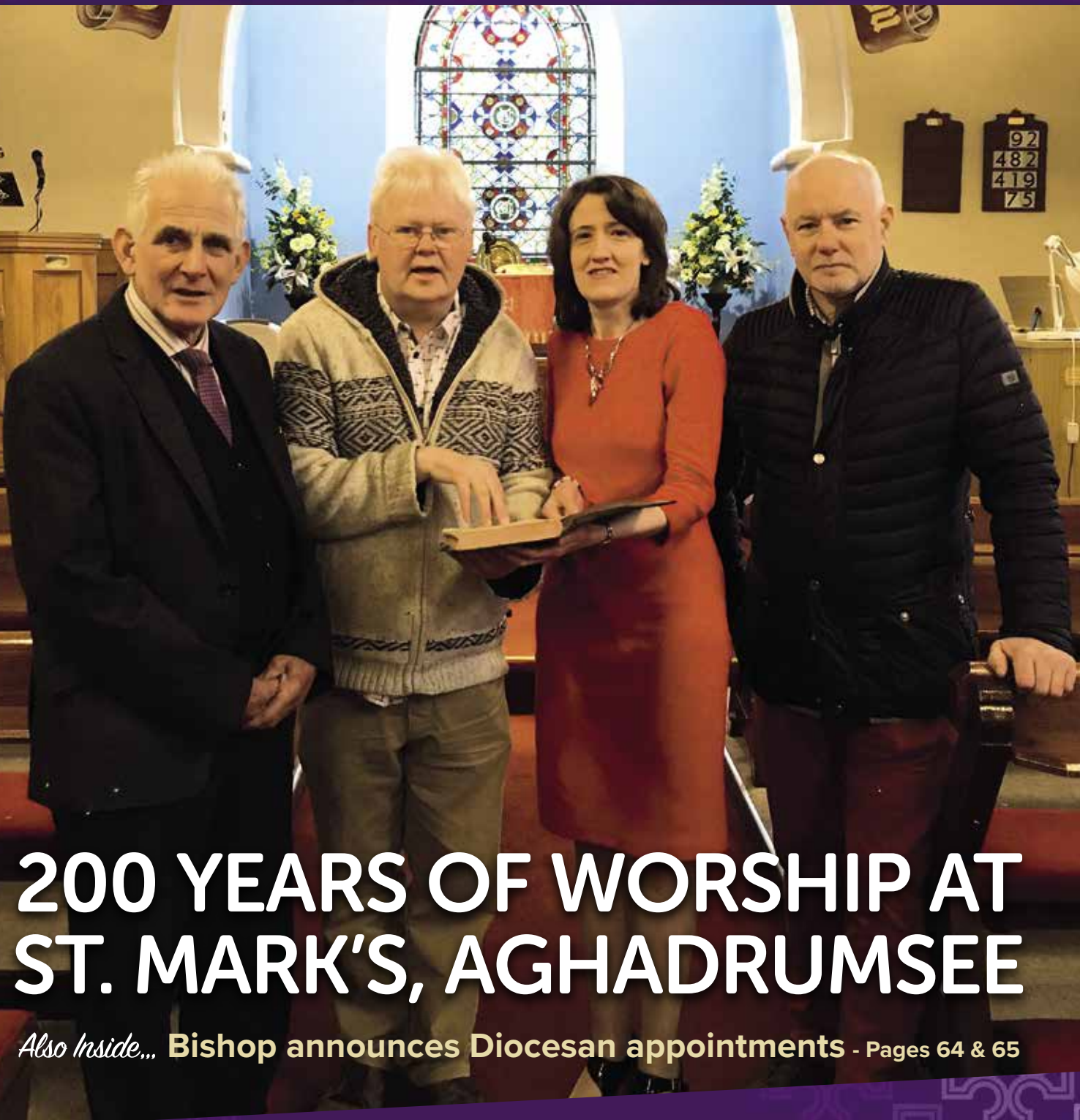




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Preparing to help celebrate the 200th anniversary of St Mark's Parish Church, Aghadrumsee are (from left) Wesley Elliott, Churchwarden; Captain David Hamilton, Church Army Officer; Moira Johnston, Parish Secretary and Alan Madill, Churchwarden. A special service to begin a year of anniversary events takes place on Sunday, 5th May at 3pm.

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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



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Dear Friends,

I know that we are now into May and hopefully the trees are replete with leaves and the temperatures are a bit higher than they are as I write this in mid-April. However I hope you don't mind if I cast a backwards glance towards Easter; the most important season of the Church's year but one so easily overlooked.

It is usual nowadays on Maundy Thursday in most Dioceses of the Church of Ireland for the Bishop to gather as many of those involved in public ministry as are able to attend a service in one of the Cathedrals.

The most important thing we do on that day is to celebrate the Holy Communion together on the anniversary of its Institution and to thank God for its wonderful grace. The second is to think about the ministry which each person present exercises in the Diocese and for each of us to renew our commitment to that ministry. The third is to bless the oil which will be used throughout the year for anointing the sick either

during services of healing or in the little service for use at home or in hospital now provided for in the Book of Common Prayer.

This year we also dedicated some diocesan prayer cards. These contain some shortened prayers taken from the BCP and are again for use by those who are ill or find it difficult to use longer versions. I hope they will be of use.

I also take this opportunity at what is a very busy and intense period of activity and of personal reflection to thank all in ministry for their service throughout the year. As you will know we have a rather larger number of vacancies than usual in the Diocese. Hopefully we will be able to fill many of these in the year ahead, but in the mean-time those involved in ministry are going to be even busier than usual. I know that their services are appreciated throughout the Diocese.

I thought this year it might be interesting and of some use to give what I said at the service for wider circulation:

"And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God..."

As you will know one of the ways that Maundy Thursday is marked in many places is by the washing of feet. It even has an ecclesiastical name; pedelavium. And it can be a very moving symbolic act. Our feet are the place where we literally touch the ground. By washing someone's feet we are serving them "where they are". But just to state

the obvious that as a symbol, foot washing is meant to point beyond itself to something deeper.

Although it had a much greater practical purpose for Jesus and the Twelve it was even then intended to point towards something beyond itself. It was specifically what Jesus did "when his hour had come"; when he knew that "the Father had given all things into his hands".

At the wedding in Cana of Galilee "his hour", we were told, had not yet come. Yet he had been asked to do something by his mother and he responded. That is the life of discipleship and ministry. A life of adjusting our plans for service to the needs, responses (or lack of response) to those around you.

There are any number of reasons why having to adjust according to the circumstances around us is a good thing.

The first is that in any plans we make, in fact in any conscious act of the will, even to do what is "good", there will be an element of self-deception and pride.

"Even in the best that we do there is always something that needs forgiveness" warns the judicious Hooker.

The second is that it throws us back on God and on what we need from Him. One of our best known Collects (Trinity 19) begins "Forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you..."

What can I do for God today? Nothing. Or at least nothing unless I first let him do His work in me. That

is the lesson which Peter had yet to learn. We need to learn not to make a fuss or a clamour for graces and gifts which would no doubt gratify ourselves but would be very bad for us. "He gave them their hearts desire and sent leanness withal into their souls" (Ps 106:15) warns the Psalmist.

Thirdly it reminds us of something that is absolutely central to discipleship, which is that love grows by the acts that express it. Nothing in the world including the spiritual world comes fully formed. It is in the nature of things to build on one another and to mature into growth... or to grow into maturity. And love grows by its deeds, not its words.

Some of us here are called to be servants of word and sacrament. Some are called to be Readers. Some as pastoral assistants. Each of us has his or her own function within the body. But all of us are called as disciples to show acts of love. Rather as the Easter Vestry is the place where all the ladders begin,

to climb to the heady heights of the General Synod, so acts of love in discipleship are where all the ladders begin for us to grow in holiness, to deny ourselves and to take up our cross and follow Him. Having first let God work in us, day by day, week by week, these are the expressions of our gratitude-day by day, week by week.

It is one of St. John's great themes, implicitly here, but quite explicitly in the Letters, that if you don't actively love the people around you who you can see then you don't love God who you can't see.

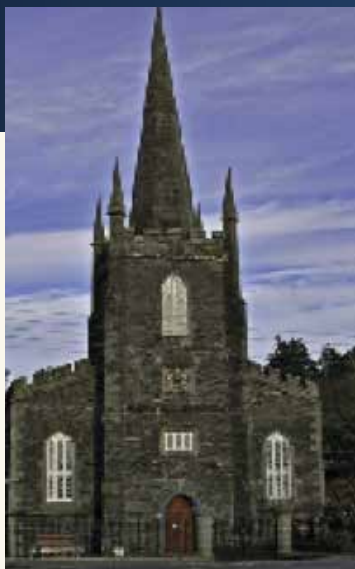
At each of your ordinations, commissionings or during the liturgical welcomes into ministry it is emphasised that ministry is carried out in "communion" with the Bishop. It is usually around Christmas time that I thank all of you who have been involved in formal ministry for the work you have done throughout the year.

But it is much more appropriate that I do so at this Eucharist on Maundy Thursday which, as you know, gets its name from some words of Jesus taken from the Vulgate Bible translated by Jerome all those centuries ago. The "mandatum novum". The new commandment that "you love one another, even as I have loved you".

"And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table..."

As we remember the Last Supper and the First Eucharist I pray that with the Lord we may rise today from his table, newly cleansed by the Word, abiding in Him and he in us, each of us on our own journey home to the Father.

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Saturday 14th September 8.00pm Concert with 'Hard Times Chorus', Bailieborough

Sunday 15th September 3.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service with Bishop Ken Clarke

Friday 1st November 8.00pm Book Launch "All Saints' Drumgoon 1819-2019"

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The Palm Sunday procession with donkey at St Mark's Church, Aghadrumsee.

Services

Sunday 5th May

Drumsnatt 9.30am Holy Communion
Clogh 10.45am Holy Communion
Aghadrumsee 3pm Service of Thanksgiving

Sunday 12th May

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

Sunday 19th May

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

Sunday 26th May

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer
Clogh 3pm Friendship Service
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

New Select Vestries

We would like to thank all who have served on the Select Vestries during 2018/2019 and wish the new Vestries elected well for the coming year. A full list will be published in next month's magazine when meetings in all three churches have taken place.

200th anniversary

St Mark's Aghadrumsee begin their year of celebrations with a Service of Thanksgiving and the launch of the Anniversary Book on Sunday 5th May at 3.00pm with the Rt Revd John McDowell.

Friendship Service

The annual Friendship Service will take place in Holy Trinity Clogh on Sunday 26th May at 3.00pm with Revd William Nixon.

Young Ladies Group

Once again we have reached the time of the year that the majority of our groups have finished for the season, however the last group to close is the Young Ladies Group who have meetings in May and June. On Tuesday 14th May at 8.00pm we hope to enjoy a meal together in the Old School and then on 11th June we intend to go on our now annual walk around Killyfole Lake.

Ulster Project

Congratulations to Joel Nelson from Clogh who has been given a place with the Ulster Project going on the Peace Trip to the USA in the Summer. To raise funds there is a Coffee Morning on Saturday, 25th May in the Archdale Hall, Lisnaskea from 10.00am - 12.30pm. Please come and show your support.

For your Diary

■ Drumsnatt Praise Service will be on Sunday 16th June at 3pm when the preacher will be Revd Jean Mackarel.



The Palm Sunday procession at Clogh.

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Services

APRIL

Tuesday 7th May

10.45am Colebrooke, Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen, Holy Communion

Sunday 12th May

11.00am Cooneen, Morning Prayer
3.00pm Colebrooke, Friends' Service

Sunday 19th May

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

Sunday 26th May

10.45am Colebrooke, Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen, Morning Prayer

GFS

Girls Friendly Society every Monday, at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall for girls 3 years and upwards.

The Closing Service this year will be held on Monday 13th May 2019.

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Group meet every Tuesday from 7pm-9:15pm for boys and girls



Violet, Janice, Denise, Margaret, Janice and Joy enjoying the MU meal in Clogher Courthouse.



Valerie and her mum Meta enjoying the MU meal in Clogher Courthouse.



Jayne, Valerie, Maureen and Ida enjoying the MU meal in Clogher Courthouse.

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Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meets on Thursday evenings at Colebrooke Parish Hall.

Although the season has now ended, new members of all ages are welcome to join

in the new bowling season beginning in September.

Mothers' Union

The March meeting fell on one of the Lenten evenings so members attended the service in the church. Afterwards members enjoyed refreshments, fellowship and fun as they helped to cover cardboard cylinder cartons with Mothers' Union pictures from around Ireland and the world. The plastic lid will allow these colourful decorated cartons to be used as Missionary/Worldwide money boxes by each member. A short business meeting followed and the meeting closed with everyone saying the Grace.

On Thursday 4 April, 32 ladies attended the Mothers' Union dinner in Clogher Courthouse. The Branch Leader, Irene Boyd, welcomed everyone and handed over to Barbara Clarke, who introduced a fun game where she read a rhyme and each



Shirley, Valma, Georgina and Ethel enjoying the MU meal in Clogher Courthouse.



Emma, Pansy, Hazel and Pearl enjoying the MU meal at Clogher Courthouse.

member awarded themselves a number of points, resulting in much laughter. When Grace was said the tasty meal was served and enjoyed by all present. During the interval between the courses, the results of the first quiz was announced and prizes awarded and then a second quiz was distributed which involved solving a clue and finding the names of sweets or chocolates. This whetted the appetites for the delicious desserts which were served with the tea and coffee. Some real chocolates and sweets ended an enjoyable and satisfying meal. Barbara read her third quiz requiring names of cakes. The prizes for the last two games

were then awarded after the answers were given. Irene reminded the ladies of the list of forthcoming events in the Branch and Diocese and thanked everyone for supporting the outing. A sincere thank you was expressed to Len and Joyce for the beautiful meal and fellowship enjoyed and to Barbara for organizing the games. Len then spoke of the ongoing work in the Courthouse and the plans, under God, which are being realized by the purchase of the 'pub' next door. Much voluntary work has been undertaken to help include the facility as an extension to the Courthouse but there is still more work required to bring

this to fruition. Len and Joyce, together with their Trustees, work as God directs and provides the resources. The vision for the Courthouse, to be a place where people can come and receive a welcome in a Christian atmosphere and avail of help, is being realised each day. The Courthouse opens for refreshments Tuesday to Friday 9.30 am to 4.00 pm. The next MU meeting is Wednesday 15 May when Mrs Edith Boyd will lead a 'Craft Evening'. The Annual Area Service is planned for Friday 10 May at 8:00 pm in Clogher Cathedral.

Aghavea



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Family Service – guest preacher, David Luckman from Crosslinks
Sunday 26th May
Morning Prayer
Sunday 26th May
Prayer and Healing Service in Brookeborough Memorial Hall

Our Morning services are at 11am, and always followed by refreshments in the church. Our evening services in the Brookeborough Memorial Hall (in Brookeborough village) are informal services, starting at 7.30pm. This month will see the start of our Prayer and Healing Services – at which we will pray for those who are sick in our parish, as well as for those on our Prayer Chain. All are welcome to any and all of our services. Following the conclusion of our Lent midweek services, our fortnightly Bible Fellowship recommences on 1st May at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

Holy Week services
The parish had a very enjoyable Holy Week, joining with the local Methodist and Elim congregations throughout the week. We would like to thank Revd Colin Milligan, Pastor Nathan Johnston and the members of the churches who joined with us, and welcomed us as guests to their assemblies.

Easter Select Vestry
The Annual Easter Vestry meeting was held on 11th April. The Rector thanked all those who had made his first 10 months in the parish so settled, and looked forward to another year together. We were all delighted that Frances Cartwright and Norman McCoy both accepted the roles of Rector's and People's Churchwardens respectfully, and David Atwell and Kenneth Hall both accepted the roles of Rector's and People's Glebewardens. We welcomed

two new members to the Select Vestry this year, namely James McElroy and Rebecca Morrison, and wished them well for the coming year. Albert McClelland was duly elected to continue in his role of Honorary Treasurer and Shirley Morrison was duly elected as the Honorary Secretary, and we thanked them for their service and wished them God's blessings on the coming year. We took a moment to remember two Select Vestry members who had died during the last year – Leonard and Audrey Percival.

Fundraising
During the second half of March, we had two fabulous fundraising events – Bag Packing in Tesco on Saturday 23 March, and a Midnight Walk around Colebrooke Estate. We would like to thank all those who helped organise the events, and to thank all those who took part in any way. We would like to pass on our thanks to Colebrooke Parish for the use of their Parish Hall to provide much-needed refreshments following the Midnight Walk, and to Lord Brookeborough for allowing 60 walkers to use his beautiful estate. Our next Fundraising event is on Saturday 4 May, when we will be Bag Packing in B&M in Enniskillen – call in and support us!

Mothers' Union
The Mothers' Union will be having their Annual Trip on 4 May – when they travel to Portadown for shopping, followed by a guided tour of Armagh Cathedral in the afternoon. A "day out" wouldn't be complete without something to eat – so they will be getting a lovely meal on the way home! Photos next month!

GFS
We look forward to hosting the Girls' Friendly Society Diocesan Service on Friday 3 May, and will have photos in next month's magazine!

Death
May Christine (Christine) Taylor, Main Street, Brookeborough, 27th March 2019
Christine was a well-known character in the Brookeborough area, having served as a teacher in Brookeborough PS for almost 26 years. She will be sorely missed by her friends in Aghavea Parish Church, and we wish her husband Billy, and her sons, Gary and Lee and their families, all God's blessings in the coming days and months.

Sympathy
We also extend our prayers and sympathies to all those who have been bereaved in the past month, and to those who have celebrated the anniversaries of their loved ones.

Upcoming services
Sunday 5th May
Holy Communion
Sunday 12th May
Morning Prayer
Sunday 12th May
Evening Prayer in Brookeborough Memorial Hall
Sunday 19th May

Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno

Vacant

Canon Ian Berry, Rural Dean is in charge with Pastoral Care by Mr. Walter Pringle.

Club Diversity

The Youth club had its last youth club session for the Spring season. This was a special cinema night and lots of juicy refreshments were served. The Youth Club will not now meet until the Autumn around late September/early October.

Clontibret

Clontibret School Leaving event for Rector

Clontibret School had a special leaving event for the Rector on Thursday 4 April. The children sang and played a few songs for the Rector. The Rector then gave a talk about playing as a team and how God wants us to work well together and play by his rules. The Rector was then presented with a special handmade card which all the pupils had signed. A number of photos were taken and the Rector was treated to cake and coffee afterwards.

Easter Vestry

We held our Easter Vestry meeting at the end of March in the Church Hall. This was the Rector's last Easter Vestry as he will be instituted on 1st May as Rector of Swords and Donabate. He thanked everyone for their spirit of co-operation and for the Vestry's support during his time as Rector and he thanked everyone for carrying out their role over the past year. The main change on the evening was John Duffy stepping down as Rector's Churchwarden after 10 years. The Rector thanked John for taking on the role during that time and for carrying out the role so effectively. Eric Dickson then agreed to take on the role and we thank him for filling that position.

Parishioners bid a fond farewell to Revd Neal

It is with regret that we say farewell to our Rector, Revd Neal Phair, who has been with us now for almost five years. Over that period he has endeared himself to us all with his support to those who were ill and their families, to those in care, and his activities with the youth in addition to his ministry to us. The Rector was presented with a farewell gift from Alan Tate on behalf of the parish. The Rector also accepted on



Presentations made to Revd Neal Phair and members of his family.

behalf of his wife, Dr. Lucy Phair, a beautiful bouquet of flowers from Winifred Jordan. The Rector then thanked everyone for their support and kindness shown towards him during his time of Rector and then he wished the parish and everyone present God's Richest Blessing for the future. After this Reginald Dickson took some photos of Revd Neal with the parishioners of Clontibret Parish (see photos). We wish him and his family God's Blessing as they move on. Several of us will attend his institution on 1st May as he takes responsibility for the parishes of Swords, Donabate and Kilsallaghan.

Congratulations

Our warmest congratulations to Diane and Ashley Berry on the birth of their son Kain Jonathan, a brother for Jack and Max. Best wishes to Christine Dickson on the safe arrival of a further grandchild, bringing the total up to 35 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. We wish all the family God's Richest Blessings as they grow in God's grace.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union Service for the southern part of diocese will be held here on Friday, 3rd May at 8pm. We look forward to welcoming members from across the area as well as friends. The service is open to non-members of the Mothers' Union.

Prayers

We remember in our prayers all who are unwell, especially Kenny, at this time and Jim and Robert who are in care. Our thoughts and prayers too are with all who are anxious and feeling lonely and mourning the loss of loved ones. We remember our children of the parish at school or college facing the challenges of examinations in the near future.

Muckno

Easter Vestry

We held our Easter Vestry meeting at the beginning of April in the Church Hall. This was the Rector's last Easter Vestry as he is due to leave the parish at the end of April, shortly after Easter Sunday. Janet Hill after delivering her financial report, thanked the Rector for everything over the past five years and said he would be deeply missed. The Rector thanked Janet for her warm comments and wished the parish well in the time ahead. There were no major changes on the night and the Rector thanked everyone for carrying out their role over the past year. Refreshments followed the meeting.

Leaving Party for Revd Neal, Dr. Lucy, Emily and Henry

The Parish of Muckno held a special leaving party for the Phair family on Friday 12th April in the Old Coach Inn, Castleblayney. The event was filled to capacity with parishioners from St Maeldoid's and also representatives from the Castleblayney community. A number of people spoke on the night which included the former PP of St Mary's Church, Fr Pat McHugh. Fr Pat spoke of the warm and deep friendship that he and the rector had formed during his time as PP and which continues to the present day. He also said the more he got to know Revd Neal, the more they realised they had in common. He also spoke of the sharing of St Maeldoid's Church and how he and the Rector had hit the national and international media spotlight, with film crews as far away as France wanting to record the events of these border parishes. He said that St Mary's was deeply appreciated of Revd Neal's offering of the

parish church to St Mary's during the year long renovations and the gesture showed the truest form of Christianity and also showed the sincere and genuine sense of true humanity that Revd Neal possessed. He also thanked Janet Hill and John Montgomery who helped to make this special arrangement run so smoothly. The new PP, Canon Shane McCaughey then spoke, and he commented how he had got to know the Rector from the time of the re-opening of Laragh Tin Church and now as PP of St Mary's. He said that Revd Neal was the strong man for the Castleblayney Community. He said that the Rector proved to be the strong man beyond doubt, by insisting that St Maeldoid's Church would be given to the people and clergy of St Mary's for their use during the restoration, something which will always be deeply appreciated by St Mary's. The Chairman of Castleblayney and Carrickmacross council, Councillor Aidan Campbell also spoke and talked about the Rector playing his full role in the community and also commented about the wonderful gesture of the use of St Maeldoid's Church. Raymond McHugh, headmaster of the St Macartan's School, Monaghan, who was brought up in the town of Castleblayney and who still lives there, said the gesture from Revd Neal, has helped immensely to transform religious and cultural perceptions in Castleblayney. It had sown the seeds of understanding, tolerance and respect. Derek O'Neill spoke on behalf of the O'Neill and Robinson families and Joe Finlay spoke as a longtime friend of the Rector and remembered being at his 21st. John Adair and Janet Hill spoke on behalf of the parish and presented the Rector with a large present from the parish. Martha O'Connor then commented about Lucy Phair's role as a Sunday School teacher and thanked her and Henry and Emily for being so committed and dedicated members. Martha made a presentation of flowers to Dr Lucy and also presented gifts to Henry and Emily. Fr Pat McHugh and Fr Shane McCaughey made a special presentation to Revd Neal of a commemorative St Macartan Plate on behalf of the Roman

Catholic Community. Walter Pringle kept the craic going throughout the proceedings with his very witty jokes and we thank him for so willingly agreeing to be MC on this important occasion.

Sunday School Leaving Party

On Sunday 14th of April, a special leaving party was held for Emily and Henry Phair in the Church Hall. All the parishioners then joined the party after the service and it was a lovely occasion and it meant a lot to the Rector's children who will miss Sunday School at St Maeldoid's.

June Friends' Service

We are very much looking forward to Sunday 9th June at 3.30pm for our Annual Reunion Service. Archdeacon Craig McCauley will lead the service and is the preacher for this special occasion. The organist will be Miss Charlotte Adair. Refreshments will served after the service and everyone is very welcome!

Prayer

We continue to pray for all those ill at this time.

Ballybay

Commissioning of William Graham and Presentation to Rector

William Graham was commissioned Parish Reader by the Bishop of Clogher on Sunday, 7th April at 4pm in Christ Church. William underwent training with the Chancellor of the Diocese, David Skuce over a period of weeks. A large crowd came to the commissioning service to support William. The Bishop was the preacher for this special occasion and he thanked the Rector for encouraging and supporting William. He also thanked William for taking on this role and encouraged him to go further and train for a Diocesan Reader. We wish him every blessing as he carries out God's work leading services in Ballybay Parish. Refreshments were then provided in the Church Hall where the Rector was presented with a leaving gift from the parish from Mrs Julie Crawford. Julie articulated a very detailed account of the Rector's Ministry in the parish, which highly commended him in all the various strands



William Graham who was commissioned as Parish Reader.

of parish life. The Rector said it was his privilege to be their Rector and he thanked everyone for their full support over the last five years. The Bishop also thanked the Rector for his ministry and said that Dublin always seem to get everything. But he said it should be easier to get a new Rector after an effective ministry had taken place. Dr Lucy Phair was also presented with a bouquet of flowers and thanked her for her role in running and organising the Youth Club for the Ballybay Group of Parishes (see photos).

Easter Vestry

We held our Easer Vestry meeting at the beginning of April in the Church Hall. This was the Rector's last Easter Vestry before he takes up his new role as Rector of Swords. The Rector was thanked for his effective ministry in the parish and was told he would be sorely missed. The Rector thanked everyone for carrying out their role over the past year and also thanked everyone for their good wishes and wished everyone every blessing for the future.

Deepest Sympathy

Deepest Sympathy is extended to the Leonard family on the death of Wendy's sister, Olive Moffett. Her funeral took place on Wednesday, 6th March at Creevagh Reformed Presbyterian Church. Interment was in the adjoining Churchyard. May you know the peace of God at this time.

Prayers

Remembering and praying for John and Linda Dixon.



Presentations made to Revd Neal Phair and members of his family.



The Rector's leaving party at Clontibret.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh



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Services

Sunday 5th May

Morning Prayer - St Finbarr's at 10.30am

Morning Prayer - Magheracloone at 12noon

Wednesday 8th May

Holy Communion - St Finbarr's at 10.30am

Sunday 12th May

Holy Communion - St Finbarr's at 10.30am

Holy Communion - Magheracloone at 12noon

Morning Prayer - Ardragh at 11.15pm

Wednesday 15th May

Holy Communion - St Finbarr's at 10.30am

Sunday 19th May

Holy Communion - St Finbarr's at 9.00am

Arise and Shine St. Finbarr's at 10.30am

Service of the Word - Magheracloone at 12noon

Wednesday 22nd May

Holy Communion - St Finbarr's at 10.30am

Sunday 26th May

Holy Communion - St Finbarr's at 10.30am

Holy Communion - Magheracloone at 12noon

Holy Communion - Ardragh at 11.15pm

Wednesday 29th May

Holy Communion - St Finbarr's at 10.30am

Easter General Vestries

Easter General Vestries have taken place across all three of our churches in the Carrickmacross Group. We are very grateful to all who give their time and talents to help with our vestries, most notably our treasurers and secretaries who put in a lot of work behind the scenes, our Churchwardens who faithfully assist at our services and the Glebewardens who look after our buildings. In St Finbarr's we welcome two new churchwardens this year with Heather Simpson taking on the role of Rector's Churchwarden and Rachel Hill, the new people's warden. We welcome them both



Table Tennis success for Cabra Central School pupils.

to their new roles and also thank Alan Sweetnam and Michelle McHugh for their dedicated service over the past year. Three new faces have been elected onto the Select Vestry this year and we congratulate them and thank those who served over the past year and more who were not selected on this occasion.

The Select Vestries in both Ardragh and Magheracloone remain the same for the incoming year and we thank all those who serve so faithfully in looking after those two churches.

Table Tennis

The table tennis season has come to an end once again and as always the season has been filled with great matches and great friendship. I guess you could describe season 2018 – 2019 as the nearly year across the board for our club with so many of our teams being pipped at the post and having to settle for runners-up spots. We were delighted that our Division 4 team managed to pick up a winner's trophy and medals after some great play across the season. Special congratulations to St Finbarr's parishioner Lauren McCullins who was part of that team.

Our club were runners up in Division 2, with William McElwaine from St Finbarr's, Division 5 with our B team featuring Jack McElwaine

Division 6 with Dawn McCullins and Alex O'Neill, and in Division 8. Dawn McCullins was also runner-up in the individual final in Division 6.

In the Cup Competitions it was again a close-run season with our Division 4, 5B and 8 teams all collecting runners up medals. A very well done to all the players from the club who all performed brilliantly throughout the season.

The club would like to thank in particular Ian McCullagh and Robert Wilson for their coaching throughout the season and all those who helped to organize matches and provide transport in particular for the younger members.

Youth Group

Our Youth Group took a break in April with our young people coming along to take part in and help out in our Holy Week Paper, Pizza and Praise evening. We meet again on Wednesday 22nd May and this will be our last evening before our end of year trip in June. Youth Group is open to all aged 11 plus and is a mixture of fun games and some worship and Bible study.

Malawi Mission 2019

It is hard to believe how quickly time is moving by towards our Mission trip in partnership with Habitat for Humanity to



Bowls members enjoying their annual dinner.

Malawi. On Saturday 6th April the team had the privilege of attending Habitat's annual commissioning ceremony in the Agape Centre in Belfast. The evening brings together all the volunteers who are heading out with Habitat for Humanity this year as well as celebrating those who volunteer with Habitat for Humanity at home in their ReStores and on a wider spectrum. The evening highlighted the life transforming work of Habitat for Humanity in tackling the global housing crisis. The Carrickmacross team were particularly moved by stories of how Habitat is responding to the aftermath of Cyclone Idai which brought devastation to the South of Malawi.

Each team represented was prayed for and presented with a candle featuring the words of a prayer to be used on team meetings while on mission. The candle was received on behalf of the group by Lorna Doran. The prayer reads: "Give us, Lord God, a vision for our world as your love would make it; a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor; a world where different ethnic groups, nations and cultures live in tolerance and mutual respect; a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love; And give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."



Lorna Doran accepts the candle on behalf of the Malawi team.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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Wednesday 8th May

10.00 a.m. Monthly H.C. Mullaghduin Hall

Sunday 12th May

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

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

Sunday 19th May

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

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

Sunday 26th May

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

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

Sunday 2nd June

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

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

Please note:- Services may change from time to time, updates in Church Porch

Dates for your Diary

■ Tuesday 21st May. Mothers' Union Family Treasure Hunt, Mullaghduin Parish Hall.

■ Friday 28th June. Mullaghduin Parish Barbecue



Parent and Toddler Group.

- Sunday 30th June. LOL Anniversary Service, Cleenish
 - Sunday 7th July. LOL Anniversary Service, Mullaghduin
 - Sunday 21st July. RBP Anniversary Service, Cleenish
 - Tuesday 7th May. Mullaghduin General Easter Vestry Meeting
 - Friday 10 May. Cleenish General Easter Vestry Meeting
 - Thursday 23rd May. Mullaghduin Select Vestry Meeting
 - Wednesday 19th June. Cleenish Select Vestry Meeting
- All above meetings 8:00pm.

Mothers' Day Service

The above service in Cleenish Church was conducted by Parish Reader Rowena who give a CEF Talk on the theme of Mothers' Day. She mixed up different letters on pieces of paper and asked the Sunday School children sitting in the choir to recognise the different words. The children also sang a Sunday School Song, recited a Poem, and led the Occasional Prayers. On the way out of Church each mother present received a beautiful red paper rose made by Rosita and



Rowena. Joan Brownlee played the church organ and keyboard.

Monthly Healing Service

The next monthly Healing Service takes place on Wednesday 8th May in Mullaghduin Hall. 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.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union members enjoyed a very interesting talk on Tuesday 9th April by Michael Stinson from the



The Blairs wedding anniversary (above) and on their wedding day (right).

Wildlife Trust, on the protection of Red Squirrels. More information can be found at www.ulsterwildlife.org. Members were busy preparing for the annual Cake Sale and Coffee Morning, which was held on Saturday 20th April. Children enjoyed icing and decorating rabbit biscuits as mums, dads, and grandparents, had morning tea/coffee and Easter bakes, and an opportunity to purchase home baked cakes and buns.

The branch will commence on Tuesday 21st May in Mullaghdund Hall, at the earlier time of 7.30 p.m for a Treasure Hunt. All families and friends welcome to join in the fun.

Cleenish Parent & Toddler Group

Members of the Group kindly gave their admission fee on Tuesday 26th March towards "Make a Mother's Day campaign". Monies collected have been forwarded to Mary Sumner House, to support mothers in gaining parenting skills, and help women attend a bible study course. On Tuesday 9th April, Toddlers attending the Group had the opportunity to paint a paper chicken, whilst others decorated rabbit biscuits to take home with an Easter chocolate treat. The Group reopened on Tuesday 30th April 10 to 11:30am, after the Easter break.

Cleenish Brownies

Brownies took part in the Lorne Walk at Castlecoole, on Saturday morning 6th April. The Pack recommenced for the summer period on Wednesday 1st May.

Mullaghdund Barbecue

This event will be held at the Parish Hall, on Friday evening 28th June at the Parish Hall, and we look forward to an evening of good food, good music and good company. The music will be provided by "Panache".

55 years Wedding Anniversary

Billy and Vera Blair (nee Montgomery)

celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary with a family get together on Sunday 7th April. The couple were married in Enniskillen Methodist Church on 8th April 1964. The bestman was Billy's brother Tommy Blair, and the Matron of Honour was Audrey Lucy, sister of the bride. The couple were blessed with three children, Revd Henry (Helen) Caroline Nixon (Harold) and June Graham (Jonathan), and 10 grandchildren.

The couple are regular in attendance in Mullaghdund Church, Billy a member of the Select Vestry, and Vera a member of the Mothers' Union. Billy has a keen interest in the grounds of the Church, especially grass cutting in the Graveyard during the summer period, The Rector and members of Mullaghdund Parish wish the couple God's Blessing, and a long life together.

Cleenish Centre

The Centre is now open for daily, weekly, and weekend bookings for the Summer period, subject to availability. To hire the Centre, or if you feel you are called to serve in any way, please make contact by e.mail: enquiries@cleenishcentre.com or telephone 02866349647. You may also view the Cleenish Centre website.

Bellanaleck Community Group

At the monthly meeting on Wednesday 27th March, road traffic volumes along the main A509 were discussed as a request was initially put to the Group for the instalment of a mini roundabout at the Arney Road crossroads. This request was to act as partial buffer to control speeds of vehicles travelling through the Village. A recent traffic count by the DfI revealed 6150 vehicles travelling along the main road, C438 Arney Road had 1189 vehicles, and U8186 Arney Road had 332 vehicles. A statement from DfI Roads reads "Traffic volume on this main road as predicted is much greater than the two side roads, which simply compounds the fear that the introduction of a mini roundabout at this location with such an imbalance of

traffic on the two side roads could create a situation that leads to an increase in road traffic collisions at this junction, which is the opposite to what the Community is trying to achieve. One positive message to be taken from this most recent survey however is that traffic is on average running just below the signed 30mph reduced speed limit through the village which many may find surprising. Dog fouling was again discussed and a letter received from the Dog Warden at FODC stated that as a result of the Green Dog Walkers Scheme last June, the Council received a very good response. The idea behind the scheme is that the problem can be tackled by education and awareness. Information about the availability of free dog fouling bags was put on the Groups Facebook page, and there had been 1064 responses.

The Group intend to again lobby Waterways Ireland to commence the "Blueway Stage 2" scheme as previously promised, especially at the lower end of Waterhen Lane. It appears there will be no progress until later in the year.

The allotments within the Community Garden have now been re-allocated. The next Meeting is on Wednesday 22nd May. Enquiries to Group Secretary Owen Wilson, e mail:- owenjwilson@btinternet.com.

Holy Baptism

Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday 14th April 2019 Thea-Rose, Thea – Rose, infant daughter of Raymond and Katie Elizabeth Wilson, 10 Laraghs Croft, Ballycassidy.

Holy Matrimony

Cleenish Parish Church

■ Wednesday 20th March 2019
Stephen McDonald, 59 Knocks Road, Lisnaskea, and Kay Johnston, 28 Derreens Road, Bellanaleck

■ Thursday 11th April 2019
Jackie Ann Balfour, and Andrew Wylie, Enniskillen Road, Tempo

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Ablaze Youth Fellowship

Since our launch in November 2018 Ablaze YF has been meeting weekly on Sunday nights during term time at the Carmichael Hall, Augher from 7- 8.30pm. Our vision is to create a safe, friendly, fun, Jesus centred space where young people can walk into the fullness of life that God has for them (John 10: 10).

Each night looks different but includes icebreakers, games and challenges, worship, opportunities for creative prayer, interactive talks and something we call the 'Hotseat' where leaders and guests share stories of what God is doing in their life. We have thought about topics such as God's love, Jesus' life and the Holy Spirit as well as completing the Origins Prayer Course created by 24/7 Prayer.



Mrs Violet Clarke who is in her 100th year with staff members, Sister Pius and Sister Fiona from St. Macartan's Nursing Home, Clogher.



Members of Ablaze at their recent meeting.

Since January our programme has also included a monthly outing. These have included a Pizza night at Pizzarama in Omagh and a trip to meet 'Milo the Gospel Dog' at Tempo Coffee Bar. A highlight was the 'Spring Day Out' at the end of March organised by CDYC. We travelled to Belfast to take part in the 'Reboot' and 'Spring Breakout' events. This was a full day of worship, interactive talks and seminars. We joined the Conor Diocese Youth for dinner in Pizza Express and even squeezed in a quick trip to McDonalds for ice cream. Ablaze YF is open to anyone of secondary school. Why not join us in the summer term as we have more fun getting to know God and one another better!

Summer Term Programme

May

5th – 7- 8.30pm @Carmichael Hall

12th – 7-8.30pm @Carmichael Hall

19th- Games night @ the park

26th – 7-8.30pm @Carmichael Hall

June

2nd – 7- 8.30pm @Carmichael Hall

9th – 7-8.30pm @ Carmichael Hall

16th – End of Term barbecue

Knit, Stitch & Natter Dates

Knit, Stitch & Natter are a group of ladies of all ages who come together twice a month for a chat, a cup of tea and work collectively on a craft project. The Group was started in October last year, and average about 14 ladies in attendance at any one time. This is made up of representatives from the four churches in the group and some ladies from other local churches – everyone is very welcome.

Revd. Olie drops in when free to give a little 'thought for the day' and each gathering finishes with the Knitters Prayer.

As a starter project the ladies had been knitting some squares, these in turn were made into knee blankets and skilfully finished with a beautiful scalloped knitted edge. Six blankets were completed in all and thoughtfully given to six parishioners from the group of parishes who are residents in local nursing homes. The ladies



thoroughly enjoyed making the blankets and in turn stitching each recipients name onto them. However, the gratitude expressed from those who received the blankets was immense with one lady commenting "they remembered me." Well done ladies.

Next dates for Knit, Stitch & Natter are: Thursday 9th and 23rd April 10.30am – 12noon in the Carmichael Hall, Augher.

Gospel Concert

Thank you to all who supported St. Mark's Augher Gospel Concert. It was a wonderful evening and very well supported.

Coffee Morning

St. Mark's Newtownsaville had a tremendous morning at their coffee morning held in Eskra community centre. The generosity and support from the group of parishes and the local community was wonderful, a great team effort by the whole parish – thank you to all who worked so hard and those who supported.

St Mark's Augher Youth Club

St. Mark's Youth Club Augher had two very enjoyable outings recently when the Senior Youth Club went to Lagan Valley swimming pool and the Junior Youth Club headed off to Happy Dayz in Ballygawley for their treat. Well done leaders, two groups of very happy young people.



The Junior Youth Club.



Some of the members of St. Mark's Parish Newtownsaville preparing for the coffee morning.



The Rector with the McClung family.

Clogher Mothers' Union

A meeting of the Clogher Cathedral Group Mothers' Union, conducted by the Branch Leader, Mrs Iris Moffett, was held in the Carmichael Hall, Augher following a Lent Service in St Mark's Parish Church. Arrangements were made for the Diocesan Area Service to be held in Clogher Cathedral on 10th May at which Rev Olivia Downey will be the speaker. A letter of thanks was received from Air Ambulance who had given a talk at last month's meeting. Members were reminded of

forthcoming events in the area, including an invitation to Fivemiletown Mothers' Union on 8th May to be addressed by podiatrist, Mrs Elaine Johnston.

Following a delicious supper provided by Mrs Bertha Bailey and Mrs Diana Domer, the members enjoyed a Beetle Drive organised by Mrs Sylvia McClung who was warmly thanked by Mrs Jean Bell. The next meeting will be a Craft Evening to be held on Wednesday, 17th April. Later, in May, members look forward to hearing from Mrs Ruth Jardine about her stay in India.

St. Mark's Augher Sound System Dedication

On Sunday 7th April the congregation of St. Mark's Augher were joined for morning prayer by the extended McClung and Todd families. The upgraded sound system and loop system were given in memory of Mr Eric Todd and Mr Billy McClung. Each family choose a hymn for morning worship which was particularly special for them; the Todd family chose 'Be thou my vision,' and the McClung family chose 'And can it be.' The scripture readings were read by Mr David Todd (Parish reader) and Mr Sam McLaren (grandson of Mr Billy McClung), Organist: Mrs Sylvia McClung. The sound system and loop system were dedicated in memory of Mr Billy McClung and Mr Eric Todd to the Glory of God by Rev. Olivia Downey. Everyone joined in the Carmichael Hall for a cup of tea and some fellowship following the service.



The Senior Youth Club.

Christian Burial

Elizabeth Margaret (Elma) Wilson 26th March 2019, St. Mark's Newtownsaville.



Mrs Josie Trimble and Mrs Reba Meyers receiving their blankets from some of the group members.



The Rector with the Todd family.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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May 5th

Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion
Newbliss 11.30am: Holy Communion

May 12th

Currin 10.00am: Morning Prayer
Killeevan 11.30pm: Morning Prayer

May 19th

Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion
Newbliss 11.30am: Holy Communion

May 26th

Currin 10.00am: Morning Prayer
Killeevan 3.30pm: Evening Prayer and
Enrolling of new Mothers' Union members
(followed by tea in the parish hall)

St. Tighernagh's Day Celebration

People from across the community came together on 4 April 2019 in St. Tighernagh's Church of Ireland for an ecumenical celebration of "The Clones Saint". The service in church was uplifting and joyful, with musical accompaniment provided by the talented Ballyreagh Silver Band. There was also musical input from the newly formed "Different Keys" Clones Community Choir, whose singers (including our Rector and other Clones parishioners) come from different denominations and from both sides of the border. The service was followed by a torch-lit procession to the round tower graveyard where the three Douglas sisters performed a beautiful 'Dance of Remembrance', Molly Sheeran gave a captivating performance in Irish of the hymn "Be thou my vision", and Steven McKenna read from a fascinating 19th century journal about the monastic history of the Clones site. The rain did not dampen what was a marvellous evening, and we all retired to the Cassandra Hand Centre for delicious refreshments and a cup of hot tea.



Confirmation

On Sunday 7 April, Bishop John McDowell came to confirm five confirmation candidates in Killeevan Church (Photo above). After a period of careful preparation with the Rector, Ellie Lancashire (Drum), Hannah Keating (Newbliss), James Keating (Killeevan), Kacey Irwin (Clones), and Michael Cleary (Clones) all stood before the Bishop to declare for themselves the promises that had been made on their behalf when they were babies. It was a wonderful service, and the Holy Spirit seemed to move as the Bishop laid his hands upon each one of the young people. Here is an account by one of our candidates about this special day in her life:

All roads led to St Laobhan's Church, Killeevan, on Sunday 7th April for our Service of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Even the sun made its way there as well.

This was a journey of new beginnings for Ellie, Kacey, James, Michael and me – new friendships, a new "WhatsApp" group (even Revd Roy is now a dab hand on WhatsApp too!!), and, most importantly, a new chapter in our Christian faith.

On our special day, a large congregation made up of our families, godparents, friends, and parishioners from our group of parishes was in attendance to support us. Bishop John and Revd Roy conducted this solemn service in a relaxed manner which settled our nerves. Bishop John recalled his own confirmation which took place



'many years ago' – his words, not mine – in a very different setting. He explained how there are three categories of confirmation candidates:

1. Those who didn't want to be there at all;
2. Those who did when it suited them;
3. Those who viewed confirmation as the beginning of a new chapter in their faith.

While on a skiing holiday in France – after many failed attempts to master the art of skiing – Bishop John found himself in a small church where he found these words of Jesus: "Je suis le pain de vie". That means "I am the Bread of Life". He encouraged us to take these words of Jesus to heart. As confirmed members of the Church, we then received Holy Communion for the first time. Bishop John and Revd Roy presented each of us with a Confirmation Certificate and a Book of Common Prayer.

Once the service was over and the photos all taken, we made our way to the Parish Hall for some tea, scones, buns and delicious confirmation cake.

The Confirmation service may be over but our service has just begun.

(Hannah Keating)

Killeevan Sale of Work

The annual Sale of Work took place in the parish hall of St. Laebhan's, Killeevan, on 13 April. The sale was well attended, and the atmosphere was warm and friendly as people chatted with friends old and new – or simply sat down to enjoy a cup of tea at tables laden with the most delicious cakes. There was also a wide array of items for sale: home-made pastries and jams, plants, books, cards, and so much more. The event ended with the Rector conducting an auction for a painting donated by a local artist. Donations are still flowing in, but we wish to say a big 'THANK YOU' to everyone who helped to make the day so successful.



Palm Sunday

We marked Palm Sunday this year with a joint group service in Currin Church (See photos above). We gathered outside the Rectory, and then made our way to church behind a donkey belonging to Cyril and Christine Rusk. (see photos above). Angela Graham played the accordion brilliantly, and we all sang with great gusto 'All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer King' as we strode forward waving our 'Irish palms'. Everyone enjoyed the thrill of the occasion as we remembered Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Next, we listened in church to a dramatised account from St. Luke's gospel of Jesus' passion – and our mind turned to the cross. All in all, a special and moving occasion!

Three Scotshouse parishioners raise thousands of euros for charity

Well done to Laura, Ian and Robert Hall, who are all regular worshippers in Currin

Parish. Ian and Laura love singing, and with Robert's help they have sold their own CDs to raise 8000 Euros in 2018 for local charities that focus on Alzheimer's disease and hospice/palliative care. This year's total comes on top of 9000 Euros in 2017, and the Hall family wish to thank everyone who has supported them in their fundraising efforts. See cheque presentation below.

Clothes, shoes, and handbags for Africa

Christine Rusk is organising a collection of any unwanted clothes, shoes, and handbags as part of the fund-raising campaign to restore Clones Church to its former glory. If you have any such items in clean and new/nearly new condition, please contact Christine on +44 7570803516.




County Monaghan Church of Ireland Children's Society

The annual Coffee/Tea Morning and Light Lunch takes place at the of Mrs Miriam Moore, of Bishops court, Clones on Friday 24th May, 2019 between 10.30am - 2.00pm. A historical talk will be given at 12 noon. All Welcome.



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MAY

- 5th Holy Communion 11.30am
- 12th Family Service 11.30am
- 19th Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 26th Morning Prayer 11.30am

JUNE

- 2nd Holy Communion 11.30am
- 9th Family Service 11.30am
- 16th 175th Anniversary service 3.30pm
- 23rd Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 30th Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 30th Annual LOL service 7.00pm

Christian Baptism

24th March 2019
Ian Richard Hugh Evans, son of Raymond and Sharon

Young@Heart

The monthly meeting in March finished

with a delightful and enjoyable 'Tea Dance', with visiting groups from the surrounding locality, and a special welcome to the 'Still Active' club from Ballymena, the rectors former parish in which he was curate. With an attendance in excess of 100 visitors and members, all were entertained to a delightful tea and musical accompaniment for the dance that followed. A huge thanks to the organising committee, those who provided, prepared, served and assisted in any way and for those who brought prizes along for the draw.

Junior CE and Young People's Outing

The Junior CE enjoyed a trip to 'Tickety Moo' where they were given an opportunity to see and hear about the Robotic Milking System used to milk the herd of Jersey cows. The children were asked to observe



The Young at Heart at their meeting.



and listen, as the quiz that followed would cover much of the evening's event, of which they proved most capable off. The rector shared a short message, linked with milk, God's word and whether like ice cream, which has 66% milk in it, what percentage Christ has in our lives, more or less than this, or does God have 100% access in and for our lives. A big thank you is extended to the leaders, who organised the night, parents who came along, and the children for their attendance and to Gareth Grey for having us at the farm.

The Senior Youth Group went to Lakeland Karting, Kesh for their outing, for a night of fun and excitement. We are indebted to the leaders, who come and lead the group each week, and continue to share God's word with our young people.

Evening Praise service

It is difficult to find the right words that best describe the 'Evening Praise Service' on Sunday 7th April, with guest speaker Sammy Heenan from Rathfriland. Many have said it was a humbling and yet moving experience with powerful testimony to Gods' saving grace, and the worship truly brought honour to God. It was an amazing night of worship, testimony and fellowship, and in the hall afterwards over refreshments. We thank Sammy for coming and sharing with us, the musicians, Anne, Marcus, Lee and Gary, the choir, Jason on sound and IT, everyone who



The Farm, Faith and Fellowship evening.

came along and to all who provided and served the tea, prepared and cleared up afterwards.

Women's Fellowship

The April meeting welcomed Canon Alison Calvin, as guest speaker, who spoke on women in the bible and their roles within ministry and evangelism, which was both informative and encouraging to all present. Plans are well in place for the annual meal in the Hunting Lodge, Irvinestown, as the meeting came to a close. We would want to thank the committee for all they do in arranging speakers each month and to everyone who comes along.

Farm, Fellowship & Faith

The next in the series of Farm, Fellowship & Faith events was held with representatives of the PSNI present. Trevor and Ivan updated the audience of almost 60 of the current rules with particular emphasis for farmers and what constitutes agricultural vehicles and what doesn't. They highlighted some of the dangers that still exist around the use of mobile phones, farm quads, and seat belts among others while driving. Revd Charlie Eames, Drumkeeran group give an epilogue at the end, which was very apt for the occasion, tying it in with the talk in respect to matters of faith, is our salvation secure.

Easter General Vestry

The annual Easter Vestry Meeting took place in the parish hall, where the parish accounts, treasurer and parish reports were presented. We extend sincere thanks to all who support the mission and upkeep of the parish in a financial and practical way. To all the members of the Select Vestry past and present for your unstinting service in fulfilling your remit and more over the year and to those elected for the first time, may God continue to bless the fruits of your ministry as you work for the good of His church and the advancement of his kingdom.

175th Anniversary

As we approach the 175th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service for our present church



The CE senior group outing to the karting track.



The evening praise service

building, it may be good to remind others and ourselves of a little of our history and early beginnings. The parish began as a chapel of ease to Magheraculmoney and Drumkeeran, meeting in the then Edenaveigh National School, now Glassmullagh Orange Hall in 1835. From that time, 23 ordained ministers served the parish either as curate or as incumbent. The first incumbent of the present church at Colaghty or Lack built in the town land of Keeran was the Rev Michael Burke in 1844. Of the 23, two would become bishops of the diocese, one influential during the home rule crisis, two lost their fathers to IRA violence.

A local historian and member of the parish David Keys, in a concise history pamphlet for visitors, noted the following; On Friday the 23rd August 1839 a church accommodation society held a meeting in the town hall in Ederney, Co Fermanagh, for a purpose of raising a subscription to erect a new church for the use of the Protestant inhabitants in an area surrounding the village of Lack. This parish church, or chapel of ease when opened for worship would draw its congregation from town lands in the existing parishes of Magheraculmoney and Tubrid / Drumkeeran, Co Fermanagh and a small number from the parishes of Dromore and Drumquin Co Tyrone.

Those present at the meeting included the principal landowners in the district, the Irvine's of Killadeas, D'Arcy Irvine of Necarne, Irvinestown, Colonel Barton of the Waterfoot, Pettigo, members of the Archdale family, many of the respectable protestant parishioners of the district and several of the local clergy were also present. A large sum of money was raised in the room that night. The idea behind the building and creation of a new church was to reduce the distance parishioners had to travel to one of the nearest parish churches, which were located at Magheraculmoney / Kesh and Drumkeeran / Tubrid. For a number of years prior to the new church being proposed Sunday morning prayer services were held in Lack and Edenaveigh Primary Schools. The site chosen to construct the new church was in Keeran Townland approximately one mile northwest of the village of Lack and was donated by the D'Arcy/Irvine family. The site chosen was deemed to be fairly central for the establishment of a new church within a reasonable travelling distance.

Advertisements were placed in the local press during the first two weeks of July 1840 inviting persons to tender for construction of the building. (Replies were to Mr Christopher Acheson of Kesh).

The first recorded services were being held

in the new building by December 1844, conducted by the Revd Michael Burke who is recorded as ministering in Lack Parish until 1848 when he moved to Caste Archdale Parish (the Revd Burke was a native Ballyduggan, Co Galway). The next minister appointed to the parish was the Reverend Charles Maurice Stack, who was the son of the Reverend Edward Stack, chaplain at the Vaughan Institute school Tubrid, Co Fermanagh. The Revd Stack remained in the parish to the year 1871. (When on his last service he recorded in the preachers book "My last Sunday after nearly 23 years among the amicable of people may God bless them and their children"). The Revd Stack was later appointed Archdeacon of Clogher Diocese in 1873 and in 1886 was elected Bishop of Clogher Diocese, a position he held until his retirement in 1902. Bishop Stack died at Ardess in 1914 and was buried at Cappagh Parish Church, Omagh Co Tyrone. It was during his incumbency that a service of consecration was held on the 16th June 1856, by Bishop Marcus Gervais Beresford, Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh. (At this time the diocese of Clogher was united with the diocese of Armagh.)

The Revd Samuel Robert Anderson (a native of Co Galway) served in the parish from 1910 to 1917. This period covered the home rule crisis in Ireland. The Revd Anderson was deeply concerned about this issue, as were many other clergy in parishes across the province of Ulster. He attended and spoke at numerous meetings in the North Fermanagh area in strong support of the union with Great Britain. On 28th September 1912 when the Ulster Covenant, to reject home rule was signed after church services, the Reverend Anderson as the agent in charge, and collected over five hundred signatures at the church and at the Rectory in Lack.

Another former Rector who served in the parish was also elected as Bishop of Clogher diocese in 1973. The Revd Robert William Heavener (a native of Co Wicklow) served in the parish from 1932 until 1938, when he moved to Derryvullen North Parish. Bishop Heavener lived to celebrate his 100th birthday and passed away in March 2005 and was buried at St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher.

In 1934, the select vestry decided that a hall for activities outside of worship would be of benefit to the parish. A site was purchased at Lack, where a new hall was constructed, and opened by the Bishop of Clogher on 22nd November 1935. This hall served the parish until the early 1980's when it was decided that a more modern premises were required, Colaghty Orange Lodge offered the use of their hall on a shared basis. The



The church following its resurfacing.

old hall of Lack was sold in early 1998 and plans were being made to have a new hall erected in close proximity. In October 2000 the Revd Colin Bell was instituted as Rector of the parish. In 2002 the Revd Bell reported there was a good response from the parishioners towards the funding of a new hall. The land surrounding the church was owned by the Kilfedder family who were willing to provide a site, and the one chosen was ideally located just to the west of the church. It was on this site where a large, modern hall was erected and opened after a dedication service held on 8th June 2007 by Right Revd Dr Michael G. St. A Jackson, Bishop of Clogher, and the then rector the Revd Alan Capper.

Over the years, various upgrades and repairs have been carried out, and by 1962 over a hundred years after construction, the select vestry approved a major renovation of the church including an electricity connection. Parishioners and friends of the parish gifted a large number of items of furniture, windows, baptismal font, choir stalls, pulpit and holy table. In October 1963 the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Alan Buchanan D.D. rededicated the church for worship. The church had a new roof replaced in 1995.

During the incumbency of the Revd Charles Maurice Stack, a parochial house for the perpetual use of the parish minister was erected close to the village of Lack, this was a gift from the Irvine family of Killadeas who were the land owners around Lack. In 1967 the select vestry decided to purchase the former police station in Lack village, and have it converted into a family home for the future use of the minister and his family. In July 1969 a dedication service was held at the new rectory conducted by Bishop Alan Buchanan of Clogher. The parish rector at that time was the Revd Robert A Johnston who went on to be the longest ever serving rector in the parish, being appointed in 1967 and remaining until his retirement in 1999.

Given the church's date of consecration was 16th June 1856 our special anniversary

service of thanksgiving was chosen as the 16th June. We look forward to welcoming former parishioners, former incumbents, diocesan readers, family, friends and neighbours to join us for this thanksgiving service.

Parish Mission

'Thy Word is Truth' mission from 7th – 13th October 2019, excluding Saturday, will welcome the speaker Rev William Anderson, formally Tullaniskan and Clonoe. Monday – Friday services at 8.00pm and Sunday evening 7.00pm. Sunday morning 11.30am with Jeff Gawn. This mission will incorporate our harvest weekend services with light refreshments in the hall each night. Please put the date in your dairy and plan to attend.

27th July 2019 Parish Barbecue

July-August Holiday Bible Club, Dates to be confirmed

Dates and times of church groups and activities

- Women's Fellowship 2nd Monday at 8.00pm
- Stitch and Chat Tuesdays at 7.30pm
- Young@Heart 3rd Wednesday at 10.30am
- Bible Fellowship Wednesdays at 8.00pm
- Bowling Club Thursdays at 8.00pm
- Junior CE Friday nights at 7.00pm – 8.15pm
- Youth group Friday nights at 8.30pm – 10.00pm

Please check weekly announcements for any changes or updates to the various groups/activities that meet regularly.

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Services

Sunday 12th May

10.30am Derryvullen North Family Morning Prayer

11.45am Castle Archdale Family Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism

7.00pm Castle Archdale M.U. Closing Service

Sunday 19th May

10.15am Castle Archdale Morning Prayer

11.30am Derryvullen North Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism

Sunday 26th May

10.15am Castle Archdale Morning Prayer

11.30am Derryvullen North Morning Prayer

Sunday 2nd June

10.15am Castle Archdale Holy Communion 2
11.30am Derryvullen North Holy Communion 2

Fashion Show

On Wednesday 20th March the Women's Group held a very well attended and successful Fashion Show in Derryvullen North Parish Hall. We wish to acknowledge the work put into the event by Leaders, Yvonne Campbell and Wendy Clarke, the Committee and all of the members. Fashions were by Klass (Lorraine Humes) and Tom Read and there were also several vintage pieces provided by Eva Baxter and Sharon McCleery. The models were Edith Humes, Sadie Parke, Tiffany Campbell, Claire Johnston, Yvonne Campbell, David Robinson, David McDowell, Paddy Miskimmin, Josiah Johnston and Paul Thompson. Those modelling the vintage fashions were Abbie Barrett, Alana Giles, Lisa Loane, Zoe Armstrong, Kaitlyn Clarke, Rosanna Campbell. They were joined by Greig Allan and Connor Tinneny who performed excellent dance routines. The Compère for the evening was Sandra Miskimmin. The event was in aid of Fermanagh Down Syndrome Support Group and the total raised on the evening was about £2,400.

Here is some information about the Fermanagh Affiliated Down's Syndrome Support Group (from the Group's information sheet and used with permission). The group meets in Enniskillen

at Fermanagh House, 8.00pm on the first Wednesday of each month (September to June, except January). Meetings are an opportunity to share ideas, experiences, information and support. The Group has been in existence for many years and is open to all people with Down's Syndrome in Co Fermanagh, their families and guardians. Various guest speakers attend meetings and in the past the Group have been pleased to host representatives from: Down's Syndrome Association, Special Olympics for Northern Ireland, Sperrin Lakeland Trust, Positive Futures, Reflexology, Citizens Advice Bureau, Social Services and Consultant Paediatrician. The Group organises outings throughout the year and all members and families are welcome to attend. Outings have included a Christmas Party, Pantomime, Tayto Park, Johnny Rocko's, Funtasia and Lisburn Leisureplex. There have also been other special activities organised for members – coached swimming lessons, drama classes, horse riding lessons. The aim of course is to see sons and daughters, sisters and brothers included in all aspects of society, either as individuals or with family and friends. Life with a child with Down's Syndrome is a new experience and we can help each other along the way. There is also a pre-school get together when new parent(s) can come along and meet up on the 1st Saturday of each month, September to June in a local soft play location and share our new experiences. <https://www.fermanaghdownsyndrome.org/>

The BB presenting the cheque to MS charity.



Taking part in the BB display.

downs-syndrome.org.uk/northern-ireland/ for information about contacting the local group and other information. The Group also has a facebook presence too.

Male Voice Choir Concert

A very successful concert with about 200 in the audience was held in Derryvullen North Parish Hall on Saturday 14th April. This was given by the Seven Towers Male Voice Choir which is based in Ballymena. This was part of their end of season weekend away for their members and for this concert they performed a wide range of secular and sacred music, both classical and modern. Their wide repertoire of pieces included choral items, instrumental pieces and recitals. At the time of submission of material for the magazine the final total is not yet known but the monies raised will go towards the finishing of the new Parish Centre. The refreshments at the interval were kindly provided by members of the Women's Group.

Mothering Sunday Service

At each of the Services – in Castle Archdale and Derryvullen North – the members of the Sunday School assisted with the liturgy. At Castle Archdale, the children presented flowers to all the ladies of the congregation and at Derryvullen North the children sang two songs and several told the congregation why they thought their mums were special.

Senior Citizens' Dinner

The dinner had been planned for an earlier date in the year but unfortunately had to be cancelled due to inclement weather but was able to take place on Tuesday 22nd March. Our thanks are due to Dr Margaret and her team of Visitors for organising the event and to Mr Norman Coalter and his staff team for all the wonderful catering. Thanks also to the two Select Vestries for their financial support of the occasion. A total of 68 people from Castle Archdale and Derryvullen North attended and enjoyed a great meal and good conversation together. At the end of the meal members of the Derryvullen North Choir performed and this was followed by singing of favourite hymns of the audience, led by Dr Margaret on the keyboard. The part the Choir played was unplanned but much appreciated as the other arrangements had unfortunately to be cancelled. A great evening with good friends!

Boys' Brigade Display

The annual display and presentation of prizes was held on Friday 22nd March and the Inspecting Officer for the evening was Stephen Allister. Unfortunately his wife, Mrs



The Seven Towers Male Voice Choir

Siobhan Allister, was unable to be present. At the special Sunday Lunch organised by the BB in February funds were raised for both the BB and Multiple Sclerosis – Siobhan is a volunteer with the MS Society and a member of the MI MS Council. She spoke at one of the Church Services in Derryvullen North about the work of the MS Society and also attended the Lunch. At that same Church Service, Mr Joe Graham, BB Captain also gave a presentation about the work of the BB. The Display included items performed by all the sections and this all kept the audience entertained and amazed.

Mothers' Union

The branch members met following the Lenten Night Prayer on Wednesday 27th March. Dr Margaret Knox, Enrolling Member presided and opened the meeting. The Rector then gave a talk on the subject of tea – he used audio visual material to explain the origin of the range of types of tea and then provided samples of tea for the members to taste. One was a Black tea from Darjeeling, one was an Oolong from China and the third was a Gunpowder tea also from China. He did point out that the Gunpowder name derived, not from anything questionable in the tea but from the shape of the leaves rolled into tight balls in the dried state.

Tuesday Club

The members of the Tuesday Club met for Holy Communion followed by enjoyable refreshments on 9th April. At the Holy Communion, the Rector was assisted by Mrs Eileen Cutler (Diocesan Pastoral Assistant, Derryvullen North) and by Miss Isobel Stewart (Diocesan Pastoral Assistant, Castle Archdale).

Faith and Friendship

This inter-Church group met for the April Meeting as usual in Mahon's Hotel, Irvinestown. The Scripture passage being studied was Matthew 26:36-46, recounting the time Jesus spent in the Garden of

Gethsemane just before his arrest. The May Meeting will take the form of an Area Meeting of Faith and Friendship Groups.

Palm Sunday Services

At each of the Services members of the Sunday School took part in the Services through readings, prayers and assisting with the distribution of the Palm Crosses. The Services followed the traditional format of the first having the Liturgy of the Palms recalling the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem followed by the Liturgy of the Passion which turned the focus of worship towards the ultimate purpose of Jesus' entry. Everyone received a Palm Cross to enable us to hold in mind the theme of this time of year. At Derryvullen North we were also pleased to welcome the members of the Seven Towers Male Voice Choir – they sang three pieces during the services and this was a lovely addition to the worship.

From the registers

Burial

11th April, Eveline Elizabeth Hughes (Derryvullen North)

15th April, Gordon Herbert Armstrong (Castle Archdale) burial of Ashes.



Taking part in the Fashion Show.

Derryvullen South and Garvary



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Photos from the afternoon tea event.

Services

Sunday 5th May, The Third Sunday of Easter

Garvary Parish Church 10.30am. A Celebration of Holy Communion
Derryvullen South Parish Church 12.00noon. A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 12th May, The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Derryvullen South Parish Church 10.30am. Morning Prayer

Garvary Parish Church 12.00noon. Morning Prayer

Sunday 19th May, The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Garvary Parish Church 10.30am. Morning Prayer
Derryvullen South Parish Church 12.00noon. A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 26th May, The Sixth Sunday of Easter



Mrs Winnie Irvine (centre) receiving a 50-year service certificate of the Mothers' Union with Freda Beacom and Revd Betty Thompson.



Derryvullen South Parish Church 10.30am. A Service of the Word
Garvary Parish Church 12.00noon. A Service of the Word

Sunday School Event

Thanks to everyone who supported the Board Games Event organised by Garvary Sunday School Leaders. This was a very enjoyable evening and our thanks to the leaders for organising this.

Mothering Sunday

The young people in both Derryvullen South Parish and Garvary Parish played a leading role in the services. Thanks to the Sunday School Leaders for their work in preparing the children for the service. At the conclusion of the service all ladies were presented with a pot plant and a little box of treats together with a book mark. In Garvary Parish Church it was a great occasion when Winnie Irvine was presented with a 50-year service certificate for membership of the

Mothers' Union. Well done! Thanks was also expressed to Diane and Wendy for their work in playing the organ over the past years.

Hippity Hoppity Easter Afternoon Tea Party

This took place on 14th April in Garvary Parish Church Hall from 2.30 - 5.30pm. A lot of work took place behind the scenes in preparation for this event. The afternoon tea prepared and served by the ladies was delicious. The craft corner was a very busy area of the hall with face painting and games and chocolate treats. All this took place in an atmosphere of fun and fellowship in the Church Hall with lots of Easter displays of bunnies, garlands and flowers. Well done to everyone for their tremendous effort. The proceeds will go towards the organ fund.

Mothers' Union

The Area Service will be held on the 10th

May. Further details will be available in the Pew News.

General Easter Vestry

Monday 29th April, in Derryvullen Parish Church Hall at 8.00 pm
Thursday 9th May in Garvary Parish Church Hall at 8.00 pm

Bereavements

Over the past three weeks parishioners from both Derryvullen South Parish and Garvary Parish have suffered a bereavement. We offer them our prayerful support and deepest sympathy at this time.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick at home or in hospital and those awaiting surgery. At this time of the year young people are preparing for Exams. We wish them well and God's blessing.

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Services

Sunday 5th May

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

Sunday 12th May

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

Sunday 19th May

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church
7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish

Sunday 26th May

10.00am Family Service, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Family Service, Devenish Parish Church
7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

Burial

8th April 2019 Howard Cathcart, Scandally, Derrygonnelly
The Funeral service in Devenish Parish Church was conducted by the Revd Sampson Ajuka. Readings and tributes were made by Joan Cathcart, Rhonda Wright and Geoffrey Cathcart. Burial was in the adjoining Graveyard.

The whole community was shocked by Howard's sudden death. Howard devoted his life to his family and farming and will be sorely missed by his family, the parish and the wider community.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Howard's wife Joan, sons Geoffrey, Ross, Charles and Luke, daughter Rhonda, sisters Gladys, Pearl and Linda and the wider family circle.

Holy Baptisms in Devenish Parish Church

■ Sunday 7th April 2014 Jessica Ann Connor, daughter of Richard and Michelle Connor. We wish God's blessing on Jessica and her parents Richard and Michelle.

■ Sunday 14th April 2014 Brayden Alexander Eames, son of Peter and Vicky Eames. We wish God's blessing on Brayden and his parents Peter and Vicky.

Mothers' Union

On Tuesday 19th March we held a bring and buy sale, to raise money for branch funds, which was very well supported. This was followed by a short business meeting when members were asked to note the following dates in their diary – Friday 10th May at 8 pm - Area Service in Rossorry Parish Church and Wednesday 5th June from 3 pm – 5 pm - Indoor Members Tea Party in Maguiresbridge Parish Hall.

MU Make a Mother's Day Appeal

As in previous years, the loose collection on Mothering Sunday will go towards the Mothers' Union Make a Mother's Day Appeal.

Parish Outing

The Parish Outing will take place on Saturday 1st June to the National Museum of Ireland of Country Life, Castlebar. If you would like to join us please put your name on the sheet in Devenish Parish Church or contact Georgina (028 68641361).

Good Wishes

We extend our good wishes and God's Blessing to our neighbouring Rector, Chancellor David Skuce as he leaves Inishmacsaint Parish to become Rector of the Dunfanaghy Group of Parishes.

Donacavey and Barr



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Services in May

Sunday, 5th May 2019 The Third Sunday of Easter

Barr: 10:00am Holy Communion

Donacavey 11:30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 12th May 2019 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Barr: 10:00am Morning Prayer

Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer

Sunday, 19th May 2019 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Barr: 10:00am Morning Prayer

Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer

Sunday, 26th May 2019 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Barr: 10:00am Service of the word

Donacavey 11:30am Service of the Word

Easter General Vestry meetings

Donacavey - Tuesday 7th May at 8:00pm in the hall.

Barr - Wednesday 15th May at 8:00pm in church.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Augharonan Pipe band on winning best band in the St Patrick's Day parade in Sligo



The Augharonan pipe band champions

GFS

GFS has now finished until September and we had a special treat on our last evening with the visit of Mary's Ark. This is a mobile micro zoo that travels around giving people the opportunity to experience up close and personal a world of special animals. The children and adults thoroughly enjoyed the various reptiles, snakes, spiders, goats, pigs, ducklings, chicks, millipedes and many more beautiful creatures. Judging by the pictures it proved to be a memorable evening.

Rallying champion

The need for speed! Aaron Johnston from Donacavey Parish has shown he has got what it takes at the very top of rally driving. Aaron co-pilots for Oliver Solberg, son of the famous rally champion Petter Solberg, in the Volkswagen Polo GTI R5. He also has a drive with Subaru in America. Aaron, who grew up in a rally loving family, has lots of experience in the rallying world. Having learned from his father, Ian, in the amateur rallying scene he went on to podium finishes in the Irish Tarmac and Irish Forestry Championships, as well as gaining international experience in Estonia and France. Aaron has also co-

piloted in an amazing range of vehicles, from historic Minis to group A and even WRC machinery.

Barbecue

The church barbecue will be held on Saturday May 11th at 7:00pm. We look forward to a good turn out again this year to our barbecue. Last year we were blessed with a lovely evening of sunshine and delicious food. If you are free then come along and join us.



GFS members enjoying the visit of Mary's Ark.



Aaron Johnston celebrating with his rallying team mate Oliver Solberg.



Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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The Power of Words

Dear Friend, in May we as a church continue to celebrate the season of Easter. Do you ever think upon the impact of words on our lives? Words that hurt us 'You will never be'; 'You are hopeless'; 'Why are you not like your...?' Words and yet they can mean so much. 'I love you'; 'You are blessed'. Mark's Gospel is the shortest Gospel, so the words it uses are few but significant. Mark 15:24 - three words 'they crucified him.' We can read these words quickly and not fully take in what they meant for Jesus - the physical torture which had led to this point, the scourging, the spitting, the nails placed in his hands, the crown of thorns in his head. Three words and yet they mean so much for with them Jesus says 'I love you.' They crucified him so that you and I can know forgiveness. He will say three words, 'You are forgiven'.

Another three words 'He has risen' (Mark 16:6). These three words are full of meaning for with them we know that Jesus is alive! When the women went to the tomb on that first day of the week to anoint Jesus' body with spices, they discovered the tomb was empty! They are told, 'don't be alarmed, you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen. He is not here.' Imagine the excitement which these words must have caused. Jesus, whom they had known was placed in the tomb, was alive! The reality of these words would sink in over the next number of days as they met with him and spoke to him.

Three words 'He has risen' - the hope of our faith today! He is not buried in a tomb, we do not worship a dead 'god', we worship a living Saviour! We worship one who is so alive that he is seated at the right hand of the Father where he ever lives to intercede for us. Three words which are the foundation of the church. "He has risen" and "we worship



Him!" Three words 'he has risen' mean three words 'we are blessed.'

Three final words I want you to think upon 'stop doubting, believe' (John 20:27). These were words which Jesus spoke to Thomas after He rose from the grave. The other disciples had seen Jesus but Thomas had not been there so he was doubting that Jesus had actually risen. When Jesus however appeared to Thomas he asked him to put his finger in Jesus' hands and his hand into his side. He urged Thomas to stop doubting and rather believe.

Thomas had the physical evidence that Jesus was alive right there in front of him; we don't have that same physical evidence but Jesus none the less wants us to believe in Him. It is fine to have questions like Thomas had, but we need to reach the time when we stop doubting and believe. When we do that, God calls us with three words 'taste and see' that He is good (Psalm 34:8). Come to Him and He will say three words "You are forgiven". May you know the peace of God as we continue to celebrate the season of Easter in May!

Services in May

Sunday, 5th May 2019 – The Third Sunday of Easter

10.30 am: Donagh Parish Church: A

Celebration of Holy Communion

12.00 noon: Tyholland Parish Church: A

Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, 12th May 2019 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Errigal Truagh: A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, 19th May 2019 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Tyholland Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday, 26th May 2019 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Errigal Truagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Girls' Brigade

Captain Margaret Dudgeon welcomed all to the Annual Display and Prize-giving Evening on Friday 22nd March. Revd. Lorraine Capper, the Company's Chaplain, opened the meeting with prayer. The Company led us in singing "Light to the World" and then we all joined in with "This little Light of Mine". The girls of the Glaslough Company provided a very varied programme for the evening to a packed church hall. The young Explorers led us in prayer as well as poetry and skipping. In fact, skipping was also performed by the Seniors and Juniors. There was a high-standard of drama with much fun and amusement from the hilarious and well-presented sketches from the Juniors, Seniors and the Brigaders. The girls also showed us all their talented drill skills.

At the end of the very well-delivered display prizes were distributed to all the girls. Congratulations to all the girls who received their Brigader Brooches. Two were from Donagh Parish, namely Amy Berry and Jennifer Taylor. As a token of the esteem the Brigaders made a presentation to Captain Margaret. Sophie Breakey received the Iris Wilson Shield this year for her outstanding contribution to the company and for her willingness to help others. Sophie had been an excellent example of the Girls' Brigade motto: "Serve, Seek, Follow."

Captain Margaret thanked her great team of leaders: Alison, Anne, Catherine, Di-ane, Lyn, Lynne and Rachel. These faithful leaders are to be praised for the huge commitment they make in preparing and delivering a very varied programme for the girls. She also thanked all the parents for their support over the past year and for helping out on the rota when needed. She thanked the girls for their enthusiasm throughout.

Rev. Lorraine also added her thanks to Captain Margaret Dudgeon and her wonderful team of leaders. She noted that from experience displays do not just happen and there has been a lot of hard work going on



Winners of the Brigader's Brooch.



Winner of the Iris Wilson Shield

behind the scenes. Revd. Lorraine said over the past year she had enjoyed visiting with the Company to deliver a programme for the Brigader's Scripture Badge. She also was witness to the great talents and skills of the girls: from crafts such as patchwork, to Sumba dancing as well as singing. She thanked Richard Dudgeon for the great job in operating the sound system. Revd. Lorraine said grace before everyone enjoyed a welcome cup of tea and some delicious traybakes.

Mothing Sunday

The Junior Choir sang: "Don't Forget To Tell Your mum You Love Her". At this special service which honoured mothers and mother figures in our lives, a beautiful rose was given to each lady by the children from the Sunday School.

Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

We had a Palm Sunday Parade with a large gathering on children with their parents making the journey through the village of Glaslough into the grounds of Castle Leslie and on to St. Salvator's Church. It was a very cold morning and we walked, led by Matthew Atkinson who played the part of Jesus, waving our palm branches. We processed into the church singing: "Ride on Ride on in Majesty". The Junior Choir under the leadership of Mrs. Ethne McCord sang "Ho, Ho, Ho, Hosanna."

On Maundy Thursday we met in Donagh Parish Church for a Group Service celebrating Holy Communion together. The Choir sang an introit: "Jesus Dear Lord Be with us Now"; and during administration of Holy Communion they sang two apt pieces: "Jesus Remember Me" and "Lead Me Lord." They also sang a piece reminding us of our journey to the cross: "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross". The service concluded with the choir singing the blessing "May God's Blessing Surround You Tonight". Good Friday was a very reflective service with readings and music centred on Christ's journey to the cross. Thanks to all

the readers: Sophie Breakey, Margaret Dudgeon, Eileen Fielding, Gwen Stevenson, Jennifer Taylor, Marina Waller and Revd. Lorraine.

Annual General Easter Vestry

The Annual General Easter Vestry for Donagh Parish was held on Tuesday 2nd April and for Tyholland and Errigal on Monday 1st April. Revd. Lorraine welcomed all to the Rectory. We wish all who have the privilege of serving on vestries God's richest blessing as they serve God in their various roles.

Mothers' Union

Revd. Lorraine Capper was the speaker at our closing service at Tyholland Parish Church, on Wednesday 17th April. She thanked Lynne McBride for playing the keyboards at this service. Thanks to the Mothers' Union for donating some toy-boxes for young children to play with during church services. Mrs. Edna Taylor kindly purchased the toys and presented them beautifully in lovely boxes.

Confirmation

The Revd. Lorraine invites all confirmation candidates (together with their parents/ guardians) who wish to be confirmed in November to the Rectory on Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 6.30pm. We look forward to Bishop John being with us on Sunday 3rd November at 10.30am to conduct our Confirmation Service in St. Salvator's, Donagh.

Dates for Your Diary

- We plan a joint 'Fun Night' for all three parishes on Friday 28th June at 7.00pm at the Church Hall in Glaslough. Do plan to come along and be part of this evening.
- Children's Day will be held on Sunday 30th June at 10.30am in St. Salvator's Church, Donagh. This will be a Group Family Service. We look forward to the Sunday School participating in this service and wish them well as they prepare.

Congratulations

Well-deserved praise was offered to Alexandra Kendrick by Revd. Lorraine and the congregation of Donagh on her medal she received in Co. Cork. Her stage school, 'Born to Perform', won the All Ireland Variety Contest in Trabolgan.



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How much are you willing to sacrifice for the sake of love?

Cyrus the Great was the founder of the Persian Empire which flourished 500 years before the birth of Christ. It was Cyrus who released the Jews from their Babylonian exile and contributed to the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem. His wisdom, justice and compassion are the stuff of legend. One story concerns a prince and his family that were captured by Cyrus' soldiers. The prince and his family was brought to Cyrus in chains and the emperor asked the prisoner, "What will you give me if I release you?" "Half of my wealth," replied the prince. "And if I release your children?" "All of my wealth and possessions." "And if I release your wife?" "Your majesty, I would give you myself."

Cyrus was so moved by the prince's devotion and love that he freed the entire family. As they journeyed home, the prince commented to his wife, "Wasn't Cyrus a handsome man?" But his wife only looked at her husband with great love in her eyes, "I did not notice," she said, "I could only keep my eyes upon you, the one who was willing to give himself for me."

(<https://deaconlawrence.org/index.php/2018/02/25/3366/>)



Auction in aid of our Fields of Life Project, 23rd May at 7.30pm

There will be an auction in Holy Trinity Church Hall on Thursday 23rd May at



Attending one of the parish events.

7.30pm, in aid of our Fields of Life Project. Our congregation has been involved for over 10 years in helping primary schools in Uganda through 'Fields of Life'. We hope to send a team in July to Kigina Dignity Primary School in Rukungiri District to help to build a 50-bed dormitory for girls as part of the 'I AM GIRL' programme. This team will also, as with the two teams in the past, be involved in teaching children more about the love of God, through Bible stories and practical lessons such as 'making reusable sanitary pads', 'importance of handwashing', etc. Thanks to all in Dromore and beyond who have already supported us in this.

Annual Barbecue, Saturday 25th May at 7.00pm

Tickets are available for our annual barbecue on Saturday 25th May, from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. The proceeds from the barbecue will be going to support the Senior's Christmas Meal as well as our Scripture Union E3 School Worker for the Omagh/Castleterg Area, Sarah Stockdale. Come along and hear a short presentation of the great work that Sarah is doing as well as helping to support her work financially and have food, fun and fellowship at the same time.

Praise and Ministry Service, 26th May and 7.30pm

This all-age service (normally on the 4th 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



Sarah Stockdale SU E3 Schools worker.

blessed with and grow in your passion for God, His Word and His Works. There will be tea and coffee afterwards.

Keeping up to date

There are a number of ways that you can keep up to date with everything that is going on in the parish:

- Visit our website www.holytrinitydromore.org
- Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook
- Follow us on Twitter @HTDromore.
- Get a recording of the service on CD every week
- <http://holytrinitydromore.sermon.net> (to download and listen to sermons)

Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne



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As I mentioned last month the interval between putting pen to paper and the diocesan magazine being published leads to something of a disconnection. I am writing these words two days before Palm Sunday and when you read them Easter will have come and gone.

I hope that you were able to join us for the special services that we will hold in Holy Week and I trust that they focussed your thinking at this time of year toward God's great love for you and for me which meant that he was willing to send his Son to die on the Cross so that we could have hope for eternity.

I would suggest that this is something that we need to focus on throughout the year and not just at Easter. We are I am sure looking forward to the summer and the opportunity that it offers us to have a rest and take a break away.

Sadly many people view this as being a time when church attendance is no longer necessary with the result that on the first Sunday after Sunday school ends our numbers will drop by at least 50%.

I am sure that I am repeating words that I wrote last year when I say that church does not stop just because the weather is better and Sunday school takes a break.

I would encourage you to continue to attend church whether at home or elsewhere if you are away on holiday. I would suggest that spending an hour a week praising God and listening to his word is not that much of an ask.

God's love for us is not something that we should just remember at Easter but is something that we should remember all year long. God loves me surprising as that may seem and he loves each and every person who reads these words as well. All we have to do to claim the prize is to believe that Jesus death on the Cross paid the price for our sin and to trust in that for our salvation. As we read in Romans, if you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord,"

and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. As we look forward I would like to use some words from my sermon last Sunday. Paul goes on to show us something of our future here on earth.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Paul's goal was to know Christ and he acknowledges in these words that he has not reached the finish line. Yet he does not give up and instead he focusses his eyes on the prize that faith can bring all the time forgetting that which is behind him.

I also referred to Psalm 51 and said this, God doesn't simply forgive our sins instead it is as if they never happened.

God not only forgives us but he also forgets what we have done and he will never hold our sins against us. We need to remember that whenever we feel guilty about a past event.

When we find ourselves cringing we need to remember these words and be happy

knowing that God has not only forgiven us but that he has wiped the slate clean as well.

I would suggest that both these passages and the thoughts that arise from them show us God's love and what it means for us both in this life and in the next.

I would also suggest that the only response that we can make is summed up in these words from the Westminster shorter catechism; man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

We do that best when we meet together to worship and to praise God as his church in the place we find ourselves occupying at a particular time.

May 2019

Sunday 5 May

10.00 Morning Prayer Templecarne,

11.30 Morning Prayer Tubrid

Sunday 12 May

10.00 Holy Communion Muckross,

11.30 Holy Communion Tubrid

Sunday 19 May

10.00 Holy Communion Templecarne,

11.30 Morning Prayer Tubrid

Sunday 26 May

10.00 Morning Prayer Muckross,

11.30 Holy Communion Tubrid



Templecarne Church.

Ematrix with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

Pastoral Cover:

Mr Walter Pringle, assisted by Canon Charles McCollum.

Archdeacon Brian Harper or Canon Ian Berry are in charge.

Mothers' Day Flower Demonstration

What an evening it turned out to be! The crowds came filling Rockcorry School hall to capacity. Monaghan Flower and Garden Club kept everyone interested and entertained with their wonderful floral arrangements. And that was not all- an auction, raffle and tea was to follow.

The total proceeds from the evening came to €4750 which is indicative of the amount of work that went on behind the scenes. The Parent/ Teacher Association, Board members and staff of Rockcorry School would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all who helped to bring about this wonderful result. Names are too numerous to mention.

Mothers' Union

Mr. Abraham Storey made a welcome return to the parish during the month albeit in a different capacity. We were also delighted to have Revd David Skuce along to assist Abraham. This time they were the guests of the Mothers' Union at their March meeting in Aghabog where their very informative and interesting talk on a visit to the Holy Land was well received by a good turnout of members.

A lovely tea afterwards was had by all.

Congratulations

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Revd Neal Phair, currently Rector of Ballybay Group on his appointment to the parish of Swords and Donabate in Dublin Diocese. The institution takes place on 1st May.

Vintage Tea and Cake Sale

This annual event will take place in the Sexton's House, Rockcorry, on Saturday, 1st June, 3 pm -5pm. All welcome.

Special visit from Milo The Gospel Dog

On Sunday 2nd June we would love you



to join us in Rockcorry School at 11am for a visit from Milo the Gospel dog where he will deliver the Gospel message.

There will be refreshments afterwards. Everyone welcome.

Personal

We remember in our prayers all who are ill at home, in hospital and nursing homes and all who care for them. We also remember the bereaved.

All Ireland Primary School Table Tennis

Well done to the boys' table tennis team who took part in the Ulster Table Tennis Tournament in Monaghan Collegiate School and came home with bronze medals. Congratulations Adam Harrison, Alastair Wilkin, Joel Wilkin and James Brown! The individuals table tennis competitions took place in Dungannon, where the four boys won participating medals, Ruby Wilkin won a gold medal and James Fannin won a silver medal in their age category. They all did very well and did the school proud.

Well done again to Adam Harrison and James Brown for their performance in Lisburn. Adam got to the quarter finals in the main event and James got to the quarter finals in the consolation round in the under twelves. Congratulations all round.

Aughnamullen

We continue to remember in our prayers to those who have been bereaved and those who are unwell.

Coffee Morning

Our annual coffee morning has been arranged for Saturday 18th May from 11am to 1pm in the School house with cake sale and other stalls. All are welcome.

Fundraising event

A Choral Gospel concert takes place on Sunday 12th May at 7pm in Christ Church Aughnamullen with choirs from Rockcorry National School, Ballybay Community choir, Ballybay Presbyterian church choir, Donagh Community choir and Cantenus Female choir from Carrickmacross, also soloists Joanne Lynch and Michael Lawson from Newbliss. Compere on the evening is Mr Walter Pringle. All are welcome to this event.

Aghabog

Co Monaghan Grand Orange Lodge are having their annual parade service in Aghabog Church on Sunday 12th May at 3.30 pm.

There will be a Walking Treasure Hunt at Drumman Hall on Saturday 18th May at 6pm followed by barbecue afterwards, all are welcome.

The annual group barbecue will be held in Aghabog hall on Saturday 17th August. Further details at a later date.

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Services

Thursday 2nd May

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 5th May: The Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion

7.00pm - Evening Prayer

Thursday 9th May: Ascension Day

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 12th May: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

11.00am - Morning Prayer

3.30pm – Annual Scouting Service

7.00pm - Evening Prayer

Thursday 16th May

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 19th May: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Family Service and Presentation
of Sunday School Gifts

7.00pm – The Rite of Confirmation and Holy
Communion



The Dean and Curate leading the parade on Palm Sunday.

Thursday 23rd May

11.00am – Holy Communion

1.05pm – Healing Service

Saturday 25th May

12.30pm – St Lucia Day Service

Sunday 26th May: The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Morning Prayer

3.00pm – Memorial Orange Service

Thursday 30th May: Ascension Day

11.00am – Holy Communion

Holy Baptism

21st April - James-Alexander Anthony Moran

Christian Burial

15th April - John Thomas Wood,
Lower Celtic Park, Enniskillen.

Burial of Ashes

12th April - Herbert Oscar Eric (Herby) Follis,
19 Lakeview Park, Enniskillen.

Choir Concert

St Macartin's Cathedral Choir treated those in attendance to a most enjoyable evening of entertainment on 29th March in the Cathedral Hall. Choir Master, Glenn Moore was comper introducing recitations, comedy sketches and musical pieces. Jayne Malcolmson, Assistant Director of Music performed and also conducted. All Choir members took part proving they are a many talented lot.

Palm Sunday

Church members processed to Church with the clergy on Sunday 14th April waving palm



The Cathedral Choir at their special evening.



The Choir parading on Palm Sunday.

branches marking the beginning of Holy Week and to commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Messy Church

We are back on Thursday 23rd May at the normal time 2.00-4.00 pm for an afternoon of Summer Fun! Join us then! Please note the change of date in May – this month it is on the fourth Thursday of the month to avoid a clash with General Synod.

Confirmation

This is the big month! After months of preparation, our 16 confirmation candidates are nearly there. We have learned about baptism and confirmation, the Church of Ireland, the feasts and seasons of the church year, the content of the Apostles' Creed, and what Holy Communion is. We have compiled a portfolio that we can show to the Bishop, as evidence of our preparation for confirmation this month.

Well done to all our young people for your participation, and to parents, grandparents and other sponsors for all your commitment in bringing them.

There will be a pre-Confirmation service on Sunday 12th May at 7 pm. Immediately after this service, there will be a rehearsal of the confirmation service. It is essential that all our candidates attend.

The Service of Confirmation will take place on Sunday 19th May at 7 pm in St Macartin's Cathedral, with the rite performed by Right Reverend John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher. This is a joyous day in the life of the Cathedral, and all parishioners are invited to witness this important new step along the journey of faith in the lives of our young people.

Xplore

We recently used some grant funding to purchase a Smart TV and sound bar. This impressive 55-inch screen TV will make youth work much easier, giving access to online and other audio-visual material. As well as presenting information using YouTube videos, podcasts and the like, it is an important part of youth work today to help young people navigate social media and popular culture in an informed and responsible way. We hope that this new equipment will help us do just that.

On Monday 13th May, from 7.00-9.30 pm, we would like to hold a Gala Premiere. Young people in Years 8-12 are invited to the official launch of the new TV. There will be food and entertainment. The dress code

is 'Glitzy & Glamorous'!

Check out Instagram for more details: xplore_youth_group

Adult Confirmation

Any adults, who are not already confirmed, and would like to be confirmed please contact the clergy or the Parish Office and a member of the Clergy will contact you.

A service to confirm adults will take place in the Portora Chapel of Enniskillen Royal Grammar School on Ascension Thursday (30th May) at 7.30pm. Adults throughout the Diocese are welcome to be confirmed at this service – please contact your Rector for details.

Mothers' Union

Branch Leader Stephanie opened the April meeting on Monday 8th in the Enniskillen Room welcoming visitors and friends to Visitors' Night. The Dean followed with a reading and prayers. Our speaker was Rodney Connor representing Air Ambulance who give an interesting and informative talk on the work and huge cost of sustaining this great service. Air Ambulance NI in partnership with the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service provides the Helicopter Emergency Medical Service for the region. The doctor and paramedic team fly to traumatic medical incidents, ready to perform emergency procedures both at the scene and in the air while transferring patients to hospital. This service that may save your life or a member of your family needs your support. After a delicious supper the meeting closed with the Mothers' Union prayer. We meet again on Monday May 13th for an evening out in Killyhevlin Hotel.

Dates for your diary: Area Service - Rossorry Parish Church on



Palm Sunday

Friday May 10th.

Spring Council Meeting - St Macartin's Cathedral Thursday May 23rd at 7.30pm with a bring and buy sale at 7.00pm.

Tuesday Club

Tuesday Club members met in the Enniskeen Room for their meeting in March. The Dean opened with a scripture reading and prayer. Jack Spratt and Norma Ferguson then introduced the members to Bocca, a ball sport belonging to the Bowls family, and explained the rules. A most enjoyable and competitive afternoon followed. Eleanor asked that all those bereaved or in hospital be remembered in prayers. Suggestions for the outing on 28th May were discussed and have yet to be finalised. Afternoon tea brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

Bowling Club

St Macartin's Mixed Pairs were held on the 18 - 21 March 2019 with an entry of 91 pairs. The final were held on Thursday 21 March with eight pairs returning. After supper Gerry Vennard, Club Chairman thanked all clubs for supporting the tournament and all club members for their help all week.

The final was between James and Rosemary McAnenly who played Sarah Mavitty and Stuart Cochrane and the winners were Sarah and Stuart.

Dean Hall presented the prizes.

Special thanks to Scott's Fuels for sponsoring the prizes.

Mens Life

The next meeting is on Thursday 9th May at 7.30pm in the Enniskeen Room.



The Dean with the Bowling Club winners.

Rev Paul Thompson, Rector of Derryvullan North will speak on his life and work as a Prison Chaplain before becoming a Rector in Clogher Diocese. He has previously preached at our Harvest Service and was a guest speaker at the Mothers' Union, where he proved to be very popular with a very interesting life story! Men of all ages are welcome.

Do come along and hear for yourself!

Prayer

Heavenly Father, by water and the Holy Spirit you give your faithful people new life: Guide and strengthen us by that same Spirit that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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Mothers' Union

The April meeting, attended by 20 members, followed the Lenten Service. The Southern Area Service is being held in Clontibret Church on 3 May at 8pm. The Northern Area Service is in Clogher Cathedral on 10 May. Twelve members will attend and Heather Kirkpatrick has agreed to carry the banner. The Missionary money will be presented by Sheila Burke. Prayer Time is being held in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall Enniskillen on 30 April from 6.30pm - 7.15pm. The All - Ireland Holy Communion Service, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin is on 2 May at 11.15am. Canon Hanlon has now the final print of the Baptismal Roll which will be framed and

presented as a gift at the 90th Anniversary Service on 24 November. Members were pleased with the final print. An invitation was received from Fivemiletown W.I. to their Visitor Night on 7 May in the British Legion Hall - Speaker Ashley Hurst 'A Story to tell', and also to their Afternoon Tea in British Legion Hall on 8 May in aid of Cancer Research. Arrangements were made for Visitor's Night on 8 May when the speaker will be Elaine Johnston - Podiatrist. Her topic will be 'Beautiful Feet'. Plans were also made for a meal in Aughnacloy Golf Club on 15 May. The meeting closed with the Grace.



Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully

Vacant

Pastoral Care provided by
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Archdeacon Brian Harper or Canon Ian Berry are in charge

Service Times

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

Sunday School Times

Drummully: 9:00-10:00am in Drummully Church
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).

Thank you from Revd Anita

Dear Wardens, Select Vestries and Parishioners of Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully. Thank you so much for your kind and generous gifts. I shall treasure them along with my memories of our ministry together. Blessings – Rev Anita. “May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with you all.” 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Journey with Me by Siobhan Kerr

I graduated in July 2018 from Queens University Belfast in Medicinal Chemistry. Prior to returning to university in September 2019 to study medicine, I got the opportunity to go out under USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel) to walk with, learn from and help our brothers and sisters in Tanzania.



The Churchwardens with Revd Anita and Charles Crawford.

At the start of September 2018, I embarked on a 5-month placement to work in the Designated District Hospital, Muheza, Tanzania. Muheza is a town on the coastline of Tanzania, five degrees south of the equator which means it is very hot and humid. The average hourly wage is 52p per hour and jobs are in cleaning, laundry and cooking. The most important word in the culture is ‘Karibu’ which means ‘You are welcome’.

During this placement I divided my time between the hospital pharmacy (two days) and laboratory (three days). It was an amazing life changing experience and had its challenges. The diseases we were

working with have faded from our UK headlines: malaria, typhoid, tuberculosis, leprosy and the HIV epidemic to name a few. In the pharmacy my role was more administrative (drug lists, order forms, requisitions and reorganization) and in the lab it was more hands on. I conducted blood tests for typhoid, HIV, Hepatitis B and C, H. Pylori (water borne infection that leads to stomach ulcers and cancer). I absolutely loved it!

In this part of the world, water is both precious and dangerous. Death from disease is common, on average two deaths per week from malaria. Faith is fundamental to life, there is no such thing as an atheist.



Siobhan walking into Designated District Hospital.



Siobhan in the laboratory in Tanzania.



Siobhan on the Dalla Dalla (local bus).

Whether Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Jew or Sikh, God is with them. God's blessing is sought in prayer before every meal, journey and new day. The ladies who looked after me were called Catharine and Julliette, they washed and cooked for me, scolded me and gave me advice on marriage, they were my 'African Mammams'. We all cried when I left for home.

I was extremely well looked after by the medical superintendent, Dr Aubrey; the Lab Manager, Neema and Pharmacist, Hijja. I keep in touch and they were very excited when I sent them pictures of the snow!

Thank you so much for your support, financial, prayerful and emotional. I could not have done it without you! It was an enormous privilege to live and work with the Tanzanian people, I look forward to returning when I am qualified to work alongside them again. And they're looking forward to having me!

Mothering Sunday

Mr Kenny Rutledge led a Group service in Sallaghy Church on Mothering Sunday. The combined Sunday Schools sang "Thank you Lord, for marvellous mums". The loose

offering went to the Mothers' Unions "Mums in May" project. At the end of the service, the children presented all the ladies present with a small potted plant and a bookmark.

Galloon

Organ Tuition

On Saturday 1st June, Organ Galloon will be hosting organ tuition with NykkÖ-Mickaël Grégoire. This is open to anyone from the Diocese, all ages and all levels. NykkÖ's enthusiastic professional teaching will provide great encouragement whether you are a new organist or longstanding organist. Anyone who wishes to book a lesson, please contact Mrs Grace Rickey 07779010723

Special Service of Music

On Sunday 2nd June there will be a special service in Galloon Parish Church at 3.00pm with guest organists, hymn singing and a recital from NykkÖ-Mickaël Grégoire. The service will be conducted by Dean Ferguson and please note that there will be no service at 12 noon on this date. This is a wonderful opportunity to come along, sing well known hymns and hear a professional recital on our new Lewis Organ.

Sallaghy

Mothers' Union

At the March meeting, Rebekah Clingan spoke to members about her year aboard when she was working as a boarding tutor in Dilworth School in Auckland, New Zealand. Dilworth School is an all-boys



Rebekah Clingan with Noreen Little and Beulah Whittendale (Branch Leader).

boarding school of 640 pupils spread across three campuses and its founder was from Dungannon. As well as working in a boarding house with eight and nine-year-olds, Rebekah worked as a hockey coach, provided classroom support for the teachers and clerical support for the vice-principal. In May the Mothers' Union members are encouraged to attend the Southern Area Service on Friday 3rd May and the Spring Council which will be held on Thursday 23rd May.

Dance

A Parish Dance was held on Friday 22nd March 2019 in the Church Hall. Music was by Robert Brown with £550 being raised for church Funds. Thanks to Wray Whittendale for his organisation of this event and all those who supported it in any way.

Bowling Club

Sallaghy Bowling Club's season came to an end in March with the last two club competitions taking place, the pairs and the singles competitions. Two good nights of bowling were enjoyed by all the members taking part with some very close games resulting in two very exciting finals. Coming out tops on the pairs night to win the Mothers' Union Cup were Brian McWilliams and Dessie Kettle who were in unbeatable form and worthy winners of the cup. The singles competition was equally

exciting with the winning pair from the previous competition facing each other in the final. However, the jack hugging bowls of Brian McWilliams prevailed over those of Dessie Kettle and allowed Brian to get both hands on the Morrison Cup. Well done to our winners and to all who took part. A little supper was enjoyed after each competition and our thanks to Vera Fiddis for arranging this. We all look forward to our next bowling season which starts in September and would invite anyone who hasn't tried their hand at bowls or who would like to join us for a good night of fun and fellowship to come along any Tuesday night to the church hall where you will be most welcome.

Annual Easter Vestry

The Annual Easter Vestry meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st May at 8.00pm in the Church Hall.

Drummully

Guest Tea

Everyone is welcome to join us for a special guest tea in our Church Hall on Friday 24th May. Supper is served at 8.30pm followed by entertainment.

Car Boot Sales

We will be running two car boot sales this summer. The first one is on the 8th

June with our usual strawberry teas. The second will be on the 27th July. Cars and small vans are €10 and large vans €15. Gates open at 8.00am. Teas served from 9.30am. Everyone welcome. Contact Hazel Robinson for details or to book in your stall. Phone number 02867738256

Easter Vestry

The Annual Easter vestry meeting was held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019. The following appointments were made: Rector's Churchwarden: William Armstrong; People's Churchwarden: Eileen Hall (Honorary Secretary). Rector's Glebwarden: Brian Robinson. Peoples Glebwarden: George Moore.

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

175th Anniversary of Drummully Church

It's 175 years since the parish's foundation and we are planning a special service later on in the year. This is a great milestone for our parish and we look forward to celebrating it. Details to follow in the coming months



John Fleming presents the Morrison Cup to Brian McWilliams.



John Fleming presents the Mothers' Union Cup to Brian McWilliams and Desmond Kettle.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Services

Sunday 12th May

Kiltyclogher 10am HC

Belleek 11.30am HC

Sunday 19th May

Garrison 10am MP&FS

Slavin 11.30am MP&FS

Sunday 26th May

Kiltyclogher MP

Belleek MP

Sunday 2nd June

Garrison 10am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

Easter Vestry Meetings

The Select Vestries for Slavin & Belleek had their annual Easter Vestry meetings and elected a new Select Vestry as follows:-

Slavin

Rector's Churchwarden - Robert Ovens

People's Churchwarden - Tom Ovens

Rector's Glebewarden - George McBride

People's Glebewarden - Robert Earls

Secretary- Florence Earls

Treasurer- Elizabeth Ovens

Belleek

Rector's Churchwarden - Rachel Love

People's Churchwarden - Robert Johnston

Jnr

Rector's Glebewarden - James Pye

People's Glebewarden - Robert Johnston

Snr

Secretary - Helen Thompson

Treasurer - Lorraine Boyd

Holy Baptism

Mia Louise McCordick, baby daughter of Evan and Ciara was baptised in Garrison Parish church on St Patrick's Day, 17th March 2019.

God's richest blessings to their little girl.



Sunday School children with teachers and Revd Ngozi.

Christian Burial

Muriel Johnston sadly passed away on holidays in Lanzarote with her family on 8th March. Her funeral service was on Sunday 17th March in Belleek Parish Church conducted by the Rector, Revd Ngozi. She was laid to rest in the adjoining churchyard. One of her grandsons Alex read a lesson and another grandson Sam read the poem, "Footprints". Muriel's son James gave the eulogy, describing the wonderful mother (Mam) that she was to all the family. Rev Ngozi said that the outstanding detail she had learned about Muriel was that she always had class. She was a devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother, sister-in-law, mother-in-law, and good friend to so many. Our prayers and sympathy to her husband Jim, sons James and Robert, daughters Adel, Helen and Linda, her brother George, grandchildren and extended family.

Mothers' Union

The March meeting was held in Garrison Church Hall on Tuesday 19th March when Revd Paul Thompson gave a very

interesting talk on his 16 years of ministry in HM Prison service in England and the many issues he encountered in his life as a prison chaplain.

The MU Area Service for our group is being held in Rossorry Church this year and arrangements have been made to attend and bring our MU banner which will be carried this year by our MU Branch Leader Mrs Dot Barlow.

Mothering Sunday

The Group Service for March was held on Mothers' Day in Belleek Parish Church and took the form of a MU service led by the Rector and MU branch leader, Dot Barlow. Some of the children from Garrison Sunday School and Slavin and Belleek Sunday School did a presentation about 'Mothers'. They also read some proverbs and read a poem about mothers. Accompanied by Mrs. Sadie Moore, they sang the song 'Thank-you for the love that our mums give to us each day'. The children who took part were; Clare Thompson, Sarah Johnston, Matthew Johnston, Jessica Johnston, Robin Boyd



From left: Rachel Love, Edith Kirkpatrick, Helen Thompson (Belleek Church Secretary), Rev. Ngozi Njoku, Sadie Moore.

and William Pye.

At the end of the service Rachel Love (Churchwarden) paid tribute to Mrs. Edith Kirkpatrick who had distributed the Diocesan Magazines for Belleek Parish for many years. Edith was presented with flowers by Rachel and Revd. Ngozi. Edith wishes Ruth Johnston, her successor, well in taking over this role.

Rachel also paid tribute to Mrs. Sadie Moore the organist in Belleek Church for many years. Sadie is continuing in this role, and her dedication at each service was acknowledged with a presentation of flowers. We appreciate all that Sadie does and we wish her good health in the years ahead.

Family Services in June

The end of year family services and prize-giving to Sunday School children will take place as follows:-

Garrison Family service will take place on

Sunday 16th June (Fathers' Day) at 10am in Garrison Parish Church.
Slavin/Belleek Family Service will take place on Sunday 23rd June at 11.30 in Belleek Parish church.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our group of parishes who have been in hospital or unwell at home in recent weeks. We remember Willie Robinson who has returned to hospital from the nursing home.

Keep up to Date

Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org. The web manager is Jenna Earls. Photos & articles etc. for the website to be e-mailed to Doreen Earls at Social Networking: Follow us on Facebook using the name Garrison Group of Parishes. Simply 'Like' our page to receive updates on events.



The baptism for Evan and Ciara McCordick and family.

Inishmacsaint

Vacant

Canon Mark Watson, Rural Dean is in charge

Pastoral Care provided by:
Canon Mark Watson and Miss Isobel Stewart.

Farewell

We as a parish would like to wish Chancellor Skuce well in his new parish in Dunfanaghy. His institution takes place on Friday, 2 May. We would like to thank him for all that he has put into the parish in the past three years.

Sympathy

We would like to extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs Joan Cathcart and family on the sudden death of her husband, Howard. Joan has just recently retired as principal of our school.

Prayers

Our prayers and thoughts are with all who are in hospital or sick at home.

Mothers' Union

Mrs Valerie McMorris, Unit Co-ordinator for Faith and Policy within Clogher Diocese Mothers' Union Trustee Body, was our March speaker. Valerie gave an interesting presentation on the merits of prayer and its importance in our Christian life. She explained how the Prayer Chain was set up and how it works

within different groups of MU branches. Each member was given details of how to become involved in this important ministry. Some of our members hope to join with our Methodist neighbours on their day trip on Saturday, 11 May.

Date for your diary

Mothers' Union bi-annual trip from Friday 22nd May - Monday 25th May 2020. Details to follow.



Kilskeery and Trillick

Vacant

Pastoral cover and services will be conducted by **Abraham Storey Rural Dean, Revd John Woods, Rural Dean** is in charge.

Sunday Services

Trillick: 10.30am
Kilskeery: 11.45am

Revd John Woods is welcomed as the new Rural Dean. Both parishes wish to thank the previous Rural Dean, Canon Mark Watson, for his work among us in the past year.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union monthly meeting took place in Kilskeery Sunday School Rooms at 8.00pm on Monday 18th March. The meeting was opened with Bible reading

and Prayer.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Paddy Quinn from Omagh, who gave an interesting and informative talk and Power Point presentation on his Journey of Faith. Tea was served by Linda and Wendy.

Kilskeery Senior Citizens

Luncheon club continues on Tuesdays in Kilskeery Hall followed by Boccia, games, speakers etc. We are grateful to two of our members Noreen Elliott and Lizzie Armstrong who are presently teaching other members how to crochet. Our first outing will be on 25th May and another is planned for August. Full details later. We are grateful for all funding we receive and especially from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

Trillick Girls' Brigade

GB concluded for the year with an excellent meal in Kilskeery Hall on 30th March. Our senior and brigadier girls worked for their badges at this meal. We welcomed Canon Johnston and Mrs Johnston, and Mr Abraham Storey and Mrs Storey. The girls

put on a short display and they all received their badges and prizes. Many thanks to all kitchen staff, parishioners and friends who helped in any way to make the night a great success. Thank you to Valerie Wilson who knitted Easter chicks. All the children received one with an Easter egg inside. Girls Brigade will re-commence in September and new girls are welcome. On a sadder note the following week we said goodbye to Trillick Girls Brigade founder member, Mrs Edie Brunt who passed away. We remember Mrs Brunt with fondness and she was known to a lot of girls as Granny. Sympathy is extended to all the family.

Christian Burial

Trillick Parish

9 April 2019: Edith Irene Brunt, Three Rivers Care Home, Omagh, formerly Main Street, Trillick.

Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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Services in May

5th May 2019 - Third Sunday of Easter

Lisbellaw 11am Holy Communion
Coolbuck 3pm Holy Communion

12th May 2019 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Lisbellaw 11am Morning Prayer
Coolbuck 3pm Evening Prayer

19th May 2019 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Lisbellaw 9.45am Holy Communion
Lisbellaw 11.00am Service of Confirmation
NO COOLBUCK

26th May 2019 - Sixth Sunday of Easter/ Rogation Sunday



The baptism for the Johnston family.

Lisbellaw Morning Prayer
Coolbuck Late Evening Office

Easter Vestry

The Easter Vestry takes place on Thursday, 9th May 2019 at 8pm.

Music evening

'Music in May', is an evening of music in aid of Lisbellaw Primary School on 30th May at 7.30pm in Enniskillen Methodist Halls.

Parish Register

Baptism

31st March 2019

Alice Maisie Johnston, daughter of Zelda and Rodney, Drumlone, Lisbellaw

Coolbuck Church Open Weekend

Opening Times: Saturday 4th May 11am - 5pm; Sunday 5th (Welcome to Service 3pm) Open 3pm closes at 8pm; Monday 6th May 11am - 5pm.

Lisnaskea



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Services

Sunday 5th

11.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Wednesday 8th

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

Sunday 12th

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 19th

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
3.00 p.m. RBP Area Service

Sunday 26th

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
(Collection for sponsored children)

Holy Baptism

Sunday 24th March:

Callum William Sedgwick-Phair, 100
Carrowshee Park, Lisnaskea.
Son to Craig and Kirsty. Congratulations to
you both.



Goodie bags for Abaana children.



Photos from the Abaana concert.

Abaana New Life Choir

It was both a delight and a great privilege to have this lovely group of children (see photos) come along to our parish to entertain us with their wonderful singing and dancing and to share some of their stories. Their energy and enthusiasm was infectious and it was clear to see they really enjoyed performing. Although many of these children have had a very hard upbringing and the details of their lives were very moving, it was encouraging to hear about the great work Abaana are doing and how lives are being changed for the better by the generosity of sponsorship.

At the end of the evening the children were presented with beautiful blankets made by Lisnaskea Womens' Group, ladies from Lisnaskea Fold, Mothers' Union members and others who had been encouraged to knit or crochet squares. Also each child received a "Goodie Bag" which had been made up by Lisnaskea Brownies and Cubs and hats and scarves made by Lisnaskea "Knit & Natter Group". Thank you to everyone involved in all this and to those who helped prepare the hall and the meal before the performance. Over £1500 was raised on the night in donations.



Blankets donated to the Abaana Choir.



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Revd John Woods, Rural
Dean is in charge.

Pilgrimage

By the time you read this, I won't be here! I will hopefully be one week into the Camino de Santiago – a six-week, 500-mile pilgrimage on foot across Northern Spain. It is a privilege to have the opportunity from the diocese to take this once in 40-year extended break. Half of it will be spent on the Camino and the other half "in recovery" with family. If you wish to follow me, there will be regular photographs on the Magheracross Facebook page and possibly a weekly blog on magheracross.blogspot.com under the title of Bambino Camino. During this period, I am very grateful to all the clergy and lay readers who will be covering Sunday worship, all those assisting with pastoral support, and to our own parishioners who will be taking on a few extra roles.

Confirmations

It was a pleasure to prepare 35 young people for confirmation during February and March. 13 were confirmed on March 24th in Trovy Parish Church and 22 in



The Confirmation in Magheracross Parish Church, Ballinamallard.

Magheracross. We can be very proud of our young people and their commitment and we continue to support them within our parishes.

Abaana

Palm Sunday was an exciting day in Magheracross with the arrival of the New Life Choir and Abaana. Abaana are a mission charity which focusses on education in Uganda and providing support and accommodation for some of the street children in Kampala. The choir was composed of children aged from about six to 12 and they presented a lively selection of music and dance.

Mothers' Union

Magheracross Mothers' Union met in the Archdale Hall on Thursday 4th April. The meeting opened with a hymn followed by a bible reading and prayers. Revd. Paul Thompson was welcomed as our speaker for the evening. He gave us a very interesting talk on his years as a Chaplain in the Prison Service. Members had brought along Missionary

money and used stamps which will be taken to the Spring Council meeting. We were also reminded of the Area Service taking place in Rossorry Church on 10th May. Tea was served and the evening concluded with a Bring and Buy sale.



Scenes from the visit of the Abaana Children's Choir.

Magheraculmoney

Vacant



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They think it's all over. It is now. Or is it? Just because he had lost pints of blood when he was severely whipped and beaten and was cruelly tortured and nailed up on to a cross and left hanging there for hours and then pierced in his side with a spear and then he stopped breathing and was wrapped in cloth and encased in a tomb for a couple of days.... didn't surely mean that it was over – did it? His nearest and dearest certainly thought that it was. They were convinced of it. They were there! They saw the blood. They saw the torture. They watched him die. They held him dead. They wished he wasn't but the evidence was irrefutable. They could reach out and touch death. They could look and see death in the sunken face of their dear lifeless friend. They knew he was gone because people don't survive that kind of treatment!

Was that the end? They thought it was. They knew it was. But it wasn't the end for long - because new evidence came to light that directly contradicted the irrefutable evidence they had. Jesus, - standing, talking, smiling, eating – Jesus living – right in front of them. Now they could see the scars. They could see the life. They could hold him – alive. They had wished he was – and now he was, the evidence was irrefutable! They could reach out and touch life. They could look and see life in the radiant face of their dear friend. They knew he was back and that it was a miracle – that it had to be a God thing – that it had to be important – it had to mean something special – because people don't survive that kind of treatment!

Was that the end, that he was alive again? Surely if it all meant something – it had to mean something now! It had to mean



Attending the Reboot conference.

something that affected change or that demanded a response. It had to go further than that one Resurrection Sunday. But what was it? It wasn't the end. It was just the beginning!

Easter – Holy Week – reflections on the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus – it's just the beginning; just the beginning. It's the death of Jesus in our place – the punishment for our peace that was upon him – the stripes he bore for our healing – it's only the beginning. It's where we pause and watch and remember and appreciate and receive the seed of love for God that settles slowly in our hearts. It's where faith and relationship is birthed and anchored. It is where solid ground is found and built upon. But it anchors us - not to keep us still and hold us fast but to establish an immovable security – not under our feet but within our hearts! Anchored in his loving sacrifice – he bids us "wait" - until another comes alongside us to go with us – because he knows – he knows we just can't do it without help – without the helper. It was never good for us to be alone. It was never good for us to be without the Spirit of the living God. He was the breath within us – the spark that lit us – the fuel that kept us lit – the radiance of the glory of God himself. Why Jesus? Why the crucifixion? Why the resurrection? Why? Restoration! Love! Grace! He wants us back. He wants us in. May the God who so loved the world that he sent his only Son - find his way back into our hearts through his Spirit. May we not think that we are doing him a favour – but may we realise that he is showing us such unbelievable favour and mercy and understand his clear invitation to come know him and experience within

our own hearts the presence of that same life-giving Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead.

Mothers' Day Service

For our Mother's Day service we reflected upon the role of mothers within our families and the encouragement, through their example, for each of us to renew our commitment to our families – to be the best family member we can be and live lives honouring one another, as the Lord would give us His eyes to see each of our family members as He sees them. Each mother and grandmother received, as a token of appreciation, a flower to take home and plant.

Adult Alpha

The adult's Alpha Course is soon drawing to a close but after what has been a thoroughly enjoyable experience by all. We have appreciated the same Alpha Course but with the modernised and up-to-date videos that have brought home the truths of the Christian faith with a new and fresh approach.

Reboot And Summer Madness

At 8.00am on Saturday 23rd of March our Connect Youth group jumped on the bus and headed off to the 'Reboot' conference in Belfast. After some wonderful worship, kids were given the opportunity to ask a team of experts any question they had around christianity and faith. Young people were encouraged to boldly 'ask anything' about God and wow did they step up to the challenge! Later in the day we all headed to Pizza Express (which was delicious) before another full evening of Summer Madness worship and fun.



Attending the Reboot conference.



Attending the Youth Alpha event.

The bus arrived back in Irvinestown at midnight with some very happy, yet exhausted, young people.

Youth Alpha Day Out

Saturday 6th April was our Youth Alpha day out. After meeting in the Fountain Centre in Kesh for some worship, a short video clip and of course snacks, we headed to Jonny Roccas in Irvinestown for some bowling fun and lunch. We finished the second part of our day back in the Fountain Centre where we discussed the Alpha clips on the topic of 'The Holy Spirit' before ending in worship and prayer ministry. This was a fantastic day, enjoyed by all. We thank God for his presence through the Alpha course and pray that each of the young people will come to know Him more.

Women Of Faith

We would like to extend a welcome to the ladies of the parishes for this year's Women of Faith evening being held at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th June 2019 at

Ardess Parish Centre. Each year we have a large turnout for this wonderful evening which has always proved to be inspirational. This year we will be joined by speaker Averil Neilly (author of 'Beyond the Cutting Edge' - A journey of Grief, Grace and Healing). Supper included.

Mothers' Union

Eveline Smith joined us on 21st March and shared with us how, after the tragic death of her son Christopher, she wanted to reach out to others. For 11 years, she has been fundraising to enable her to host children of Chernobyl to live with her over the summer months. She shared the experiences of the children being here and also of her going out to Chernobyl. On 11th April 2019, Ken and Pam Dobbin were called by the Lord to work with Kindfund in Kenya. They have been doing this for the last 20 years and have approximately 150 children over three orphanages. They are also delighted that Alison Stevenson has joined them in their work.

Friends In The Afternoon

We were joined by Glen Mackey of Boxtree Garden Centre on 26th March. Glen made up garden flower tubs and provided us with excellent gardening tips and answered all our gardening questions.

Dates For Your Diary

Events

- Confirmation Service, Sunday 12th May '19: 7.00pm
- Flower Festival: Bank Holiday Weekend 24th - 27th May '19
- Women of Faith: Thursday, 13th June 2019, 7.30pm @ Ardess Parish Centre

Regular Events

Sundays @ Ardess Parish Church

- Church Service 9.30am Morning Prayer & 11.00am Family Worship
- Children's Church 11.00am

Regular Prayer @ Ardess Parish Centre

- Revival Prayer: Mondays 8.00pm - 9.00pm
- Wednesday Prayer: Wednesdays



Youth Alpha Day: Lauren Booth, Jake McCann, Nia Robinson, Anna Bryson and Ben McGloin (Youth Leader).



Youth Alpha Day: Ellie Booth, Mia Bryson and Morgan Evans

9.30am - 11.00am

■ Healing Ministry: Fridays 7.30pm - 8.30pm

■ 24 Hour Prayer: Once a Month, Fri (10th May) 12.00noon - Sat (11th May) 12.00noon

Regular Events @ Ardess Parish Centre

■ Ardess Little Lambs: Mon (term-time only), 10.00am - 12.00 noon

■ Rainbows (Age 4-7) & Brownies (Age 7-10): Mon 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Cubs (Age 8-10 1/2): Wed 6.45pm - 8.00pm

■ Friends in the Afternoon: (normally every 2nd & 4th Tues of the month): 14th May - Garden of Saints, Irvinestown; 28th May - Bible Study, 11th June - Tropical World, Letterkenny.

■ Mothers' Union: 18th May 2019 Donegal Bay Waterbus followed by dinner in the evening

Regular Events @ The Fountain Centre

■ Connect YF (Year 8-14): Sun (weekly) 7.00pm - 8.30pm

■ Guides (Age 10 - 14) & Rangers (Age 14+): Mon 7.30pm - 9.00pm

■ Beavers (Age 6-8) Wed 6.30pm - 7.45pm

■ Scouts (Age 10 1/2 - 15): Wed 8.00pm - 9.15pm

■ In-Stitches: Thurs (except 3rd Thurs of the month): 8.00pm

■ Fountain Club (P5 - P7): Thurs 6.15pm - 7.30pm fun, fellowship, bible stories & quizzes

■ Blaze YC (Year 8-10): Fri (weekly) 7.00pm - 8.30pm

■ Flame YC (Year 11+): Fri (weekly) Flame 8.30pm - 10.00pm

Regular Events @ Other Venues

■ Mullaghfarne Service: 3.00pm 19th May 2019 at Mullaghfarne

■ Waterworks (P3 - P7): Thurs (term-time only) 3.15pm - 4.30pm @ Kesh Primary School

■ Life Groups: Various dates/times throughout the week. Contact Philip if you wish to join one.

Baptisms

■ 7th April 2019 Harry James Ross son of Richard & Jayne Ross living in Glengormley.

Weddings

■ 13th April 2019 Melissa Keys and Daryl Walmsley of Manoo, Kesh



Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the Easter Vestry meeting I wish to personally thank the outgoing wardens, select vestries and church officers for their service over the past year. We have undertaken much work, introduced a new service and several new fund-raising activities. I take delight in both Sunday Schools and in our monthly children led services. The adult Sunday classes are also great fun to lead.

On the other hand or in this case foot -

much of what I had wished to do remains undone. I do look forward to being more active in the parish. My surgeon tells me that I have done remarkably well but it does not ease the frustration. I await another new boot and eventually a rebuild of my foot.

I pray that our parish would prosper and would urge you to give thanks for the life and witness of our parish.

Annual Easter General Vestry Meetings

NB Change of Date for Derrybrusk 8th May at 8.00pm in the Parish Church at Derrybrusk

7th May 2019 at 8.00pm Maguiresbridge in the parish hall.

Lent and Holy Week

It was delightful to see well attended services in Derrybrusk during Lent and it is hoped that the trend will continue in Holy Week.

New Service

The first new informal service of Praise and Thanksgiving took place on Sunday 7th April at 8.00pm in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge. Over 50 people attended and the singing was delightful. We had a small Gospel group singing, guitar and solo by Samuel Watson and a varied hymn choice led by the organists, Hazel and Naomi. The next

praise service will be on Sunday 5th May at 8.00pm in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge.

Trip to Balmoral show

Maguiresbridge Select Vestry are running a bus to Balmoral show on Saturday 18th May departing the Parish Hall at 8.30am. Forms are available to sign in the churches £10 per adult £5 per Sunday School child with a maximum of two children per adult. You should purchase your entrance tickets online before travel.

Sunday 9th June

Grouped outdoor service at Belle Isle 12.00pm followed by a barbecue, weather permitting. If not, this will be at Maguiresbridge Parish Hall.

Tickets are £10 with Sunday School children free. These will be available in early May with profits being split between Christ Church parish hall kitchen modernisation and Derrybrusk church tarmacing. Canon Peter and Mrs. Sheelagh Wilson Congratulations to Canon Peter and Sheelagh on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Tuesday 9 April.

Burial Rite

Sadly the Lord called home John Carson of Derrybrusk Parish.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

5th May Third Sunday of Easter

11am St. Patrick's Confirmation and Holy Communion

12th May Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.30am St Patrick's Service of the Word
12.15pm Ballinode Morning Prayer

19th May Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.30am St Patrick's Service of the Word
12.15pm Kilmore Morning Prayer

26th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.30am St Patrick's All Age Worship
12.15pm Ballinode Holy Communion

2nd June Sunday after Ascension

10.30am St Patrick's Holy Communion
12:15pm Kilmore Holy Communion

Mothering Sunday

The Mothers' Union gave a polyantha plant to every lady in the congregation. After the service the Rector presented long service Certificates to the following Mothers' Union members:
Ms Ruby Brown(59 years), Ms Myrtle Mills(42 years), Ms Muriel Treacy(42 years), Ms Elsie Boyd(39 years), Ms Betty Carson(39 years), Ms Ruby Heasty(39 years), Ms Dorothy Adams(30 years), Ms Jean Garland(30 years), Ms Sadie Jordan(30 years), Ms Winifred Jordan(30 years).

At the refreshments afterwards the congregation enjoyed a simnel cake made by the Rector.

Mothers' Union

The Branch held their meeting in the Church on Tuesday 2nd April when Ms Margaret Blemings gave a demonstration on the "Art of Patchwork" after which the members were encouraged to show their own skill. The evening concluded with business meeting and supper and refreshments.

The Girls' Brigade

The display and Parents night was held in March with an accomplished performance



Lego creations at the Easter Holiday Club.



followed by the presentation of awards. The Captain and Officers are to be thanked and congratulated on a successful year working with the girls enabling them to fulfil the motto of the Girls' Brigade to "seek serve and follow Christ" but also have time for fun and fellowship.

Illness

Please continue to remember in prayer all those who are ill or recovering, the housebound and those in residential care and their families.

Vortex youth Group

Vortex youth Group met in March for a "Chinese and challenges Night"

Abaana New Life Choir

We were delighted to welcome back the Choir for a concert in St. Patrick's Church on Friday 22nd April – the members range in age from six years to early teens. Their singing/dancing and personal stories was greatly appreciated by all present. We express grateful thanks to all those who hosted choir members/chaperones, without

their support the concert could not take place.

Lenten Services and Bible Study

Lenten Bible study and Holy Communion Services were held on Tuesday and Thursday respectively during lent.

Easter Holiday Club

Nearly 50 children from a variety of churches met in the hall for a lego themed Easter Holiday Bible Club. Andrew McMullen from CEF led the teaching (and brought the lego) to help explore the events of the first Holy Week. There was lots of singing, listening, memory verses and impressive lego creations.

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A note from the Rector Confirmation 2019

On Sunday 12th May our Bishop, Right Revd John McDowell will be with us in Rossorry for Confirmation. Please pray for our six candidates as they prepare for this important step in their journey of faith: Gavin Bullion, Niall Dickson, Rhys Elliott, Millie Graham, Tadgh Hambly and Jamie Millar.

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to our **Holy Week and Easter services** especially the Choir and Organist Catherine Irwin – we trust it was a memorable week of reflection on the message of the cross and resurrection for our lives. Thanks also to all who contributed to the Easter Tree appeal – our nominated charity this year was the NI Air Ambulance.

Easter Week Holiday Club – ‘Chosen’ – was a fun event with lots of activities and learning from the Old Testament of the story of Esther – the girl chosen by God to become queen. Thank you to Jonny and the team of leaders who helped make this such a good success and we hope will have taught important life-forming messages to our children.

Church of Ireland General Synod – this takes place in Londonderry this year from 16th – 18th May – please pray for the members of Synod as they meet to discuss and pass legislation relating to the governance of our church.

Almighty God, you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church to lead us into all truth: bless with the Spirit's grace and presence the members of General Synod; keep the steadfast in faith and united in love, that they may manifest your glory and prepare the way of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



The special communion for the elderly and those unable to attend church.

BBC Radio Ulster broadcast service

We have been asked to take part in Morning Service on Sunday 2nd June at 10.15am – everyone needs to be seated by 9.50am.

*Your friend and Rector,
Revd Canon Dr IW Ellis*

Communion for the elderly, housebound and those who cannot attend scheduled services

As in previous years, a special Service of Holy Communion for Easter was arranged on Sunday afternoon, 7th April 2019, in the Parish Hall to facilitate the elderly, housebound or those who cannot otherwise manage to attend scheduled Sunday services.

There was a very big turnout and following the service, the guests were royally treated to a sumptuous afternoon tea, provided and served by the ladies of Rossorry Mothers' Union.

This is an important event in our calendar, not least for the friendship and fellowship opportunity it provides to parishioners.

Prayer Group

There was no Prayer Group during Lent, as Lenten Services were held on Wednesday evening – but the Group resumed on Wednesday 24th April for its meeting. The Prayer group meets at the Parish office and continues throughout the year with meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.



The flower arrangement workshop in Rossorry Parish Hall.



Some of those presented with Mothers' Day gifts at Rossorry Parish Church.

Feel free to come and join us- everybody is welcome. It is an informal group (nobody has to perform !!) which meets to pray for the parishioners, young and old, for the world, as well as other good intentions that arise. We finish with the fellowship of a cuppa and a chat.

Rossorry Mothers' Union

Rossorry Mothers' Union met on Thursday 21 March when the speaker was Maud Cunningham giving hints and tips on First Aid with the use of dolls and in the use of the defibrillator. This information was very useful and hopefully not needed.

Some of the members also attended the MU visitors' night in the Cathedral Hall on Monday 8 April when the speaker was Rodney Connor speaking about the NI Air Ambulance.

On Thursday 11 April we also attended the Letterbreen MWI where the speakers were Diane McMitchell and Joslyn McKeown who outlined some of their experiences en route to Everest Base Camp.

The area service is being held in Rossorry Parish Church on Friday, 10 May.

Our summer outing is to the Ceili House on Thursday 30 May.

If you are interested in joining the group – please contact Mrs Heather Ellis on 02866 320239 or any of the members. You will be made most welcome. Meetings or outings are normally held on the third Thursday of every month.

Mothers' Day

On 31st March 2019 our Service of Morning Prayer celebrated Mothering Sunday and the valued place that women have in our lives and development. As the ladies left Church, they were each presented with a plant, in bloom, as a little gift to mark the day.

The Graan Novena

As in previous years some of our parishion-

ers joined our neighbours at the Graan for events during their Novena of Hope. The Rector was among guests on 28th March 2019 when the preacher was the Revd. Ruth Patterson, a Presbyterian minister who since 1988 has been Director of Restoration Ministries, a non denominational, Christian organisation.

Flower Workshop at Rossorry

On Saturday 23rd March 2019, the Erne Flower Arranging Club held a demonstration and workshop at the Parish Hall in Rossorry. Very well attended, the participants honed their arranging skills. Many thanks to Yvonne Elliott for organising the event.

Wednesday Club News

At the meeting on March 20th 2019, there was a special celebration – Ethel Oldcroft's



Easter crafts at the Wednesday Club.

80th birthday. As well as all the good wishes, there was a cake to celebrate. The members are grateful to Ethel for her energy and enthusiasm in the work of the Club (with the support of Charlie, her husband) and wish her good health and strength for the future.

Easter Crafts

At the meeting on 10th April, before Easter, members of the Club worked on Easter Crafts and produced coloured birdies made of wool, beads and paper.

The Club has been running now for 19 very successful years which have brought fellowship and fun to the older members of our parish. Congratulations to all who put the work into making this group the success that it is.

The meetings of the Club are every Wednesday at 10.30 am, from September



A cake to celebrate Ethel Oldcroft's birthday.



Anna Erwin presenting Ethel Oldcroft with a gift to mark her birthday at the Wednesday Club. Looking on is her husband, Charlie Oldcroft.



The Rector with Revd. Ruth Patterson and Fr. Charles Cross, Superior of the Graan at the Novena.



Jean Bleakley, receiving a gift from Canon Ian Ellis to mark her retirement as Treasurer of Rossorry Bowling Club.

until June. Everyone is welcome - there is always space for new members. A programme has been prepared of events / speakers up to May. See below :-

**ROSSORRY WEDNESDAY CLUB
Programme - 1st March – 8th May 2019
MAY**

1st Games morning.

8th Summer Outing.

Club closes until 11th September 2019

If you want to know more give Ethel Oldcroft a ring at - 66 326339

Scouts and Guides

Cub Scouts

The Cub Scouts have been involved in a project to design and make bird boxes. During the first week they measured and cut their timber. This was followed in the next week by the making up of the bird box. There was a week off for the Cubs' sleepover in the Hall. The next week the bird boxes were finished and painted. They had a lot of fun making these, apart from the skills learnt in the process.

New members are most welcome and if you would like information contact one of the

Leaders (details below).

If you want to know more about our Scout or Guide Troops call in to a meeting

Beavers - Tues 6.30pm.

Cubs – Wed 6.45pm.

Scouts – Wed 7.30pm or ring Garry Clarke on 02866 323653

Rainbows- Mon 6.15pm.

Brownies – Mon 6.15pm

Guides – Wed 8.00pm or ring Avril Armstrong on 02866 329589

Mother and Baby Exercise Class

A very successful Mother and Baby exercise class has been running now for almost two years at Rossorry Parish Hall on a Tuesday morning at 10am. This is very sociable class where mums bring baby along while getting fit while also meeting other mums. Please pm Jackie Cassidy (Facebook) to put your name down or if you want any further details.

Arts & Crafts Classes

Painting class meets Fridays at 2pm in the Parish Hall.

Weaving classes meet on Wednesdays at 10am in the Hall.

The classes are very popular – but there is always room for someone else - so be sure to speak to Yvonne Elliott on 02866 342514 for information.

Bowling Club

At the meeting on 1st April 2019, Rossorry Bowling Club presented a gift to Jean Bleakley who has retired from her post of Club Treasurer. Sincere thanks Jean from all the members, for your very dedicated and careful keeping of the books for 32 years!



One of the birdboxes complete at Rossorry Scout Group.

The Bowling Club season is coming to an end after another successful and enjoyable season.

If you are interested in getting involved, the Club is always looking for new members. For information: - contact William Stevenson on 07719662473.

SERVICES for May 2019

Sunday 5th May

9.00am Holy Communion.

11.00am Holy Communion.

7.00pm Evening Prayer.

Sunday 12th May

9.00am Holy Communion.

11.00am Confirmation.

Sunday 19th May

9.00am Holy Communion.

11.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 26th May

9.00am Holy Communion.

11.00am Morning Prayer with Baptism

Parish Register

Baptisms

■ **GARRITY, Branson John Edward**, young son of John and Amanda, who was baptised at Rossorry Parish Church by Revd. Canon Ian Ellis on Sunday 24th March 2019. May he grow in the faith in which he has been baptised.

Bereavements

Sadly, since the publication of the last magazine, two of our parishioners have passed away. The parishioners of Rossorry offer their most sincere condolences and prayers for the grieving families.

■ **WHITLEY, Arthur Richard**, died on 26th March 2019 in SWAH, after a long illness. The Funeral service was held in Rossorry

Parish Church at 2pm on 28th March 2019 with interment in adjoining Churchyard.

■ **CARSON, Elaine** (nee Elliott), died suddenly at her home on 4th April 2019. Her funeral service was held at Rossorry Parish Church at 2pm on Tuesday 9th April 2019 with cremation on 10th April 2019 at Cavan Crematorium.

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Telephone at 02866 329889.



Tempo and Clabby



Rector:
**The Revd Canon
Maurice Armstrong**

403 Inver, Tempo Road,
Tempo BT94 3GQ

Tel 028 89541232.

Thanks

As I have returned to duty I wish to thank those clergy who helped occasionally at Baptism and Holy Communion Services. The Ven. Brian Harper, Canon Peter Wilson and the Revd. J. McLoughlin. In particular I wish to thank Revd. Margaret Pringle for conducting the funeral services and her visits to the homes' of the bereaved, for conducting Holy Communion Services, her visits with Christmas Communion to the housebound and her pastoral care to me and my family.

Thank you also to the Bishop for his visits. Thank you most sincerely to Roy Crowe for conducting the services and for his faithful pastoral care to the sick, bereaved and

housebound. I know this has been greatly appreciated. On a personal note his support, care, and prayers for all of the Armstrong family was greatly appreciated. Thank you to the many people who have prayed for me during my illness and return to duty. Above all my chief thanks is to my loving Heavenly Father for His complete healing to me.

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the holy one of Israel, your Saviour." (Isaiah 43: 2-3).

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will

strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10)

Waiting

In this instant age we lack the patience to wait. We even get impatient if the computer is slow to download information. When it comes to illness we can be impatient as we await recovery. One of the many things my illness as taught me was Patience. There were many verses of Scripture God gave me on this theme.

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.” (Psalm 27 : 14)

“I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave a firm place to stand”. (Psalm 40 v 1-2)

“In Quietness and trust is your strength”. (Isaiah 30 : 15.

“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength”. (Isaiah 40 : 31)

I simply share these few verses among many others God gave me, that anyone who is in that place waiting will be helped by them. I share with you the personal note that although God did not cause my illness, He has used it to renew my relationship with Him, to develop my prayer life, time in His word and patiently waiting. Please don't allow life and its demands to crush out a vital time spent waiting on the Lord in reading His word, prayer and worship. It is the key to true Christian living and strength to deal with all life can throw at us.

We have passed from the joy of Easter and moving towards Ascension and Pentecost. The disciples were told by Jesus during his Post-Resurrection appearances “to wait” (Acts 1 :4) What were they waiting for? The gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4). What would the Holy Spirit give them? Power to be Christ's witnesses, to proclaim the Gospel and remember His teaching (Acts 1:8) As they waited what did they do? Prayed. (Acts 1:14) The result of their waiting was the day of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the results of which we can read in Act Chapter 2. Waiting by the disciples on God's timing brought results and blessing.

General Easter Vestry Meetings

The Venerable Brian Harper presided over both of these meetings in Tempo and Clabby. The usual reports were presented and adopted. We thank everyone who serves on the vestries as they commence another year of Church work.



Representatives of Clabby Parish Bowling Club handing over the proceeds of their fun bowls tournament to Guide Dogs NI.



Mothers' Day

The annual service was held in both Churches. In Clabby, the lessons were read by Tanya Armstrong and Joanne Bennett. Children from the Sunday School – Joshua Bennett, Jessica Bennett, Henry Follis, Sophie Robinson, Arianna Gardiner and Naomi Robinson took part reading the prayers and a special poem. The collection was lifted by Tanya Armstrong and Sandra Adams. Flowers were then given out to all ladies in the Church.

In Tempo, the lessons were read by Jill Hunter and Jayne Veitch. The congregation took part in a fun 'Skittle Quiz' and the children from the Sunday School led the prayers. Mr Roy Crowe sang a solo piece “When mothers of Salem, their children brought to Jesus” and Mark McDonald

played 'Morning has Broken' on the flute. The collection was lifted by sisters Janice and Lisa Gilmour. Mrs Anne Armstrong gave a brief outline of the practical work of the Mothers' Union to families in difficult and needy situations. She paid tribute to Mrs Vera Warrington for her dedication in knitting so many baby jackets and hats for premature babies in the local South West Acute Hospital and squares for knee rugs for residents in Nursing Homes. Again flowers were given out to all the ladies in Church.

Vintage Bike Run

This event will be held on Saturday 11th May leaving Clabby Church Hall at 11.00am. There will be an opportunity for viewing the bikes and registration from 9.30am. Participants are most welcome. All proceeds to Church Funds.

Family Fun Day

The Fun Day will be held on Saturday 1st June at Clabby Church Hall. Morning Coffee and Afternoon Tea will be served from 10am to 4pm. There will be a Cake stall, craft stalls, mini auction, Dog Show, Bouncy Castle and activities for the kids all day. Everyone welcome and all proceeds to Church Funds.

Fun Bowls Tournament

This was a very successful event for the Clabby Parish Bowling Club and a cheque for £200 was presented by Ivy McCutcheon to Catherine Hicks, Jean Kennedy, Jean Murray and Guide Dog Heidi from the charity, Guide Dogs NI.

Trory and Killadeas

Vacant

Services covered by **Canon Billy Johnston** and **Mr. Colin Brownsmith**.

Revd John Woods, Rural Dean is in charge with **Mrs Sue Hogg, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant**, assisting with pastoral care.

Trory

Services

Church Services will continue as normal on Sundays at 11.30 am with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month.

Sunday School Leaders will keep parents informed of any changes.

May we take the opportunity to congratulate the leaders on the excellent work done by them in the preparation of the Confirmation candidates. We wish all of the young persons confirmed every success in the future and may they always remember the rock from which they were hewn.

Parish Records

Holy Matrimony

Congratulations to Leanne Ferguson and Robert Gibson on their marriage on 5th April. We wish them well in their future lives together.

Bereavements

Our condolences to Ken Bownes and his family on the death of his father and also the Curry family on the passing of their sister Ethel (Essie) Johnston and our condolences to the Chambers family on the death of the late Mrs Albert Hughes.

Tuesday Club

The next meeting is on 14th May at 2.30pm in Killadeas when the guest speakers will be Mr and Mrs Colin Brownsmith.

Mothers' Union

The next meeting is on 12th May at 8pm in Killadeas when the guest speaker will be Nathan Chambers.

Bowling Club

Bowling continues at the Church Hall Ballycassidy. Do not forget the summer session commencing on 9th May when everyone will be warmly welcomed. The annual dinner and presentations will have taken place at the Steak House on the evening of 12th April.

Best wishes

To all who are ill at home or in hospital at this time we wish you a speedy return to full health, our thoughts and prayers are with you.



The marriage of Leanne Ferguson and Robert Andrew Gibson which took place on 5th April 2019.

Easter Vestry

To those who gave of their time to attend, thank you.

To our outgoing Church Wardens we extend our thanks and appreciation for their dedication and hard work. To our Treasurer who is standing down and who will be greatly missed, there is little one can say to describe the amount of time spent and hard work that has gone into the past few years. Your professionalism was outstanding and we can only offer you our humble thanks and wish you well.

To our newly appointed, congratulations, and you can always count on a bit of advice and support from some old hands.

Date for the Diary

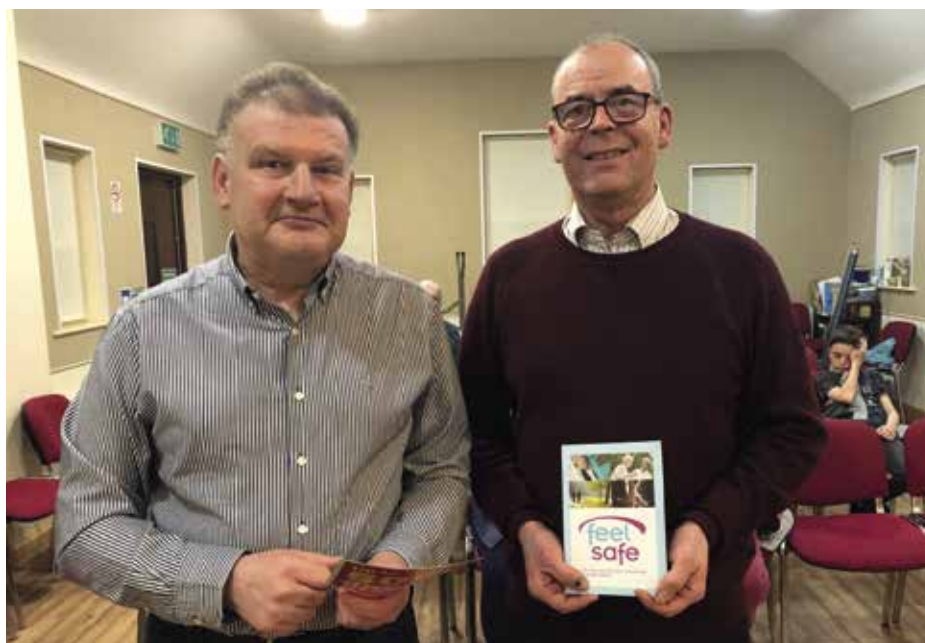
■ Trory Orange Parade and Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 2nd June. All visiting brethren welcome.

Killadeas

Outreach Group

On Friday 29th March our Outreach Group hosted another event in our Parish Hall and a great evening was had by all who attended the Crime Prevention Information talk which was followed by a Beetle Drive.

We were given a lot of interesting and useful advice by PSNI Crime Prevention Officer, Joe Keys, on steps to take to try and make



David Allen with Joe Keys at the Crime Prevention Information Talk.



Enjoying the Beetle Drive.

your home safer against crime.

This was followed by loads of laughter (and competitiveness) during the Beetle Drive!

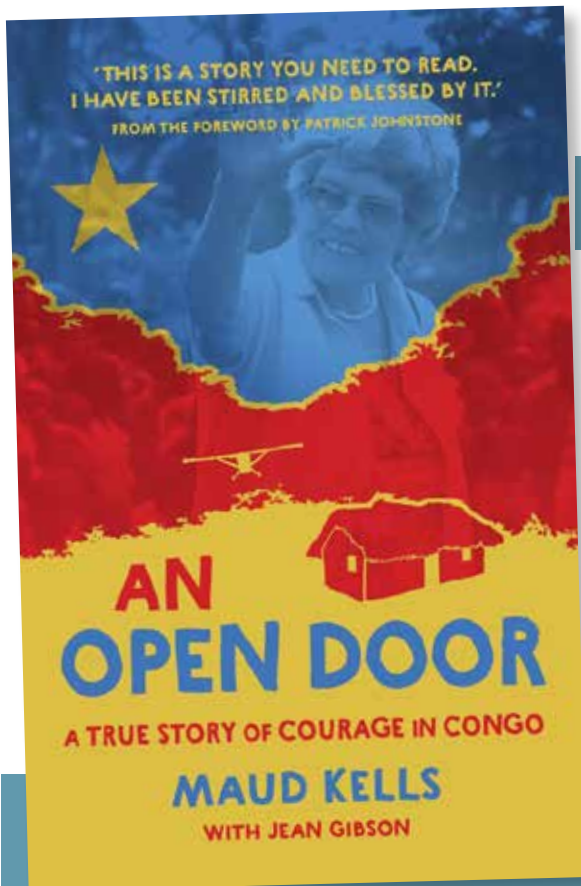
Another successful community event!

Services

Church Services continue as usual at 10.00am every Sunday, with Holy Communion on the First Sunday of each month and coffee being served in the Parish Hall after our service on the 3rd Sunday in the month. Sunday School leaves during Morning Prayer.



Winners of the Beetle Drive.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2019

- Friday 3rd May – **GFS Diocesan Service** in Aghavea Parish Church at 7.30pm.
- Saturday 4th May – **Parish Auction** in Colaghty Parish Hall.
- Saturday 4th - Monday 6th May 2019 – **Coolbuck Church Open Weekend** following re-opening after renovation. Opening Times; Saturday 4th May 11am - 5pm; Sunday 5th May (Welcome to Service 3pm) 3pm - 8pm; Monday 6th May 11am - 5pm.
- Sunday 5th May – **200th Anniversary Service** in St Mark's Parish Church, Aghadrumssee, with the Bishop of Clogher beginning a year of events finishing with a special weekend in June 2020.
- Tuesday 7th May – **Board of Education Committee meeting** at 10am.
- Tuesday 7th May – **Glebes Committee meeting** at 11am.
- Tuesday 7th May – **Diocesan Council Meeting** at 2pm.
- Wednesday 8th May – **GDPR Roadshow** facilitated by the RCB takes place in the Hilliard Room, Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen, at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 8th - Thursday 9th May 2019 – **GDPR 'One to One' sessions** facilitated by the RCB take place in the Diocesan Office on the Wednesday from 3pm-5pm and on the Thursday from 10am-12.30pm. Limited places available and booking essential by email to; sabrina.clogher@gmail.com or phone the Diocesan Office to book.
- Saturday 11th May – **Vintage Bike Run** leaving Clabby Church Hall at 11.00am. There will be an opportunity for viewing the bikes and registration from 9.30am. Participants are most welcome. All proceeds to Clabby Church Funds.
- Saturday 11th May – **Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer's Quiet Day** hosted in St John's Parish Church, Fivemiletown beginning with coffee at 9.30am and with first contemplation at 10am. The Quiet Day will end at 1pm. The witness is Dr Pat Mollan.
- Sunday 12th May – **Fundraising Gospel Concert** in Christ Church, Aghnamullen, Co. Monaghan at 7pm with choirs from Rockcory National School, Ballybay Community choir, Ballybay Presbyterian church choir, Donagh Community choir and Cantenus Female choir from Carrickmacross. Also soloists Joanne Lynch and Michael Lawson from Newbliss. Compere on the evening is Mr Walter Pringle. All are welcome to this event.

- Monday 13th May – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline** for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for June issue. Send to editor@clogher.anglican.org
- Thursday 16th - Saturday 18th May 2019 – **2019 General Synod** in the Millennium Forum, Londonderry.
- Saturday 18th May – **Walking Treasure Hunt** at Druminan Hall at 6pm followed by barbecue afterwards. All are welcome.
- Saturday 18th May – **Coffee Morning** for Aghnamullen Parish, Co Monaghan from 11am - 1pm with a cake sale and other stalls. All welcome.
- Tuesday 21st May – **Cleenish and Mullaghduin Mothers' Union Family Treasure Hunt** at Mullaghduin Parish Hall, Letterbreen.
- Thursday 23rd May – **Auction in aid of Fields of Life Project** in Holy Trinity Church Hall, Dromore at 7.30pm
- Thursday 23rd May – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in the Iona Room, St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen 1.00 - 1.35pm led by Canon Maurice Armstrong.
- Friday 24th - Monday 27th May 2019 – **Flower Festival in Ardes Parish Church.**  The theme of the weekend will be "The great I Am." This will be a wonderful celebration of the God that says "I AM".
- Friday 24th May – **Guest Tea** in Drummully Church Hall on Friday 24th May. Supper is served at 8.30pm followed by entertainment.
- Friday 24th May – **Coffee/Tea Morning and Light Lunch** organised by County Monaghan Church of Ireland Children's Society (formerly Monaghan County Protestant Orphan Society) at the home of Mrs Miriam Moore, Bishopscourt, Clones from 10.30am - 2pm with Historical Talk at 12 Noon. Plant stall and cake stall. Please come and bring a friend.
- Saturday 25th May – **Coffee Morning** in the Archdale Hall, Lisnaskea between 10am - 12.30pm to raise funds for the Ulster Project. Joel Nelson from Clogh has been given a place with the Ulster Project going on the Peace Trip to the USA in the summer. Please come and show your support.
- Saturday 25th May – **Holy Trinity Church Dromore Annual Barbecue** at 7.00pm. Tickets are available. The proceeds from the barbecue will be going to support the Senior citizens' Christmas Meal as well as our Scripture Union E3 School Worker

for the Omagh/Castlederg Area, Sarah Stockdale. Come along and hear a short presentation of the great work that Sarah is doing as well as helping to support her work financially and have food, fun and fellowship at the same time.

- Sunday 26th May – **Annual Friendship Service** will take place in Holy Trinity Church, Clogh near Rosslea at 3.00pm with Revd William Nixon.
- Thursday 30th May – **Music in May** is an evening of music in aid of Lisbellaw Primary School at 7.30pm in Enniskillen Methodist Halls.
- Thursday 30th May – **Adult Confirmation** (contact your Rector or Rural Dean for details).

June 2019

- Saturday 1st June – **Vintage Tea and Cake Sale** will take place in Sexton's House, Rockcory, from 3 pm -5pm. All are welcome.
- Saturday 1st June – **Organ Tuition with NykkÖ-Mickaël Grégoire** in Galloon Parish Church. This is open to anyone from the Diocese, all ages and all levels. NykkÖ's enthusiastic professional teaching will provide great encouragement whether you are a new organist or longstanding organist. Anyone who wishes to book a lesson, please contact Mrs Grace Rickey 07779010723
- Saturday 1st June – **Family Fun Day** at Clabby Church Hall. Morning Coffee and Afternoon Tea will be served from 10am to 4pm. There will be a Cake stall, craft stalls, mini auction, Dog Show, Bouncy Castle and activities for the kids all day. Everyone welcome and all proceeds to Clabby Church Funds.
- Sunday 2nd June – **Special visit from Milo The Gospel Dog** in Rockcory School, Co. Monaghan at 11am where he will deliver the Gospel message. There will be refreshments afterwards. Everyone welcome.
- Sunday 2nd June – **Special Service of Music** in Galloon Parish Church at 3.00pm with guest organists, hymn singing and a recital from NykkÖ-Mickaël Grégoire. The service will be conducted by Dean Ferguson. Please note that there will be no service at 12 noon on this date. This is a wonderful opportunity to come along, sing well known hymns and hear a professional recital on our new Lewis Organ.
- Sunday 2nd June – **BBC Radio Ulster** broadcast service from Rossory Parish Church at 10.15am. Everyone needs to be seated by 9.50am. 

- Saturday 8th June – **Car Boot Sale** at Drummully Church Hall with our usual strawberry teas. Cars and small vans are €10 and large vans €15. Gates open at 8.00am. Teas served from 9.30am. Everyone welcome. Contact Hazel Robinson for details or to book in your stall. Tel. 02867738256.

- Saturday 8th - Sunday 9th June 2019 – **Aghadrumsee 200th Anniversary Celebration Weekend** with barbecue games from years gone by. Special service on the Sunday at 3pm with Canon E. Kille.

- Sunday 9th June – **Outdoor Service and Barbecue** at Belle Isle organised by Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk parishes. More details later.

- Sunday 9th June – **Muckno Parish Friends' Service** at 3pm with Archdeacon Craig McCauley as special preacher. The organist will be Miss Charlotte Adair. Refreshments served after the service.

- Thursday 13th June – **Women of Faith evening** in Ardess Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Each year we have a large turnout for this wonderful evening which has always proved to be inspirational. This year we will be joined by speaker, Averil Neilly (author of *Beyond the Cutting Edge* - A journey of Grief, Grace and Healing). Supper included.

- Friday 14th June – **Treasure Hunt** for Aghadrumsee Parish 200th Celebrations.

- Saturday 15th June – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline** for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for July/August issue. Send to editor@clogher.anglican.org

- Sunday 16th June – **Drumsnatt Praise Service** will be held at 3pm when the preacher will be Revd Jean Mackarel.

- Sunday 16th June – **175th Anniversary Service** in Colaghty Parish Church at 3.30pm with the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd. John McDowell.



- Thursday 27th June – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in the Iona Room, St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen 1.00 - 1.35pm led by Miss Lucy Woods.

- Friday 28th June – **Mullaghduin Barbecue** will be held at the Parish Hall from 7pm and we look forward to an evening of good food, good music and good company. The music will be provided by "Panache".

- Friday 28th June – **Fun Night** for Donagh Group of parishes at 7.00pm at the Church Hall in Glaslough. Do plan to come along and be part of this evening.

July 2019

- Thursday 25th July – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in the Iona Room, St Macartin's

Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen 1.00 - 1.35pm led by Revd Isobel Nixon.

- Saturday 27th July – **Car Boot Sale** at Drummully Church Hall with our usual strawberry teas. Cars and small vans are €10 and large vans €15. Gates open at 8.00am. Teas served from 9.30am. Everyone welcome. Contact Hazel Robinson for details or to book in your stall. Tel. 02867738256.

- Saturday 27th July – **Colaghty Parish Church barbecue** at the hall.

August 2019

- Thursday 15th August – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline** for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for September issue. Send to editor@clogher.anglican.org

- Saturday 17th August – **Ematris Group annual barbecue** will be held in Aghabog hall. Further details at a later date.

- Thursday 22nd August – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in the Iona Room, St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen 1.00 - 1.35pm led by Archdeacon Brian Harper.

September 2019

- Tuesday 3rd September – **Board of Education Committee meeting** at 10am.

- Tuesday 3rd September – **Glebes Committee Meeting** at 11am.

- Tuesday 3rd September – **Diocesan Council Meeting** at 2pm.

- Sunday 15th September – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline** for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for October issue. Send to editor@clogher.anglican.org

- Sunday 15th September – **Service of Ordination Service of Ordination** on the Sunday evening in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

- Thursday 26th September – **Clogher Diocesan Synod** at 5.30pm.

- Thursday 26th September – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in the Iona Room, St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen 1.00 - 1.35pm led by Miss Helen Humphries.

October 2019

- Monday 7th - Sunday 13th October 2019 – **Colaghty Parish Mission Thy Word is Truth'** excluding Saturday, with speaker Revd William Anderson, formally Tullaniskanen and Clonoe. Monday to Friday services re at 8.00pm and Sunday evening at 7.00pm. Sunday morning service at 11.30am with Jeff Gawn. This mission will incorporate our harvest weekend services with light refreshments in the hall each night.

- Tuesday 15th October – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline** for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for November issue. Send to editor@clogher.anglican.org

- Tuesday 22nd - Thursday 24th October 2019 – **Clogher Clergy Conference** in Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal.

- Thursday 24th October – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in the Iona Room, St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen, from 1.00 - 1.35pm led by Canon Henry Blair.

- Wednesday 30th October – **Musical Evening** in St Mark's Parish Church, Aghadrumsee with Revd Dr. Jean Mackarel.

November 2019

- Tuesday 5th November – **Board of Education Committee meeting** at 10am.

- Tuesday 5th November – **Glebes Committee meeting** at 11am.

- Tuesday 5th November – **Diocesan Council Meeting** at 2pm

- Friday 15th November – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline** for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for December issue. Send to editor@clogher.anglican.org

- Thursday 28th November – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in the Iona Room, St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen from 1.00pm to 1.35pm led by Canon Maurice Armstrong.

December 2019

- Monday 2nd - Friday 13th December 2019 – **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** led by Clogher Diocese to Israel and is open to anyone both



- inside and outside the Diocese. Anyone requiring further information should contact Chancellor David Skuce at Tel. 02868641235.

- Friday 6th December – **Christmas Concert** for St. Mark's Parish Church, Aghadrumsee with the Ferguson Family.

March 2020

- Sunday 8th March – **Favourite Hymns** in St Mark's Parish Church, Aghadrumsee at 3pm with Revd Olivia Downey.

May 2020

- Thursday 7th - Saturday 9th May 2020 – **2020 General Synod** in Croke Park Meetings and Events Centre.

- Sunday 10th May – **Picnic at Crom** for St. Mark's Parish, Aghadrumsee 200th anniversary year.

June 2020

- Saturday 6th - Sunday 7th June 2020 – **Aghadrumsee 200th Anniversary** ending weekend with display of wedding dresses and christening gowns and dress up Sunday.

MOTHERS' UNION



Above: MU members at their Quiet Day.

Left: Members from Clogher Diocese attended the Commissioning Service for Mrs. June Butler as All-Ireland President in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick on 24th March 2019. They included (from left); Myrtle Allen, Anne Armstrong, Margaret Crawford, Irene Boyd, Bishop John McDowell, June Butler, Liane Armstrong and Valerie McMorris.

Mothers' Union hold Quiet Day in Cleenish Parish

Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union held a Quiet Day on Saturday 9th March. The day began with a service of Holy Communion in Cleenish Church conducted by Canon Geoffrey Bridle and assisted by Revd Charlie Eames, Mothers' Union Chaplain. A total of 54 members from the branches across the Diocese attended.

After the service everyone enjoyed morning tea and coffee in the Parish Hall provided by members of the Mothers' Union in Cleenish Parish. Mrs Valerie McMorris, Faith & Policy Co-ordinator for the Diocese welcomed everyone and thanked Canon Bridle and Revd Charlie Eames for conducting the service.

The special speakers were Archdeacon Andrew Forster and his wife Heather from

Drumglass in Armagh Diocese who based their presentation on the Mothers' Union Theme for the year, "Listen, Observe and Act" and on two characters from the Bible, Jonah and Zacchaeus. At the end of the day Mrs Diane Simpson, Vice-President of the Finance and Central Services Unit, thanked the speakers for a very encouraging and thought provoking day and a small presentation was made to them.

The "Souls of the Shoes" Exhibition which highlights violence against women was also on display.

Lunch was provided by The Jolly Sandwich in Enniskillen.

DATES FOR THE AREA SERVICES:

■ Friday 3 May 2019 - Clontibret Parish Church at 8.00 pm

■ Friday 10 May 2019 - Clogher Cathedral and Rossorry Parish Church at 8.00 pm

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

■ Thursday 2 May 2019 - Mothers' Union All-Ireland Holy Communion Service - 11.15 am - Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin

■ Thursday 23 May 2019 - Spring Council Meeting - St Macartin's Cathedral Hall 7.30 pm (Bring and buy Sale at 7.00 pm)

■ Wednesday 5 June 2019 - Indoor Members Tea Party - Maguiresbridge Parish Hall (3.00 pm - 5.00 pm) - Holy Communion followed by Afternoon Tea.

PLEASE NOTE: This year cheques for Worldwide and Relief fund donations must be written: Clogher Diocese Mothers Union Fund.





Above: The Souls of the Shoes exhibition



MU members at their Quiet Day.





SPONSORED DANCE

On Friday, 5th April we held a sponsored dance in St. John's Parish Hall in Fivemiletown. The evening was a great success with four of our six branches taking part. This was a double event for the girls and leaders.

- The girls and leaders had fun playing the various music games with Matthew Keys.
- And they helped raise some funds for the Diocese towards GFS Missions and the GFS World Project

The evening finished with supper and hot dogs.

We would like to thank Fivemiletown Branch for hosting this event, Matthew Keys for providing the music and games, the leaders for cooking the hot dogs and the girls who came along and took part.

Dates for your GFS Diary:

- **Sponsored Monies** – We would be grateful if all branches would forward any outstanding monies to our Treasurer on or before the 3rd May.
- **Diocesan Service** – Aghavea, Friday, 3rd May at 7.30pm
- **Bowling Evening** for leaders/Helpers and Secondary School girls - Johnny Rockos, Tuesday, 21st May at 7.00pm





The best of cookery on show at diocesan finals

All the branches held the Cookery Competition at their individual branches last month and the winners from each section took part in the Diocesan Cookery Competition in the South West College in Enniskillen on Saturday, 23rd March. Every branch was represented and the girls were very relaxed whilst preparing / decorating / cooking for our Judge, Mrs Henrietta Willis.

COOKERY RESULTS

Junior Candidates/Candidates – Decorate Two Pancakes

1st – Eva Robinson, Fivemiletown; 2nd – Sarah Burke, Fintona; 3rd – Pippa Armstrong, Magheracross; Highly Commended – Amber Ferguson, Inishmacsaint; Commended – Ella Crawford & Eva Dunn, Colebrooke/Cooneen

Junior Members 7-9 yrs – Two Lollipop Biscuits

1st – Robyn Cochrane, Fintona; 2nd – Amy Dunn, Colebrooke/Cooneen; 3rd – Maisie Cathcart – Inishmacsaint; Highly Commended – Chloe Robinson, Fivemiletown; Commended – Esme Walker, Aghavea.

Junior Members 9-11yrs – Spring Butterfly Cake

1st - Kayla Brownlee; 2nd – Evie

McCormick, Magheracross; 3rd – Emily Magee, Colebrooke/Cooneen; Highly Commended – Rachel Henderson, Fintona and Charis Milligan, Colebrooke/Cooneen; Commended – Rachel Cathcart, Inishmacsaint.

Members 11-13yrs - Vanilla Cupcakes

1st – Olivia Black, Fivemiletown and Emma Kettyles, Inishmacsaint.

Members 13-15yrs - Brownies

1st – Danniella Dougan, Fintona

Senior Members 15-18yrs – Apple Tart

1st – Lauren Crooke, Inishmacsaint; 2nd – Brittany McCrory, Fintona.

Well done to all the girls that took part in the Cookery Competition at both Branch Level and Diocesan Level - we have some great cooks among us!



CHILDREN'S SECTION



ASCENSION

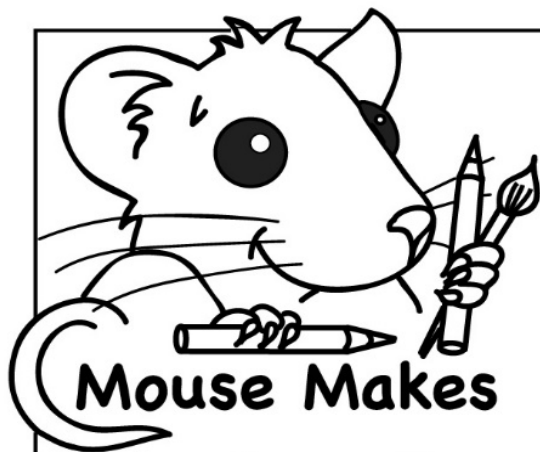
Find out what happened after the resurrection by reading Acts 1:1-11 and Matthew 28:16-20. Then match the question with the correct answer – colour or draw lines to match.

How many days did Jesus stay on the earth before returning to heaven?	Worship/doubt
Where did Jesus tell His disciples to meet Him?	He would be with them always
What were the two reactions when Jesus appeared at Mount of Olives?	Back to heaven
What instructions did Jesus give to His disciples?	40
What did Jesus promise His disciples?	Two men
How would the disciples have the power to obey His instructions?	Mount of Olives
Where did Jesus go after He finished giving instructions to the disciples?	God was going to send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts
Who told the disciples that Jesus would return the same way He left the earth?	Go to all people and share the Good News and teach them how to obey God's Word

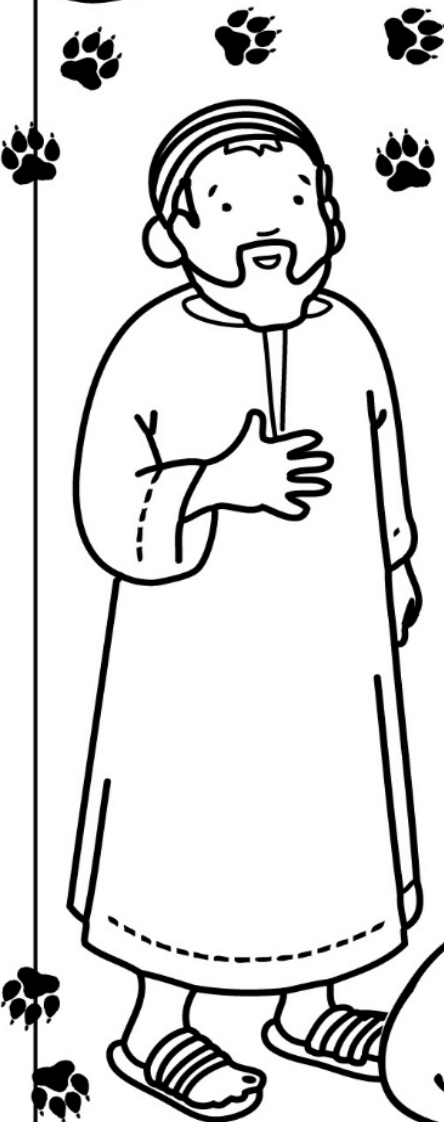
What changes do you need to make in your life that will help you be prepared for Jesus when He returns?

**COME
AS YOU ARE.**
ALL SHAPES AND SIZES.

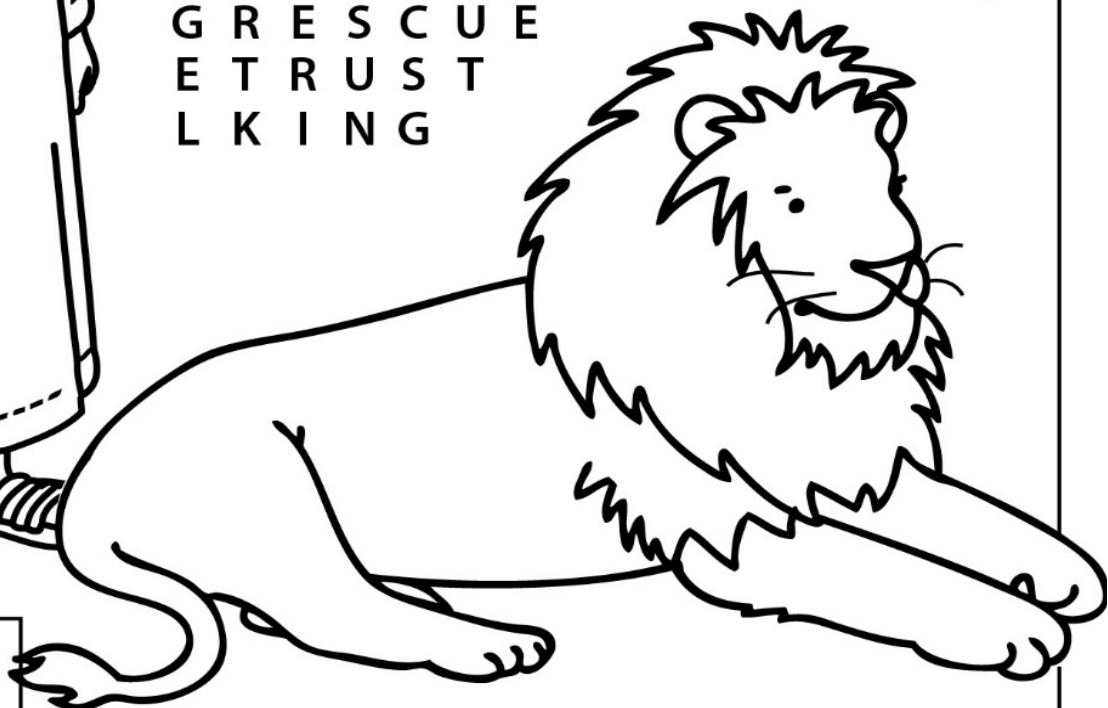





You may have read the Bible story of Daniel in the **lions' den**, but have you ever read the whole book of Daniel? Take your time and read a little each day and find out about the **vegetables**, the **statue**, the **gold idol**, the **furnace**, the **tree**, the **writing on the wall**, the **lions**, the **four animals**, the **ram** and the **goat**, and the **man**.



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 Ashpenaz changed Daniel and his friends names. Look up **Daniel 1:7** to see what he changed them to.

Can you find these words from the book of Daniel in the wordsearch?
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YOUTH PAGES



The Journey which is



The Clogher Diocesan Youth Council's Mission Statement is: "to Support, Engage with and Equip youth and youth ministry across the Diocese of Clogher."

THE Council's SEE initiative over the last year has been to engage with this statement, particularly on parish and rural deanery levels, spring-boarding from Bishop John's synod address where he encouraged each parish to "do something new" for youth over the coming year.

The Council under the very effective chairmanship of the Revd. Philip Bryson were aware that parishes may find it difficult to do "something new", due to financial constraints and so initiated a variety of funding streams that could be applied for. This with the opportunity to engage in a conversation and avail of guidance and support, towards what that something new might look like.

The Council's request was that applications and initiatives would seek to fulfil at least one aspect of our Diocesan Youth Council's Vision and Goals:

TELL – to support, engage with and equip the proclamation of the Good News of the Kingdom among young people and to support, engage with and equip young people to proclaim the Good News of the kingdom themselves. (Mark 16:15)

TRAIN – to support, engage with and equip the teaching, training and nurturing of young people as they seek to live their lives for Christ, to the end that they become teachers, trainers and nurturers themselves.

(Matthew 28:19, 20)

TEND (people) – to support, engage with and equip young people in their response to human need by loving service. (Matthew 25:35-45)

TRANSFORM – to support, engage with and equip young people to play their part in the transformation of unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation. (2 Timothy 2:22)

TEND (creation) – to support, engage with and equip young people to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth. (Genesis 1:26-28)

With all of this in mind the Council were able to offer the following funding streams: Single events could be awarded up to £250, extended programmes up to £500 or for longer term programmes up to £750. To date there have been 13 events and programmes, seven of which were parish based and six rural deanery events. These have included:

A Summer Youth Week in partnership with Open Doors, Teens and Family Day, a "Tear and Share" pizza confirmation celebration event, a youth spirituality training weekend, the starting up and developing of a parish youth worship band, the setting up and running of new parish Youth Ministry initiatives and delivery of a new discipleship courses, a "Godmodex" online gaming awareness event, Rural Deanery Pizza and Movie Nights, Cross-community initiatives,

leadership training and equipping events.

There were also "Zest" Mental Health awareness and training events for young people and leaders and the setting up of a new Café Church initiative, and the running of OCN1 accredited Practical Youth Ministry courses.

It has been very encouraging to see how this initiative, which was born from the Bishop's challenge, has been responded to and welcomed by so many in the whole diocese as they have enjoyed reading the reports of these many initiatives which have appeared in this magazine under parish notes.

As the Youth Year approaches the summer period there are opportunities to avail of Council grant aid towards these worthwhile pursuits.

The Revd Bryson has invited the Council to a full day of prayer reflection and planning in May. Bishop John McDowell will chair the annual meeting at the beginning of the day. This will be followed by the stated objective to pray together and to seek guidance from the Lord for the next step on the journey which is SEE.

We look forward to seeing the outcome of His inspiration and empowerment in the coming year.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Year of events to mark 200th anniversary of St. Mark's Aghadrumsee

The parishioners of St. Mark's Parish Church, Aghadrumsee, are looking forward to a year of celebration to mark 200 years of worship at their church.

The opening service of the anniversary year takes place at 3pm on Sunday, 5th May when Bishop John McDowell will be present.

Records show that Aghadrumsee, known as "The ridge of the hill of the fairies," was originally formed as a district in Clones Parish and was in Clones until post-disestablishment times when it was made a separate incumbency.

The Church was built in 1819 as a Chapel of Ease to Clones, the ground having been granted by deed on 1st May 1817.

The church was enlarged and repaired in the 1800s at a cost of £234 16s 5d. The church re-opened after repairs again in 1878. It was licensed for marriages in 1867, a new bell was erected in 1899 and in 1920 the church was renovated at a cost of £420.

Following the opening of the church, a curate named John Richardson of Summer Hill, Magheraveely, was appointed to the Aghadrumsee division. At that time there were some 276 families in the parish.

The parish has some strong links with people in military, commerce and politics. Charles Irwin (1824-1873) was recommended for and awarded the VC on 24th December 1858. Irwin was presented with his VC by his Regiment in India in 1859. He was buried in Aghadrumsee graveyard. A headstone was dedicated by the Bishop of Clogher Right Revd John McDowell on 22nd April 2018.

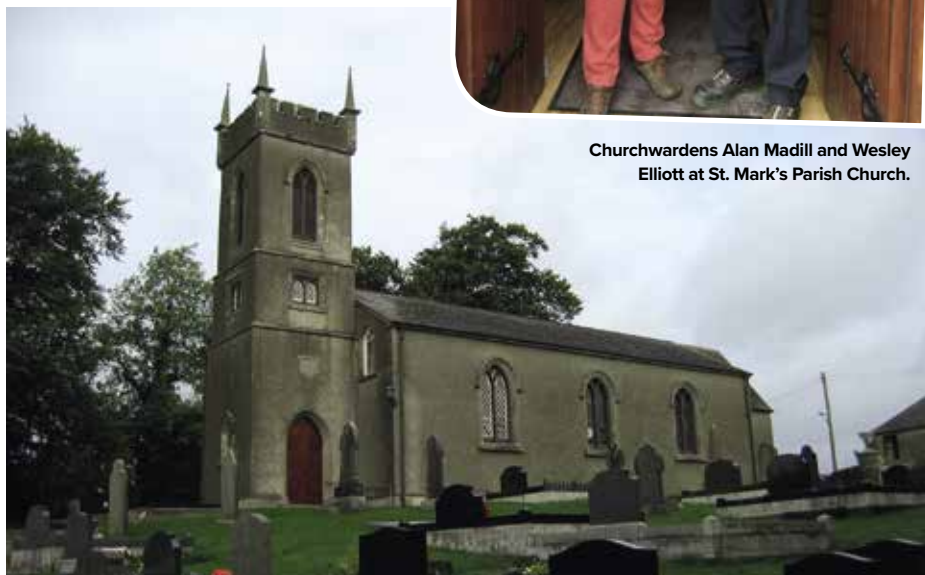
Sir Thomas Johnstone Lipton, 1st Baronet, KCVO (10 May 1848 – 2 October 1931), was a Scotsman of Irish parentage who was a self-made man, merchant, and yachtsman. He engaged in extensive advertising for his chain of grocery stores and his brand of Lipton teas.



Parish Secretary, Moira Johnston and Captain David Hamilton looking over old records.



Churchwardens Alan Madill and Wesley Elliott at St. Mark's Parish Church.



His parents were married in St. Mark's Aghadrumsee.

Rt.Hon. Arlene Foster MLA was baptised in Aghadrumsee Church in 1970 and she attended the Sunday school, until the family moved to Lisnaskea in March, 1979.

During the year of events there will be a special weekend in June including a

barbecue, games and special service attended by former Rector, Canon Edwy Kille, a musical evening in October, a Christmas concert in December, a favourite hymns event in March 2020 and ending the anniversary year in June 2020 with a display of wedding dresses and christening gowns with Dress Up Sunday.

FUNDING FOR PARISHES AND ORGANISATIONS

A workshop and series of talks from a number of different funders advising what grants are available, how and when to apply will be held on Tuesday, 4th June in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 7pm. There will also be advice as to what constitutes a 'good application'.

While the talks will commence at 8pm the contributors will be

available from 7pm and also afterwards, to offer individual advice on funding applications.

While the contributors are mostly representing funders in Northern Ireland, it is hoped there will be some benefit to parishes in the Republic of Ireland.

All parishes are urged to be represented.

DIOCESAN NEWS



Guests attending the St. Tiarnach's Feast Day celebration in St. Tighernach's Parish Church Clones, were (from left); Mr. Walter Pringle, Chairman of Clones Community Forum which organised the event; Bishop Larry Duffy; Bishop John McDowell; Minister Heather Humphreys; Bishop Emeritus Joseph Duffy and Fr John Chester, PP Rosslea.



The procession from St. Tighernach's Parish Church to the Round Tower following the service.

Feast Day celebrations for St. Tiarnach in Clones

There was an inter-denominational gathering in Clones in early April for the St Tiarnach's Day celebrations hosted by St Tighernach's Parish Church.

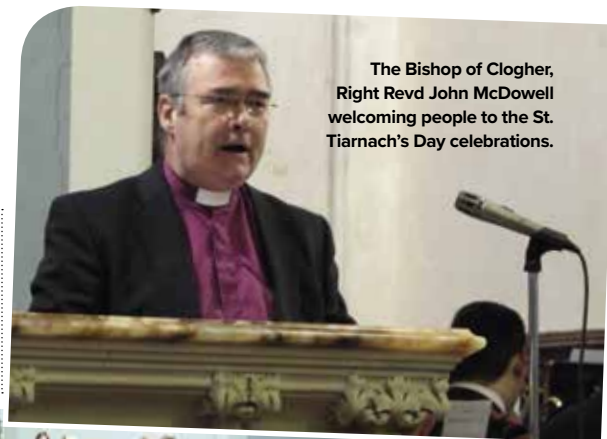
Taking place on the Feast Day of St. Tiarnach on 4th April, it was the first public event attended jointly by Bishop John McDowell and the new Roman Catholic Bishop of Clogher, Bishop Larry Duffy since Bishop Duffy's episcopal enthronement. Other guests included Bishop Emeritus Joseph Duffy and Mrs Heather Humphreys, the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation.

Also attending was Lisa Moore, the Cassandra Hand Rose as well as political representatives from the area, Senator Robbie Gallagher and Councillors Pat Treanor and Richard Truell.

The event was led by Mr Walter Pringle, Chairman of Clones Community Forum and the praise was led by Ballyreagh Silver Band and the newly formed Clones Community Choir, "Different Keys."

The hymns included "O Worship the King all glorious above," "The Church's one foundation," "Amazing Grace" and "O God, our help in ages past."

A formal welcome to the proceedings was given by Bishop McDowell, who referred to the significance of the day and relevance it has in the Clones area. He said the lives of people in communities such as Clones are drawn



The Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell welcoming people to the St. Tiarnach's Day celebrations.



The congregation attending St. Tiarnach's Day service and celebrations.

together through events such as this and he commended those who organised it. Minister Heather Humphreys said Clones was steeped in heritage and the spirit of St. Tiarnach lived on through the work of the Community Forum. She said that while Brexit had dominated their news, the Irish Government was determined they would not be going back to the days of a hard border.

Bishop Joseph Duffy who has published a book on St. Tiarnach, said they had in the Clones area something worth looking after and he was pleased to see the Feast Day event organised.

A prayer was led by Bishop Larry Duffy and the Bible reading was by Cassandra Hand Rose, Lisa Moore.

Afterwards, a number of people from Clones Community Forum dressed in capes as monks and led a procession to the Round Tower and the area close to the Sarcophagus or burial tomb of St Tiarnach who died in 549 AD.

Afterwards all those attending were invited to the Cassandra Hand Folk and Famine Centre for refreshments.

Right: Bishop Larry Duffy addressing the congregation in St. Tighernach's Parish Church, Clones.

Below: Different Keys community choir from Clones, singing.



Heather Humphreys T.D., Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation speaking at St. Tiarnach's Day celebrations.



Ballyreagh Silver Band which led the praise.

2019
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DIOCESAN NEWS



Revd Canon Ian Berry.



Revd Ngozi Njoku.



Revd Betty Thompson.

Bishop of Clogher announces Diocesan appointments

The Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell, has announced a number of appointments within the Diocese including some changes to the Cathedral Chapter.

Revd Canon Ian Berry, Rector of Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore, is to be Chancellor within the Cathedral Chapter. Canon Berry is heavily involved in Diocesan life and carries additional responsibilities (both formal and informal) in the field of education in County Monaghan. From ancient times the Chancellor of a cathedral had a particular involvement with education.

The **Revd Canon Kyle Hanlon**, Rector of Fivemiletown and Kiltermon, is to be Precentor within the Cathedral Chapter. Making the announcements, Bishop McDowell said: "Canons Ian Berry and Kyle Hanlon are amongst the longest serving clergy in the Diocese who each in their own spheres and distinctive styles contribute to the wider life of the Diocese and it gives me great pleasure to appoint them to these senior positions within the chapter.

Canon Berry stated: "I feel honoured to be asked by Bishop John to be Chancellor within the Chapter of the cathedrals, although my family are intrigued as to what my title means."



Revd Canon Kyle Hanlon.

Canon Kyle Hanlon who has been working in Clogher Diocese since Easter 2000 said he found encouragement in the words of Jesus recorded in St John chapter 5 where Jesus says: 'I tell you the truth, whoever

hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life; he has crossed over from death to life.'

Among his many roles both within and outside the Diocese, Canon Hanlon has been appointed as a director to the church's ministry of healing, Belfast, and finds encouragement in ministry through the fellowship of contemplative prayer. He is trained in the listening ministry of spiritual direction and offers accompaniment to clergy across Northern Ireland. He says he feels very privileged to be appointed by Bishop John to this role.

Bishop McDowell has also appointed two new Canons.

The **Revd Ngozi Njoku**, Rector of the Garrison Group is to be Prebendary of Kilskeery. Bishop McDowell said: "I know that the appointment of the Revd Ngozi Njoku will bring a very different perspective to its deliberations."

Revd Ngozi described her five years in ministry in Clogher Diocese as a "humbling and exciting challenge" and it was an honour to be asked to take up a new position within the Cathedral Chapter as Prebendary of Kilskeery.

"It is an honour to be asked to take up a new

position within the Cathedral Chapter as Prebendary of Kilskeery," she said. She added that the new appointment brought tears to her eyes as some years ago her late twin brother asked her if women could become canons in the Church of England and she replied, "Why not?"

The **Revd Paul Thompson**, Rector of Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale is to be Prebendary of Donacavey with the additional roles as Warden of Readers and Co-ordinator of Lay Ministry. The Bishop said: "I am delighted that the Revd Paul Thompson has agreed to take over from Chancellor Skuce as Warden of Readers with the additional responsibility for co-ordinating lay ministry. Paul has been in orders for 30 years and has wide experience in professional development within the Church of England. Paul also acts as Tutor in both streams of formation for Ordained Local Ministry. I wish to recognise Paul's seniority and these considerable responsibilities by appointing him as Prebendary of Donacavey. Revd Thompson said: "I have enjoyed serving as Tutor on the OLM training course alongside being Rector of Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale. It is an honour to be now appointed by the Bishop to the additional roles of Prebendary of Donacavey, Warden of Readers and Co-Ordinator of Lay Ministry. My late father, Mr Charles Thompson, was a Reader in the Archdiocese of Armagh and I will always be grateful for his example in ministry, as what I saw in him and observed in his formation and training as a Reader played an important part in my own sense of vocation."

The Bishop has also appointed two Canons without prebend; the **Revd Alan Irwin**, Rector of Colaghty and **Revd Betty Thompson**, Non-Stipendiary Minister looking after the parishes of Derryvullen South and Garvary.

The Diocese of Clogher has two canonries which do not have Prebendal stalls (the holders do not have a "voice or vote" in the Cathedral Chapter). These dignities are given to acknowledge service to the Diocese, in the case of the Revd Alan Irwin, as a very effective and hardworking Rural Dean of Kesh and in the case of the Revd Betty Thompson for her work as an NSM in a number of parishes throughout the Diocese and as a way of recognising all non-stipendiary work over the years throughout Clogher.

Revd Irwin stated: "It was an unexpected surprise being appointed a Canon without prebend, in recognition of my role within the Diocese and I thank Bishop John for the appointment. As rector of Lack or Colaghty I would acknowledge the contribution and support of my parish, as I minister locally and within the diocese, whose support to



Revd Canon Mark Watson



Revd John Woods.



Revd Alan Irwin.



Revd Paul Thompson.

me has and continues to be invaluable. As Rural Dean of Kesh I have the wonderful opportunity to visit the churches in the deanery and attend glebes committee meetings as part of the diocese's oversight body for churches and glebes. Revd Thompson said her ministry has taken her on a journey of discipleship serving in parishes in the north and south of the Border, a journey of discovery, challenges and learning new ways of ministry in an ever-changing society.

"Ministry is a privilege and through dedication, prayer and study and the desire to answer the call to follow where God leads has brought me to this stage of my journey of faith and discipleship," she said. "When Bishop McDowell spoke to me regarding the appointment I was overwhelmed and humbled by the fact that I should be given the honour of being appointed as a Canon without prebend in the Diocese of Clogher. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Bishop McDowell for considering me thus

acknowledging my years of service in the Diocese." Bishop McDowell made two further changes; The **Revd Canon Mark Watson**, Rector of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk is to be Rural Dean of Enniskillen and The **Revd John Woods**, Rector of Donacavey and Barr is to be Rural Dean of Kilskeery. Canon Watson said: "I have an interest in church history and enjoy the work of a rural dean seeing parishes maintain and improve parochial property. Having never worked in the south-west of the Diocese I am looking forward to getting to know the people and the parochial property of the area." Revd John Woods stated: "I was delighted and honoured to be asked by Bishop John to become Rural Dean of Kilskeery and look forward to the opportunities and challenges this new role will bring." The Installations and Welcome will take place at a service in Enniskillen Cathedral on Sunday 16 June at 7.00pm. The preacher will be the Rt. Revd Patrick Rooke, Bishop of Tuam.

Friends of St Maeldoid's Service going strong 50 years later

THIS year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Friends of St Maeldoid's, Muckno, Castleblayney.

The Annual Service will be held on Sunday, 9th June at the usual time of 3.30pm in St. Maeldoid's Church, Castleblayney.

The guest Preacher, who originates from Castleblayney, will be The Venerable Craig McCauley, Rector of the Virginia Group of Parishes and Archdeacon of Kilmore. Organiser, Jayne Adair said: "The service will also feature the Armagh based Choir, The Lowry Singers, for this special occasion. Everyone is very welcome to attend and this invite extends to both the local community and anyone who has a connection with Castleblayney.

"After the Service the parishioners of St. Maeldoid's provide a beautiful afternoon tea, during which people have the opportunity to meet and chat, perhaps making new friendships and connections along the way.

"Benny Stuart, my great uncle and his best friend, Victor Sweetnam, were both brought up in Castleblayney and were the co-founders of the Friends of St. Maeldoid's in 1969. They both had a great love for Castleblayney and St. Maeldoid's Church, and when they met their future wives, and moved away, they missed their home town, the Church, and the feeling of connectedness both had given them.

"The two friends and their wives were chatting one evening about happy times spent in Castleblayney over the years and they came up with the idea of having an Annual Service in St. Maeldoid's Church, providing people with the opportunity to return to Castleblayney and join together again in worship, whilst also reconnecting with their roots.

"Benny and Victor organised the Service each year always on the second Sunday in June and people attended from all over the country, bringing along their children and later their grandchildren and great

grandchildren.

Jayne continued: "I have fond memories of those Sundays in June, as being great family times. I can remember walking in glorious sunshine with my father, the late Bob Adair, from the Hope Castle down the lovely country lane which leads directly to a side entrance into St Maeldoid's Church. After the service in the Church everyone would walk down to the Technical College for a beautiful afternoon tea and a chat, and while the adults talked, the children played, making new friendships and adding more links to the chain of connectedness.

"Victor Sweetnam sadly passed away in 1996, and my mother, the late Myrtle Adair, stepped in to help Uncle Benny and they continued to organise the service together, until his passing in 2002. "My mother continued to maintain close links with St. Maeldoid's, the Church she loved so much, and her hometown of Castleblayney, faithfully organising the Annual Friends Service. She was joined for a time by the late Grace Hill and together they saw the refurbishment of the Church, including restoration work carried out on the stained glass windows, and with the help of the parishioners and the Friends of St Maeldoid's managed to raise thousands of pounds and euros towards paying for the work.

"My mother Myrtle loved nothing more than seeing a large turnout at the Annual Service, one such year she often talked about, was

2010, which incidentally was the same year in which Revd. Craig McCauley became Archdeacon of Kilmore. He was the guest Preacher that year and around 28 members of the Stuart family attended the service.

Some of them came from as far afield as America, Canada and England. The Lowry Singers Choir were also there.

"Since my mother's passing in 2013, I have been organising the service from year to year, and like her, I love to return to Castleblayney at any opportunity.

"I feel very much at home there and have received such kindness and support from both the parishioners and Friends of St Maeldoid's over recent years.

"So in my mother's words I do hope 'we get a good turnout' at this year's service to mark its 50th Anniversary. Please put Sunday 9th June in your diary and I hope to see you there!" said Jayne.



CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

Data Protection Roadshows

Another General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) roadshow will be taking place in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen on Wednesday, 8th May. In May last year, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into effect and placed responsibilities upon how organisations manage personal data. This new law also applies to the Church of Ireland and places requirements on dioceses, parishes and the central Church to ensure that they are compliant with GDPR in how they store and process personal data.

Rebekah Fozzard is the Church of Ireland's Data Protection Officer and has produced a number of guidance documents to assist parishes and dioceses with the implementation of GDPR. Rebekah has commenced her second round of Data Protection Roadshows where she will facilitate question and answer sessions as well as giving practical advice and guidance on data protection issues. She will also make herself available for one-to-one sessions for any parishes which have a particular issue or difficulty that they would like to discuss with her – on a first come, first served basis.

Rebekah has produced a parish handbook which is a guide for parishes and these will be available at the forthcoming roadshow; Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh on Wednesday, 8th May in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen.

For more information and to register, please contact Sabrina McCabe at sabrina.clogher@gmail.com or ring the Diocesan Office: 028/048 6634 7879.

If you would like to book a one-to-one meeting with Rebekah, please email dataprotection@rcbdub.org



Special occasion for former Deacon Intern in Clogher Diocese

Cootehill (Drumgoon Parish) Church of Ireland in the Diocese of Kilmore on a prominent site at the top of the Main Street has reached a major milestone this year, it is 200 years since the church was opened. The current Bishop's Curate, Rev David Moses was appointed to the Cootehill group in spring 2018, taking up the post on 9th September after completing his final year of training for ordained ministry, having served as Deacon Intern in Monaghan group of parishes with Canon Ian Berry in Clogher Diocese. David writes: 'I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Clogher Diocese around Monaghan and made many new friends both within the congregations and locality. "As part of our celebrations for the bicentenary we are holding a Gospel Concert in the church on Friday 24th May at 7.30pm featuring Joy Boyd and friends from Larne. On Sunday 26th we have a special Bicentenary Service, with Right Rev Ferran Glenfield (Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh) as our preacher. The service will be followed by a cup of tea for everyone. There is an open invitation to all to these events."

GENERAL SYNOD TAKES PLACE THIS MONTH IN DERRY

This year's Church of Ireland General Synod will place in the Millennium Forum, Derry, from Thursday 16th to Saturday 18th May 2019.

For those not directly involved in attending the General Synod, they can follow proceedings on the Church of Ireland website during the days when it is meeting.

A spokesperson stated; "We hope you will take the time to visit each section of our website to find out more about the ongoing work and mission of the Church of Ireland as reflected in the General Synod meeting.

"You can view reports, news items and photographs to give you a flavour of the life of the annual meetings of Synod. This will allow those who are not able to be with us in Derry/Londonderry, and visitors from the wider world, to feel part of our work.

"There will be an audio broadcast during Synod. The hashtag #coigs will be used for Facebook and Twitter as well as other social media outlets."

"General Synod 2020 will take place in the Croke Park Meetings and Events Centre, from 7th–9th May."

Irvingstown, Tempo and Pettigo Presbyterian Churches invite you to our **Wedding Dress Festival** in Irvinestown Presbyterian Church

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Saturday 25th May (11am - 7pm)

Sunday 26th May (2pm - 7pm)

Monday 27th May (11am - 4pm)

This will include a wonderful display of dresses from our three parishes - from the very old to the very new!

Light refreshments will be available throughout the weekend. For numbers of 15 or over a reservation would be appreciated 07708869622

CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

Bishops' Appeal increases its emergency funding for Cyclone Idai survivors to €20,000



In response to the continued desperate needs of the survivors of Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi, the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal has released a further €10,000 to support the relief efforts.

The initial €10,000 donation has gone a long way to providing food, shelter, clean water and life-saving medicine where it is most needed.

However, Christian Aid's Malawi Country Manager, Pansi Katenga, says that the scale of devastation is still enormous and

survivors need help to stay alive. 'Although the rains have stopped for now, they're forecast to begin again soon, and we need to help people who are most vulnerable before the situation gets worse,' she says. 'The most at risk are children under five, lactating mothers and pregnant women, who need to keep up their nutrition.'

As parishes and individuals continue to send in donations, these will be added to the Bishops' Appeal fund and sent to support Christian Aid and Tearfund

partners working tirelessly on the ground. £40/€45 can supply a family with an emergency kit complete with hygiene items and essential food.'

All support is welcomed and appreciated. Donations can be made online at <https://store.ireland.anglican.org/donations> and further details for giving by post, by bank lodgement, or through parish donations are available at www.bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/give

ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

Anglican leaders express sympathy over Notre Dame fire

A serious fire which caused devastating damage to the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris has drawn expressions of solidarity from Anglican leaders. The Roman Catholic cathedral is seen by many French people as their country's mother church.

In its 850-year history it has witnessed much of the dramatic moments of Parisian history.

The blaze rapidly took hold of the cathedral as live television pictures of the operation to extinguish the fire were broadcast around the world. Viewers around the world watched as Notre Dame's famous spire – an iconic part of the Parisian skyline – collapsed into the burning roof.

The Vice President of the French Heritage Foundation (Fondation

du Patrimoine), Bertrand de Feydeau, said that there are no trees in France large enough to rebuild the cathedral's large wooden frame. He said that the roof was constructed from 300 – 400-year-old Beachwood beams more than 850 years ago. "There are no longer trees of that size in France," he told CNN.

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby responded to the fire as it was blazing on Monday Night.

In a Tweet, he said: "Tonight we pray for the firefighters tackling the tragic #NotreDame fire - and for everyone in France and beyond who watches and weeps for this beautiful, sacred place where millions have met with Jesus Christ."

MISSIONARY & CHARITABLE NEWS



Everyone should have happy birth days

Christian Aid Week this year (12-18 May) will focus on our work in Sierra Leone.

Sierra Leone is a country about the size of Ireland and lies on the coast of West Africa. Scarred by a long and bloody civil war (1991-2002), and the worst Ebola outbreak in history (2014-2016), Sierra Leoneans are now battling to rebuild healthcare.

But it is the most dangerous country in the world to give birth where 10 women die every day giving birth and one in nine children don't reach their fifth birthday.

There are a number of reasons why giving birth is so dangerous in Sierra Leone:-

- Distance to the health centre – If there's no health clinic in their village, women in labour have to wait for hours or walk long journeys.
- A lack of trained healthcare workers means that many women are left to give birth with birth attendants who have very little medical training.
- Inadequate health centres which are poorly equipped, with not enough staff, drugs or facilities available,
- Hunger – From May to December there isn't enough food, and most families eat just one meal a day.

Jebbeh Konneh lives in Sawula village, about six hours south of Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone. Jebbeh is extremely anxious about the birth of her own child. When her sister Fatmata went into labour she was unable to access an ambulance and had no choice but to walk for three hours under the baking sun to the nearest hospital. She struggled and sadly she died on the side of the road. She never gave birth. As her due date looms closer, Jebbeh fears she could be next.

In Sawula village, the community struggle with an ill-equipped health centre which has no electricity and just two delivery beds.

Judith Lassie is a nurse and when she first came to Sawula village, she saw how mums were in desperate need of medical care. The need is great, and sometimes she's forced to send people away.

The health clinic is the size of a small bedroom. When women come to the clinic at night, there's no light for Judith to use and relies on a torch. There are often not enough drugs at the clinic. She has to go on a motorbike or sometimes walk for three hours to collect drugs. A new health centre is like a dream for Sawula village.

With your support this Christian Aid Week we hope to build a bigger and better equipped health centre. For example £300/€350 would purchase a locally made delivery bed with mattress, £60/€70 would

purchase a lockable drugs cupboard, £15/€18 a stethoscope, £5/€6 a baby weighing bag.

Visit caweek.org to download your church resources including worship materials, ideas for young people or contact the Belfast office for additional support or information: belfast@christian-aid.org or 028 9064 8133.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Ardess Church hosts May Bank Holiday Flower Festival

St. Mary's Church, Ardess in Magheraculmoney Parish, Kesh will be bright and colourful at the end of May as they host their Flower Festival.

Taking place from Friday, 24th May until Bank Holiday Monday, 27th May, the event will also host catering for visitors including group tours.

The Festival opens on the Friday morning at 11am until 9pm with an Opening Service at 7.30pm.

The Festival continues over the weekend, on Saturday from 10am to 9pm, on Sunday from 2pm to 9pm and on the Monday from 11am to 7pm with a closing service at 7pm.

Teas and coffee, scones and traybakes are available in Ardess Parish Centre with meat salad teas available by booking in advance.

Coinciding with the Festival will be tours of Kiltierney Abbey, one of the oldest monastic sites in the area.

Bookings and further information available from Louie Lee; louielee4@hotmail.co.uk



Some of the organisers of Ardess Flower Festival preparing for the event at the end of May.



A design showing the memorial placed within the gable wall of the Clinton Centre in Belmore Street, Enniskillen which has now been submitted for planning approval.

Enniskillen Memorial submitted for planning approval

A press release in September concerning the siting of the memorial for the Enniskillen Remembrance Day Bomb reported that "progress had been made and a solution had been reached by all parties involved to site the memorial within the gable wall of the Clinton Centre subject to necessary approvals."

The Dean of Enniskillen Cathedral, the Very Revd. Kenneth Hall, who chaired the negotiations stated on behalf of all involved; "We can now confirm that agreed plans have been submitted for planning approval."

The Dean added: "I am pleased to say a very positive outcome has been achieved, with which the bereaved families and all interested parties are satisfied."

No further comment will be made at this time.

IRELAND DAY CONFERENCE

Crosslinks has announced that Dr Tim Chester will be joining them for their biennial conference on Saturday 21st March 2020.

Radio Ulster Morning Service from Rossorry

BBC Radio Ulster's Morning Service on Sunday, 2nd June, will be broadcast from Rossorry Parish Church at 10.15am.

The preacher will be Canon Dr Ian W Ellis, Rector of Rossorry, and the service will be available online afterwards at www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007cphq

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