

# Dunboyne and Rathmolyon Bugle February 2022



At the time of writing, we have received initial guidance on the safe continuance of public worship. You will be advised of the requirements at the start of the service.

Wear a mask in church.

If you have covid symptoms, please follow the HSE guidelines, stay at home and consult your doctor

If you take ill during the service, please let a church warden or clergy know

## Looking back then moving forward

It has been a tough two years. God alone knows how many of us have coped, but we have with His care. When we are released from hospital after surgery, that's how I feel today: a bit light-headed, relief that the day has finally come and that I can look forward to the future. We can look forward to healing. We all hold the scars we have acquired during the pandemic but we will heal them! With God's grace and in God's time.

God bless you all and keep you well, Rev Eugene

## Services to mark the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday 2 March 2022

This year, now that all our churches are open, there will be three services to mark Ash Wednesday:

Holy Communion	Agher Church at 10am	with Rev Eugene & Valerie Byrne
Holy Communion	St Mary's Maynooth at 12noon	with Rev Eugene & Joanna Griffin
Holy Communion	St Peter's Dunboyne at 8pm	with Rev Eugene & Joan Bruton

Lent is a very important time for Christians as we take stock and reflect on what it is to be a Christian in society today. What better way to begin Lent than coming together to celebrate Holy Communion.

## Farewell from Rev Alison

It is with very mixed feelings and a heavy heart that I compose this last contribution to the magazine. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time living and working within the parishes of Dunboyne and Rathmolyon. I am so grateful that I was made feel welcome and part of the family right from the moment I arrived. I am humbled by the many words of encouragement and thanks I have received since announcing my departure.

I am honoured to have been part of your lives during the hard and sad times, to share in your grief and support you and share God's love in your time of need as well as during the many joyous occasions.

I will miss the fun when taking the School Assemblies, and on the bus excursions. I enjoyed the fellowship and friendship over cups of coffee and Parish Fundraising events. I would like to thank everyone who helped with my ministry, too many to name: Church Wardens, Organists, Parish Readers, the young and old who helped with reading lessons during service, those who make the churches look so beautiful, and especially to those who looked after me in the curatage.

I have been contented living and serving God among you and I know that I leave your care a much better servant of God than when I arrived. Much of which is down to the support and guidance I received when working alongside Rev Eugene in my position as Curate Assistant. As I am leaving this Diocese after 4 years, I would also like to thank Bishop Pat for her kindness and support and the fellowship shown me by all my Diocesan colleagues, especially Rev Isaac Delamere and Karen Seaman.

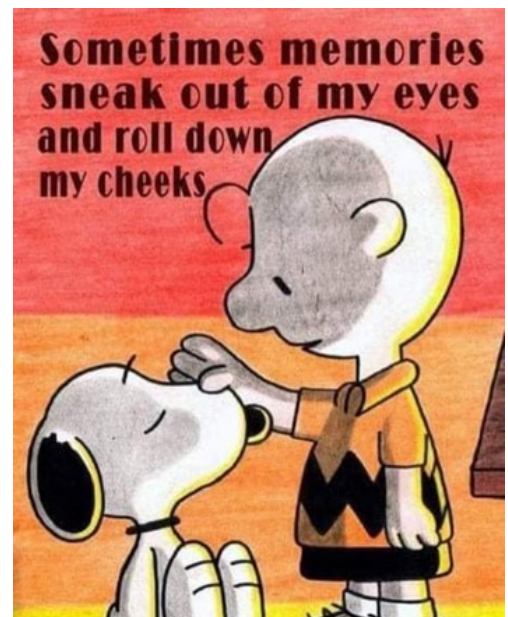
Mindful of Paul's words of encouragement when he wrote to the Philippians (3:12-16) I am filled with trepidation and excitement as I enter the new year and look forward to the new challenges and opportunities God has presented before me.

"Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. .... Only let us hold fast to what we have attained."

May I wish you all best wishes for the future and God's blessings in 2022.

Farewell and thank you all.

Alison.





## Confirmations 2022

Our seven confirmation candidates are continuing preparations with online discussions and learning though it was wonderful to have them join us with their families at our Christmas Eve service in The Oak Centre where they began to play a part in the liturgy. Please remember Ross, Charlie, Callum, Charlie, Killian, Tamlynn and Evan in your prayers between now and their confirmation day of 3 April 2022.

## United Service of thanksgiving and farewell for Rev Alison

On Sunday 16 January in St. Mary's Church Maynooth, we bade farewell to Rev Alison Irvine who has been with us as a curate assistant since September 2018. It was poignant that Alison's final service was taken in the church where she was ordained to the priesthood.

During her time in the Dunboyne and Rathmolyon Group, Alison has been a generous and open-hearted minister to our parishioners.

God's richest blessings to Alison on her new appointment and in her future ministry.



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Please let a member of the parish team know if you would like a visit or a chat



### 'The Bugle'

This, our monthly newsletter 'The Bugle' is distributed by email. So, if you would like to receive a regular copy, I can add you to the dedicated mailing list if you contact me at rectoratdunboyne@gmail.com

It is so amazing and humbling to think that our Group news is winging its way all around the world !



## Christmas 2021

I would like to say a very big 'thank you' to everyone who made our churches such lovely and safe places to visit for our Christmas services.

Attendances, both in-person and on-line were very heartening and I was delighted to be joined by our 2022 confirmation class at our service on Christmas Eve in the Oak Centre, Dunboyne. God bless you all.



## Baptism of James Bunting

On Saturday 15 January, James Edward Bunting was baptised in St. Seachnall's Dunshaughlin.

God's richest blessings to James, his parents Sarah and John, godparents and proud grandparents Ed and Joy Smith

## Our condolences:

We extend our sympathy to **Pat Lord** on the death of her sister, Hilary. There is never an easy time to lose someone we love but bearing such loss so close to Christmas was awfully hard indeed.

**George Wilkinson** lost his mother Nellie on St Stephen's Day. Our heartfelt sympathies go to you George, Valerie, Eric, Albert, Harriet, and the wider Wilkinson/Oakes families.

Our good friend in the Oak Centre **John Kelly** lost his father Michael last week. Again, our sympathies extend to you and your family at this sad time.

## God our Father,

Your power brings us to birth, your presence guides our lives, and by your command we return to you. Lord, those who die, still live in your presence, their lives change but do not end.

In company with Christ, who died and now lives, may they rejoice in your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away.

Unite us together again in one family, to sing your praise forever and ever.

Amen

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## Services January to February 2022

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### Sunday 23 January

Morning Prayer  
Holy Communion  
Morning Prayer  
Holy Communion

### Third Sunday after Epiphany

Rathmolyon	9.45am
Dunboyne	10.00am
Maynooth	11.30am
Dunshaughlin	11.30am

Valerie Byrne & Teleri T.  
Rev Eugene & Suzanne H.  
Cormac Corrigan & Iris H.  
Rev Eugene & Barbara A.

### Sunday 30 January

Holy Communion  
Morning Prayer  
Holy Communion  
Morning Prayer

### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Rathmolyon	9.45am
Dunboyne	10.00am
Maynooth	11.30am
Dunshaughlin	11.30am

Rev Eugene & Enid W.  
Joanna Griffin & Jesmond H.  
Rev Eugene & Cherry P.  
Keith Snowe & Ann B.

### Sunday 6 February

Morning Prayer  
Holy Communion  
Morning Prayer  
Holy Communion

### Fourth Sunday before Lent

**Rathcore	9.45am
Dunboyne	10.00am
Maynooth	11.30am
Dunshaughlin	11.30am

Enid Wilkinson & Linda C.  
Rev Eugene & Hall Family  
Cormac Corrigan & Katharine McK.  
Rev Eugene & Wilkinson Family

### Sunday 13 February

Holy Communion  
Morning Prayer  
Holy Communion  
Morning Prayer

### Third Sunday before Lent

Rathcore	9.45am
Dunboyne	10.00am
Maynooth	11.30am
Dunshaughlin	11.30am

Rev Eugene & Valerie B.  
Joanna Griffin & Mike McC.  
Rev Eugene & Conrad B.  
Keith Snowe & Crowe Family

### Sunday 20 February

Morning Prayer  
Holy Communion  
Morning Prayer  
Holy Communion

### Second Sunday before Lent

Rathcore	9.45am
Dunboyne	10.00am
Maynooth	11.30am
Dunshaughlin	11.30am

Linda Conwell & Trevor M.  
Rev Eugene & Kilbey Family  
Cormac Corrigan & Liam F.  
Rev Eugene & Hugh N.

### Sunday 27 February

Holy Communion  
Morning Prayer  
Holy Communion  
Morning Prayer

### Sunday before Lent

Rathcore	9.45am
Dunboyne	10.00am
Maynooth	11.30am
Dunshaughlin	11.30am

Rev Eugene & Mary C.  
Joanna Griffin & Marvyn H.  
Rev Eugene & Jonathan G.  
Keith Snowe & Vance Family

Please note: [Ash Wednesday 2 March 2022](#), Services quoted on Page 1

Services of Morning Prayer are uploaded onto the Facebook page for each Sunday



## My Mask

Holy God, you see me and you hear me.

Through my mask, you see if I smile or if I scowl.

Through my mask, you hear me if I whisper a brief prayer or mutter a muffled curse.

My friends don't see or hear or know; nor do my family; nor my colleagues.

But you do.

This mask takes away power – the power of clear communication but also the possibility to infect. But it also grants a freedom to be with.

My smiles, my thoughts, my mumbles, though – these I know, but they are a greater mystery to others now.

But not to you, Lord. You see past my mask, you hear through it, you know.

But your mask, Lord, what about your mask? Who can see through your mask? Hear through it?

I cannot.

I cannot see if you smile or if you scowl.

I cannot hear if you whisper an answer to my prayer or brush off my curse.

I cannot sense if you are pleased with me or if you are waiting for me to do much better.

Can we all take off our masks, Lord? Put them away?

When the disease that moves us to mask our faces for safety fades away, will our eyes and our ears be stronger, better able to see and to hear the smiles and the frowns, the cries and the whispers of those who fill our lives? Who make our lives worth living?

Will we see, Lord, that what we think of as your mask is really also our own, our inability to find you in the rush of our lives, our failure to see you in all the wonders you show us, our incapacity to hear your gentle voice in the tumult that surrounds us.

Can we know, Lord, that we put on many masks so we can cope, avoid, pretend, be acceptable? (What scar did the Phantom's mask hide? "Who was that masked man?")

Help us, Lord, to move beyond our masks. You are here for us to see and to hear. Help us. Let us take off our masks.

- By Fr. Edward Schmidt S.J.



"I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

