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SEASON OF CREATION

SEPTEMBER 1- OCTOBER 4

From 1 September until the Feast of St. Francis on 4 October, Christian churches are encouraged to celebrate the Season of Creation.

This is an annual celebration of prayer and action inviting us to think more deeply about what is happening at present to the Earth and the environmental destruction which threatens our world.

The theme this year is 'Walking Together'

As pilgrims, let us walk together to awaken again to the wonder of the Earth, our common home, and the web of life which it shelters.

'God has written a precious book, whose letters are the multitude of created things. From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe...

Alongside revelation in sacred Scripture, there is a divine manifestation in the blaze of the sun and the fall of night'.

Pope Francis, 'Laudato Si', 85

Jane Mellett

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Courtesy of **INTERCOM Magazine**

MASS TIMES IN OUR GROUPING

MASS TIMES	CHURCH	WEEKDAYS <i>(subject to availability of priests)</i>
Saturday 6.00pm	Yellow Walls	<p>Convent 7.30 am Mon to Fri 9.00 am Sat</p> <p>Yellow Walls 9.30 am Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri <i>(Wed Svce of Word)</i></p> <p>Kinsealy 10.00 am Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri</p> <p>Malahide 10.00 am Mon to Sat</p> <p>Portmarnock 10.00 am Mon to Fri</p>
Saturday 6.30pm	Portmarnock	
Sunday 9.00am	Carmelite Convent	
Sunday 10.00am	Malahide	
Sunday 10.30am	Portmarnock & Yellow Walls (Family Masses)	
Sunday 11.00am	Kinsealy	
Sunday 11.15am	Malahide	
Sunday 12.00 noon	Portmarnock & Yellow Walls	
Sunday 12.30pm	Malahide	
Sunday 5.30pm	Malahide	



We offer the sympathy of all parishioners to the families of

Fintan Monahan, Carrickhill Heights
Tess Kavanagh, Ardilaun
Stephanie Bennett, formerly Blackthorn Close
William Hyland, formerly Strandmill Park
William Prout, formerly St. Anne's Square
Diarmuid UaConaill, Heather Walk
Jacqueline Quigley, Wendell Ave
Eileen McCann, Wendell Ave

who died recently



PARISH COUNSELLING SERVICE

in the Parish Centre. Payment negotiated.
By appt only. Ph: Mary Ryan 087 270 9767



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

To remember all those in our community who have died in the past 12 months

We also remember all our own relatives and friends who have died

Thursday 8th November 2018
In St. Anne's Church at 7.30 pm
Refreshments after the Service
in Teallach Áine in the Parish Centre

Everyone Welcome

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The **Bethany Bereavement Support Group** offers support to bereaved people by listening to them. Many Bethany members have themselves been bereaved.

We are trained to listen with understanding and are here to support anyone dealing with the very painful experience of grief.

For further information please contact Parish Office: **846 1561**

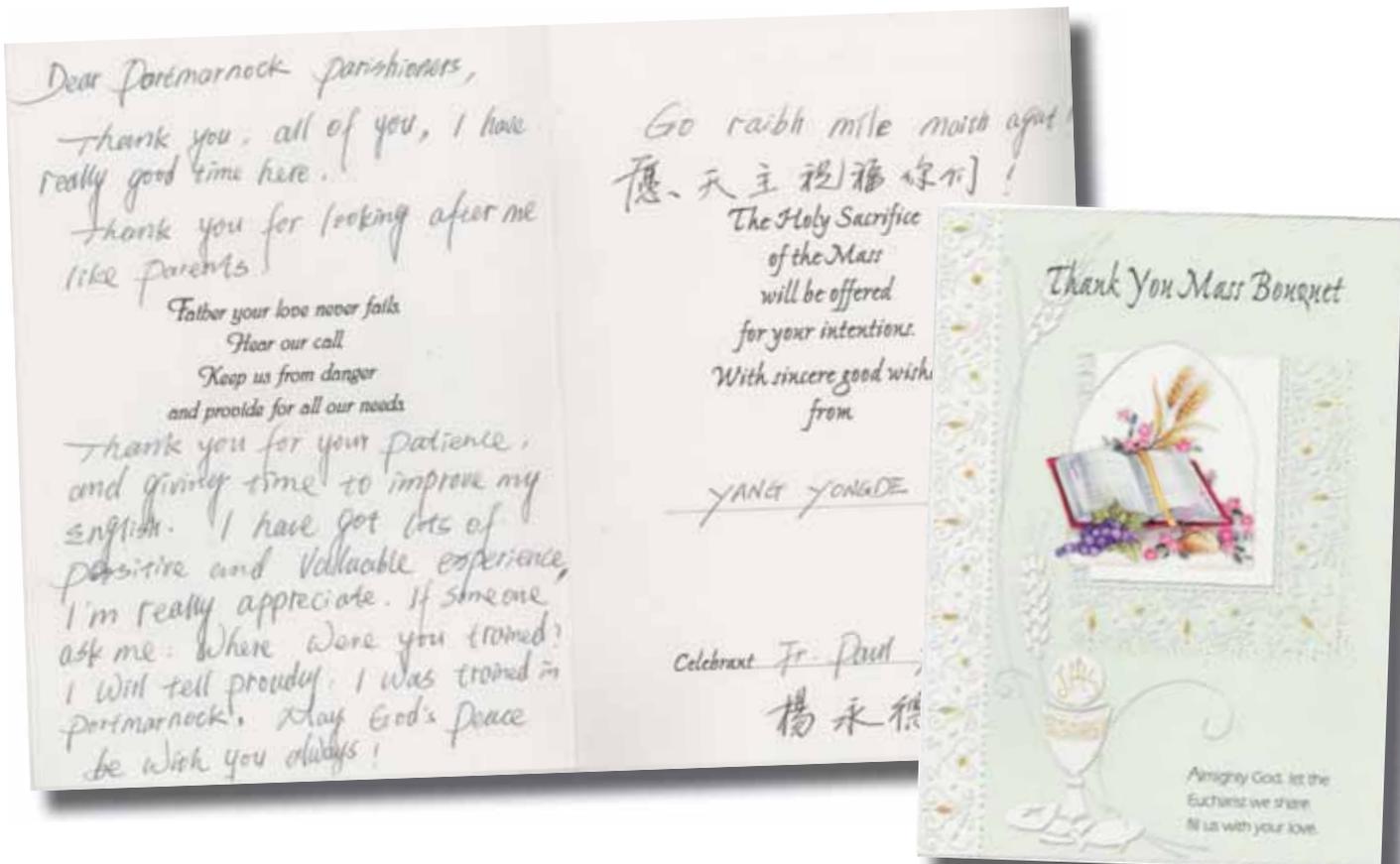
Fr. Yongde

Thank you and many blessings in your new appointment

Fr. Yongde (Paul) served us in St. Anne's for three months recently and is now in his new appointment in Tramore, Co. Waterford. We all did our best to prepare him for his appointment – he dealt with all the ceremonies/activities normally taking part in a parish. He enjoyed talking to everyone and was always smiling.



We can see from the Thank You Mass Card shown below how much he appreciated all the help and support he received from the people of Portmarnock.





ADULT EDUCATION

PORTMARNOCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL 2018

Call 01 8038069 or email adultedpcs@gmail.com. Online enrolment available now
Classes take place mostly on Tuesday nights or Saturday mornings

Archery	Golf
Art / Painting	Guitar (Beginners and Improvers)
The Artist's Way – Recovering your Creative Self	Gardening for Beginners
Baking: Have Fun with Baking (open to all)	German for Beginners (Sat.)
Ballroom Dancing (Sat.)	Italian Beginners and Improvers Courses
Badminton	Keyboard (Piano) for Beginners
Bridge Beginners & Improvers (both Wed. afternoon)	Mindfulness
Cake Decorating with Vera (Sat.)	Philosophy (Introductory Course)
Child Psychology QQI L6	Photography DSLR Camera
Chinese (Mandarin)	Photography DSLR Camera Improvers (Sat.)
Computers: Digital Skills for Citizens (free, Sat.)	Pilates Beginners & Improvers
Computers: Love your iPad (Sat.)	Pilates Pre and Post Natal (Thurs)
Computers: For Business	Pottery (Sat.)
Cooking: Healthy Dishes from Around the World	Psychology (Introductory course on Sat.)
Craft Beer Brewing	Singing for Beginners and Improvers
Creative Self Exploration	Spanish Beginners & Improvers (Tues) & Advanced Conversational (Wed.)
Creative Writing (Beginners)	Special Needs Assisting QQI L5
Creative Writing One Day Workshop with Evan Costigan	Tai Chi Beginners and Improvers (Wed.)
Dance: Latin in Line (Sat.)	Tin Whistle Beginners and Improvers
Development Education	Ukelele
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE Preparation for Cambridge FCE and also CAE exam (Ideal for Au Pairs etc)	Volleyball (Thursday)
First Aid	Yoga (Tues.) + Pregnancy Yoga (Mon.)
Fashion Design: Beginners	Zumba



BA in Theology and Religious Studies

In this course students have the chance to explore Scripture, theology, ethics, faith formation, and a host of other subjects on the lovely DCU All Hallows Campus.

This programme is aimed at mature students (23+), and is offered in a flexible manner (one evening per week, a few Saturdays per year) to suit those with careers and other responsibilities. The programme offers a full honours level Bachelor's degree, but there are also options for graduating with a certificate or diploma for those who might find that a full degree is more than they are looking for.

For further information contact:
Dr Brad Anderson, DCU All Hallows Campus
Senior House S208, Drumcondra,
Dublin 9, D09N920
Phone +353 (0)1 700 7048



PATHWAYS

Booking is now open for Pathways, which begins this year in Holy Cross College on Thursday 27th September 2018 (7pm-9.30pm).

The Pathways Programme is geared towards those who wish to explore issues and questions of: faith; ministry; the Church today and the nature of belief, in an environment appropriate to Adult Learning and Adult Faith Development.

The Course The programme runs over two years from late September to late May each year. It takes place on Thursday evenings from 7.00p.m. – 9.30 p.m. in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin D03 P2E7. There are three optional Saturday sessions each year. The programme this year will be starting on Thursday 27th September 2018.

Who is the Course for? This course is suitable for men and women of all ages and from all walks of life who are looking for an opportunity to consider questions about belief and Church today. The main requirements are: a desire to explore faith; openness to participation; a willingness to listen and an interest in new ideas and approaches to ministry. No academic qualifications and no previous study in theology or spirituality are necessary. There is no required written work and there are no exams. Fees are €400 each year. Fees may be paid in full at the beginning of the year or in instalments throughout the year. Part-sponsorship may be available from some parishes.

For further details collect leaflet in Parish Centre or contact Eileen Houlahan, CHF, PhD, Director, Pathways Programme, Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin, D03 P2E7
Phone: 01 8087594 | Email: pathways@dublindiocese.ie

Lead by example outside with outdoor activities this autumn!

The incredible exploits of the Irish women's hockey team in the World Championships in August were watched & celebrated by thousands across the country & it is hoped their achievements will encourage more children to take up sport at a time when it is increasingly difficult to improve participation rates in physical activity. Research has shown that youngsters are far more likely to be active when they are lead by example. So make it a priority this autumn to schedule regular outdoor activities, fun and adventures into your children or grandchildren's day & you'll be playing a huge role in improving their long term health.

Childhood Inactivity & Obesity

Research from Safefood.eu has also revealed that one in four Irish children are overweight or obese with Ireland on track to be the fattest nation in Europe by 2030. Many factors have contributed to the problem — poor eating habits, more sedentary lifestyles and the one thing that most of us can relate to — hectic and time-poor lives.

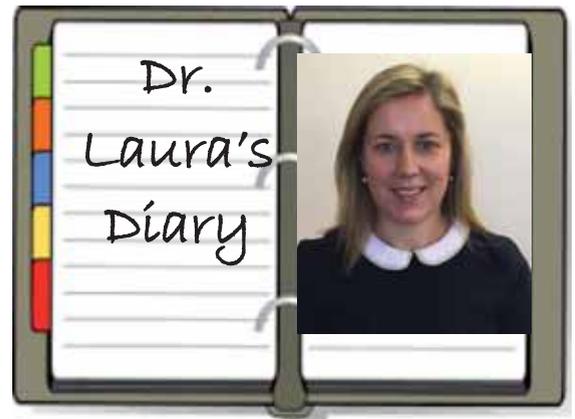
As times have changed, so too have expectations of parenthood. Nowadays many households have two working parents, meaning that family time is limited and extremely precious — and what little of it we have is often surrendered to dinner preparations, housework, next day planning and the dreaded evening task of homework, especially in winter when daylight hours are in particular short supply. Often by the time homework battles have raged, dinner has been eaten and everything else that needs to be done, is done, it's dark, damp and cold — and there's not a neighbourhood child in sight.

Children are spending less time physically playing and getting involved in sports and much more time in sedentary activities such as ipads Xboxes etc. Changes in children's diets has compounded this reduction in activity. There is an abundance of cheap, energy dense, nutritionally poor, convenience food marketed at children and busy parents. Children are surrounded by unhealthy, high-calorie foods advertised constantly on social media, TV, billboards, buses and bus stops, supermarket trolleys etc.

What can you do?

A recent UK study revealed that only 1% of parents of clinically obese children could identify that their child was unhealthily overweight. Parents often compare their own children with their peers when assessing their weight rather than looking at the medical advice and recommendations. Parents need to encourage their children to eat whole foods such vegetables, fruits, meats, fish, eggs, dairy and simple wholegrain products.

But diet alone will not suffice and encouraging our children to be more active involves leading by example. **Children are five times more likely to be active if their parents are.** Start by thinking of ways to make family time a physical activity so instead of going to the cinema, try enjoying time together while going for a walk, climbing a mountain, taking the bikes out or going for a swim. Children don't have to do all 60 minutes of activity at once, so on busy days just try to ensure they fit in a number of bouts of activity wherever they can throughout the day. Portmarnock will be toasting Ireland's fittest family in no time!



Dr. Laura's Diary is a monthly column in Progress by which I would like to inform readers about acute and chronic medical conditions and promote health and wellbeing for all Portmarnock Residents. If you have any questions, queries or comments, please email me at laouflynn@rcsi.ie. Dr. Laura



Kids Corner

The return to school and Montessori this September brings the inevitable condition of headlice to your door. Head lice are tiny grey/brown insects the size of a sesame seed which lay eggs called nits. The condition is extremely common worldwide, is not the result of dirty hair but close contact with other children. Wet combing and Lyclear are typically used to combat this condition. You're probably itchy just reading this!!!



A New Zealand company behind a landmark trial of a four-day working week has concluded it was an unmitigated success, with 78% of employees feeling they were more able to successfully manage their work-life balance (an increase of 24%); 7% feeling less stressed, 5% happier with life – all with no change in productivity levels.

Two hundred and forty staff at Perpetual Guardian, a company which manages trusts, wills and estate planning, trialed a four-day working week over March and April, working four, eight-hour days but getting paid for five. Academics studied the trial before, during and after its implementation, collecting qualitative and quantitative data.

Time to muster up the courage to talk to your boss on Monday morning!

DIARY DATES

SEPT	Tues 4	Workshop – Family caregiving for people with dementia	7
	Tues 11	Parkinson's – Exercise Class	7
		Parent and Toddler Group resumes	7
	Mon 17	Public consultation on changes to Bus Services	9
	Wed 19	ICA recommences	6
	Thurs 20	Hospice Coffee Morn	6
NOV	Sat 22 & Mon 24	Comm Sch Adult Ed commences	3
	Thurs 8	Remembrance Service	2

ARE YOU HOUSEBOUND?

Would you like to receive Holy Communion on a regular basis? This can be arranged by contacting the Parish Office at 8461561.

St. Anne's Parish, Portmarnock, Mission Statement
To create a parish in Portmarnock where people treat each other with love and compassion and work together to build up a dynamic Christian community characterised by faith, mission, worship and services

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018



Back Row L to R: Marian Carthy, Andrew Carthy, Pauline Geoghegan, (Pilgrimage Leader) Conor (our Courier) Dick Geoghegan, John Hurley, Danny Murphy, Jim Rice, Margaret Byrne, Carol Byrne, Fr. Conleth Meehan (Pilgrimage Spiritual Director), Enda Dunleavy, Dermot Kearns, Betty Ennis.

Front Row L to R: Kathy O'Reilly, Marthy Carthy, Rita Cahill, Marie Hurley, Frances Rice, Kay Murphy, Bridie Mannix, Chris Quinn, Dympna Kelledy, Marie Dunleavy, Nuala Gettings, Evelyn Paisley

A Back-to-School Blessing

Lord, bless all the children who are returning to school,
May they grow, as you did, in wisdom, in stature
and in favour with God and his people.

Keep them safe as they go to and from school.
Keep them faithful to you as they learn and play together.
Keep them in your loving care
and help them to show the same loving care to others.

Protect the children, Lord, and not only in body:
protect them from those who would lead them astray,
from the emptiness of those who have no true vision
but would lead them into false freedoms
based only on the satisfactions of the moment.

May our children, Lord, come to know not just celebrities
but true heroes, people to bring out the best in them
men and women of faith, courage and goodness.

May the children not lack sources of genuine inspiration
and may the adults in their lives—parents, teachers, priests
set only the very finest of example.
Indeed, may the innocence of children bring out the very best
in those who teach and guide them.

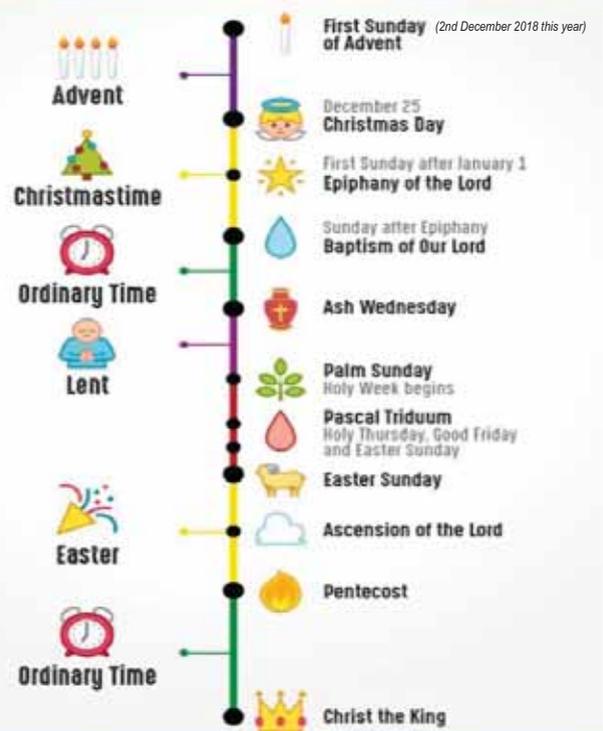
All of us, Lord, turn to you for wisdom
whatever our stage in life.

We are all your children -
help each of us to grow in faith, hope and love.
Make us strong in self-giving and in self-restraint.
Form us, day by day, in the image of your Son.
Who lives and reigns, forever and ever. Amen

Courtesy of Intercom Magazine

The Liturgical Year

A simple guide to learn about the liturgical times of the Catholic Church



Sources: Catholic Extension: www.catholicextension.com
Wikiversity: www.wikiversity.org

CatholicLink

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



COFFEE MORNING in aid of ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE in St. Anne's Parish Centre on Thursday 20th September from 10.00am to 12.00 noon

Please come along for a coffee and a chat. Your support would be much appreciated. There will also be a raffle.



Portmarnock Pitch & Putt Club

Founded 1953

A total of **74 New Members** have joined our Club this year. This number includes Ladies, Gents, Students/Apprentices and Juveniles. Thanks very much to all those New Members for supporting our local Club and we hope that you are all enjoying the Course, the Competitions we run and the facilities which the Club offers. The competitions for Juveniles continue every Wednesday from 2pm with Gold, Silver and Bronze medals, which we introduced earlier this season, proving to be a great success. Please note that these Juvenile competitions will continue until the last Wednesday of September. So there is still plenty of time left to win one of these precious medals.

The **Juveniles' Captain's Prize (Nathan Miland)** will be held this month and we will also run another Adult and Juvenile Competition – please check the Notice Board for further details.

New Members are always very welcome at Portmarnock Pitch & Putt Club. With only 4 months remaining this year, we are offering a Special Membership deal for 16 months – from September 2018 until December 2019.

16 Month Adult Member - €172

16 Month Senior Citizen - €126 (Over 65)

16 Month Student/Apprentice - €126 (Over 18)

Please contact 089 445 8313 or email portmarnockpitchandputtclub@gmail.com for further details.

We look forward to meeting you soon



Irish Countrywomen's Association

The ICA is the largest membership organisation of women in Ireland. Fun, Friendship and Support are at the heart of everything we do. Our Portmarnock ICA Guild meets every Wednesday at 8.00 pm. In the Arch Club premises (behind St. Anne's Church).

If you would like to join the Guild just come down any Wednesday at 7.50 pm and you will be made very welcome. We have interesting talks, keep fit, line dancing, outings and parties. Crafts are especially catered for in the ICA. You will meet many new friends.

The guild reopens after the summer break on Wednesday 19th September

CANCELLATION

It had been hoped to hold a talk in St. Anne's Parish Centre on **CULTURE NIGHT** on 21st September. It may be included in the promotional main brochure but unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, it is not possible to host the night.

NAOMH MEARNÓG CLG



The Club's Nursery for boys and girls aged from 4 to 7 years of age starts back on Saturday 8 September.

Ladies Football Sevens and Gaelic4Mothers&Others

Tournaments - Please note that we will host the All Ireland Ladies Football Sevens on the 15th of September and we will be hosting with our neighbours St Sylvester's, the Gaelic4Mothers&Others ladies football blitz on Saturday 6 October which will involve over 70 teams from all parts of the county and overseas. All pitches will be closed on that day.

Ladies Gaelic Football The Club is looking for adult ladies Gaelic football players and if anyone is interested they should contact Clíodhna O'Connor (085 774 9483) or Mark Bedford (087 943 6660).

Online purchasing of Lotto tickets, club membership, golf society, sports equipment is available on website – www.naomhmearnog.ie.

For hiring facilities contact Eamonn at 846 4346.

PICKLEBALL FOR ALL

"The New Sport causing a stir in Portmarnock!"

Pickleball is equal parts ping-pong, badminton and tennis. It is played on a court the same dimensions as a badminton court, played either indoors or outdoors, and players use a paddle slightly larger than a ping pong paddle. The ball is plastic and is therefore very light. See picture below. It is the fastest growing sport in the US and the average age of the players is 60. Pickleball is starting to get legs in Ireland with Irish Pickleball having hosted its second annual Irish Pickleball Championships in Multyfarnham, Co Westmeath, earlier in the year.



Debbie Brown, the local pickleball advocate and tennis, squash and padel coach (in Portmarnock), won Gold in the mixed doubles in the Irish Championships and was the Silver Medalist in the ladies doubles. "I saw more seniors playing pickleball at those two Irish Championships than I have seen on a playing field ever!"

It's amazing to see older people out moving around, enjoying sport, socializing and still feeding their competitive fire! I'm really keen to bring the sport to seniors that are looking to be active in a fun, low impact sport they can master." With so many badminton courts available in Ireland, the sport is sure to be a fantastic option to exercise, socialize and learn a new sport – for all ages.

If you are interested in giving pickleball a try, contact Debbie Brown @ RacquetsCoach@gmail.com. We operate under the Adult Education programme of Portmarnock Community School and run sessions every Monday evening from 7-8pm in the sports hall. Equipment will be provided - €5 drop-in fee or register for a full term of 16 weeks for €60. See Adult Education section of www.portmarnockcommunityschool.ie for more details.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



Coffee Morning

WEDNESDAYS AFTER 10.00 MASS
IN THE PARISH CENTRE
Enjoy fresh scones and tea/coffee €2
All welcome



BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP

run by the local HSE Public Health Nurses.
Every Thursday 11.30—12.30 in Portmarnock Parish
Centre. All Welcome. Ph 846 0311 for further information.



PORTMARNOCK CHESS CLUB

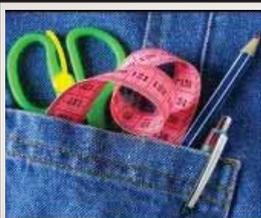
New players welcome. Adults meet at 8.30 pm
every Thursday in Naomh Mearnóg GAA.
Blackwood Lane. Juniors (from 6 years up)
meet 7.30 pm. Contact Ken 086 337 3582.

PORTMARNOCK, KINSEALY AND MALAHIDE “CARE AND REPAIR”

is a group of volunteers who carry out small repairs and
minor tasks e.g. minor gardening, changing plugs, cleaning
windows etc. for people aged 60 plus. Where a job is too
big or requires a professional tradesman we have a list of
people we can recommend.

For more information please contact us on
086 865 3311

The service is FREE and we WANT to help



THE CRAFT CIRCLE meets 3rd Saturday every
month in the Parish Centre from 10.00 am until
1.00pm. Work night— first Thursday of each
month, 7.30pm - 9.30pm also in Parish Centre.
You would be very welcome to come along and
share your craft. For further information contact
Pauline at 087 629 3744.



Do you know what you're entitled to?
Employment, Health Services, Social
Welfare, Tax or Housing.

Answers for all of life's questions. **Phone 076 107 7480.**
(Malahide CIC, 2nd Floor Malahide Library Ph 845 0627)

Legal Session last Saturday of every month 10.30 am—12.30 pm



PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

Reopens after the Summer break on
Tuesday 11th September in Teallach
Áine in the Parish Centre.

The Group meets every Tuesday morning
from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon (except when schools closed)



CONTACT DETAILS

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
91-92 Sean McDermott Street, Dublin 1.
Tel. 855 0022; email: info@svp.ie

HARD OF HEARING?

If you use a Hearing Aid you can avail of the “Loop”
anywhere in St. Anne's church.

All you need to do is adjust your Hearing Aid settings
according to your manufacturer's instructions.



TOWARD RESILIENCE IN FAMILY CAREGIVING FOR PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA



ARE YOU CARING FOR A LOVED ONE WITH DEMENTIA?

Our research team needs your help!

Caring for a loved one with dementia can be a very rewarding
experience; however, it can also be very challenging for many
carers. Some carers cope well with these challenges and are
considered 'resilient'.

Our team of researchers have developed an online resource to
enhance resilience by providing useful information and support to
people caring for someone with dementia. We now aim to conduct
information and outreach campaign throughout Ireland, using
local networks and the internet, so a larger audience will get the
benefits of our knowledge.

What am I being asked to do?

We are holding a series of workshops throughout Ireland to spread
awareness of the 'Enhancing Carers Resilience' (EnCaRe) resource.

We are seeking feedback from a broad range of family carers, to
promote the EnCaRe resource.

What is involved in the workshops?

The workshops will take place from September - October and will
be completed in a single day which will run from 10:00 - 13:00.
There will be refreshments at the meeting, followed by lunch after
the workshop.

The locations of the workshops will be in the following:

Dublin - The Ashling Hotel (September 4th)

Kilkenny - The Springhill Court Hotel (September 11th)

Cork - The Ambassador Hotel (September 18th)

Limerick - The Clayton Hotel (September 25th)

Cavan - Cavan Crystal Hotel (October 2nd)

Galway - Clayton Hotel Galway (October 9th)

Participants will be invited to engage with other family carers to
tell of their experiences in caregiving.

Reasonable travel and care expenses will be covered.

**If you are interested in participating in these workshops or
would like more information on the project please contact
Kevin Deegan on +353 85 852 9352 or
email kevin@carealliance.ie**

Exercise class for People with Parkinson's

The Dublin Branch of The Parkinson's Association in conjunction
with the Portmarnock/Malahide support group is arranging an
introduction exercise class for people with Parkinson's. The
class will be held on Tuesday 11th September 2018 in Naomh
Mearnóg GAA club, Portmarnock at 11.00am.

The form of exercise is Siel Bleu (www.sielbleu.ie) which is very
gentle and suitable for all people who are experiencing reduction
in flexibility.

It is envisaged to continue the classes for a number of weeks
thereafter. Due to the generous sponsorship of Taxback
International there will be no participation fee.

People with Parkinson's and their carers are very welcome.
Further details are available from Tony Brady 087 795 3302 or
Sinéad O'Kane 087 286 9173.

PORTMARNOCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - PCA NEWS

Weather

The records for Dublin Airport show that rainfall for the May to July 2018 period was 118.5mm (5") below average. This is unprecedented in the past 40 years. The soil became very dry and drought has caused problems for growers of crops. MET Éireann measures how dry a soil is by measuring how much rain needs to fall to make it wet again (Soil Moisture Deficit). They estimated that we needed 98mm of rainfall to get back to where the soil is damp again. Up to the middle of August we had 12.6mm. This was sufficient to get the grass green but the soil is still very dry and little or no water will have flowed into our reservoirs. This summer shows to us all why we need to invest in our water infrastructure. We need more storage (reservoirs), more water sources (Shannon River, Wells to tap into the groundwater and more Water Harvesting off roofs and hard surfaces. I hope this is the last summer when I have to use tap water to water my flowers. I am already collecting the rainfall from my shed – by next summer I will be collecting all the rainfall from the roof of my house.

I hope all our children remember the summer of 2018 fondly – days on the beach, walking around in shorts and tee-shirts every day, just being outside all day – how wonderful.

Traffic Calming Measures on Carrickhill Road

A number of people have contacted me about the traffic calming measures on Carrickhill Road. All have expressed their concern at the number of ramps and how it will disrupt their journeys. I am not going to express support for those who wish to have little or no traffic calming. I would not be able to live with myself if somebody was injured or, God forbid, killed on the road. The Council had already installed the speed detector which indicated what speed one was travelling at. That obviously did not achieve the desired reduction in speed.

I have measured the distance from the junction with Blackwood Lane down to the junction with Strand Rd. It is 1.4km. If we are currently driving at 50km/hr it takes 1 minute 41 seconds to get from end to end. If we reduce our speed to 40km it will increase the time by approximately 20 seconds. I know it is not comfortable crossing ramps and I know we are all busy. How much is a life worth ?

Dublin Airport New Runway

The Local Area Plan for Dublin Airport is in the process of being developed by Fingal County Council. We need you to take some time to assist us in getting the best outcome for Portmarnock. It is of no use to start complaining when all the extra aircraft are flying overhead – the horse has bolted at that stage. We need you to do the following –

- Attend the Public Information Drop in Session hosted by Fingal County Council in County Hall, Main St. Swords from 4- 8pm on Wednesday 5th September
- Make a submission to the Local Area Plan. You should include the following in your submission.
- Upgrade of roads, footpaths and cycleways from Portmarnock to Dublin Airport
- Special insulation scheme for all housing and public buildings in Portmarnock funded jointly by government, the DAA and SEAI

- A limit of 65 flights per night which is the limit set by An Bord Pleanála when planning permission was granted for the new runway
- Noise reduction measures at Dublin Airport
- Air pollution reduction measures at Dublin Airport

You should send your submission before the 18th September to:

Local Area Plan Submission Dublin Airport, Planning Department, Fingal County Council, County Hall , Swords, Co. Dublin

(Can also complete online – see Fingal CoCo Website & PCA website

New Bus Routes

This is very important. There are major changes being planned for bus routes throughout Dublin. If you are a bus user you must check this out. Website: <https://www.busconnects.ie>

Bus Shelters

You will remember that I requested residents to indicate where bus shelters were required in Portmarnock in the previous issue. I received requests for two new shelters. The first shelter was for Strand Road. at the green opposite the Texaco garage. The second was for the bottom end of Wendell Avenue. I can quite understand why these locations were requested as they are among the most windy and cold locations that do not already have a shelter. We will contact Dublin Bus and Fingal County Council to progress this issue.

Greater Dublin Drainage – New Waste Water Treatment Plant at Clonsaugh

PCA, Swimming Groups, Beach Clean Committee and local representatives all made submissions on your behalf.

Tidy Towns

Yet again the Village Traders Association have an excellent display of flowers throughout the shopping area. Well done also to the volunteers in Tidy Towns who had a very busy summer watering the planters from the roundabout up to Kingsford Cross. I believe we need two new large beds of Begonia flowers at the entrance to the village similar to the beds near the Grand Hotel in Malahide for next year. Again more volunteers are needed.

Seats

Our thanks are due to the Council Parks staff for installing new seats at the entrance to the beach near the globe and on the green opposite Texaco. I have not seen anybody on the seat at the green yet but the seats at the beach are in constant use. We will request more seats for both locations.

(Pat Suttle 087 248 6287).

Contacting the PCA: If you wish to contact the PCA on any issues in our community or volunteer for any of our committees why not call us 087 248 6287 (leave a message) or email portmarnock1@gmail.com. You can visit our website/Facebook at www.portmarnock.org

Changes to Bus services – Bus Connect

IMPORTANT PUBLIC CONSULTATION Grand Hotel Malahide on Monday the 17th September
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A major overhaul of the Bus system is planned for Dublin. The plans are for one of the most radical and significant changes to the Bus Network in decades. These plans are going to affect everyone who uses the bus network. The Draft plans are out for public consultation at the moment. The theory behind the changes is to have fewer but more frequent routes and to have a more integrated service. In Portmarnock and Malahide there are major changes. The good news is an increase of frequency of DART trains and an improvement in connections between trains and buses. The objective of the redesign is “to make it more useful to more people. In other words, to enable more people to get to more places, sooner, than they currently can by bus.” According to the NTA.

This is how they describe the new proposals for Malahide and Portmarnock.

Malahide and Portmarnock “The design here is meant to ensure fast access to the city centre, either via direct routes or efficient DART connections, while also providing direct service to Swords from almost all of the area. Route D1 from Malahide to Crumlin would run every 30 minutes from Malahide Village to Dublin city centre via Malahide Road, continuing to Crumlin as part of the D Spine. Similar to existing Route 42, this route would provide a relatively direct path to the city centre.”

Route 60 from Dublin Airport toward Malahide and Portmarnock. In this area, Route 60 would provide service every 30 minutes between Dublin Airport, Swords Pavilions, Malahide Village, and Portmarnock. Route 60 also extends southward from Portmarnock via Baldoyle and Donaghmede, and ultimately to Dublin city centre.

Route 281 from Swords to Portmarnock DART would be the fastest path to the city centre for many Malahide side. Route 281 would provide service every 20 minutes connecting to every DART train. Route 281 would also connect to DART at Malahide station, for better access to DART’s fast service into the city centre. The matching frequencies between 281 and DART would mean consistent timing of the connections between them. Meanwhile, Route 281 would also be the main link to Swords for the entire area served, with easy connections on Swords Main Street to all parts of Swords and points north.”

These routes would be supplemented by an express service (Route 381) to the city centre and UCD in the morning and afternoon peak hour, similar to existing Route 32x.”

On initial inspection if this change works as it is supposed to it should provide an improvement in service for most people. The main drawback for this area is the reliance on the DART. We all know the difficulty in getting the 102 to meet Darts. The Timetables and routes are not set. So now is the time to have your say.

Shelters Restoration

By now the Shelters should be substantially rebuilt. I hope we can put in place a regular public art project to decorate the shelters and keep them looking good and free from low quality graffiti. To save time essence the first project may be given to a pre-selected local group but in future we hope to open it wider community.

Athletics track

There is strong support for an Athletics track in the Portmarnock area. As well as the local athletics Club it would be open to be used by any local sports Club or school prepared to support the ongoing maintenance of the facility. While a final location has yet to be selected there are proposals to make capital available which I hope will be supported so that this project can be delivered in the next 18 -24 months.

Vacant house With the current housing crisis, it is an absolute waste to see empty homes. Many of these homes are in private ownership. There is an initiative to report these homes and try and contact the owners to try and get them back in use.

To report a house, you believe to be vacant

Go to the www.vacanthouse.ie website. Fill in the form with as many details as you have.

If you have pictures of the house you can upload them. It is possible for councils to make a compulsory purchase order whereby the council can purchase derelict properties; however, this route is expensive both in legal fees and the valuations tend to be very high. It is rarely economic to do so.

Cllr. Brian McDonagh

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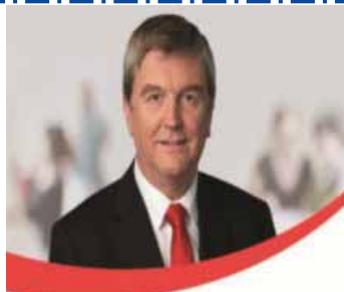
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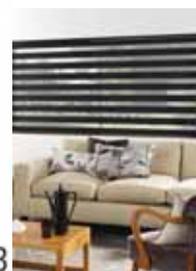
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This facility is very much appreciated especially at the time of a funeral as can be seen from the following email received recently.

Good Morning-

I'm currently overseas and a very close friend's funeral took place in St Anne's. I was upset that I couldn't be there. I happened to look at the clock and remarked to myself that the Mass would be starting now.

Do not ask me why- and it's not something I've ever done before- but I looked up your website and was just thrilled to discover that you were providing a webcam feed. It was very special to be able to participate from the other side of the world.

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