

# 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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## Easter Youth Trip to Bandon



MAY 2024

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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.

## 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!  
Ascensiontide this year



As a parish we are participating in the Archbishop of Canterbury's call throughout Ascensiontide 9-19<sup>th</sup> May.

Thy Kingdom Come is a worldwide prayer movement that happens each year between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday.

When Jesus spoke to his disciples before ascending to heaven he promised them '... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth.' (Acts 1:8)

Those first followers responded to this promise by constantly devoting themselves to prayer (Acts 1:14), day after day, until the Holy Spirit came upon them in power. These precious days between Ascension and Pentecost can, for us too, be infused with expectation and anticipation. We too can set these days apart to pray, individually and together, for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We can cry out to God for more people to come to know the life transforming love of God.

This year, we are invited to choose five people who do not yet know the love of God for themselves, and pray for them each day. This year's Prayer Journal explores a variety of ways to pray from across different denominations and traditions.

As you journey through these 11 days, faithfully interceding for your five people, our hope is that you will be refreshed by what you learn, and inspired to encounter God in new ways.

We have circulated "Prayer Journals" to help us to pray – Each day has a particular devotion – I do commend these to you – They are available in our churches and also at the Carraig Centre reception desk should you like to have one.

**On Pentecost Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May** I do commend the prayer event where we will have prayer stations which will be available 4.30-5.30 PM and then followed by a barbecue. This event will be open to all who would like to pray with us. We are also saying to families come along – we will have activities for kids as well as adults to engage with and be together as we pray.

At 5.30 there is a barbecue – we are asking people to register (for catering purposes). And if you are coming along to bring a salad or dessert to share. A form can be filled in on [www.cupcork.ie/pentecost](http://www.cupcork.ie/pentecost)

The theme of the prayer stations is The Lord's Prayer and at 5.30pm we will join together with Christians across the world – Praying – Thy Kingdom Come as the Lord's Prayer is prayed.

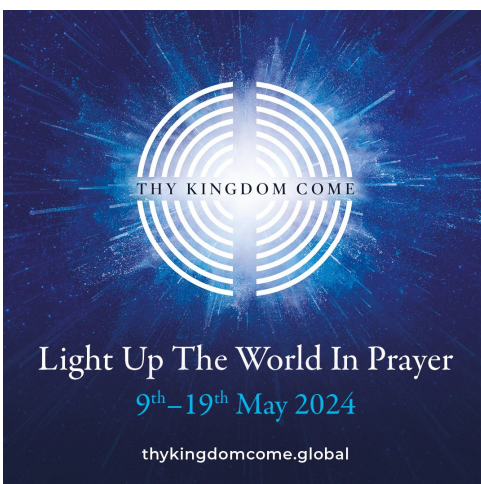
In Christ

*Robert*

**On Sunday 12th May - at the 10am Service in St. Peter's Church we will be joined by Father Ronan Sheehan Catholic Curate who will be preaching at that service with Bishop Paul's permission.**

**On Sunday 19th May Revd Robert Ferris will be preaching at 10am Mass in St Mary's & St Johns, Station Road, Ballincollig.**

**These services are being held during this period of ecumenical prayer—'Thy Kingdom Come' as a reminder of our common faith and witness.**





## Diocesan News

### An Easter Celebration of Faith in Cork, Cloyne and Ross on the occasion of Bishop Paul Colton's 25th Anniversary as Bishop



On Sunday, 14th April 2024, the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, the Right Rev. Dr Paul Colton, invited representatives from all across the Diocese as well as civic representatives to come together for an Easter Celebration of Faith and Life together in the Diocese on the occasion of his 25th anniversary as Bishop.

The celebration took place at St Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork, which was full for the occasion.

Before the service, three processions took place where each of the schools, parishes and organisations in the Diocese were represented with banners or items of symbolic importance. Their entry was heralded by the joyful sound of *Fanfare in D* by Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens. Sarah Louise Hockey represented Carrigrohane Union – Carrying a reproduction of a painting by Parishioner Vicky Wilson of our worship places.

The celebration of faith was a joyful representation of the life and work of the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross as well as a fitting and heartfelt tribute to Bishop Paul Colton's dedication to the Diocese over the past 25 years.



## MELTING POT LUNCH

**Thursday 16 May**

**at 12.30pm in the Carraig Centre**

**All adults welcome!**

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

## Church of Ireland Vocations



### Church of Ireland Vocations

Vocation means what you are called by God to be and do. For some, this is a specific calling to ministry.

For others, it can mean serving God through faithful discipleship in everyday life.

God calls each of us to different tasks.

He gave some to be ‘apostles, some to be prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and some teachers.’ *Ephesians 4: 11*.

Vocation isn’t just about being ordained – ordination is not for everyone.

Indeed, many of the Church’s ministers are not ordained.

Youth and children’s ministers, evangelists, readers and many chaplains are generally not ordained, and are collectively known as lay ministers who serve alongside the ordained.

While the Church is keen to foster vocations to the ordained ministry, there are many ways in which to serve the Church

If you are wondering what God wants you to do with your life and are keen to explore further the various stages in discerning your call, you will find it helpful to speak with your Rector or local Diocesan Director of Ordinands. They can encourage you, as you prayerfully discern what area of ministry God is calling you to.

More info can be found <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/our-faith/vocations>

NewWine  
Local churches changing nations



14-19 July 2024

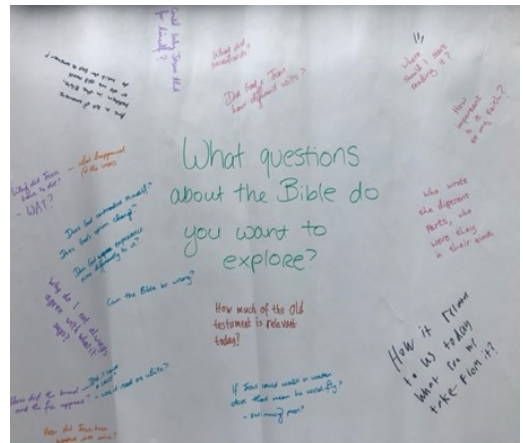
[www.newwineireland.org](http://www.newwineireland.org)

## CUP Youth Update



New beginnings this term with our teen discussion group "Sunday PM on a Saturday" (We are creative with names!!)

Having finished off the Alpha Youth series which we found to be a really encouraging discipleship tool, and discussing it together, we have decided to do a series focused around the Big Story of the Bible. The more we are learning the more questions we have but so far it's been a lot of fun exploring together.



This group for teens (12-18) gathers every second Saturday evening 6-8pm at TCC for games, Bible discussion and dessert. All are welcome! Our dates for May are: 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

## Glow

Our 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Class group Glow has been busy getting stuck into new activities. They are particularly enthusiastic about participating in the "Knitted Bible Project" taking place across the Parish!



Our dates for the rest of term are Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. ***(And we have an exciting bonus Glow drama workshop coming up on the 7<sup>th</sup> June with Play it By Ear)***

All of these require prior booking due to high numbers so please get in touch with Sarah Louise ([sarahlouise@cupcork.ie](mailto:sarahlouise@cupcork.ie)) if you'd like to be added to the mailing list for the booking links.



## Easter Youth Trip 2024!!

We are still buzzing after our Easter Trip to Bandon where members from the parish, Glow Max, Ardfallen Methodist and Trinity Church Dublin joined forces for a crazy few days as we explored “The Lord’s Prayer” together.



It was wonderful to be joined by a wonderful leader team as well as having some parish visitors to help with driving and running seminars.



Already looking forward to next year and excited to see all that God will continue to do in and through these young people.



**Glow MAX (Teens of Secondary school age)  
7:30-9:30 TCC- Dates for the diary**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May– Bonus Glow MAX**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May Regular Glow MAX**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Final Glow Max of the term**

**TBC- Creative Workshop Sat 8<sup>th</sup> May  
(Watch this space!)**

## Wondering through Holy Week



We had two sessions on Good Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, in the Carraig Centre 10 – 11.30am and again in Blarney 2.30 – 4pm.

The same activities ran during each session: Dotty the Donkey trail, hand-print palm branches, seed planting in eggshells, the Last Supper, a woollen cross, an Easter Garden, and the Easter Story wheel.



During each session we also had a reflective story corner where we used Out-of-the-Box to tell the story of Holy Week from Palm Sunday through to Easter Day. This

was quite a long story time for some of the younger children but it was amazing to watch how although the children started to fidget a bit,

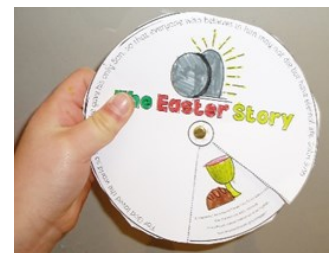


at each session when we arrived at the part of the story about Jesus on the cross, they settled down and became quite serious.

I saw tears in the eyes of some children at this point, which quickly turned to smiles of joy on hearing Jesus rose from the dead and he was alive.



This shows that once we find meaningful ways to present the story to children, they most definitely do get it! Witnessing children's reactions like this shows just how important it is for us all to work to provide these meaningful experiences for them so they may encounter God for themselves through engaging with his big story told throughout the Bible. What an immense privilege and responsibly that is!





## Licensing and Commissioning of the Rev. Jean Carney for Moviddy Union and Hospital Chaplaincy

On Thursday, 21st March 2024, the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, the Right Rev. Dr Paul Colton, licensed and commissioned the Rev. Jean Carney to serve as Bishop's Curate in Moviddy Union of Parishes and as Assistant Healthcare Chaplain.



The small church of Saint Mark, Kilbonane in Aherla was full to capacity for the Service at which the Bishop presided. Jean was supported by friends and colleagues from throughout the Diocese and beyond and the service was live-streamed for her family in Canada and France. Cork University Hospital was represented by the Chaplain, the Rev. Canon Dr Daniel Nuzum, and Fr Kieran O'Driscoll.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr William Olhausen, rector of Douglas Union with Frankfield, where Jean served most recently as curate-assistant. After the service, the Bishop spoke words of welcome, and the Rev. Canon Dr Nuzum spoke on behalf of the Hospital Chaplaincy, mentioning the privilege to serve people at particular times of vulnerability as they deal with illness and recovery and assured Jean of a warm welcome. Victor Chambers welcomed Jean on behalf of the parish. Afterwards everyone enjoyed the parish hospitality at Cloughduv

## 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 & Ashling



## Blarney Toddler Group

2023 – 2024

Blarney toddlers takes place Tuesday mornings 10 – 11.45am during the school term. This year we have had a steady number of families in attendance each week and over recent months have had several new families enquire about attending, come along to try it out and then attend regularly.



Since returning after covid we have run a booking system, but as the numbers were not at full capacity, we were able to take families who had not booked. We now run a dual system where some families book and others just turn up. This is working well with the number we have at the moment.

Each morning starts with over an hour of free play, craft, refreshments and plenty of chatting together. We then transition into our circle-time by helping tidy away the toys and singing our 'circle-time song'. This is followed by our Out-of-the-Box Bible story and song-time. There is always great dancing and actions alongside the singing. At the moment some of the children's favourites are: Jesus' love is very wonderful and Old MacDonald. It is then time to sing our 'good-bye song': 'Shake hands with friends' before putting on our coats to go home.

*April*

### *Music Among the Trees*

**'St Senan's Singers' have begun practicing for Music amongst the Trees on Wednesdays at 7.45pm. All new members will be welcome especially tenors and bass.**

**Please contact Wendy on 087 2661564 or just turn up at Inniscarra Church.**



## Cork City Praise event happening 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 1-5pm "To Worship Jesus in a public space" "Presenting before God a United Body"

This will be held in Fitzgerald Park by Christians from lots of churches across the City of Cork. Musicians from Sunday AM here in Carrigrohane Union of Parishes are playing during the event. For more information see Paddy Heron.

### Church of Ireland General Synod

Robert will be attending the Church of Ireland General Synod in Armagh

On the first day of its meeting (**Friday, 10th May**), the Service of Holy Communion will take place at 10.00am in St Patrick's Cathedral, on the Hill of Armagh where St Patrick built his 'Great Stone Church'. The preacher will be the Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd Ian W Ellis.

The Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Revd John McDowell, will make his Presidential Address shortly after the start of business on the first day. General Synod will continue in person on **Saturday, 11th May**, with the third day's proceedings held remotely on the evening of **Tuesday, 14th May**, and (if required) on the evening of Thursday 16th May.

Two presentations – from the Mind Matters COI project and the Primate's Reference Group on Ethnic Diversity, Inclusion and Racial Justice – are scheduled to be made just before lunch-time on Saturday.

A full programme of reports, Bills and motions affecting the life and witness of the Church of Ireland will be presented and debated. You can find information online at [www.synod.ireland.anglican.org](http://www.synod.ireland.anglican.org)

A further preview is given here - <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/news/12299/general-synod-2024-a-preview>



# Ascension Day Holy Communion

**Thursday, 9 May  
7:30 PM**

**Church of the Resurrection  
Blarney**

**Holy Communion service  
with prayer spaces as we  
take part in the  
Thy Kingdom Come  
prayer initiative  
All are welcome!**



## Carraig Centre Spring Update

Lots going on in the Carraig Centre as always! We have had inquiries from several new groups for Summer Camps and autumn activities, including a Fashion and Sewing camp and classes and a Chess and Activities summer camp (of course along with our regular Lego, Art and YMCA camps). The autumn looks busy again with most of our regulars returning, but still with opportunities to fill a few gaps! Deirdre continues to do stalwart work managing the plentiful Birthday bookings on Sunday afternoons; we are currently booked out to the end of July!

We are working with Chris Southgate (of Blarney refurbishment fame) to see if he could work on the West Wing Development with us as well. We will have a decision on which way to go shortly, the primary driver being the requirement to stay with the budget allocated.

Parking continues to be a challenge at certain pinch points and we try to be aware of those times, but as our local community Garda said to me the other day, "You are victims of your own success". It was a Garda neighbourhood meeting which added parking complications the last time! Sarah Louise met peacefully with the neighbours and said it was very helpful meeting a few new neighbours of varying ages! I have notified various large user groups that they need to supply parking directors for their meetings.

Work on the installation of the Solar PV panels continues (the panels are installed but not yet hooked up at time of writing) and we are hoping that by the time you read this they will be fully installed and working to offset our electricity costs!

We have received a large anonymous donation for the work of the Carraig Centre and we are very grateful for this! Thank you whoever you are!

*Bill Lane*

## The Lighthouse Messy Church 2023-2024



The Lighthouse Messy Church which generally takes place one Sunday afternoon each month, except during the summer from 3.30 – 5.30pm. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Christmas Lighthouse due to illness and lack of team.

In the past The Lighthouse was in Blarney Church but in September 2023 we made the decision to change to the Carraig Centre. We did this as an experiment to see if we would have more families attend and also to build on the connections with the youth programme and to see if more young people would be available to help on the team. In general, the numbers attending have not changed: each month we have around 22 people attend, although on two occasions it was as low as 9; June 2023 in Blarney and February 24 in the Carraig Centre. The highest attendance was last September for the first one in the Carraig Centre where we had 35 in attendance. Since moving to the Carraig centre we have had more young people help on the team, although this has not been consistent from month to month.

Something else which we have trialled this year is to ask the young people at GlowMax to help with choosing the activities. Last October at GlowMax the young people came up with a very good list of activities for the Salt and Light themed Lighthouse to be held in November. This is something we would like to build on. Thank you to all the young people who helped plan that session. Thank you also to all those who have come and helped on the Lighthouse team.

Over this year we have covered the following themes: The Road to Emmaus, Pentecost, Compassion, God's Big Story, Harvest Thanksgiving, Salt and Lighthouse, Jonah and the big fish and Jesus' baptism and temptation. There has been a wide variety of games, crafts and other activities covered alongside the Bible stories, creative prayer times and songs.

The Lighthouse team have also been involved in other family events: The Harvest Family Fun morning in October, The Christmas craft in December afternoon and the St Patrick's craft afternoon on 16<sup>th</sup> March, all in Blarney and the Footsteps of Faith Family Fun events in July and August, and the Wondering through Holy Week on Good Friday in both the Carraig Centre and Blarney.

Thank you so much to all those who have helped run the Lighthouse in both Blarney and the Carraig Centre over this past year.

*April*

**Meeting of the Easter General Vestry of Carrigrohane Union of Parishes held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in the Church of the Resurrection, Blarney at 7.30pm.**



**Welcome & introduction**

Robert welcomed everyone to the meeting. The last time there was a full Parish meeting in this building was just before the decision was taken about the Carraig Centre. The vision that was poured out here is seeing fruit every day. TCC has €110,000 rental income which came from the sale of the South Field which yielded €250 a year.

**Reading & opening prayer**

Abigail opened in prayer. Robert read from Matthew – “you are the salt of the earth, the light of the world”. The vision for Blarney church has always been the light on the hill. We are gathered in faith as we look forward to the future.

**Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 26 April 2023 were circulated, approved and signed.

**Rector's address**

Robert's address was entitled *Charting a Future with Confidence - Amidst the Challenges*. He chairs the CaFwC Implementation Group for the Diocese. The aim is to grow healthy churches throughout the Diocese.

He commented that the key focus of the Report that he will be highlighting is that healthy churches focus on:

- nurturing disciples,
- engaging with children and young adults,
- clear mission and purpose,
- leaders who innovate, envision and motivate,
- they are willing to change and adapt,
- actively engage with their local context,
- foster a welcoming culture with ongoing relationships,
- encourage lay people in active leadership.

Confidence within the church needs to be grappled with. Ultimately our confidence is in Christ as Lord of the church. We worship a God who wants us to reach out in confident faith.

Robert believes that part of his calling is to encourage and help us to be good stewards of our gifts, those who care for all - young and old, rich and poor, and those who proclaim the Gospel by word and example.

He thanked all who call this Union of Parishes “family”. He outlined the extremely long list of groups who are active in our Parish. He thanked all colleagues on the admin team - Deirdre, Jaki and Mary. Staff team – Matt, Sarah, Abigail. Spouses and families of all of these. He thanked Bill for all the projects taken on throughout the year, with his confident faith and vision. Ivan & Jane, Chuck & Kathy for their ministry and faithfulness through the years. Wardens Jane, Paula, Mel, Richard, April and Laurel. Robert and Ciaran for their work looking



after all our properties. Janice – for the challenges of the last year for her faithfulness, hard work and wisdom.

The new TCC Board, Bill Lane, Matthew Watson, Mel Harris, Julie Oates, Michael Crowley, Robert Devoy(Chair), Ivan McMahon as Consultant & Jane Moffatt as Company Secretary.

Robert also thanked Jessica Kindler for her work as Chairperson of the Carraig Centre board over the past 12 months and her service on the board prior to that.

### **Comments**

Robert was thanked for all he does. Richard Bolster thanked Abigail for all she does for the congregation in Blarney. Robert Devoy reminded the meeting that so much has changed for the better over the years and so many have been blessed both within and outside of the Parish.

### **Adoption of Accounts**

The Honorary Treasurer, Janice Healey Bird reported that in the previous year we received grants, gifts and our expenditure was down. Fair Share was less and our miscellaneous expenditure was less. The CUP 2023 Draft Budget comments from Janice in attached.

In Janice's notes she commented

- The deficit in 2023 balances the large surplus in 2022
- Giving and grants are up; property rental and tax rebates are down
- €30K has been spent on capital property works – €12K St Peters; €18K Inniscarra;
- €18K drawdown from RCB for 2023 youth expenses coming in 2024
- Large increase in workload for CUP/TCC; Parish admin up €13K
- Large miscellaneous expenses include Ukrainian project (€28K) and Firedoors for TCC (€29K). We are expecting €4.5K grant towards this in 2024.
- Christmas Tree festival not generating meaningful funds; no other fundraising in 2023

#### Looking ahead:

- Need to support €18K increase in Fair Share costs
- Need to develop fundraising strategy other than general giving

Fair Share has gone up by €18K this year which reduces available funds considerably. We rely on donations from the congregation. We will have to fundraise this year. As we grow, the Fair Share grows as well.

The Carraig Centre has been set up as a separate charity and is owned by the Select Vestry. As a company it can avail of grants that are not available to churches. As it is fully owned by the Select Vestry, they elect the Board, the majority of members of which, must be vestry persons. Any maintenance or running costs don't fall to the Parish. The building is owned by the Parish but leased to the Company. TCC income cannot fund the Parish directly. A memo of understanding protects the Parish and Safeguarding Policies are same in both.

Michael Kenning proposed the adoption of the accounts and this was seconded by Robert Devoy.

# ELECTION RESULTS



## Church Wardens

The Rector appointed the following:

Laurel Watts – Rector's Church Warden for St Peter's  
April Gunn – Rector's Church Warden for Blarney  
Mel Harris – Rector's Church Warden for Inniscarra

The following were elected as People's Church Wardens:

Jane Moffatt – St Peter's  
Richard Wood – Inniscarra  
Paula O'Callaghan – Blarney

## Glebe Wardens

The Rector appointed Robert Devoy as Rector's Glebe Warden and Ciaran McKeown is elected as People's Glebe Warden.

## Select Vestry members

The following members were elected to the Select Vestry:

Douglas Venn, Liz Kenning, Richard Bolster, DJ Kelleher, Bill Lane, Ivan McMahon, Mick O'Shea, Janice Healey Bird, Jessica Kindler, Diane Martin.

Robert thanked everyone for their time and encouragement in their service to Jesus in the Parish.

The meeting closed in prayer.

## St Thomas' Aldridge, our Diocesan Link

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

"THY KINGDOM COME"

A creative prayer event  
for all ages & Barbecue  
@ the Carraig Centre,  
Ballincollig  
**Sunday 19th May 2024**

4.30pm - 5.30pm 24/7 style Prayer stations  
concluding with prayer @5.20pm

BBQ at 5.30pm in the Carraig Centre, Ballincollig  
**signup(for catering purposes)**  
**[www.cupcork.ie/pentecost](http://www.cupcork.ie/pentecost)**

All are invited

## **Office Staff appreciation**

### **Finance Officer Post**

We are delighted that Mary Gleeson has agreed to continue in post as our Parish Finance officer.

### **Office staff thanks**

As highlighted in my address—I want to thank the whole staff team for their work. Thank you to Jaki & Deirdre for all of your on-going work and dedication keeping the parish functioning!



## **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)**



## Sponsored Walk on Sunday 12 May

ADVENTURERS are planning a **sponsored walk** in the park - to raise funds for Balance summer camp - a camp for children with moderate to severe physical and mental disabilities run in the Lady of Good Council school just up the road from The Carraig Centre in Ballincollig. This camp provides an opportunity for these children to have a summer camp where they are safe to enjoy various activities - but it does need financial support...and we're excited to make a tiny contribution!

So long as the weather isn't dreadful - we plan to walk during the Sunday AM service/ Adventurers time on **Sunday 12 May**. We'll have collection/sponsorship boxes available on the day - but any other contributions can be dropped into reception or the office at The Carraig Centre. Thank you!!!

## From the Registers

### Funeral Service

**Ann Skipp—in St. Senan's Church on 13th April 2024**

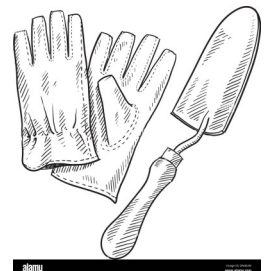
**Joy Williams - St Peter's Church 22nd April 2024**

## Aisling Cottage cleaning party

### Saturday 11 May



**Aisling Cottage has been cleared out and now just needs to be cleaned before it goes up for sale. A cleaning party is being organised for the morning of Saturday 11 May. If you could spare an hour to make the place sparkle, please let Deirdre at the office know.**



## Parish Centre Tidy up—Saturday 11 May

**We'll also need a tidy-up team for the area around the Parish Centre on Saturday 11 May so if you can help us with that, please let Deirdre know.**

# Calendar for May



## May 2024 Sunday Worship

In Carrigrohane Union of Parishes  
For links to online services—check out  
[www.cupcork.ie/hall](http://www.cupcork.ie/hall)

Date	St Peter's Carrigrohane	The Carraig Centre, Ballincollig	St Senan's, Inniscarra	The Church of the Resurrection, Blarney
5.5.24	10 am Morning Prayer	11 am Sunday AM with Holy Communion and bring & share lunch		11.30 am A Service of the Word
12.5.24	10 am A Service of the Word with guest preacher Fr Ronan Sheehan	11 am Sunday AM	11.30 am Holy Communion	
19.5.24	10 am Family Service with Holy Communion	11 am Sunday AM		11.30 am Holy Communion
26.5.24	10 am Holy Communion	11am Sunday AM	11.30 am Morning Prayer	