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# Abbeystrewry Union of Parishes

## *Sep/Oct 2020*



**Thank You! Presentations were made to Mrs. Freda Satler-Townshend and Mr. Nicholas MacGillycuddy at the Parish General Vestry meeting.**

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**The Rector Writes...** The wait is over! Apologies for the delay in getting the September edition of the parish newsletter to you. The reason is...its hard to produce a newsletter if there is very little news. At least very little positive news! I could have produced a newsletter saying No Sunday Club, No Table Tennis, No Coffee after services, No ...Fun things, but that is not the most uplifting newsletter to put together! So, going forward please do not expect a monthly newsletter, there will be a newsletter when there is **NEWS** to report! Of course one of the most unfortunate pieces of things not happening in October is the Turkey Supper This will have a knock on in terms of parish finance as it is the most important fundraiser we run, but we had no option but to cancel it for this year. Your support in these very challenging circumstances is very much appreciated.

At the time of writing this newsletter, the government is considering moving Cork to level three in their roadmap plan, which would mean that public Church services will not be allowed to happen. Having just got back into the regular routine, it would be a shame if this were to happen, but to a certain extent it is out of our control. For the latest information, please consult our website, Facebook page or ring the rector directly. (information at the end of our newsletter). As a parish, there are things we can control, which is to keep our excellent observance of government and church guidelines. To remind you,:

- Please do not attend church services if you, or anyone in your household has any symptoms of Covid 19
- Observe the one directions of the stewards where to sit.
- Use Hand sanitizer when entering and leaving the church.
- Listen to the music (unfortunately singing is not permitted 😞)
- Take all your possessions when you leave
- Face coverings such as masks (or screens if you are unable to wear a mask) are highly encouraged
- Realise that our churches only allow 50 people, or as many as we can accommodate due to social distancing.
- If you wish to greet people after the service, and even outside Church please continue to observe Social Distancing.
- Please remember that the Rector is limited to "essential" visiting. But if you need pastoral support in any way, please do not hesitate to phone him at any time.

**Sunday services** ~ are now back to the "normal" pattern (dependant on government advice). For most Sunday's the schedule will be:

**8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church**  
**10.15 Service in St. Mary's Caheragh**  
**11.30 Service in Abbeystrewry Church**

On the First Sunday of the Month, the schedule will be:

**9.00 Eucharist in St. Barrahanes, Castletownshend**  
**10.15 Eucharist in St. Mary's Caheragh**  
**11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church**

Please note that if you are unable to attend Sunday services, most Sundays there will be a recorded service on the parish YouTube account.



**General Vestry meeting** ~ At the General Vestry meeting (which normally would have taken place near Easter) the Rector made a presentation to two members of the congregation who are retiring from their possessions (see pictures front cover).

Mrs. Freda Salter Townshend is stepping down as parish organist from both St.

Barrahane's, Castletownshend and Abbeystrewry Church. The rector thanked her for all the ways she has enhanced the liturgy of the parish over the year, for all the comfort you have given people at Funerals, for all the joy you brought to weddings and baptisms. She was presented with Flowers.

The Rector also thanked Mr. Nicholas Mac Gillycuddy for sixteen years of service as Diocesan Reader. Nicholas gave of himself not just in this parish, but in 23 churches in the Diocese, taking he thinks 198 services in all. The rector also thanked him for all the cover he has given in the parish, often at short notice particularly during summer duty time. The rector presented Nicholas with a book token.

The General vestry meeting is an important event in the life of the parish. It was decided at the vestry that current vestry members would remain in office so members of the select vestry for this year are: Sekeeta Crowley, David Salter, Nicholas MacGillycuddy, Rose MacGillycuddy, Richie Ross, Carole Pound, Robert Salter-Townshend, Jane Somerville, John Stoutt, Alan Coombes, Susan Deane, Margaret Deane, Doris Sweetnam, Noelle Salter, Rosemary Bradfield, June Kingston, Tieghe O'Donovan, Nuala Gibbons, Tom Somerville, Ken Chapple (secretary), Ronnie Tanner (treasurer for Abbeystrewry, Caheragh and Baltimore) and Freda Salter-Townshend (treasurer for Castletownshend). **Parochial nominators** for the next three years are: Robert Salter-Townshend, Roy Shannon, Karen Benn and Sekeeta Crowley.

**Representatives from the parish at Diocesan Synod** are: Carole Pound, Nicholas MacGillycuddy, Alan Coombes and two other members yet to be appointed.

## From the Registers...



As a parish, we offer our deepest sympathies to the family of Ruth Kingston whose funeral and burial took place at St. Mary's, Caheragh on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of September. May she rest in peace, and rise in Glory!

We also offer our sympathies to the family of Anne MacNulty whose ashes were buried at St. Barrahane's graveyard on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. May she rest in peace, and rise in Glory.



We welcome Isabella Sofia Murphy to the Church. Isabella was baptised in Abbeystrewry Church on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September. We pray for her as she begins her new life in the Church.



**Congratulations~** To the two Deacons who were ordained on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Rev. Pat Culleton (pictured left) was ordained in St. Peter's Bandon and Sabrina Cooke later in the day at St. Fin Barre's Cathedral. Rev. Culleton is well known to the parish as he served as lay pastoral assistant for many years in Abbeystrewry Union of Parishes, very diligently visiting on a weekly basis patients in Skibbereen Hospital and residents in the Baltimore Road nursing home as well as occasional housebound parishioners. We wish both deacons well in the new ministry in the Church.

# Services in October

(subject to Government directives!)

## **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October ~ The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 Eucharist in St. Barrahan's, Castletownshend  
10.15 Eucharist in St. Mary's Caheragh  
11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October ~ The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church  
10.15 Harvest Thanksgiving in St. Mary's Caheragh  
11.30 Harvest Thanksgiving in Abbeystrewry Church



## **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October ~ The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church  
10.15 Eucharist in St. Mary's Caheragh  
11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church

## **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October ~ The Fifth Sunday before Advent**

8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry  
10.15 Morning Prayer in St. Mary's Caheragh  
11.30 Morning Prayer in Abbeystrewry Church

## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November ~ All Saints Day**

9.00 Eucharist in St. Barrahan's, Castletownshend  
10.15 Eucharist in St. Mary's Caheragh  
11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church

The Eucharist will also be celebrated on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Sep, and 7<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of October at 10.30 in Abbeystrewry Church.

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