

# NEWS — from the — PEWS

## Something Different...

The longer we stayed indoors in the church, the colder things seemed to get; that type of bone-cold feeling that spreads little by little; not that we noticed much as we set about the task of connecting Bluetooth speakers and hotspots on phones. For Noel Griffin and myself, the final product – an all-age contemporary service on screen - brought us great joy and it was a quiet



time well spent in the hope that this particular vision (created in part due to the online service) would enable younger participants in worship to find God in ways familiar to them. This Service which is designed for all ages, is planned with restricted and carefully distanced seating and hosts the first Holy Eucharist in their home church for our newly confirmed Confirmation Candidates. Unfortunately, the Tea and Coffee afterwards

with extra trimmings for this celebration has had to be cancelled due to latest Government guidelines.



Having spent the first year of incumbency here among you in that hilarious tailspin (only identifiable to a new Rector who could never have been taught all the 'ins and out's' of Parochial life) to then have this increasing vision shelved for the more pressing duties of steering a ship through Covid is disappointing, to say the least. However, the past weeks have seen this vision rise up again, despite the increasing threat of further restrictions and it's something to be working on behind the scenes until such time we can come together in full again. With this in mind, I'm delighted to announce a group of musicians are coming together (virtually) to create music to enhance our services. These are some of the leaders among us going forward and are one group of several now

drawing together to organise social events for the coming year with God's blessing.

Now we ask you for your ideas too. We may not have the freedom to fully embrace the events within our plans as yet but the planning of them is sure to raise hearts and direct our ship through this pandemic together.



The most recent communication from the Archbishop's office (which is advised by Government offices) is that singing within a church setting is choir only. Masks must continue to be worn by the congregation although not required by those leading our worship as long as a reasonable and safe distance is maintained from others. On entering our churches, please wait for the Wardens to show you to your seat which has been allocated to maintain a safe social distance. Unfortunately, fellowship following our church services is now prohibited as numbers of covid cases skyrocket and many social events are being cancelled throughout our country. Where Worship in a church setting continues to be allowed, any social setting, where distancing is impossible to control, is to be avoided as we would be held responsible should an outbreak of Covid occur.

## Watching for the Light

For three consecutive Wednesdays through Advent, beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> of Dec, St. Patrick's Church opens its doors from 7pm-8pm for a quiet reflective time of music and prayer. Opportunity will be provided to light a candle for a loved one during this time or to come for a blessing or prayer with Rev. Cathy.

1<sup>st</sup> December  
8<sup>th</sup> December 7pm – 8pm  
15<sup>th</sup> December



## Rectors Wish List

As things slowly return to normal, we would like to spruce up our children's area in St. Patricks Church. If you would like to help with this, we would be delighted to receive the following items:



Large cushions (bright colours no patterns)

*Many thanks, Cathy*

## ***CLASSICS BY CANDLELIGHT 2021***



**Classics by Candlelight** makes a very welcome return, now in its 12th year, on **Sunday 28th November.**

Once again, the church will be filled with wonderful music for string quartet and lit by candlelight. In order to keep people safe, we are unfortunately unable to enjoy the usual mince pies and mulled wine afterwards. The reduced price of tickets reflects this.

As far as the musicians are concerned, in addition to Francis and Sheelagh Harte, we are lucky to have again secured the services, given freely, of David and Elaine Clark. All are present or past members of the RTE National Symphony Orchestra and RTE Concert Orchestra.

Tickets are priced at a minimum donation of €5 euros this year. All proceeds will go towards parish funds and Purple House Cancer Support.

In order to make this event as safe as possible, the following will be necessary:

Tickets will need to be pre-booked. To book a ticket make a donation of at least €5 per ticket at the following link, <https://www.idonate.ie/classicsbycandlelight> or buy a ticket and register at the back of the Church.

Contact details must be filled in at the time of online purchase or at the back of the church when purchasing tickets. This is to keep Covid Compliant and our audience safe.

Face coverings must be worn

Covid Certificates will be required on the night

## FLOWER GUILD VOLUNTEERS WANTED

WE are looking for some new names on the Sunday Flower Arrangers List.

It normally needs about 3 bunches of flowers plus greenery but of course it's great if you have garden flowers



Volunteering is required about 3 times per year.

If you are interested to get involved, please contact Marjorie

Mold 087 647 2668 or 01 2863499



## Tea and Coffee Rota for Autumn 2021

November 21<sup>st</sup>

Edwina Allman

November 28<sup>th</sup>

Elizabeth Mahon &

Dorrie O'Rourke

We need more Volunteers – If you think you can help, please contact Marjorie Mold on 087 647 2668 or 01 2863499

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