, (Joseph and his brothers)
- 20 August: Karl Tyrrell, (Joseph in Potiphar's house)
- 27 August: Theresa Cronin, (Joseph in prison)



**Informal services of scripture, prayer
and reflection**

All welcome!

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;

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

Connecting With Us via Social Media

We're on Facebook—facebook.com/cupcork

We're also on Youtube—youtube.com/cupcork

Pastoral Visiting

It is always a great privilege for the clergy to visit parishioners in their homes. If you would like to request a clergy visit, please telephone the Rector (085 1800720) or Parish Office on 0214877260

Don't Forget—The Deadline for Connect Newsletter is the 15th of the month—Please leave any articles in the Parish Office post box or send them to the Connect Newsletter email

connect@cupcork.ie

Sparks Toddler Group Looking for more help starting September 2023!

Sparks, our toddler group for parents, carers and of course toddlers, finished its last session of the term on Friday, 23 June. It was a good year! The first full year of no Covid interference since we moved from the Old Parish Centre to the Carraig Centre back in 2020!

Each Friday morning our team unpacked loads of toys and set up an inviting space in the main hall for kids and their parents, grandparents or carers. Scones, tea and coffee were lovingly prepared and served by our "Tea Providers". At 10:00 am our doors were open for a welcome to all who came, no matter what time they came, if they registered or not, or if they could afford the €3 or not! The bright and airy space of the main hall, the fabulous playground plus the warm welcome they received was the basis for many of our families communicating to us "Sparks is the day we look forward to each week"!

At the end of each day, everyone (kids included) did a "clean up" before our short song and story time. We sang silly songs, old songs, and always included a few songs about the Wonderful Love of Jesus! Our short Bible story often spoke about God's love for us, the power of God or the Goodness of God.

We had a fabulous Sparks team this year! Thanks Ashling, Chantal, Darlene, Eleanor, Elena, Evelyn, Jean, Jessie, Julie, Laurel, Leigh, Lineke, Marion, Matt, and Vika! Thanks for sharing your time and reflecting Jesus' love to our families! Grace and Sarah shared their musical abilities at various times during the year, which added another layer of interest for our kids and families.

Even though we are finished for this year, **we are already planning for the next year which starts in September 2023.**

If you or someone you know, is comfortable in leading kid's music with guitar or keyboard, or even accompanying a song leader, please let us know. We would love to enhance our music offering each week. Also, if you would like to join our team, but not in a music capacity, we would be happy to talk with you about how you can use your gifts and talents.

We are grateful for the continued grant that we have received for this coming year, provided by Cork City Childcare to help us enhance our program.

All of our team receive Safeguarding training and are Garda vetted.

Sparks will start up again in September. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Kathy Hohnbaum. khohnbaum@serge.org



Our Sparks team on our last day before term break (just a portion of our larger Sparks team).

Ready to play, talk and serve!



YOUTH UPDATE

We've had a busy year of youth activities and what a joy it's been to be able to gather in person!

We are so grateful for the space to build community and fellowship through silly games, baking and cooking, reading the Bible together and discussing the deeper questions of life.

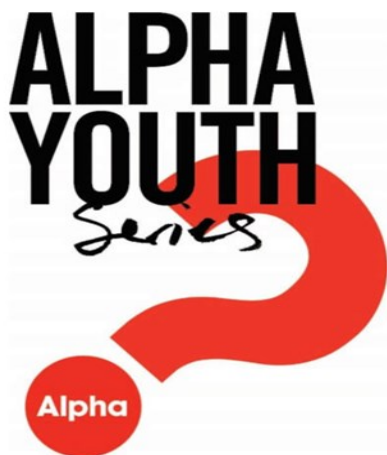


While the scheduled programme is taking a pause for the summer there will still be plenty of opportunities to connect with our young people through our church services, family fun events and trip to the MOVE conference coming up in August.

*We will be hosting a **Bake Sale** to help with the costs of attending the CIY Move conference on **Sunday 9th of July at the Sunday AM service***



Any donations very much appreciated!



We are also going to trial run "Sunday PM on a Saturday" in September as we start an Alpha Youth series. This is a great opportunity to invite young people not usually associated with church to dig into questions about faith. Please contact Sarah Louise for flyers etc :)



See below for Tentative Autumn term dates
(A little rearranging may be needed but overall this should be the shape)

Youth Alpha (Teens)
Saturday Evenings
2nd, 16th, 30th Sept
14th, 28th Oct
11th, 25th Nov

Glow Max (Teens)
Friday
8th Sept
6th Oct
10th Nov

Glow (4th- 6th Class)
Friday
22nd Sept
20th Oct
24th Nov

Changing the Story Conferences

Guest Speakers

**Bekah Legg,
CEO of RESTORED**

**Revd Dr Helen Paynter,
theologian and author**

**15th Sept 2023, Seagoe
Parish Centre, BT63 5HS**

**16th Sept, Kilternan Parish
Centre D18ET99**

muchchangingthestory@gmail.com
Tickets via Eventbrite

Love is patient.
Love is kind.
It does not envy
or boast. It is not proud,
rude, or self-seeking.
It is not



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.

12—1pm

We're looking for helpers for our team so if you're free, why not join us.
Patsy, Katie & Ruth

The 'Thank you to the Adventurers' Leaders'
Tea Party on 25th June.



From Robert's Desk!

Summer Time ... in the parish

As things change in the parish there's time for a different rhythm as schools are finished and holidays are enjoyed. Here in the parish there's a new rhythm to things.



You will see from the Service planner that there are a couple of changes.

Blarney evening services are happening every Sunday at 7.30pm & all are very welcome to these. We're delighted to have a range of speakers for these as we look at the theme of **Walking with the Patriarchs and Matriarchs** - Summer Evenings of Scripture, Prayer and Reflection.

The August United Celebration will be in St. Senan's at 11am with a picnic afterwards.

There is also a lunchtime Barbecue (weather dependent) on Sunday 27th August at St. Peter's Field from 12.30pm and all are very welcome to come up to this.

You will also see elsewhere in the magazine that we have a number of Family Events happening. If you would like to know more about these please let April or Abigail know.

I hope you have a great summer – take time to rest, do something different, and enjoy God.

September Service times

Over the last year I have been listening to parishioners in regard to service times across the Union of Parish. This I flagged at Easter General Vestry this year. So in September, I am going to experiment with the service schedule for 6 months.

There are a number of reasons for this (in no particular order)

1. Families feel that 9.30am in St. Peters is a bit too early and perhaps a later time might encourage new families to come along.
2. We have a very small number of people attending Blarney & no regular musician, so being able to share resources between Blarney & Inniscarra could be beneficial.
3. A more regular schedule between Blarney and Inniscarra allows people to either commit to coming to both, or choosing to pop into the Carraig Centre.
4. The need to have a sustainable rhythm of services. The large number of vacancies in the diocese means that Diocesan Readers, who may be ordinarily available, are now being deployed more regularly elsewhere
5. The need to ensure that the parish can facilitate staff holidays, sickness, leave etc.
6. Also the need to ensure that there is a clear pattern of services.

I realise that these changes will not be desirable to everyone, but I ask that we try them for the next 6 months and see how things work out. We will review the situation again in January and everyone will have the chance to voice their opinion. I have spoken to the Bishop, Wardens and Vestry about these changes.

During this time, there will also be a few anomalies that will arise such as Harvest, which will be the second Sunday in October and our Christmas services. Lighthouse will also be usually on the 4th Sunday but may move to the 2nd Sunday for various reasons. Keep an eye on our noticeboards, Connect Newsletter, Social media and service sheets for service times. A fully worked out 6 month service schedule will go out with the September Connect which will be available on the last Sunday of August.

From September 2023 – February 2024

1st Sunday

10am – St. Peter's
11am – Sunday AM
11.30- Blarney

2nd Sunday

10am - St. Peters
11am - Sunday AM
11.30 – Inniscarra

3rd Sunday

10am -St. Peter's
11am – Sunday AM
11.30 – Blarney

4th Sunday

10am - St. Peters
11am- Sunday AM
11.30 – Inniscarra

5th Sunday

11am – United Celebration (Location will be announced)

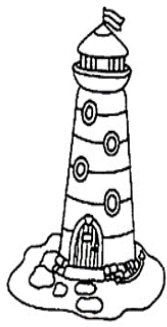
Robert

From the Registers

Marriage: Cian Jenkinson & Arianna Goldberg at St Peter's Church 24 June 2023

Burial: Irene Locke in St Peter's Graveyard on 15 June 2023

The Lighthouse – Messy Church in Blarney



On Sunday 25th June 'The Lighthouse' took the theme of compassion, set for Sanctuary Sunday, and explored the story The Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37. There were five activities planned for families to use to explore the story.



The Big Collage Banner: where lots of fun was had cutting and pasting to create this banner while exploring the idea of what is meant by loving our neighbour.



Card making and writing: the idea was to create and write cards for a project run by Open Doors but on the day this activity didn't attract any attention so perhaps we will come back to it at another stage.

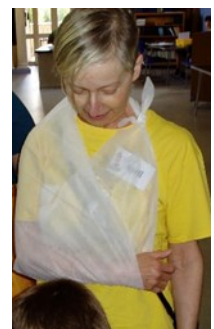


My helping hands: at this activity lovely pictures of helping hands were created with a heart at the centre. It also gave the opportunity to think about how we can use our hands to be helpful and as you can see there was also some practise at using our helpful hands to help others create their own picture!



First Aid: here some useful skills were learned to be used when needed to help and care for others. Plasters were applied and a sling was made from a triangular

bandage as well as getting to look at all the items in a first aid box. I think they did a super job on the sling!



What would you take? This activity was all about thinking about what we might take if we had to evacuate our homes really quickly. There was also a video to watch and a chance to pray for those around the world who have had to evacuate their homes quickly.

We had a picnic style tea, but inside at tables, as the rain showers were very heavy. After the meal, to celebrate 14 years of The Lighthouse, we sang Happy Birthday and shared birthday cake together.



The Lighthouse now takes a break for the summer and returns on Sunday 24th September 3.30 - 5.30pm.

If you are interested in joining 'The Lighthouse' team in September, please contact April at lighthouse@cupcork.ie for more information.

**who will you
invite to
think
chat
eat
laugh
connect
explore
question**



**We'll be running an Alpha in the Church of the
Resurrection Blarney beginning on:**

Tuesday, 19 September, 7:30 PM

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the basic beliefs of the Christian faith. It is open to absolutely anyone and questions are welcome! Who might you invite?

Feel free to share the booking link:
<https://alpha-blarney2023.eventbrite.ie>

Calendar for July & August



July & August 2023 Sunday 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	St Senan's, Inniscarra	The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney
2.7.23	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11 am United Celebration		7.30 pm Evening Worship
9.7.23	9.30am Holy Communion	11am Sunday AM	11am Morning Prayer	7.30 pm Evening Worship
16.7.23	9.30am Family Service	11am Sunday AM with Holy Communion		7.30 pm Evening Worship
23.7.23	9.30 am Holy Communion	11am Sunday Am	11 am Holy Communion	7,30pm Evening Worship
30.7.23	9.30 am A Service of the Word	11 am Sunday AM		7,30pm Evening Worship
6.8.23	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11 am United Celebration		7,30pm Evening Worship
13.8.23	9.30 am Holy Communion	11 am Sunday AM	11am Morning Prayer	7,30pm Evening Worship
20.8.23	9.30am Family Service	11am Sunday AM with Holy Communion		7,30pm Evening Worship
27.8.23	9.30 am Holy Communion	11 am Sunday AM	11 am Holy Communion	7,30pm Evening Worship