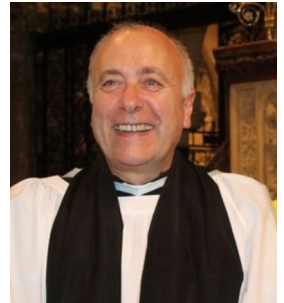


# IRISHTOWN & DONNYBROOK PARISH NEWSLETTER

November 2022

## A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

I was asked recently how I was managing to find my way around the parish. I replied that I loved Google maps – it always brought me where I needed to go. I had a different experience though with the first Sat Nav I bought for the car. It's a long time ago now but I remember her well. I say her because I even gave "her" a name! "Her" name was Rosemary. I remember Rosemary well, - but for all the wrong reasons! I found that I could never really rely on Rosemary to get me to my destination. There were occasions when I was very glad of the guidance which Rosemary gave me, but very soon I began to doubt the way she was guiding me – I couldn't rely on her.



Life can be a bit like that. Sometimes, without realising it, we find that our lives are being guided by our own particular Sat Nav. That slightly uncomfortable feeling you have about the direction your life is taking may well be God reminding you that the only true guide for our lives is Jesus. When we seek his guidance, he points us in the way we should go. He will lead us safely through the dark valleys and up to the mountain top experiences. He is the sure guide who we can rely on completely.

Take a fresh look at the journey you are on and make sure that the direction you are going is the correct one.

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

[jonathanbell61@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanbell61@gmail.com)

## SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2022

*All Services at 10.30am*

- 6<sup>th</sup> November.** Holy Communion.  
**13<sup>th</sup> November.** Remembrance Day Service  
**20<sup>th</sup> November.** Holy Communion.  
**27<sup>th</sup> November** Family/School Service.

## BAPTISM AT ST MATTHEW'S



On the 16th October 2022, the Parish celebrated the Baptism of **Maebh & Ellie Dunne**, daughters of Gareth & Tamar.

## MINI BUS FOR PARISHIONERS



On the 16th October we started a mini bus service (on a trial basis) for residents in local nursing homes in the Sandymount area. The minibus collects residents at Brabazon House at 9.45am and Margaretholme at 10am. The dates for this service up to Christmas 2022 are as follows:

6th November  
20th November  
4th December  
18th December

## ACCOMMODATION FOR UKRAINIANS

**Have you spare rooms in your house?**

**Would you consider taking in a Ukrainian refugee?**

Some parishioners have provided accommodation for Ukrainian refugees. Their experience has been very positive: they value the company and the chance to help others.

If you would like further details or to speak to someone who is already helping, please contact the Parish office.

## OUR NEW PARISH WEBSITE



Our new Parish website is now live. The website will keep you up to date with the latest information regarding Services and events taking place. To find out more visit **[www.stmattschurch.ie](http://www.stmattschurch.ie)**

## COFFEE @ ST. MATT'S

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



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Miriam Hollowed (Rector's), Avril Gillatt (People's)

### Glebe Wardens

John Wallace (Rector's), Steve Griffiths (People's)

### Select Vestry

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