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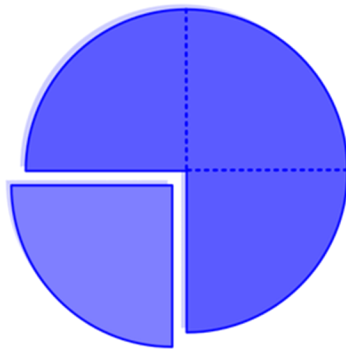
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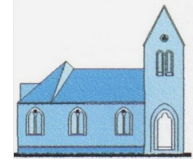


NEWSLETTER



To Love and Serve the Lord

CHURCH SERVICES



PLEASE NOTE: Services in accordance with COVID-19 rules are detailed on page 5. Online services continue on our website www.kotg.ie: choose ONLINE SERVICES.

SUNDAYS (AVAILABLE ONLINE)

8.30 a.m.

Holy Communion
(Every Sunday)

10.30 a.m.

Service of the Word
(1st & 2nd Sunday)

'All In' Service
(3rd Sunday)

Holy Communion
(4th Sunday)

Holy Communion or Service of the Word
(5th Sunday)

Evenings

Details on page 6

Sunday Evening Prayer

OTHER

- ♦ **Daily Devotionals:** Available online daily
- ♦ **Tuesday Evening Prayer:** 7- 8 p.m. In lieu of our usual Prayer Meetings. Please pray in your homes at this time, enabling us to pray together while staying apart.
- ♦ **Special Service Booklets** distributed *via* mail by Bert Van Embden. Please see page 6.

RECTOR'S LETTER

OCTOBER 2020



I hope that this finds you well. I know that these are strange and frustrating days for some. It is disappointing that we have been unable to meet physically but we still have all our online elements in place. Please continue to avail of what can meet your need during this time. As we continue in our series of Ezra/Nehemiah continue to pray and seek God's heart in this time and listen to what is being impressed on your heart for you and for those around you. I do want to apologise also for our most recent service in that the sound quality was not what it should have been. I am sorry for this and we are working on fixing this.

On Thursday 8th October the church will be open for private prayer for an hour from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. As you will remember the church before the pandemic hit had been open each morning for prayer. We want to try this out again. This will not be a led service but a time for you to come quietly and individually and pray. All procedures of signing in, hand washing and social distancing will still be in place.

We are hoping also to set up a Bible study and a prayer meeting *via* Zoom for those that would like to partake. If you would be interested in either please contact either myself (rector@kotg.ie) or the office (office@kotg.ie) to let us know.

As has been said in the past please do check in with one another to see how people are doing. Your efforts have gone a long way in helping people through this very difficult and trying time. If you know of any need or have a need please do not hesitate in contacting us.

Stay safe,

Blessings,

Alan

Moving on with Ezra and Nehemiah: Some thoughts from the Rector, The Rev. Alan Breen

“Separating life into distinct categories of ‘sacred’ and ‘secular’ damages, sometimes irreparably, any attempt to live a whole and satisfying life, a coherent life with meaning and purpose, a life lived to the glory of God. Nevertheless, the practice is widespread. But where did all these people come up with the habit of separating themselves and the world around them into these two camps? It surely wasn’t from the Bible. The Holy Scriptures, from beginning to end, strenuously resist such a separation.” Eugene Peterson

As we come into this new season of church life we here in Kill will be focusing on the book of Nehemiah. I for one am excited as to what God has in store for us as a church and I look forward to see how God continues to speak, guide and love us in this time. As we gather in different ways in this ever-changing time know and seek the presence of God. The beauty that can be found in Nehemiah can be found around us right now. How is God rebuilding our churches, communities, faith, relationships and mindset? These questions are exciting and challenging.

As we move with the Lord in how He is calling us, don’t lose sight of the joy, hope faith and love that we have all been called to live in every aspect of our lives.

Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and heads of the fathers’ houses, old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this temple was laid before their eyes. Yet many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people, for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the sound was heard afar off.
(Ezra 3:11–13)

I recently received a text from a friend at a time that some would wonder if it even exists (it was before 7 a.m.!) I really enjoy this time of the morning as it is genuinely the quietest time of the day. With all the noise that can be going on around us, sometimes it is hard to hear what is actually going on.

There are lyrics from a song that have been going through my mind and heart recently :

*“I can stand up for hope, faith, love
But while I’m getting over certainty
Stop helping God across the road like a little old lady.”*

Strong and challenging don’t you think? Where am I (and you) trying to help God out at this time when chaos seems to surround us instead of listening? As we continue through our trip through Ezra / Nehemiah we read the joy of things new and heartbreak and loss of what was. Take time to listen to what God is saying and stirring in our hearts.

Services in Kill O'The Grange Parish Church during COVID-19 Level 1 & 2 restrictions

PLEASE NOTE: Owing to restrictions in Co. Dublin under Level 3 of the Government's COVID-19 Regulations, services indoors have had to be postponed. Check on our website, with the Parish Office or in your e-mail for the latest information.

Each week we have 3 Services.

1. Sunday Morning Communion 9 a.m.
2. Sunday Family Communion 10 a.m.
3. Wednesday Morning Communion 10 a.m.

Please select your preferred service.

If your chosen service is full, you can either choose another time or add your name to the waitlist for next week.

If you choose to be put on the waitlist, we will be in touch soon to confirm your booking.



The Rector explains the new arrangement in the church to comply with COVID-19 requirements, including social distancing.

[Photo taken from KOTG website]

The Parish's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Here at Kill O'The Grange we want to make sure that we don't stop being a community during this difficult time. It is in times like these that we need to look out for each other and take care of each other.

On our website, www.kotg.ie, we provide the option ONLINE SERVICES, where you can find:

- Sunday Services;
- Prayer Resources;
- Prayer Requests;
- Daily Devotional.

We would also like to remind you that if you need assistance in any way, the Church also has a team of people who are willing and ready to help. We could bring groceries to your home, collect medicines or even help you with some work in the garden! Please do contact us at office@kotg.ie or rector@kotg.ie.

PLEASE NOTE!

While the COVID-19 pandemic remains with us:

- Monthly services in nursing homes, organized by Bert Van Embden, are suspended until further notice.
- Special services, e.g. Evening Service, have been prepared by Bert Van Embden, and can be distributed in booklet form. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact the Parish Office at office@kotg.ie or leave a voicemail on the Parish Office phone which is checked on an *ad hoc* basis during the current restrictions.



As you may know, Crosslinks is an international mission society working principally within the worldwide Anglican Communion. If you would like to keep up to date with the work of Crosslinks, please visit their website at www.crosslinks.org.

They recently published a number of 'good news stories' in these challenging times, which can be found at <<https://www.crosslinks.org/people-and-places/europe/blog/2020/04/is-there-any-good-news/>>

Message from the Archbishop of Dublin to the People of Dublin

Archbishop Michael Jackson has written a message to the people of Dublin as they await news of new restrictions.



“As I write, it is looking more and more likely that we in Dublin will have further restrictions imposed on us and be put into Level 3 of the Government’s Resilience and Recovery 2020–2021: Plan for Living with COVID–19.

“I am sure that you, like me, find the prospect of this both frustrating and frightening but it is important that we face this with resilience and hope. The resilience that we will once again find ways of coping with these restrictions and in the hope that by abiding by these imposed restrictions, by looking after ourselves, our families, our neighbours and our communities, we will suppress this rise in cases.

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)”

+Michael

Archbishop of Dublin

18th September 2020

O LORD, GIVE ME STRENGTH

O Lord, give me strength today to marshal my energies—that no good effort be wasted;
Give me strength to master my moods—and save me from moodiness;
Give me strength to deal honestly with my fellows—and courage.
So let me be a good steward of Your gifts entrusted to me today;
loyal to those who depend on me; generous to those who have claims on my possessions.
Let nothing seem too small for my care;
Nothing insignificant when it touches another life;
Nothing too much bother, if it serves Your Kingdom.
Let me put others before myself today—and Your will before all.



MARRIAGE:

21st March 2020

Marcus Swift to Alice Hearnden

We wish Marcus and Alice the Lord's abundant blessings for the future.

[This was a private event under the present COVID-19 restrictions.]

FUNERALS:

*3rd August 2020

Dorothy Lowry, née Black
(Died 30th July 2020.)

We extend our deepest sympathies to Dorothy's son Malcolm, daughter Elaine, and to all her family and friends.

*30th August 2020

Eileen Kohlmann, née Parfrey
(Died 26th August 2020.)

We extend our deepest sympathies to Eileen's children Peter, Rolf, Renate and Paul, and to all her family and friends.

*26th September 2020

Bertha Marsh, née Shire
(Died 23rd September 2020 aged 93.)

We extend our deepest sympathies to Bertha's children Meta and Sandra, and to all her family and friends. Bertha was the founder of the 22nd Company Kill O'The Grange Girls' Brigade. She will be dearly missed.

- ◆ Private funerals with limited attendance, owing to present circumstances.

From the Parish Registers - a correction:

In the report of funerals in the April-June 2020 issue of the Newsletter, there was an unfortunate mistake in the late Oonah Boyd's maiden name. It should have read **Rowden**. We sincerely apologize to her family and friends for the error.

Thanks to the Rev. Suzanne Harris!

We are delighted to say that the **Rev. Suzanne Harris**, Chaplain of Newpark Comprehensive School, Blackrock, joined our parish on a placement in July 2020. She will be with us until the end of September. We are so glad to welcome her, and we are already benefiting hugely from her ministry among us.



Suzanne will in due course be involved in full time ministry.

Thank you, Suzanne, for all you have done in your time with us; it has been greatly valued!

Safety Officer

It is with much regret that I have tendered my resignation to the Rector as Parish Safety Officer for personal reasons. Having been appointed by Rev. Ferran Glenfield, now Bishop Glenfield, it has been my honour to serve the Parish for well over a decade. I have loved every minute of it.

I would like to thank you the parishioners for all your support and love over the past number of years and I wish my successor every success.

Peter Rooke

We are pleased to announce that our new Safety Officer is
Brian Lambert.

We wish Brian every success in this role.



Youth Clubs

Like many others, Core has had an interesting challenge re-opening and getting going. Trying to find the balance between keeping everyone safe while still being able to welcome all those who join us week to week has been our main focus. We are thankful that we were able to re-open youth group while Dublin was still in Level 2.

Core is currently running online while we wait for Dublin to get under control. Once back at level 2, we are looking forward to meeting face to face again.

It's important that we continue to grow, there is so much in the Bible about people staying faithful to God even through hard times. Wanting to do the same, Core youth has started a weekly discussion group, currently online, to give our teens a place to study and discuss the Bible and our faith.

Please pray for us as we look forward to events like our weekend away. With all the uncertainty we are still unsure that it will go ahead but are sticking to God in prayer that it goes ahead in a safe way. Also please pray for our teens as they adjust to a new way of being with their friends and a new way to do school.

Exodus 33:14 "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." (ESV)

Here at Core youth we have our weekly youth group at 7.30 to 9 on a Saturday night and our weekly Bible study.

If you have any questions about what we do please give Jonathan Byford a call or e-mail at youth@kotg.ie / (089) 436 2287.

*Jonathan Byford
Youth Pastor*





Children and Family

The last month has been full of adapting to the new restrictions. It had been joyous to be able to resume meeting in the church on Sundays, seeing each other's faces, even with how different it is.

With the church re-opening we had been looking forward to children's activities to resume. Both Maxpack and Sunday Club were aiming to resume by the beginning of October. While we know both ministries will not be identical to last year, we know they will continue to be great fun.

We are excited to be back to learning about God together amongst all the fun and games.

*Seb Dungan
Children's and Family Worker*

SUNDAY CLUB

Maxpack

CRECHE

SAFEGUARDING TRUST

Please note that all children and teens must have fully completed a consent form in order to attend their respective group. Kill O'The Grange fully complies with the Church of Ireland's **Safeguarding Trust Policy** for the protection of children and young people under 18 in our care. Details are available on our website and upon request.



A Ministry of Music - Alan T. Jeffers



Micah 6:8

On 6th May, in the early evening, Alan played *I will bring you home* on his piano. He said it was one of his favourite pieces, “One they sang in Kill quite a bit...”.

Dad, Papa, Alan, ATJ, apart from his life in business and enjoying his family, had many hobbies. Leaving rugby and hockey behind in his youth, golf and sailing were his sport outlets. His other main love was music. Rooted in his faith, music was a thread in all of his life. All his life, he liked to play piano and pipe organ, and as he travelled he would often visit churches and have a look at the organ and if possible play it – he did so in the UK, France, South Africa, USA and many places in Ireland.



He was playing piano in Church, Sunday School, CSSM and Camps since he was 10. He recalled his dad regularly asking him to play a song or hymn, up or down a key. His mum used to say when he came home he would play his way through the hymn before he went to bed. This he continued for the rest of his life. At get-togethers and social gatherings he was admired for his ability to play anything in any key. It made life very easy for anyone playing or singing with him. In Church Alan had the “trick” of playing the final verse of a particularly rousing hymn in a higher key. It was almost his signature. His piano playing was influenced by a family friend Billy Hill and also Rudi Attwood (who played for Billy Graham). Playing the Hammond organ or piano with his brother Peter was also a favourite pastime. He had a huge knowledge of music. His prized vinyl collection included everything from Rock ‘n Roll to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir!

From 1993 Alan took over from Betty Weir as the organist in Kill of the Grange Parish. He enjoyed chants, hymns, songs, canticles, choruses and those differences in style reflected in the contemporary and more traditional services. He could play old and new alike though he did struggle with drums! A ‘tingle factor moment’ was always when he added an organ backdrop to a contemporary song, giving an added dimension, with everything blended in.

Some yearly highlights for Alan were the 5.00 p.m. Carol Service and the 11 p.m. service on Christmas Eve, Churches Together in Holy Week, and celebrations for Easter, Harvest and Remembrance. Sometimes it was in combination with the Stedfast Band. Over the years it became increasingly necessary to form a choir for each occasion, using the right hymns and anthems. Along with seasoned reliables, new faces would appear, sometimes making the expertise uneven. Under Alan's guidance however, it came together in a seemingly effortless way. The camaraderie of celebration, spirituality, the meeting of old friends and new over coffee and seasonal fare were DNA to his soul.

Alan really enjoyed playing piano or organ with other pianists and joining with other Christian faith Communities for common Worship. In the years he prepared music for Sunday he systematically worked through the Hymnal, the Church calendar and the readings, always with reference to the sermon, the liturgy and the occasion. He said he was able to choose those well-known tunes the congregation would sing with ease.

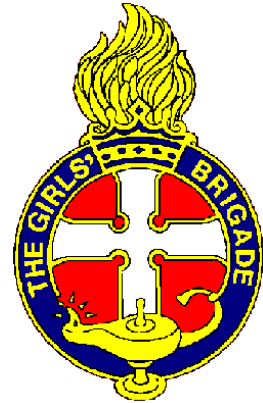
Variation during the hymns mattered: words matching a tune, crescendo and de-crescendos, verses in unison, others in harmony, female/male solos and appropriate descants. He used the pedals and pipe stops to bring variety, texture and richness to the sound. Alan was able to draw people out to worship as he varied his interpretation when playing. As he had more time, he enjoyed playing for weddings and funerals. He especially liked to help at funerals for which he had a black folder. He would visit with the families and ask about music with special associations for the family, weaving it all into his voluntaries before, during and after the service, bringing comfort where words don't always reach.

Alan played In the Royal Hospital Donnybrook on their rota for the Friday services, and was often spotted there even when it wasn't his turn! He deputised for other neighbouring churches as the need arose. He valued his friendships in Kill of the Grange, he enjoyed the senior table at the men's breakfasts! He sailed with many, golfed with many and used his musical gifts to connect people with the Lord. One of the last things he did was to play keyboards at the more reflective Evening Prayer services. By then he was far from well, but happy to do it. He no longer had feelings in his fingertips, but a lifetime of playing and practice compensated for this. Nobody would have known.

Alan was called 'home' on the 7th May 2020. Dianne and Dee would like to express appreciation for those who came to Kill of the Grange Church on the 11th May, for the ringing of the bells in Kill of the Grange and The Holy Family Parish and the Word and prayer "for ATJ" We also appreciated many others who stood along the route to the Cemetery. You all brought us, and our families great comfort.

GDM DGJ May 2020

22ND COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE



Much like the many other organizations involved with the church, last March, Girls' Brigade began to muddle their way through how to best operate during a global pandemic. It has thrown up many challenges along the way and ahead of our AGM on Friday 2nd October, we are still trying to work out how we can serve our members to the best of our ability whilst providing a safe space, be that virtual or otherwise. The start of our year has so far been like no other but we as a company here in Kill O'The Grange are committed to remaining present for the girls we are involved with and are hoping to be in regular contact once we have further direction after our AGM.

The end of our 2019/20 session marked the retirement of three of our leaders. Louise Syms leaves us after 20 years as an officer and 38 years in total as a member of the 22nd Company. Louise has taught and committed herself to all age groups over the years and has involved herself in all aspects of the curriculum, from scripture to dancing and much else in between. Focusing on the explorer group in the last number of years, the girls have thoroughly enjoyed having 'Chloe's mum' to teach them and guide them.

Diane Middleton worked tirelessly behind the scenes for many years on our many costumes donned by members small to tall. Di then joined the Tiny Tot team as well as organizing the many uniforms required for our members to look as smart as they do! We are extremely grateful to Di for all of her hard work and dedication to the company and will miss her quick wit and problem solving skills on a Tuesday afternoon!

Nola Lambert has been involved with Girls' Brigade for almost 25 years. We have been blessed to have Nola and her three daughters as members of our company where their talent in music and drama knows no bounds. Nola's loyalty and commitment to GB, her organization skills and her infectious personality made any Tuesday a pleasure. I am particularly grateful to Nola for having stepped in as Acting Captain last year, during our most difficult year to date while I was on maternity leave.

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22ND COMPANY GIRLS' BRIGADE

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We would like to take this opportunity to pass on our deepest condolences to the family of Mrs. Bertha Marsh who passed away on 23rd September. Mrs. Marsh founded the 22nd Company Girls' Brigade and as many of you know went on to lead as Captain for many years as did her daughter, Sandra. We have been blessed to have Bertha involved in the company for so many years and will deeply miss her presence. We hope that all we do as a Company in our future will be a fitting tribute to her and the vision she had when founding the company over 60 years ago.

We would also like to extend our Congratulations to Ms. Jean Knight on her upcoming wedding and wish her all the best on the day.

Clare O'Kennedy
Captain

[Photo: KOTG Girls' Brigade website]

THE DEVIL'S JOB

Men don't believe in the devil now as their fathers
used to do;
They reject one creed because it's old, for another
because it's new;
They say the devil has never lived, or the devil has
been and gone,
But simple people would like to know—
who carries his business on?



CHURCH OF IRELAND GENERAL SYNOD 2020



Please note that the May 2020 meeting of the General Synod was cancelled owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Church of Ireland General Synod 2020 was to take place in the Croke Park Meetings and Events Centre, from 7th–9th May 2020.

The Honorary Secretaries and the Standing Committee are considering a possible rescheduling of the General Synod to take place later in 2020, and will be guided by the latest advice from public health authorities, with the safety of Synod members as their priority.

Upcoming General Synods – Dates and Locations

13th–15th May 2021, Armagh City Hotel, Armagh

5th–7th May 2022, Croke Park, Dublin

Adapted from the General Synod website:

<https://synod.ireland.anglican.org/2020/welcome>

CHURCH REVIEW AND CHURCH OF IRELAND GAZETTE

These publications have resumed publication in hard copy format:

Church Review: from September 2020;

Church of Ireland Gazette: from July/August 2020.

If you have a subscription to either magazine, or would like to subscribe, please contact the Parish Office for your copy. [Contact details on page 39.]

General Vestry—Zoomed!

At the request of the Diocese, the General or Easter Vestry, postponed from 23rd April because of the COVID-19 pandemic, was finally held at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 6th September 2020—*via* Zoom!



It was very much an Easter Vestry with a difference—completed in a record 40 minutes! As well as elections of a Select Vestry, Churchwardens and Glebewardens, we also elected Parochial Nominators and Diocesan Synod representatives for the next three years. The Parish's Annual Report for 2019 had been circulated by e-mail.

Select Vestry:

The current members all agreed to remain in office until the 2021 Easter Vestry. They are:

David Clarke, Olive Combe, Mark Faulkner (People's Glebewarden), Mark Groves, Alan Hunt, Bruce Johnson (Rector's Glebewarden), Aideen LaCombre (People's Churchwarden), Sheila Lynch, Ruth Mann, John Riseley (Rector's Churchwarden), Tim Roulston, David Shepherd, Norman Smyth, Alice Swift, Keith Syms, Marcus West

Diocesan Synod representatives:

Mary Williams, Bert Van Embden, Peter Rooke

Supplementals: Ruth Mann, James Darling, Patricia Pearson

Parochial Nominators:

Claire Roulston, Keith Syms, Helen Groves, David Williams

Supplementals: Bert Van Embden, David Shepherd, Mark Faulkner, Stanley Faulkner

[It is the task of Parochial Nominators to choose a new Rector.]

Please remember in your prayers all those above called to serve, that they may be guided prayerfully by the living Lord to serve His people in the Parish.

The Prayer of Trust

Beloved Lord, breathe calm in my mind,
peace in my heart and silence in my soul.
In the silence, let me hear Your voice.
In the peace, let me see Your face.
In the calm, let me know Your love.
We pray for those who are suffering
and for those who are caring for them.

PASTORAL VISITS

Pastoral visits at bedsides, in homes, in nursing homes and hospitals are taking place by 'phone call instead of through personal visits during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you know of anyone who would like to be contacted by 'phone, please use the numbers below.

If you know of anyone who would like a pastoral visit, please contact us by 'phone or e-mail (details below.) The Rector and Bert Van Embden will follow up on all requests received.

Bert Van Embden – Lay Pastoral Worker

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Tel.: (Parish Office): 289 6442 E-mail: office@kotq.ie

A PRAYER WRITTEN BY ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL JACKSON IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Almighty and All-loving God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we pray to you through Christ the Healer for those who suffer from the
Coronavirus COVID-19
in Ireland and across the world.
We pray too for all who reach out to all those who mourn the loss of each
and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease.
Give wisdom to policymakers,
skill to researchers,
comfort to everyone in distress
and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
who showed compassion to the outcast,
acceptance to the rejected
and love to those to whom no love was shown.
Amen.

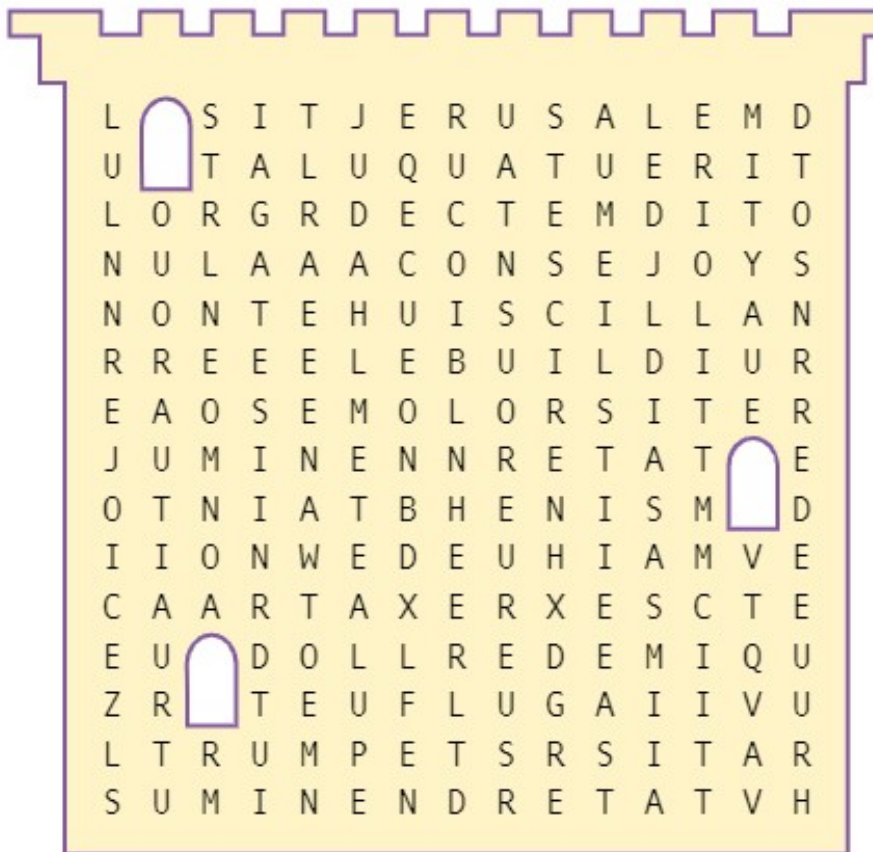
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Ezra and Nehemiah

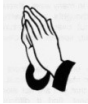
We are studying in church these Old Testament books in the Bible. Ezra was a scribe who reminded the people of God's Laws. Nehemiah was sent by God to rebuild the broken walls of Jerusalem.

Nehemiah and the Wall Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.



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| ARTAXERXES | GATES | JOY | NEHEMIAH | TRUMPETS |
| BUILD | JERUSALEM | JUDAH | REJOICE | WALL |



Parish Prayer Diary 2020

1st—5th September

"...I will sing aloud of Your steadfast love in the morning, for You have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress". We begin our prayers these months by focussing on God's goodness, faithfulness and strength.

6th—12th September

We pray amidst so much change and uncertainty for plans, services and events which have been so interrupted by COVID-19 in our church community. We pray in particular this week as the Easter Vestry is rescheduled for this week and for all who are in positions of leadership for various ministries in our church.

13th—19th September

Faithful Lord, we bring to You school children , students and all educators as they settle into a routine in these weeks. We ask for Your protection and peace as they go back to school and college.

20th—26th September

We continue to lift all keyworkers delivering services in difficult circumstances . We pray for Your sustaining power for them.

27th—30th September, 1st—3rd October

Even though the last months have been incredibly hard we realise that globally we are so privileged. Lord, keep us generous with others and grateful for all we have.

4th—10th October

Lord, we commit our mission partners to You this week. Praying particularly for Carlos and Gill Olaaka and family and the work of Abaana. Also for Bishop Hilary and mission partners in Yei diocese in South Sudan.

11th—17th October

This is a time when we celebrate harvest and God's provision to us. Though we may be limited in how we can meet together, we ask that You would show us how to be hospitable during this time of restriction and reflect on Your provision to us and Your call for us to be generous with what we have.

The rota of prayers for Parishioners is on page 22.

Parish Prayer Diary 2020



18th—24th October

We pray for those known to us who are unwell. We ask for Your healing in their lives and for guidance on how we can best show Jesus's love to them.

25th—31st October

We pray for our Rector Alan this week. We ask the Holy Spirit to fill and inspire him as he serves our community in Jesus's name. We pray a special blessing on his family, Ruth, Naomi and Andrew. We also pray this week for our staff team: Bert, John, Seb, Jane and Caroline.

1st—7th November

Hebrews 12:1 says "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... let us run with perseverance the race set before us." This week is All Saints' Day. We remember those gone before us and their example to us as we "run the race."

8th—14th November

We pray for those who are grieving this week. For the comfort and hope of Jesus to be very real to them.

15th—21st November

Lord over all, we continue to pray for our government at this time. They face many hard decisions with no easy solutions. Please supply your wisdom in abundance and give them humility to accept it!

22nd—28th November

We pray for unity at this time, when we are not always physically together. We pray for the various ways we can connect and encourage each other. Lord, give us creativity and a commitment to reach out and care for each other and that this witness would glorify Your name.

29th—30th November

Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Whatever our circumstances, we ask for a deep sense of God's hope, joy and peace at this time.

Many thanks to **Hilda Shepherd**, who has written this Prayer Diary.

Prayer Diary

September to November 2020

Pray for:

Connie Kincaid; Brian and Jean Kinch; Karl and Jenny Kinch, Matthew, Vanessa and James; Nigel and Carolyn Kingston; Jean Knight and Paul Minogue; Rosemary Knight; Claudia Kohlmann; Paul and Elizabeth Kohlmann, and Theo; Naomi Kumar; Arun and Christine Kumar; Ethan Kumar; Sheena Kumar; Aideen LaCombre; George LaCombre; Rebecca Adele Lalor, and Sofia; Terri Lalor; Brian Lambert, and Andrew; Robert Hogan and Edna Latuu Hogan.

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Pause for Thought from Nehemiah

And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

Nehemiah 9:10 (ESV)

A Prayer for God to be Glorified

Dear God,

You alone are worthy of all glory and praise!

You are not shocked by the state of the world, and nothing is impossible for You.

Today, we're proclaiming that You will be glorified through this pandemic. Your name will be praised throughout the earth. Pierce the darkness. Shine brighter than the fear of death, loneliness or economic ruin.

When we look back on this moment in history, would we be filled with joy as we remember the revival, hope and peace that came from this season.

Continue to draw this hurting world back to You.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.



Olaaka family selfie!

FROM GILL AND CARLOS OLAAKA IN UGANDA

August 2020

Dear KOTG family,

Greetings to you, and we hope that you are safe and well as you read this. We are fine, all in all, after what most people may agree has been the strangest 4 or 5 months they have ever had. There is a cinema in a mall here in Kampala, and a sign on its window aptly says: “Until real life no longer feels like a movie, we will stay closed. Stay safe.” When I last wrote, we were in the middle of a 2 week extreme curfew, with nearly everything shut, including schools and churches, a curfew from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., and all public and private transport banned. Since that time, Uganda’s infection rates have remained relatively low, though currently at 1,254 with normally 5 to 10 cases a day (though 31 yesterday could be cause for a little alarm), and with now 6 deaths. There is fear that the virus has spread considerably more than the statistics say, and that a number of factors have meant mostly asymptomatic carriers (we have a very youthful population, and generally our diet is natural and quite healthy, with fewer cases of diseases such as diabetes as in other nations). We have been so thankful that the medical facilities have not been overrun, and that the serious cases have been mercifully small. However, we know there is still a long way to go, not least because our airport is still closed, but when it opens, there will be a much higher chance of spread, unless the current 2 week’s quarantine for all travellers continues, though this would be very challenging (there are just a few flights in and out, all special repatriation ones). Churches remain closed, which is very hard, and I was glad to read about KOTG being able to meet, albeit in the carpark. We do hope and pray that the KOTG families are coping as well as can be expected, and that the ‘summer’ is a time of some relief and rest, though of course we know many people have had to cancel travel plans. My big sister Gayle and family were originally meant to be in Uganda in July,

which of course could not happen, which was quite sad, but we pray in hope that the for a visit will happen in future.



The economic situation has remained very challenging for the majority of people, as I shared last time, so many live hand-to-mouth and have little in terms of back up or savings. At Abaana, we were extremely blessed to receive some funding resulting from a special COVID-19 relief fund, and we have been able to get food (and soap) to a large number of our beneficiaries.





When this project began in April, the logistics were quite astounding; we were based in our separate houses, with no transport allowed, and needed to organize buying hundreds of kilos of beans and posho (the most common local food) for it to be transported to the Abaana office, repackaged, and then distributed—when no transport was allowed.

Thankfully, we had set up online banking just as lockdown began, and with 5 staff all living quite close to the office, they were able to walk to the office, and after a short time, we received



permission from a local District office to use our vehicles, as that was the only way driving was allowed. Other permission was required from districts, as due to the need to uphold social distancing standards, and fears of rioting (as well as concern that, with an election next year, politicians would use food as a ‘bribe’ for votes), the Government also introduced a regulation that all food distribution must be done through a Government task force. This required sending letters with backup documents to various offices, and thereafter the food had to be inspected at the District office before it was given out, to ensure that it was of good quality (tragically, there were many reports of corrupt people using similar funds to buy low quality food, in order to pocket some of the funding for their own benefit). The next hurdle was raising awareness to our sponsored families, so we went school by school, firstly notifying the local teachers by phone who lived close by, for them to try to spread the word for the families to come to the school on a certain day. The staff team would then set off, with food for 100 families in a truck, picking up military or police along the way, and then at the school community, meet families one by one to hand over their package. This was repeated 14 times, though with some trips combining one or two schools, and one repeat trip to the most urban school, as that was where people mostly struggled, as those in the villages could at least grow food, and so in some ways, the lockdown did not affect them so much. Over 900 families were targeted, and then another 500 in one of the northern rural communities received soap and salt, and 13 Health centres near the schools also received soap, gloves and other sanitary products. Aside from this, we were also able to send money to our 40 choir children, and over 40 families attached to New Life Homes children, to whom actual food couldn’t be delivered. It was humbling to hear how the food appeared miraculous to many people, and also sad to hear of the struggles some children have enduring:

“Thank you so much Abaana Ministries for this food, it is going to help us so much because my mother did not have enough food for all the 8 of us at home, sometime for me I was surviving on jackfruits which we pick from the trees around our community” –
16 year old in Busia

Aside from this, Abaana was also a partner in an emergency hostel for over 200 street connected children who were housed at a vacant primary school, before 80 of them moved to a vocational centre.

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From Gill and Carlos Olaaka in Uganda

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The other children, after a time of rehabilitation (and of course COVID-19 testing, thankfully which were all negative) were resettled home with Abaana taking responsibility for 11 children, who were successfully brought back home. These 11 children spent a short bit of time at the New Life Homes before transitioning home, and we pray that the time they had with our staff showing them care and love and sharing the Christian gospel in word and action will make a long-term impact. It was an enormous privilege to take part in this project alongside the Kampala City Authorities, Ministry of Gender, and a local network of Christian organizations CRANE.

There are 11 boys at the New Life Homes, as others have been supported to be in their family homes, where they will be fully resettled in due course. They have been engaged with school work, as well as doing some projects such as looking after the small garden. They also had a great experience of participating in an activity regarding children's rights, in which they learnt about the wonders of 'zoom' and also got to interact with senior Government legal officials, to raise their concerns about how street connected children are treated.

With schools closed now for 1 ½ terms, we managed to send out some learning materials to our sponsored children, in the hope that they can self-study, but the reality of many children living in one or two roomed homes without electricity, without internet, and without a desk, has meant that doing any kind of home-schooling is very challenging. We fear that when school resumes, many children may drop out, as there could be unplanned pregnancies amongst teenage girls, and then parents or youth themselves may not see the benefit of school if they have been working and contributing in any way to the household income during this time. We are really praying that our sponsored children will still see the value of education. Schools may or may not open in September for what would be third term here, but the common assumption is that they may not actually open again until February next year – which is enormously challenging.

For our Josiah and Judah at home, we are very aware that we had a huge privilege that their school was able to set up a google classroom provision, for mornings, and though there are many challenges as Carlos' work has still been slow, one advantage has been his ability to oversee most of their school work, which was a great blessing. They finished the term well, with exams via google classroom (at 1st class and 3rd class respectively! The exam culture is quite strong!), though it was a relief to us all when they started their school holidays.

We have now had 1 month of no school, and it has been a blessing that our restrictions have lessened a bit, meaning we can drive, and occasionally see some friends for playdates.

Gill has been balancing days at home with the occasional office day, and it was a joy to have a devotion with the full staff team in person on Monday 2nd August (thankfully, we have a large meeting room allowing for appropriate distancing).

[All photos in this article from Gill Olaaka]

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From Gill and Carlos Olaaka in Uganda

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Josiah turned 9 on 27th July, and so we were blessed to be able to buy him a bicycle (with Judah getting one also, as a very early birthday gift, as October seemed very far too wait!)



**Josiah and
Judah on
their bikes!**

They have enjoyed learning how to ride, though just within our compound so far. Our life group has been meeting every Wednesday by zoom, which has been a fantastic support, though we can't wait until we can gather in person again, as well as going to church, and particularly the worship team of which Gill is part is feeling the prolonged absence most sharply.

With thanks and prayers, from

Gill, Carlos, Josiah and Judah

Prayer points:

We are very grateful to God for His protection and provision so far, and we trust that you and your loved ones are also well. For those of you who have been sick, or have had relatives sick or dying, we pray for comfort and wholeness, with God being our strength. We would truly appreciate prayer as follows:

- for our funding as a small charity, as naturally giving has gone down though we are so grateful for all those who are still sacrificially giving;
- for our Abaana sponsored children not to drop out of school;
- for the 11 resettled children to remain at home and for their parents to provide good care for them;
- for general safety and protection in the country;
- for our own health and provision, and for well-being to remain good, as we especially miss our church family.

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From Gill and Carlos Olaaka in Uganda

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On this and the following page, photos from Gill Olaaka on some of the results of COVID-19 in Uganda



NLH boys during Zoom meeting

From Gill and Carlos Olaaka in Uganda *[Continued from previous page]*



NLH boys with donated assorted items from CRANE



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The Pandemic is with us!!!

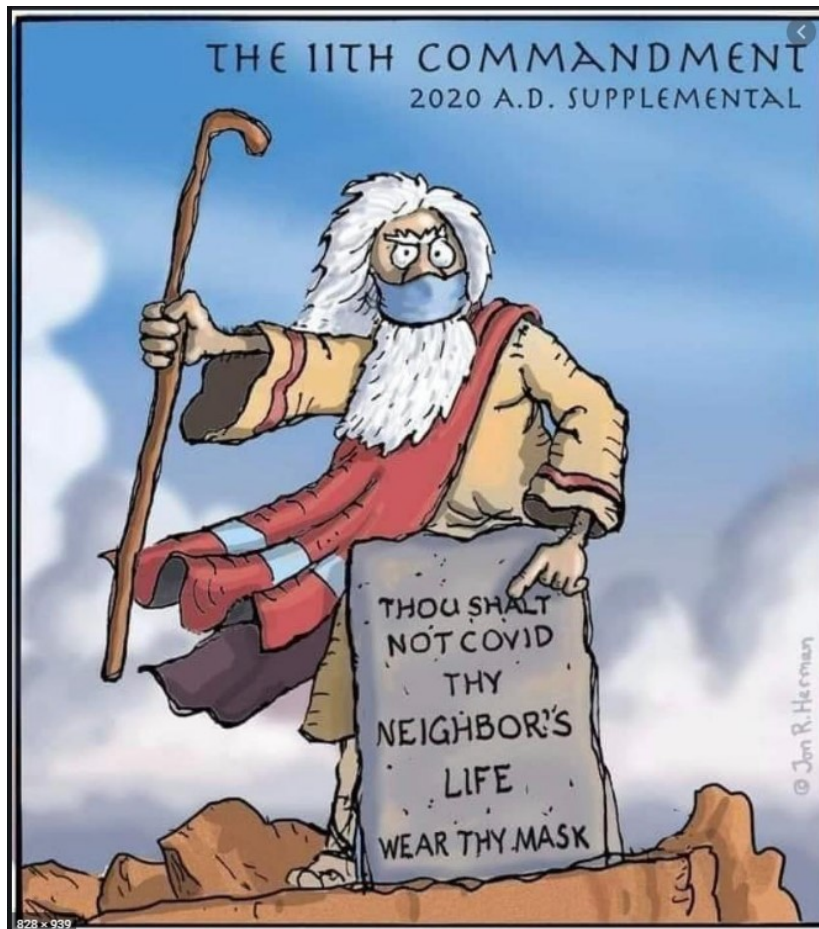


Socially Distanced African Hornbills?

[Photo: James Darling]

My 2020 passport stamps





A Family in 'Lockdown' Noah's Ark



40 days, 40 nights in the Ark, Noah's family was confined in a boat. There were no windows, no balconies, no terraces, no internet, no phone, no TV, no Youtube, Facebook or Netflix. They only heard the rain. They spend their time praying, loving each other and caring for the animals. God the father took care of them as Noah was a man of faith and obeyed His word. Remember even though there is out there an ocean of viruses and life seems like a stormy ride, Our God is watching over us! Do not be Afraid! Be faithful to Him and wait patiently. The rain will stop one day. A rainbow will shine and all be well again.

NEWS FROM CMS IRELAND AND SOUTH SUDAN



Bishop Hilary and Mama Joyce remain 'stuck' in Arua as they were there for hospital treatment when the borders closed and haven't been able to get back. This is frustrating for Bishop Hilary especially as he can't be there to give leadership. Mama Joyce's health does seem to be a little better however, so we thank God for that, but she is still weak. Bishop Hilary was set to retire this year, but all the plans have been on hold because of lockdown, so he has been asking for prayer around his retirement and his successor as it is impossible to make solid plans right now.

The Diocese of Yei set up a task force to tackle COVID-19. They worked along two objectives:

Preventing the spread:

1. CMSI was able to send emergency funds from our COVID appeal to help purchase water barrels and handwashing supplies. These were distributed at a training of Pastors and one went to each community represented. The pastors were then able to pass on their prevention guidelines when they went to their areas. Some of the other South Sudan Dioceses have been making masks but they were able to purchase some in Yei for the training sessions.
2. Task force mitigation of lockdown impact:

Some of the emergency funds were also used to buy household essentials for those who were struggling during lockdown. There was a special gift from the team who should have travelled to Yei with Linda Abwa in June - they donated some of their team funds to the pastors fund and Bishop Hilary was able to distribute assistance to the most vulnerable pastors, who have been without a salary for a long time.

YEI VOCATIONAL TRAINING COLLEGE (YVTC) has been closed during lockdown, but reopened last week for one month. CMSI was able to send funds to support the month long training which is for those students who had almost completed their course when lockdown happened. They will now be able to finish off their training and receive their certificates. We do not know when it can fully reopen.

INFLATION has been extraordinary during lockdown and there also seems to be a lack of dollars in the country which makes funds transfers difficult. (CMSI now send all funds through Arua, Uganda) This could have a devastating impact on the already very devastated economy.

VIOLENCE has been reported throughout lockdown with incidences within the town - these were not the usual skirmishes but localised robberies and looting of shops due to the desperate food situation. In other parts of South Sudan there has been inter tribal fighting still.

Things had been looking up in January/February, but the pandemic and lockdown has made a yet untold impact on the economy and on the lives of families. There is serious food shortage.

KILL O'THE GRANGE INVOLVEMENT

Just before lockdown here, we had launched a fund to help develop the Training College. We had had the first of 3 planned retiring collections and then we were unable to meet in church for more. That Sunday we gratefully received € 208:40. If you are able and would like to contribute further to our target of €4000, the Parish Office will accept cheques, cash or bank drafts. As you can see from the above news the need is mighty.

Rev. COSMAS GWAGWE who has visited Kill told us the Theological College where he was Vice Principal has closed and he is now living in the Refugee camp in Uganda with his wife. He says it is impossible to isolate there and food is rationed. He is anxious and asks us to continue remembering them all in prayer, as he regularly prays for us. We can barely imagine what it must be like to have had that extra training and realising one's vocation, only to be reduced to living in such poverty. His faith remains steadfast but do we remain steadfast in our prayers? What a challenge!

CMSI INITIATIVES.

1. Voices of Hope. The new annual theme. Please listen to the Blog Section on the CMSI website(www.cmsireland.org) to help raise your spirits!
2. Ignite CMSI annual conference goes online. Saturday 19th September at 10 a.m. for a 3 hour programme. To register visit CMSI website/ignite.
3. The Prayer Room. This is a Zoom gathering for prayer, once a month, beginning on Wednesday 7th October. Again visit CMSI website for more information.

On a personal note, we in Kill are delighted that Ruth Mann has been appointed to the board of CMSI and we support and pray for her in this responsibility.

May the God of Light shine brightly on the CMSI family throughout the world.
May the God of Life bring hope and renewal to those living in despair.
May the God of Love bring healing and transformation to churches and individuals in Ireland, as they encounter Him afresh and engage in His work of mission.
May the God of Peace and Justice reign in our world.
May His Kingdom come, on earth, as in heaven.
Amen.



Right: The Right Rev. Hilary Luate Adeba, Bishop of Yei, with his wife, Mama Joyce.
[Photo: CMS Ireland]



Left: The Rev. Cosmas Gwagwe

On a Lighter Note ...



Sometimes women are overly suspicious of their husbands ...

When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset ...

"You're running around with other women," she charged. "You're being unreasonable," Adam responded. "You're the only woman on earth." The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest. It was Eve. "What do you think you're doing?" Adam demanded.

"Counting your ribs," said Eve.

And if love should die ...

While we were working at a men's clothing store, a customer asked my colleague to help her pick out a tie that would make her husband's blue eyes stand out. "Ma'am," he explained, "any tie will make blue eyes stand out if you tie it tight enough."

Romance, marriage and all that stuff—the way children see it ...

What is the right age to get married?

23 is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then.

- *Camille, age 10.*

No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married.

- *Freddie, age 6.*

How can a stranger tell if two people are married?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

- *Derrick, age 8.*

What do most people do on a date?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say, if you listen long enough.

- *Lynette, age 8.*

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.

- *Martin, age 10.*

When is it okay to kiss someone?

When they're rich. - *Pam, age 7.*

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that.

- *Curt, age 7.*

Is it better to be single or married?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.

- *Anita, age 9.*

How would you make a marriage work?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a truck.

- *Ricky, age 10. (smart fellow).*



FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB.

PUBLIC LECTURES TUESDAY 13TH (1) AND 20TH (2) OCTOBER 2020
VIA ZOOM AT 8.00 P.M. SHARP

MAIN TALKS (1) **KEVIN BARRY** BY *CARMEL KELLY* (ON THE 13TH)
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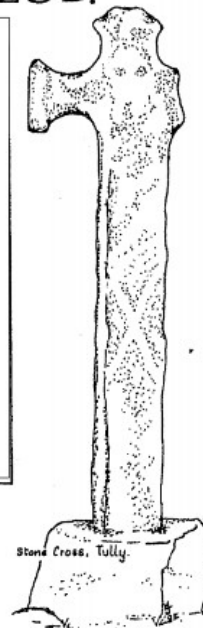
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PARISH NEWSLETTER: An Important Announcement

AS WE HAVE HAD TO ALTER THE SCHEDULE OF A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER BECAUSE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE FINAL 'QUARTERLY' ISSUE OF 2020 WILL COVER A SINGLE MONTH (DECEMBER 2020.)

FOR THIS, CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE SENT

NOT LATER THAN 15th NOVEMBER 2020,

TO JAMES DARLING BY E-MAIL:

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MONDAY & THURSDAY, 10.00 a.m.—11.00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, 9.30 a.m.—10.30 a.m.**

Evening classes in Foxrock.

Booking and enquiries: 289 7291

**Please note: Classes are not being held at present owing to the
COVID-19 pandemic, but will resume in the future.**

Church Activities

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| Choir: | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Church Flowers: | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Church Music Group: | Diane Faulkner |
| Growing Groups: <i>(Fortnightly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, usually 2nd & 4th weeks of month)</i> | Parish Office |
| Parish Visiting: | The Rev. Alan Breen / Bert Van Embden |
| Prayer Chain: <i>(Home based)</i> | Blanche Cooper |
| Prayer Meeting: <i>(Every Tuesday at 7.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre Den upstairs.)</i> | Parish Office |
| Young at Hearts: <i>(1st Friday of each month)</i> | Rosemary Knight |
| YOUTH GROUPS: | |
| Girls' Brigade: (Age 3 – 18) <i>Tuesdays, 3.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. (Sept./April)</i> | Clare O'Kennedy (Captain) |
| CORE Youth: (1 st – 6 th year) <i>Saturdays, 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.</i> | Jonathan Byford |
| Maxpack: (5 th & 6 th class) <i>Every 2nd Friday, 7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.</i> | Seb Dungan |
| Shake, Rattle + Hum: (pre-school) <i>Wednesdays. 9.15 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.</i> | Liz Hemmings lizbiz1@gmail.com |
| Crèche (0 – 3 years old): <i>At 10.30 a.m. Sunday service</i> | Seb Dungan |
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| GAMES & SPORTING: | |
| Parish Bowling Club: <i>Monday/Thursday, 7.15 p.m. – 9.15 p.m. (September/May)</i> | Ruth Mann |
| Clonkeen Bowling Club: <i>Tuesdays. 8.30 p.m. – 10.30 p.m. (September/May)</i> | Grainne Fitzgerald |

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT INITIATIVES ON CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

Please see below some useful information regarding COVID-19 support initiatives that have been set up by various community groups. The Church also has a team of people who are willing and ready to help if you need assistance in any way. Please do contact us at office@kotg.ie or rector@kotg.ie.

Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown (DLR) Community Support Forum and Helpline

DLR have set up a new dedicated helpline focussed specifically on ensuring the cocooning elderly, vulnerable members of the community or those living alone can access deliveries such as groceries, medicine and fuels. **The DLR Community Call Helpline can be reached on (01) 271 3199 (Monday to Sunday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m., 7 days a week).**

An Post

Special measures to help fight COVID-19 have been put in place by An Post for elderly, cocooning and vulnerable people who can't get to the post office to collect their pension or any other social welfare payment. You can now allow somebody else, known as a temporary agent, to collect it. The Temporary Agent form is available in all post offices, online and is also attached with this e-mail. ***We would highly recommend that a family member or trusted friend does this for you.*** In addition, post offices will hold all payments for up to 90 days if your nominated Temporary Agent is not available on your normal pension collecting day, and the timing of payments is now every two weeks. For further information, please see gov.ie/welfare.

SeniorLine

SeniorLine provides a National Helpline, where people will receive the most up to date guidance on COVID-19 as recommended by Government sources. Good health practice is reinforced at all times. This information is updated daily as the situation changes and is available to each of our volunteers at the phones. SeniorLine is a FREEPHONE service and is available between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. every day of the year on 1800 804591.

Website: www.thirdageireland.ie.