

IRISHTOWN & DONNYBROOK PARISH NEWSLETTER

April 2023

A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

A tanker was beached on the shore. All day efforts had been made to return the huge vessel to the sea, but with no success. Finally, the captain ordered everyone to stop what they were doing. He went to his cabin and waited. When the tide came in that night the huge ship was lifted from the beach by the rising water and carried as light as a feather back into the deep.

Lent can be a time for us to stop our rushing and fussing, trying to do things our way, often failing, and instead to wait on God. Easter is like the rising tide in our lives lifting us up and carrying us on our way with God. "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, *Alleluia!*"

Best wishes

Rev Leonard.



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.



ST. MATTHEW'S RESTORATION PROJECT

Commencing in May, the Church is undergoing a complete restoration and subsequently will close temporarily for approximately 3-4 months.

Services will be held in either St Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Sandymount, or in St Matthew's National School during the period of the closure. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Fr. John McDonagh and the Parish Council for allowing us to worship at their church.



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

SERVICES IN APRIL 2023

Sunday 2nd April 10.30am

Palm Sunday. Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

Wednesday 5th April 10.30am

Healing Service with laying on of hands.

Thursday 6th April 10.30am

Maundy Thursday. Holy Communion.

Friday 7th April 2.00pm

Service for Good Friday.

Sunday 9th April 10.30am

Easter Day. Holy Communion.

Sunday 16th April 10.30am

Holy Communion followed by Easter General Vestry Meeting.

Sunday 23rd April 10.30am

Family/School Service.

Sunday 30th April 10.30am

Service of the Word.

ST MATTHEW'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

We wish Ms. Naomi Rousseau best wishes as she prepares to take up her new appointment as Principal of Rathmichael NS. During her 20 years as Principal of St. Matthew's, Naomi worked tirelessly on behalf of the pupils and the school. Her dedication and commitment are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to her energy and hard work she leaves St. Matthew's on a strong foundation on which her successor can build. Our loss is definitely Rathmichael's gain – best wishes for the future from everyone in St. Matthew's.

PARISH DONATION

If you would like to donate to the Parish, please scan the QR code with your smartphone, or visit

[https://
www.stmattschurch.ie/
parishdonation](https://www.stmattschurch.ie/parishdonation)



BAPTISMS AT ST MATTHEW'S

On Sunday the 5th of March Diarmaid Lennon and Sandra Brownell Lennon brought their daughter Ava Grace to St. Matthew's for her baptism. We wish Ava and her family every blessing as Ava begins her life of faith.



On Sunday the 19th March James and Miranda Black brought their daughter Eloise Miranda Johanna for her baptism. We wish Eloise and her family every blessing as Eloise begins her life of faith.



NOTICE FOR PARENTS

Children are very welcome to use the Hamilton Room during Sunday Service. We would ask however they always be accompanied by a parent.

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Glebe Wardens

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

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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