**The Parish of Saint Catherine & Saint James with Saint Audoen**

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**Service times every Sunday**

10.00 Eucharist*,* St Audoen, Cornmarket. *(Parking in Francis Street is free on Sundays)*

11.30 Eucharist (and Sunday School, in term time) St Catherine & St James, Donore Avenue. *(Family Service and Church Coffee, usually Second Sundays)*

**Moving House**

Doris Brooks has been living in Dufferin Avenue for over thirty years, but is now moving to Brabazon House Sandymount. While we wish her all that is good in the future, we will miss her very much from her usual place in St Catherine & St James’ Church. A small presentation has been made to her, with a card signed by everybody in the congregation and some flowers, and a tribute paid by her next door neighbour Margery Bell, recalling her faithful friendship and her many years of service on the Select Vestry and many other similar bodies in the Parish.

**Holy Baptism**

On Sunday 5 June 2016 we welcomed Ollie Peter Mulhall, son of Suzanne and Peter and younger brother of Heidi, into the Church of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. His Godparents are Kenneth Wilkinson and Denise Mulhall. We keep Ollie and his family in our prayers and wish him every blessing as he begins his journey of faith.

*Martha Waller*

**Sunday School**

Family Service marking the end of this Sunday School year took place on Sunday 12 June 2016. The theme of the service was ‘Give Thanks.’ Thanks was expressed for all that had been shared in our Sunday School by both the children and the Leaders, in particular to all our Volunteer Leaders who have always been willing to give of their time and energy to ensure our Sunday School continues in school term time, during the service. A word of thanks goes to our ‘retiring’ leader, Jean Cousins whose commitment to the Sunday School has been exceptional. We are also grateful to those who have come forward and volunteered to take up a leadership role in September when Sunday School will resume.

We are all greatly looking forward to our Sunday School outing that will take place on Saturday 9 July at Dublin Zoo. Here we will attend the ‘Teddy Bear’s Picnic’, an initiative of Hamley Toys. Children attending on the day should ensure their own Teddy Bears have that date free in their diaries! More details closer to the day.

*Martha Waller*

**St Catherine’s National School**

A Summer Camp will run from 9.00 to 13.00 between Monday 22 and Friday 26 August. We require the use of the school hall and one other classroom – we have used the school before and left it in perfect condition. We have had between 17 and 28 children at previous camps (and expect somewhere in this region for the upcoming camp) and have a rule of one adult to ten children, we do not hire teenagers and all staff are Garda vetted. We have run the camp on three previous occasions together and our camp is known to be inclusive and has included several members of the St. Catherine’s community who have additional needs – in these cases where necessary, we have employed an extra person to ensure the safety of these children. We plan to charge €85 which is a 15% reduction in fees. We feel this represents good value for money whilst also providing us with the resources to staff the camp and keep everybody safe. We have always been insured and expect to be insured with either Ecclesiastical, Zurich or Kidd insurances – all reputable insurers with more than adequate level of cover. We cater mostly for the infant age group with a mixture of arts and crafts activities, outdoor play and STEM activities – science and maths based activities. We do cater for older children at our camp (there are fewer) and we group them together to do STEM based activities. The older children are not treated as helpers and have a variety of enriching activities. The emphasis this year will be on Lego based activities – making Lego sundials, workable marble runs etc. We have always provided all of our own materials. All staff fully supervise break-times and we eat with the children or after they go home. We organise the clean-up ourselves each day and do a big clean up after the camp on the last day. Our camp has a good reputation and has always represented the school with the highest quality however we will not attach the school’s name to the camp.

*Sharon Healy & Gemma Maher*

**St Audoen's Church**

My colleague Fr Godfrey O’Donnell, of the Romanian Orthodox congregation at Christ Church Leeson Park, asks us to come to the aid of the Serbian Orthodox community. They have appointed a Priest, Fr Mladen Gardovic, but they have nowhere to worship in their own language. We hope to give them the use of St Audoen’s at midday on Sundays until the Select Vestry meeting in September, on a trial basis. No doubt there will be teething troubles. There always are!

*Mark Gardner*

Apart from services every Sunday of the year at the Church, we welcome the many people (33,016 persons in 2015) who come to St Audoen's Church through the Office of Public Works Visitor Centre, with school tours, other tour groups and so on. During the summer, visitors literally "bring the building alive" and the season flies by quite quickly! Events planned at present are as follows:

Saturday 18 June - Evening concert in aid of Fighting Blindness - 20.00

Tuesday 26 July - Afternoon Concert (Ariosa Choir) - 15.30

Saturday 20 – Sunday 28 August HERITAGE WEEK

Friday 2 - Sunday 4 September, Harvest Festival

Friday 16 September - CULTURE NIGHT

Thursday 29 September - Bell ringing 10.50-11.50 (Ian Bennett) - to be confirmed

*Valerie Raitt*