

The Dunboyne and Rathmolyon Bugle

Nov/Dec 2024 & Jan 2025



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Dunboyne and Rathmolyon Group of Parishes

Advent and Christmas Services 2024

Sunday 15 December, Third Sunday of Advent

- Nativity Service, St Peter's Dunboyne (10.00am)
- Nativity Service, St Seachnall's Dunshaughlin (11.30am)
- Nativity Service, St Mary's Maynooth (11.30am)
- Carol Service, Agher Church (6.00pm)

Friday 20 December

- Ecumenical Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Maynooth Community Church (7.00pm)

Sunday 22 December, Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Holy Communion, Agher Church (9.45am)
- Morning Prayer, St Peter's Dunboyne (10.00am)
- Holy Communion, St Seachnall's Dunshaughlin (11.30am)
- Morning Prayer, St Mary's Maynooth (11.30am)

Tuesday 24 December, Christmas Eve

- Holy Communion, St Peter's Dunboyne (10.00pm)

Wednesday 25 December, Christmas Day

- Holy Communion, Agher (9.45am)
- Holy Communion, St Mary's Maynooth (11.30am)
- Holy Communion, St Seachnall's Dunshaughlin (11.30am)

Sunday 29 December, First Sunday of Christmas

- United Service, St Seachnall's, Dunshaughlin (11.30am)

OTHER DATES

QUIZ: Joint School and Parish Family Christmas Quiz (Sat 30 Nov, 6.30-8.30pm, Oak Centre, Dunboyne)

MONSTER RAFFLE DRAW: Christmas refreshments for Social Night group and full raffle cards accepted for a Monster Raffle Draw (Tues 3rd Dec, 9.00pm, Oak Centre, Dunboyne)

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: Thurs 5th Dec, 9.15am, St Peter's National School Dunboyne

FAIR: School Christmas Fair (Sat 7th Dec, 10.30am - 1.00pm, St Peter's National School, Dunboyne)

CONCERT: Christmas with 4 in a Bar (Fri 13 Dec, 7.30pm, St Mary's, Maynooth)

SCHOOL MUSICAL: Sister Act Jnr, The Musical (Tues 17 & Thurs 19 Dec, 7.00pm, St Peter's National School)

CONCERT: Carols by Candlelight with Dunshaughlin Choral Society (Wed 18 Dec, 7.30pm, St Seachnall's)

SCHOOL NATIVITY: Friday 20th December, 9.00am, St Peter's National School, Dunboyne

Check out www.lightofkildare.ie for a number of Christian events across Co Kildare this Advent and Christmas. The Parish also seeks donations for the Middle East Appeal 2024 and Alice Leahy Trust Wish List throughout the season.

See further details for all the above in this bumper double edition of The Bugle!

Every blessing, Rev Philip McKinley (Curate Assistant)



*"I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never
walk in darkness, but will have
the light of life."*

John 8.12

*We would
love to see you*

Sunday Services - 17th Nov - 22nd Dec 2024

Sunday 17 November		The Second Sunday before Advent	
Agher 9.45am	MP	1 Samuel 1: 4-20	Linda Conwell
Dunboyne 10am	HC	Psalm 16	Rev Philip McKinley
Maynooth 11.30am	MP	Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25	Fred Moody
Dunshaughlin 11.30am	HC	Mark 13: 1-8	Rev Philip McKinley
Sunday 24 November		The Kingship of Christ	
Agher 9.45am	HC	2 Samuel 23: 1-7	Rev Trevor Holmes
Dunboyne 10am	MP	Psalm 132: 1-12	Cormac Corrigan
Maynooth 11.30am	HC	Revelation 1: 4-8	Rev Trevor Holmes
Dunshaughlin 11.30am	MP	John 18: 33-37	Keith Snowe
Sunday 1 December		The First Sunday of Advent	
Agher 9.45am	HC	Jeremiah 33: 14-16	Rev Philip McKinley
Dunboyne 10am	MP	Psalm 25: 1-9	Cormac Corrigan
Maynooth 11.30am	HC	1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13	Rev Philip McKinley
Dunshaughlin 11.30am	MP	Luke 3: 1-6	Cormac Corrigan
Sunday 8 December		The Second Sunday of Advent	
Agher 9.45am	MP	Malachi 3: 1-4	Enid Wilkinson
Dunboyne 10am	HC	Benedictus	Rev Pat Ryan
Maynooth 11.30am	HC	Philippians 1: 3-11	Rev Pat Ryan
Dunshaughlin 11.30am	MP	Luke 3: 1-6	Fred Moody
Sunday 15 December		The Third Sunday of Advent	
Dunboyne 10am	Nativity	Psalm 146: 4-10	Rev Philip McKinley
Maynooth 11.30am	Nativity	Philippians 4: 4-7	Fred Moody
Dunshaughlin 11.30am	Nativity	Luke 3: 7-18	Rev Philip McKinley
Agher 6.00pm	Carol Service	Zephaniah 3: 14-20	Valerie Byrne
Sunday 22 December		The Fourth Sunday of Advent	
Agher 9.45am	HC	Micah 5: 2-5	Rev Trevor Holmes
Dunboyne 10am	MP	Luke 1: 39-45	Cormac Corrigan
Maynooth 11.30am	MP	Hebrews 10: 5-10	Cormac Corrigan
Dunshaughlin 11.30am	HC	Luke 1: 39-45	Rev Trevor Holmes

Advent and Christmas events



Joint School and Parish Family Christmas Quiz (30th Nov)

On Saturday 30th November (6.30 - 8.30pm) a very special Family Christmas Quiz Night hosted by Dunboyne Parish and St. Peter's National School takes place in the Oak Centre, Dunboyne. Entry Fee: €10 for Adults, €2 for Primary School Children. This family-friendly event is the perfect way to kick off the Christmas season with some fun and laughter! The quiz is designed for all ages, with prizes to be won, light refreshments, and a few festive jingles to keep everyone entertained along the way.

School Christmas Fair (7th Dec)

The annual School Christmas Fair takes place on Saturday 7th December, 10.30am - 1.00pm, in St Peter's National School, Dunboyne. It is a day for the whole family to enjoy.



Taizé Prayer (28th Nov)

On Thursday 28th November, 7.00pm, St Mary's Maynooth will join with other Christians in St. Joseph's Oratory in St. Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth for a Taizé prayer evening. The theme of this prayer evening is preparing ourselves for Advent, the time of preparing and waiting for the birth of Jesus. All are warmly welcome.

Dunshaughlin Concert (18th Dec)

A very special concert, entitled 'Carols by Candlelight' will take place with Dunshaughlin Choral Society in St Seachnall's Church, Dunshaughlin on Wednesday 18th December, at 7.30pm. Donations on the door.



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Retirement Group Panto (6th Dec)

On Friday 6th December the Retirement Group will go to go to the Swift Theatre in Trim for a show called Absolutely Freezing at 7.30 pm.

4 in a Bar Concert (13th Dec)

4 in a bar are an Irish vocal quartet with Classical roots and a close-harmony approach to music both ancient and modern. They will perform in St Mary's Church, Maynooth on Friday 13th December at 7.30pm.

Tickets €20 (+booking fee)

Proceeds in aid of The Friends of St. Luke's

Pre-Concert mulled wine reception 7:00PM

Tickets available online from: ticketstop.live/events/470



School Musical (17th & 19th Dec)

Tickets are available from the school office for St Peter's National School's Musical, Sister Act Jnr on 17th and 19th December at 7pm in the school. Tickets cost €10 for adults and €5 for children.

Irish Pop-Up Collective (1st Dec)

The Irish Pop Up Collective (IPUC) takes place on the 1st December at the Glenroyal Hotel in Maynooth to celebrate the best of Irish business, creativity and craftsmanship. With over 90 brands and businesses exhibiting over the two dates & venues, the shows aim to provide a platform to sell to the public and promise to be the best free festive gifting events in Ireland.



CHRISTMAS POP-UP

THE GLENROYAL HOTEL
MAYNOOTH

SUNDAY
1ST DECEMBER 2024
10AM-7PM
FREE ENTRY

IRISH POP-UP COLLECTIVE



DESIGNER CLOTHING | LEATHER & ACCESSORIES | SINGERS | HANDMADE PENS | CERAMICS
HANDMADE SOAPS | JEWELLERY | CANNELAS | KIDS APPAREL | FINE WEAR | FLOWERS | ART
LIGHTING | STATIONERY | FOOD & DRINK | TEXTILES | HOMEWARES | ENTERTAINERS | GIGS BOOKS & TOYS

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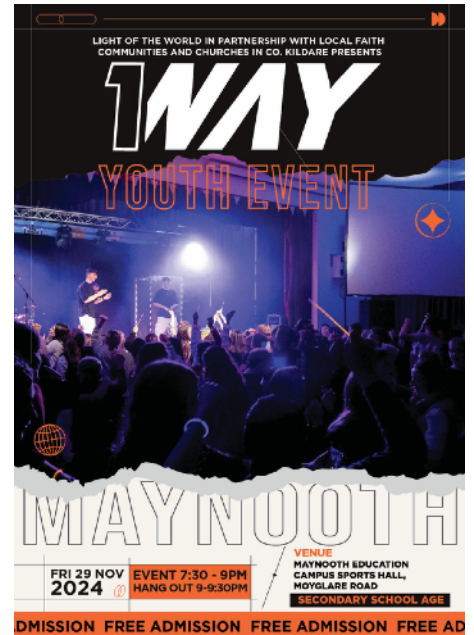


Light of the World Kildare (Advent)

Churches across the whole of County Kildare have joined together to launch Light of the World, Kildare initiative. This involves many free events to experience the light and wonder of Christmas together.

1 Way Youth Event (29th Nov)

As part of Light of the World Kildare initiative, 1 Way Youth Event will take place on Friday 29th November, 7.30-9.00pm in the Maynooth Education Campus, Moyglare Road, Maynooth. The event is free and open to Secondary School young people.



Advent Retreat Series (25th Nov - 13th Dec)

'My Dwelling Place' is an online advent retreat series run by the Churches Ministry for Healing Ireland. This will take place on Mondays from 25th November - 16th December from 11.30am - 1pm. Guest contributors will share each week on a prayer, poem or story that reminds them of their dwelling place. The facilitators Lydia Monds & Carol Casey will offer a scripture and/or poem/piece of art and through pausing, wondering and contemplative prayer, using these pieces of text or art to rest in our true belonging.



Middle East Appeal 2024 (1st Dec)

On Advent Sunday (1st December) our parish churches will support the Church of Ireland's fresh appeal to help to provide humanitarian aid for people in need across the Middle East through Bishops' Appeal, its world aid and development programme.



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Alice Leahy Trust Wish List

Our parish is seeking some of the items requested by the Alice Leahy Trust this Advent and Christmas time. Boxes for collection will be available in each church:

- Jeans (Straight Leg) – Mens all sizes but particularly: Waist 30/32/34
- Jumpers / Fleece / Hoodies
- Shoes/Runners – Mens 7/8/9/10/11/12.
- Small bars/sweets
- Hats/Caps/Gloves/Scarves
- Men's Long John's
- Rucksacks / schoolbags / sleeping bags
- Magazines/Paperbacks/books
- Shampoo/ Shower Gel/Deodorants/After-shave
- Please note only aerosols (roll-on deodorants cannot be shared)
- Toothbrushes/Disposable Razors
- Hair brushes and combs
- One Pot Porridge Oats & Noodles (NEW)
- Tea/Coffee/Cup A Soups
- Shaving Cream/Gel
- Bottled Still Water
- Pocket Tissues
- Biscuits/Cakes
- T-Shirts/Shirts
- Baby Wipes
- Tracksuits
- Sugar
- Toiletries:



Christmas lights (5th Dec)

Christmas Tree lights will be switched on in the school on Thursday 5th December, 9.15am.



Monster Raffle Draw (3rd Dec)

The weekly Tuesday evening Social Night group will have a special Christmas celebration, with refreshments on Tuesday 3rd December, in the Oak Centre, Dunboyne. There will also be a Monster Raffle Draw at 9.00pm. Full raffle cards will be accepted on the night.

Parish News



Wedding Bells

Warmest congratulations to Keith and Darragh Snowe who were married on Thursday 31st October in St Mary's, Clonsilla. The happy couple would like to thank everyone for their well wishes on their big day. A special word of thanks to their friends in St Seachnall's for their very generous gift. They are both very appreciative.



Retirement Group

A huge thanks to Anne Boyland and Enid Wilkinson and all the team, who made the recent Retirement Lunch in the Oak Centre Dunboyne such a great success!

Dublin City Marathon

Warmest congratulations to Tristan Caldwell (pictured with his wife Sarah) who raised €831 for Make a Wish Ireland by running the Dublin City Marathon. A wonderful achievement.



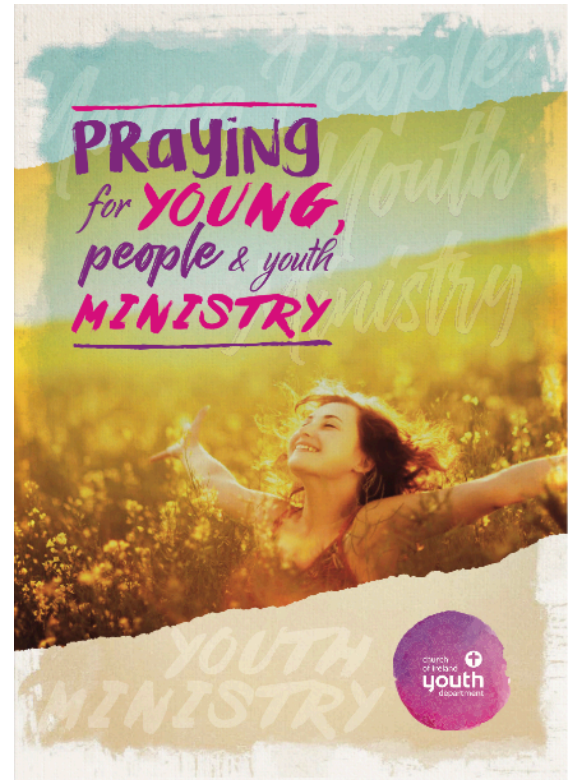
Table Tennis

Warmest congratulations to everyone who competed in the table tennis at The Oak Centre Dunboyne on Monday 28th October. The doubles tournament was hotly contested!



Church of Ireland Day of Prayer for Young People

Sunday 24th November is the Church of Ireland Day of Prayer for Young People. A CIYD prayer booklet has been produced which has a range of resources, including a few prayers of intercession based upon the Collects.



Sporting Memorabilia

5th and 6th class were treated by Tom McCabe to see first hand a huge variety of sporting memorabilia, which Tom collected over his career as an Irish Rugby League international.

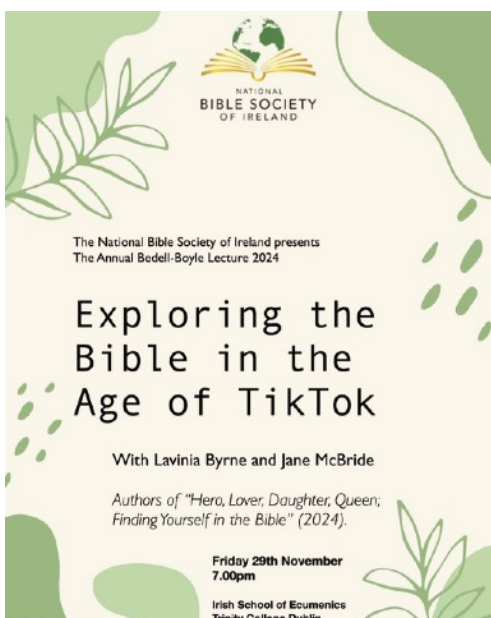
Remembrance Sunday (10th Nov)

Warmest thanks to all who prepared the church and provided refreshments for Remembrance Sunday, 10th November in St Peter's Church, Dunboyne.



Bible in the Age of TikTok (29th Nov)

The National Bible Society of Ireland is delighted to present the annual Bedell-Boyle Lecture, this year featuring speakers Lavinia Byrne and Jane McBride, on the theme of 'Exploring the Bible in the age of TikTok'. This lecture is in-person in the Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin from 7-9pm on Friday 29th November 2024.



Theology training

Warmest congratulations to Fred Moody and Pearl Cowan who have been accepted onto the Certificate in Christian Theology and Practice course (CITI/TCD). Fred will be studying as a Dunboyne and Rathmolyon parishioner, whereas Pearl will be studying as a Castlepollard and Oldcastle Parishioner.



Irish Times article

The Irish Times recently featured a wonderful article about the growth and development of Maynooth Community Church, entitled, "How multicultural Ireland is contributing to a growth in the Presbyterian Church".

Dunboyne Work Day (9th Nov)

Huge thanks to all those who helped with the tidy-up in Dunboyne graveyard on Saturday 9th November.



Parish Safeguarding Trust policy

Deepest thanks to Jesmond Harding, Marvyn Henry, Valerie Byrne and Mary Chandler who have done a huge amount of work for the Parish's Safeguarding Trust policy. Children's Safeguarding training took place on the 2nd October in St Peter's Dunboyne and Adult Safeguarding took place on the 7th November in the Oak Centre. Thanks to all who attended. Warmest thanks to Kate Williams who has kindly agreed to replace Marvyn Henry. Sincerest thanks to Marvyn for all she contributed for many years on the Parish Panel.

Creation Corner

St Peter's NS Re-Turn Scheme

Two full bins have already been filled in just a couple of weeks!! Many thanks to everyone for dropping in re-turn cans/bottles. All funds raised continue to support the development of the school garden.



New School Oak Tree

Warmest thanks to Jesmond Harding, Winnie Morrin, Tom McCabe and Stephen Higgins who set up a beautiful area in the school to allow a new oak tree to be planted. The tree is surrounded by the shape of a Christian cross which will be planted with bulbs.

School Garden

Many thanks to our wonderful school garden committee and volunteers from the PTA for the amazing work they did on Phase 1 of the school garden plan.



Maynooth Leaf Composter

Deepest thanks to Maynooth Tidy Towns Association for providing a leaf composter in St Mary's Church, Maynooth. A special thanks to Sean Lyons and Ray in Maynooth Tidy Towns for all their wonderful assistance. We are enormously grateful.

The Girl on the Train

By Rev Alan Stewart



“I’m sitting in a railway station, got a ticket for my destination”, so the song goes. The station was Budapest and the destination was Kecskemet. As I waited for my train, I heard an announcement over the tannoy – “the next train departing from Platform 2 is the Balt-Orient Express, calling at... Kecskemet...”. I didn’t wait to hear any more, but ran to the ticket booth to upgrade my ticket.

Kecskemet was the location of the Russian leader during the Cold War Bresjnev’s hunting lodge retreat, and very comfortable it was too, as it was the hotel I was staying at while I was there. Having upgraded my ticket, I boarded the Balt-Orient and secured my seat.

There were four plush seats to each compartment. Sitting diagonally opposite me was an elderly gentleman and there were two young women in the remaining seats. They were particularly attractive, they looked like models. As the train pulled out of the station, I noted one of the girls was reading one book and referring back to another.

I put my briefcase on the overhead luggage rack and took a glance at the book as I did. “Is that a Bible?” I asked her. “Yes” she replied. “Is it the King James version?” I asked. “Yes”, she responded, and after a pause she asked “what does he mean by ‘consider the lilies?’”. I said “well, he could have just said ‘look at the lilies’”. The elderly gentleman then completed the verse with no reference to the Bible, knowing it off by heart.

Surprised, I asked him if he was a priest. “No, I’m a doctor” he replied, then asking me the same question. Soon the train reached the girls’ station, and they wished us well and departed.

I’ve been on many train journeys since, but have yet to encounter another girl reading the King James Bible and an English dictionary simultaneously.