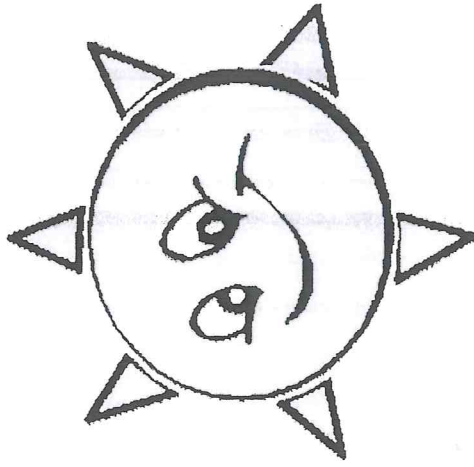


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GARDEN FÊTE

Help Maintain Galway's Heritage

2pm to 5pm on Saturday, June 8th

The Rectory, Taylors Hill Road

Bouncing Castle, Cakes, Toys, Plants,
Wheel of Fortune, Bric-a-Brac, Books, Games,
Barbeque, Crepes, Afternoon Tea, Raffles.

See more details on the back of this newsletter

A letter from the rector.....

Dear Parishioners,

As I write to you, I do so as the sun shines through the rectory living room window, and the view is quite something. The garden is turning several shades of green, it really is beautiful and as the months since our arrival pass by, each month uncovers a new delight and pop of colour in the garden. In a few weeks time on Saturday, 8th June you will all get to enjoy the beauty of our wonderful garden as we host the St Nicholas' Garden Fete. I suspect I am in the minority as it is my first! Everyone is invited to help, bake, donate, support or attend the fete. This is a marvellous opportunity for us as a parish family to work together, to bring people together from across Galway, to strengthen old friendships, and build new ones whilst raising much needed funds for our church. (This is especially important this year, as last years' accounts showed a deficit) I have heard so much about the fete and now I am looking forward to experiencing it!

We don't need reminding of the legacy we have been entrusted with, it is clearly evident that visitors also treasure and appreciate our church, and the warmth of welcome they receive. The clergy from Dublin and Glendalough joined us in February for their three day annual conference. As we chatted, many of them commented on the peace and tranquillity of the church; one of the delegates said he felt 'prayed in'. This is very true, when we reflect that for almost seven hundred years, St Nicholas' has been a spiritual home, a safe haven for the weary and worried souls; it is a balm for those struggling through sad days; a place which prayerfully embraces those who are unsure about what the future holds; a place where God has been sought out or in; a safe place and space; a place where people belong, and everyone matters. Together with this, it is part of a greater worshipping community, of quality choral music, diverse liturgies and a place to be alone or at one with God. In all this it is also a very beautiful medieval church, which needs the parish family to work together in order to safeguard its future.

A sincere thank you to all who give of their time, energy, gifts and talents. To all those who work in front and behind the scenes – thank you for all you do for God and his Church.

With Christians the world over, we have journeyed through Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our choir did us proud as they went on tour to Christ Church, Istanbul following an invitation to perform in a concert and at the worship there.

The Easter Vestry was held on 30th April. We thank the outgoing vestry and welcome the incoming vestry who will meet each month to make decisions concerning the fabric and finance of the Church.

On Sunday 26th May, the Bishop joins us at 11am to confirm six precious young people. We hold Frances, Aimee, Ingrid, Nessa, Samuel and Edmond in our prayers at this time. They have met weekly for classes with me and in the midst of the work there has been fun, not to mention an outdoor class in the sun, with several treats and copious amounts of ice-cream! As they prepare to confirm their faith before the Bishop we remind them, as we remind ourselves, that in all the promises they make on their confirmation day they do so 'with the help of God'.

As the Summer approaches whatever your plans are, please remember to make time for yourself, to rest and recharge the batteries.

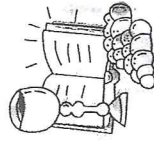
With every good wish to you all,
Your pastor, friend and priest,

Synda

Sunday Club

As we prepare for Summer holidays, we send a special thank you our to all our Sunday Club leaders and helpers, and to our boys and girls for attending. Early in the Autumn there will be a safeguarding trust training evening and we are urging all parents and those involved with children's ministry in the parish to attend. We will alert everyone to a date as soon as it is confirmed.

Garda Vetting – The vestry is currently committed to ensuring the future of children's ministry in our parish. It is our goal to have as many parishioners garda vetted as possible. If you are a parent/guardian of an under 18 in our parish family, and would like to assist us, you can request an invitation for 'Garda Vetting' form from the rector or churchwardens at any time. Thank you in advance.



Midweek Eucharist

There is a service every Wednesday at 10.30am.

Everyone is welcome for this short service, when we have an opportunity to pause mid-week and focus. The service is followed by tea/ coffee and a chat at Busker Browns. This time together has proved beneficial for all who attend and a great source of fellowship and friendship.

The Welcome Desk

Once again its that time of year and the welcome desk returns. If you are available to go on the rota, please let Grainne Walshe or Mary Liddy know

Sunday Services

9am The Eucharist, short service
11am Sung Eucharist

Chatty Crafters

Feel free to join the crafters every Thursday from 10.15am.

Coffee Concerts

Saturday 25th May & Saturday 1st June
11am

Summer Fete – Calling all hoarders, gardeners and bakers! The following items are required for the Summer Fete- books, plants, bric-a-brac, toys, home-baking (bread, cakes, biscuits etc) everything can be dropped off to the Rectory FROM 9.30am Saturday 8th June. Teas are looking for scone bakers – talk to Grainne. Catherine Emerson is looking for lots of soft toys in good condition for the Teddies Stall. Please bring into Church any Sunday before 8th or give them to Catherine. We need more volunteers to help on stalls. Please let us know if you can help in any way. Olive 087 7476506, Ann N. 087 2668380 or Grainne 086 0323602. Thank you!!!

Charity Cycle from Belfast—Congratulations to the team of 5 cyclists who cycled the length of Ireland in May to raise funds for two mission agencies in Uganda that work with orphaned street children and with girls in crisis pregnancy situations. Well done to the cyclists who arrived into St Nicholas late on Sunday afternoon. The special Sunday collection for May went towards their worthy cause.

Please Note There will be a fire drill during a Sunday service in June. This is in line with our safety policy.

Congratulations to our newly appointed Select Vestry and Officers

Rectors Churchwarden – Grainne Walshe
Peoples Churchwarden – Paul Adams
Rectors Glebewarden – Ann Nethaway
Peoples Glebewarden – Maria Murphy
Hon. Secretary – Ann Walton
Hon. Treasurer – Heather Pope
Rachel Lately, Robert LeGresley, Glenn McCullagh, William Fennell,
Christine Hunt, Paul Hardy, Catherine Moore Temple, Olive Maher,
Ray Plummer and Katerina Kubecka

Parish Accounts – The end of year accounts are available on request from treasurer, rector or churchwardens.