

IRISHTOWN & DONNYBROOK PARISH NEWSLETTER

September 2022

A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

I hope that you have had a nice summer and are well rested. September is the start of another school year. We look forward to welcoming all the pupils and staff back for another term – a huge welcome as well to this year's Junior Infants class.

September is also the time when Parish activities start again after the summer break.

There are plans for some exciting new parish activities over the coming months. Thank you to everyone who is involved in School and Parish activities. Our Parish only works as it does because of the combined efforts of so many people. Every single contribution is important, is valued, and is appreciated.

We continue the work which countless people put in before us. It is thanks to our combined efforts that we have something to build on, to develop, and to pass on to those who will follow us. Let's keep up the good work.

And just a thought – when we are on holidays I spotted a sticker which said “If you are not happy with what you have, why do you think you would be happier if you had more?”

God bless.

Rev Leonard



A FINAL RESTING PLACE

The St Matthew's Church Columbarium Wall is available to book a final resting place for your loved ones in the Community. For more details and to receive a Brochure, call the St Matthews Parish Office on 087 254 0378 or email Jonny Bell at

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SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2022

All Services at 10.30am

4 th September.	Holy Communion.
11 th September.	Morning Prayer.
18 th September.	Holy Baptism & Holy Communion.
25 th September.	Morning Prayer 10.30am Family/School Harvest Thanksgiving Service 4pm

BAPTISMS AT ST MATTHEW'S



On the 17th July 2022 the Parish celebrated the Baptism of **Luke Stewart Jennings**, son of Parishioners Matt and Virginia.



On the 28th August 2022 the Parish celebrated the Baptism of **Harry Brangam**, son of Mark and Sarah Jane.

YOU NEVER KNOW WHO YOU WILL MEET!



Pictured at the recent Institution in Whitechurch Parish, the Rector met the 2 previous Rectors of Irishtown & Donnybrook Parishes

L to R: Rev Canon Leonard Ruddock, Rev John Marchant (2013-2022), Canon Ted Ardis (2003-2013).

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COFFEE @ ST. MATT'S

The Parish have started a Coffee morning every Thursday at 11am in the Parish room. Please come along and meet other Parishioners and members of the Community.



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Select Vestry

Lindy Farmer, Jonathan Bell, Gordon Kelley, Miriam Hollowed, Gladys Raethorne, Avril Gillatt, Claire Wheeler, Steve Griffiths, Virginia Stewart, Karen Woods, John Wallace, Trevor James

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