

ST MATTHEWS PARISH NEWSLETTER

November 2020

MESSAGE FROM REV JOHN MARCHANT

Parish ministry, to me, is all about personal contact with people: meeting, talking, listening, shaking hands and hugging. And it's about doing things together, and about sharing our belief in God in our own community. BUT, I'm not able to visit you in your homes; masks make it difficult to talk, and our church is temporarily closed for public worship.

So our COVID-19 pandemic is stressful and challenging for me. But, because we ARE a community, we have still been able to interact while the world is convulsed by nervousness about the virus. I lead worship every Sunday at 10.30am for about half an hour, which is live streamed, and which can be re-played at any time on a YouTube channel.

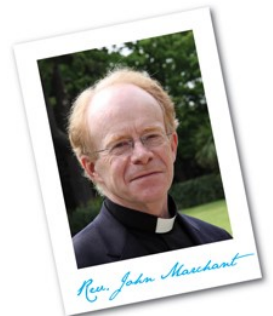
Once we come out of Level 5 restrictions, I want to celebrate the Holy Communion again; I want

to plan to have our Archbishop come and confirm our children in their faith; and I want to baptize some new Christians in the church – there's a backlog of about eight children!

And on 29th November we begin the season of Advent – a month of preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ into our world at Christmas. I hope you will be able to take the opportunity to join with us as we prepare for Christ's birth. I hope you are all safe, well and happy to be alive. I pray for all of you.

Blessings

John



ST MATTHEWS PARISH LIVE STREAMING

As a Parish we have been '**Live Streaming**' our Sunday Service since the 26th April 2020. During the Covid-19 restrictions we had to close our doors and being able to 'Live Stream' our Service has meant that we have been able to remain connected to our Parishioners and the Community. In addition to our local community we have had people attending our Sunday Online Broadcast from the UK, Switzerland and New Zealand.

We will continue to broadcast our Service and if you would like to visit our You Tube Channel, go to

www.stmatts.live



CONFIRMATION 2020

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Confirmation did not take place on Sunday 3rd May 2020 as originally planned.

We still await you a new date to be confirmed by the Archbishop.

Please continue to remember in your prayers our young people in their preparations.

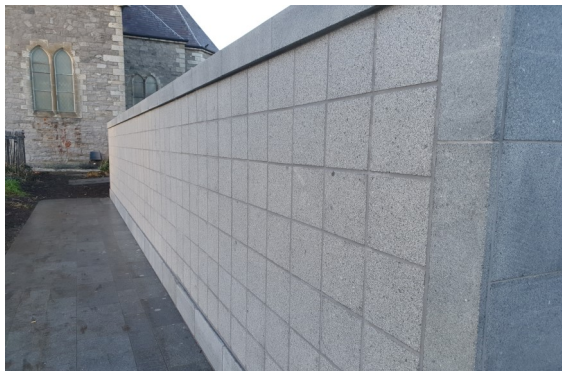
Confirmation Candidates:

Rian O'Neill, Jack Kane, Charlie Kane, Zoe Bell, Mathilde Gross, Beth Manzocchi, Benjamin Atkinson, Garret Nugent, Giles Doran O'Reilly.

THE NEW LOOK CHURCH GROUNDS

Over the last few months there has been extensive work carried out on the Church grounds. The wall onto Church Ave has been lowered and has opened up the view of the graveyard.

The graveyard has been landscaped and has been designed to be a place where people can reflect and remember.



OUR NEW COLUMBARIUM WALL

Over the last 12 months we have been working on the construction of a Columbarium wall in the Parish Graveyard.

The wall is now complete and has 315 niches for the interment of ashes. There are individual and family niches available for Parishioners and the community.

For more details and information please contact the Parish Administration on 087 254 0378



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Glebe Wardens

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