

Kiltarnan Klips

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FROM THE RECTOR'S PEN:

Settling in and First Priorities

Moving to a new place is always a challenge. In the last month we have had a shopping list of things we have had to change, home, school, vehicle registrations, banks, tax details, insurance, etc. Some of those changes have been relatively straight forward, other have been trickier to navigate. The reality is that change is usually hard.

We are very thankful for the support we have had from everyone in the parish as we have started to make Kiltarnan our home. We have been very graciously received.

One of my first sermons here talked about change. I noted the great uproar on social media about the proposed changes to Cadbury's Roses. You may have read in the Irish Times that Cadbury has unveiled a revamp of



Roses chocolates that alters the shape of two favourites and does away with twist wraps. The coffee escape has been re-designed with smooth contours to ensure it *"melts in the mouth easily and results in a longer moment of joy"*. The crescent-shaped hazel in caramel in its famous purple wrapper has been given a new shape and switched to a tear off wrapper. This has caused anarchy in certain corners of the online community. It's the *'Crème egg nightmare all over again'* one critic responded. Familiarity is comforting, association is consoling, change disturbs us.

We are very aware of the changes that are happening all around us. Irish culture has become increasingly secular and the church has struggled to find its voice and place in a changing society. Many of a younger generation have given up on the church and for many there is a painful sense of disorientation and decline.

A church that seeks to look to the future has to do so with confidence and humility. I've reflected on what my first priorities might be in Kiltarnan Parish. Of course the first priority is to get to know people, for me to know you, and for you to know me. I've met many of you, and I have many more to meet. Please continue to make yourself know to me, and even if you have said hello before, please do so again as I have a lot of names and faces to remember.

But there are other priorities that seem pressing. On the Kiltarnan parish website, there is a line about moving from a position of *'maintenance'* to one of *'mission'*. This has to be our priority as a parish. We need to be driven by questions such as: -

- How can we engage with families in the parish and school?
- How do we reach out to the people moving into the area?
- How do we re-establish contact with those who have lost a bit of faith in us?
- How do we connect with young adults and young people?
- How can we use our facilities (mindful of our hall project) to make a difference in our community?
- What does it mean for us to grow in community, in worship and in service?

These are not easy questions and their answers may be demanding, but who ever said that the path of faith was an easy one.

In all of that of course we need to be listening to the voice of God. Where might God be leading us? Where might God be leading you as you seek to live out your Christian faith in the world? Change isn't easy, but God is with us. Thanks be to God.

Rev Rob Clements and family



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PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

Sunday 8th May 2016

Daniel Alan Evans, son of Gareth Evans and Louise Tolerton



"May God establish, strengthen and settle each one of these little ones in the Christian faith". BCP 2004 p.376.



Would you like to join the team of volunteers who, on a rota basis, clean the Church every week?

People are very co-operative and kind when they are approached about 'volunteering', to assist with the Church Cleaning. As a consequence, it is seldom that an individual or a family is called on more than once in a year.

It is always very helpful when parishioners go out of their way to volunteer their time and can say 'yes'.



Their willingness and their support is greatly to be valued as this is the sort of work which we all take for granted, and would miss only if it didn't happen. Thank you to all who have assisted in 2016 to date and if you haven't had the opportunity to be part of the team so far this year, please lift the phone and volunteer.

NEW ORGANISER – Nicki Cox has very kindly offered to take over from Patricia Clements as the co-ordinator for the Church Cleaning Rota.

CONTACT DETAILS - Nicki Cox

email: nickic@live.ie; phone: 087 686 8693

Alternatively speak to the churchwardens or to the Rector

Thanks!



COFFEE AFTER CHURCH ROTA

On the first and third Sundays of the month volunteers, on a rota basis, provide coffee and tea (and eats) after the service on Sunday morning. This is the sort of work which we all take for granted, and would miss only if it didn't happen.

NEW ORGANISER - Cathriona Fitzsimons has very kindly offered to take over from Ann to organise the Coffee After Church Rota. Please do not be shy at contacting Cathriona to ask how you can help; you do not have to wait until she contacts you.

CONTACT DETAILS - Cathriona Fitzsimons

Phone: 085 7181188

Thanks!

10.30AM SERVICES JULY-AUGUST

3rd July: All Age—Little things make a big difference!

10th July: Holy Communion

17th July: Morning Prayer

24th July: Service of the Word

31st July: Iona Holy Communion with baptism—The story we tell our soul?

7th August: Morning Prayer—What does the Lord require of us?

14th August: Holy Communion—Is our faith subversive enough?

21st August: All Age— But I'm only a child?

28th August: Iona Holy Communion Hospitality—Gift or Debt?

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Evening Services during Holy Week were well received despite no Rector in residence. Many thanks to all who helped organise this special week in the church's calendar but especially Rev Canon Fred Appelbe. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers by our flower arrangers and also our parish organisations who filled each church windows with Easter displays. A special thank you to Kevin and our wonderful Junior and Senior choirs who sang splendidly.

On Holy Tuesday we held an Ecumenical Healing Service where we were joined by our local Roman Catholic congregations and Rathmichael parish for an evening service conducted by the Church's Ministry of Healing Team. This team included :- Iva Beranek, Ministry Facilitator with the Ministry of Healing Ireland, Carol Casey, Ministry of Healing Secretary for the Diocese of Dublin & Glendalough, Ernest Mackey, Jeanne Slater, Gillian Keogh and our own Lily Byrne who formulated

the liturgy and drew it all together. She also conducted the service. The eighty people present could not but be moved by our wonderful Choir whose singing enhanced the evening.

Maundy Thursday: We joined Rathmichael parish for an evening service in which Sandra Ganly's, St. Cecilia Singers moved our souls to openness with a short but deeply poignant '*Sacred Drama*' in which Mary (Caroline Senior) and her son Jesus (John Bolton) both begged God the Father to take this cup from them.

The Easter Sunrise Ecumenical Service at the Lead Mines Chimney was attended by twenty people. Despite a very bad storm during the night the sun made an appearance for the service. It was a lovely occasion as we gathered to welcome the dawn and to celebrate the resurrection hope of the Resurrection



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INSTITUTION OF OUR NEW RECTOR

There was an air of expectation in Kiltiernan Parish Church as parishioners, family, friends and well wishers gathered to give a warm welcome to the new Rector. **The Revd Rob Clements** was instituted by Archbishop Michael Jackson and the preacher, the Revd Gillian Wharton, gave voice to the expectations held by all parties in her sermon. The parish church and hall were filled to capacity as the beginning of a new ministry was celebrated.

Rob came to the parish from Enniskillen where he served as Curate Assistant in St Macartin's Cathedral for over three years. Previously he served as Deacon Intern in Rathfarnham Parish. He succeeds Canon David Moyonan who moved to New Zealand last September. A native of Belfast, he worked in the social sector before being ordained; in Dublin in drug and alcohol services, in Seattle as director of an adult education focused non-profit and in Belfast as a youth and community worker. He is married to Julie and the couple have three children Sophia, Gideon and Micah.

The institution was an opportunity for great celebration and joy for Rob and Julie, the parish and the parochial nominators, Mrs Wharton said. She added that everyone gathered with expectations about how

the new Rector would relate to them while Rob would also have expectations of his new parishioners.

Referred to the readings [Acts 9: 1–20, Revelation 5: 11–14, St John 21: 1–9) she wondered what expectations Jesus had of his disciples. She wondered what Simon Peter felt, having denied Jesus three times, when Jesus reappeared to the disciples. *"You could expect that Jesus would say 'I told you that you would let me down' but Jesus still saw the possibility in Peter - Peter made mistakes but Jesus knew that the underlying bedrock was that Peter loved him and would be able to fulfil his potential and live up to his expectations,"* she explained.

The preacher outlined Rob's many qualities which include empathy, an ability to get alongside people, making them feel cherished and valued and working hard to make people feel included. She said that Rob brought potential, a wealth of experience and a life enriched by the love he and Julie share and their family. In his ministry in Kiltiernan, she explained, Rob needed to grow in his love of God and in his faith. He needed to experience that love in his parishioners. *"As Rob grows in his love of God, he will grow in his ministry amongst you,"* she concluded.



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At a reception in the school hall after the service, Caroline Kennedy, welcomed Rob to the parish on behalf of the parishioners. She thanked all who had helped to keep the parish going during the vacancy and all who had helped in the preparations for the arrival of Rob and his family. She praised the parochial nominators on a job well done and hoped that the parishioners.

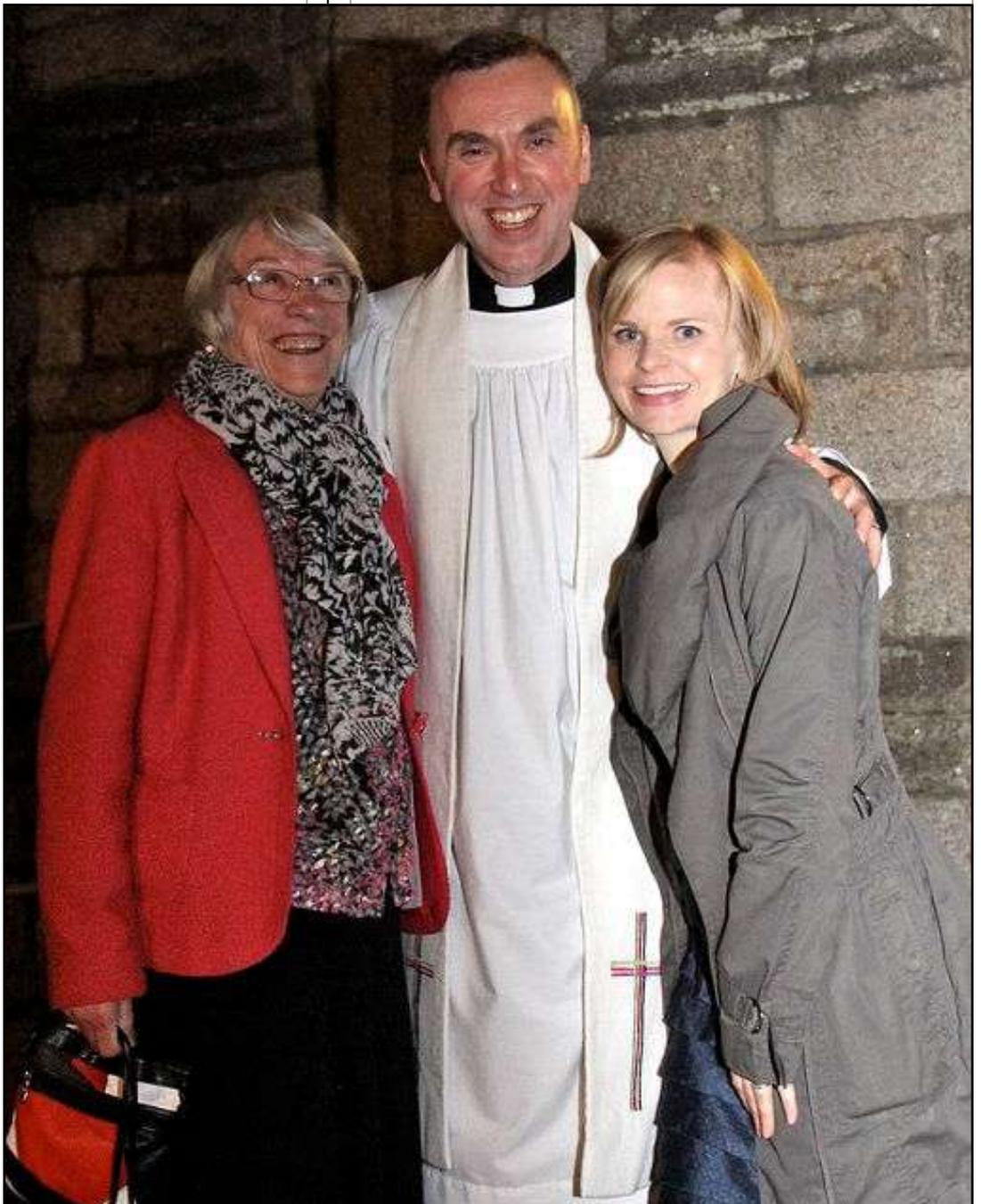
On behalf of the nearby Ballaly Parish, Fr Dermot Lane PP brought warm greetings from the Catholic community. He said Rob was arriving at an exciting time when ecumenical relationships in the area were strong.

Bringing good wishes from Enniskillen, Sam Morrow said that Rob came to Kiltarnan with an excellent reputation. He and Julie had made a big impact during their three years and eight months there, he said adding that Rob was always inspiring, great at making connections and his sermons were not too long.

Rob acknowledged that there were two groups of people in attendance – a large contingent from Enniskillen who had been a large part of him and his family's lives and the group from Kiltarnan who would become a large part of their lives in the days, weeks and months ahead. He acknowledged the wonderful legacy that had gone before him and said that over the next while he might get things wrong but it was in a spirit of generosity and in doing his best for the community that this might happen. He urged everyone who had worked so hard for the parish to continue doing what they were doing so that they as a community could continue to grow in faith and service.

"I'm excited about the days ahead and the journey we will take together in Christ," he said.

Archbishop Jackson drew the speeches to a close by predicting that there were a lot of good times ahead for the parish and saying that Rob would find himself among friends there as he had in Enniskillen. He welcomed Rob back to the dioceses where he had served as a deacon, with increased responsibility and an enlarged family. His article was extracted from the Dublin and Glendalough website <http://dublin.anglican.org/news/2016/04/The-RevD-Rob-Clements-Starts-New-Journey-WithParishioners-of-Kiltarnan>



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ALL AGE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

On May the 29th we added a new service to our repertoire of services with our first all age Holy Communion service.

The Lords table is the table around which that family of God gathers. After our service many of us will go home and gather around a table in our own homes and eat the Sunday roast or whatever our tradition might be. Many of us have memories of the table of our childhood, the table around which we all gathered, young and old. It is a shame that when we gather around the churches table the children are often shunted to the side. While we recognize that we have a tradition of children not receiving the elements until confirmation, it is important that they are still included in the great drama of the table.

To ensure that they are included we have introduced an all age Holy Communion service. The service unashamedly borrows Simon Rundel's Nursery Rhyme Mass from Creative Ideas for Sacramental Wor-



ship with Children. Here the service is rewritten and set to nursery rhyme tunes well-known and understood by children. It is intended to make All-Age worship sacramental and encourage the participation of the whole family in the sacrament of salvation in a profound yet

fun way. There is an example below which is set to the tune of 'Here we go round the Mulberry Bush'

GATHERING SONG

**We gather round in this holy space
Holy Space, filled with grace
We gather round in this holy space
To do what Jesus taught us
We hear the stories of our King
Eternal life, for us he'll win
We share his meal and pray with him
And do what Jesus taught us.**

This is a lovely family occasion and we hope to do it more often. The children are invited to receive a grape when the adults receive the bread and wine.

CONFIRMATION



On a beautiful Mothering Sunday 6th March 2016 The Archbishop of Dublin, The Most Rt. Rev. Michael Jackson presided at a Confirmation Service in Christ Church, Bray. Six Kiltarnan candidates joined with Rathmichael and Bray parishes to celebrate their Confirmation. **Congratulations to Sophie Moutray, Charlotte Slowe, Evan Pigott, Maisie Reid, Sophie Lynam and Laurie Mc Philemy.** Please keep these young people in your prayers as they now take further steps along their Christian road.

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THE KILTERNAN PARISH FLOWER & CHANCEL GUILD IS LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP—FLOWER ARRANGERS NEEDED

Would you be able to do a flower arrangement to sit in the alcoves behind the Holy Table once or maybe twice a year? You don't have to have done any flower arranging courses or be naturally brilliant at it – a simple bunch of flowers in two vases all it takes. If you are interested, please contact the under signed to find out more.



Fern Jolley

Email: fern.jolley@gmail.com Tel: 087 623 9447



Gardening Club

The summer activities of the club have already included visits to Tyrrelstown House in Mulhuddart and to the Trinity Botanic garden in Dartry. The annual day-out on Saturday June 18th was to gardens in West Wicklow.

On Friday July 22nd, the club will pay a visit to Aras an Uachtarain and will end the summer activities with a visit to Reverend Canon Trevor Stevenson's garden, Brides Glen Road.

The indoor meetings will commence again at the end of September and will be held in Rosemont School, near Lamb's Cross.

Further information about the club can be obtained from Trevor Storey, 087 237 7583.



Tuesday Club

Our June outing was to Lismore Co. Waterford by coach. Due to a driving error it was 2.30p.m. when we reached Hotel Lismore instead of 12.30p.m. This was due in part to a comfort stop at Portlaoise including coffee.

By the time we dined and settled our accounts we had just time to visit the Heritage centre, get a run down on the history of Lismore and see an audio visual with Niall Toibin narrating.

We learned that the first church was established here circa 636ad and by the 10th century it was a great seat of learning. There was no time to visit Lismore Castle Gardens but we did fit in a short visit to St. Carthage C of I Cathedral before leaving for Dublin at 5pm via Dungarvan and Waterford. There was very heavy rain 7 to 7.30 or so and we were back in Kiltiernan at 8.15 p.m.

No plans have as yet been formulated re outings for July or August

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St Carthage C O I Cathedral Lismore

Lismore is a great centre of learning since the 1600's. Incidentally David Muir a previous Rector here in Kiltiernan received his education in Lismore



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MEMBERS OF THE CLUB PICTURED OUTSIDE
THE HERITAGE CENTRE IN LISMORE



SCRABBLE AT GLEBE HOUSE

Over 8 years ago, soon after the first residents moved in, the parish Mothers' Union branch was asked to set up a weekly rota to play Scrabble at Glebe House. The much-appreciated weekly sessions continue with a small group of volunteers from the parish and wider community.

To maintain the rota new volunteers would be welcome. If you, or someone you know, have a couple of hours free some Monday or Tuesday afternoons and would like to help out, please make contact initially with Mary at 087 987 7377.

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KILTERNAN PARISH LTC

Tennis club members welcome the Rev. Rob Clements as Club President and hope that he and his family will take an active part in club activities in due course! Members were also pleased that clergy made use of their little pavilion to change into their “whites” in readiness for the rector’s institution last month.

Recent activity on the tennis courts has been the laying of new “carpet”, replacing what’s been there since 2002. This should give an enhanced playing surface for years to come.

Sadly the afore-mentioned pavilion is due to be removed to make way for the long-awaited improved facilities in the proposed Parish Centre. There will be disruption during the 18-month build and some re-arrangement of League matches may be necessary.



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However, it is intended that regular play by members and school coaching will be maintained on the resurfaced courts.

Tennis has been a parish activity for over 80 years and applications for membership from parishioners and others are invited.



KILTERNAN PARISH LTC SUMMER BBQ

Because of the upcoming parish building work, the tennis club members plan to hold their annual barbeque earlier than in recent years, on Saturday 23rd July. This evening event, with tennis during the afternoon, is always enjoyed by members past and present. This year the club would like to welcome others – friends, family and fellow parishioners – to join them for tennis at 2:30 and/or the barbeque at 7:30 p.m. Enquiries to Mary.

Mary White. KPLTC Hon. Sec.
087 9877377 or famwhite@eircom.net

KILTERNAN LAWN TENNIS CLUB OF YESTERYEAR

Hannah Jones (née Cross). Having been alerted to the recent death of 90-year old Hannah Jones by a friend in Lisburn, I did some reminiscing!

Hannah (née Cross) was a daughter of a one-time sexton in Kiltiernan and she and her sister Peggy were active members of the parish social club which then included activities such as tennis and table tennis (as well as a putting green and croquet I think!). Having lived, presumably, in the sexton's cottage, they later lived at Thompsons' farm, beside where the Topaz filling station now is. Peggy died some years ago.

Hannah may be the dark-haired lady in the centre at the back in the group photo taken in 1951.



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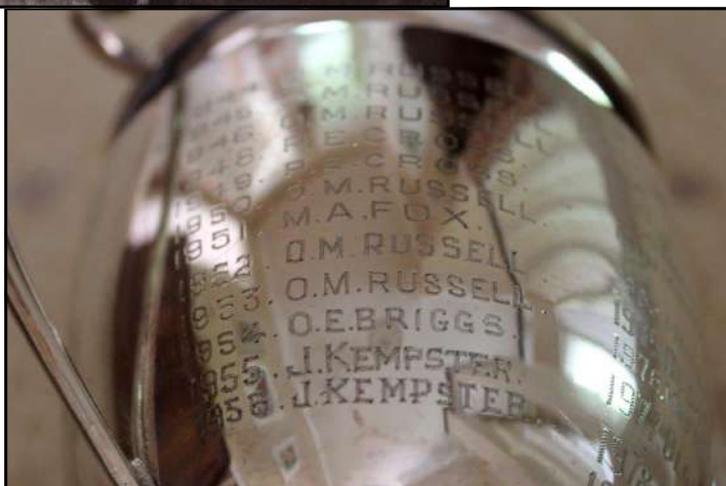
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The 2nd photo shows the original tennis pavilion (which later blew down in a storm and took a couple of headstones with it), members in fancy dress and the rector, the Rev. John B. Fisher, presenting the Ladies' Championship cup to Olive Briggs (Don's late mother) in 1954. The cup is in safe custody but it was last won by Iris Carnegie in 1999. Time for some younger members to take up the challenge!



Other former champions in the photo are: Peggy Cross (sister of Hannah), Olive Russell (aunt of Nigel Russell and Trevor Storey), Marie Fox (my cousin) and Jane Kempster, whose wedding is featured in the 1961-2011 Kiltiernan weddings book. Marie and Jane were next door neighbours and both went on to become champions again up till 1961.

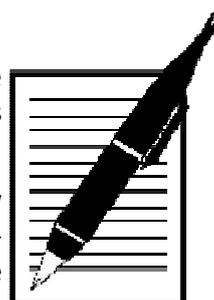
Mary White



PARISH LIST UPDATES

Parish lists are always slippery customers. People often end up on lists without realising they are on a list, and others think they are on a list and discover they are not. Also information changes so fast that it's very difficult to keep up.

This year, I would like to do some work on the parish list. We now have a basic form for new parishioners to complete. It is a short one-page form, but it will greatly aid us in the parish office. What I would like is for everyone family in the parish to complete one. This will ensure we have correct and up-to-date information. The form will be distributed for you to complete later this year.



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PARISH CHOIR BARBEQUE



On the 7th of June, the choir and the junior choir finished off their term with a BBQ on the rectory lawn. After a wet afternoon, the sun came out and everyone got to enjoy a lovely evening, with burgers, salads, a few drinks, and a mountain of dessert.

We are thankful for the gift of music in the church. We want to give our appreciation to Kevin and both choirs, and hope to see the choirs continue to grow in strength in the years ahead.

SUMMER PICNICS IN THE PARK

Sometimes things happen informally, sometimes things happen formally. This is very much on the informal side. After church during August we are thinking of seeing if people would like to join us in a local park for a picnic. This is for all ages, but we especially hope some families with young children may join for some play. We are open to advice on a venue, but we are looking at Marlay Park or maybe even Killiney Hill Park.

Who knows, if the weather is good we might even have a quick gathering on the beach.



KILTERNAN COUNTRY FÊTE

Kilternan Country Fête says. 'Thank you to the community'

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Kilternan Country Fete on Saturday 14th May. Crowds of people came from far and wide to enjoy all that was on offer on a fantastic sunny day. People of all ages mingled in the grounds of the Church and school and participated in an amazing breath of activities. There were stalls, all sorts of food choices, live music, the ever popular family dog show, pony rides, bouncy castle, and for the first time ever (and not for the faint hearted) a climbing frame. As well as a wonderful community event, the day was a tremendous financial success for the parish and school.

Well done to everybody! A sincere thank you goes to Olive and Grainne and their team of organisers, to the stall holders and helpers, and to all who sponsored prizes, placed advertisements in the brochure, became friends of the fete or who thronged the day to support in so many other ways.

This event has become a great annual occasion for the area – a time to meet friends, to support one another in terms of community and to grow together. It was truly a great day and a great community effort and spirit.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh go leir agus beannacht Dia oraibh go léir



A FLAVOUR OF THE DAY



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Greetings from the other side of the Fête

Hello there

Where has the time gone! Hard to believe the fete is a month behind us.

After co-ordinating the fete for five years we finally got a good day – like the logo picture at the top of the page the sun shone and not a cloud in the sky. *“A little slice of heaven”*.

We had an early start and it was fantastic to see so many people come and lend a hand and help get all ready for the opening of the Fete at 12pm. A massive thank you to John Holland and Craig Mc Williams for their hard work, they got all marquees up with 5 minutes to spare!!

There are so many people who joined in and helped make this day such a success. I would like to thank the main committee for all their help and good humour – Grainne Darlington, Gretchen Dawson, Helen Dunne, Arlene Brislane and Rob Clements To all the stall holders and their helpers a huge thank you, to Karl Reid and his gate team thanks a million, also to Darrell Brislane for his won-

derful compere skills.

The PTA co-ordinated the games this year and they did a wonderful job, headed up by Arlene Brislane. Neil Goulding made many of the games and also made steps for the stage!! Thanks a million Neil for all your hard work and involvement.

We also had a wonderful array of prizes in our Grand Raffle and it was a huge success, many thanks to all for contributing so generously to the Raffle.

At the end of the fete everyone asks the burning question *“what did we make”*. We did very well this year but one would always like to make more. With that said it is not just about the money we make - it is about the community and everyone coming together for the good of the school and the Parish. It is great to see so many people getting involved on the day and working together as a community with the steeple of our church in the background. Thank you so much to one and all.

Lastly, a really huge thank you to everybody in the school and parish community for all their help, support, encouragement and participation. It was truly a great day and a great community effort and spirit.

Until next year.
Yours in Fête Organisation
Olive Walker



Winners of Kilternan Country Fête Raffle

Congratulations to all the winners who are listed below:-

- 1st Mandy Lowe - Mini iPad.
 - 2nd Emily Massey—Nespresso Hamper
 - 3rd Mel Cronin—Cash Prize of €200
 - 4th Aoife Doran—Dinner at Pearl Brasserie
 - 5th Ava Brennan—Cash Prize of €200
 - 6th Sophie Cooke—Samsung Galaxy Grand Neo
 - 7th Laura Scott—Lego Hamper
 - 8th B & M Fitzsimons—Membership to Leopardstown Racecourse for 2016 Season
 - 9th Alastair Jackson—Family Membership to Stars of Erin
 - 10th Amanda O’Beirne—Irish Soccer Jersey & Euro Ball
 - 11th Claire Willis—Four Ball—Beech Park Golf Club
 - 12th Juliette Tracey—Day in Dundrum
- Additional Prizes:
Rihanna tickets - Jamie Byrne
Druids Glen Golf – Mandy Lowe

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Kilternan Fete Accounts 14th May 2016		
	2015	2016
	€	€
INCOME		
Stalls:		
Barbeque	2,015	1,996
Books	1,892	2,131
Clothes	-	916
Cakes & Deli	1,359	1,197
Dog show	221	210
Games	2,384	3,171
Lucky dip adult	1,287	1,510
Outdoor Eating	705	1,690
Plants	517	681
Sweets	571	339
Teas	933	1,085
Tombola	621	1,145
Toys	2,095	2,097
Treasure Trove	1,849	1,745
Total Stalls	16,451	19,912
Brochure	3,200	3,629
Friends of Fête / Donations	1,187	1,416
Gate	1,708	1,755
Raffle	5,400	4,962
TOTAL RECEIPTS	27,946	31,673
TOTAL EXPENSES	(2,489)	(3,569)
NET INCOME	25,457	28,103

ALBERT SUTTON AWARDED THE LEGION D'HONNEUR

At a ceremony in the French Ambassador's residence in Dublin later this month Albert Sutton is going to become a Knight (Chevalier) of the Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur. The citation says the award is to recognize his "significant personal contribution to the defence of the freedom of France during World War Two."

Albert was born and brought up in Clontarf, but has lived a lot of his adult life outside Ireland. Now, however, he's back and a parishioner here in Kiltarnan.

ALBERT'S WAR

The terror death and destruction the Second World War brought to Europe blighted the lives of millions. In the light of such mass suffering few people would have given much thought to the fact that the war also brought about the closure of a Dublin firm of timber merchants. W & L Crowe got its timber from Scandinavia. The war ultimately stopped the timber shipments and the company went out of business. For Albert Sutton this would have profound consequences.

The company had given him his first job, but as the war progressed he could see that the firm's closure was only a matter of time and that would be the end of his job. Add to this looming job loss the prospect of adventure that war always holds out to young men and Albert made his decision: he took the train to Belfast and enlisted in the RAF.



LUCK OF THE IRISH

After training his first posting was to an airfield near London, it would also be the first time in uniform that he escaped death from enemy action. The Nissan hut he and twenty four other servicemen were living in was destroyed in a bombing raid. Fortunately all twenty five of them were having breakfast in the mess when the bombs began to fall. All twenty five were Irish.

ALLIED INVASION OF CONTINENTAL EUROPE

As an RAF ground crew member he worked on keeping the Spitfires flying. He was also trained as a soldier and with the Allied invasion of Europe he was called on to use that training.

More than seventy years have passed since Albert first set foot in France but what he experienced there formed memories so vivid that even seven decades of normal living haven't dimmed them:

Wading from a landing craft through the sea onto a Normandy beach.....

Servicing Spitfires on a temporary airfield that, days before, had been a farmer's field....

Taking the surrender of German soldiers after their Tiger Tank had been immobilised.....

Soldiering alongside Canadian troops in the push through Bel-

gium and Holland.....

Sharing food rations with hungry children.....

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Albert in Lubeck in 1945

BERGEN-BELSEN CONCENTRATION CAMP

There's one memory that stands out from all the others, a memory that's the stuff of nightmares: Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp in Northern Germany.

Albert was in the first lorry load of troops to enter the camp. He says it was like entering hell: The bodies, the smell, the living dead. In one day they buried seven thousand bodies in a mass grave. Albert did the counting for the records.

ROMANCE

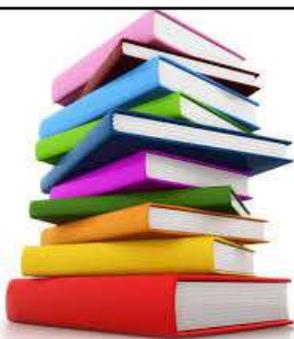
Bergen-Belsen was hell for Albert but Denmark, his last posting, was a sort of heaven. It was here he met the young Danish woman, Irene Petersen, who'd eventually become his wife.

HIS WAR IS OVER

No sooner was Albert out of one uniform that he put on another: he joined the London Metropolitan Police and spent the rest of his working life in England.

His daughter Ann had married and moved to Ireland so on retirement he and his wife moved here too. Albert's life had finally come full circle.

RECOMMENDED READING FOR ALL ADULTS.



Occasionally we spoke of the need to face life and death and encouraged the making of a will. These books give valuable information that could well form part of the content of a person's will;-

'BEING MORTAL *Illness, Medicine and What Matters in the End*. Atul Gawande (Profile Books) ISBN 978 1 84668 581 1.

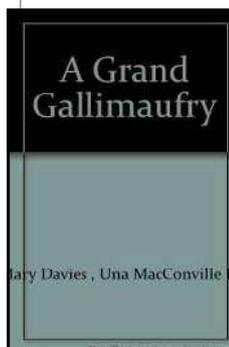
'Making the Rounds with Oscar. David Dosa. (Headline Publishing Group). ISBN 978 0 7553 1811 7.



Borrow my umbrellas, my clothes, my money, and I will likely not think of them again. But borrow my books and I will be on your track like a bloodhound until they are returned.

— Phyllis McGinley —

AZ QUOTES



David Moynan – Looking for a book he loaned to a parishioner:

'A Grand Gallimaufry' is a wonderful book written and edited around Nick Maxwell and given to David for a significant birthday. If David lent you this book could you please contact Michelle in the parish office.

PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



Dear Parishioners

We would like to take the opportunity to update you on the progress being made on our Parish Centre Development. At the Easter Vestry we were able to advise that our Design Team were fully engaged and preparing Tender Documentation including drawings and specifications to allow the Parish to tender the works to a selected group of Building Contractors.

Our Design Team have made excellent progress and have been meeting with the Building Subcommittee of the Select Vestry and Rob at appropriate stages to review the designs.

We have met with our Landscape Architect to discuss the external layouts and finishes for the immediate surrounds of the Centre and Church and also the redeveloped car park. We focused on key items such as appropriate footpaths and way-finding for persons of differing mobility and on having suitable levels of lighting for when the Parish will be active on winter evenings and nights. The types of plants and trees to be used was reviewed with a view to our grounds looking well all year round and importantly not requiring excessive levels of maintenance that could be a burden on the Parish.

Our meeting with the Lead Architect focused on the main buildings including the re-developed Parochial Hall. The flexibility of use and ability to serving the needs of the diverse activities within the Parish was discussed at length and the Architect demonstrated how the Centre could be used to hold functions of a variety of sizes and types. The atmosphere and sense of welcome within the Centre was also discussed as we seek to deliver a facility where people feel welcome, safe, social, and excited to be there. Our Architect has been very receptive and developed the layouts to further enhance a bright and comfortable facility for us to enjoy.

We have engaged with the Mechanical and Electrical Designers whose brief caters for the lighting, heating, and power aspects of the buildings. For this

aspect of the design we focused on providing energy efficient systems that are sustainable while not requiring sophisticated levels of maintenance.

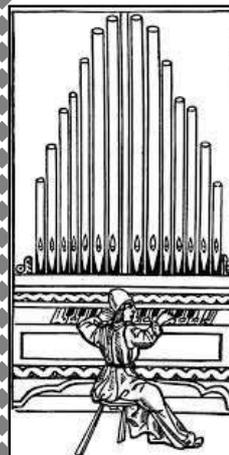
The Design Team are scheduled to complete their Tender Documentation within the coming weeks and our Quantity Surveyor will compile these and complete their Bill of Quantities. Our Quantity Surveyor has contacted a number of Building Contractors to gauge their capacity and the works are due to be tendered to them by the middle of July.

We hope to receive all tenders back by the middle of August ahead of a review by our Quantity Surveyor and Building Sub Committee.

Many thanks to all for your continued support and guidance as we work towards our wonderful new Parish Centre!

Kind regards

Your Select Vestry



MUSICAL EXPERTISE

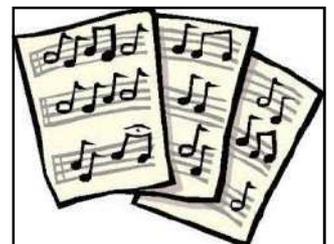
*My Father was an organist
Very good at it was he.
This was pre nineteen fifty
With bellows pumping, Key.
Feet dancing on the pedals
Organ stops pulled or pushed
Leisurely if moderate the
melody.*

*Quickly, if the rhythm rushed.
Oh, he tried to teach his off-
spring*

But it was all in vain,

*Crotchets, minims
and semiquavers
Were nothing but a
pain.*

*We never got the
hang of it
Perhaps we were not*



*Keen
Maybe we didn't practice enough?
No! I think we lacked a gene.*

William D November 2015



A CHANGE OF NAME FOR TRUST—NOW ALICE LEAHY TRUST

Parishioners will be familiar with the work of Trust, founded in November 1975, which is a non-political, non-

denominational voluntary body set up to provide medical and related services for people who are homeless. The Trustees, after a lot of reflection, decided to reconstitute TRUST as a company limited by guarantee without a share capital. This company was incorporated on 31st December 2015 – Company Registration No. 57444. For a number of different reasons, including that of the confusion sometimes caused by the name TRUST, it was also decided to rename TRUST the “Alice Leahy Trust”. The ethos and work remain the same.

Kiltarnan parish contributes to the work of Alice Leahy Trust, through the provision of toiletries (Toiletries Amnesty) and we will continue to supply Alice Leahy Trust with a range of toiletries which can be used by the people using their services.



Items which are useful 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.

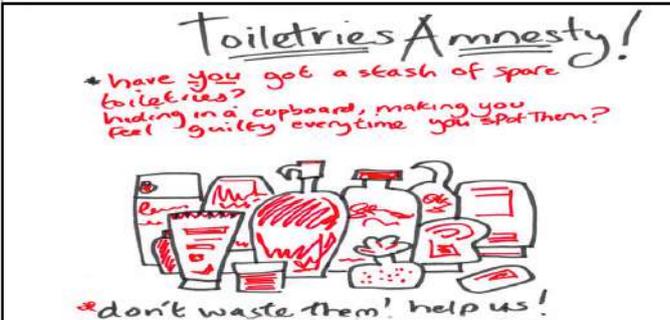
Toiletries for men are especially welcome. A box for toiletries is in place at the back of the Church.

Very many thanks for your ongoing commitment and contributions to the Alice Leahy Trust.

Una MacConville. 086 817 5530

Email of Thanks from Alice Leahy Trust:

Dear Una,
 Just a quick note of thanks from all here for the wonderful supply of toiletries delivered here last Friday – they will go a long way in helping us provide shower facilities to the people who use our services.
 Thanks again and kind regards.
 Jeanette O’Brien



irish cancer society

**Daffodil Day Coffee Morning
 In Aid Of The Irish Cancer Society
 March 2016**

**THANK YOU
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To all who supported our coffee morning and for your very generous donations—

€1,600 was raised for the ICS

**Again many thanks
 Monique & Billy Tompkins**



Don't worry about anything, instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace which is greater than we can understand. His peace will guide our hearts and minds as we live in His way.

Philippians, chapter 4, verses 6-7

Prayer Rock

I'm just a tiny little rock
 Picked up from off the ground
 You won't forget to say your prayers
 If you keep me around
 Put me on your pillow
 When you make your bed
 And when you crawl inside at night
 I'll hit you on the head.
 But please don't scream or holler
 Or like a lion, roar
 Just close your eyes and say your prayers
 And drop me on the floor
 In the morning when you wake up
 And I make you stub your toe
 Shout 'Glory Hallelujah!'
 Say a prayer and off you go!
 Put me back upon your pillow
 Let the cycle never end
 I'll be your little prayer rock
 and maybe your best friend.

Why not make your own Prayer Rock!

When you next visit the beach, find a small smooth stone like the one in the picture.

Wash it well and dry it. Decorate your Prayer Rock using glue and glitter, stickers or paint.

Then leave it on your pillow!



The highlighted words in the poem on the left can be found in the grid below. See if you can find them

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See if you can crack the code

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Seashell Art
 Collect some sea shells and paint them to make ornaments for your garden



I love to have sand between my toes,
 to watch the tide as it comes and goes,
 To pick up shells and throw them away:
 thank you, dear God, for my holiday. Amen.



ECI CLIMATE JUSTICE CANDLE

Receiving of the ECI Climate Justice Candle

We were delighted to host Eco-Congregation Ireland's Climate Justice Candle this month as we

continue to shine a light on environmental care and justice. In addition to the church service, there was a special assembly in Kiltiernan National School.

