

Welcome Fr Paul

The Parish Pastoral Council, on behalf of all the parishioners, wishes to extend a very warm welcome to our new Parish Priest, Fr Paul Taylor, who joins us from Celbridge Parish.

We wish God's blessing on Fr Paul in his ministry; we offer our prayers for him, and we look forward to this new chapter in the life of our Parish.

Cleansing power of water

Michael Commane

West Kerry is a beautiful part of the country.

My grandfather was born in that neck of the woods, which means that I am in the most fortunate position to have a bolthole right on the edge of the Atlantic.

Ireland is not a sun-holiday destination and certainly nowhere on the western seaboard is sun-splashed. It would be a silly person who would go to Kerry or Cork looking for the sun.

I have just spent three magical weeks lapping up the waters of the Atlantic.

August and September must be the best months of the year for swimming in Irish waters. My father always said that September was the optimum time for sea swimming in Ireland. He had some theory that September was also the healthiest time to swim in the sea. That might well be a pishogue but I have fond memories of his explaining to me something about the health factor of iodine and seaweed in the water in September. Salt water is regarded as a spiritual cleansing in many cultures.

But certainly the water where I was swimming this August was like a bathtub.

I went swimming at least once a day and on many days twice. Was swimming in the rain, wind and even in the darkness. It was a matter of catching the full tide.

There is something therapeutic about the water and swimming. It really has a healing influence on our bodies and minds. I'm not at all talking about hectic or fast swimming. I'm speaking of taking it easy in the water, changing from crawl to butterfly to breaststroke and then to backstroke. Simply floating atop the water and looking above you, straight into the sky is relaxation par excellence. Just lolling about in the water is the best of therapies.

The view that I had from where I was swimming was exactly as it would have been when my father, his parents and their parents before them, were swimming there. Indeed, I swam with my dad in that very spot when he was 92 years old.

Whether it's the Atlantic or the Irish Sea, we are blessed to have such a natural resource at our doorstep.

I know the Kerry team make good use of their beaches. Maybe Dublin do too?

Collections 25th August 2019

Offertory Collection: € 1,592

Share Collection: €1,096

Thank you for your support for these collections, and for your contributions to the Parish Fund each month.

Crosscare Collection The annual collection for Community, Homeless & Youth Services will take place at all Masses today 1st September, and this collection will replace the Share Collection.

Divine Mercy Devotions will take place this First Friday 6th September at 7pm to include Mass, Benediction, Chaplet, and Blessing with the Relic of St Faustina. Devotions will be followed by vigil.

Rathgar Ladies Club ****Change of Venue**** to Pastoral Centre beside Holy Rosary Church. The first event of the year will be 'Past Times' kindly sponsored by Dublin City Council, on Thurs 12th September at 8.00pm. New members always welcome.

Fr Joe's Farewell

A Mass of Thanksgiving
will be celebrated

on

Saturday 21st September 2019

at 5.30pm

for all Parishioners, Adults and Children.

Mass will be followed by a
Celebration in
Milltown Golf Club.

Tickets for Milltown will be available
from

Sunday 1st September 2019

after all Masses and in the Parish Office

Price €25.00.

The Parish Pastoral Council, on behalf of the parishioners, will make a presentation to Fr Joe at the Mass of Thanksgiving, and if you would like to contribute to this presentation, Gift Envelopes are available at the back of the Church, into which you can place your donation, and put it in the safe.

A book of photos, messages, and good wishes from parishioners, will be created for Fr Joe, and cards for this will be distributed after all Masses, and also will be available in the Parish Office. These cards can then be completed and left in the safe.
