

IRISHTOWN & DONNYBROOK PARISH NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

One evening recently I parked my car outside St. Matthew's church and was walking into the church grounds when two people who were out for a walk came over to have a chat. Grand I thought, I have time and it will be nice to meet people from the local community.

It turned out that it was a Granddad out with his nine year old Grandson who was having a sleepover because his parents were out for the evening. The granddad said "Would you mind telling the lad what the difference is between a protestant and a catholic." Well, talk about putting me on the spot! - Luther and his 95 Theses nailed to the church door in Wittenberg, the protestant reformation in Europe, Lutheranism, Calvinism, Presbyterianism, Methodism, Henry the VIII and the reformation in England, the counter reformation, saints, the real presence in the Eucharist and far more besides all flashed through my mind – what to tell a nine year old in thirty seconds that would make any sense and that the young lad could understand for himself – the important thing I said is that we all believe and trust in the same God.

When we hold to that and don't dwell on what might divide and separate us as Christians then we find that we have far more in common with each other than you might otherwise think.

Thank you to everyone who supported our outdoor service and picnic on Sunday the 29th of May. The ice cream van was a great success!

God bless.

Rev Leonard



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CEILIÚRADH'S 30TH SUMMER CONCERT

The Ceiliúradh Choir held their 30th Summer Concert at St Matthew's Parish on the 26th May 2022. It was a wonderful evening with an outstanding organ solo by our organist John SHERA.



AN OUTDOOR SERVICE OF THE WORD

On the 29th of May the Parish in conjunction with St Matthew's National School held an outdoor Service in the Church grounds. The Service was very well attended and was led principally by pupils from the School. Following the Service, we had a Parish picnic and we were treated to a visit by the Ice Cream van. A great morning was had by all and thank God for the good weather!



SERVICES IN JUNE 2022

All Services at 10.30am

5th June - **Family Service**

12th June - **Holy Communion**

19th June - **Service of Morning Prayer**

26th June - **Holy Communion**

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH ENVELOPE SCHEME



If you would like to donate through the Church Envelope Scheme, you can put an Envelope on the Collection plate at Sunday Service. As a registered Charity St Matthews can reclaim Income Tax on Parishioner donations.

For more details please contact the Parish office on 087 254 0378, or ask one of the Church Wardens.

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