



St Peter's, Carrigrohane

St Senan's, Inniscarra

The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney

The Carraig Centre, Ballincollig

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## HOLY WEEK 2024

CARRIGROHANE UNION OF PARISHES

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ALL ARE WELCOME TO THESE SERVICES / EVENTS

### **PALM SUNDAY**

**11 AM - UNITED CELEBRATION @ THE  
CARRAIG CENTRE, WITH BRING AND  
SHARE LUNCH**

### **MON - WED**

**7.30PM - EVENING SERVICE @BLARNEY  
CHURCH WITH LECTIO DIVINA**

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**7.30PM - HOLY COMMUNION IN ST  
PETER'S CHURCH**

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

**10AM - FAMILY ACTIVITIES IN CARRAIG CENTRE  
NOON - STATIONS OF THE CROSS @CHRIST OUR LIGHT,  
BALLINCOLLIG  
2.30PM-4PM - FAMILY ACTIVITIES IN BLARNEY CHURCH  
7.30PM - TENEBRAE SERVICE @ THE CARRAIG CENTRE**

### **EASTER EVE**

**8.30PM - EASTER VIGIL SERVICE (BRING COATS AS  
FIRST HALF OF SERVICE IS OUTSIDE) @ ST SENAN'S  
CHURCH, INNISCARRA.**

### **EASTER DAY**

**8.30AM - BREAKFAST @CARRAIG CENTRE  
9AM - EASTER CELEBRATION + BAPTISM SERVICE @  
CARRAIG CENTRE  
10AM - HOLY COMMUNION @ ST PETERS  
11.30AM - HOLY COMMUNION @ BLARNEY CHURCH  
11.30AM - HOLY COMMUNION + BAPTISM  
@ ST SENAN'S CHURCH, INNISCARRA**



## PARISH CONTACTS AND OFFICE HOURS

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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.

## New to the Parish?

If you have recently arrived in the Parish and found yourself wondering who we are and what goes on around here, don't hesitate to call the office or talk to Robert, Abigail, Matt or Sarah Louise . The Parish is a Church of Ireland Parish and as such has a structure unique to the Church of Ireland. At the beginning of February we will be revising our Vestry Roll which will provide the opportunity for you to add your name to the roll of members of the Parish and will allow you to vote at our Annual General Meeting of Vestry Members.

# From Robert's Desk!



Dear all

As we progress through Lent this year – I have been undertaking a discipline of praying each day for things that are easy to pray for and also interceding for issues that are really difficult to find words to express – or know what to pray for in the circumstances.

Especially with issues which have a pastoral focus – On facebook and on our parish website I am highlighting one issue per day.

What I have come to realise is the importance of Romans 8:26-28

“We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.”

For me this is a reminder that deep down even when we do not know what we should be praying for ... God, himself does know.

As we draw close to Holy week once again – my prayer for each of us in this Union of Parishes is that we take time in Holy Week to walk the difficult road with Jesus and for ourselves find hope in the place of despair, light in the darkest of places, and unconditional love and support when on Easter morning we proclaim – Christ is Risen!

I do commend to you the programme of services for Holy Week – Please do invite friends along too as we journey together.

*Robert*

## Ministry of Healing Training Session

**Over the next season we hope to welcome the Church's Ministry of Healing to the Parish in the form of a training session for those interested in praying for healing. If you would be interested in this area of ministry could you please get in touch with the Rector.**



## Being Reconciled at the Lord's Table

From 19-23 February, I had the privilege of representing the Church of Ireland at the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation (IALC) held this year in Seoul, South Korea. This IALC is the official network for liturgy of the Anglican Communion, recognized by the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates' Meeting, and convenes every 2-3 years. The IALC brings together liturgists and worship leaders from around the communion, to consult, study, and pray together, and to offer resources to the churches. This year 42 members were present from 17 churches of the Communion, and with a significant representation from East Asian countries given the location of the event.

As you might imagine, with 42 liturgists meeting together, there were a great many services! We gathered for morning and evening worship each day, with different participants in the conference having prepared the service. This meant a wonderful mix of familiar and new, with many of the services following the basic structure of morning and evening prayer that we would be familiar with in the Church of Ireland, but with slightly different wording in some cases. Though the working language of the conference was English, these services were often conducted in a mixture of languages, with readings and prayers being offered in the native languages of those who were involved in leading. At one evening prayer, a Japanese participant, the Revd Ichihara Shintaro, was leading the service. He encouraged everyone to feel comfortable and go with the flow—no one, he assured us, would understand everything in the service, as there were 8 different languages involved! At every service, participants were invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in their own language. There was a most profound moment at each service, like being in the midst of a sea of language, with such a diversity of ethnicities and languages gathered together!



A very powerful and moving part of the conference was the opportunity to learn about the development of a new Eucharistic prayer taking into account East Asian cultural sensibilities. This may sound like a slightly obscure exercise, but bear with me! The prayer has been worked on by participants of the Anglican Liturgical Network of East Asia (ALNEA), an informal network of IALC delegates from those countries.

*The whole group inside Seoul Anglican Cathedral*

The seed for this network was planted in 2009, in conversation among delegates from the Philippines, South Korea and Japan, Revd Ichihara, with conversations continuing over several years, and the real work of drafting finally taking place in October 2023 at a gathering in Tokyo. If this seems like a small thing to you, I encourage you to consider the history of the East Asian region going back to WWII. Japanese militarism and aggression in the region were not minor factors in the war: there are deep scars and animosities still present in the region today. The memory of the war is alive and well, and indeed the possession of various small 'contested' islands right around the region is a live issue.

And yet!—slowly, steadily, and patiently (a story about mustard seeds comes to mind), an amazing work of reconciliation has been taking place amongst these representatives from

different Asian countries, to articulate something that they share and something that is precious to them: the celebration of the sacrament of Holy Communion, proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes, being nourished at the Lord's Table in receiving the body and blood of Christ. The prayer, drafted in English, as that is the common language among those working on it, has now been translated into each of their own national languages. We read and discussed the prayer that they had prepared as part of our meeting, but more than that, we experienced it (led in Korean by the Bishop of Seoul) at the closing Eucharist of the conference. It was remarkable to participate in this liturgy, and to affirm the work of our fellow Anglicans as they seek to participate in the healing and reconciling work of the Spirit and to offer this example of life-giving renewal to the wider church.



*Outside the Gwanghwamun Palace*

## **MELTing Pot Lunch**

**Thursday 7 March**

**at 12.30pm in the Carraig Centre**

**All adults welcome!**

**(Please let Patsy 087 6413559 or Deirdre 4877260 know if you're coming)**

## **Thinking about 'Thy Kingdom Come'**

During the month on May we are going to be participating in the initiative by the Archbishop of Canterbury entitle 'thy Kingdom Come' - this has become a world wide initiative on evangelism which also has an eccumenical prayer element. During the 11 days between (and including) Ascension and Pentecost we will be encouraged to pray for 5 people who we know - and praying that they might come to know the Lord.

It will also be a time when we simply pray 'thy kingdom come'. Much more will be in the next editions of Connect but for now - why not be thinking who you could be praying for over that period!

# Youth Update



This month at Glow Max, the group dived into the story of when Jesus, as a teenager, went into a temple in Jerusalem and shocked scholars and wise men with his bountiful knowledge. Then they capped off the night by watching a movie. It was a great time had by all.

At this Glow session, we looked into Jesus's "I am" statements. We also decided to take advantage of the recent dry weather spells and spend some time outdoors.



## Upcoming Bandon Youth trip

Written by Liam Hayes— young person

The annual Easter youth trip to the Carhue centre in Bandon will be happening from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> of April this year. The prospective trip fills me with excitement as it is not just a time of discovery but also a time of reuniting with friends from all over Ireland. From trips to the beach to late night worship, It is truly an experience to be remembered. I would appreciate your thoughts and prayers towards the planning for the trip and also for young people who could be nervous or anxious to come out of their shell so they can make new friends for life on this trip.



# EASTER YOUTH TRIP

EACH YEAR WE TRY TO GET AWAY AND SPEND DEDICATED TIME AS A GROUP DIGGING MORE DEEPLY INTO GOD'S WORD AND CREATING SPACE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO GROW IN THEIR FAITH AND RESPOND TO HIM.

IT'S ALSO AN OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY FOR YP TO INVITE THEIR FRIENDS TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE FOR THEM!

(SET UP DAY TUESDAY  
2ND APRIL)  
WED 3 APRIL - SAT  
6TH APRIL 2024 -  
BANDON

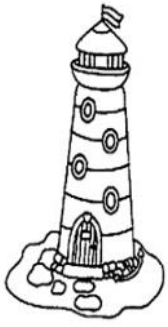


WE WOULD SO APPRECIATE YOUR  
HELP AND PRAYERS!  
WE ARE LOOKING FOR...

- Drivers (to give lifts to young people and leaders from the bus to the camp centre and into Bandon town (various times throughout the trip- particularly 3rd and 6th arrival and departure times)
- Bakers to make some treats
- Cooks who could prepare some soups
- Kitchen overseer (to come down to the centre once a day (or stay over if you prefer), manage the buying of food and oversee the cooking process (with the help of the young people/leaders)
- Leaders (To come down and stay for the few days, spending time engaging with the young people, supervising and being part of small group discussions
- Prayer-ers! To cover this time in prayer!

IF YOU FEEL YOU COULD HELP OUT IN ANY OF THESE WAYS OR WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE PLEASE CONTACT SARAH LOUISE  
SARAHLOUISE@CUPCORK.IE | 0852774346

## The Lighthouse Messy Church



At The Lighthouse Messy Church on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February, we explored the story of Jesus' baptism and temptation, Matthew 3:13-4:11, through various activities. Water play where we thought about the uses of water and especially in baptism and also did some cool science experiments; made clay doves to think about how the Holy Spirit descended and God



spoke after Jesus' baptism; thought about what it would be like to be in the desert while playing with kinetic sand, and even built the Temple using it; made playdough cacti while thinking about what dangers might



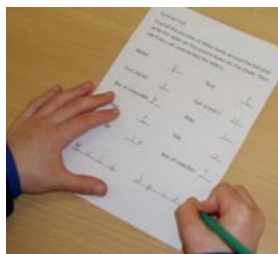
have been in the desert; made pretzels and heard about the story of the pretzel and thought about how the devil



tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread; and completed a desert survival trail thinking about what we might prepare if we were going to spend 40 days in the desert and what Jesus had with him. The letters collected spelled



out the answer: the Holy Spirit.



The activity time was followed by our celebration where we sang, listened to the story, had a prayer time where we chatted to God about the times in our lives when it is difficult to say either No or Yes to things.



The afternoon finished with us sitting down to chat over a meal and also got to see the photos taken during the afternoon.

### The next Family events happening are:

**St Patrick's craft afternoon** on 16<sup>th</sup> March 1pm – 3.30pm in The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney

**Wondering through Holy Week** on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 10 – 11.30 am at the Carraig Centre, or 2.30 – 4pm in The Church of the resurrection, Blarney.

Both these activities are particularly suitable for families with children of pre-school and primary school age but all are very welcome to attend.



***Please pray for us as a parish particularly :***

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# Quiet Hours

@ the Church of the Resurrection, Blarney

Monday, 4 March

*Advance notice!*

**10.00 - 13.00**

*(Brief closing prayer at 12.45)*

and

**19.30 - 21.00**

*(Brief closing prayer at 20.45)*

In the season of Lent, you're invited to take time to pause and pray. Drop in for a quiet moment with creative prayer spaces. All welcome!



## St. Patrick's Craft Afternoon

Saturday, 16 March

1:00 - 3:30 pm

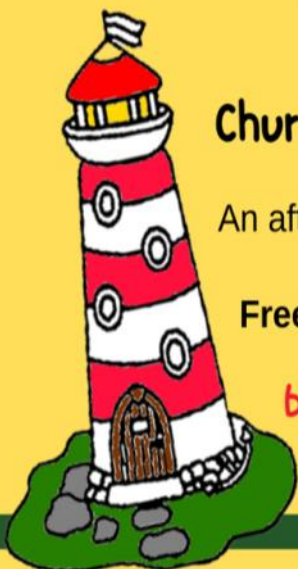
Church of the Resurrection, Blarney



An afternoon of crafts, activities and the chance to learn a bit about the real St Patrick!

Free of charge -- no pre-booking necessary!

brought to you by  
*The Lighthouse Team*





With so many in Ireland feeling the financial pinch these days and families having to make choices of heating or food, we in the church are called to reach out and do what we can. Last autumn we had a visit from Alan McAlwee of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) as they have just got started in the Republic. Three members of the congregation decided to do the on-line training course, to understand how to run a Money Coaching course and to understand more about what CAP can do through the church for those struggling with money troubles. The Money Course seeks to help people understand a great system of budgeting and money management which has helped thousands to reduce their money worries. This is NOT an alternative to MABS and the other financial helps for serious money difficulties which the government has put in place, but it is an easy to access, friendly way of starting to get money under control! We are now looking at how to set up a pilot course to see how it all works. Contact [bill@carraigcentre.ie](mailto:bill@carraigcentre.ie) for information.



The **Mothers' Union** Quiet Day

Mon 11 March

10am-3pm St Senan's, Inniscarra

Led by Rev Abigail Sines

Anyone welcome! *Please bring your own lunch*

### Care of Communion Linens

It would be great if someone could be available once a month to help care for the linens in the Carraig Centre. This would include taking the linens home to be washed or washing them at the Carraig Centre, ironing them and bringing them back to the centre ready to be used for the next service.

### St Thomas' Aldridge, our Diocesan Link

Our friends at St Thomas' Church are now hoping to visit us over the weekend of **Friday 5th to Sunday 7th July**. We look forward to welcoming them.



### **This Easter we are eggs-cited to offer FairTrade chocolate Easter Eggs!**

When you choose Fairtrade chocolate, you are ensuring that farmers receive a fair price for their produce, promoting better living conditions and eliminating child labour. This Easter, let's celebrate the resurrection of Jesus by helping to create a more just and equitable world.

If you'd like to purchase a Fairtrade Easter Egg, you can fill out the form at the link in the QR code, or let Chriszine know. The Easter eggs are made locally in Clonakilty by Exploding Tree. The Easter eggs are 110 grams and are either milk or dark chocolate. Dark chocolate eggs are dairy free. Each egg is being sold at the wholesale price of €5.00. The Easter eggs will be available to pick up from the Carraig Centre on Sunday, March 24th after the service. The deadline to order is March 14th.



### **March Parish Walk**

The next walk will be around **23 March**. More details of each of these, to come soon. If you would like to come on either, or both of these walks and/ or have queries, please contact Robert Devoy or Paul Tassie.



## Diocesan News

### Cobh and Glanmire Union welcomes their new Rector

On Sunday evening, 4th February 2024, the Rev. Elise Hanley was instituted as the new Incumbent of Cobh and Glanmire Union of Parishes by the Bishop, the Right Rev. Dr Paul Colton, at Christ Church, Rushbrooke, Cobh. The service was live-streamed to allow Elise's friends and family to join in the celebrations from America.



Christ Church was full for the occasion with parishioners, clergy and readers from the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, as well as ecumenical guests, including the Roman Catholic Bishop of Cloyne, the Most Rev. William Crean, as well as community representatives, including the principal from the local National School, Valerie Ford, and public representatives, including the Mayor of County Cork, Cllr. Frank O'Flynn. The Clerks Choral sang at the service under the direction of Colin Nicholls, with Ian Sexton playing the organ.



The central tenant of the **Mothers' Union RISE UP** Campaign against domestic abuse is the Bronze, Silver and Gold Award Scheme for Branches and /or Parishes across Britain and Ireland, and Worldwide.

In order for Carrigrohane Union of Parishes to achieve the **Bronze award** we will:

1. Put a **RISE UP** poster raising awareness about domestic abuse in an appropriate public place such as in churches, toilets, parish halls, shop notice boards, community centres, medical centres, etc.
2. Commit to pray for those affected by domestic abuse, including the victims, survivors, perpetrators and those who work in the field of domestic abuse.
3. Make a connection with a local domestic abuse support organisation, to see how one can support them.

The **RISE UP** resources reflect a 365-day approach and can be found at:

[www.mothersunion.org/riseup](http://www.mothersunion.org/riseup)

## **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](https://facebook.com/cupcork)

We're also on Youtube—[youtube.com/cupcork](https://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](mailto:connect@cupcork.ie)**



# Storehouse.

**Storehouse Prayer and Worship  
Gathering.**  
**Praying Together for our World.**

**Friday the 26th of  
April  
7:30 – 9:30**



the  
carraig  
centre  
building hope together



## **SPRINGTIME SERENADE**



The students of Cork ETB School of Music are delighted to have another opportunity to perform at St. Peter's Church, Carrigrohane on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm.

The junior students will perform from the Piano, String, Wind, Brass and Traditional Departments and present a wide variety of music.

Thank you to all at St Peter's Church for their warm welcome.

# Calendar for March



## March 2024 Sunday Worship

In Carrigrohane Union of Parishes

For links to online services—check out [www.cupcork.ie/](http://www.cupcork.ie/)

Date	St Peter's Carrigrohane	The Carraig Centre, Ballincollig	St Senan's, Inniscarra	The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney
3.3.24	10 am Morning Prayer	11 am Sunday AM with bring & share lunch		11.30 am Service of the Word
10.3.24	10 am Holy Communion	11 am Sunday AM with Holy Communion	11.30 am Holy Communion	
17.3.24	10 am Family Service	11 am Sunday AM		11.30 am Holy Communion
24.3.24		11am United Celebration		
Mon, Tues, Wed in Holy Week				7.30 pm Service with Lectio Divina
28.3.24 Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm Holy Communion			
29.3.24 Good Friday		7.30 pm Service with Tenebrae		
30.3.24			8.30 pm Easter Vigil	
31.3.24	10 am Holy Communion	8.30 am Breakfast 9 am Easter Celebration with Baptism	11.30 am Holy Communion with Baptism	11.30 am Holy Communion