

Dunboyne and Rathmolyon Bugle December 2022

Christmas Services in The Dunboyne & Rathmolyon Group

Sunday 18 - Nativity Service in Dunshaughlin 11.30am
(bring your own tea towel)

Sunday 18 - Carol Service in Agher Church at 6pm

Wednesday 21 - Ecumenical Service of Nine Lessons and
Carols in St Mary's Maynooth at 7pm with St Mary's Brass
and Reed Band

Saturday 24 - A Family Christmas Service in The Oak
Centre, Dunboyne at 7pm

Saturday 24 - Christmas Eve Holy Communion in
St Peter's Church, Dunboyne at 10.00pm

Sunday 25 - Holy Communion in Agher at 9.45am

Sunday 25 - Holy Communion in St Mary's Maynooth at
11.30am

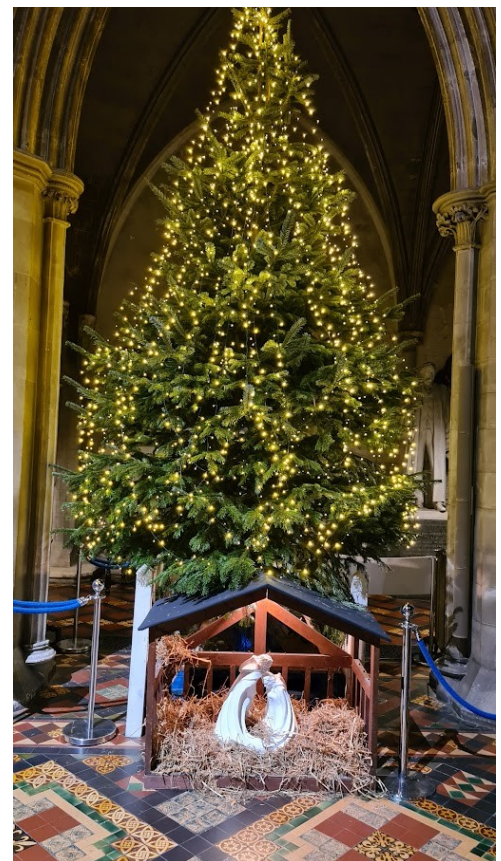
Sunday 25—Family Service in Dunshaughlin at 11.30am

Sunday 1— United Service in St Mary's Maynooth at
11.30am

Our new Writers Group

A new initiative from one of our younger parishioners (Jack Battye): calling all would be writers! We are starting up a Writers Group in the new year. If you would like to join us, please let the rector know at

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Dunboyne and Rathmolyon Group

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Parish Reader's: Cormac Corrigan, Enid Wilkinson,
Keith Snowe, Joanna Griffin, Linda Conwell and
Valerie Byrne,



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



News from St Peter's National School



Well done to St Peter's National School PTA and all those who supported, took part in or attended the Christmas Fair which was held on 3 December last. It was a great morning out and Santa was assured me that this year, no one will be getting coal!



If any children or young folk would like to be confirmed in 2023, please contact me by email and I will add your name to our list. Rev Eugene

Services December 2022 to January 2023

Sunday 18 December

Morning Prayer
Morning Prayer
Morning Prayer
Carol Service

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dunboyne	10.00am	Joanna & The Hall Family
Maynooth	11.30am	Cormac & Cherry Prendergast
Dunshaughlin	11.30am	Nativity Service with Rev Eugene
Agher	6.00pm	Rev Eugene & Valerie, Enid

Wed 21 December

Ecumenical Nine Lessons and Carols Maynooth 7.00pm with St Mary's Brass and Reed Band

Saturday 24 December

A Family Christmas Eve
Holy Communion

Christmas Eve

The Oak Centre	7.00pm	Rev Eugene & Joanna
Dunboyne	10.00pm	Rev Eugene & Joanna

Sunday 25 December

Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Family Service

Christmas Day

Agher	9.45am	Rev Philip and Enid Wilkinson
Maynooth	11.30am	Rev Eugene & Dick McMahon
Dunshaughlin	11.30am	Rev Philip & The Smith Family

Sunday 1 January

Holy Communion

First Sunday of Christmas—United Service

Maynooth	11.30am	Rev Eugene
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Sunday 8 January

Morning Prayer
Holy Communion
Holy Communion
Morning Prayer

First Sunday after The Epiphany

Rathmolyon	9.45am	Enid/Valerie/Linda
Dunboyne	10.00am	Rev Philip & Joan Bruton
Maynooth	11.30am	Rev Philip & Conrad Brunstrom
Dunshaughlin	11.30am	Keith & Ann Boyland

Sunday 15 January

Holy Communion
Morning Prayer
Morning Prayer
Holy Communion

Second Sunday after The Epiphany

Rathmolyon	9.45am	Rev Eugene & Mary Chandler
Dunboyne	10.00am	Joanna & Tom McCabe
Maynooth	11.30am	Cormac & Jonathan Goodwin
Dunshaughlin	11.30am	Rev Eugene & Hugh Newell

Sunday 22 January

Holy Communion

Third Sunday after The Epiphany United Service

Maynooth	11.30am	Bishop Pat Storey
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Services of Morning Prayer are uploaded onto the parish Facebook page for each Sunday

Milestones

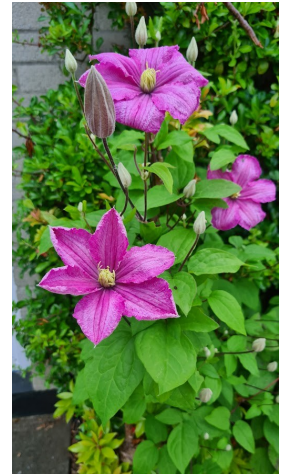
Our prayers are always with those who have suffered a bereavement and loss.

At Christmas time, the loss of a loved one seems too hard to bare. When it seems that everyone is full of cheer, it can be hard to live with a heart that's broken. Grief is a heavy burden especially at this time of the year. As a community of faith we stand with everyone who feels their losses. As a family, we have the sure hope that Jesus gave to us of eternal life with Him whose birth we celebrate at this time.

Our condolences and sympathies go to St Peter's National School pupil Hannah and her father Sojin on the death of a beloved wife and mother Vithu on 6 November last. May God grant her eternal rest and may he send down the Holy Spirit to comfort and heal their heavy hearts and make their faith strong though Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the time of writing this edition, I have just learned that Mrs Margo Bye has died in Mullingar General Hospital. Her funeral will be held on Tuesday 20 December at 1pm in St Ultan's Church, Rathcore. Our concern and prayers go to her family at this sad time.

God of mercy, hear our prayer in this Advent season for ourselves, and for our families and friends who live with the struggles of illness and the pain of loss. We ask for strength for today, courage for tomorrow, and peace for the past. We ask these things in the name of Christ, who shares our life in joy and sorrow, death and new birth, despair and promise. Amen.



Baptism in St Seachnall's Church, Dunshaughlin

On the First Sunday of Advent, I was delighted to baptise Leo, Anna and James Regan. It was a wonderful occasion and the entire congregation enjoyed the hospitality after the service even more!

God bless you Amy, Leo, Anna and James as we travel together in the journey of faith.

Happy birthday....

Eileen Harris: I'm told Eileen will also celebrate a significant birthday herself in January. Best wishes to her and the Harris family on this wonderful occasion.



A note from the rector

I am so lucky! A couple of weeks ago, I was delighted to attend our annual clergy conference in Ballyvaloo, County Wexford. At one point in the proceedings, Rev Heather Morris asked us: in this climate of change, what would you like to see your churches look like in the years to come?



I looked around the room and thought: just like this! I really enjoy meeting up with my colleagues from around the diocese. We laugh, share experiences, worship together, mentor one another, and act as touch stones for one another. In them as in Bishop Pat, I am really blessed.

When I was studying in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, I wondered what ministry life would be like. Would I cope? Would a parish cope with me? At the core of it all, I prayed that I would eventually be a rector in a nice parish, serving people and God and bringing people together as a faith community.

Fast forward a decade and here I am! Dreams (and prayers) really do come through. Next March, Joanna and I will be here five years and it has flown by. We have enjoyed every minute of it and look forward to many minutes to come.

Our church and society in general is in a transitional place: we don't yet know what the fallout of the covid closures will be. But in all of this, I am blessed that I have wonderful people to work with, huge generosity of spirit in my congregations and a true sense of calling and being called. We laugh together, pray together, care together and sometimes cry together. And that's what family is all about. A faith family.

This Christmas, I would like to thank you all again for everything that you do, your prayers, advice and your care for Joanna and me. In this, as in so much else, I am truly blessed.

Rev Eugene

Dunboyne Consort

Dermot Brophy and The Dunboyne Consort gave a wonderful concert in St. Peter's Dunboyne of Saturday 3 December last.

The programme included highlights from The Messiah, art songs and a very good helping of Christmas carols.

The full church thoroughly enjoyed the music from the choir and soloists. Many thanks to you all for a wonderful concert.



Meath & Kildare Clergy Conference 2022

After a long absence due to covid, the clergy from around the diocese were able to meet for our conference in Ballyvaloo in County Wexford.

We were delighted to have Rev Heather Morris of the Methodist Church to speak about what Christian Churches and faith will possibly look like in the years to come.



Harvest 2022 Two Coats Appeal

Our annual Two Coats appeal took place at all of our harvest services during October, and I am delighted to tell you that three car loads of coats, knits, hats and scarves were giving in to Focus Ireland on your behalf.

This is such a simple and lovely way of giving that several of my colleagues intend to do the same in the coming months. May God bless all who donated and to all who received the warmth given by a good winter coat. Rev Eugene



Pastoral visit by Bishop Pat

Bishop Pat will celebrate Holy Communion in St Mary's Maynooth on Sunday 22 January 2023 at 11.30am. There will be no other services that day in the Group.

Happy Christmas from everyone in The Oak Centre, Dunboyne

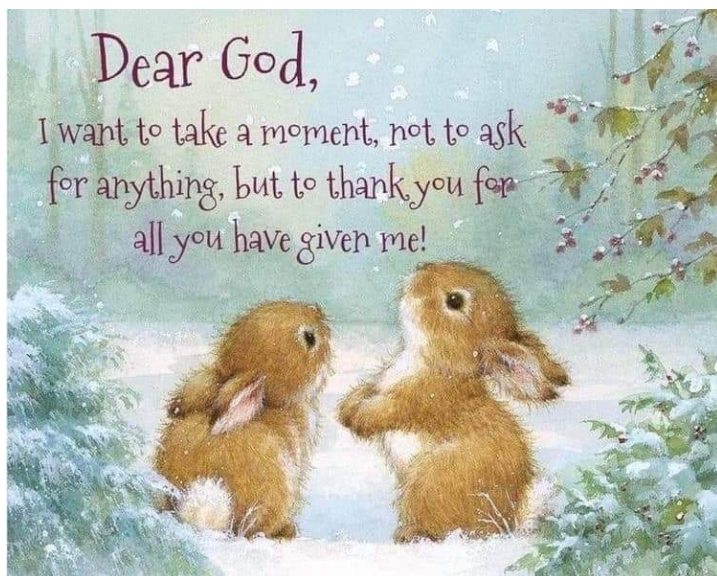


Festival of Christmas Music in Agher Church

On **Friday 16 December** we held a Festival of Christmas in Agher Church. It was a wonderful night! We were blessed with the talents of The Dangan Choral Choir, Eimear Crehan and The Longwood Gospel Choir. On what was a very frosty night outside, we had a full church, with gorgeous music to listen to and Christmas Carols to sing. What more could we ask for?

As always, events like this take a lot of planning and organisation. I would like to thank Linda Young, Valerie Byrne and the members of the Select Vestry for all their hard work.

Until next time! Rev Eugene



Date night in Maynooth!

When Joanna and I got married, I promised her I'd bring her places! On Wednesday 15 December we attended the St Patrick's College Christmas Nine Lessons and Carols in Maynooth University. It is an oft overused word but the night was 'awesome' in it's truest sense. And guess who we met there only Rev Philip and his wife Julie!



Safeguarding Trust (SGT)

Did you know that we have two SGT Panels in The Dunboyne & Rathmolyon Group?

Each panel is tasked with dealing with any SGT issues so that our children and young people can enjoy their worship and other activities in a safe environment. Our panel members are:

Dunboyne Union: Rev Eugene, Marvyn Henry & Jesmond Harding

Rathmolyon Union: Rev Eugene, Valerie Byrne & Mary Chandler

If you have any concerns or need advice, please contact our panel members through the rector.