

Kiltarnan Klips

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The Rector writes

Some important dates make another edition of Klips necessary.

The Social Committee have again booked the Summerhill House Hotel for lunch on Sunday 16th November – 12.30 pm for 1.00pm. I hope we can build on the success of the lunch in 2007, coming together with family and friends to enjoy one another's company and to be built up in love.

The Sabeel event in Trinity College Dublin on Friday 14th November at 3.30 pm is also worthy of our time and I hope its high profile speakers will attract a good number of parishioners.

Elsewhere in Klips you will read about parish, school and diocesan activities. All of these are important contact points for individuals and groups in the church and community. We thank those who give so much leadership and commitment in organising and running events.

Most especially as we come towards the Church's season of Advent we give God the glory by joining together in our worship, praise and prayer Sunday by Sunday – responding to his faithful love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

God bless and keep you all.

David

Numbers applying for places in Kiltarnan Church of Ireland National School

September 2009 will see an intake of some 33 to Junior Infants in the school.

As numbers grow in the area and more and more people apply for places in the school it is very important that families make early application to the school (this is true of secondary schooling also). The school will then allocate places strictly according to the enrolment policy set down. This will require careful management as we make every effort to provide place for the Protestant community and siblings of those attending the school.

What is it to be Church of Ireland?

To be Church of Ireland is to be active in our Christian faith and practice.

1. Joining in the worshipping community Sunday by Sunday;
2. By our own prayers and example, by our teaching and love, to encourage our children in the life and faith of the Christian community;
3. Supporting the activities and the ministry of the Church prayerfully and financially.

As I grew up the emphasis on church practice was our “bounden duty and service” (BCP 1662). Now it is regarded as our response to the love of God revealed to us in the Cross of Jesus Christ – God’s grace freely offered to us, to which we respond in love!

There are many, many pressures our time and energy, many activities and distractions open to us, but in all of this we seek to gladden the heart of God as we come to worship him as his family, the Church. David.

Times of services in Kiltarnan Church of Ireland Parish Church

Sunday 8.30 am Holy Communion each Sunday

10.30 am Family Service – 1st Sunday of the month

Holy Communion – 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

Morning Prayer – 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month

Wednesday 10.00 am – Morning prayer and prayer for the sick

Holy communion on festivals and Saint’s days

Sunday Club (for children between 4 and 12) each Sunday except 1st of the month, when children are particularly welcome to the church service.



Friends of Sabeel Ireland committee member Alma Kavanagh with sections for the Peace Tapestry carpet which she made.

Kilgobbin War Memorial.

On Saturday 27th September a service of rededication of a First World War Memorial took place at Kilgobbin Church cemetery.

It commemorates some 39 people from the area of Kiltarnan, Sandyford and Stepside, Kilgobbin, and Carrickmines who served in sixteen British regiments and lost their lives in that war to end all wars. M.C.'d by local historian Ken Kinsella, the main address was given by retired surgeon Michael Pegum. Capt. Seamus Greene of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers and Mr. Alan Geraghty of Three Rock Panorama, co-sponsors with Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, of the refurbishment programme also spoke. The rector with Fr. Eamann Cahill P.P. of Sandyford Parish led the attendance in prayers, scripture readings and rededication. The moving tributes paid to those who served that others might live, was enhanced by the playing of a

piper from the Irish army. The refurbished memorial may be accessed from the open area of "The Rectory" housing estate off the Enniskerry Road, close to Stepside.

Parish registers:

Holy Baptism. On Sunday 21st September, Amelia Kristen, daughter of Jonathan and Fiona Knuttel. In St. Mary's Church, Sandyford, on Saturday 20th September, Lily Alice MEG, daughter of Bruce and Cathriona Fitzsimons.

We pray God's blessing on the homes and families of these children as they begin their journey in the Christian faith.

Holy Matrimony. On Friday 3rd October, William Walsh and Deirdre McMahon. We wish this couple every happiness and God's love as they begin their married life together.

Condolences. We extend prayerful sympathy to Mrs. Hillie Madden on the death of her distinguished brother Robin Lewis-Crosby, Lay Canon of the Church of Ireland; to Lynda McWilliam and her family on the death of her brother in law, Paddy; to Noleen Arnold and her family on the death of her father, Brian.

The following letter was received from Bray Women's Refuge

Dear Mrs. Moynan,

On behalf of Bray Women's Refuge I would like to thank you and Rev. Moynan for your bountiful donation of wonderful fresh fruit and vegetables from your Harvest Festival. Everything will be used you can be assured for curries, soups etc. Please convey my thanks to Kiltarnan Parish and School for their generosity and for their support during the past several years.

With best wishes to you and your parishioners

Barbara McAllister
Manager

Books, books, books for Christmas

Selected Verse of William D. volumes 1 and 2.

William D. is none other than our own Derek Higgins who compiles the Tuesday Club notes for Klips and Church Review. He has also written several poems which from time to time have been included in Klips.

One morning recently Derek called to the rectory with copies of his two books of poetry and verse. It was a kind gesture by this unassuming man.

Not long ago he sat with me in the rectory and in front of a lovely fire we exchanged chat about our youth and backgrounds. It was a lovely time. Now his verse, doggerel, and poetry opens up for us fresh insights, a personal encounter and a reflection that will appeal to many. His books are published and for sale at €6 each.

William D. – William Derek Higgins

Castleblaney

Dundalk

Dublin

Contact no. 2954519



“All shall be well – a bereavement anthology and companion”.

By Joan Wilson and Alf McCreary. Published by Canterbury €7.99.

Joan Wilson is the wife of the late Gordon Wilson and mother of the late Marie and Peter Wilson. You will remember Marie’s death as a result of the Enniskillen Remembrance Day bomb in 1987. Subsequently Mrs. Wilson had to contend with the death of her son Peter due to a car accident and that of her husband Gordon.

Reviewing the book, Rev. William Seal speaks of it as the best that he has come across on the subject of death and bereavement.

Still on this subject I recommend a book by Christy Kenneally, “Life after loss-helping the bereaved”. Published by:

May I also point you towards the Hibernian Bible Society, “Best Seller” in Dawson St., the Sunday School Resource Centre in Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines and the Scripture Union in Dun Laoghaire where bibles, prayer books and other Christian materials are available, including daily bible reading notes.

Such publications are very important as we seek to bring up our children in the Christian faith. Books and DVDs are very child focused giving as much enjoyment and a better message than most secular publications!

Aisling Redbond receives the Lionel Freeman Junior Choir medal.

This medal is given annually at the Parish Harvest Thanksgiving Service to one of the older members of the Junior Choir who will assist Ann Keary, organist and choir leader through the year.

This is an important post calling for commitment and responsibility especially in assisting new and younger choir members. Our thoughts and prayers are with Aisling as she takes on this role..... and thank you to Alice Barry who has been the holder of the medal for the past year.



A gift to the Parish



The late Dr. Helen Watson- McKelvie, whose obituary was carried in the September 2008 edition of Klips, has bequeathed her house to the Parish – “for the use of the Parish as decided by the Select Vestry for the time being”. This is a most generous gift for which we give thanks. It opens up several possibilities for future ministry

in the parish. Helen’s gift represents her lifelong commitment to her Lord and his Church – a giving back to God of the “first fruits” of all that she had. (Deuteronomy 26:1-12).

Pets in the Parish

Photos to accompany this.

Caption “Caroline Kennedy gets a new whippet- 1 year old Leo, who joins her other canine friend Skippy”.



“Junior Choir at practice – Hallowe’en week-end.



Community Harvest Thanksgiving in Kiltarnan Church of Ireland

Friday 10th September saw a well filled church when we welcomed Fr. Eamann Cahill P.P. and parishioners from Sandyford, Kiltarnan and Glencullen to our ecumenical community Harvest Thanksgiving Service. The special speaker was Ms. Alice Leahy of TRUST. Alice spoke movingly of her work with the homeless people of Dublin, giving us an insight as to the true meaning and implications of being described as “homeless”. Alice reminds us that people become homeless for many reasons and it is a situation that cuts across all levels of society and is by no means confined to substance abusers and those who have fallen into the poverty trap.

The solution to the problems of being homeless is not simply to provide accommodation for people. Whilst medical and other personal needs may be assisted with, often it is the restoration and maintenance of a person's dignity and self respect that does the most good.

It is this ideal that TRUST strives for as it seeks to deal with people from all walks of life. We were most grateful to all who donated so generously to the collection in aid of this work, and we were delighted to be able to pass a cheque to TRUST for almost €950.*

A big thank-you to all who contributed gifts of fruit, vegetables, flowers and grocery items and to those who took time out to decorate the church so beautifully.

Parish harvest. Our thanks to our special speaker at this service, Rev. Ann Taylor, curate of Rathfarnham Parish and Honorary Secretary of the Sunday School Society. Following the service on Sunday the gifts of produce were donated as usual to the Bray Women's Refuge and a letter of thanks is printed elsewhere in this issue. Flower bouquets were brought to the nursing homes of the area.

Thank you also to all who contributed in other ways to the beauty of these services, particularly our musicians and choristers and to those who provided hospitality and refreshments after the services.

- Anyone wishing to find out more about the work of TRUST can visit their website www.trust-ireland.ie. Alice's third book on the work of the organization "Wasting Time with People?" has recently been published.
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KILTERNAN GARDEN CLUB A.G.M.

The Garden Club A.G.M. took place in the Parish Hall last Monday, 20th October at 8.00 p.m. It was attended by 25 people, apologies were received from 10 people. The business of the meeting took place, the Chairperson read her report as did the Treasurer. The sub has been upped from 10 euro to 12 euro per annum, all agreed it is very good value (in this time of financial chaos!!) The committee remains the same apart from Pat May stepping down as Treasurer and being replaced by Patricia Maguire, Pat is staying on as a committee member for another year. Once the business was over, Noreen Curran gave us an inspiring demonstration on suggestions for colourful autumn containers. We ended with tea and biscuits and time to chat and catch up.

The next meeting is on Monday, 24th November. Donald Pratt is coming to speak about Avoca Handweavers and the development of the gardens. The final gathering of the year is our Annual Christmas Party with Enniskerry Garden Club on Thursday, 4th December at 8.00 p.m. If you would like more information about the party, please contact me.

Sarah

Church Humour

The elderly priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, "It was a good idea to replace the first four rows of pews with plush bucket theater seats. It worked like a charm. The front of the church always fills first now."

The young priest nodded, and the old priest continued, "And you told me a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to the church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock 'n roll gospel choir. We are packed to the balcony!!" "Thank you, Father," answered the young priest. "I am pleased that you are open to the new ideas of youth." "However," said the elderly priest, "I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional." "But, Father , protested the young priest, "my confessions and the donations have nearly doubled since I began that!" "I know, son, but that flashing neon sign, Toot 'n Tell or Go to Hell," just can't stay on the church roof.

(Thanks to Janice Kennedy)

Celebrating First Communion

A number of young people in Kiltarnan Church of Ireland National School have begun to prepare for First Communion in St. Mary's Church, Sandyford, in May 2009.

We wish each child well as the Ursuline Sisters work with them and their parents towards this important rite of passage.

This year a difficulty has arisen for inter-church families whose child, baptised in the Church of Ireland, wishes to present for First Communion.

While the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is recognised by Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Methodists as the Sacrament of entry into Christ's Church, the Roman Catholic Church requires that children baptised in another Church must first be received into the Roman Catholic tradition before they can receive First Communion.

This arises from the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church which requires communicant members to be of the Roman Catholic faith tradition before receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion (the Mass). By extension The Roman Catholic Church does not approve of its members receiving Communion other than in the Roman Catholic Church.

The Church of Ireland takes a different approach in its teaching and practice. It teaches that Holy Communion is both an introduction to and a means of growth in the Christian faith. Accordingly, communicant members of any Christian Churches are welcome in the Church of Ireland to receive the Sacrament at the Lord's Table. It is God's table at which he feeds all his people the food of everlasting life. No pre conditions are laid down.

Whilst respecting the teaching and practice of the Roman Catholic Church this difference in approach between the two different traditions of the Christian faith can cause difficulty for inter-church families who, with the best intentions, want their children to grow up enjoying the two Christian traditions of their parents.

Decisions made by parents within the unity of marriage concerning the baptism and upbringing of their children – including schooling – must now comply with the requirements of one church tradition over against the other.

These are issues that require serious consideration by parents who enjoy two traditions of the Christian faith. To express the matter in practical, if simplistic terms is to liken the Lord's Table to a Christmas meal, where in the love of a family all are gathered at the table; all enjoy the meal; but one or more are not allowed to have dessert. It simply doesn't make sense, especially in a world where religious denomination is of much less importance than active, living Christian faith.

As rector and priest in Kiltiernan Church of Ireland Parish I offer my support to people of all Christian traditions, and of none, as they come seeking God's grace and love – for he sends no one away empty who comes to him.

As I write these words I am conscious of the strong co operation and love there is between the Christian Churches in the area. I value my friendship with Fr. Eamann, the priests and religious of Sandyford Parish. I realise that they too must conform with the teaching of their Church. Perhaps the reality is that in the 21st century people will do their own thing anyway.

Most importantly we should know that God's love, and that of his Church universal, is there for us - he is the creator, redeemer and giver of life to all his creation and his people who turn to him in faith.

David

The following has been received and we pass it on to all office managers under pressure in these challenging times.

NEW OFFICE POLICIES

Dress Code:

- 1) You are advised to come to work dressed according to your salary.
- 2) If we see you wearing Prada shoes, Versace dresses and carry a Gucci bag, we will assume you are doing well financially and therefore do not need a raise.
- 3) If you dress poorly, you need to learn to manage your money better, so that you may buy nicer clothes, and therefore you do not need a raise.
- 4) If you dress just right, you are right where you need to be and therefore you do not need a raise.

Sick Days:

We will no longer accept a doctor's statement as proof of sickness. If you are able to go to the doctor, you are able to come to work.

Personal Days:

Each employee will receive 104 personal days a year. They are called Saturdays & Sundays.

Lunch Breaks:

* Skinny people get 30 minutes for lunch, as they need to eat more, so that they can look healthy.

* Normal size people get 15 minutes for lunch to get a balanced meal to maintain their average figure.

* Chubby people get 5 minutes for lunch, because that's all the time needed to drink a Slim-Fast.

Thank you for your loyalty to our company. We are here to provide a positive employment experience. Therefore, all questions, comments, concerns, complaints, frustrations, irritations, aggravations, insinuations, allegations, accusations, contemplations, consternation and input should be directed elsewhere.

The sound of Sunday silence

Parishioners attending Sunday services over the last couple of months may have noticed that the church bell has not been ringing prior to service as has been traditional. This is not due to any change in liturgical practice nor to an absence of a bell-ringer. Rather, following an inspection of the church building, it became apparent that the bell housing and seating had become weathered and required attention. The Select Vestry has engaged a firm of steeplejacks to undertake the necessary repairs and other remedial work and they will shortly commence work. This work will require scaffolding to be erected around the church and we hope this will not cause too much inconvenience.

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*An Irish Christian journey
to Israel/Palestine*

A public dialogue will be held on Friday **14th November** in **Trinity College Chapel (Dublin)** when Cardinal Seán Brady, Archbishop of Armagh, and Primate of All Ireland, Revd Roy Cooper, former President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, the Revd Dr John Finlay, former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and the Most Revd Alan Harper, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, will reflect on their journey of hope for peace together, to Israel/Palestine earlier this year, which they undertook together to look, listen and learn about the facts on the ground in the region.

That journey began in Bethlehem with a service of hope for peace in the Shepherd's Field, including prayers of thanks for all that has been achieved in the Irish peace process, acknowledging the positive links existing between Ireland and the region, most especially through the work of Irish aid agencies, and offering hope to those suffering so much under the harsh and intolerable daily conditions that a treaty of peace might come "to bring to an end the occupation imposed by one people on another, granting freedom to Palestinians, giving security to Israelis, and freeing all from fear".

On Friday Nov. 14th, *Friends of Sabeel (Ireland)*, an international peace movement initiated by Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land who seek a just peace based on two states – Palestine and Israel – as defined by international law and existing UN resolutions, in association with Irish aid agencies *Christian Aid and Trócaire*, hosts this open dialogue to learn about the impact that the historic journey had on the individuals themselves, the realities on the ground, where local people urgently need costly solidarity and action from around the world; and how Ireland might deepen its commitment in this regard.

The session begins with a giant-screening of the UTV documentary *Mission for Peace* about the historic journey, showing from 3.30pm, followed by dialogue with the audience, concluding approx. 6pm. All welcome. **Contacts:**

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water those seeds to bring the harvest of peace and justice... I think it has been good for the four of us to make this visit together, and I think we will be a united voice”.

Revd Dr John Finlay: “It was a privilege to have been in the Holy Land at this time...most of all, as in any pastoral situation, it’s always a privilege to be in someone’s home when they open up their heart to you. I’ve got to be hopeful because I’m a Christian and I’m more hopeful than not”.

Most Revd Alan Harper: “Palestinian Christians feel like forgotten people and forgotten people need to be told from time to time that they are not forgotten. We need to find specific ways of reminding them that they are not forgotten, listening to their concerns and where they touch upon justice and their survival, articulating those concerns as best we can from our own perspective”.

Millie

One Sunday morning, the rector noticed little Millie standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small flags mounted on either side of it. The eight-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the rector walked up, stood beside the little girl, and said quietly, “Good morning Millie.”

“Good morning rector,” she replied, still focused on the plaque. “Rector, what is this?”

The rector said, “Well Millie, it's a memorial to all the men and women who died in the service.” Thoughtfully, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Finally, little Millie’s voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked,

“Which service, the 8:30 or the 10:30?”

(With thanks to Ruth Farrar.)