

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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Alpha is a series of interactive
sessions exploring life, faith,
and meaning.

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Starting on

Tuesday, 19 September, 7:30 PM

Details and booking available at:

<https://alpha-blarney2023.eventbrite.ie>

Questions? Please contact Theresa on 087 221 2551.

September 2023

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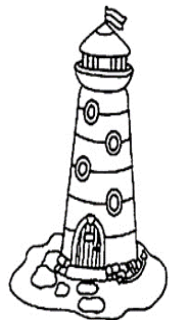
WEBSITE: www.cupcork.ie & find us on Facebook and YouTube!

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.



The Lighthouse Messy Church - change of venue



This year 'The Lighthouse Messy Church' will be at the Carraig Centre. It will have all the usual activities, celebration with songs, Bible story-time and creative prayer, and a meal for all to finish the session. The time will remain 3.30 – 5.30pm.

Adults are welcome to attend, with or without children, but children do remember to bring an adult with you. Everyone is welcome to come along to see what The Lighthouse Messy Church is all about.

The dates for this term are:

Sunday 24th September

Sunday 22nd October

Sunday 26th November

Sunday 10th December

The Lighthouse team are looking for new members so if you think you might be interested come along on 24th September to see what it is like or email April at lighthouse@cupcork.ie



Sparks Toddler Group will be starting Friday, 8 September!

Sparks Toddler Group is for preschool children, babies and their carers. Whether you are a mother, father, grandparent, or childminder, there is a warm welcome for all. We meet on Fridays at 10-11:30 am, during term-time. We have an extended play time in the Carraig Centre, and in fine weather, the outdoor play area is open for play! Tea, coffee, and scones are available to enjoy while chat and play are happening! Towards the end of the morning, we clear away the toys and have a children's Bible story and song time. You can register for each meeting on Eventbrite. You will find the link on the Sparks Facebook page a few days before each meeting.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sparks.toddlers>

If you are interested in joining our team of helpers, please contact Kathy Hohnbaum. khohnbaum@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

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

MELTING POT LUNCH

Thursday 14th September

12.30pm (new time)

The Carraig Centre

All adults welcome

(Please let Patsy (087 6413559) or Deirdre (021 4877260) know if you are coming by Tuesday 12th, otherwise please just come)



Did you know?

We have resources for children and families in each location across our parish union! We have leaflets for parents with suggestions for nurturing faith, and books and activity sheets for children to use during services.

We hope you find them helpful!



YOUTH UPDATE

We enjoyed a different rhythm this summer with less structured activity and more relaxed hangouts.

Our real highlight was attending the Christ in Youth "Move" Conference this August.



A huge thank you to all who have supported and prayed for the group. We had such a special time together and it was wonderful to reconnect with Trinity Church Dublin and Ardfallen Youth groups. It was such a joy to witness God working in the lives of each of the young people and I'm so excited to see what he does next! - SL



Coming up this Term

GLOW MAX (SECONDARY SCHOOL AGE)
7:30-9:30PM

MONTHLY FRIDAY EVENING HANGOUT SPACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH GAMES, TUCK SHOP, CRAFTS AND A SPACE TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS ABOUT EVERYDAY LIFE AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

8TH SEPT . 6TH OCT
10TH NOV . 8TH DEC

ALPHA YOUTH (SECONDARY SCHOOL AGE)

A PLACE TO EXPLORE KEY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN FAITH (AND EAT DESSERT!)

6-8PM

2ND, 16TH, 30TH SEPT
14TH, 28TH OCT
11TH, 25TH NOV
9TH, 23RD DEC



NB: parent/guardian consent forms needed

(one per school year) -available via email or use the QR code to our website <https://cupcork.ie/youth-ministry/>

GLOW (4TH-6TH CLASS)

MONTHLY ACTIVITY EVENING INCLUDING SPORTS, CRAFTS, LEGO, CRAZY GAMES, AND A SPACE TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LIFE



CONSENT FORM



Booking is via eventbrite link sent to e-mailing list each month.

Let us know if you'd like to be added! :)

Calling all Artists!!

Did anyone say Christmas ?????

We are looking for someone to design our Parish Christmas Card this year. If you would be interested, please let Deirdre in the Office know.



Changing the Story Conferences

Guest Speakers

Bekah Legg,
CEO of RESTORED

Revd Dr Helen Paynter,
theologian and author

Equipping the Church to Take Action and End Domestic Abuse

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

16th Sept, Kiltarnan Parish
Centre D18ET99

muchangingthestory@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



From Robert's Desk!

Mustard seed vision

One of the kingdom parables of Jesus which has fascinated me over the years is that of that of the mustard seed – how something so small and insignificant can grow into something so tall and useful.



This summer in Carrigrohane Union has been one of discernment, work and thinking with an eye to what lies ahead. I am excited with the conversations we are having in each of our communities about how to reach out with the message of Jesus to the communities around about us in fresh ways – not just in Ballincollig but also in Blarney, Inniscarra and Carrigrohane.

There is a lot that could be done and a vision for what might be. **In 2026 Blarney** for instance, it will be 250 years since the church in the square was built. We could celebrate this quietly but equally we could use this as a point in the near future to see what God might be calling us to in that community – what might be in terms of the building and our engagement with the wider community pointing to Christ and finding hope in him. Further details of spiritually preparing for this – written by Revd Abigail are contained elsewhere.

Thinking 2-3 years ahead is important – we're also thinking about **Inniscarra** and what needs to be done in St. Senan's to welcome visitors, pilgrims, neighbours and friends to the Church, the Glade and the church yard.

In St. Peter's the development group are well underway to thinking about what might be in terms of ministry to our young people on a Sunday morning. I am also asking them to think about growth in that place – and what that might look like.

In the Carraig Centre – we're looking towards what might be required going forward – work has been completed in setting up a movable room divider in the main hall to allow 2 groups to use the hall at the same time. We're also awaiting a decision on the west wing – in a proposal that has been submitted for funding and we hope to hear a decision on this later this month.

Obviously all of these things will not just happen by chance but will need planned and worked for – financially and practically. This is in addition to all of the regular routine practical and pastoral considerations which continue unabated.

In all of this work we are not reinventing wheels. We are building upon the vision of 2015-18. I have asked the Church wardens and Parish Treasurer to look at ways to plan for these things.

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***
 - ***Worshipping God passionately***

I am on the lookout for people who might be interested in helping with this to get in touch.

We have practical jobs to be done – gardening, weeding, hedge clipping,

We have a history to be written about the parish – I would love to work with someone or a team of people who has a flair for local history research and prepared to write up the history of our whole union for the 250 anniversary of Blarney.

We have volunteer opportunities across the parish – Sunday mornings /afternoons and during the week

We have techie opportunities for sound and vision tech in all of our places of worship

We have opportunities for anyone who might like to become a Diocesan Reader

We have opportunities for people to do readings and prayers in our services

Returning to the mustard seed kingdom parable – I wonder what little seeds of faith – our little 'yes' – our 'I'll give it a go' might mean?

If you are interested in any of the above – if you have a bit of time to spare and would like to get involved in your union of parishes do chat to any of the staff team. There's always something that could be done.

In Faith

Robert

MELting Pot Lunch TEAM

Our wonderful Patsy Devoy takes on the role of Chef for our MELting Pot Lunches but making the whole event happen is a team effort.

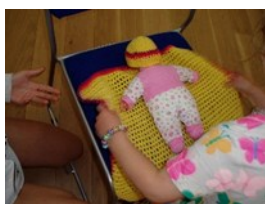


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If you are free on **Thursday 14th September** and could spare some time, we would love your help to make this great opportunity for people to Meet, Eat, Laugh and Talk, a success.

Please contact Patsy (087 6413559)

Family Fun days Summer 2023



During this summer we ran two very successful Family Fun Days in Blarney and the Carraig Centre; on July 25th and 18th August. On each occasion the planned session was run in the morning and repeated in the other location during the afternoon.



In July we looked at the story of Abraham and in August the story of Moses and God's people.



Each session began with activities for the families to participate in together and followed by a song, Bible story-time and prayer time. Each session ended with refreshments where plenty of biscuits and fruit were consumed!



The weather in July was super and the families attending the Carraig centre got to enjoy time in the playground.



Unfortunately, the weather on the day in August didn't allow for that!



As you can see from the photos, there was lots of creativity at each session, while we explored the Bible stories together.



Toy Library

Just a reminder that we're open for 'business' on the first Friday of every month—in the Foyer of the Carraig Centre.

11.30am-12.30pm

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

St. Peter's BBQ & the Inniscarra Picnic



On Sunday afternoon, 27 August, around 100 people gathered in St. Peter's churchyard for a fabulous afternoon of food, conversation, fun and fellowship! Thanks to all who came. Parish families, and Church Hill neighbours enjoyed the beautiful afternoon that God provided for us.



Masterchef 2023

Special thanks to the grillmeisters, Jane, Dean and Robert, who came in his full chef regalia! Thanks to Robert D. for transporting the grills, and to everyone for bringing the amazing sides!

We had a great day at the Inniscarra Picnic. Some were more adventurous than others!



Fellowship Groups in the Parish

Bible study groups are great for helping us to grow in our faith and enjoy friendship with other believers. We have five small groups meeting throughout our Parish. If you would like to join any of these groups, please speak to Deirdre in the Parish Office and she'll give you contact details.

Blarney Growth Group Tuesdays @ 7.30pm Church of the Resurrection in Blarney

Ballincollig Growth Group Thursdays @ 7.30pm in the Carraig Centre

TCC Study Group Wednesdays @ 2pm in the Prayer Room in TCC

St Senan's Study Group Wednesdays @ 11am, (fortnightly) St Senan's, Inniscarra

St Peter's Group Wednesdays @ 8pm, (fortnightly) St Peter's Carrigrohane

Praying Towards 250

The Church of the Resurrection is approaching its 250th year! We'll be looking forward to marking and celebrating this across 2026-27.

It's only 2023, you may be thinking, why bring this up now?

Simply because we want to take time to get ready: as a community spiritually *and* physically in terms of repair and upgrading some aspects of our building. Both of those aspects will take time, so let's get started!

In terms of physical work on the building, a process will be undertaken under the auspices of the Select Vestry, looking in more detail at the Conservation Management Plan for the church, prepared in 2022 by Christopher Southgate and Associates. As this process unfolds, there will be more opportunity for discussion and input from within and beyond the parish community.

But in the meantime, it is important that we begin the spiritual groundwork!

We have a number of opportunities to connect with people across our community over the coming months. Please keep these events in prayer, and where you're able please do volunteer to help!

September

19 September is a big day!

- **Toddler group restarts!**

We had a great year last year getting back after Covid and we found a new method, Out of the Box, for telling a Bible story each week. We were able to keep contact with some families through our July Family Fun Morning. Please pray for our Toddler community, growth of relationship and deepening engagement with our Out of the Box storytelling each week.

- **Alpha starts!**

Please pray that this would be a welcoming and open space in which people will feel comfortable exploring faith, regardless of where they currently are in their faith journey. In particular we hope our invitation will make it to individuals who aren't currently connected with any church, and who through the course, will have the opportunity to make a faith commitment.

October

Half-term community activities (30-31 October)

- **Coffee Morning and family fun day.** We're looking offering harvest themed crafts and activities, and inviting people to bring along non-perishable food items for donation to SVP
- **Community Table.** Our last Community Table (held during Holy Week) was the first one since Covid and was a really wonderful evening. We want to continue to build these events back up to 3-4 times per year. We will go with the Harvest theme for this as well, inviting donations of non-perishable food items.
- **Quiet Hours Service on Halloween Night.** The church will be open in the evening, for quiet prayer with prayer spaces. On a night that in the popular imagination is dominated by fear and horror imagery, in this space we offer a sense of God's peace and safe welcome.

December

Plenty of opportunities to extend a welcome!

2nd week of December

- **Christmas craft afternoon.** Organised by the Lighthouse team. This was well attended last year and we hope to build on that success!
- **Nativity Sheep Trail.** This will be set up in our church grounds and we will be inviting the local primary schools to participate, as well as our Toddler families.
- **Community Christmas Tree.** We won't be having a Christmas Festival on the same scale, however do still want to have one large tree and invite groups from around our community to contribute to the decorations, to photograph these share via our social media in the lead up to Christmas.
- **Christmas Coffee Morning.** Probably on a Saturday, a chance for a chat with friends and neighbours, to see the community Christmas tree, and for families to visit the Nativity Sheep Trail.

3rd week of December

- **Community Carol Service.** We are planning to bring back this beloved service! Date and details still to be confirmed, please keep this one in prayer!

Abigail

Update from our Ukrainian Community

This summer was eventful, positive and uplifting for the Ukrainian Community.

The Ukrainian choir 'KALYNA' took part in various concerts and events like: the Spirit of Mother's Jones festival, National Heritage week, the 'Kupala' festival in Bantry and Ukraine Independence day.

With the support of the Community Foundation of Ireland, we managed to organise three summer cultural 'KALYNA' camps and trips for Ukrainian families to Rosscarbery's 'Smugglers Cove' and the Farran Woods ZIPIT club. Thank you so much to all who have been supporting us all this time!



The Choir at the Mother Jones Festival



About to fly high in Farran Woods.



Cooking traditional Ukrainian dishes.



All the 'Barbie' fans before the cinema trip.




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Calendar for September & October



September/October 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
3.9.23	10 am Morning Prayer	11 am Sunday AM with B & S lunch		11.30 am Holy Communion
10.9.23	10 am Holy Communion	11 am Sunday AM with Holy Communion	11.30 am Holy Communion	
17.9.23	10 am Family Service	11 am Sunday AM		11.30 am A Service of the Word
24.9.23	10 am Holy Communion with healing	11 am Sunday Am 3.30 pm Messy Church	11.30 am Morning Prayer	
1.10.23	10 am Morning Prayer	11 am Sunday AM with B & S lunch		11.30 am Holy Communion
8.10.23			10 am & 11.30 am Harvest Cel	
15.10.23	10 am Family Service	11 am Sunday AM		11.30 am A Service of the Word
22.10.23	10 am Holy Communion	11 am Sunday AM 3.30 pm Messy Church	11.30 am Morning Prayer	
29.10.23		11 am United Service with B & S lunch		