

PARISH ORGANISATIONS and ACTIVITIES

Choral Union was set up in September 2017 under the direction of Dr David O'Shea. The Choral Union is an SATB choir, and sings at special services and events in the grouped parishes. New members for any voice part are always welcome and rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings in Sandford Church.

Choral Scholars was established in January 2016 to provide musically talented second- and third-level students with the opportunity to gain experience of singing in a high-level liturgical choir. In addition, Choral Scholars receive tuition from expert teachers in order to develop vocal technique, sight-reading abilities and general musicianship. The Choral Scholars rehearse on Wednesday evenings in Sandford Church.

For further details on both choirs contact David O'Shea on doshea3@gmail.com or 087 2740352

Sandmill Strollers is a group who walk together on the first Tuesday of every month. No commitment is necessary, and friends are welcome and usually dogs too! Just come on the days it suits you. We meet at St Philip's Church at 1.30 pm and we are usually back at St Philip's between 4.30 pm and 5 pm. Recent walks include Bull Island, Little Sugar Loaf, St Anne's Park, River Dodder, Knocksink Wood, Enniskerry and War Memorial Gardens and River Liffey. Contact Margaret Wynne 087 9896726, or see weekly e-mail or parish website.

Sandmillers is an activity group for the parishioners of both Sandford and St Philip's. There is normally an activity once or twice a term (e.g. lunch, afternoon tea, visiting speaker, day trip). Sandmillers is open to all parishioners and friends, without commitment; feel free to come to any or all events. Details on the parish website, weekly e-mail or from Gloria Smythe 087 6868114.

Eco-Congregation In October 2022 our parishes registered with Eco-Congregation Ireland (ECI), which is an inter-church project that encourages churches to adopt an eco-approach to all aspects of church life. We are continually reviewing what we are doing as a parish in regards to the environment and sustainability, and what more we can do. If you have a particular interest in and/or would like to get involved with this initiative contact Rachel Richardson rachyharris@gmail.com

Annual Events: Every year we hold the following events:

Sandford: Christmas Market, Strawberries and Wine Garden Party, Lunchtime Recitals

St Philip's: BBQ, Art Sale/Exhibition, Table Quiz, Spring Bazaar

Various one-off events also take place during the year

Allotments at St Philip's There are allotments in the grounds of St Philip's Church. For further information, or if you wish to join the waiting list, contact Carol Plunkett carollornaplunkett@gmail.com

FOR CHILDREN

Sunday School is held in both Sandford and St Philip's on c. 3 /4 Sundays per term. It caters for children of all ages, including babies and toddlers. If you would like further information please contact the parish office sandfordandstphilips@gmail.com

Family Services take place in each church once a month (usually) during term time

The Garden Gang This is a group for children of primary school age in Sandford and St Philip's Milltown parishes, who meet at the allotments beside St Philip's Church on Saturdays during term time from 12 noon to 1.30pm, weather permitting. It is free to join with a donation of €10 per family to buy seeds and plants. Activities include planting vegetables, herbs and pollinating flowers for bees, learning about composting,

making scarecrows, insect hunts, as well as refreshments and playing games. If you are interested in getting your children involved please contact Helen at 086 387 0713 or email hwatchorn@yahoo.com

Ice Cream Sunday takes place in June of each year

33rd Dublin Sandford Scout Group Please contact 33rddublinsandfordcubs@gmail.com

Other one-off events may take place during the year for children/families (recent events include Parents & Toddlers coffee morning and a World Bee Day event)

SUNDAYS

Readers During our church services the bible readings are read by members of the congregation. If you would like to join the list of readers please contact Chris Boyd (Sandford) at christopher.boyd@ucd.ie or Gloria Smythe (St Philip's) at gloriasmythe52@gmail.com

Teas/coffees An important part of our Sunday morning worship is the element of community; having tea/coffee after service on a Sunday is a way of building up this community. We have refreshments a couple of times a month, and after special services - please do join us. If you are willing to help out contact Joan Boyle (Sandford) 087 2713170 or Ruth Potterton (St Philip's) at 087 2383534, or the parish office at sandfordandstphilips@gmail.com

Flowers They are there every Sunday (except during Advent and Lent) - the flowers which decorate our churches. All that is required is a simple bunch of flowers or an arrangement placed on a pedestal. Can you help? Each helper usually needs to contribute only a few times in the year. Help at the Festivals of Harvest, Christmas and Easter is always needed, usually at 10am on the Saturday before. Contact Romney Keane (Sandford) at rkeane179@gmail.com or Ruth Potterton (St Philip's) at 087 2383534, or the parish office at sandfordandstphilips@gmail.com

PARISH LIFE

Sandmill News Our parish magazine, Sandmill News, comes out quarterly (usually Autumn, Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter and Summer). It is an invaluable source of parish news and current activities. If you do not receive a copy but would like to, please email the parish office at sandfordandstphilips@gmail.com

Sandford Parish National School This is a co-educational Church of Ireland school located in Sandford Close. For further details visit <http://www.sandfordns.scoilnet.ie> or phone 4974277.

St Philip's Hall The hall is used by the parish, educational and community groups. It is also available to hire for one-off events. The contact no. is 086 3363458.

Garden of Remembrance at St Philip's is available to parishioners for the interment of ashes. Further details from Stephen Odlum 087 2901474

Music at Sandford and St Philip's As part of our parish outreach, both churches are used as music venues. In addition to making the churches available to outside bodies for concerts and participating in the Ranelagh Arts Festival, a series of recitals are also held, organised by Dr David O'Shea.

Vestry Any registered member of the parish is a member of the General Vestry. A specific registration form is made available each year in December and January; if not already registered you are encouraged to complete it (forms are also available from the parish office). The register of General Vestry is revised each January. Once a year around Easter the General Vestry elects members to the Select Vestry. The Select Vestry is a group

which is primarily responsible for the finance, fabric, furnishings and compliance of the parish and is important to the running of the parish.

Information on parish groups and activities is updated in the weekly e-mail, parish website and in the Sandmill News.

And finally - parishioner contributions are the primary source of income for our parishes and are essential for the life and upkeep of our parishes. Ongoing support is greatly appreciated. There are several ways in which you can contribute to the upkeep of the parish:

Online payment

Sandford: Sandford Sustentation Account. IBAN: IE04AIBK93129216807458. BIC: AIBKIE2D
St Philip's Milltown: St Philips Church, Milltown. IBAN IE43 AIBK 9310 9842 7130 31. BIC AIBKIE2D.
Please identify yourself on any such transfers.

Standing Order form (copy enclosed for convenience)

Weekly Envelope Scheme – please contact Helen McMahon (Sandford) on 4976110 or Gloria Smythe (St Philip's) on 087 6868114.

Cheques made payable to either Sandford Parish or St Philip's Church, can be sent to the Hon. Treasurer (Sandford or St Philip's) c/o The Rectory, Sandford Close, Ranelagh, Dublin 6.

As the parish is a registered charity, there are significant tax benefits to the parish in recorded giving (one of the methods mentioned above).

Cash: on the plate at church services.

Many thanks for your support, and please be assured of a warm welcome in Sandford and St Philip's Milltown Parishes.

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Organist and Choir Director: Dr David O'Shea, 087 2740352 / doshea3@gmail.com


Parish Office: Craig Cinnamon sandfordandstphilips@gmail.com / 086 0386432
Office Hours: 9.30am – 12.30pm, Mon-Fri.

For more information and updates please see

www.sandfordandstphilips.dublin.anglican.org

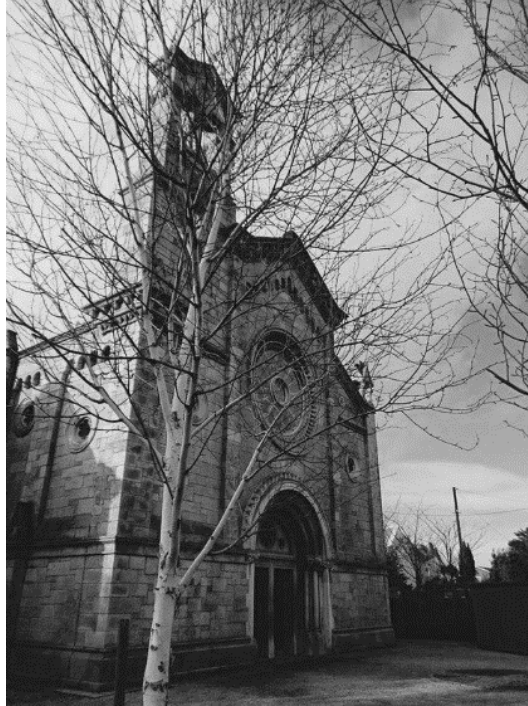
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WELCOME
to the grouped parishes
of **SANDFORD**



and **ST PHILIP'S, MILLTOWN**

