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# BISHOP'S LETTER



## The Rt Revd John McDowell

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Dear Friends

“Lord teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples” St. Luke 11:1  
Many of you will know that I have been conducting a Visitation of sorts in the Diocese. The idea, which I announced at last year’s Diocesan Synod, is to visit every member of the clergy who is in stipendiary or non-stipendiary ministry and to spend some time in prayer and discussing a range of pretty fundamental questions. The general purpose is to give me a clearer picture of how things are on the ground and to see if there is anything that the Diocese can do to help clergy in their parishes. The Visitation should also help me to gauge that indefinable quality- morale.

One element of the vocation of any ordained person is to pray for those in their care and to teach people how to pray, just as Our Lord was asked to do. This discipline of teaching about prayer is so important because prayer is the most frequently used way through which we have communion with God. It is used by people at all stages in their pilgrimage through life- the child, the beginner, the saint.

On one completely non-religious trip I was involved in many years ago I shared a room with a man who hadn’t been to church for 30 years. Yet every night before we turned in he put me to shame by knelling down for five minutes at his bedside to say his prayers as he had

done every night of his life since he was a teenager. It was one of the glories of the Reformation of the sixteenth century that it placed this simple path which Jesus had opened up to the Father back at the heart of every day spirituality.

However, that is not to say that it is easy; far from it. Our Lord Himself found it necessary to withdraw from all company from time to time and to seek His Father in prayer. Those long nights on the cold mountain must have been very difficult. On the other hand prayer is difficult in the sense of requiring specialist knowledge or theological understanding. There are many ways to pray and many “forms” of prayer, but essentially what we are doing in ordinary everyday prayer is bringing our whole selves into the presence of God with whatever is on our hearts for ourselves and for other people. In short, it is simple but not always easy.

It is particularly apposite to think about prayer at this time as we approach the Feast of Pentecost when the gift of the Spirit was given (“proceeding from the Father and the Son” as we say) to help us to pray.

Start by thanking God for the desire to pray. That desire is something that He has put into you and which you are now responding to. In the same way that a bird just has to sing, you and I have to pray. Archbishop Michael Ramsey used to talk about “wanting to want to pray” on his bad days. Even in very dark times it lies very deep within us.

If you find it a real struggle to pray by yourself then join with others. That might just be taking a bit more care in listening and joining in prayer in Church.

Or it may be joining with others on an organised basis to say together the first words of the model prayer that Jesus used when He was asked to teach people how to pray. Remember

especially that when the celebrant is saying that long piece at Holy Communion which includes what Jesus said and did at the Last Supper, that it is a prayer of Thanksgiving.

Pray as you can not as you can’t. Some forms of prayer simply don’t work for us. Someone I know says that they find it easiest to pray in the bath. Others like a form of what is known as “contemplative prayer” meditating on a short passage from Scripture. There are groups who meet regularly to practice that sort of prayer. Ask the rector.

Don’t panic when life is dark and seems to overwhelm you. Don’t make things worse by despairing. On these occasions remember that there are others praying for you until you are able to pray again for yourself and others. Close your eyes and listen to music or open your eyes and look at the world around you as Spring turns to Summer. Whatever lifts you out of yourself, there is the grace of God.

Say the Lord’s Prayer slowly and phrase by phrase. It is pretty comprehensive although it may not be as detailed as some would wish. And don’t worry if your thoughts are a jumble. The Holy Spirit will make sense of them.

Finally, some words from someone who was a man of prayer but who also knew rather painfully about the realities of life: “If you can’t find God, then just stop running, give Him a chance to do the work instead and let Him find you. If nothing has happened with all that (praying on your knees) then relax in your chair with a cup of tea, stop forcing and wait and see what happens.

It’s possible God gets more pleasure if you’re comfy and not contorted when He speaks to you. After all, you are supposed to be fond of each other, you know”. +John  
+John Clogher

# PARISH NOTES

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### Services

#### Sunday 7th May

12.05 pm Holy Communion Aghadrumsee; 10.45 am Holy Communion Clogh; 9.30 am Holy Communion Drumsnatt

#### Sunday 14th May

12.05 pm Morning Prayer Aghadrumsee; 10.45 am Morning Prayer Clogh; 9.30 am Morning Prayer Drumsnatt

#### Sunday 21st May

12.05 pm Morning Prayer Aghadrumsee; 10.45 am Morning Prayer Clogh; 9.30 am Morning Prayer Drumsnatt

#### Sunday 28th May

12.05 pm Morning Prayer Aghadrumsee; 3.00pm Friendship Service Clogh; 9.30 am Morning Prayer Drumsnatt

### Easter Vestry Meetings

Easter Vestry Meetings were held in Aghadrumsee and Drumsnatt during March, the list of the 2017/2018 Select Vestries for these parishes are below. Clogh will have their meeting on Monday, 24th April at 8.30pm and details will be published in next month's edition.

### Aghadrumsee

**Rector's Churchwarden:** Andrew Elliott

**People's Churchwarden:** Edwin Keenan

**Rector's Glebwarden:** James Elliott

**People's Glebwarden:** Wesley Elliott

**Select Vestry:** Leslie Annon, Brian Blakely, Richard Elliott, David Johnston (Treasurer), Moira Johnston (Secretary), Keith Howe, Lynda Howe, Keith Leary, Alan Madill, Cheryl Madill, Thomas McCartney & Myrtle McCauley. Nominators: David Johnston & Marina Elliott. Submental Nominators: Wesley Elliott & Keith Howe.

**Synodsperson:** Marina Elliott.

**Submental Synodsperson:** James Elliott

### Drumsnatt

**Rector's Churchwarden:** Yvonne Martin (**Secretary**) **People's Churchwarden:** Beth Moore

**(Treasurer) Rector's Glebwarden:** Irwin **Martin** **People's Glebwarden:** Norma Martin

**Select Vestry:** David Graham, Gareth Graham, James Graham, Norman Graham, Roberta Graham, Elizabeth Haire, Irwin Martin, Nigel Martin, Beth Moore, Ian Moore and Richard

**Moore Parochial Nominator:** Norma Martin. **Supplemental Nominator:** Irwin Martin

**Synodsperson:** Yvonne Martin. **Supplemental Synodsperson:** Elizabeth Haire

### Crafty Church

Our next Crafty Church will take place on Saturday, 20th May from 3pm – 4.30pm in Aghadrumsee Old School, this new group is open to all children aged 2 – 7 years and is filled with craft activities, games and songs based on the Bible story of the day. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



Crafty church in action



## Aghadrumsee Select Vestry

After 59 years faithful service Jim Johnston decided to retire from Aghadrumsee Select Vestry. During this time he fulfilled a number of various roles within the Vestry and we take this opportunity to show our sincere gratitude and wish him well in the future.

## Young Ladies Group

Tuesday, 9th May at 8.30pm in Aghadrumsee 'Pudding Party'.

## Clogh Friendship Service

Clogh Friendship Service will take place on Sunday, 27th May at 3pm. The guest speaker will be the Revd. Stephen McNie, music provided by the Ballybay Singers.

## Aghadrumsee Ladies Guild



At the floral arrangement night, were (from left), Hazel Little, Ladies Guild President; Wilma Simpson, of J.P.Flowers, Monaghan; Florence McCartney, Ladies Guild Treasurer and Linda Keenan, Ladies Guild Secretary.



Wilma Simpson, of J.P. Flowers, Monaghan, demonstrator at the flower arrangement evening for Aghadrumsee Ladies Guild.

## Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to all who have lost family members recently. The Robinson family of the death of Mrs. Margaret Robinson's sister, the Elliott and Pryce families on the death of Derek Johnston and Malcolm and Lisa McVitty on the death of Lisa's grandmother.

## Clogh Mother's Union Visitors Night

Monday, 27th March in Clogh Hall was Clogh Mother's Union Visitors Night where the guest speaker was Mrs. Hazel Spears president of Kilmore Diocese Mother's Union.

She spoke about her recent trip to Uganda to visit the work being undertaken by 'Fields of Life' a non-denominational Christian International Development organisation. She certainly gave those present something to think about.







Emma, Anne and Heather ready for the Prayer Walk in Enniskillen

## Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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### Services

#### 7th May 2017

11.00am Cooneen Holy Communion; 3.30pm Colebrooke Friends' Service

#### 14th May 2017

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer; 12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

#### 21st May 2017

11.00am Colebrooke Family Service; 3.30pm Mullaghfad Friends' Service

#### 28th May 2017

7.30pm Colebrooke Rural Deanery Service of Dedication for Select Vestries and Office Holders of Clogher Rural Deanery.

### Cooneen Dedication and Thanksgiving

On Sunday, 2nd April 2017 at 3pm, a service of Dedication and Thanksgiving was held in Holy Trinity, Cooneen, to give thanks for gifts and improvements made to the church by parishioners and friends. Following the service, everyone was treated to tea and refreshments in the parish hall. Thank you to everyone who has so generously gifted all of these items and improvements.

### GFS

Girls Friendly Society every Monday, at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall for girls 3 years and upwards. GFS Diocesan Service will be held in Colebrooke this year at 7.30pm on Friday 5th May at 7.30pm

### Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Group meet every Tuesday from 7pm-8.30pm for boys and girls aged 4-11 years, and on Fridays for 11-14 years. The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.  
 Squirrels (4 - 6 years)

Beavers (6 – 8 years)  
 Cubs (8 – 11 years)  
 Scouts (11 – 14 years)

### SNATCH

(Sunday Night At the Church Hall) Youth Ministry Aghavea and Colebrooke. All young people of secondary school age welcome.

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/snatchyf](http://www.facebook.com/snatchyf)

Website: [snatch.colebrookeparish.org](http://snatch.colebrookeparish.org)

### Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meets on Thursday evenings at Colebrooke Parish Hall. At present the club are currently playing matches within the churches league. New members of all ages are welcome at any stage of the indoor bowling season.

### Mothers' Union



Lucy helped to demonstrate 'spring' as Jacqui led the reflections and prayers

Some members and friends joined with other Mothers' Union members from the Clogher Diocese, on Saturday, 1st April, to share a Prayer Walk along the banks of the River Erne in Enniskillen.

Mrs Jacqui Armstrong, All Ireland Faith and Policy coordinator, led the reflections and prayers and prepared a booklet for everyone to follow. The walk ended at the castle where everyone enjoyed refreshments and time for fellowship.

Our next meeting is Thursday, 27th April when we plan to visit Clogher Courthouse for a meal, followed by a talk from Len and Joyce who work for Hope 4 U Foundation.

All members and friends are encouraged to attend the Festival Service on 12th May at 8pm in Enniskillen Cathedral, where we welcome the Worldwide President and All Ireland President.

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### Services

#### Sunday, 7th May

11am Holy Communion and Sunday School

#### Sunday, 14th May

11am Morning Prayer and Sunday School

#### Sunday, 21st May

11am Church Family Service

#### Sunday, 28th May

11am Morning Prayer and Sunday School

#### Sunday, 4th June - Gift Day

11am Morning Prayer and Sunday School

7.30pm Favourite Hymns Evening

#### Sunday, 11th June

11am Holy Communion and Sunday School

#### Sunday, 18th June

11am Children's Day Family Service

#### Sunday, 25th June

11am Morning Prayer

#### Sunday, 1st July

11am Morning Service - we welcome our Crosslinks Mission Partner, Trevor Watson, as our preacher this morning.

### Sunday School

Sunday School meets at 11am during the Morning Service. After the opening part of the service, the boys and girls move across to the church hall for age-appropriate Bible teaching and activities. For more information, please speak to Linda McClelland.

### Mothers' Union

Aghavea MU will meet on Tuesday, 9th May at 8pm, when our speaker will be Eva Baxter. New members are always welcome. More information can be obtained from the Branch Leader Valerie Crawford, Secretary Winnie Elliott, or Treasurer Helen Rutledge.

### Bible Study

Having read through the Bible in 2016, we're doing it again this year. The Bible study group have decided to use a different plan, which can be found at [www.jointhebibleproject.com](http://www.jointhebibleproject.com) There's a smartphone app, which gives you the daily readings and videos to help you understand - search for 'Read Scripture' in the app store.

The Bible Study meets in the rectory. You're very welcome to join with us as we discuss what we've been reading, bringing encouragement and questions as we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus.

### Football

Everyone is welcome to join us on Thursday evenings from 9pm at the Maguiresbridge 3G pitch. For more information, speak to Alan Johnston.

### Find us on Facebook and iTunes

The best way of keeping up to date with what's happening at Aghavea is our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/aghavea](http://www.facebook.com/aghavea) There you'll find news, notices, sermons, photos, prayer points and lots more! Our sermon podcasts are now available on iTunes. Search for 'Aghavea Church' and subscribe to have them automatically delivered to your computer or device.

Members of Aghavea Bowling Club at their AGM with the cup for winning Section D of the Fermanagh Churches League.





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### Clontibret

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supported our floral demonstration by Mrs Anna Hughes, Floral Style, Monaghan, on Thursday, 6th April. Anna created a number of exquisite and original designs and kept us entertained with chat as she worked. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to chat over supper.

There was no change in the membership or officers following the Easter Vestry. The Rector thanked everyone for their support during the year. It is hoped that the work on the car park will commence shortly and a gift day to finance the work has been arranged for Sunday, 28th May.

The speaker at the April meeting of the Mothers' Union was Dillon Duffy, one of our parishioners, who was a member of a group that visited the Somme during the summer of 2016. Dillon gave a very extensive talk on his visit and had a great number of photographs of the various places the group had been too and talked us through the experiences of the soldiers who had fought so that we can enjoy the freedom we enjoy today.

We are pleased to hear that Mrs Winifred Jordan has had her knee operation after a very long wait and wish her God's Blessing for a speedy recovery. We were delighted to have Robert Graham with us on Easter Sunday for Holy Communion. Robert has been in hospital and it was great that he was able to be with us. We send our regards to his brother Jim and remember Mrs Esther Dunne and all those who are unwell or lonely in our prayers. We look forward to the Bishop being with us on 14th May at 3.30pm for the confirmation of a number of parishioners from the group.

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Carrickmacross: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sundays  
10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer 1st and 3rd Sundays  
Magheracloone: 12 noon. Holy Communion 1st Sunday  
12 noon. Morning Prayer 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays  
Ardragh: 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer 1st Sunday  
1.15 p.m. Holy Communion 3rd Sunday  
Holy Days, Special Occasions and 5th Sundays as per  
announcements

### Reverend Colin McConaghie

When these notes appear in the May issue of the Diocesan Magazine, the Reverend Colin McConaghie will have been instituted as Rector of the group of parishes. I extend my very good wishes to him, and to his family, as he takes over the incumbency. May he be blessed in every way.

In extending my congratulations to Colin it is an opportunity for me to thank all who supported my ministry here in so many different ways, while I had pastoral responsibility in the parish. I wish to thank those who contributed to, and through their support, helped to

maintain the well-being of parish affairs throughout the vacancy. The help and support which I personally benefited from came under so many different headings that it would be difficult to mention people individually but it was deeply appreciated.

### Holy Week And Easter

As these notes are in preparation Holy Week services are in progress in all three of the parishes in a variety of liturgical forms. They are very much the important preparation for our celebration of Easter itself with its assurance of the certain truth that Jesus was seen by his disciples after he had died in whatever form he appeared to them. The resurrection of Jesus is the seal on God's promise to give eternal life after we die to everyone who believes.

### Bowling Club



Irene Merrin presenting the bowling cup to Nigel Eakins.

The Jackson Hall Bowling Club had another successful season. We met old friends and made new ones both at home matches and at the away ones. Congratulations to Nigel Eakin on winning the Merrin Cup, kindly sponsored by Irene Merrin. Our thanks are due to all who made the season a very enjoyable one and to all who ensured the hall was heated, mats maintained and looked after the teas and other catering. It was good to be able to welcome newcomer, David Babington who was the only new member during the season. New members, young and old, are always very welcome to come and have a go on Wednesday nights at 8pm from late September on.

## Annual Easter Vestries

Two of the three Annual Easter Vestries for 2017 have been held to date and resulted in the following appointments and elections:-

### Carrickmacross Parish

#### Rector's Church Warden

Alan Sweetnam

#### Peoples' Church Warden

Sammy Babington

#### Rector's Glebe Warden

Freddie Merrin

#### Peoples' Glebe Warden

Robert Greer

#### Select Vestry Members

John Babington

Gerry Garland

Alan Hill

Richard Hill

George Hill

Eleanor Howell

John Howell

Graham Howell

Caroline Merrin

Doreen Monahan

Helen Sweetnam

Gordon Sweetnam

#### Parish Vestry Secretary

Doreen Monahan

#### Parish Treasurer

Caroline Merrin

#### Parochial Nominators

Caroline Merrin

Gordon Sweetnam

#### Supplemental Nominators

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### Ardragh Parish

#### Rector's Church Warden

Jimmy White

#### Peoples' Church Warden

John Breaden

#### Select Vestry Members

Gina Breaden

Wesley Breaden

Bill Breaden

Raymond Breaden

Sadie Breaden

Mavis Pepper

Lorna Pepper

Robert White

#### Parish Vestry Secretary

Gina Breaden

#### Parish Treasurer

Wesley Breaden

#### Parochial Nominator

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### Services

Wednesday 10th May

10:00 a.m. Monthly Healing Service & H.C., Mullaghduin Parish Hall

Sunday 14th May

10:00 a.m. M.P. Mullaghduin

11:30 a.m. M.P. Cleenish

Sunday 21st May

10:00 a.m. M.P. Mullaghduin

11:30 a.m. M.P. Cleenish

Sunday 28th May

10:00 a.m. M.P. Mullaghduin

11:30 a.m. M.P. Cleenish

Sunday 4th June

10:00 a.m. H.C. Mullaghduin

11:30 a.m. H.C. Cleenish

Please see local Services Sheet in Church for up to date changes, which may occur from time to time

### Dates for your Diary

Friday 30th June, Mullaghduin Parish Barbecue, Mullaghduin Parish Hall.

Sunday 18th June, Childrens' Family Service, Cleenish

Sunday 2nd July, Orange Anniversary Service, Cleenish

Sunday 9th July, Orange Anniversary Service, Mullaghduin

### Monthly Healing Service

The next Monthly Healing Service takes place in Mullaghduin Parochial Hall on Wednesday, 10th May. It combines the usual shortened form of Holy Communion with the opportunity for prayer for the sick and bereaved, followed by a cup of tea and time for a chat.

### Parent and Toddler Group

The Group celebrated their 10th Anniversary with tea and cutting the cake in Cleenish Parish Hall, on Tuesday, 7th March. The Group remains very successful, with sometimes up to 40 children in attendance. Many thanks are again due to the limited number of volunteers who turn up week after week, and assist with the smooth running of each event. Rosita Bridle, Group Leader, spoke during



the tea, and re-iterated her appreciation to all present. (See photos 4,5,&6) Mothers' Union members reached out to the Community, and assisted the Group celebrate their 10th Anniversary in Cleenish Hall on Saturday, 4th March, with an open invitation to past and existing members and parents to attend afternoon activities, and of course a cup of tea in the Hall.

### Mullaghduin 200th Anniversary

Mullaghduin Parish Church is situated four miles from Letterbreen off the A4 Enniskillen to Belcoo road. The Parish of Mullaghduin was originally established as a rural curacy out of the greater Parish of Cleenish in 1817, and a Church was constructed on the present site. A modern Church Hall at Letterbreen also serves the Parish.

In 1978 the two parishes of Cleenish and Mullaghduin were amalgamated. On Sunday morning 19th March a photograph of the serving Select Vestry was taken at the front of the Church, as a historical record of those serving during the 200th Anniversary of the establishment of the of the Parish.

### Dromore and District Male Voice Choir



Visit of Dromore and District Male Voice Choir

Mullaghduin Parish Hall was packed to capacity for a very professional musical evening on Friday, 31st March, provided by Dromore and District Male Voice Choir. The Choir was led by David Thompson, conductor and Gertrude Jamieson, accompanist, sang a number of items. Trevor Martin sang

a number of solo pieces, and there was also a solo performance by a young member playing a silver flute. Ian McFarlane acted as M.C.

Many thanks are due to those who organised this very successful evening and to the ladies of the Parish, who provided an excellent supper.

### Cleenish and Mullaghduin Mothers' Union



M.U., Potted Flower

Mothers' Union members marked Mothering Sunday during the Family Service. Sunday School children assisted the Branch Leader in distributing a potted flower to all women in the congregation to mark the event. Flowers were also distributed to in-door members in advance of the Service.

On Tuesday, 2nd May, Eva Baxter gave a talk on the subject, "Mrs Alexander".

The Prayer Walk scheduled in the Cleenish Centre, on Tuesday 16th May has been postponed to another date.



Cleenish Brownies Brownies made items for Mothers' Day, and were off for a two-week break during the Easter period.

### Cleenish Family Service

The monthly Family Service was held on Mothers' Day, Sunday, 26th March. The congregation was welcomed by Canon Geoff, who handed over to Parish Reader, Rowena. The children played a major part by singing the Sunday School Song "Quickly Obey". This was followed by the Sunday School drama and Bible Reading, "Lena's story (Parenting Group Facilitator, Guyana)".

After the CEF Talk given by Rowena, the Sunday School led with Occasional Prayers. During the service, Caroline Watterson read on behalf of the mothers present and Lettie Coulter, M.U., Branch Leader, read on behalf of the Mothers' Union. See M.U. notes.

### General Easter Vestries

The Cleenish meeting took place on Tuesday, 25th April, and the Mullaghduin meeting was held on Thursday, 27th April. Details in next edition.

### Mullaghduin Parish Barbecue

This event will be held on Friday, 30th June, at the Parish Hall. We look forward to an evening of good food, good music and good company. The music will be provided by "Panache", who were formed in 1992 by Alan Crawford, a highly gifted musician and vocalist, who plays eleven different instruments.

### Cleenish Centre



Breakfast in the Cleenish Centre

The Centre is an inter-denominational Christian retreat overlooking Lough Erne. It has recently been busy with bookings at weekends. On Easter Sunday morning at 6am, 30 worshippers turned up to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, at the Sunrise Service in the Courtyard. The Service was conducted by our Rector, Canon Bridle. This was followed by a light breakfast in the Devenish Room, (See photo 5) where all enjoyed fellowship together.

To hire the Centre, or if you feel that you are called to serve in any way, please make contact by e.mail: [enquiries@cleenishcentre.com](mailto:enquiries@cleenishcentre.com) or telephone 02866349647. You may also view the Cleenish Centre website.

### Congratulations

To Caroline and Catherine Scott, Mullaghduin Parish, who along with Jean Carson, are this year's Irish Ladies triples bowls champions, after a recent impressive display in Richhill, Co Armagh.

### Illness

Two members of Cleenish Select Vestry have recently had spells in Hospital. Peoples' Church Warden, Cecil Brownlee has now returned home, and has resumed his church duties. At time of writing Mervyn Willis who has been ill for some time remains in hospital, and is progressing slowly. Please remember Mervyn in your prayers, and also to all others from both parishes, who are ill or infirm at this time.

### Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to our Methodist Church neighbours, Jack and Evelyn McCourt and their entire family circle, from the parish of Mullaghduin, on the tragic death of their young grandson, Thomas Magee, Maguiresbridge.

### Cleenish Brownies

Brownies took part in the Lorne Walk in Castle Archdale estate, on Saturday, 22nd April, and commenced their usual Wednesday evening meetings for the summer period on 26th April. Parent and Toddler Group

The Group have now begun the summer period on Tuesday mornings before their final closing down for the year.

### Bellanaleck Community Group

The Community Group held their usual monthly meeting on Wednesday, 22nd March. The Chairman reported no further progress has been made with Waterways Ireland on the Blueway Scheme. Information was received from several members, the MUGA off Water Lane was now becoming extensively used.

Negotiations are still in progress with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council to have an additional Interpretive panel erected near the main road, at the entrance to The Moorings. It is also anticipated an extension may be given to the one-day weekly the Village Orderly presently works in the Village. Members are also hopeful if Bus Eireann remains in operation, the express service from Donegal to Cavan/Dublin will be retained. A request has now been made to the Council, for the erection of a nameplate into the "Chestnut Grove" estate.

The Chairman informed members about current procedures for reporting a street lighting fault. Visit the NI Direct Web Site and follow "Reporting Street Lighting Fault" link, or phone NI Direct 0300 200 7899, and state the pole number and its location. Next monthly meeting is Wednesday, 24th May.

### Holy Baptism

#### Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday, 9th April 2017

Molly Rose Boyd, Infant daughter of Rebecca and Nicholas, Mullagh, Enniskillen. The parents were presented with gift by Lettie Colter, Branch Leader of the Mother's Union.



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### Clogher

#### Register

Marriage 17th March 2017; Nathan Raymond Desmond Orr; Willand Crescent, Fivemiletown and Leona Elizabeth Ann Domer; Annagh Road, Clogher.

#### Mother's Day

On Mothering Sunday, the service was conducted by Mr Karl Saunders. Members of the Sunday School participated throughout the service by reading prayers, poems and lifting the collection. Prayers were led by Daniel McElwaine, Ben Robson, Ella Creddin and John Clingen.

Poems were read by Tori Robson and Jorja Robson. The Bible readings were read by Mrs Joy McElwaine – Sunday School teacher and Joanne Clingen, Sunday School pupil. Junior members of the Sunday school helped to spell out the word MOTHER and shared the meaning behind each letter. They were Hannah Creddin, Katie McElwaine, Jack Foster, Luke McLaren, Charlie Foster and Elizabeth Millar. The collection was lifted by Robert McLaren, Abbie Lee, Sam Brush and Ben Foster.

Mr Saunders preached on the women in the Bible and focused on the three women called Mary who played an important role in the life of Jesus. At the end of the service, the youngest members of the Sunday School helped distribute baskets of sweets which the children had made, to all the mums, grandmothers and aunts. Rectory Repair Fundraising - Clogher Dander, a three or six mile walk around Clogher at 8pm on Friday, 2nd June. The walk leaves from and returns to the Cathedral Hall. Proceeds are towards the Rectory Repair Fund. The minimum donation is £5 per person. Everyone welcome, with children to be accompanied by an adult. Supper will be served at the end of the walk. Registration will begin at 7pm from the Cathedral Hall. Thank you Mr and Mrs Robson for donating an Aberdeen Angus heifer for sale, with proceeds going towards the Rectory fund.

#### Mother's Union

A most interesting PowerPoint presentation was used by Miss Alice Gervais to highlight the plight of the street children in Uganda and the work being done to rescue them providing food, accommodation and education. Despite their poverty, Alice was impressed with their joy and exuberance, and in fact, some of the

children she met have now joined the New Life Choir who have been on tour. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs Sharon Fannin who handed over a token of appreciation.

The Branch Leader, Mrs Iris Moffett, reminded members of the Prayer Walk in Enniskillen on Saturday, 1st April, led by Mrs Jacqui Armstrong, MU All Ireland Faith and Policy Rep. A number of members attended the Riverside Walk and greatly enjoyed Jacqui's meditations and reflections, followed by refreshments in the Castle Restaurant.

The members also assisted at the Friends of St. Macartan's Service in the Cathedral at which the speaker was The Most Revd Pat Storey, Bishop of Meath and Kildare.

A meeting about the Ulster-American Folk Park took place in April and a Pamper Evening is planned for May. Visitors are always welcome.

### Augher

**Auction;** A very successful auction was held on 25th March raising £2,555 towards the Clogher Rectory Repair Fund. Thank you to those from the four parishes who gave items, made donations and those who attended on the day. Thanks also to those who delivered items and who worked on the day.

#### Mother's Day

Dean Raymond Thompson conducted the service on Mother's Day in St Mark's, Augher. After the opening hymn, Sophia Egerton welcomed everyone to the service. The lessons were read by Aimee McLaren and Sarah Armstrong. A poem entitled 'Thank you' was said by James Egerton, Ben Egerton, Ben Armstrong, James McLaren, Annabel McLaren, Megan Magee, Zara Wright and Courtney Thompson.

The girls' choir sang 'You are my all in all'. Jack Thompson read a prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Dean Thompson spoke to the children as well as his sermon. During the hymn 'Lord of the home, your only son', Harry McLaren and Sam McLaren received the collection.

Before the closing prayer by Laura Armstrong, the Junior Sunday School children presented flowers to all the ladies. Dean Thompson thanked the children, the Sunday School teachers and the organist, Mrs Sylvia McClung for their contribution to the service.

#### Praise Evening

An Evening of Praise will be held on 7th May at 7pm. The visiting choir will be the Silver Tones from Ballinamallard and the soloist will be Mr. Roy Crowe. The Church choir and Sunday School will also take part. This event is to raise funds for a new organ for the Church. Errigal Portclare - Mother's Day – Our Mother's Day Service was conducted by Mr. Karl Saunders. Lessons were read by Edgar Bingham and Doreen Millar. The children of the Sunday School, Isaac Sheenan, Ruby Millar, Ellie Donaldson, Kate Millar, Bobby Donaldson and James Millar took part with appropriate readings and then presented each lady with a beautiful handmade gift. Sincere thanks to Caroline Gervis and Charlene Johnston, Sunday teachers for all their work and dedication.

### Newtownsaville

#### 'Books of the Bible' Quiz

We had an excellent response to the 'Books of the Bible' Quiz with £1,115 raised for the Rectory Fund. Thank you to everyone who purchased sheets and completed them. We would also like to thank

Mrs. Avril Robson for kindly donating the first prize of a meal for two in Corick House. The draw was made by Canon Armstrong's wife, Jean and the winners were 1, Corey Nugent; 2, Elizabeth Boyle. Thank you to Mrs. Pat Scott for the compiling the quiz sheet and for co-ordinating the distribution of them and receiving all the Quiz sheet money.

### **Mothering Sunday**

On Mothering Sunday in St. Marks, Newtownsaville at which the preacher was Dean Thompson, the children of the Sunday School prepared gifts for their mums and distributed pots of primula and book markers to all the ladies present. Three of the confirmation candidates, Georgia Crawford, Rachel Funston and Daisy Smyth read Mother's Day prayers and Dean Thompson thanked all the children for their contribution.

### **Open Garden**

You are invited to an Open Garden hosted by Jean and Eileen at 'The Bells', Garvaghey Hill Road, Newtownsaville on Saturday, 5th August from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments will be served throughout the day and plants will be available for purchase. All proceeds to the Rectory Fund.

### **Sympathy**

Sympathy is extended to the Coulter family on the sudden death of Bronagh's father as we remember Bronagh, Bertie, Lorriane, Stephanie and Darren in our prayers.

### **The Ascension**

This part of the various aspects of the Christian faith and calendar is very often passed over with little mention. Yet it is an important part of our faith.

The Ascension means the return of Christ to his place of Glory in Heaven. It symbolises the fact that he had completed the mission of the Father, the Salvation of mankind by his death on the cross.

He is the victorious conqueror of Sin and death. He is now crowned the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords. He continues his role as our intercessor, our great High Priest who ever works for us before his father's throne of grace. Lastly is the penultimate chapter in the Christian faith. Now we await his return as the Judge of all mankind and the one who will establish the new Heaven and Earth.

So never dismiss the Ascension as something unimportant in the Christian faith.

Read Acts 1:1-11

Hebrews 9:28 "So Christ was Sacrificed once to take away the Sins of many people, and he will appear a second time, not to bear Sin, but to bring Salvation to those who are waiting for him."

Hebrews 10:12 "But when this Priest (Christ) had offered for all time one Sacrifice for Sins he sat down at the right hand of God."

## **Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss**

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### **Services**

May 7th Clones: 10.00am: Holy Communion

Newbliss: 11.30am: Holy Communion

May 14th Currin: 10.00am: Holy Communion

Killeevan: 11.30am: Holy Communion

May 21st Clones: 10.00am : Morning Prayer

Newbliss: 11.30am: Morning Prayer

May 28th Currin : 10.00am Morning Prayer

Killeevan : 11.30 Morning Prayer

June 4th : Clones : 10.00am. Holy Communion

Newbliss : 11.30. Holy Communion

### **Illness**

We remember those who are ill in hospital, and especially those of our Parish who are undergoing treatment at present.

### **Congratulations**

Easter Vestry Meetings Held

Killeevan: 5th April and Newbliss: 26th April.

### **Missionary Sale**

Killeevan Missionary Sale took place on Saturday, 29th April.

### **Bishopscourt Coffee Morning**

The annual Coffee/Tea morning and Light Lunch in aid of "County Monaghan Church of Ireland Children's Society"(Formerly Monaghan County Protestant Orphan Society) will be held at the home of Mrs Miriam Moore, Vice-President, Bishopscourt, Clones on Friday, 26th May 2017 from 10.30 until 2.00pm.

A historical talk by Mr George Knight on the subject of "The Story of Clones Castle" will be given at 12 noon. Please come and bring a friend. There will be a Plant stall for those gardeners and a Cake stall for those who enjoy a treat.

### **Bags to School**

Please be advised that a collection of used clothing will take place during the month of May. The date will be advised at a later date.

Killeevan Mother's Union

Killeevan Mothers Union members and friends were given a very useful and enlightening talk by Patricia Sloan (nee Kennedy), a behavioural therapist who has worked extensively with children and gave us handouts to help understand childhood behaviour and associated problems. Thank you Patricia.

### **Clones Family Resource Centre**

Clones Family Resource Centre held a Tea Day on 4th May in aid of Alzheimers Society with guest speaker, Maeve Montgomery.



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### Services

**7th May** Holy Communion, 11.30am  
**14th May** Family Service, 11.30am  
**21st May** Morning Prayer, 11.30am  
**28th May** Morning Prayer, 11.30am  
**4th June** Confirmation with Holy Communion, 11.30am  
**11th June** Family Service, 11.30am  
**18th June** Morning Prayer, 11.30am  
**18th June** Orange Anniversary service, 7.00pm  
**25th June** Morning Prayer, 11.30am

### Service of Prayer and Reflection

The rector, along with Rev. Rodney Beacom representing the Presbyterian Church and the Rev. William Newell representing the Methodist Church, led a service of prayer and reflection for innocent victims of terrorism recently at the SEFF offices in Lisnaskea. The service offered pastoral support, encouragement and hope to many who had been re-traumatised by the eulogising and insensitive remarks surrounding the passing of an unrepentant terrorist. A poignant reminder that God will be our judge and for those who have repented of their sins, know Jesus as Lord and Saviour, there is a better day to come.

### Junior CE



The junior CE welcomed Sharon Wilson, who spoke on the coming events for the CE Union later in the year, and did some Bible teaching and singing with the children on the night. Children and leaders in fancy dress had a 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party' night with equally bizarre games/activities followed by refreshments. In attendance, the 'White Rabbit', alias the rector, spoke on Alice's adventure following the white rabbit down the rabbit hole, warning of the dangers of modern day rabbit holes like the internet. He encouraged all to follow Jesus who would take them on a new and exciting adventure as they believe and trust in Him as Lord and Saviour.

### Easter General Vestry

The Easter General Vestry took place on Wednesday, 5th April 2017 at 8pm in the Parish Hall with a good attendance of parishioners being present. The Hon. Treasurer presented the church accounts,

and the rector reflected in his report for the past year as he thanked everyone for their support in the witness and mission of the church. The elections of Churchwardens, Glebewardens, the Select Vestry, Parochial Nominators, and Synod Members for 2017/18 took place with several new members being elected. The thanks of the parish are extended to all whom in the various offices to which they serve and have served for their contribution to parish over the years.

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Cor. 1: 18 NKJV Let us continue to pray and not lose hope that all may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord that the message of the cross brings life.

### Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship had their visitors' night with guest speaker, Alison Brown who shared her passion on teaching children about following Jesus as she does through her personally illustrated books. There was a large attendance from other visiting Women's group from the locality present, and we thank them for their support. This was also the 'Bring and Buy sale', with many and varied items on offer and the night finished with a beautiful supper provided by the ladies. Preparations are underway for the Women's Fellowship meal which will be held in the Woodhill Hunting Lodge on 10th May 2017 at 7.30pm.

### Bowling Club

The club continues to meet on Thursday nights with a good attendance of members present each evening. The members' round-robin competition has commenced with no one with an outright lead at present, but there have been a few surprises in some of the matches to date.

### Young@Heart

The Young@Heart members recently visited the Still-Active group in St.Patrick's Church of Ireland in Ballymena, where they had an enjoyable day renewing and making new friendships. Some members have been involved with making creels as others undertook felting classes. Some of the members will be travelling to Jersey later this month as part of the club's activities for relaxation, and I'm told with some retail therapy as an added extra.

### Parish Auction

27th May will see our parish auction with its usual array of items, on offer with the ever-popular cake sale and other culinary delights throughout the day. Please bring any items for sale to the parish hall on the Thursday evening from 7.30 – 9pm or on the Friday from noon – 9pm, with viewing from 11am on Saturday and auction commencing at 12 noon.

### Confirmation

The Confirmation Service will take place on the 4th June 2017 at 11.30am, when the Bishop will be present. Please pray for our young people and their families as they prepare for this service. For dates and times of clubs/groups or other activities, please check weekly notices for any changes or additions.

### Dates for your diary

Saturday, 27th May 2017 - Parish Auction  
Sunday, 4th June 2017 – Confirmation Service  
Saturday, 22nd July 2017 – Parish Barbecue  
Monday, 31st July – 4th August 2017 – Holiday Bible Club  
Friday, 6th – Sunday, 8th October 2017 – Harvest weekend

# Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale

Vacant.

During the vacancy Archdeacon Cecil Pringle is in charge, and is providing pastoral cover together with Mrs Eileen Cutler and Miss Isobel Stewart, Diocesan Pastoral Assistants.

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## Services

**Sun 7th May** Castle Archdale Holy Communion 10.15am;  
Derryvullen North 11.30am

**Sun 14th May** Derryvullen North Family Service 10.30am;  
Castle Archdale 11.45am

**Sun 21st May** Castle Archdale Morning Prayer 10.15am;  
Derryvullen North 11.30am

Castle Archdale Service of the Word 7.00pm;

Closing Service Mothers' Union

**Sun 28th May** Castle Archdale Morning Prayer 10.15am;  
Derryvullen North 11.30am

**Sun 4th June** Castle Archdale Holy Communion 10.15am;  
Derryvullen North 11.30am

## Tuesday Club

On 11th April, 19 members were present for the Easter Communion celebrated by Archdeacon Pringle and followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for 9th May at 2.30pm.

## Wedding Celebrations

Two couples celebrated their anniversaries on 18th March; Mr. and Mrs. G Jeavons celebrated 70 years of marriage and Mr. and Mrs. D. McCubbin their 53rd wedding anniversary. Congratulations to both couples.

Mr and Mrs G Jeavons celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary

## Mothers' Union

Mrs Valerie McMorris, Diocesan Faith & Policy co-ordinator was our guest speaker. She informed us of the Diocesan Prayer Chain and many other aspects of prayer.

The next meeting was on 26th April when the speaker was Mr. Gareth Rooney from Mission Aviation Fellowship.

An outing has been arranged to Belleek Pottery followed by afternoon tea on 19th May.

The closing service is 21st May at 7pm in St Patrick's Church, Castle Archdale.

## Ulster Project

Josiah Johnston and Lucy Humes are going with the Ulster Project during the summer. A coffee morning was held on 26th March to help with expenses. We wish Josiah and Lucy safe travelling.

## Annual General Vestry

Castle Archdale annual General Vestry meeting was held on 4th April chaired by Archdeacon Pringle. Tribute was paid to all who had contributed to the life of the parish in 2016. Special mention was made of the late Leslie Clyde who passed away on 20th December 2016. We now look forward to the appointment of a Rector and urge all our parishioners to pray for those who will act as parochial nominators. Pray also for those clergy who may make application.

## Thanks

We wish to thank Mr. John Irvine, Mr. Abraham Storey and Canon Harry Trimble for leading our Lenten and Easter services.

## Rectory

We are pleased that the Rectory renovations are now complete and a coffee morning was held on Saturday, 8th April so that parishioners could view the outcome of the work carried out to the building and grounds. Thank you to all those who did a lot of work in the background.

## Christian Burial

Derryvullen North; Thursday, 23rd March – Mrs Muriel Olive Margaret McDonagh. Interment in adjoining graveyard

## Holy Baptism

Derryvullen North; Sunday, 26th March – Maisie Maud Louise daughter of Holly and Steven.

## Christian Marriage

Castle Archdale; Friday, 17th March – Alison Foster and Darren McQuade

## Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick in hospital, nursing home or at home, thinking also of their carers and medical teams.

We offer our sympathy and prayers to those who have been bereaved; may they find Christ's presence and peace with them.

As we celebrate Easter, may we be glad and rejoice for we are an "Easter people"

Christ is risen from the dead – Hallelujah!



## Derryvullen South and Garvary



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### Services

#### 14th May

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

#### 21st May

10.30 Morning Prayer Garvary

12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

#### 28th May

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

#### 4th June

10.30 Holy Communion Garvary

12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

### Christian Burial

On Monday, 3rd April 2017 the funeral service for Margaret Martha (Madge) Wilson took place in the parish church of Holy Trinity, Garvary, followed by interment in the adjoining churchyard.

Margaret Martha was born on Monday, 7th January 1924, the eldest child of James and Mary Hurst, Lissan. She attended Derryhillagh School and on leaving school she helped her grandmother at Ballydoolagh, a feature of her character which could be seen throughout her life. In 1948 she married Freddie Wilson in Garvary parish church to which they both belonged all their lives. They settled into their first home at Largy and reared their family, moving to Ballydoolagh in 1977. Madge worked at a variety of jobs in her spare time such as Unipork, and what is now known as South West College.

In later life while she was still able she was a carer to a number of people around the country. She assisted her husband on the farm alongside looking after the family. She was a great baker and her home was a place where many people came to enjoy an evening's chat and Madge's warm hospitality. Many stories are told about Madge making soup to bring to neighbours who were in need and many other acts of kindness. When her brother Robbie wasn't able to be on his own, he too was made welcome at Ballydoolagh.

Madge never travelled too far from home, except to her sister at Carrickfergus. But in the 1960's she made trips to Canada to her brother, George. The clear blue sky she encountered there was something she would often mention on her return home. She enjoyed going with the family on the Sunday School trips to Bundoran and later to Portrush. She was a great supporter of the table tennis club when the children were involved, and she loved quizzes.

In recent years her health was declining but she nevertheless had a great spirit and determination having been brought up to work

hard and not to give up. She had increasingly frequent visits to the hospital but she had great support from her daughter, Hazel along with Noel and Cecil and was able to stay at home for most of the time.

Madge experienced many sad times in her life, not least the death of her husband, Freddie, in 1990, and her two brothers, Jim and George. But she was a lady of great faith. She often spoke about her faith and her church in such a way that it was clearly very dear to her and a part of who she was. She was a founder member of the Mothers' Union enrolled on 12th November 1951, and a most faithful member at the monthly meetings. Her attendance at church including extra services such as the Harvest and midweek Lenten services was exemplary.

We extend sympathy to her children, Noel, Cecil and Hazel, her brother Robert and sister Gwen; grandchildren, Deborah, Drew, Raymond, Rodney, Grahame, Gary and Lorna; her six great grandchildren; and her many nephews and nieces.

### Bereavements

We extend sympathy to all who are bereaved including members of the Irvine family in both parishes, on the death of their relative, Sylvia Irvine, wife of the late George Irvine, Knockbreda; Arlene Little, Killee, on the death of her uncle, Derek Johnston, Newtownbutler and Tom Foster, Bellevue Road, on the death of his uncle, John Foster, Lisbellaw.

### Clothes For Clobber

Our thanks to everyone for supporting this fundraiser for Garvary. It raised £200 for parish funds and our thanks again to Hilda Lucy for her time and effort to make this a worthwhile venture.

### CMSI LENTEN PROJECT

Derryvullen South Sunday School invited everyone for refreshments after the morning service on Palm Sunday, 9th April 2017 when a very colourful spread greeted them. We appreciate all the hard work put into this effort by the young people and teachers on behalf of the Lenten Project for Kenya which realised over £200 and we thank everyone for their support.

### G.I.F.T.

On Sunday evening, Palm Sunday, 9th April 2017, 16 of our young people representing both parishes came together to have an enjoyable evening. It began with a quiz related to Garvary church and churchyard, then a short video "The Super Cool Story of Jesus" introducing us to Holy Week and Easter, followed by a supper provided by the rector but chosen by the young people!

It is hoped to plan another event to be held at Derryvullen South in the near future, "Growing In Faith Together."

### VISION 2017

As a follow up to the previous meeting held in February, the rector has organised another meeting to take place on Wednesday, 10th May 2017 at 8 pm in Derryvullen South Parish Hall and Thursday, 11th May 2017 at 8 pm in Garvary parish hall.

### Christian Aid Week

This year, collectors from our two parishes will again be going around the community collecting house to house starting on Monday, 15th May. Several households not belonging to our church look out for the collectors each year. It has been a service provided

by us on behalf of Christian Aid for over 30 years and which has been much appreciated by the charity and the wider community. Unfortunately a number of aspects have made this particular task challenging and we are having difficulty getting collectors. It would be a pity if we were no longer able to provide this service and witness. If you feel you could offer some of your valuable time during the Christian Aid Week to help with the collection please get in touch with the rector or Mrs Stewart.

## Mothers' Union



Mrs Willa Wilson receiving her 50 years membership certificate for the Mothers' Union.

On Wednesday evening, 29th March 2017, at the invitation of the rector, the Bishop, the Rt. Rev. John McDowell, as diocesan chaplain to the Mothers' Union, presented Mrs. Valerie Stewart and Mrs. Kathleen Kettles with gifts to mark their retirement from office in the local branch of the Mothers' Union of Derryvullen South and Garvary parishes.

Mrs. Stewart had been branch leader since arriving in the parishes 27 years ago and Mrs. Kettles had been branch secretary of Derryvullen South branch for the past 17 years. A keen reader, Mrs Stewart received a Kindle and a deluxe Church Hymnal. A conscientious timekeeper, Mrs. Kettles received a lovely wrist watch and deluxe Church Hymnal.

Both ladies were presented with flowers by Mrs Freda Beacom and Mr. Betty Little. Both ladies were delighted with their presents and much appreciated the kind thoughts of the members in arranging the presentation. A card specially designed for the occasion was presented to each of the two ladies and was inscribed with the names of everyone associated with the presentation and is an enduring reminder of their friends in the Mothers' Union. Mrs Anne Rowley succeeded Mrs. Stewart as branch leader and Mrs Freda Burleigh succeeded Mrs. Kettles as branch secretary.

On Sunday, 9th April 2017 the rector, Chancellor John W Stewart, congratulated Mrs Willa Wilson and presented her with a certificate marking 50 years membership of Garvary Mothers' Union.

### Members are reminded of the following;

- Friday, 12th May at 8pm Festival Service in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. Speaker is the Worldwide President, Lynne Temby, accompanied by the All Ireland President Phyllis Crothier.
- Monday, 22nd May at 6.30pm for 7pm, End of Season get together at Craigville Garden Centre.
- Thursday, 25th May at 7pm Diocesan Spring Council in St Macartin's Hall, Enniskillen.
- Saturday, 17th June from 12 noon to 4pm Family Fun Day, Bawnacre, Irvinestown.



Mrs Betty Little, Mrs Kathleen Kettyle with Bishop John McDowell, Mrs Valerie Stewart, Chancellor John Stewart, Mrs Freda Beacom and Mrs. Anne Rowley.



## Wildlife At The Rectory

In early April one morning when the rector was at breakfast he looked up when he heard a scratching at the kitchen window only to see a large bushy tail of a red squirrel flicking frantically in the air.

The next day as he was sitting at the computer, a mouse appeared on his desk below the screen sniffing inquisitively at the human in the chair opposite before darting off.

The monks were very accustomed to having wildlife about the place. Many of us remember at school having to copy a sentence a number of times as a punishment but Archbishop George Simms, an authority on the Book of Kells, tells us about one particular scribe who wrote a poem describing his work as a delight. The scribe had a cat called "Pangur Ban," two words meaning white, and the first line of the poem translated from the old Irish language goes like this,

"I and Pangur Ban, my cat,

'Tis a like task we are at;

Hunting mice is his delight,

Hunting words I sit all night."

By the time May arrives the cuckoo will have been in Fermanagh for a couple of weeks and it is the rector's annual custom to go to Topped Mountain to hear it.

Last year, he and Mrs Stewart not only heard it but saw it in flight at close quarters. In 2 Samuel 11 v 1 we read, "In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle."(NRSV). Thankfully springtime here is not a time to recommence battle but a time to enjoy God's creation.

## Devenish & Boho



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## Services

### Sunday 7th

10.am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church  
11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church  
7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

### Sunday 14th

10.am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church  
11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church  
7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church.

### Sunday 21st

10.am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church  
11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church  
7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

### Sunday 28th

10 am Family Service, Boho Parish Church  
11.30am Family Service, Devenish Parish Church,  
7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

## Burial

Sunday, 2nd April .Mrs Phylis Mary Elizabeth Ford, Moyglass, Springfield. The service in Devenish Parish church was conducted by Revd Sampson Ajuka, a tribute was paid by Professor David Ford, the sermon was preached by Revd Deborah Ford, the organist was Gillian Spence and the Choir sang 'Beneath the Cross Of Jesus'. Burial was in the adjoining graveyard

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Ford's daughter Gillian, her sons David and Alan and the wider family cycle.

## Baptism

Sunday, 9th April(Palm Sunday) in Boho Parish Church.  
Sam Douglas William McDowell, son of Rodney and Lyn McDowell.  
We wish God's blessing on Sam and his parents Rodney and Lyn.

## Palm Sunday

The congregation gathered in the Reade Hall and after reading the Palm Gospel, the congregation walked in possession to Devenish Church singing the hymn,'All glory, laud and honour.' Revd Sampson conducted the service and read the Passion Reading and the organist was Mrs. Gillian Spence.

## Good Friday

At the Good Friday Service in Boho Parish Church, the Passion Reading was read by Pearl and Raymond Bell, Dorothy Scott, Clive McKee and Albert Cluff. Revd Sampson gave a reflection and the organist was Mrs Kathleen Irwin.

## Easter Sunday

Revd Sampson Ajuka conducted the Easter Morning Service. The choir sang the anthem; 'Proclaim the story.' The readings were by Kenneth Ferguson and Georgina Whittaker. The organist was Mrs Gillian Spence.

Thank you to all who brought gifts of flowers to decorate the church so beautifully.

## Devenish and Boho Mothers Union.

On Tuesday, 21st March we welcomed Ian and Lorraine Stewart from the Christian Guidelines Organisation, Bangor, who spoke on the potential benefits and deficits of technology and social media upon family life, particularly highlighting how susceptible children are to the threats that social networking sites can present. They explained how parents and grandparents can play an important role in teaching their children about internet safety, all under the overarching authority of God's word.

The Diocesan Festival Service will be held on Friday, 12th May at 8pm in Enniskillen Cathedral.

## Choir Concert

Abaana New Choir from Uganda were performing in the Reade Hall on Wednesday 3rd May.

## Afternoon Tea

Devenish Parish Church is hosting Afternoon Tea on Saturday, 13th May from 2pm-4pm in the Reade Hall, Monea with proceeds in aid of the Reade Hall Building Fund. Tickets are now available for this event – please contact Olive (028 66341 258).

## Boho Parish Flower Festival

Boho Parish Church is holding a Flower Festival in May to celebrate their 240th anniversary from 1777 to 2017. 'The Church in the Vale'

is located high on the Fermanagh hills with beautiful views of the Fermanagh countryside. The Flower Festival opens on Friday, 26th May from 2pm to 6pm. It continues on Saturday from 10am to 8pm and on Sunday from 2pm to 7pm. It concludes on Monday, 29th May from 10am to 6pm. Coach parties and groups are welcome and tea and refreshments are available. Group catering by arrangement. Contact Hilary Redmond 02866341610.

### Parish Outing

Our Parish outing to Crumlin Road Jail will take place on Saturday, 10th June, where a guided tour will unlock 150 years of history at Belfast's infamous prison.

Afterwards there will be an opportunity for shopping at Victoria Square and the day will conclude with a meal at Salley's Restaurant, Aghnacloy. If you would like to book a place on this trip, please contact Carole (028 66341834).

### Gift

Devenish Parish Select Vestry wishes to thank Dorothy Robinson for the gift of combined cups and plates for use in the Reade Hall. This is a very good addition to the Reade Hall.

## Donacavey and Barr



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### Services

#### Sunday 7th May

Barr: 10.00am HC; Donacavey: 11.30am Confirmation Service with HC

#### Sunday 14th May

Barr: 10.00am MP; Donacavey: 11.30am MP

#### Sunday 21st May

Barr: 10.00am MP; Donacavey: 11.30am Sunday School Prize giving

#### Sunday 28th May

Barr 10:00am Service of the Word; Donacavey: 11:30am Service of the Word

#### Sunday 4th June

Barr 10:00am HC; Donacavey: 11:30am HC

#### Sunday 11th June

Barr 10:00am Morning Prayer; Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 18th June

Barr: 10.00am MP; Donacavey: 11.30am MP

#### Sunday 25th June

Barr: 10.00am MP; Donacavey: 11.30am MP



### Girls Friendly Society



On Saturday, 25th March the GFS took part in a baking competition in the South West College, Enniskillen, and six of our members did exceptionally well. Congratulations to Robyn Cochrane for her first prize in the 5-7 age group; Amanda Woods came second in the 7-9 age group; Amy Byers came second in the 11-13 age group; Jayne Telford for coming first in the 9-11 age group; Brittany McCrory for her second place in the 13-15 age group and her sister, Kelsey for scoping first prize in the 15-18 age group. Well done to everyone who took part especially to those who won prizes.

Thanks also to our leaders and all those who helped prepare the girls for this competition.

### Pastoral Holiday Cover

Pastoral holiday cover from 29th April to 6th May 2017 will be provided by Canon Mark Watson while the rector is on holiday. He can be contacted on 028 663 88477 or 07710924660.



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### Services

#### 7th May The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Donagh - 10.30 am Holy Communion  
Tyholland - 12.00 noon Holy Communion

#### 14th May The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Donagh 10.30am Morning Prayer  
Errigal Truagh – 12 00 noon Errigal Truagh

#### 21st May The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Donagh 10.30 am Morning Prayer  
Tyholland 12.00 noon Morning Prayer

#### 28th May The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Donagh 10.30am Family Service  
Errigal Truagh Parish Church 12.00 noon Morning Prayer

#### MOTHERS UNION

The closing service took place on Wednesday, 26th April, at 8pm in Tyholland Parish Church and the Church Mouse lunch on Sunday, 30th April, proceeds for the Overseas Branch of Mothers' Union.

### Annual General Easter Vestry

The Annual General Easter Vestry for Donagh Parish was held on Tuesday, 28th March in the Church Hall. The Annual General Easter Vestry for Tyholland & Errigal Truagh Parishes took place on

Wednesday, 29th March at the Rectory. To all those elected to serve for the incoming year we wish them God's Richest Blessing.

### Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday was a special occasion when all the mums were presented with flowers and a "book mark" in Donagh Parish Church. The young people excelled in readings, singing and playing various instruments. Thanks to everyone who made this a special day for everyone.

### Tyholland Community Senior Citizens Party

This will be held in Tyholland Community Centre on Friday, 5th May, at 7.30 pm.

### Diocesan Pentecost Ecumenical Service

This year the Diocesan Pentecost Ecumenical Service will be held on Pentecost Sunday, 4th June at Tyholland. Further details will be given at a later date.

### Tractor Sunday

This will take place on Sunday, 18th June at Donagh Parish Church.

### Glaslough Girl's Brigade - Congratulations and well done

The Lewis Crosby Shield which is a national award presented annually to the Girls' Brigade Company which performs best in the spiritual strand of badge work, first awarded in 1912, has been awarded this year to four girls from Glaslough Girl's Brigade; Alexandra Kendrick, Hannah Graham, Hannah Williamson and Lily Quinn. The girls created a collage based on Psalm 23 entitled "Sheep in a field", using wool as a medium.

The National President, Mrs Margery McElhinney presented the shield. Thanks to the Captain, Margaret Dudgeon and the leaders for their work and encouragement given to the girls throughout the year. This is the first time since 1912, that Glaslough Girls Brigade won this award. Well done.



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### Services

#### 7th May

9.00am Holy Communion 2, "Life – to the full" (John 10:1 - 10)  
11.30am Family Service, E100, Week 15 – "Growing Church" (Acts 2:42-47, 6:1-7)

#### 14th May

11.30am MP 2, E100, Week 16 – "To Boldly Go" (Acts 13:1-5, 13-15, 42-52)

#### 21st May

11.30am HC 2, E100, Week 17 – "Living as God's people" (Colossians 1)

#### 28th May

11.30am Service of the Word, E100, Week 18 – "Wanted Good Leaders" (1 Timothy 6:3-21)  
7.30pm Praise & Ministry Service

### We believe!



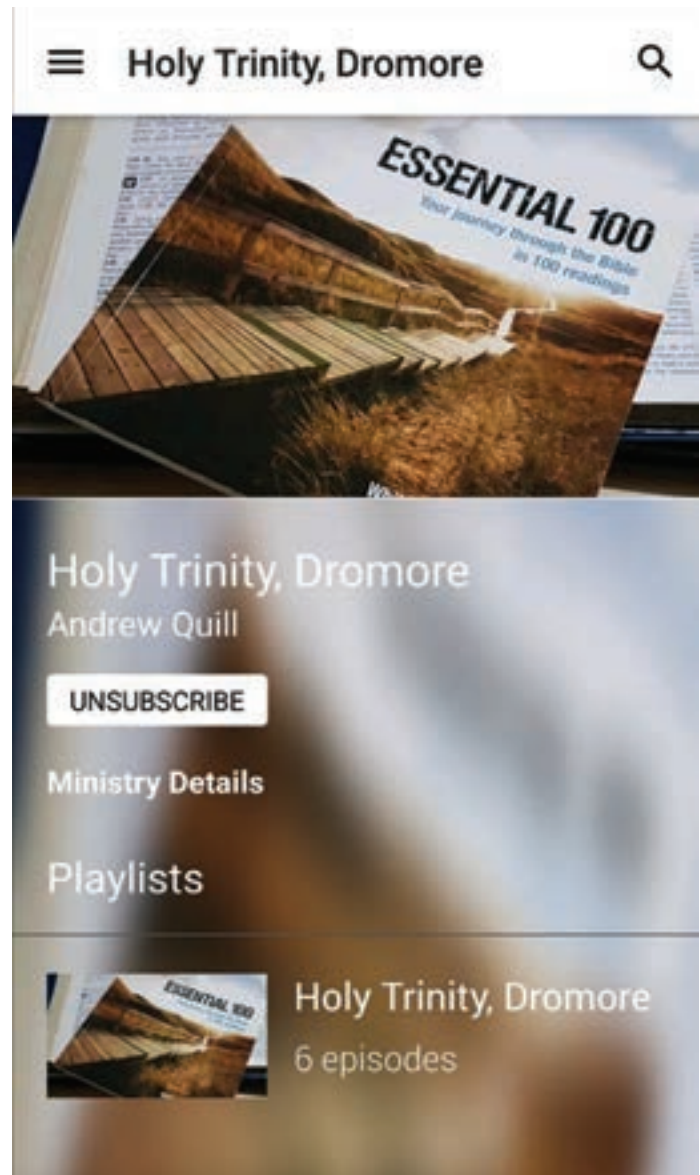
Charles Blondin carrying his manager, Harry Colcord.

There was a great tightrope walker known as 'The Great Blondin'. In the late 1890's he strung a tightrope across Niagara falls, and then before ten thousand screaming people, inched his way from the Canadian side of the falls to the U.S. side. When he got there, the crowd began shouting his name, "Blondin! Blondin! Blondin!" Finally he raised his arms, quietened the crowd and shouted this to them, "I am Blondin! Do you believe in me?" The crowd shouted back, "We believe! We believe! We believe!" Again he quietened the crowd and once more he shouted to them, "I'm going back across the tightrope but this time I'm going to carry someone on my back. Do you believe I can do that?" The crowd yelled, "We believe! We believe!" He quietened them one more time and then he said, "Who will be that person?" The crowd went silent. Nothing. Finally, out of the crowd stepped one man. He climbed on

Blondin's shoulders and for the next three and a half hours, Blondin inched his way back across the tightrope to the Canadian side of the falls. The whole crowd said that they believed, yet only one man truly believed.

The word 'believe' in the Bible means to 'put one's full weight on'. If I said that I believed that a chair could take my weight, it is only when I sit on that chair—putting my full weight on it—that I have truly believed.

### Website and App



The Website has been revamped to include a Diary as well as Sermons. The Sermons have also been uploaded to an App 'Sermon.net' (available on Android or Apple). Just download the App and then search for 'Holy Trinity, Dromore' and then you'll be able to listen to old sermons as well as download the sermon notes.





## Praise and Ministry Service, 28th May at 7.30pm

This all-age service (on the fourth Sunday of the month) is more informal and may vary in format from month to month. Opportunity will be given within the service to receive prayer ministry for anything (including healing). Come along and enjoy a less liturgical style of worship, learn some of the new songs that the Church is being blessed with and grow in your passion for God, His Word and His Works. There will be tea and coffee afterwards.

## Bible Study Groups

We are currently running two Bible Study Groups. During May to July these will be moving from meeting weekly to meeting fortnightly (an evening one, meeting on second and fourth Tuesdays at 8.15pm and a morning one, meeting on second and fourth Wednesdays at 10.30am). As we go through the E100, why not join us in learning together from God's Word.

## Life Groups

We are planning to run 'Life Groups' over May to August (some meeting weekly, some fortnightly), to give opportunity for fellowship

as well as outreach in the community. We hope that these will include (depending on uptake):

- 'Walking Life Group'
- 'Acts of Random Kindness Life Group'
- 'iPad & Tablet Life Group'
- 'Photography Life Group'

Over the first two Sundays in May there will be sign-up sheets at the back of the Church, giving more details of the specific groups and what may happen within them. If you would like to help in running a Life Group (either one of the above or one that's not listed), please speak to Andrew.

## Early Morning Prayer Meeting and Breakfast

We are meeting every Wednesday morning from 7am until about 7.40am to intercede for the world, our nation, the community, etc., in the knowledge that it is God and His power that we need at work in our lives and in the many situations around the world. As He taught us, we pray His Kingdom in ('Your Kingdom come'). We have a small breakfast together afterwards.

## Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne



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## Services

### 7th May

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11.30 Drumkeeran HC  
7.00 Dernasesk

### 14th May

10.00 Muckross HC  
11.30 Drumkeeran MP

### 21st May

10.00 Templecarne HC  
11.30 Drumkeeran MP

### 28th May

10.00 Muckross HC  
11.30 Drumkeeran Children's Service

## Lent

Each week during Lent Irene Boyd, helped by Charlotte Mawhinney, organised weekly services on themes prepared by Open Doors, looking at different countries in which Christians face extreme forms of persecution, even death, simply because they are Christian. The services were most informative and challenging, helping us to see how fortunate we are in this part of the world and how horrendous is the persecution faced by Christians in other countries. Each meeting ended with a light supper which had some relevance to the country which was being discussed that evening. Thank you to Irene and

Charlotte and to others who helped. The amount contributed by those present at the meetings was around £700.

## Holy Week

The services were as follows, Evening Prayer in Templecarne on Wednesday, Holy Communion in Muckross on Thursday and a reading of the Passion Story in Drumkeeran on Good Friday. Easter Day Holy Communion services at Templecarne at 10.00 am and Drumkeeran at 11.30 am. Thanks to all who supported the Holy Week services, particularly to those who attended all three. Annual Easter Vestry meetings. Drumkeeran meeting was held on 3rd April, Muckross and Templecarne meetings were held on 6th April. Thanks to all who serve on the Select Vestries, particularly to the Office bearers, the Treasurers and, Secretaries, FWO Recorders and Church Wardens.

## Annual Display

Many of the young people from the group of parishes attend Pettigoe B B or G B in the Pettigo Methodist Church Hall. This year the BB Display was held on 24th March and the G B Display on 2nd April. The BB have organised a Cake Sale and Coffee Morning on 15th April to raise funds for the group. We hope it will be a worthwhile event. Thanks to all the officers and helpers. As a group of parishes we benefit greatly from the facilities provided by the BB and GB week by week in the Methodist Church Hall. Confirmation. Paige Mackey of Drumkeeran Parish was Confirmed on 2nd April. Paige had been prepared for Confirmation in November of last year but due to a bereavement in the family on the day before Confirmation it was decided to put it off until a later date. Our thoughts and prayers are with Paige and her family, and with those who were confirmed in November. May God be with them all in the days and years ahead.

## Mothering Sunday

At the end of the service in Drumkeeran on Mothering Sunday little gifts were handed out to all the ladies present. Again, thanks to the Sunday Teachers who organised this special addition to the Mothering Sunday service.

## Youth Services



The Sunday School service in Drumkeeran on Palm Sunday, 9th April, was well supported by parents and friends. It was great to see so many children in the church. Thank you to the children who participated and a big 'Thank You' to the teachers who had them well prepared. And a very big 'Thank You' to Mandy Aiken who gives so much time and effort in the organising of the Sunday School. And they had the church appropriately decorated for the theme of Palm Sunday and Easter. Much effort was given in this by the children and their teachers. Again, our thanks. It is planned to have a Sunday School service in Drumkeeran on 28th May to mark the closing of Sunday School for the summer.

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to those who have been bereaved. Miss Kathleen Irvine, New Street, Ederney, was buried after funeral service in St John's Church, Muckross, on 17th March. Mr Bob Graham, Dromore Road, Irvinestown, was buried after service in Drumkeeran Church on 31st March. We extend our sympathy to all the family members.

## Advance Notices

The Harvest Thanksgiving services in the group of parishes will be held on the usual weekends in September, second, third and fourth Sundays, this year 10th, 17th and 24th, with a Friday evening Harvest Service in Muckross on 9th.

## Parade Services

This year's annual Parade Services will be held on 9th July and 30th July, both at 3.30. The preacher at the Orange Parade service on 9th July will be Mr Abraham Storey, Diocesan Lay Reader.





## Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum



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### Services

Sunday, 7th May – The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Aghabog 9.45 am MP  
Rockcorry 11.00 am MP  
Drum 12.15 am MP.  
Rockcorry 7.30pm. Service for The Church's Ministry of Healing, Clogher Diocese  
Guest Preacher: Revd Raymond C. Thompson.  
Sunday, 14th May- The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Aughnamullen 9.45am MP  
Dartrey 11.00am MP  
Drum 3.30pm County Monaghan Orange Service.  
Guest Preacher: Mr Keith Brown, Diocesan Lay Reader.  
Sunday, 21st May- The Sixth Sunday of Easter.  
Aghabog 9.45am HC and Holy Baptism  
Rockcorry 11.00am HC.  
Drum 12.15 HC.  
Sunday, 28th May- The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Aughnamullen 9.45am HC  
Dartrey 11.00am HC  
Aghabog 3.30pm, Co. Black Service  
Guest Preacher: Dr William J. Johnston

### Aghabog

On Friday, 17th March, St. Patrick's Day, the annual service for the group and neighbouring parishes was held in Aghabog. The service was followed with refreshments in the parish hall. Our thanks to the Revd Margaret and Walter Pringle for organising the games, thanks also to all who brought food and helped in any way.

### Drumate LOL 266 and RBP 992

The service of thanksgiving (1992-2017) for past members in Aghabog on Sunday, 2nd April at 3.30pm was well attended. The guest preacher was Dean Raymond Ferguson. Tea was served afterwards in the hall.

### Wedding

Congratulations to Sarah Wright and Alan Bleakley who were married on Saturday, 25th March in Aghabog Parish church. We wish them every happiness in their married life together.

### Bowling Club

The bowling club held their finals and presentations on Monday, 10th April. It was good to see everyone in attendance at the finals. The knockout singles winner was Andrew Ritchie and runner up,



Bowling league winners (from left); Noel Hall, Noel Wilkin, Nigel Norris, Jason Wilkin, Bertie Latimer. Violet Norris, Richard Truell, Daniel Hawthorne, Lee Hall.

Richard Truell, league winner was Bertie Latimer and Lee Hall as runner up.

### Mother's Union

The MU held their March meeting in Aghabog when Hazel Spears was our guest speaker about her recent trip to Uganda with 'Fields of Life' Her and her fellow travellers were able to bring with them items of clothing supplied by Mother's Union. She told us about the on- going work of 'Fields of Life' in building schools and giving much needed education to the children there. They also have been active in the drilling of wells which cost in the region of £5000 each to supply water to these schools and the surrounding area.

### Pairs Winners

Noel and Lee Hall with Brian Anderson and Daniel Hawthorne as runners up. Each year the club plays for charity. This year the charity donations went to Downes Syndrome and for this competition the winner receives the Fred Norris Memorial Cup which was Daniel Hawthorne with Nigel Norris as runners up. A big thank you to everyone who donated to this charity. Also the result of the quiz sheets which were in circulation over the last two months was held. First prize went to Aaron Hill, second prize to Dorothy Dale, and third prize to Tess Paley. Our thanks to all who sold quiz sheets.

Congratulations to the League team who won third division in the Monaghan Bowling league. This was a good result for them and wish them all the best as they move up to Division 2. The evening was brought to a close with a beautiful supper.

### Bereavement

We send our deepest sympathy to the Ritchie family on the recent death of Ethel's brother- in- law, Mr Leslie Sharp, Monaghan. County Monaghan Black will hold their annual service in Aghabog on Sunday, 28th May at 3.30pm. Guest speaker: Dr. William Johnston.

### Good Wishes

Good Wishes to those who are doing exams this year and wish them all the best in their study preparations.

### Aughnamullen

#### Easter Vestry

Our Triennial Easter Vestry was held on Saturday, 1st April 2017 in the school house. This meeting was chaired by the Rural Dean. The following were elected: Rectors Churchwarden - Harold Weir, Peoples Churchwarden - Helen McMurray, Rectors Glebewarden - Kenny Jordan, Peoples Glebewarden - William Jordan. Parochial Nominators - Jim Carey and supplemental- Helen McMurray, Synodsmen - Andrew Carey, Supplemental - Betty Jordan.

Select Vestry members: Jim Carey, Teresa Carey, Andrew Carey, Kevin Carey, Alice Ford, Betty Jordan, Robbie Jordan, Trevor Jordan, George Montgomery, John Patterson and Josephine Patterson.

Honorary Secretary - George Montgomery, Assistant - Helen McMurray, Hon. Treasurer - Teresa Carey, Assistant - Josephine Patterson.

#### Prayerful Remembrance

We continue to remember in prayer those who have been unwell.

#### Coffee Morning

Our annual coffee Morning will be held DV on Saturday, 20th May 2017 at 10.30am in the school house. There will also be a variety of stalls on display.

### Dartrey/Rockcorry

At its recent meeting, the parish fund-raising committee made arrangements for a Vintage Afternoon Tea Party and cake sale in the Sexton's House, Rockcorry on Saturday, 6th May from 3pm-5pm.

#### Illness

A number of parishioners have been unwell recently. We wish them a speedy recovery.

#### All Ireland Primary School Table Tennis Qualifier

Congratulations and well done to the two teams who took part in the Ulster Table Tennis Final in Lisburn.

The Girls team; Amy Weir, Ellen Hall, Millie Pratt and Ria Jordan came second in the final and came home with silver medals. Well done girls.

The boys under 11 team: Daniel Wilkin, Simon Weir, Adam Harrison and Adam Steele won their Consolation Round. Well done boys. In the Northern Churches League the following teams won their finals: In Division 8: Winners were Adam Harrison, Daniel Hall, Allister Wilkin, Joel Wilkin and Fintan Harte. Division 4 winners were David McKeown, Nathan Hall, Lee Hall and Sammy Patterson.

#### Bereavement

We extend our sympathy to the Moore family on the recent passing of the late Bertie Moore age 94 years. The funeral took place in Dartrey Parish Church. He was a great family man, loved his life on the farm and was active in his church down the years. May God comfort all who mourn the loss of loved ones.

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### Services

#### Sunday 7th May: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.00am - Holy Communion  
11.00am - Holy Communion  
7.00pm - Evening Prayer & Confirmation Rehearsal

#### Wednesday 10th May:

7.30pm - Official Opening of Cathedral Hall

#### Thursday 11th May:

11.00am - Holy Communion

#### Sunday 14th May: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.00am - Holy Communion  
11.00am - Morning Prayer  
3.30pm - Annual Scouting Service  
7.00pm - Confirmation Service

#### Thursday 18th May:

11.00am - Holy Communion

#### Sunday 21st May: The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)

9.00am - Holy Communion  
11.00am - Holy Communion  
7.00pm - Evening Prayer

#### Thursday 25th May: Ascension Day

11.00am - Holy Communion

#### Sunday 28th May: The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day)

9.00am - Holy Communion  
11.00am - Morning Prayer (Family Service)  
7.00pm - Holy Communion

### Holy Baptism

26th March - Louisa Abigail Nixon  
2nd April - Sadie Jane Kingston



“Go make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19

## Palm Sunday



The Palm Sunday procession on Hall's Lane

On Palm Sunday we saw the biggest Palm Sunday procession ever! This truly set the scene for Holy Week. We are grateful to Andrew McIvor for bringing his donkey.

## Cathedral Hall

### The Big Event



Parishioners getting a first look around the newly refurbished Cathedral Hall



Some of the parishioners enjoying the new facilities at the Cathedral Hall

The day we have all been looking forward to is close at hand! The newly extended and renovated Cathedral Hall will be opened officially on Wednesday, 10th May at 7.30pm. An invitation to be present on this most important occasion is extended to all.

### The Facilities



The Dean showing some of the features of the newly refurbished hall.

Many will already have had an opportunity of seeing the excellent facilities before everything has been fully completed. By the time of the official opening takes place everything will be complete. The main hall facilities have been modified and completed to the highest



standards. In addition to the main rooms which include the Hilliard Room, The Iona Room, The Enniskillen Room and The Devenish Room, there is a new stainless steel kitchen which should meet the most demanding catering needs for years to come. A major new addition is The Upper Room which has been created above the former stage area. The new Diocesan suite of offices, which are accessed from the lower car park area, have their own separate entrance facing Hall's Lane.



Trying out the new kitchen facilities.

### The Car Park

An extended car park, accommodating an additional 30 cars, will be an extremely valuable addition in the island town of Enniskillen where parking space is at a premium. Access to the car park will be limited to those who are authorised to use it – otherwise it will become a free public car park. Entry and exit from the car park will be controlled by barriers. The access barrier will be activated by car users who possess an activation fob. The issue of these fobs will be carefully controlled and will only be available to parishioners and others authorised by the select vestry. There will be a charge for each fob which will not only reflect its cost but will also include an allowance to cover anticipated maintenance. The car park barriers will be open for all regular church services, including weddings and funerals. It will also be open in the evenings to accommodate the many organisations who will use the facilities for evening events.

### Social Outputs

We look forward to a fully functional Cathedral Hall which will not only meet parish and diocesan needs but will also meet an anticipated high demand from others who wish to use these high quality facilities located right in the centre of Enniskillen. The wide range of programmes and activities by the parish, diocese, and those wishing to use these unique facilities will be tailored to meet the objectives and outputs required under the The Executive Office's Social Investment Fund which so generously funded the major works in upgrading and extending the hall.

### Thy Kingdom Come 2017



"If we want to see things changed, it starts with prayer."

The Archbishop of Canterbury is encouraging Christians of all denominations around the world to join in a focused time of prayer from Ascension(25th May) to Pentecost(4th June 2017) as part of the global prayer movement Thy Kingdom Come.

Communities and churches around the world will be gathering together to pray that their friends, families and neighbours come to know Jesus

Christ. Prayer events of all shapes and sizes will take place across the 10 days, and we will be opening our new Iona Prayer Room in the Cathedral Hall between 9am and 9pm every day. There will be opportunities for:

- you to share in daily morning and evening prayer
- individuals to spend time in private prayer and reading God's Word
- people to join together and pray for our children, education, government and health

Our prayer is that everyone within the Cathedral family will find the time to spend at least one hour in prayer during the 10 days.

"As is the business of tailors to make clothes and cobblers to make shoes, so it is the business of Christians to pray." [Martin Luther]

### Sponsored Parish Walk

A sponsored walk has been organised after the Sunday School end of year service and presentation of gifts on Sunday, 11th June. We encourage as many as possible to take part in this short walk followed by a soup and sandwich lunch in the Cathedral Hall.

### Confirmation

There will be a Pre-Confirmation Service on Sunday, 7th May at 7pm in the Cathedral. All candidates must attend this service, and we hope to see parents and guardians, godparents and others there too. Confirmation takes place on Sunday, 14th May at 7pm. Please come along and support our young people as they themselves take on the promises their Godparents made for them at Baptism.

### Adult Confirmation

Any adults, who are not already confirmed, and would like to be confirmed please contact the clergy. This takes place at a private service just for those involved.

### Tuesday Club

The group met on 28th March and opened with prayer. A fun afternoon was enjoyed by all. Chair exercise with music was led by Lorna Mitchell.

The Club met on Tuesday, 25th April at 2pm in the refurbished hall when a flower arranging demonstration was held. May outing planned for Tuesday, 30th May.

### Mothers' Union

Members attended the Holy Week Services in April.

The annual outing is to The Horseshoe and Saddlers Restaurant on Monday, 8th May, where a meal will be served at 7.30pm. Please telephone Eleanor if you wish to attend. The Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union Festival Service is on Friday, 12th May at 8pm in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen celebrating 130 years of Mothers' Union in Ireland. Mrs Lynne Tembey, MU Worldwide President will be the speaker. Overseas Missionary donations may be left with Beth at the office or with Jennifer, overseas Rep for the Branch.

The Diocesan Spring Council will be held on Thursday, 25th May in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 7.30pm, preceded by a Bring and Buy sale at 7pm. Thank you to members for the donations of knitted garments and cot mattresses for the use of the neo-natal ward at South West Acute Hospital.

### Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, help us to see differences in others not as a threat but as an opportunity, and so help us to live in unity with all your people, to the glory of your name. Amen.



## Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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### Services

9.30am Kiltermon  
11am St John's

### Crèche, Sparks, Junior and Seniors

Crèche, Sparks, Junior and Seniors meet as a Sunday School during all term time Sundays.

### BREATHE

7pm BREATHE a quieter time of prayer and reflection on the first Sunday each month.

### Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated on first Sunday each month and Principal Holy Days.  
Most other services are Morning or Evening Prayer.

### A Good Friday Rush

Just now it is part way through the Three Hours on Good Friday. In a previous parish I would have taken my turn to lead the devotions, but here the traditions are different. Instead I have just come home from a two hour Good Friday Brunch with 70 something children, toddlers, parents and carers. The parish halls and St John's church

were bustling this morning with songs, craft, food, games and a retelling of the Holy Week story.

My morning began with the hurried rush out to get ready for their arrival, while keeping an ear to the only Christian programme I could find on the BBC for Good Friday. Fern Britton had been retracing Christ's footsteps, in her recent visit to Jerusalem. It was gripping and I intend to watch all of it at a more leisurely pace some evening, on the BBC I Player. And I have sat down to write this reflection, having just heard that a young British tourist had died after being stabbed in the Holy City, on Good Friday.

What do we make of the effort to remember Jesus on this day? I got as far as putting a Cross outside St John's today, in the hope that an occasional passer-by might see it and remember Him. And I have a hope that perhaps some of the parish might remember and come to the service of prayer and reflection this evening. It all seems like such a rush. A rush to be ready for services this week. A rush to visit everyone who I imagine needs to be visited. A rush to prepare and print service sheets for this weekend's worship.

And I know that when I drive to the foot of the Rectory lane this afternoon, I will join a queue of people with boats and caravans and holiday plans, all in a rush I imagine to get to wherever they want to be.

I imagine it could be different. Perhaps it could be a quieter, more thoughtful. My only self-imposed observance of the Three Hours will be to avoid the shop or the telephone or do anything other than be here at home with my family. I would love to tell you that I will spend the time in prayer, but that may not happen until later when I am getting ready for this evening's worship.

I do think that the rush is self-inflicted. I do know that the Lord will be there waiting for me whenever I do stop the rushing around, and take the time to remember His journey, and His great gift to me, on that first Good Friday. And I am thankful that He is always there, waiting until I realise that the time spent with Him is always so much more worthwhile than the rushing around with which I so often fill my time. Kind regards for a peace-filled and Holy Easter.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to the girls from the GFS who recently received awards in their relevant age groups, from the Diocesan Cookery Competition:  
Elise Black 1st, Katie Adams 1st, Jessica Strong 2nd, Teri Ellison 3rd, Niamh Campbell Highly Commended.

### Diocesan Quiet Day

Also, to mention that Canon Raymond Fox of the Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer will host a Diocesan Quiet Day in St John's Church and Halls on the morning of Saturday, 13th May. Booking please with Heather in the Parish Office.

# Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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## Service

09:00 Drummully  
10:30 Sallaghy  
12:00 Galloon

## Sunday School Times

**Drummully:** 9:00-10:00am in Drummully Church Hall  
**Sallaghy:** 10:30-11:30am in Sallaghy Church Hall  
**Galloon:** 12:00-1:00pm in Galloon Sunday School Rooms

## Monthly Cycle of Services

Service of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month, celebrated in all three Churches.

A Family Service will normally be on the third Sunday of the month. During the year some Group Family Services will be held and these will rotate between the three Parishes.

Service of Morning Prayer on the second and fourth Sundays in the month.

A United Group Service on the fifth Sundays in the year (with a cup of tea afterwards, rotating between the three Parishes).

## Holy Week Services

Wednesday was a Service of Late Evening Office, in Sallaghy and the text was 'The Greatest Commandment' Matthew 22:34-40. Through story and song we sought to answer the question, who is our neighbour? Our Group Choir sang 'Before the throne of God above' and 'The power of the Cross', and Alanna Kerr sang, 'Close every door to me' from Joseph's Technicolour Dream Coat. This evening £328: 65 was raised for the Famine Appeal. Thanks to everyone.

Thursday was our Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion in Galloon. This Service was supported with music by Mrs Marina Elliott, Mrs Helen Noble and TAG and our 14 confirmation candidates who performed a drama of the Last Supper; Matthew 26:14-56 and using Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting as background. The confirmation candidates were wonderful, contributing to stage direction, character portrayal and

participating fully in their adaptation. Congratulations to each of them. Well done.

Our collection was for the Bishop's Appeal Famine relief fund and a further £200 was raised. Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who contributed to this essential aid to help those so much less fortunate than us.

On Good Friday we had an Order for Compline, in St Mary's, Drummully. This was a quiet service of reflection on all that Christ's death on the cross has meant for each of us. The Scripture from John 18-19:42 was read by Revd Anita and Mrs Hazel Robinson and followed in the pew Bibles by the congregation. At the close of the reading the Group Choir sang 'The power of the Cross' following the prayers we left the church in silence. On Easter Sunday, the 8am Service of Holy Communion, in Galloon was followed by friendship and fellowship shared over a cup of coffee and muffin. Thanks to all who kindly provided the refreshments. The Easter Sunday 11am Praise Service in Sallaghy celebrated the risen Christ through Word, Worship and Holy Communion and was supported and complemented by the Galloon Group Choir who sang, 'Before the throne of God above.'

## South Sudan Famine Appeal

On Wednesday and Thursday of Holy Week the collection totalling £527.65 was given to the Church of Ireland Bishop's Appeal to alleviate suffering in South Sudan where there is an urgent need for humanitarian assistance. The people in the worst affected areas need food and safe drinking water immediately, and they also need commitment to addressing the root causes of the crisis in the long term.

## Bible Study

Our Midweek Bible Study on the Essential 100 Bible readings have followed the New Testament Living Word, Teachings of Jesus, Miracles of Jesus and concluded, appropriately with the Cross of Christ. Our midweek conversations in Sallaghy kitchen were a wonderful time of fellowship. Around 20 of us gathered for a cup of tea, and to talk about Jesus, his life and ministry and how that applied to our lives and ministry. Perhaps the most significant moment was when we considered the parable of the Good Samaritan, especially in light of the famine crisis in East Africa. This discussion led to our decision to raise money during our Wednesday service in Holy Week. This enabled us to feel that we had fulfilled Christ's command to 'go and do likewise'.

Good News resumed on 3rd May. We shall be thinking about how the next section of the E100, 'A church is born' applies to our parishes and ourselves. The summer meetings in May and June of the Good News Group will be held in the Sunday School Hall at the rear of Galloon Church at 8pm. All welcome.

## Group Family Parish Day

A Group Parish Family Social was being held on 5th May in Sallaghy Parish Church Hall and Car Park. It will take the form of a Barn Dance and everyone is encouraged to come along and join the Ceilidh with "caller" Jason Kilfedder. There will be a sausage





and burger BBQ and parishioners are encouraged to bring and share deserts. It will be great fun. All welcome.

## **Galloon Parish**

Galloon and Drummully Mothers' Union: An Armchair Aerobics class was a great success at our Branch meeting on Monday, 27th March in Drummully Church Hall. Our thanks go to everyone who organised this evening, which was followed by the AGM. We are delighted to welcome our new Committee; Mrs Pearl Wiggins, Secretary; Mrs Hazel Robinson, Treasurer; Mrs Gladys Bell, Mrs Amanda Rickey and Mrs Eileen Hall. Our heartfelt thanks to the outgoing Treasurer, Mrs Gladys Bell for her dedication over the last six years, and for her support of Hazel as she takes up her new post. Thanks were expressed to outgoing Secretary, Mrs Joan Wiggins and Branch Leader, Mrs Myrtle Allen for all their hard work over many years to the Galloon and Drummully Mother's Union. We look forward to Diocesan Praise Service on Friday, 12th May celebrating 130 Years of Mothers' Union in Ireland. Everyone Welcome

## **Sallaghy Parish**

### **Easter Vestry**

The Annual Easter Vestry followed by a meeting of the Select Vestry were held on Monday 20th March 2017. The following appointments were made:

Rector's Churchwarden: Mrs M Crawford:

People's Churchwarden: G Little.

Rector's GlebeWarden: R Crawford;

People's GlebeWarden: R Gardiner.

Select Vestry: Mrs H Allen, C Crawford (Honorary Treasurer), H Crawford, J Clingan, R Clingan (Honorary Secretary), J Fleming, B Frazer, R Kettle, Mrs J Mooney, D Morrison, Mrs B Whittendale, W Whittendale.

Parochial Nominator: C Crawford.

Supplemental Parochial Nominator: R Clingan.

Diocesan Synod Member: C Crawford.

Supplemental Diocesan Synod Member: G Little.

FWO Secretary: Mrs H Fleming.

### **Bowling Club**

The Bowling Club activities have come to an end for the season with the playing of their annual club singles and pairs event. The Morrison Cup was won by Ruby Rountree with Vera Fiddis as the runner-up. The Mothers' Union Cup was won by Howard Crawford and John Fleming with Noreen Little and Wray Whittendale as the runners-up.

### **Irish Stew Evening**

An Irish Stew evening was held in the Church Hall on St Patricks' Day which raised £395 for parish funds. The meal was followed by a slideshow of photographs depicting the history of Sallaghy Parish since its founding in 1840. Thank you to everyone who supported this event in any way.

### **Dance**

A Parish Dance was held on Friday, 7th April 2017 in the Church Hall. Music was by Dusty Diamond with over £600 being raised for church Funds. Thanks to Wray Whittendale for his organisation of this event and all those who supported it in any way.

### **Mothers' Union**

In May members are encouraged to attend the Diocesan Praise Service on Friday, 12th May celebrating 130 Years of Mothers' Union in Ireland. The service will be held in Enniskillen Cathedral.

### **Baptism**

Erin Mae, daughter of Gregory and Hannah Johnston, Tully, Rosslea on Sunday, 2nd April 2017. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

### **Burial Register**

Mary Elizabeth (Lily) Frazer, Tattygare, Lisnaskea on Sunday, 19th March 2017 aged 87 years. Jesus said, "In Heavenly Love Abiding."

## **Drummully Parish**

### **Easter Vestry**

The Annual Easter vestry meeting was held on Tuesday 21st March 2017. The following appointments were made: Rector's Churchwarden: William Armstrong; People's Churchwarden: Eileen Hall (Honorary Secretary). Glebewarden: George Moore.

Select Vestry: Mary Godfrey, William Godfrey, John Hall, Brian Robinson, Hazel Robinson (Honorary Treasurer), John Robinson and Petula Stephens.

Parochial Nominator: Hazel Robinson. Supplemental Parochial

Nominator: Brian Robinson. Diocesan Synod Member: Petula

Stephens. Supplemental Diocesan Synod Member: Hazel

Robinson

### **Curtis Magee Concert**

We would like to thank everyone who supported our fundraising concert in the Protestant Hall in Clones on the 7th April. A great night was had by all. Thank you to Curtis for entertaining us. A special thanks goes to Petula Stephens for organising everything and liaising with Curtis and to Walter Pringle for compering on the night. Approximately €1700 was raised after expenses.

### **Bishop Henry Richmond**

We at Drummully Parish would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Bishop Henry Richmond, who was a former parishioner in Drummully who passed away on the 16th March, at the age of 81, following a short illness. Bishop Henry grew up in Drummully Parish and always kept very close ties with the parish, attending worship on his visits home, always showing an interest and supporting the work of his home parish. His encouragement in both word and prayer will be missed by many. He is survived by his wife Caroline, sons Patrick and Gerald, his daughter Harriet and eight grandchildren. He also leaves behind his siblings: Winnie Morton, Florrie Lowry, Betty Macharel and Frances Wilson. He was predeceased by his twin sister Evelyn Johnston and his brother Jim Richmond. Rev Anita travelled to Oxford on Friday, 7th April to attend the funeral of Bishop Henry and also to represent Drummully. Bishop Henry's parting message was, 'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another'. John 13:34. Our condolences and prayers are with all the family both in Oxford and here in Fermanagh. May he rest in peace.

### **Car Boot Sale with Strawberry Teas**

We are just holding one car boot sale this summer and this will take place on Saturday, 10th June with our annual strawberry teas and cake sale. Please note that the gates will be open at 8am for Car-booters to set up their stalls, but the Hall will not be open for teas until 9.30am.

If you have any unwanted items, we would be happy to accept them on our parish stall, or of course you would be more than welcome to set up your own car-boot stall on the day. Cars and small vans are €10, large vans €15.

## Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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### Services

#### Sunday 7th May

Garrison 10am HC  
Slavin 11.30am HC

#### Sunday 14th May

Kiltyclogher 10am HC  
Slavin 11.30am HC

#### Sunday 21st May

Garrison 10am MP & FS GIFT DAY  
Slavin 11.30am MP & FS

#### Sunday 28th May

Kiltyclogher 10am MP  
Slavin 11.30am MP

#### Sunday 4th June

Garrison 10am HC  
Slavin 11.30am HC

### Mothers' Union

The March meeting was held in Slavin Church on Wednesday 15th March. The speaker was Mrs Valerie McMorris from the faith and



policy unit of the MU. She outlined the fantastic work the unit does and encouraged members to contribute to the prayer chain. This year there will be a Festival Service marking 130 years of MU in Ireland. It will be held on Friday 12 May at 8pm in Enniskillen Cathedral. The special speaker will be Mrs Lynne Tembey, MU worldwide President.

Mrs Sally Carson, one of our long serving members of Mother's Union presented our Branch with 37 little knitted Teddies and 28 hats for new born babies. All these items will be passed on to the South West Acute Hospital for A and E and for the Neonatal Unit. These items were all knitted and sewn up by Sally's daughter Wendy.

Wendy has knit many items for our Branch over the years. We extend our sincere thanks to Wendy for all her time and her resources.

### Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our group of parishes who have been in hospital or unwell in recent weeks. We remember Amy Kettles, David and Alice Johnston. We sincerely pray for a recovery to good health for everyone.

### General Easter Vestry Meetings

There will be an update on the Easter Vestry meetings in next month's magazine.

### Gift Day

Garrison Church will be holding a Gift Day on Sunday 21st May at the morning service at 10am.

The Group Service on the 5th Sunday in July will be held in Garrison Church at 11.30am and will be followed by a BBQ. There will be special music at the service. Everyone will be welcome.

### Congratulations

We were delighted to hear of the safe arrival of a baby daughter to Richard and Jenny Willis. A sister for Jessica. Best wishes to the family!

### Mothers' Day

There was a special service in both Kiltyclogher and Belleek churches for Mothers' Day with the children and mothers taking part. In Kiltyclogher Dot Barlow and Jane Weir read the lessons and the children read prayers and sang a song in tribute to the mothers. The Rector thanked the children in both churches for taking part to make the service special. The mothers received a treat on the way out of church from the Sunday School children.

Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on [www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org](http://www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org). The web manager is Jenna Earls. Photos & articles etc. for the website to be e-mailed to Doreen Earls.

### Social Networking

Follow us on Facebook using the name Garrison Group of Parishes. Simply 'Like' our page to receive updates on events.



## Kilskeery and Trillick



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### Services

#### Sunday 7th May: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.30am Trillick Parish Church – Holy Communion

11.45am Kilskeery Parish Church – Holy Communion

#### Sunday 14th May: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.30am Trillick Parish Church – Morning Prayer

11.45am Kilskeery Parish Church – Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 21st May: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.00am Trillick Parish Church – Morning Prayer

11.30am Kilskeery Parish Church – Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 28th May: The Seventh Sunday of Easter

10.30am Trillick Parish Church – Morning Prayer

11.45am Kilskeery Parish Church – Morning Prayer

### Church Groups/Organisations

**Sunday School** During our morning services

**Crèche** During our morning services

**Girls' Brigade** Mondays 6.30 - 8.00pm (Gwen 89561763)

**Mothers' Union** The 3rd Monday of each month (May 89561291)

**Craft Group** Mondays as arranged (Gwen 89561763)

**Kilskeery Silver Band** Mondays 8.00pm

**Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Group** Tuesdays 2.00 – 4.30pm (Emily 66388683)

**Choir** Tuesdays 8.30 – 9.30pm (Art 89561457)

**Boys' Brigade** Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.30pm (Pauline 89561715)

Thursdays 7.15 - 9.00pm (Adele 89561932)

**Youth Club** Fridays and as announced (Gwen 89561763)

**Bowls Club** Saturdays 8.00pm (Marlene 89561285)

### Girls' Brigade



Distributing Love Hearts



The GB performance of 10 little candles

Girls' Brigade held their Annual Dinner/Display on March 25th and Boys' Brigade their Parents' Night/Display on March 31st – see our pics!

The GB in action







The BB leaders entertain



The BB display



BB Inspecting Officer, Clive Beatty



Soft toys help spread love

## AGM's

The AGM's took place on April 3rd (Kilskeery) and 5th (Trillick). In my address, I again thanked all those who help in any way for the valuable contributions they make to the life of our churches. Our organists/musicians - Elizabeth, Wendy, Art and Choirs; outgoing Churchwardens - Stanley and Gareth (Kilskeery) and Billy and Claire (Trillick); Rector's Glebe Warden, Gwen (Kilskeery) and People's Glebe Warden, John who are happy to continue in post as are Tommy and David (Trillick); those who look after our churches and halls in a particular way; those on the cleaning rotas and flower rotas; those who give so much of their time in looking after our young people via, Sunday School, Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade, Youth Club, Messy Kids; those whose interest is with our more senior parishioners - Kilskeery Senior Citizens Club, our Mothers' Union Group and our Bowling Club; our Select Vestries.

## Kilskeery Select Vestry

The following were appointed to serve on Kilskeery Select Vestry for the year 2017/18: Rector's Church Warden: Derek Edgar. People's Church Warden: Tom Crozier. Rector's Glebe Warden: Gwen Crozier. People's Glebe Warden: John Armstrong. In addition to the Church Wardens and Glebe Wardens the following were elected to serve on the Select Vestry: Gareth Armstrong, Winston Cluff, Sam Collins, James Crozier, Herbert Gray, Christina Harris, Stanley Hilliard, Eric Hunter, Adrian Irvine, Sandra Irvine, George Lawder and Harold McKinley. Joyce and Adrian continue in their rolls of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively. The following were elected Parochial Nominators:- Gwen Crozier, Adrian Irvine and Joyce McKinley with Supplemental Parochial Nominator Elizabeth Armstrong. Synod Members:- Gwen Crozier and Adrian Irvine with Supplemental Synod Member Eric Hunter.

## Trillick Select Vestry

The following were appointed to serve on Trillick Select Vestry for the year 2017/18: Rector's Church Warden: May Kee. People's Church Warden: Helena Thompson. Rector's Glebe Warden: Thomas Farrell. People's Glebe Warden: David Thompson.

In addition to the Church Wardens and Glebe Wardens the following were elected to serve on the Select Vestry: John Bleakley, Linda Brunt, Robin Clements, Nigel Farrell, Pauline Farrell, Billy Funston, Roger Funston, Norman Kee, Wendy Keys, Claire Magee, William Magee and Joan McAuley. The following were elected Parochial Nominators:- Billy Funston with Supplemental Parochial Nominator Nigel Farrell. Synod Members:- Claire Magee with Supplemental Synod Member Wendy Keys. May and John continue in their rolls of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively.

I wish the newly elected officers well and hope this will be an enjoyable and successful year for them all.

## Mothers' Union

Our Service on Mothering Sunday was a Family/All Age Worship Service where children and young people distributed Bookmarks and packets of 'lovehearts' to members of the congregation while accepting donations to help with Bishops' Appeal East Africa Emergency Appeal, raising over £700. Sincere thanks and warmest congratulations to all!

Members look forward to attending at the Festival Service in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on May 12th and to visiting Boho Flower Festival later in the month.



## Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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### Services

#### Sunday 7th May 2017 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Lisbellaw: 11.00am Holy Communion

Coolbuck: 3.00pm Holy Communion

(Sunday School, Bridge and Confirmation Class)

#### Sunday 14th May 2017 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Lisbellaw: 11.00am Morning Prayer

Coolbuck: 3.00pm Evening Prayer

(Sunday School, Bridge and Confirmation Class)

#### Sunday 21st May 2017 Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday

Lisbellaw 9.45am Holy Communion

11.00am Confirmation Service

(No Sunday School or Bridge)

NO SERVICE IN COOLBUCK

#### Sunday 28th May 2017 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Sunday after

Ascension Day

Lisbellaw 11.00am Service of the Word for the Ascension

Coolbuck: 3.00pm Service of the Word for the Ascension

(No Sunday School or Bridge)



Jackie Nicholl training for the London Marathon with her daughters to raise funds for Crohn's and Colitis UK.

### Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late John Foster, formerly of Lisbellaw and Thomas Magee, formerly of Maguiresbridge.

### Pastoral Holiday Cover

Pastoral holiday cover from 29th April to 6th May 2017 will be provided by Dean Kenny Hall while the rector is on holiday. He can be contacted on 028 663 22465 or 028 663 22917.

### Prayer Group

Prayer Group will meet in Lisbellaw church on Tuesday, 9th May and Wednesday, 17th May at 7.30pm to pray for those who are sick,





dying, caring for others, bereaved or in need of any kind. Service of prayer will be based on 'A Celebration of Wholeness and Healing' on Page 457 in the Book of Common Prayer. If you are unable to attend but would like to pray at home OR if you wish to be included on the prayer list, please tell the rector.

### Mothers' Union Festival Service

Mothers' Union Festival Service on Friday, 12th May at 8pm in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.



Young collectors

### Choir Practice

Choir practice in church on Thursday, 25th May at 8pm.

### Twelfth of July Catering

Twelfth of July Catering available in Lisbellaw Parish Hall. For reservations please contact Harriett Kirkpatrick Tel. 02866385362, Jean McElroy Tel.02866387448 or Hilda Dane Tel. 02866387213.

### Parish Harvest Barn Dance and Supper

Parish harvest barn dance and supper on Saturday, 14th October at 7.30pm. Music and calling by Jason Kilfedder.

### Parish Sale and Auction

Parish Sale and auction on Saturday, 4th November from 10am to 2pm.



Renee Elliott enjoying her gift of flowers from the Sunday School at the Mothering Sunday service.



Ann Orr helps Alex Dane plant a tree in the memorial garden at Coolbuck to celebrate his 90th birthday.





Jean Hunter offering min-cakes to Alex Dane.

**Parish Registers: Baptism**

**19th March 2017**

Mason Winfield Andrew Curry, son of David and Lisa, Old Mill Court, Lisbellaw.



The Mason family at the baptism.

**Parish Registers: Marriage**

**6th April 2017**

Anthea Elizabeth Humphreys, Clinton Road, Forest Gate, London and William Matthew Livingstone, Clinton Road, Forest Gate, London.

**Parish Registers: Burial**

**14th April 2017**

John Foster, Dunarden Drive, Lisbellaw.



Sharon and Kyle McCleery and baby Ezra with grandparents and great-grandparents.

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### Services

#### Sunday 7th

11.30 a.m. Holy Communion

#### Wednesday 10th

3.00 p.m. Holy Communion in Trinity Hall  
for senior citizens.

#### Sunday 14th

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 21st

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 28th

11.30 a.m. Children's Church end of year service  
followed by lunch at Trinity Hall  
(Collection for World Vision sponsored children)

### Mother' Union

At our March meeting, a representative from the Red Cross gave us a very interesting and informative talk on First Aid. She covered

many of the day to day accidents/incidents which can occur, giving us advice on how to deal with them. After her talk we all felt we would be better able to cope in some situations but we all secretly hoped we would never have to put our new skills to the test! We held our AGM in April with the Rector presiding. He outlined some of the ways our branch would be affected under the new Charity Commission Legislation. After some discussion it was decided that the Branch Leader and treasurer would stay in position but needed some support.

Two members were proposed and seconded to these roles and we thank Lena and Hilda for agreeing to take the positions. Also as we could foresee extra paperwork in the future and our long standing and ever helpful secretary, Mary, was happy to hand over her role to someone new. Again we are grateful to Joan for taking this on. We have no more branch meetings until September but we hope to have a good attendance at the Festival Service in Enniskillen in May. This year we are joining with Sallaghy MU for an outing on Saturday, 20th May. We will visit Killymoon Castle, have some time for shopping in Cookstown and then go to Kilcronaghan Parish Church, Tobermore to their flower festival. Anyone interested in coming on the outing can contact any of our members.

### Burial

#### Sunday, 9th April

Herbert William(Herbie) McCoy, Farranasculloge, Lisnaskea.

Our condolences and prayers are with the McCoy and Harvey family circle at this sad time and indeed all who are mourning the passing of a loved one.

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### New Life Abaana Choir

Our main event for May will be the New Life Abaana Choir on the evening of Sunday, 7th May at 7pm. The choir have been touring the British Isles for several months and we look forward to welcoming them to Magheracross.

### GFS

On 9th May, our GFS will be holding their AGM and Parents' Night in the Archdale Hall. This is usually an entertaining evening with supper.



The Easter Garden in Magheracross Parish Church



## Outdoor Service

June begins with the Outdoor Service at 11:30am on 4th June in co-operation with Ballinamallard Methodist Church. This will be held in the riverside carpark at Severfield. (Parish Church if wet).

## Mothers' Union

Our April meeting was held on Thursday, 6th April which had a good turnout of members. Our visiting speaker was Val Irvine from Lisnaskea Food Pantry. Val gave a very encouraging message on how God has called her and uses her to provide food parcels to the needy. Members donated some food items to the Pantry as part of our outreach work.

The May meeting took place on 4th May with Doris and Jenny from Mallard Bakes. The Annual General Meeting will take place after our Branch Meeting.

On Friday, 12th May, the Festival Service will be held in St. Macartin's Cathedral celebrating 130 years of Mothers' Union in Ireland – please feel free to join us.

## Sports Notes!

Congratulations to Ballinamallard United Football Club on securing a sixth season in the NIFL Premiership. The Club is a key pillar of our community and we are delighted with their continuing success.

The Barnabas Cup is a 7-a-side round robin/knockout tournament for church football teams. The date, to be confirmed, for 2017, is 15th June. The current champions are Castlederg Parish. Contact Brian for further details if you wish to enter a team (16+ both genders).

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## Bringing the love of Christ alive today

As I write the notes this month looking forward to May, we are in the middle of Holy week and this year we are running a wide variety of activities that we are calling 'Easterfest'. The aim of the week is to reach out as a church family to those who say they belong to the family but do not come to the weekly parties and those who don't even think they need to belong to the family of the church.

Job 6:14 says "When desperate people give up on God Almighty, their friends, at least, should stick with them" when read from the message version. God said to Adam in the garden of Eden that it was not good for man to be alone, God never intended us to be alone and worship of God is intended to be a corporate event. There will be times in your life when you are in so much pain you will say, "I don't even believe in God right now!". You need to have friends who will come alongside you and say, "That's okay. We'll believe God for you right now." There will come a time when you'll say, "I don't have any faith right now. I'm full of doubt." That's when you need your friends to step in and say, "That's okay. We will have faith for you. We will trust God for you in this."



“By helping each other with your troubles, you truly obey the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2 NCV). What is the law of Christ? It’s this: Love your neighbour as yourself. The Bible com-mands us to help each other. Every time you help somebody who’s going through pain, you are fulfilling the law of Christ. You are being ‘salt and light’ to them and eventually when you add enough salt the flavour changes and preservation comes.

Trying to handle your trouble yourself will only make you more tired and stressed out. You need to accept the help of others and let your friends carry you through it and know that God is with you all the way. He is at work in your circumstances, even if you can’t see him working at this point.

## Galilean Wedding



We were delighted to have Jay McCarl from Canada come and join us and explain the events around a Galilean Wedding of Jesus day and how the biblical picture of the end of time re-flects the wedding events. With the background of the full regalia of a Galilean wedding (and our actor parishioners!) Jay managed, quite magnificently, to show us the parallels of the Gali-lean wedding and Jesus’ covenant to us where Jesus is the bridegroom and also how He would fulfil that covenant to us on His return to earth at the end of days. The representation was in-depth but extremely entertaining and his ability to compare the wedding to enable in-sight into the depth of Jesus’ love for us and His eagerness to come back to earth for us was quite astounding. However, Jay also reminded us that only God, not even Jesus, knows when that day will be. This was a thoroughly enjoyable evening with a strong message to live our lives for our bridegroom and to take heed of the Parable of the Ten Virgins (Matthew 25 1-13) as we do not know the day or the hour when Jesus will come back for us.

## General Easter Vestry

The Easter Vestry was held on 28th March and the evening consisted of the reports from all the different organisations of their activities during the last year and then the election of the new vestry and other positions as this was a triennial year.

and the following were elected to office.

Rector’s Church warden - Peter Booth

People’s Church warden - Sydney Liggett

Rector’s Glebe Warden - Glenn Johnston

People’s Glebe Warden - Alan Crawford

Select Vestry: Tanya McKeever (Treasurer), Ruth Graham (Secretary),

Gerald Knox, Jonas Knox, Louie Lee, Bob McCurry, June

McCutcheon, Elaine Milligan, Alan Spence, Frances Spence, Diane

Smith, Robert Thompson

Parochial Nominators: Alan Crawford, Elaine Milligan, David Morrow,

Robert Thompson

Supplemental Parochial Nominators: Gerald Knox, Bob McCurry,

June McCutcheon,

Frances Spence

Diocesan Synod Members: Marian Anderson, Mae Glenn, Matthew

Graham

Supplemental Diocesan Synod Members: Peter Booth, Margaret

Graham, Ruth Graham

## Looking Forward

Healing Prayer - We would encourage anyone who is ill, in pain, feeling suicidal or struggling with life to attend our Healing Prayer on Friday 7.30pm - 8.30pm at the Parish Centre. Every-one is welcome. CAP Money Course: Tuesday 2nd, 9th and 16th May(3 night course). 7.30pm - 9.00pm at the Fountain Centre - A free course to help you manage your money better and learn to budg-et, save and spend well. Please do feel free to come along and join us.

Ladies Night - Please come along and bring a friend to our Women of Faith evening on Thursday, 22nd June 2017 8.00pm at Ardess Parish Centre when we we will be joined by Maureen Ross-Jones from Emmanuel Church, Lurgan, who will be sharing her story and sup-per will follow.

## Regular Events

### Youth Groups

Glow Youth Club (P5 - P7) - Thursdays 6.30pm - 8pm at the Fountain Centre

Blaze Youth Club (Year 8 - Year 10) - Fridays 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Flame Youth Club (Year 11+) - Fridays 8.30pm - 10.30pm

Ardess Little Lambs - Every Monday, 10 -12.00noon (term-time only) at the Parish Centre, - for mums/dads/childminders and their babies/tots

Share Ardess Drop-In Centre - Every Tuesday 11am - 1pm at Main Street, Kesh - call in for a cuppa and a chat. Contact Number: 07542 827 127

Healing Prayer - Every Friday 7.30pm - 8.30pm at the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome.

Friends in the Afternoon - 2pm every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at the Parish Centre

Tuesday, 9th May 2017 Fields of Life (Dromore Parish)

Tuesday, 23rd May 2017 RSPB - Wildlife in Fermanagh

In-Stitches - crafts every Thursday (except the 3rd Thursday in the month) 8pm at the Fountain Centre.

For ALL our events and further information, please see our websites [www.ardess.org](http://www.ardess.org) and [www.thefountaincentre.org](http://www.thefountaincentre.org) or contact Ardess Parish Office on 028 6863 2695/office@ardess.org. Please join our Facebook pages for regular updates: ‘Ardess Parish Church’ and ‘The Fountain Centre’.



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### Services

#### Sunday 7th May

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 am. Holy Communion.

7.00 pm Evening Prayer

#### Sunday 14th May

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 21st May

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

(Rogation Sunday)

#### Sunday 28th May

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

### 10th - Summer Outing

Club closed to September

The meetings of the Club are every Wednesday at 10.30 am. Everyone is welcome - there is always room for new members. If you want to know more give Ethel Oldcroft a ring at 66 326339

### Special Services in May

We look forward to three special Sunday services planned for this month:

- Sunday 14th May at 11am; Mothers' Union Enrolment service
- Sunday 21st May at 11am; Charities' Donations distribution service – we are inviting representatives of the 17 nominated charities we supported during our 175 Anniversary year to join us to receive a donation towards their work.
- Sunday 28th May at 11am; – Confirmation Service. The Bishop will be present to administer the rite of Confirmation to 15 candidates from our parish. Please pray for these young people as they take this step of faith and receive the strengthening of the Holy Spirit in their lives - Andrew Armstrong, Alyana Carson, Alex Carson, Steven Carson, Jessica Coulter, Tori-Jane Gault, Leah Graham, Fionn Hambly, Joshua Humphries, Quillan Irvine, Jack Johnston, Kacey Johnston, Tim Magee, Caitlin Martin, Natalie Pauley.

### Celebrating 175 years of worship at Rossorry

As our year of celebration draws close to the end, we are delighted by the spirit of fellowship and co-operation that our events fostered within the parish and wider afield. We have managed to get very





close to our Building Fund target and we have raised a considerable amount for our selected charities, as we share our good fortune with a the wider community, and we can be happy that the fabric of our beautiful church is prepared for the next generation. All our events and services were both an expression of celebration and thanksgiving for the wonderful gift of an active and generous family of God.

There are still a few events, to come, to close off the year. We have a dance / social in the Hall after Easter. The Favourite Hymns and the Auction are being held back until autumn time. Details of dates and times are below.

Rector

## Rossorry Parish Church

175th Anniversary (1841— 2016)

### Forthcoming Events

Sat. 29th April 2017 "Hooley in the Hall "

September 2017 Our Favourite Hymns night

Parish Auction date to be confirmed in Autumn

### Arts & Crafts Classes

Classes continue weekly – acrylic painting and basket weaving. All are welcome – no level of skill is required – novices welcome!! For information – speak to Yvonne Elliott on 02866 342514

### The Graan Novena

The Graan Novena was held from 18th to 27th March 2017. Sadly, it seems that this will be the last occasion when the Novena will be led

by Fr. Brian Darcy, as he is due to move away and take up a new post this summer.



There is a great bond of friendship and Christian fellowship between the Graan and Rossorry Parish Church, going back many years. We will miss Fr. Brian's warmth, humour and, above all, his enduring christianity.

This year, at the Novena, among the speakers were Denzil Mc Daniel (formerly editor of the Impartial Reporter and a Rossorry parishioner) and Bishop John McDowell, Bishop of the Diocese of Clogher.

They were both received with the typical Graan welcome and warmth and their input was greatly appreciated and admired.







### Rossorry Mothers Union

The new Branch Leader is Mrs Heather Ellis. There was no meeting in April and the next event for the Mothers' Union members will be the annual outing and meal which this year takes place on 18th May at Tully Mill Restaurant, Florencecourt and a visit to a local garden.

### Wednesday Club News

The Wednesday Club held a Craft Fair in the Parish Hall on Friday, 7th April 2017 in aid of the RNLI funds. The event was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all who were there.

The Wednesday Club has a wide and varied programme of events planned to take them up to summer.

### Easter Communion in the Hall



On Sunday, 2nd April 2017, the Easter Communion Service for parishioners, who are less mobile or find it difficult to attend regular services, was held in the Parish Hall. Following Communion there was the opportunity for fellowship during a lovely spread, kindly provided by Mothers' Union.

This is a popular and much appreciated event, allowing us to keep in touch with our more senior parishioners.

### Rossorry Bowling Club



Congratulations to Rossorry Bowling Club, winners of the Churches' League this year. It has been a successful season for the club, thanks to their dedication and enthusiasm. If you feel that you always wanted to try bowling – what better time to get involved than now, with the Champions ? !!





The Bowling Club held their AGM on Monday, 3rd April in the Parish Hall. The following were elected to posts for the incoming year. Chairman -Ivan Bleakley; Secretary - William Stevenson; Treasurer - Jean Bleakley; Captain - Catherine Scott.Thanks to Jean Bleakley for a lovely supper after the AGM.

The Bowling Club meets on a Monday evening and occasionally on a Thursday in the Parish Hall at 8pm. For information:- contact William Stevenson on 07719662473.

### **Ulster Project Coffee Morning.**

A Coffee Morning and Easter Hamper Raffle was held in Rossorry Parish Hall on Saturday, 8th April, last, as a fundraiser for two Rossorry teenagers who are the latest in a long line of young people from the Parish who have have benefited from the Ulster Project Trip to the United States.

This year, in July, Alex Wilson and Emma Irwin will jet off to America to join families there for a visit. Past members of this group have

spoken of the learning experience and the enduring friendships which result from their trip.

### **Beavers**

A fantastic morning of orienteering for our Beavers at Castle Archdale on 4th March 2017. A big thanks to our Beaver leaders, Clare and Stephen and to Keith for helping out too. Again thanks to Paul for organising the whole event. Cold morning – bit still a lot of fun.

### **Cub Scouts**

In March 2017 The Rossorry Cub Pack went on a visit to Enniskillen Police Station to hear about the officers' work and to look at equipment. Needless to say they showed their normal enthusiasm and got stuck in! Thanks to the officers for having our little pack on a visit – they enjoyed every minute !





## Parish Register

### Christian Burial

BOTHWELL, Raymond Cecil (Maxi) died in hospital on 6th April 2017 and was buried at Rossorry graveyard following a service in Rossorry Parish Church at 2pm on Saturday, 8th April.

### Contact Us

The Parish recently launched our new Website at [rossorryparish.com](http://rossorryparish.com)

The site was built largely by Michael Skuce of Inishmacsaint and Garry Clarke of Rossorry. Feel free to go online and see our colourful and informative site which chronicles the everyday life of our Parish.

We are also on Facebook as Rossorry Parish Church and we update, regularly, on events in the church as well as weddings and christenings.

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### Baptism

26/3/17 Oliver James Rea, son of Glen and Janette Rea, Camgart Road, Clabby.

### Mother's Day Services

Thank you to all who took part in these services in both Churches. The Sunday School children in Clabby read poems about mothers and scripture readings. Ladies from the congregation read the prayers. Tea was served after the service by some the men. The music group led the worship accompanied by Mrs. Anne Bloomfield.

### Sunday School

In Tempo, the Sunday School children read poems about mum and mothers and read scripture readings. Mrs Joanne Oldcroft, Miss Janice Gilmour and Mr Adam McDonald read the prayers. Mr Mark McDonald also played two pieces, 'The Lord's My Shepherd' and 'Be Thou My Vision', on the flute. The Sunday School sang 'Mum is so Good' and 'Wide, wide as the Ocean'. At the end of the service Mothers' Day cards and flowers were distributed to every lady in church.

### 5k and 10k Fun Run

Thank you to Colin Stronge and Alan Robinson for organising this now annual event. Thank you to all who helped as stewards on the evening and to everyone who supported the event. £955 was raised towards the Restoration Fund after expenses.

### Vintage Bike Run

Saturday, 6th May Vintage Bike Run held with proceeds to St. Margaret's Parish Church Clabby Restoration Fund. Your support would be greatly appreciated.  
Dates for your diary

### Mothers' Union Diocesan Service

Friday, 12th May - Mothers' Union Diocesan Service at St. Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen at 8pm.

### Family Fun Day

Saturday, 3rd June – Family Fun Day, Clabby Church Hall commencing at 12 noon everyone welcome.

### Coffee Morning

Saturday, 10th June - Coffee morning in aid of Scripture Union Work with Schools in Fermanagh 10am – 12noon.

### Mothers' Union Family Fun Day

Saturday, 17th Mothers' Union Family Fun Day, Bawnacre Centre, Irvinestown 12noon to 4pm. Details in Church news sheet.  
Going Home

### Ascension

On most occasions going home is a joyful time, an event to be looked forward to and shared with family.

For Jesus, going home, his Ascension was such an occasion. He was returning to his place and position of equality with God, the Father. He was now receiving his reward for the completion of his task on earth.

"But when this Priest (Christ) had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God." (Hebrews 10:12)

In Heaven Christ continues his work as our great Priest, interceding our prayers before his father in Heaven. "He always lives to intercede for him." (Hebrews 7:25)

Jesus said prior to his death that in Heaven he was preparing a place for all of his followers and would come back to bring them to be with him.

"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." (John 14:3)

Jesus not only died on our behalf and in our place, completing the work his Father told him to do, but he continues to work on our behalf in Heaven. This should encourage us to develop and nourish a personal relationship with him. But also to be prepared to go to the personal place he has made ready for us. So when he calls or returns we are ready to go. Christ loved us and died personally for us, he wants us to go a personal place in Heaven. He has it ready and we ready to go home?

## Trory and Killadeas



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Dear Parishioners,

I am writing these notes on Easter Eve as the sun is setting and the night is coming on. In the morning if God wills it I will proclaim "Christ is Risen" and you will respond "The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!"

But at this time I wait. The last few moments of Lent and Holy Week ebb away and I reflect on what is to come tomorrow. The hope of the Gospel of Jesus resurrection proclaimed and the debt of Adam paid once for all. That through Christ and his love our sin may no longer exclude us from life eternal when we repent and believe.

In the back room of the rectory is a packet of Indian Corn seeds or what we call Corn on the Cob. I have never grown them before and on Monday I will plant them. They will sit in the soil and please God germinate and grow and produce fruit. A harvest much more abundant than the few seeds I will plant.

May the seed of the love of God be nourished and grow in us at this Easter time that we also may produce much Spiritual fruit to God whose love is far more abundant than we can ever imagine. May grow in new ways and know the Holy Spirit at work amidst us.

### **Killadeas Gift Sunday 7th May.**

(N.B. No 11.30am service in Trory this Sunday)

A part sung Rite of Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10am with the dedication of Alms dishes in memory of the late Canon Aubrey Northridge.

Thank you to everyone who has supported The Priory Appeal. We are custodians of one of the land mark buildings in the county. We are also custodians of a great built heritage and history in our most ancient parish. We are called to pass on this historic legacy to the faithful of tomorrow as it was handed to us and that is fit for the praise and worship of Almighty God.

### **Troty Flower Festival**

2nd – 4th June 2017 (N.B. No 10am service in Killadeas this Sunday)  
Full details of the event are on the back cover of the magazine. As we begin the count down to this event can I encourage parishioners to return their volunteer sheets. The response in the parish has so far been good and I do not wish to turn the volunteer sheets into "voluntold" sheets.

### **Sunday School weekend**

Saturday, 10th June is our parish excursion to Dublin Zoo and Blanchardstown Shopping Centre. Details will be circulated in the parish notices after Easter but we expect to leave about 8am and return at 9pm. Sunday Schoolchildren will be free but cannot travel without parental supervision. Please return the permission slips to your Sunday School teachers. When costings are complete the cost per adult will be circulated.

Sunday, 11th June will be the annual prize giving service in both congregations. This will be a Service of the Word.

### **Grouping of Congregations**

With the proposed closure of Killadeas for restoration for some months scheduled to begin in August, parish worship will cease for health and safety reasons at this time in The Priory.

It is my hope that in conjunction with the organists we will be able to hold a harvest festival for each congregation and that parochial life will continue as it did when Trory merged with Killadeas during the restoration of St. Michael's in 2008.

### **Sunday Schools**

Information about the Sunday schools will be made available in the Autumn term.

### **Country And Western Gospel Praise Service**

Country and Western Gospel Praise service Sunday 27th August.

To tie in with a major Country and Western music festival at the airport on the last weekend in August, the parish of Trory are having an informal praise service at the 11.30 service. Robert Pearson will lead the worship. The rector is currently trying to obtain a stetson. Please note an additional rite of Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10.00am.





# YOUTH PAGE

## “Gentleness & Self Control”



The Xplore prayer tree

It was fitting that the last CDYC Rural Deanery Youth event of the season took place in St. Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen. We had hoped to enjoy the opportunity to be the first youth event in the newly refurbished halls but it was not to be! Our speaker for the evening was the Revd Suzanne Cousins from Moville in Donegal and the Ardess band for our worship, Nathan Blair with Bethany on Keyboard and George on drums.

We were warmly met in the hallway of the cathedral with hot chocolate and marshmallow drinks. As we entered the Cathedral itself, we found the space dimly lit with candles, which created a warm and mysterious atmosphere; the air filled with expectation.

The Cathedral curate, the Revd Criostoir MacBruithin welcomed everyone warmly and handed over to the Cathedral's new youth worker, Laura Richmond who entertained us all with a series of funny games and icebreakers.

Safe to say that the steps to the chancel of the Cathedral were festooned with shaving foam and “Wotsits” by the time we were finished laughing and having fun! But it was so good to see our young people totally at home in one of our main church buildings in the diocese. Maybe it was apt that the halls were not ready for us in time! All fully relaxed and comfortable with our environment, Criostoir then thanked Laura



The Xplore Band

for the fun and games and invited Nathan and the band to lead our time of worship. Even though we were small in number compared to the size of the Cathedral it was encouraging to hear our young people praising God through contemporary worship songs.

As the time came to an end we had come to a place of peace and quiet after all the excitement. Criostoir invited Suzanne to share with us on our theme of “Gentleness and Self Control.”

Suzanne explained that Gentleness was the opposite of cynicism. That God calls us to show his love in the face of difficulties when we often find it tempting to be vengeful and bitter. She reminded us that Gentleness can be found in the strangest of places like prison. She encouraged our young people to see that Gentleness is not weakness but requires strength; God's strength! She explained that theodicy is the “answer to the question of why God permits evil” and that God's gospel of good news requires that we face difficulty and pain not with anger and malice but with His gentleness.

Suzanne quoted Rev 21:4 “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” The good news is that we can trust Jesus who will make us whole. Our responsibility is to simply trust Him and be Gentle.

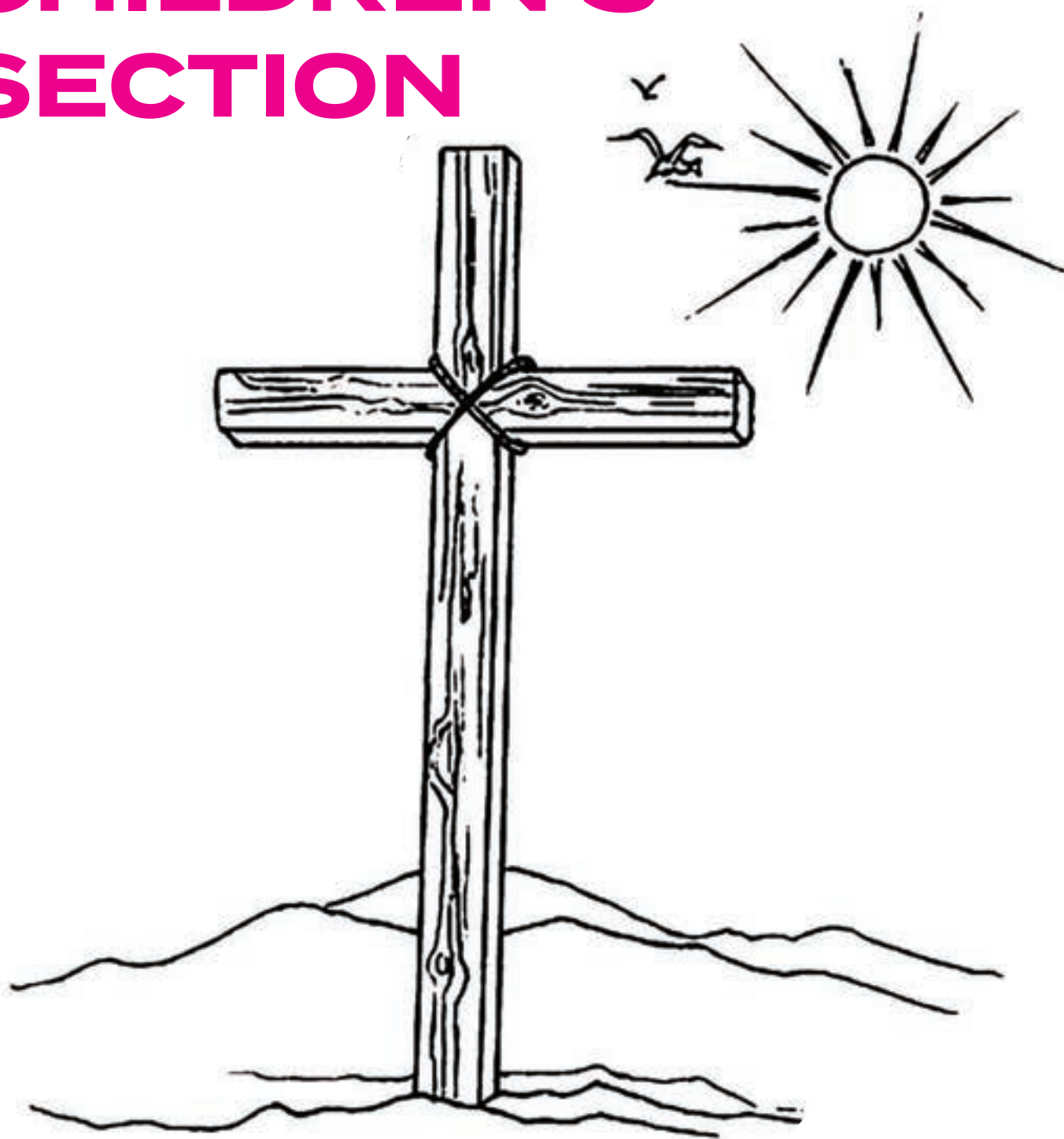
Suzanne concluded by encouraging us to abandon ourselves simply to God's love. To offer an opportunity for our young people to reflect and respond to Suzanne's message there was then time for them to walk around the cathedral and to visit prayer stations that had been laid out in advance. There was a prayer tree for us to tie our written prayers to. A large cross with candles and prayer mats and other stations in the Chapel and Choir stalls. When we returned to our seats, Criostoir thanked everyone for their input to the evening and invited us all into the Chapel area of the cathedral to enjoy a pizza and fizzy drinks supper!

So drew to a close our final event of the season of Xploring the fruit of the Spirit with a big thanks to the youth team of the Cathedral and the wider rural deanery. We look forward to the new season in the autumn and seeing what shape our rural deanery events will take.

We say goodbye to our Chairman, the Revd Gary McMurray and Lynsey, his wife who have hosted many council meetings in their home.

We will miss Gary's quiet and gentle leadership of the Youth Council but look forward to seeing a new Chairman elected. We have confidence that we will be following strong new leadership as we seek to serve our youth leaders and young people in the diocese as a whole.

# CHILDREN'S SECTION



**CHRIST IS RISEN.  
HE HAS BECOME  
MY SALVATION.**



# Read

The armour of God: the helmet of salvation (you can read about this in Ephesians chapter 6 verses 10 to 20 and 1 Corinthians 15 verses 1 to 7)

Helmets are worn when people ride bicycles, skateboards and horses. They are also worn in many sports - like cricket. You have to wear a helmet so your head doesn't get hurt.

Soldiers wear helmets to keep themselves from getting hurt in battle. As we have been learning, we are in a spiritual battle against the devil, and God has given us armour to protect ourselves. One of our most important body parts is the head, and one of the most important pieces of spiritual armour is the helmet of salvation.

The Bible tell us that a long time ago, Jesus suffered and died on a cross. But three days later something amazing happened – Jesus became alive again. His disciples saw him, his friends

saw him and lots of other people saw him too. After some time Jesus went back to heaven to be with God. Because Jesus died and rose again, we have a way of getting to heaven too – by believing and trusting in Jesus.

This is what salvation is all about. Salvation is when Jesus comes in our lives and takes away our sins. Salvation is the greatest gift we could ever receive because it took Jesus Christ dying on the cross to save us from the punishment we deserve for all the things we do wrong and for us to get to go to heaven. Jesus is the only way to get to heaven.

Salvation is represented as a helmet because it protects our thinking. We are confident that we will spend forever in heaven because God has saved us through Jesus Christ. Sometimes Satan tries to convince us that God doesn't love us, or even that God is not real. You put on the helmet of salvation when you believe and trust in God and his promise of salvation.

# Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
U	M	A	I	E	S	R	Z	O	Q	F	D	V	G	X	L	W	H	K	C	T	N	J	P	Y	B

All the words are related to the armour of God. Write each one in the space below the numbers.

26-5-16-21	11-5-5-21	11-3-4-21-18	6-18-4-5-16-12
6-3-16-13-3-21-4-9-22	26-7-5-3-6-21-24-16-3-21-5	3-7-2-9-1-7	18-5-16-2-5-21

There is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It may seem possible for us to live good lives, but the only way to reach heaven is to accept God's free gift of salvation. Will you believe and accept Jesus?



Now that we have given our soldier his helmet, he is completely covered from head to foot. In the same way, if we put on all of God's armour, Satan cannot harm us. Our mind, our heart, and our other vital organs are completely protected by God.

We can feel safe with God.

Think and draw what makes you feel safe.

# DIOCESAN NEWS

## Families with autistic children speak about living with the condition

A group within the Clogher Diocese has been discussing how the church can respond to the needs of those families affected by autism.

The Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action held an information evening on autism "Dealing with Difference" in Clabby Parish Church.

Those attending the event in Clabby Parish Church on Thursday, 9th March, including clergy, people working with autistic children and young adults and carers, heard from Ethel Johnston, a mother of an autistic 16-year-old boy on how his condition affects her family, how they cope and how faith has played a major part in them accepting he is different.

The meeting also heard from Mark Sproule, who organises courses on autism for parents, teachers and carers of autistic

sufferers across the British Isles and how his own sons have coped with the disorder.

Ethel Johnston, speaking at the meeting, gave her personal experiences of living with autism within the family and home setting. Her eldest son, Isaac, was diagnosed with autism at the age of two after Ethel and her husband, Sam, had become concerned about him when he was one and a half years old, as he appeared distant and did not have appropriate speech for that stage.

So what is it like to be living with autism? "Unfortunately there is an ignorance and lack of understanding. Autism is a lifelong development disorder which affects communication skills and how they relate to the world around them," she explained. "Autistic children have difficulty with communication, social interaction and imagination.

"When Isaac was diagnosed at the age of two, the bottom fell out of our world. We mourned the child we had planned for but we accepted the gift of Isaac which God gave us," she told the meeting. "We had to accept how God had brought him."

Ethel went on to explain how they as a family cope with Isaac's disorder. "Our home life is very busy. We live with autism 24/7.

"Isaac loves outdoors activities, playing on the trampoline outside and playing football with his brothers and motability skiing at Craigavon ski slope and keeping fit but he can be aggressive and forceful.

"Respite is important, not only for Isaac but also for the whole family," Ethel said. Faith plays a huge part in the lives of the Johnston family.

Ethel explained: "Our church and our faith keeps us going."

Isaac was presented for confirmation and he attends church as often as possible with members of the family. Going to church as a family is one of Ethel's favourite moments. There are difficult times but Ethel explains how she and her family know they are getting God's support.

"Autism has a ripple effect on siblings and family members.

"At times I have been heartbroken. We give thanks daily for Isaac. There are dark days but with God's help we will carry on. Isaac has taught us so much and his brothers' lives are enriched as well."

Also speaking at the meeting was Mark Sproule, a tutor who runs courses on autism across the British Isles for people working and living with autistic children. He spoke on Positive Behavioural Support.

"There is a lot of ignorance of autism in Northern Ireland," he said at the outset. As Mark and his wife, Arlene have two grown up sons with autism, they established a martial arts club in Newtown Stewart for children with autism and family members of autistic children. The idea of the club is to give autistic children renewed confidence and improved social skills.





He explained the various degrees of autism. One of the problems is that autistic children and adults do not pick up on body language and tone of voice, for example.

Children with autism will also challenge parents. He gave some helpful hints to those engaging with autistic children and young adults such as speaking in a calm but persistent voice, having a firm manner, being positive but non-threatening and using as few words as possible.

Autistic sufferers are often sensitive to lights.

During a discussion following the presentations, the thoughts of those present turned to adapting church services to make them more meaningful to autistic children and adults.

## The 'church in the vale' marks its 240th anniversary with flower festival

Boho Parish Church will be celebrating its 240th anniversary this year with a Flower Festival at the end of this month.

The Flower Festival, "The Church in the Vale," opens on Friday, 26th May at 2pm continuing until 6pm. It will be running throughout the weekend; Saturday, 27th May between 10am – 8pm; Sunday, 28th May from 2pm – 7pm and Monday, 29th May from 10am-6pm.

The parish will be welcoming coach parties and groups with tea and refreshments available.

The parish has around 10 families living within it but many of those who worship there travel from outside the parish boundaries.

The Flower Festival will be raising much needed funds to repair the belfry and other internal work.

The parish has links with the First World War. Five soldiers who left the parish to serve, never returned home.

Boho Parish Church was originally built in 1777 and restored around 1830 as a simple three-bay hall with a lobbied entrance under the tower and a small vestry outshot on the north wall. The structure incorporates a medieval door case in the west wall,

brought from the pre-reformation site, to the north of the present building.

The seating, with the Holy Table against the east wall, providing for ministration from the north side, follows Calvinist practice.

The railing of the sanctuary is of the simplest form and is likely to be original. Some re-organisation of furnishings has taken place at the east end to provide for a Choir and it is likely that the pulpit was once positioned centrally in front of the holy table. This arrangement was quite common until the middle of the 19th century.

The font remains in its traditional place, close to the west entrance.

The church was extended in 2012 to include a kitchen and toilet facilities.

## Flower Festival celebrates centuries of worship at landmark church

A Flower Festival early next month will reflect the setting of the church that will be hosting it.

Canon Mark Watson, rector of St. Michael's Parish Church, Trory, explained; "On the hill at Trory outside Enniskillen stands the pretty church of St. Michael's, Trory consecrated in 1780 and which has served its parishioners for 237 years.

"The church was restored in the years between 2008 and 2011. In 2015 a new church organ was installed.

"St. Michael's overlooks Trory Bay and the outflow of the River Erne into Lower Lough

Erne. The view over the lough is enhanced with a panoramic view southward towards Cuilcagh Mountain, westward towards Donegal and northward towards Topped Mountain.

"Having the Almighty giving us such a wonderful setting, the Parish wish to welcome everyone to a Flower Festival on the theme "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever".

"The Flower Festival will run from the 2nd – 4th June 2017 and opening times are on the back cover of this diocesan magazine.

"The Flower Festival is in aid of parochial funds as we hope to extend the old parish school house beside the church into a larger parochial hall. The other beneficiaries of the Festival will be the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The RNLI are based on Lower Lough Erne in our grouped parish of Killadeas at Goblusk.

"The floral displays are being created by Alan Beatty and will reflect the story of our Christian witness over the centuries in the area. Trory is only a short journey from Devenish Island with its famous Oratory of Saint Molaise, graveyard and campanile round tower.

"The church also overlooks St. Angelo Airport with its valuable strategic role in the Battle of the Atlantic. Such was the crises it was feared that during World War Two, the church of St. Michael's may have been knocked down for the safety of aircrew.

"As rector, I invite you to join us at our Flower Festival to see the handiwork of the Lord in our setting and in the floral tributes to His eternal grace. Over the weekend the church will be open, several services and musical events are scheduled and refreshments are available in our nearby parochial hall."



DATE: 21 MAY 2017

KEEP THE DATE



Service of Celebration  
for 140 years of  
GFS in Ireland

In Christ Church, Bray, Co Wicklow  
Sunday 21st May 2017

Time: 3.00 pm



THEME  
"YESTERDAY, TODAY  
AND FOREVER"

ALL WELCOME  
SEE YOU THERE



## Diocesan Quiet Morning in Fivemiletown Parish

May I invite you to a Quiet morning on Saturday, 13th May and which is open to the diocese, led by Canon Raymond Fox, from the Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer? [contemplative-prayer.org.uk](http://contemplative-prayer.org.uk)

The shape of the morning is as follows:  
10am - Coffee, tea and scones served in the Parish Hall

10.30 - Contemplation in St John's Church  
Break

11.45 - Contemplation in St John's Church  
12.45 - Lunch a light lunch served by the parish

A donation of £10 will be collected at lunch

Quiet Mornings have contemplations which focus on words of God the Father, or Jesus, from the scriptures.

Please book with the parish office in Fivemiletown: 8952 1030 on a Wednesday or Friday, or by email : [fivemiletown@clogher.anglican.org](mailto:fivemiletown@clogher.anglican.org)

## WORSHIP, LITURGY, MUSIC

### Choral Scholarships available

If you have the talent and interest, you can help form an integral part of St Macartin's Cathedral Choir, Enniskillen, and benefit from our new choral scholarships.

The Cathedral Choir sings at the weekly Sunday morning service at 11am, and occasionally at additional services throughout the year.

Once or twice a year the choir visits churches and cathedrals further afield, to sing. Recently these have included St Macartan's Cathedral in Clogher and Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin.

Each year, commencing in September, St Macartin's offers up to eight Choral Scholarships: ideally two on each voice part (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass).

It is useful, but not essential, for potential Choral Scholars to have relevant experience of singing in a choir, for example a church, school or community choir. For all Scholars, good sight-reading skills are desirable.

All Scholars are obliged to take lessons from an approved professional vocal tutor of their own choice, or from the Cathedral's designated vocal tutor, Mr David Robertson.

Application forms can be requested from the Cathedral Office by telephoning 02866322917 or emailing [enniskillen@clogher.anglican.org](mailto:enniskillen@clogher.anglican.org)

The deadline for receipt of applications is 15th June 2017.



# ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

## Anglicans join global wave of solidarity after Palm Sunday Coptic attack



Anglican leaders around the world have added their voices to the global wave of solidarity that followed the deadly Palm Sunday attacks on Coptic churches in Egypt.

The terror group Daesh claimed responsibility for the attacks which left at least 44 people dead and many more injured. A suicide-bomber detonated one bomb inside St George's Church in Tanta and, hours later, another terrorist detonated a bomb-vest outside St Mark's Coptic Cathedral in Alexandria as the Coptic Pope, Tawadros II, was finishing the Mass inside.

The secretary general of the Anglican Communion, Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon, said that he was "shocked and greatly saddened" by the attacks, "particularly as they took place on Palm Sunday," he said.

"My thoughts and prayers are with the injured and the families and friends of those who lost their lives. May they know the comfort and strength of the Lord at this painful time."

The Anglican Bishop of Egypt, Archbishop Mouneer Anis, said that "sadness overshadowed all Palm Sunday celebrations" across Egypt as news of the attacks emerged.

In a message published on ACNS, Bishop Mouneer said that "Intensive security measures and regulations have been made since this last Saturday. This included security personnel emptying all the streets around the churches and cathedrals of cars with extra policemen and sniffer dogs checking all church buildings and worshippers before Services start.

"I believe these measures were done to safeguard all church buildings in the country. Although the security was very tight, the evildoers have their own ways and it is extremely difficult to achieve 100 per cent security. This was also the case behind the recent terrorist attacks in Sweden, Britain, Germany and France."

A number of Anglican churches in Europe are part of the Conference of European Churches (CEC). Its general secretary, Father Heikki Huttunen, noted that: "Egypt is one of the lands of the Bible blessed by the presence of Our Lord. Coptic Christians represent a continuity of millenniums in this country, which is considered one of the cradles of human civilisation.

## Queen hands out Maundy Thursday coins



Queen Elizabeth II distributed ceremonial pouches of coins to 182 men and women in a Maundy Thursday ceremony that dates back to the 13th Century.

The Queen handed out the money during a service at Leicester Cathedral. In doing so she has now taken part in the traditional annual Maundy Thursday service in every one of England's Anglican cathedrals.

The recipients were selected for their service to the church and community. Each of them – 91 each of male and female as the Queen is 91 years of age – received two pouches, a red one containing a commemorative £5 coin commemorating the Centenary of the House of Windsor and a 50p coin commemorating Sir Isaac Newton; while a white pouch contained 91 pence – again, equal to her age – in specially minted Maundy coins.

The handing out of coins by the Monarch on Maundy Thursday is an English tradition that began in the Middle Ages following the commandment to love one another that Jesus gave after washing the disciples' feet at the Last Supper. It follows an early tradition dating back to around AD 600.

## Archbishop to travel to Hull by boat

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, will head towards England's largest parish church on a lifeboat on May 12 for the re-classification of Holy Trinity Church in Hull as Hull Minster.

Dr Sentamu will carry with him a lantern lit at All Saint's Church in Hessle, Holy Trinity's mother church, for the historic ceremony. The history of Hull – or Kingston upon Hull, to give it its full name – dates back to the creation of Holy Trinity Church by King Stephen in 1285 in what was then the growing settlement of Wyke. It was intended as a chapel of ease for All Saints. The area became known as the Kings Town upon Hull in 1299. The re-classification of Hull Minster comes at a time of significant "inspiring regeneration, physically and spiritually" in the area and a £4.5m development project.

# CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

## Further Focus on the Church of Ireland Gazette

paper's foundation in 1856 up to the 1920s available over the next two and a half years, in the build-up to 2019, when the Church of Ireland will mark the 150th anniversary of disestablishment.

In the latest tranche of work just completed, all editions the Gazette for the 11-year period between 1900 and 1911 have been added to the system, so there is now a complete run of editions for the period from 1900 to 1923.

In this context, April's Archive of the Month – which is the work of Library Administrator, Robert Gallagher – focuses on some of the stories making the headlines 100 years ago in April 1917. In that month, four editions of the weekly newspaper appeared, and the content of much of them was dedicated to the continuing coverage of the First World War. Writing under the initials of 'W. B. W', Ware Bradley Wells, the newspaper's Editor at this time, continued his weekly column entitled 'The War Week by Week'. Wells' own interesting personal story in the context of the Easter Rising in Dublin has previously been analysed here: [www.ireland.anglican.org/news/6413/reporting-the-rising-a-church](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/news/6413/reporting-the-rising-a-church) while a full list of all Gazette editors is available here: [www.ireland.anglican.org/cmsfiles/pdf/AboutUs/library/Archive/Aug13/Editors.pdf](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/cmsfiles/pdf/AboutUs/library/Archive/Aug13/Editors.pdf).



Recognising the value of digitization for unlocking information from relatively hidden primary sources, further funding to continue the process of digitizing and indexing the Church of Ireland Gazette has been committed from central Church funds to support an ongoing project, managed by the RCB Library, in collaboration with the Editor and Board of the Church of Ireland Gazette.

The Gazette is widely regarded by researchers as a first port of call to obtain an accurate insight into the opinions and

attitudes of members of the Church of Ireland through changing times.

A General Synod Standing Committee subvention, to be match-funded by the Representative Church Body's Allocations Committee, will see further editions of this primary source systematically be digitized, indexed and made searchable online, thereby sharing its content available on a free-to-view basis for a worldwide audience.

The additional funding will systematically make all the content available from the

The editions for April 1917 see Wells reporting more encouraging news of the Allied war effort. For example, the 5th April edition of the Gazette reports on the discovery of 'The Hindenburg Line', a German defensive position on the Western Front, from Arras to Laffaux, near Soissons on the Aisne.

The advertisement content of the Gazette continues to provide particularly rich insight to the stories of the day. In 1917, adverts placed were heavily influenced by the war, with numerous appeals for aid and relief. Indeed, of the four issues published in April 1917, three of the front pages featured full page appeals for donations for soldiers. The Irish Women's Association and the Royal



Munster Fusiliers Prisoners of War Fund both sought donations in order to send care packages to prisoners of war. The only exception was the cover of the 13 April edition, which featured an appeal

from the Serbian relief fund. Other appeals for aid are found elsewhere in each issue, a striking reoccurring one being an appeal from the Syria and Palestine Relief Fund, urgently seeking

£50,000 to help victims of famine in Syria and Palestine – a particularly sobering theme when considered alongside current events in that part of the world.

## Standing Committee meets to discuss range of issues



### The Standing Committee of the General Synod met on Tuesday, 14th March 2017 in Church House, Dublin

Mrs Hazel Corrigan was welcomed to her first Standing Committee meeting as an Honorary Secretary and the Revd Canon Gillian Wharton was congratulated on her appointment as a Canon of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. The meeting was also attended, in part, by Mrs Sylvia Simpson, Priorities Fund Organiser, for Priorities Fund business, and Ms Mary–Rose McLoughlin, the newly appointed Human Resources Manager with the Representative Church Body. Ms McLoughlin's remit will initially focus on the work of the RCB; queries in relation to diocesan human resources matters should continue to be directed to diocesan secretaries.

### Priorities Fund

Mr Roy Totten, Chairman of the Priorities Fund Committee, reported on the work of the Priorities Fund, which has recommended 56 grants for 2017 totalling €512,780. The average success rate for applications was 75 per cent. Potential applicants are encouraged to get in touch with Priorities Fund Committee members

before submitting an application, as this can help to assess the best way forward.

### Bishop Sam Poyntz

The Archbishop of Armagh paid a warm tribute to the late Rt Revd Sam Poyntz, recalling his huge contribution to the Church over the course of more than 50 years, which included the establishment of the Bishops' Appeal.

### Refugees

Members welcomed a report from the Refugee Working Groups and the planned publication of a resource on supporting asylum seekers and refugees. Concern was expressed at the closure of a UK Government scheme to accommodate unaccompanied children seeking asylum, under the 'Dubs amendment'. Members also highlighted the work of Home for Good, a UK Christian charity seeking to foster unaccompanied children, and the Fáilte Isteach programme, which helps migrants in the Republic of Ireland to learn English.

### General Synod

The Honorary Secretaries undertook to consider a new procedure for bills

following this year's General Synod held in Limerick. Standing Committee also approved a letter to clergy to assess the level of demand for an interim print run for the current edition of the Book of Common Prayer, prior to the printing of a new edition next year.

### Appointments

Standing Committee appointed three members to the Facilitation Committee: Mr Ken Gibson, Mr Robert Neill, and the Ven Robin Bantry White. The committee will engage in discussion with each of the 12 dioceses about the issues raised by the work of the Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures. The Bishop of Clogher and Dr Elizabeth Leonard were appointed to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, in Belfast (5th–9th June). Archdeacon Andrew Forster and Ms Georgina Coptly were appointed to attend the Methodist Church's annual conference, in Lisburn (14–18th June). Mr Adrian Clements was appointed as a member of the Association of Church of Ireland Press Ltd. The Archbishop of Armagh closed the meeting in prayer.

### Funds

The RCB managed funds have performed well in recent years but the expectation is that short-term investment returns will decline due to the low interest rate environment. There is a need to keep the approach under continual review, in order to ensure that there is no erosion

### Parish resources

Mr David Ritchie made a presentation on the new Parish Resources section on the Church of Ireland website ([www.ireland.anglican.org/parish-resources](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/parish-resources)).

# NEWS FOR SELECT VESTRIES

## New maintenance grant of between £1,000-£2,500 for minor church repairs

A new maintenance grant programme from the National Churches Trust is now open for applications from churches in Northern Ireland.

A problem identified with current funding focused on urgent capital repairs is that churches are often incentivised to wait until problems get very bad before seeking large repair grants from funders.

Although there will always be the need for grants to repair structural fabric that comes to the end of its useful life, the National Churches Trust wants to help churches address small problems before they turn into large repairs.

Under a proactive maintenance approach, a grant from the National Churches Trust, in partnership with the Pilgrim Trust, will allow interventions to address small, urgent maintenance issues and repairs, costing between £2,000 to £10,000, before a major building component fails.

As a guide, the following projects would be eligible for funding under this programme:

- Addressing access issues to high level to allow volunteers or professionals to perform regular inspections or maintenance of roofs and rainwater goods
- Introducing improvements to rainwater systems, such as introducing overflow spouts or installing wider-diameter gutters and downpipes
- Removing inappropriate vegetation growth from buildings that threatens historic fabric or rainwater management systems
- Replacing faulty or damaged gutter systems

- Repairing or enhancing damaged or inadequate ground drainage
  - Investigating, repairing or installing soakaways
  - Addressing lost, damaged or slipped roof tiles
  - Addressing pest infestations
  - Renew, re-fix or repair flashings
  - Replace broken floor tiles
  - Addressing masonry/brickwork issues and repointing
  - Fitting new louvres and bird mesh in tower openings
  - Internal repairs to ceilings and walls
- Places of worship of any Christian denomination can apply with applications considered for listed buildings of all ages. Buildings must have been built as churches originally and have 50% of the funds required already in place. Applicants should show that their inspecting architect is aware of, and in approval of the works, and have two quotes from contractors.

### How to apply

Full details can be found at the link; <http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/node/6332>

Enquiries can be made by email; [info@nationalchurchestrust.org](mailto:info@nationalchurchestrust.org) or by phone; Tel. 02072220605

The next deadline is 10th May 2017 for a July decision. Subsequent deadlines will be applications by 6th September 2017 for a November decision.

## Church Fabric Fund extended to support Church's future

Last year's General Synod approved amendments to what is now called the Church Fabric and Development Fund which extend its scope to include the development of initiatives supporting the long-term mission of the Church. The new funding regulations are now in place. In his Presidential Address to General Synod, the Archbishop of Armagh expressed his hope that the central Church should be seeking to reshape some of its structures so that they may more effectively serve the wider life, outreach and witness of the Church into the long term. The idea behind the changes to the fund is to allow it to be used by parishes and dioceses more widely than before.

### The aim of the fund is now threefold:

1. To preserve the support provided to parishes with restoration and repair obligations for church buildings;
2. To create opportunities to develop forward-thinking Church-wide initiatives;
3. To allow parishes with investment funds tied up under the old Church Fabric Fund provisions access to these funds for local development initiatives.

Application forms for each of the purposes, along with guidance notes which further explain the changes and criteria for grants, are available on the Parish Resources section (Funding & Grants) of the Church of Ireland website: [www.ireland.anglican.org/parish-resources](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/parish-resources)



# MOTHERS' UNION



## Prayer Walk reminds members how they can serve and worship God

2017 is the 130th anniversary of Mothers' Union in Ireland and many events have been organised to highlight and celebrate the work throughout the island.

Mothers' Union is a Christian organisation demonstrating 'Christian Care for Families' with their first priority of Prayer. In the Clogher Diocese, members and friends joined in a Riverside Spring Prayer Walk on Saturday, April 1 along the banks of the River Erne, led by Jacqui Armstrong, All Ireland Faith and Policy Co-ordinator.

After a safety briefing from the President, Jacqui began by reminding everyone of the promises in the Bible of God's wonderful provision of Spring time in nature and of Easter time when we remember Jesus Christ's death and resurrection.

A spokesperson stated; "Today we can serve and worship God through the Holy Spirit's guiding and enabling. We sang the chorus 'Spirit of the living God', followed by a rendition of Psalm 23 for busy people by Toki Miyashina. "A colourful leaflet was available to follow, as at various intervals

along the beautiful walkway, we stopped for scripture reflections and prayers which reminded us:-

- To take up the challenge from Luke 9 v 1-6, to 'Take nothing for our journey' as the Lord provides all we need each day to serve Him.
- To appreciate and assimilate (as in Psalm 19 v 1) God's handiwork on view around us.
- To reflect on Ezekiel 47 v 9 with the physical water of God's river of the Holy Spirit providing life to all, whilst pointing forward to the 'River of Life' in Heaven, Revelation 22 v 1,2
- To be amazed at the strength of the imposing Enniskillen Castle, reminding us that every stone in that building has a purpose and is dependent on the stones around them. We too are to be living stones, wherever we are placed by God, to stand and serve faithfully in the right place. Psalm 31 v 14, 15 You are my God, my future is in your hands."Despite a cooler day and a few raindrops, everyone felt refreshed both spiritually and physically. The aroma of tea, coffee, scones and the warm inviting Castle café ended a wonderful morning of fellowship. Our thanks to Jacqui for her inspiring leadership, thoughts and reflections."

## Gifts mark retirement of MU office-bearers

Gifts have been presented to local Mothers' Union office-bearers to mark their retirement.

On Wednesday evening, 29th March 2017 during the midweek Lenten Service and at the invitation of the rector, Chancellor J W Stewart, the Bishop, the Rt. Revd. John McDowell, as diocesan chaplain presented Mrs. Valerie Stewart and Mrs. Kathleen Kettles with gifts to mark their retirement from office in the local branch of the Mothers' Union of Derryvullen South and Garvary parishes.

Mrs. Stewart had been branch leader since arriving in the parishes 27 years ago and Mrs. Kettles had been branch secretary of Derryvullen South branch for the past 17 years.

A keen reader, Mrs. Stewart received a Kindle and a deluxe Church Hymnal and as a good time keeper, Mrs. Kettles received a wrist watch and deluxe Church Hymnal. Both ladies were presented with flowers by Mrs. Freda Beacom and Mrs. Betty Little.

Mrs. Anne Rowley succeeded Mrs. Stewart as branch leader and Mrs. Freda Burleigh succeeded Mrs. Kettles as branch secretary.

Both ladies were delighted with their presents and much appreciated the kind thoughts of the members in arranging the presentation.



Attending the retirement presentation were (from left); Betty Little, Kathleen Kettles, Bishop John McDowell, Valerie Stewart, Chancellor John Stewart, Freda Beacom and Anne Rowley.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## May 2017

Sunday 7th May – **Healing Service** in Rockcorry Parish Church. Organised by Clogher Diocese Ministry of Healing Committee.

Sunday 7th May – **Gift Sunday** in The Priory, Killadeas at 10am with The Rite of Holy Communion. Parishioners are celebrating gifts for The Priory Restoration Fund and the Donation of Alms Dishes in memory of the Late Canon Aubrey Northridge.

Sunday 7th May – **New Life Abaana Choir** in Magheracross Parish Church, Ballinamallard at 7pm.

Friday 12th May – **Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union Festival Service** in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 8pm celebrating 130 years of Mothers' Union in Ireland. Speaker; Mrs. Lynne Tembey, Mothers' Union Worldwide President.

Saturday 13th May – **Afternoon Tea** in the Reade Hall, Monea, from 2pm - 4pm for the Reade Hall Building Fund

Saturday 13th May – **Diocesan Quiet Morning** in St. John's Parish Church, Fivemiletown at 10am with Witness, Canon Raymond Fox.

Thursday 18th May – **Clogher Clerical Association meeting** in Magheracross Church, Ballinamallard with Holy Communion at 10.30am. Afterwards Archdeacon Brian Harper will reflect on some of the issues at General Synod in the Parish Rooms.

Thursday 18th May – **Fashion Show** in Clabby Church Hall at 7.30pm, run by Spoilt Rotten for the Restoration Fund.

Friday 19th May – **Gardening Event** at Christ Church, Ballybay, with Jenny Blackburn of Green Fingers, Monaghan for the church restoration fund. Plants for sale and supper served.

Saturday 20th May – **Annual Coffee Morning** in the Schoolhouse, Aughnamullen, Co. Monaghan, with a variety of stalls on display,

Sunday 21st May – **Service of Celebration for 140 Years of GFS in Ireland** in Christ Church, Bray, Co. Wicklow at 3pm. Theme: Yesterday, Today and Forever.

Thursday 25th May - Sunday 4th June 2017 – **Global Prayer Event: Thy Kingdom Come.** in the new Iona Prayer Room, St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen between 9am and 9pm each day from Ascension to Pentecost.

Friday 26th - Monday 29th May 2017 – **Boho Flower Festival:** the 'Church in the Vale' to celebrate their 240th anniversary from 1777 to 2017

Friday 26th May – **Coffee/Tea Morning and Light Lunch** for County Monaghan Church of Ireland Children's Society (Formerly Monaghan County Protestant Orphan Society) at the home of Mrs. Miriam Moore, Bishops court, Clones from 10.30am – 2.00pm. Historical Talk by Mr. George Knight at 12noon: 'The Story of Clones Castle.' Please come and bring a friend. Plant stall and cake stall.

Saturday 27th May – **Parish Auction** at Colaghty Parish Hall including cake sale Viewing from 11am with auction at 12 noon.

Sunday 28th May – **Praise and Ministry Service** in Dromore Parish Church at 7.30pm, an all-age service with refreshments afterwards.

Sunday 28th May – County Monaghan **Black Institution service** in Aghabog Parish Church at 3.30pm Speaker; Dr. William Johnston.

## June 2017

Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th June 2017 – **Flower Festival:** 'Jesus Christ, the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever' in St Michael's Parish Church, Trory.

Friday 2nd June – **Clogher Dander of three or six mile walk around Clogher** at 8pm. Walk leaves and returns to Cathedral Halls. Proceeds towards rectory Repair Fund.  
Sunday 4th June – **Diocesan Pentecost Ecumenical Service on Pentecost Sunday** at Tyholland.

Saturday 10th June – **Car Boot Sale with Strawberry Teas and Cake Sale** at Drummully Parish Hall. Gates open at 8.00am with teas served from 9.30am.

Friday 16th June – **Clogher Clerical Association BBQ** at 6.00pm in The See House, Fivemiletown.

Saturday 17th June – **Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union Family Fun Day** at the Bawnacre Centre, Irvinstown from 12 noon until 4pm. Activities for children include Balloon Art, Story Telling, Fun Hockey, Jumping Clay, Bouncy Castle, Disco, Fun Sports, Face Painting, Football and Lucky Dip provided free. Fancy Dress competition for Juniors (under 8) and Seniors (over 8) on themes of Most Original, Best Home-made outfit, Best book/film character, Best Group.

Sunday 18th June – **Tractor Sunday** at Donagh Parish Church at 10.30am.

Tuesday 20th June – **Car boot sale** with Strawberry Teas at Drummully Hall from 9.30am. Includes cake sale.

Thursday 22nd June – **Women of Faith evening** in Ardess Parish Church at 8pm. Speaker: Maureen Ross-Jones from Emmanuel Church, Lurgan.

Friday 30th June – **Mullaghduin Parish Barbecue** in the Parish Hall with music provided by Panache.

## July 2017

Wednesday 12th July – **Twelfth of July Catering** available in Lisbellaw Parish Hall. For reservations please contact Harriett Kirkpatrick Tel. 02866385362, Jean McElroy Tel. 02866387448 or Hilda Dane Tel. 02866387213.

## August 2017

Saturday 5th August – **Open Garden** at 'The Bells,' Garvaghey Hill Road, Newtownsaville from 10am to 4pm. Proceeds to Clogher Rectory Fund.

## September 2017

Sunday 3rd September – **Ordination of Deacons** in St Macartin's Cathedral Clogher



by the Bishop of Clogher at 7.00pm.  
Ordinands: Lindsey Farrell and David Moses. Preacher: The Archdeacon of Derry, the Ven Robert Miller.

Tuesday 5th September – **Clogher Diocesan Council meeting** at 2.00pm.

Tuesday 5th September – **Clogher Diocesan Board of Education meeting** at 10.00am.

Tuesday 5th September – Clogher **Diocesan Glebes Committee meeting** at 11.00am.

Thursday 14th September – **Information Evening on Copyright** will be held in Aghavea Parish Hall, Aghavea, on Thursday, 14th September 2017 at 8pm. Parishes are invited to send representatives to discuss regulations over the use of hymns and worship songs in services from a CCLI official travelling from England for the event.

Friday 15th September – **Dedication of Memorial Stone** at Slavin Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 8pm in memory of the late Katherine Cecilia Elliott(1850-1910), first organist and choirmistress of Slavin.

Thursday 21st September – **Clogher Clerical Association meeting** in Dromore Church with Holy Communion at 10.30am.

Afterwards Revd Andrew Quill will speak on Film Ministry.

Thursday 28th September – **Clogher Diocesan Synod** at 4.30pm in St Macartin's Cathedral and Hall, Enniskillen.

Friday 29th September - Sunday 1st October 2017 – **"Crafty Harvest"** in Holy Trinity Church, Lisnaskea to reflect talents in painting, pottery, needlework.

### October 2017

Thursday 19th October – **Clogher Clerical Association meeting** in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen with Holy Communion at 11.00am. Afterwards Laurie Randall, who works for Mediation Northern Ireland and Connor Diocese, will speak on 'Handling Conflict in the Parish' in the Cathedral Hall.

Friday 20th - Saturday 21st October 2017 – **Marriage Preparation Weekend Course:** in Fivemiletown Parish Hall. Friday: 7.30–9.30pm; Saturday 9.30am–1.30pm. Hosted by Fivemiletown and Dromore Parishes. For further details and to book a place contact Canon Kyle Hanlon.

Thursday 26th October – **Launch of Slavin Poetry Book of the late Katherine C. Elliott** by Vivienne Ferguson in the Warke Hall, Belleek at 7.30pm. Bishop John McDowell will launch the book.

Tuesday 31st October – **Priorities Fund deadline** for applications.

### November 2017

Tuesday 7th November – **Clogher Diocesan Council meeting** at 2.00pm.

Tuesday 7th November – **Clogher Diocesan Board of Education meeting** at 10.00am.

Tuesday 7th November – **Clogher Diocesan Glebes Committee meeting** at 11.00am.

Thursday 16th November – **Clogher Clerical Association meeting** in St James' Church, Rockcorry with Holy Communion at 10.30am. Afterwards Bishop John McDowell will speak on a topic of his choice.

Friday 24th November – **Kenny Archer and Friends Gospel Concert** in Clogher Cathedral on Friday, 24th November 2017 at 8pm.

### December 2017

Wednesday 6th December – **Clogher Clerical Association Christmas Lunch** in St Patrick's Church, Monaghan with Holy Communion, Tea/Coffee and AGM at 10.30am. Afterwards lunch in the Westenra Hotel, Monaghan.

# Flower Festival 2017

The Church in The Vale

Friday 26th May	2:00pm - 6:00pm
Saturday 27th May	10:00am - 8:00pm
Sunday 28th May	2:00pm - 7:00pm
Monday 29th May	10:00am - 6:00pm

**Coach parties and groups welcome**  
**Tea & Refreshments available.**  
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### All Welcome

#### Refreshments available

Friday 2nd from 2.00p.m. - 8.30p.m.  
Closing with Compline at 8.30p.m.

Saturday 3rd from 10.00a.m - 8.00p.m.  
2.00p.m. - 3.00p.m.

Organ Recital by Mr William McBride Parochial Organist  
and retired head of music, Portora Royal Grammar School  
4.00p.m. - 5.00p.m.

Concert by the Music Ensemble of  
Enniskillen Royal Grammar School

Sunday 4th from 10.00 a.m. - 8.00p.m.  
11.30a.m. Holy Communion  
8.00p.m. Holy Communion

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