

IRISHTOWN & DONNYBROOK PARISH NEWSLETTER

October 2024

A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

"Trust Him"

Trust Him when dark doubts attack you.

Trust Him when your strength is small.

Trust Him when to simply trust Him is the hardest thing of all.

Trust Him, He is ever faithful.

Trust Him, for His will is best.

Trust Him for the heart of Jesus is the only place to rest.

Trust Him, then, through doubts and sunshine.

All your cares upon Him cast

Till the storm of life is over

And your trusting days are past. Anon

I would suggest that you read this again, slowly, and reflect on those words. The God we worship and serve is like a loving and forgiving father. He showed himself to us most clearly in his Son, Jesus, and we are to remember to trust Him at all times.

God bless.

Rev. Leonard.



HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Sunday 22nd September 2024 we had our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. The St Matthew's National School were also in attendance and sang beautifully during the Service. A vote of thanks also to the Parishioners who decorated the Church for the Service.



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.



Songs of Praise Service

Sunday 20th October 2024

4pm

All welcome

Special Mini Bus available

Collection Times

3.15pm - Brabazon House

3.30pm - Margaretholme

3.40pm - Tritonville

Please note no Morning Service on 20th October

BAPTISM AT ST MATTHEW'S

On Sunday 1st of September. Sarah Ryan and Mark Williams brought their son Tristan Stephen to St Matthew's for his baptism. It was a wonderful family occasion. Sarah grew up in the parish and attended St Matthew's with her Mum Lindy (Farmer). She now lives in the UK. Their daughter Bethany was also baptised in St Matthew's some years ago. We wish Tristan every blessing as he too begins his journey of faith.



CHURCH CLEANING



If you are free on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday mornings, why not pop along to help with the cleaning of the Church

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 Irishtown & Donnybrook Union of Parishes can reclaim Income Tax on Parishioner donations.

For more details please contact the Parish office on 087 688 7049, or ask one of the Church Wardens.

SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2024

Sunday 6th October

Holy Communion - 10.30am

Sunday 13th October

Morning Prayer - 10.30am

Sunday 20th October

Songs of Praise 4pm

(Please note - No morning Service)

Sunday 27th October

Morning Prayer - 10.30am

SYMPATHY

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to our friend and parishioner, Betty Barrett, on the sudden death of her son-in-law, Michael Meenan. We are very much thinking of Betty's daughter, Helen and their family at this very difficult time.

PARISH CONTACTS

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Select Vestry

Lindy Farmer, Jonathan Bell, Lyndon MacCann,, Gladys Raethorne, Avril Gillatt, Claire Wheeler, Steve Griffiths, Karen Woods, John Wallace, Trevor James, Rena James, Miriam Hollowed.

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