

CCR BULLETIN

May 2018

CALENDAR OF SERVICES

May 6th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Purvis Campbell
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Purvis Campbell
The Sacrament of Baptism - The Campbell and Stewart families invite you to join them for tea and coffee and cake in the Lecture Hall after the Service.			
May 13th	9.30 am	Christian Aid Breakfast	
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Purvis Campbell
May 20th PENTECOST	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd James Carson
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd James Carson
May 27th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Purvis Campbell
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Purvis Campbell

May 13th - Christian Aid breakfast – it would greatly help those preparing breakfast if people hoping to attend would sign up in advance on the sheets available. Please support generously!

Elders on Duty Anne Walsh David Walsh **Stewards** Carol Esmonde Alan Warnock

Flowers 6th May Janet Lauder 20th May Jessie Jenkinson
13th May Jackie Murphy 27th May Jenny Gray

The Congregational Committee will meet in the Committee Room at 8pm on **Tuesday 8th May**.
The Kirk Session will meet in the Committee Room at 8pm on **Wednesday 23rd May**.

Pentecost: It has been observed that Jesus showed surprising confidence after his Ascension when he left the future of his church and mission in all too fallible human hands. But he also left us with the support of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete or adviser/consultant. The Spirit of God which moved upon the waters in Creation still works to establish the Kingdom of God on earth, where the will of God is done as it is in heaven. The Holy Spirit is available to advise us on how to serve the purposes of the God of infinite love, modelling our lives on the words and example of Jesus as revealed in Scripture. Come, Creator Spirit, direct our lives and will to serve the Glory of God. Enable us so far as we can to embody God's gracious purposes for the world which so badly needs to be saved. Enlighten us with the Vision without which people perish. Teach us how to spread God's peace!

We give thanks for those who work to further God's kingdom through the church and ask that their strength may be revived and their courage refreshed. We pray for those who suffer in body or in spirit that they may be comforted and healed, and we think of those recovering or preparing for operations or taxing treatment. We remember those who can no longer be with us regularly, and the lonely or isolated or bereaved, and we pray for their needs to be met. We pray for young people preparing for exams or in transition year, and for those preparing for working trips in the developing world. We give thanks for their liveliness and creativity in encouraging the church to adapt to the contemporary world.

Key Fob Holders: Gavin Cobbe, CCR Halls Booking Secretary, would like all those who have key fobs for entering the church to let him know their names and the number of their key fob. This number is on the front of the fob in grey writing. For each fob you hold, please let Gavin have your name and its number at hallbookings@christchurchrathgar.org, or Mobile 087 289 7116.

Date for your Diary: Alison Houston announces a repeat of last year's most enjoyable **Golf Outing and Fellowship Dinner**, again in Rathfarnham Golf Club, on **Friday 21st September**. If you are a golfer, please join us for both activities, if a diner, then join us later. Further details to follow in later Bulletins.

Adelaide Road Living Well Group invite us to hear Professor Sabina Brennan give a talk entitled *Hello to Brain Health* on Saturday 12th May at 11am in Adelaide Road Church. Sabina is an expert in explaining complex ideas with amusing simplicity.

Session report: The Minister told the Congregation on 22nd April that the Session meeting earlier that week had discussed improving publicity for one-off worship activities, possible long-term uses of the Lodge after the conclusion of building work, and the Centenary of the Scout Group attached to our church. David Lunney had painted a work which would be formally presented to the Congregation at a thanksgiving service later in the year. Concern had been expressed about the persecution of Christians in the Middle East and parts of Asia.

Mothers and Toddlers Group: Anne Walsh has retired from organising this group after 15 years work and deserves our warmest thanks for her devotion to this most important form of outreach for CCR. Jenny Gray has agreed to replace her, and points out that volunteers are badly needed to help in an emergency if one of the regular helpers is unavailable. Meetings take place on Thursday mornings between 10 am and noon. Helpers prepare the meeting place and clear up later. Both mums and babies benefit greatly, and there is a waiting list to join the group. Let Jenny know if you can help.

Referendum to repeal the Eighth Amendment: **Lucan Presbyterian Church** is putting on an event in the church called *Engaging with the issues* at 7pm on **Sunday 6th May**. In a context of worship, there will be a Biblical reflection, a summary of the work of the 8th Amendment Task Group, and a panel will deal with questions. The panel will include Revd Dr Trevor Morrow, Dr Victoria Carroll, and Professor Sam McConkey. Email richard@lpc.ie for more info and to register interest.

Refugees and Displaced Persons: Nick Henderson, CEO of the Irish Refugee Council, gave his postponed Lenten talk at Zion Church on Thursday 25th April. There were at present about 5000 people in Direct Provision Centres. The average stay was two years, but many applicants for refugee status had remained in these limbos for much longer. About 450 people with refugee status found it almost impossible to leave these centres – problems with housing being an important factor. There are plans to pilot a scheme for community sponsorship of families to help their resettlement & integration.

Bulletin Editor's Details—Email address: bulletineditor@christchurchrathgar.org Suggestions for those needing our prayers especially welcome. Robin Simmons's phone number will be found in the Phonebook. **NB** Copy deadline for June Bulletin –Thurs 31st May, to appear on 3rd June.

Online supplement has stop press item re Clontarf Concert Thursday 10th May

May Bulletin Online Supplement

Clontarf & Scots Church presents a concert given by young prizewinners from the 2018 Feis Ceoil and others including clarinetist Professor Paul Roe, on Thursday 10th May at 8pm to raise funds for a new piano for Clontarf Coffee Concerts. Admission €10