



KILTERNAN KLIPS

Building community, strengthening worship, growing in service

The quarterly newsletter of Kilternan Parish, Co. Dublin

The Rector on ...

Fire, Fire, Fire

Bishop Michael Curry was praised for his flamboyant twelve-minute speech as Prince Harry and Meghan Markle were married. It was a welcome distraction from the endless discussion of dresses and flowers. He used his time in front of the royal audience (and hundreds of thousands of live viewers from around the world) to deliver a speech about the nature of love that also brought in some welcome humour and some powerful Martin Luther King Jr quotes.

On Twitter, the Archbishop of Canterbury described him as ‘a brilliant pastor, a stunning preacher and someone with a great gift for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ’.

The Revd Curry is the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church. For some people, his manner—heavily influenced by the gospel tradition embedded in the African-American heritage—was a bit too hot to handle. Certainly, the more animated he got, the more awkward some of the congregation appeared.

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For others, his impassioned sermon came as a surprising but welcome bit of relatability amongst the ‘high-falutin’ aura’ of St George’s Chapel.

The Twitter meltdown was entertaining. Jeremy Vine tweeted: ‘The preacher is doing 50 in a 30 zone and it’s brilliant’. A telling tweet was from author Rhett Bartlett: ‘That sermon by Reverend Curry wasn’t for the newlyweds. It was for the world’.

The sermon wasn’t quite fire and brimstone but it rested heavily on the theme of fire and love. He

opened his speech with the words of Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King Jr: ‘We must discover the power of love, the redemptive power of love. And when we do that, we will be able to make of this old world a new world. Love is the only way.’ Love, he said, was like harnessed fire (surely the central theme of Pentecost!).

My conversion to Anglicanism happened while I was living in the USA. The church there is not without its faults, but it can never be accused of lacking passion. The call of the church is to transformative and redemptive love. This is the fire of the Spirit that burns deep in the disciple’s soul.

I love the Church of Ireland deeply, but I think it is fair to say that there are times when the fire does not burn in our bellies as much as perhaps it should. Often we have appeared somewhat lifeless and maybe a little safe. It may not be in our spiritual DNA to be as animated as a black gospel choir, but it is our calling nonetheless to be the light on the hill that points the world towards Christ.

As I write this I am conscious of the murder of Jastine Valdez in Enniskerry. We are shocked and horrified at the senselessness of it. When we hear of such things we are reminded of the demands that are placed on us to be a place that shelters the vulnerable and challenges the darkness. Above all else we can offer love and care. We can seek, with the fire of the gospel, to make the world a better place.

Revd Rob



Bishop Michael Curry: ‘sermon by Reverend Curry wasn’t for the newlyweds. It was for the world’.



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CHURCH SERVICES

Communion Service at 8:30 unless noted otherwise;
10:30 services as below.

June 24	Valedictory Service
July 1	Morning Prayer
July 8	Holy Communion
July 15	Service of the Word with Baptism
July 22	Holy Communion
July 29	Holy Communion
August 5	Morning Prayer; note that the 8:30 service will be Morning Prayer also
August 12	Holy Communion
August 19	Morning Prayer with Baptism
August 26	Holy Communion with Baptism
Sept. 2	Morning Prayer
Sept. 10	Outdoor Service in Tullow Parish
Sept. 17	Service for the blessing of the backpacks
Sept. 23	Opening of the New Parish Centre

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REGISTER

Wedding bells

We celebrate the marriage of Donal Kinsella and Emily Bowen, and of Gareth Campling and Mary Lee. We wish them God's blessing on their new lives together.

Funerals

We mourn the passing of Gertie Talbot on 1 May and Alex Scott on 2 May. We remember both fondly and keep their families in our prayers.

Baptisms

We welcome Jasmine Annie, Marcus John Cormac and Samuel Jacob into the family of God's church.

ROTAS

The various rotas of the church are managed by the following people:

Cleaning rota: Nikki Cox
(087 6868693)

Flower rota: Sarah Tilson
(086 8542967)

We are thankful for the work that they put into this. They are frequently looking for additional help. If you could assist in one of these areas, please let them know!

KILTERNAN KLIPS AWARD

The winner of the Central Communications Board's 2018 Communications Competition for the best newsletters/magazines by parishes was announced by the Most Revd Pat Storey, Bishop of Meath and Kildare and Chairman of the Central Communications Board, at the General Synod held at the Armagh City Hotel.

Guess who won? First Prize: *Kilternan Klips*—Kilternan Parish, Dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough!

The competition was run by the Church of Ireland Press Office but was externally and professionally judged. This year, the focus has been solely on print media.

The judging comments stated: 'Well done! Excellent layout—the use of columns helps to make it clear to read. Good mix of articles on current issues facing Christians



Revd Rob receiving the award for *Kilternan Klips* from Bishop Storey.

today—all linked in to the gospel hope. Nice range of pictures to illustrate parish events.'

Well done to everyone who regularly contributes to *Klips*, but especially to Nick Maxwell.

GRAHAM JONES—A DEACON INTERN FOR KILTERNAN

On Sunday 2 September we will welcome Graham Jones to Kilternan parish as Deacon Intern. As a parish we are familiar with the concept of Deacon Interns, as Cathy Hallissey was here in 2015.

Having successfully completed two years of theological and practical training in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, Graham will serve as deacon in Kilternan.

While in the parish, Graham will work alongside us as we seek to build community, strengthen worship and grow in service.

The deacon year is a formational one. During it we hope that Graham will gain experience in the practical and pastoral aspects of ministry.

Graham is married to Louise and has three children, Rebecca, Amelia and Romy. They currently live in Rathmines and are parishioners of St Catherine's.

Graham brings with him a wealth of experience. He began his professional life as a lawyer before co-founding and leading the community development not-for-profit Solas Project. He was awarded the Social Entrepreneurs Ireland Elevator Award in 2013 for his work with the prison-based programme Compass. I'm sure he will have lots of time to tell you himself about God's calling on his life.

Please remember Graham and his family as they embark on the next step of their ministry.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR

As I write, we are in the process of interviewing for a part-time Youth and Children's Ministry Coordinator. We hope that this position will



Graham Jones and family, whom we will welcome to Kilternan on 2 September.

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enable us to grow our Sunday Club and Messy Church programme, plus develop effective programmes for our teenagers.

We will hope to have someone in position by midsummer in preparation for things kicking off in September.

A NEW APPROACH TO SUNDAY TEA AND COFFEE

When we open the new parish centre we want it to be a centre for hospitality and welcome. Where better to start than on Sunday mornings?

Our plan is to offer tea and coffee after the 10:30am service every Sunday. The question is how best to deliver that without putting an excessive strain on any one individual or group of individuals.

There are various ideas as to how to do this. One is to divide the congregation up into ten geographical areas (or tribes) and have each tribe take a month. To get us started, however, we are proposing that a group from the parish take responsibility for one month during the year.

Over the next number of months, Cathriona Fitzsimons or myself will be reaching out to different groups to see whether they will take a month and organise the tea and coffee rota. We will ask each group to put forward someone as their link person, and Cathriona will make sure that you know how the kitchen works and what is expected.

Lots of groups come to mind: there is the Select Vestry, the Women's Craft Group, the choirs, the Soup Lunch Group, the Youth/Confirmation Group, the Tennis Club, Messy Church, Toddlers, the Gathering Grounds, and lots of others besides. If you are not yet part of a group in the parish but would like to be involved in this, let us know and we'll get you linked in.

MEN'S MINISTRY IDEAS

Like many parishes, we have a number of groups that are set aside



Our choir singing at the recent televised service in RTÉ.

specifically for women, but few for men. In May we started to address that by staging a men's night in the Golden Ball pub. Sixteen of us met to chat about what we might do as a parish that would be useful. Lots of ideas were explored, from Men's Breakfasts to Men's Hikes, and even a suggestion of a Men's Beer-Brewing Club. Lots of food for thought as we move forward!

SOUP GROUP AT THE GATHERING GROUNDS

A few months ago we were awarded a small grant to run a regular lunch for seniors. We hope to start this in September 2018 in the new parish centre.

Every Tuesday there will be a soup, bread and cheese lunch for the 'keen-agers' of the parish. This will start at 12:00, but you are welcome to drop in anytime between 12:00 and 1:00 and lunch will be served. For those who might be interested, there will be a short service of Matins or Communion in the church at 11:30am.

On the last Tuesday of the month at 1:00pm, following a soup lunch, there will be input from someone from the community on a point of interest. The working group have been considering a wide range of topics, from issues of historical and cultural interest to faith-based ideas, short musical and performance concerts, and talks on

issues of health and well-being.

More details will follow, but this is something that we are excited about. We hope that it gathers a broad range of people together, from the actively retired to those with more limited mobility.

If you would be interested in helping with this, please contact the organising team of Derek Higgins, Jane Newell, Alasdair Jackson and Sarah Tilson.

CHOIR NEWS

Summer is here, and it means one thing: Choir BBQ! Our Lenten compline services are over, along with another successful Holy Week and Easter, and an incredibly good job done on TV. We now begin to wind down towards our end-of-year party, which is well deserved.

In many ways, this year will be the end of an era. Next September we move into the new Parish Centre. It will offer the choirs and the parish many new, exciting opportunities for expanding music in the locale. What I'm currently most excited about is how it will improve things for our choirs.

Parish Choir

One of the main things that worries people about joining a choir is reading music. Starting on 4 September from 8:00-9:30pm, we begin the Voices for Life programme. It's a well-rounded musical education programme that

teaches you about singing and reading music. It has five levels that can be worked on simultaneously. It is inclusive of complete beginners and of those with a bit more experience. With this our Parish Choir is now primed for accepting new members.

There's one special thank you that the choir and I must make and that is to Geoffrey Willis. Not only does he show up nearly every Sunday to service, but he has kindly hosted the Parish Choir for rehearsals every Tuesday for the last two years while our new centre is being built.

Junior Choir

Our Junior Choir continues to go from strength to strength but now it is time to bid farewell to those moving on to Secondary School. Alastair, Harry, Lucy and Sarah have been exemplary choristers. As they've grown through the choir, they've quietly taken on leadership roles from past choristers. They're always happy to help the younger choristers with their hymnals and support the choir with confidence from the back row. Only Sarah and Alastair have held the Lionel Freeman Medal but all four have unspooned it together this year. Their quiet, steady presence will be missed by everyone in both choirs.

Next September we will return and will be looking for children between 2nd and 6th Class to join us. New opportunities will arise as we move from the school to the new Parish Centre. Every Tuesday at 8:15–8:45am we'll learn about music through the Voices for Life programme, and every Friday at 8:15–8:45am we'll be learning our music for church and other performance opportunities.

New Choral Scholarship scheme

It's time to expand musical opportunities in the parish. This September we will be holding auditions for our first Choral Scholars. Choral scholarships will be awarded to applicants who wish to greatly improve their musical and singing abilities.

Choral Scholars will receive

one-to-one vocal tuition with Kevin weekly, along with Tuesday classes and singing at all Parish Choir Services. Opportunities will be provided for solos, exams, competitions and a short recital at the end of the school year. There will be at least one scholarship per voice part—Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass—and it is open to those of Secondary School age and older. While previous music experience is ideal, it is not mandatory.

This year has been one of anticipation. Along with the whole parish, we have waited with bated breath for the new Parish Centre. I can't wait to get started. If you are at all interested in joining us for the ride, please do get in contact and we'll see you in September.

ALTAR FRONTAL TO REFLECT THE LITURGICAL SEASONS

While we figured out how best to conserve and present the current altar frontal, the Select Vestry commissioned Mary Cuthbert of the Irish Guild of Weavers to design a green altar frontal for use during ordinary time. Ann Walsh and the Rector have been working with Mary to ensure that the design is suitable and consistent with the colours of the Ascension window. The idea is that the frontal would reflect the gifts of growth and nature so present during the season of ordinary time.

The ambition was to have an altar fall that would reveal part of the table. We are blessed with a beautiful altar table. A plaque tucked away under it shows that it was given by Arthur and Violet

Manly on 29 July 1899 to the Glory of God. We will seek to present it in its full glory, a gentle reminder that a table is at the centre of our worship. We would hope to have this completed over the summer.

In due course, we will seek to have altar frontals that reflect the various colours of the liturgical seasons. Of course, like anything new, this will take some time to get used to, but we are confident that it is the right thing to do, in terms both of the conservation of the current altar frontal and of ensuring that we are liturgically appropriate.

EASTER VESTRY

Easter Vestry was held on 17 April in the school hall. The newly elected vestry is as follows: Church Wardens—Una McConville and Irwin Johnston. Glebe Wardens—Bruce Fitzsimons and Christian Kraeft. Ann Walsh stepped down as the Glebe Warden. We offer our thanks to Ann for her service in this important role. Select Vestry—Jonathan Holt (Secretary), Harry Simpson (Treasurer), David Copeland, Billy Tomkins, Jackie Fitzpatrick, Philip McQueston, Carol Barry, Jonathan Pickett, Ann Walsh, David Webb, Fern Jolley, Stephen Newell.

SILVER SURFER AWARD

The Silver Surfer Community Champion Award this year went to a Kiltiernan parishioner, 98-year-old David Rowe (pictured overleaf).

The Silver Surfer awards challenge ageist stereotypes that the internet, social media and new technologies are only for young



Plaque under the altar table donated by Arthur and Violet Manly on 29 July 1899.

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people. They recognise older people using technology not just to improve their own lives but also, in many cases, to assist their neighbours, support their communities and reach out to people who need help.

David uses technology to observe planning applications for An Taisce, and frequently makes comprehensive on-line submissions on the Dún Laoghaire County Development Plan. At 98, David doesn't shy away from using technology to make his voice heard, and often contacts policy-makers with detailed maps and suggestions.

He contributes to the community magazine *Three Rock Panorama*, using his computer to write articles and design covers, and has edited eight books since his retirement. David also uses IT in a number of voluntary organisations.

Well done, David!

KILTERNAN CLASS OF '59



A visit by Joan Donaldson (née Richardson) to celebrate a 'big' birthday resulted in a photo op for three students of the Kilternan class of '59. Ingrid McIlwaine (née

Allison) and William Richardson are the others.

I'm told that the total number of pupils in the school in 1959 was 24, and there were just the three of them in the class.

JOHN KEELEY'S 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

After the church service on 22 April we had a special celebration for John Keeley.

John has been a faithful servant to the parish for many years and keeps the parish grounds immaculate. He is often to be found up a ladder, so a special cake was made that had a ladder with a miniature John on it.



John Keeley with Audrey and grandson.



John's special cake (note the ladder).

TENNIS CLUB

With the better weather, members have been enjoying play—including Monday morning for ladies and Tuesday evening club nights. Currently teams are playing in the men's and ladies' Summer League but finding the going a bit difficult, as both teams were promoted to Class 6 this year. All matches are being played 'away' while building works are ongoing.

An advertisement in the fête brochure offering a discount for new members has attracted a few applications. Enquiries about membership are always welcome! A parent and child event is planned for the afternoon of Sunday 10 June and, with the support of interested parents, junior tennis may get up and running again soon.

Everyone is looking forward to the completion of the parish building works during the summer months!

**Mary White,
Hon. Sec. KPLTC
087 9877377**

PASTORAL CARE

If you would like a pastoral visit at any time, please contact the rector directly, or leave a message with the church office.

FÊTE 2018

This year saw the Fête move to the early date of 28 April 2018. Thankfully, the weather behaved and we had a nice, dry, partially sunny day. It was rather chilly in the shade, however, and a few stall-holders reported cases of frostbite!

Owing to many commitments of both school and parish, it was necessary to move the date and it was early February before the committee settled on 28 April. Once this had been confirmed, we set about the task of contacting all the people previously involved, and we were delighted with the positive response. Many, many thanks to all concerned—your continued support is really appreciated.

The building work was still ongoing for the new Parish Centre, and hence this year we were again located on the school grounds. We



are very lucky to have this alternative location and we thank Principal Gráinne Darlington and her staff for the use of the school grounds.

This year we relocated the Stage, Information Desk, BBQ, Cake Stall, Outdoor Eating and Plant Stall to the front of the school. The remainder of the stalls were located at the back of the school, featuring the 'Climbing Wall'.

The set-up commenced again this year on the Friday night. Craig McWilliams and his band of merry men arrived at 6pm and worked until darkness fell, laying out the various marquees. Karl Reid and family members saw that all electrical requirements were in place. The next morning we hit the ground running and all was ready to go by 11am. A huge thank-you to all on the set-up team.

The Fête was a great success; the atmosphere was just fantastic and everybody enjoyed the day (as the pictures on this page show!), helped along by the music performed by the returning band, 'Three Amigos'.

The Fête is such a great community day—it brings the wider church community together. Whether we are working or participating, we are joining together as one community and sharing the experience together under the watchful eye of the gracious church spire. We are really humbled by the continued support for and success of the Fête; this is due to the endeavours of our great community of both school and parish, and we



offer all of you our heartfelt thanks!

I always find it amazing that as we leave the school grounds at the end of the day it looks like nothing had taken place and all is ready for school on Monday. How much we can accomplish in a day!

A huge thank-you to the wonderful, hard-working, positive and supportive committee of Grainne Darlington, Gretchen Dawson, Revd Rob Clements, Helen Dunne, Arlene Brislane and Annemarie McCleane: the Fête would not be possible without you.

Thank you, one and all, for visiting the Fête and making it such a successful day! To date we have raised €22,511 for the Fête after expenses. This may go up or down slightly, but it is an amazing figure to be shared between parish and school. Well done, everyone!

Until next year, when we meet in our new, fab Parish Centre, many thanks! (More pics on p.11)

Olive Walker, Fête Coordinator 2018

BUILDING UPDATE

As you can see from the photos on the centre pages, we continue to make progress with the centre, and we will see it completed over the summer.

Call for innovators

With the centre opening in September, we are already getting

lots of calls from people looking to use it for various activities.

This is a call for innovators in the parish. We would love to see the centre used by parishioners with interesting and innovative ideas that advance the mission of the parish. These are initiatives that build community, strengthen worship and enable us to grow in service. If you have an idea, please have a chat with the leadership of the church and we will see if we can make it happen!

Naming the centre

There has been endless debate about what to call the new centre. About a year ago we called for suggestions. We received some excellent ones, but most of them had already been used by other centres. Some had concerns about calling it the Kiltiernan Parish Centre, as this might give the impression that it is only for parishioners. Others had concerns about its being the Kiltiernan Community Centre, lest it forget its mission. Few liked the term Kiltiernan Resource Centre.

The community café in the welcome area of the new centre will be known as the Gathering Grounds Café, and we would be very pleased if the centre became known as the Gathering Ground. After all, it will be a gathering ground for all people of the parish and wider community.

For most of us, and for the purposes of formal reporting, it will simply be known as the Kiltiernan Centre.

Grand opening on 23 September

We had originally reported that the opening would be on 2 September. To give a bit more time to plan the event after the summer exodus, and to coincide with the Archbishop's diary, we have decided on the 23rd.

While that is the official opening date, we hope to have groups using the centre from early September.

CONSERVING OUR CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Una MacConville on the preservation and conservation of the Kiltiernan altar frontal

The altar frontal and supra-frontal, created with blue silk and metal threadwork embroidery and decorated with white lilies in silk floss thread, has been enjoyed and appreciated by parishioners of, and visitors to, the Church of Ireland in Kiltiernan over very many years. It may be of late nineteenth- or early twentieth-century origin. Unfortunately, this wonderful heritage artefact is now in a very poor state and needs specialist conservation and repair work.

An initial inspection of the altar frontal and supra-frontal was undertaken last September by Rachel Phelan, a qualified conservator who specialises in textile conservation and repair. Rachel has undertaken work for the National Museum of Ireland and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, among other projects.

Following this inspection, Rachel reported that many sections of the silk have become partially detached or split and are now hanging loose, revealing the cotton canvas underneath. The silk damask is structurally very weak throughout, with the main area of damage being concentrated in the supra-frontal embroidered sections. While some repairs have been undertaken in the past, Rachel recommended that extensive professional conservation and repair be undertaken. The altar frontal has been in use over very many years and much of the damage is naturally due to this long-term use. As a result, it is now also recommended that, when conserved and repaired, the altar frontal should be displayed under protected conditions, where it can still be enjoyed and appreciated by

parishioners and visitors.

The specialist conservation and repair work involved is time-consuming and costly but necessary in order to ensure the survival of this important heritage artefact. An application was made to the Heritage Council under the European Year of Cultural Heritage (EYCH) Heritage Grant Scheme 2018 for some assistance toward the cost of the work involved. We have been successful in this application, with the Heritage Council noting that the project is a ‘worthy reflection on the community spirit and is being well supervised by an accredited conservator’. The Heritage Council awarded €6,000 toward the textile conservation and repair project; this work has now commenced but must be completed by mid-November 2018.

As part of Heritage Week (18–26 August 2018), Rachel Phelan will give a short talk on the conservation and repair work involved. This will take place on 24 August in the Church of Ireland, Kiltiernan. All

are welcome.

The theme of the EYCH 2018 in Ireland is ‘Make a Connection’, with the aim of deepening the connection between people and heritage. As the altar frontal has a long-standing connection with Kiltiernan parish, it would be wonderful to find out more about its origins and how it came to be gifted to the Church of Ireland in Kiltiernan. There appears to be no clear record of who created the altar frontal, although it is thought to have been made by Anglican nuns based in Dublin (Ballsbridge or Sandymount areas) and gifted to the church. It would indeed deepen our connection with our heritage if we knew more about its origins.

HERITAGE EVENT: CONSERVING OUR CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

24 August, 7pm
@ Kiltiernan Church of Ireland,
Kiltiernan, Dublin 18.

All welcome.

Rachel Phelan, historian and textile conservator, will present a short talk on the preservation and conservation work currently being undertaken on the altar frontal—a treasured and much-loved heritage artefact in Kiltiernan.

This project received funding from the Heritage Council in 2018.



The altar frontal as it is today (Photo courtesy of Norman Campion).

If you get the following joke, you have probably been working with the new GDPR regulations. If you didn't, don't be concerned, you are not missing much.

Recruiter: Do you know anyone who has GDPR experience?

Contact: Yes.

Recruiter: Can you send me their details?

Contact: No.

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) took effect across Europe on 25 May 2018. It replaces the existing law on data protection and gives individuals more rights and protection as regards how their personal data are used by organisations.

What are my personal data?

Personal data consist of information about a living person that is capable of identifying them. Personal data include names, addresses, date of birth, PPS/NIN number, email addresses, income and other factors specific to the identity of a person, and on-line identifiers such as an IP address and location data.

What are our responsibilities?

Just like any other charity or organisation, parishes must comply with its requirements. Consistent with the legislation, our goal is to ensure that your personal information is:

- Processed lawfully, fairly and transparently
- Only used for the specific purpose for which we received permission, and for no other purpose
- Adequate, relevant and limited
- Accurate and kept up to date
- Only stored for as long as is necessary
- Kept safe and secure

What have we been doing?

We have been at work making sure that we are doing all we reasonably can to be compliant

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

By Rob Clements

with necessary regulation.

The Parish Administrator, currently Annemarie McCleane, under the guidance of the Select Vestry, will take responsibility for data management in the parish. Annemarie will be trained in Data Protection legislation in June and will be able to answer any data questions you might have, or at least point you in the direction of someone who might be able to.

We will be conducting a review of the personal data that we hold. Churches are peculiar in terms of the data we have, insofar as we have a historic responsibility regarding record-keeping and what might be termed 'public interest'. We will continue to seek guidance from the Representative Church Body on this matter.

We now have a data protection policy which can be downloaded from the website. This outlines good practice in record-keeping and data privacy. The policy will be displayed on the church noticeboard for those who do not wish to access it on-line.

Consent to hold data and to make contact

This is perhaps one of the most challenging areas of the new legislation. Previously the issues were about 'opting out'; now you need to consent to 'opt in'. In other words, we need your explicit consent to hold your information, and to contact you about activities and events in the parish. There are a number of ways in which

consent can be given but, from the parish perspective, consent needs to be provable. A phone call or even a face-to-face chat is no longer adequate; ideally consent needs to be written.

What do we need you to do?

There is a form in the copy of *Kiltiernan Klips* that we need each individual parishioner over the age of sixteen to complete. If for some reason the form is not in your copy of the magazine, it can be downloaded from the website under the title 'New Members Form'.

I know that forms are a nuisance, but this is our responsibility under Data Protection legislation. If we do not have your consent, we do not have your permission to hold your data or to contact you about parish activities.

This is not just for someone new to the parish. In fact, anyone who joined the parish in the last year will already have filled in a form like this. This is mainly for those who have been in the parish for many years or, in some cases, many generations.

We would ask you to please fill in this form and return it to the parish office, to the rector or to one of the church wardens. We will give ourselves time to get this completed, but in due course we will be in a situation where we will have to remove anyone whose consent we do not have from the parish list.

NEW BUILDING PROO



The front of the new centre with impressive glass frontal and folding doors.



The glass passageway linking the old and new parish centres.

GRESS AND FÊTE FUN



Pictured at the school and parish fête. From top right: Sandy Colclough at the Cake Stall, Kerrith Fisher at the children's lucky dip, and Jean Van der Lee at the plant stall.



FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY

CONFIRMATION

We had nine candidates confirmed this year. We wish Lily and Poppy Reid, Brooke Brownell, Alex Gordon, Peter Walker, Harry Corrigan, Aaron Murphy, Matthew Darlington and Evan Fitzsimons God's blessing as they continue their journey in faith.

TODDLER GROUPIES

In a past life (with lots of sleep, tidy hair and manicured nails) I learned about the power of networking. And it turns out that the ability to build connections is a really key skill for a new Mum, too. What better place to do it than at the Parish Toddler Group on Wednesdays at 12 in the school or the rectory?

BB (before babies) I was cynical of such groups. I struggled to see what the benefit would be for a SMTB (super-mum to be) such as myself. I planned to bring my new bundle only to structured classes where I would learn from trained instructors about baby massage and baby swimming and other absolutely key skills and targets for under-ones. BB, I studied every baby book and blog on-line to learn about how to navigate this next chapter in my life, and congratulated myself on how prepared I was for my new arrival.

AB (after babies), I chuckle at how little I knew going into this. I'm really DB (during babies) at the moment. And if you are too, I cannot recommend highly enough the benefits of building a network with other mums and dads at the Toddler Group. It's not so much about what you learn from the other parents as about the splendid realisation that we're all in it together. And a cup of coffee and a good giggle is a great way to navigate the DB adventure (struggle), bright- (bleary-) eyed and bushy- (tatty hair-) tailed.

At the group, you will find great comfort in knowing that you are not on your own as a Dber, and greater comfort still in knowing that nobody has this phase perfectly managed. And when you ditch the books and start to follow your instincts, that is when you reach a stage of blissful baby-led parenting



The nine candidates from Kiltiernan who were confirmed recently.

enlightenment and move on to the AB phase (not there yet—see you next Wednesday!).

Jackie Robinson

The Toddler Group will meet informally over the rectory somewhat erratically, so check with Julie to make sure it's on (087 203 9516). You might also note that when we open the new Kiltiernan Centre in September we hope to run a Play café in the Gathering Grounds at least one morning a week. More information to come later in the summer.—

Julie.

MELLON EDUCATE TEACHING BLITZ 2018

This July, we will be heading to Cape Town, South Africa, with Mellon Educate as part of their teaching blitz. To date, this charity has housed 125,000 local people and built sixteen new schools. We will be working in some of these township schools alongside class teachers, supporting them and sharing the experience and the good practices we are fortunate enough to have in Ireland.

Here is the video from last year's teaching blitz, which gives an idea of what happened and what we are hoping to achieve:

<https://www.melloneducate.com/volunteer/teaching-blitz/>.

We are busy fund-raising for this trip and we would greatly appreciate any donations, no matter how big or small (<https://www.gofundme.com/clara-and-hayley039s-teaching-blitz>). We are also collecting resources for the classrooms, e.g. chalk, dusters, crayons, pencils, erasers,

sharpeners, whiteboard markers etc., and would welcome any additions.

Thank you!

**Clara Richardson
and Hayley Appelbe**

KILTERNAN SCOUTS

After the longest winter in history, our Scouts finally got to spend some time out of doors without hauling hats, coats, gloves, wet trousers and wet suits everywhere they went. April saw us hold our annual group camp at Lough Dan, where all Scouts, from the youngest Beavers to the oldest Rovers, attend. It was lots of fun and the rain mostly stayed away. The kids really enjoyed lighting a fire and toasting marshmallows inside our new tent. The older Scouts also did a great job of teaching the younger Scouts how to build emergency shelters out of forest materials.

With May came a little more sunshine and longer evenings, when most sections tried to have their weekly meetings in the field rather than the hall. Beavers and Cubs worked on their fire-lighting and first aid skills (it's important to do them both together!). The Cubs even had a chance to do some archery, which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

As we approach the end of our scouting year, the focus is on summer camps. Beavers will do a two-night camp in Larch Hill. The Cubs will do a three-night camp also in Larch Hill, with Cubs from all over the country. The Scouts and Venture Scouts will be attending the national Jamboree in County Laois in July.

All in all, it's been a great year; the kids have learned that no weather conditions are too extreme if you have the right gear, and we all gained a greater appreciation for a bit of sunshine when it comes.

SAFEGUARDING TRUST

On 25 May we met with Olive Good for our triennial Safeguarding Trust Audit. I'm pleased to say that we did very well, though, as always, there is room for improvement.

The churches' Safeguarding Trust policy is under review and there are inevitable changes on the way. We expect to find out more about this over the summer and it is likely that there will be some retraining in September.

Church of Ireland churches are also now asked to complete a risk assessment and to adopt a Child Safeguarding Statement to comply with the requirements of Section 11 of the Children First Act 2015. This needs to be done in June, and should include the Rector, Panel Members, representatives of the Select Vestry, leaders from groups in the parish, and some sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds.

Once this meeting has taken place, a Child Safeguarding Statement will be published in the parish.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

What a busy couple of months we have had since I last wrote for the *Klips*, and it is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of another school year.

Sixth Class had a very enjoyable and successful trip to the Donegal Gaeltacht for a week, returning exhausted but in great spirits. The school tour season has really taken off this month. Fifth Class are off to the Irish Military War Museum in Starinagh, Co. Meath, while Third and Fourth Class are looking forward to a trip to the Crystal Maze in County Meath, as well as making a trip around the Dáil and History Museum this month. First and Second Class are looking forward to a trip to Kippure Adventure Centre, and Junior and Senior Infants had a great day out at the farm. Senior Infants

won a trip to Bloom and had a great day there, looking at the gardens and taking part in some crafts and gardening activities.

A sunny 19 May saw eleven children from Second Class make their First Holy Communion in Our Lady of the Wayside church. We were delighted to refresh them and their families back in the school before they went off to the various activities they had planned.

Tuesday 5 June saw not only the return to school after a glorious Bank Holiday weekend but also the return of Mrs Tanya Riordan from her maternity leave. We are delighted to have Tanya back, and we thank Ms Sophie Smyth for all her teaching and for going above and beyond as she covered Tanya's leave.

While June is a busy month, the end of term is now in sight. Term finishes on Friday 29 June, when we will bid a fond farewell to and wish every blessing on our 27 Sixth Class pupils as they embark on their next journey into secondary school; we also wish the same for six pupils from Fifth Class who are leaving for Preps. We look forward to welcoming Sophia Plant back into Sixth Class, in addition to three new children up through the school, after the summer break, and Ms Leigh Morton is preparing for her new class of 23 Junior Infants.

On behalf of the school I would like to wish everyone a safe and fun-filled summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the new school year.

Gráinne Darlington

FOREST KIDS

Forest Kids, founded by Heather Burnett Niland, has started in Glencullen Adventure Park (GAP), Ballybrack Road, Glencullen. Children aged 7–12 join us for adventures in the meadows and the forest.

We aim to provide a fun, safe and educational outdoor adventure. We place a strong emphasis on learning through play. Children need the opportunity to run, climb, jump and learn through exploring their environment.

We plan, risk-assess and negotiate group and individual experience. We talk through ideas and put them into practice, whether it be building a swing or sharing information on how best to cross a stream—helping each other and building new relationships.

The Forest Kids leaders have years of childcare experience and qualifications. They are trained in First Aid, Garda-vetted and Tusla-compliant. (But most of all FUN!)

If you would like more information on our weekly adventures or to book a party, check out our website: www.forestkidsfun.net.

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC BY MESSY CHURCH

Thanks again to all who helped with the Pentecost Messy Church. Great fun, as always!

Once we move into the new centre we will be seeking to run a Messy Church once a month. Messy Church will become a regular part of our church's pattern of worship.



COMMUNITY AND WIDER CHURCH

REFLECTIONS ON THE REFERENDUM

Considering the overwhelming 'yes' vote in the referendum on the Eighth Amendment, we might be left wondering how we are meant to react.

For those who voted 'yes', not vitriolically or uncritically but out of a genuine concern that the Constitution might be too blunt an instrument to deal with such a complicated issue, there will be some satisfaction.

For those who voted 'no', not out of punitive, controlling or uncompassionate reasons but out of genuine concerns that the unborn are the most vulnerable, there will be fear about what legislation is to come.

What is clear is that we are where we are, and we need to find some common ground to move forward. That isn't just for the good of the mother or the unborn child but also for the good of the church, which yet again seems to be struggling with social legitimacy in a changing Ireland.

Whether we voted 'yes' or 'no', we can likely all agree that a termination is always a sad thing. As has been said, being pro-choice is not the same as being pro-abortion. As a church, we should be proactive in working towards public policy that actively seeks to reduce the number of crisis pregnancies and resist the social circumstances whereby a woman feels that she has no option but to terminate a pregnancy. We need to see a better resourcing of support services for young mothers; we need to be at the forefront of a debate about sexual habits in the modern world and better access to birth control; we need to actively seek incentives for workplaces and colleges to support working families; we need to see more affordable creche systems; and we need to see improvements in mental health services.

Arguably that is a more dynamic approach to a complex issue, and one that might offer a common voice for the protection of all.

CLIMATE CHANGE SEMINAR

'We are the last generation that can tackle climate change—we need a theological and ethical approach.'

This was the core message from the Church and Society Commission climate change seminar in Dublin. Hosted by Archbishop Michael Jackson and Archdeacon Andrew Orr, Chair of Eco-Congregation Ireland, the sold-out seminar took place in Trinity College's Science Gallery in Dublin.

Among the faith communities and organisations represented at the event were the Church of Ireland, the Roman Catholic Church, the Islamic Cultural Centre, the Methodist Church (including the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, the Revd Dr Laurence Graham), Bishops' Appeal, the Irish Council of Churches, Christian Aid and Dublin City Interfaith Forum.

During the morning, Professor John Sweeney, Emeritus Professor of Geography at Maynooth University, talked participants through the science of climate change; Dr Lorna Gold of Trócaire highlighted the importance of joining the dots on climate justice; and Dr Cathriona Russell, Dungannon and Beresford Assistant Professor in Theology at TCD, looked at theology and environmental ethics in a changing climate.

The Church of Ireland has sought to take climate change seriously. To quote the archbishop, 'Climate change awareness ties in directly with the call to the avoidance and the eradication of selfishness; with the call to more equitable distribution; with the recognition that Western-style consumer choice is not sustainable in the havoc it plays with ecosystems and human survival in the places of origin of the raw materials of the consumerism and the energy we long ago claimed as an entitlement'.

Professor Sweeney pointed out that Ireland is the third-worst producer of greenhouse gases in the EU, producing 160,000 tonnes

every day. Ireland, he pointed out, is emitting more greenhouse gases than 400 million of the poorest people in the world.

Dr Lorna Gold underlined the priority of change: 'We are heading in the wrong direction. After twenty years of climate change agreements, that emissions trajectory is still heading upwards, and as time passes the steepness of the descent becomes almost impossible.'

She continued, 'As citizens, what are we demanding of our governments in terms of climate change? What are the new forms of citizenship we need to be advocating for? We are citizens of Ireland but climate change demands that we become citizens of Earth,' she stated.

Dr Gold suggested that people of faith could respond in a number of ways. First, we could enable safe spaces for deep conversations around climate change; second, we should practise what we preach and be the change that we want to see; and finally, we should preach what we practise by spreading the word. As Dr Russel observed, this is a theological issue for anyone who dares to speak of stewardship and justice.

As a parish, we should consider how we move forward in this area. Many of the facets of our new hall are mindful of environmental impact, but we need to do more. Might we wish to consider being an Eco Congregation? Is there the desire to change some of our more convenient practices? Is there a passionate core in the parish who might be willing to hold the parish to account?

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families on 21–26 August 2018, guided by the theme 'The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World'.

Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect

upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. The event has at its heart the following key moments:

- 21 August: a National Opening which will take place simultaneously in all the different dioceses of Ireland.
- 22–24 August: a three-day Congress. Each day will reflect on the theme ‘The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World’. The Congress will also include daily celebration of the Eucharist, prayerful activities, exhibitions, cultural events and musical performances.
- Saturday 25 August: a Festival of Families, comprising a reflective concert-style event within a prayerful and joyful atmosphere, in which personal stories of faith will be shared by families from all continents.
- Sunday 26 August: WMOF2018 will close with a solemn Eucharistic Celebration that will gather thousands of people from Ireland and from all over the world.

The main events will take place in the Royal Dublin Society (RDS), a large conference venue, in Croke Park Stadium and in the Phoenix Park, as well as in other venues in and around the city. It is also anticipated that related events, including the hosting of international groups, will take place all over the island of Ireland. All official events will be ticketed.

ZIMBABWE'S FORGOTTEN CHILDREN

On 3 June I will be running the women's mini-marathon in aid of the charity Zimbabwe's Forgotten Children. Many of my friends and family are shocked, because I don't usually enjoy any form of physical exercise, so Sunday is going to be an interesting day.

I first became aware of the charity in 2014, when I watched a documentary of the same name. It followed the lives of Tino, Obert

and Grace, whose lives were turned upside down by the effects of HIV and poverty.

What struck a chord with me was that while watching the documentary my dad looked at me and told me: ‘This could be your life; this could be your reality and fate. It is by luck and the grace of God that you are able to live in Ireland and have all these opportunities.’ I had never really thought about it in that way; to be honest, I think I was too caught up in my own life and issues.

In 2016 I took a trip to Zimbabwe to visit the SOS village. I had a particular encounter with a young orphaned girl named Bongzi. She asked me where I had come from, and I told her that I came from Ireland.

‘Is that where the white people live?’ she asked.

‘Yes,’ I answered.

She then asked me how come the white people live in nice houses and clean streets and the black people live in poverty?

I wasn't really expecting her response and, quite honestly, I was taken aback. I didn't have an answer for Bongzi. It surprised me that at six years old she had a solid understanding of the inequalities of the world. I still don't have an answer, but I believe that change, whether small or big, is effective.

Being from Zimbabwe, which has seen a lot of destruction in the last twenty years, my family and I hope that the recent change in government will see radical change in the country. This particular Martin Luther King quote really resonated

with me, as I feel that it represents the country's philosophy and motto of moving forward, no matter the circumstances, good or bad:

‘If you can't fly, then run; if you can't run, then walk; if you can't walk, then crawl; but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward’.

I just want to say a big thank-you to all the people who donated to the charity; the large sum of €571 was raised, which will be used to send many children to school.

Benita Murinda

THANK YOU FROM THE ALICE LEAHY TRUST

The Alice Leahy Trust extends a big thank-you to Kiltiernan Parish for toiletries and clothes received in May.

Demand for the services of the Alice Leahy Trust remains very high, with an average of 250 showers per month. All donations of unused toiletries for men and women are very welcome. A box for donations is located at the back of the church.

Clothes for men and women and sleeping bags are also welcome. Arrangements can be made for collection: tel. Una MacConville (086 8175530).

Toiletries can include shower gel, hair products (shampoo, conditioner and hair gel), perfume/after-shave, deodorants (only aerosols, as roll-on deodorants can only be used once), shaving cream/gel, disposable razors, sanitary products, hair brushes and combs.



Two of Zimbabwe's 'Forgotten Children'.

THE GATHERING GROUNDS CAFÉ: COMMUNITY, BELONGING, GROWTH AND HEALING

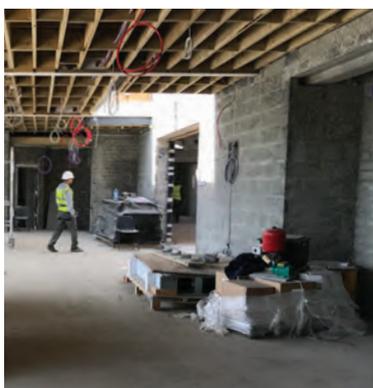
By Julie Clements

It is with great excitement that I get to introduce the Gathering Grounds Café, opening in September 2018. The Gathering Grounds will be located inside the beautiful new, long-awaited Kilternan Centre. In the fast-paced world we have all come to know, I am ever mindful of the need for community, belonging, growth and healing. At the Gathering Grounds, this is just what you'll find. Over good-quality coffee, espresso and tea, you will find a comfortable space and a friendly face.

The Gathering Grounds will be an honesty café, where the amount you give is up to you. It will be open to the public on Monday to Friday from 8am to 3pm, and will be run by a team of volunteers happy to serve each person who walks through the door. While this may look and feel like other attractive cafés you have been to, in reality it will be a far deeper system of support for anyone who wants it. We hope to bring joy to your day and make strangers feel at home. Everyone has a story to tell and deserves to be heard. I hope that everyone finds a listening ear and nourishment for their soul.

As the name suggests, the Gathering Grounds is designed on the principle of gathering; we live better when we are connected. Intentional gatherings will be run at

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Preparing the space for us to gather.

the Gathering Grounds, such as Play Cafés for toddlers and their carers, senior lunch clubs, mindful Mondays, arts events, support groups, special interest groups, etc. These intentional gatherings will happen regularly, but the café is always open to anyone who would like to come in



for a quiet cuppa as well.

I recently watched *A Plastic Ocean* with my daughter Sophia over a few nights in the precious few minutes between her brothers' bedtimes and hers, and I feel deeply burdened by the way we treat this Earth. I promised myself that I would do all I could to promote and encourage positive environmental and health choices through the café. The café will do its best to demonstrate and promote environmentally sustainable practices.

The volunteers . . . Who will make up the team of volunteers at the Gathering Grounds, you might ask? It could be you, your parent or your neighbour! Volunteers don't need to be connected with this parish, so pass the word on if you know someone who would like to get involved. If you are not sure whether you want to volunteer, ask yourself these questions. Do you enjoy people? Do you have a desire to serve the general public? Do you want to be a force for good in our community? Volunteering is a highly beneficial act, both for those who receive from the experience and for the volunteer who is giving. The more we give, the happier we feel. Volunteering can have numerous positive outcomes, such as reducing stress, meeting new people, learning and practising new skills, increasing your self-confidence, experiencing a challenge and giving back to the community! If any of this sounds exciting to you and you have a minimum of four hours a month to give, please get in touch!

Julie Clements, 0872039516, julieclements04@hotmail.com

CRANMER'S CORNER



LECTIONARY RAMBLINGS

We normally have a look at a passage of scripture during the lectionary rambling, but in this edition I thought I might take a step back and explain what we mean by 'lectionary' for those unfamiliar with 'churchy' language.

So, what is a lectionary? A lectionary is a list of scripture readings assigned to be read on a particular day. The tradition of a lectionary has roots in the Jewish worship of long ago and was continued by the early Christians. Not all Christians use the same lectionary, but most Anglican, Lutheran, Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist and other Christian churches around the world use the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle beginning in Advent. Each year the Gospel of Matthew, Mark or Luke is read primarily, with the Gospel of John interspersed throughout all three years. So, if a person worshipped every Sunday for three years, he or

she would hear the majority of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The lectionary is an important part of our church life. It protects against the temptation of clergy to preach only their favourite biblical passage, hence avoiding the meatier or more problematic aspects of the Bible.

It also reminds us of the importance of the Bible in our Christian life. As Christians it is important that we ground ourselves in the reading of the Bible. I was in a church recently with pews full of prayer-books but we couldn't find a Bible anywhere! This is not a great sign.

My encouragement to you is that you find a way of making Bible-reading part of your daily life. There are easy ways to do so. The most obvious is to take the Bible off the shelf. But there are also great Bible-reading notes, and wonderful apps available for those who would like to be able to read the Bible on their phones. If you would like any information on how to access these, have a chat with the rector.

MORNING PRAYER

Liturgy is always evolving. I was struck by this at General Synod, where the Church has brought the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) into the smartphone era by launching its Daily Worship app. The app is an initiative from the Church's Central Communications Board in close co-operation with the Church's Liturgical Advisory Committee. Daily Worship can now be purchased for €1.09 and downloaded from the App Store and Google Play for use on Apple iOS and Android devices.

One of the significant Bills set before Synod was for the inclusion of a new order of Morning and Evening Prayer for use in Sunday worship.

Morning Prayer, also known as Matins, has been a mainstay of worship in the Church of Ireland for years. In Kiltarnan, it's the service we use on the first Sunday of the month, and many people

have great affection for its familiarity.

In its classic form, Morning Prayer is essentially unchanged from Cranmer's Second Prayer Book of Edward VI, published in 1552. In morning and evening prayer, Cranmer synthesised eight monastic services into two: morning prayer and evening prayer. In particular, Morning Prayer draws on the ancient offices of Matins, Lauds and Prime, which were prayed by the Benedictine monks.

It is worth noting that in its ancient form it was daily prayer, not prayer for Sunday worship. The major Reformers intended for the Church to continue in weekly celebration of the Eucharist as it had since the apostles' days. Within a few generations, however, continued concern about Eucharistic superstitions ousted weekly Holy Communion, and Morning Prayer became the norm. One of the great advantages of Morning Prayer was that, unlike Holy Communion, it did not need to be led by a priest.

The Liturgical Advisory Committee became aware of widespread feeling in the Church that Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer in their traditional forms, designed to be daily offices, do not always make for meaningful Sunday worship. As a result, there will be a new service of Morning and Evening Prayer commissioned for use on Sunday. Bishop Harold Millar said that a new edition of the BCP would have a dark blue cover and the pagination will remain the same, as Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sunday will be incorporated in it at the end. Don't be concerned, though, that we will have to pulp our old versions of the green BCP. The new services will be available as a supplemental booklet or as an on-line resource.

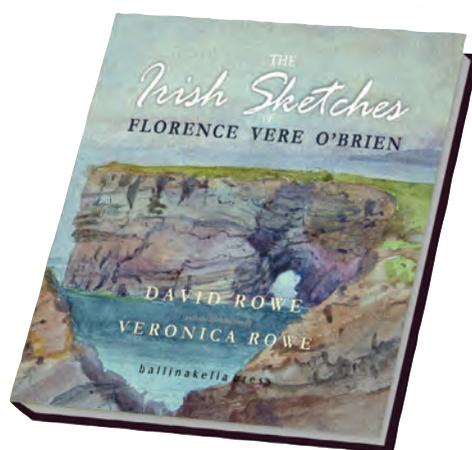
We look forward to seeing the new version and incorporating it into our pattern of worship.

REVIEW

THE IRISH SKETCHES OF FLORENCE VERE O'BRIEN

EDITED BY DAVID ROWE,
WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY
VERONICA ROWE

Rob Clements



It is my privilege to be able to recommend a beautifully written and illustrated book by parishioners David and Veronica Rowe.

The book is a narration of sketches by Florence Vere O'Brien, dated between 1880 and 1915.

Nearly 50 years ago, Veronica Rowe and Elinor Wiltshire decided to gift Trinity College with their inherited papers of their grandparents, Robin and Florence Vere O'Brien. These included their correspondence with leading political and societal figures in Ireland and England from the late nineteenth century to the first three decades of the twentieth century.

One storage box, however, was left untouched and was only recently discovered. There they found these sketches, more than a thousand of them, which provide the material for this book.

Florence, an active diarist, philanthropist and craftswoman, was born in 1854 and married Robert Vere O'Brien, a barrister and a member of the Inchiquin family of County Clare. She was a woman of quite exceptional abilities and a talented artist, as well as a designer for embroidery and lace—she founded the Limerick Lace School and the Clare Embroidery school.

Throughout her life Florence had used her skills, much as we would use a camera today, to record the places she visited. She had travelled much, with her adoptive parents, throughout Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Germany and Russia,

and eventually to Ireland.

The book works on a number of levels. Firstly, it is a beautiful book to flick through. The images are vibrant watercolours, including delightful scenes from County Clare and its surrounding areas. There are delightful paintings of Ballyalla, Kilkee, Foynes Island and Monare.

But it is much more than just a book to look good on a coffee table. It is a book rich in local history and vibrant with the spirit of a beloved Ireland. The sketches are matched with the related entries in her journals, and therefore have a wonderfully personal feel. I laughed out loud as I read, 'On July 3rd I became 26, twenty-six, XXVI. I am now, really and decidedly, becoming middle aged.'

For those who might like to read it themselves, the book is available to purchase at <https://www.ballinakellapress.com/> and at <http://www.books.ie>.

If you have read a book, recently published, that you think will be of interest to the readers of *Kilternan Klips*, please feel free to write a review. These should be up to 500 words in length. Please include the full title, the author's name as it appears on the cover and the publisher. If you can, please supply a photograph or scan of the cover; otherwise contact the editors.

TIME OUT

It was Thursday 17 May 2018. Awake at 4:45, I arose and switched off my alarm, which was set for 5am.

Through the double-glazed windows, the dawn chorus could be faintly heard. After ablutions etc. I went downstairs and prepared to leave the house. Closing the door at 5:45, I set off in the sunshine for the Luas. Along the road I sent a text to my friend: 'On my way'. Shortly after, he responded: 'Me too'. Around 6:00 the tram came, and no. 5002 took me to the O'Connell Street GPO stop. I just missed a tram for Heuston Station but boarded another about ten to fifteen minutes later.

Arriving shortly after 7am, I met my friend, who had been on the tram I'd missed. At 7:25 the platform number was shown, and we went aboard our train and got seats in carriage C. At 7:35 the diesel train moved out and we settled down for our journey.

At Tullamore an elderly couple joined us, and we struck up a conversation with them. They were going to Galway.

At Athlone we had to change trains. After Athlone there was much bogland and many rushy fields, but occasionally mountains could be seen in the distance.

At Manulla junction we had to change trains again to go northward, while the one we left continued westward to Westport.

As we passed to the east of Lough Conn, I said to my friend, 'I think there's a Nephin mountain not far away'. He replied, 'You shouldn't speak like that'.

Within fifteen minutes we arrived at our destination, Ballina. The station is only ten to fifteen minutes' walk from the town centre. We walked excitedly in the sunshine towards it, but turned right for the River Moy and soon it was in sight. A lovely stretch of water, and apparently tidal up to the town.

A new bridge spanned the

river just above a natural weir and pneumatically operated grill gates were in place beside it. We stood on the bridge and savoured the scene. It was about 11:20am. There were three or four fishermen fishing, and several were preparing to do so. We saw a salmon played out and netted. The famous ridge pool lay before us, with two bridges beyond. Some fishermen fished from the bank and some were in the river. It was pleasant meandering down along the riverside, observing the water and activity. One fisherman said that two fish had been taken today and that the fishing was good generally.

We ambled across the Upper Bridge and up into the town along Tolan Street and then right into Pearse Street. Near the end of the street we acquired a town map in the tourist office and a leaflet on the Jackie Clarke Museum opposite. It was a lovely office, well lit and laid out, and the staff were helpful.

We had lunch nearby in Lowe's and later visited the Museum. The receptionist here was very courteous and advised



The new bridge at Ballina.

watching an audio-visual first. This we did, and she then led us to the first of many rooms on a self-guided tour. The tour was very impressive, and we very much enjoyed our visit.

We strolled about the town, window shopping, and bought some food in a bakery. It was good to make an acquaintance with the town, see the famous salmon water

and experience some of the other delights there.

We wended our way slowly back to the station in plenty of time to board the train at 6:05 for the homeward journey, arriving at Heuston Station at 9:30pm before the light had gone from the sky. We were both home before 11pm. It had been one pleasant day.

William D



**DAFFODIL DAY COFFEE MORNING
March 2018**

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

To all who supported our coffee morning and for your very generous donations!

A fine sum of €1,635 was raised for the Irish Cancer Society.

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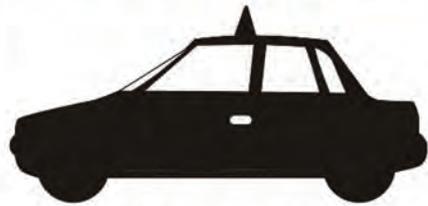
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