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Revd Colin McConaghie from St. Finbarr's Church, Carrickmacross with some of his parishioners who are beginning to prepare the float they will enter in the St. Patrick's Day parade in the town.

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Monday 23rd March 2020 at 8.00pm

A LENTEN REFLECTION

**An Evening of Quiet Reflection for Lent
with Mr. Roy Robinson MBE**

*Mr Robinson is well known in Fermanagh
in his role as a Policing Officer.*

*His life experiences have led him on a
spiritual journey - one which he shares.*

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189 Derrylin Road, Bellanaleck
Refreshments will be served**

A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



Dear Friends,

We are all inclined to want God on our own terms. We want him to give us the answers we want to hear or to reveal himself in a way that suits us or that we find congenial. "The Jews demand a sign" said St Paul "... and the Greeks look for wisdom". And he wasn't just talking about those particular peoples or nations. He was referring to what we would call "types".

The type that asks Jesus to throw himself down from the pinnacle of the Temple as a sign and show of power. The same type, even in his agony, expected him to come down from the cross to prove a point: "... if he was the Son of God he would save himself".

Or the type that wants every mystery or paradox in the Universe explained without remainder to their satisfaction, and when it is not, refuse any belief whatsoever because their quest for wisdom hasn't been settled in the way they had expected it to be.

But it isn't that these things—power and wisdom—are the wrong things to look for in God. Jesus did many mighty works of power and in the created order we witness God's power at work every day. And the wisdom of Jesus, whether it is laid out in the simple pictorial speech of the parables of the Kingdom (which have never been equalled in the depth of their insight) or in the long discourses in St John's Gospel

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unfold new depths to every subsequent generation of scholars and believers.

To finish off the quotation above from 1 Corinthians: "But we preach Christ crucified, the wisdom of God and the power of God..."

Probably the greatest mystery in the world and the most painful and gloomy, is how things went wrong for men and women in the first place. It is impossible to give a wholly rational answer (how can we rationalise the irrational anyway). It is not possible to deny it or to doubt that it appears to be ineradicable. No power on earth can come anywhere near defeating it. It has defied human wisdom and deformed human existence for as long as we have known.

In reply St Paul maintains that the cross of the Son of God has both the power to defeat it and the wisdom to unlock its meaning. It can be easy to forget Sunday by Sunday that there is a centrality about the cross, even when our churches have many symbols to remind us, not least the drama of the Eucharist. It is impossible to ignore it during Lent and Holy Week when we consciously and intentionally walk in the way of the Cross.

And as we do so during this Lent and Holy Week, let us also keep in mind what it was that motivated Jesus to make that journey. His motive was love. First and foremost a love of His Father and an obedience born of that love. Secondly a love for all people made through him and in his image. There is a very popular hymn, and I admire it very much myself, but which I think makes a small but crucial error. It has a line which, referring to the cross, goes, "It was my sin that held him there". I think that is not strictly accurate. It may well indeed have been my sin which put him there, but it was his love which held him there.

The writers of the New Testament and those who were eyewitnesses of what happened outside the city walls on that day are very reticent about the details of the suffering Jesus underwent. It was subsequent writer, artists and theologians

who expatiated on that. For the New Testament writers it was that it was undergone voluntarily, freely, that was the most important factor. That is not to say that the suffering was not cruel and deep, but it is not what is dwelt on in the scriptures.

Sacrifice without love has no redemptive power. And it is the love of God in the Cross which has had the power to overcome and explain that apparently inexplicable and unconquerable force which still makes the world go wrong.

I want to leave you with a very short poem which in words almost as simple as in the parables of Jesus sums up the effects of the Cross and the means by which God draws all people to himself. It was written by a wealthy and aristocratic Englishman in the seventeenth century, who turned his back on a life of comfort to become a country parson and to proclaim the love of God.

Love III

Love bade me welcome, yet my soul
drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow
slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lack'd anything.

"A guest," I answer'd, "worthy to be here";
Love said, "You shall be he."
"I, the unkind, the ungrateful? ah my dear,
I cannot look on thee."
Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
"Who made the eyes but I?"

"Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them; let
my shame
Go where it doth deserve."
"And know you not," says Love, "who
bore the blame?"
"My dear, then I will serve."
"You must sit down," says Love, "and
taste my meat."
So I did sit and eat.

George Herbert

+John Clogher

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Services

Sunday 1st March

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

Sunday 8th March

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer
Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer
Aghadrumsee 3.00pm Favourite Hymns

Sunday 15th March

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer
Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer
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Sunday 22nd March

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer
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Sunday 29th March

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer
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Notice

200th Anniversary Books still available.

Clogh Bowling Club

Each Wednesday at 8.00pm.

Young Ladies Group

A night of cupcake decorating was enjoyed by all in attendance at our last meeting, our thanks to Baiba from Lough Erne Cakes for her guidance. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th March at 8.30 pm 'Dance the night away'.

Parish Group Lent Study

Does your faith influence the way you live your life? In our Lent study this year we are discussing this and are using 'Living



Aghadrumsee Sunday School who took part in a nativity play during their service before Christmas.

Distinctively' the theme DVD of Spring Harvest 2010. Designed as a small group resource, it considers what it means to live distinctively in a time of uncertainty. It interviews a number of Christian people who seek to put their faith into action in their respective fields. The study continues in the Rectory on 9th, 16th and 23rd March starting with refreshments at 7.45pm. Everyone welcome.

Clogh Mothers' Union

Our Visitors' night will take place on Tuesday 31st March at 8.00 pm. Guest speaker Mrs Dorothy Jones.

Aghadrumsee 200th Anniversary Events

■ **Sunday 8th March 2020** Favourite Hymns Service with Revd Olivia Downey.



Children from Clogh Sunday School who lead a special children's nativity service in Clogh Church.



Children from Aghadrumsee Sunday School at their Christmas Party with a special visitor who called in.

- **Saturday 21st March 2020** - Beetle Drive
- **Sunday 10th May 2020** - Picnic in Rossmore Park, Monaghan following the Service in Aghadrumsee.
- **Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th June** - Display of Wedding Dresses and Christening Gowns. The final event of our celebrations



Children from Clogh Sunday School at their Christmas party with presents received from a special visitor pictured with them.

cumulating with a service on the Sunday at 7pm with the Revd Canon Betty Thompson.

Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to all who have been bereaved recently in particular the Moore Family on the death of Susan Moore whose funeral took place in Drumsnatt.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Services

MARCH

Sunday 1st March

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion
 12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion

Wednesday 4th March

8.00pm Colebrooke Wednesday Lent Service



The young people at their Confirmation Service.

Sunday 8th March

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
 12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

Wednesday 11th March

8.00pm Colebrooke Wednesday Lent Service

Sunday 15th March

11.00am Colebrooke Family Service

Wednesday 18th March

8.00pm Colebrooke Wednesday Lent Service

Sunday 22nd March

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
 12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

Wednesday 25th March

8.00pm Colebrooke Wednesday Lent Service

Sunday 29th March

11.00am Cooneen Divine Healing with Laying on of Hands

Lent Services

Each Wednesday during Lent there will be a service in Colebrooke at 8.00pm to which everyone is welcome. On the 18th March we will be joined by Mrs Geraldine Beattie from Fields of Life.

Gospel Concert

On Thursday 2nd April 2020, at 7.30pm, there will be a Gospel Concert in St Ronan's, Colebrooke led by Rev Jean Mackarel and musicians. Everyone will be very welcome, and supper will be served in the parish hall following the concert. Donations in aid of parish funds.

Mullaghfad Carol Service

On Sunday 17th November 2019, All Saints Mullaghfad was filled to capacity for our annual carol service, the collection each year in aid of a different cause. This year the amount raised was £950 and was presented to Forget Me Not, bereaved by suicide group in the Aisling Centre, Enniskillen, in January. Included is a photograph of presentation of a cheque by the family of the late Ryan Braden to members of Forget Me Not. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this very worthwhile cause.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 2nd February 2020, Reuben Mark Buchanan, son of Debbie and Mark Buchanan, was baptized into Christ's Church in St Ronan's, Colebrooke. Godparents Vicky and Philip Howe. God's richest blessing on Reuben and his family as he begins a new step in his life.

GFS – Girls Friendly Society

The branch meets every Monday, at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall for girls 3 years and



The presentation of the cheque to the Forget Me Not charity.



The craft challenge at Mothers' Union.



upwards, and new members will be made very welcome, taking part in games, cookery, craft, bible study and especially having lots of fun..

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Scouts meet every Tuesday from 7pm-8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-11 years, and continues to 9.15pm, Scouts, 11 – 14 years.

The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.

Squirrels (4 - 6 years)

Beavers (6 – 8 years)

Cubs (8 – 11 years)

Scouts (11 – 14 years)

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meet in the Parish Hall each Thursday at 7.45pm.

New members are very welcome, whether new to the sport, or an absolute beginner. If you do not have your own bowls, but would like to have a try, come along, spend some time with us, and see if you catch the bug.

SNATCH (Sunday Night At the Church Hall) Youth Ministry

Aghavea & Colebrooke

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Website: snatch.colebrookeparish.org

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union theme for 2020 is 'Building Hope and Confidence'. In



The baptism for the Buchanan family.

January, after the meaningful service of Holy Communion led by Revd John McClenaghan, the members enjoyed fellowship and refreshments. Then they were divided into three groups and given a challenge to complete in five minutes, build a free-standing tower using only 12 sheets of newspaper and tape. Much laughter followed with a few frowns and then smiles of pleasure when the highest free-standing tower was awarded a prize. Working

together and discussing the best method proved to win the day. This is a lesson for us all in daily life within our families, our organizations and in our church families too. The Branch Leader reminded the members to build their lives on the solid firm foundation of The Lord Jesus Christ. The meeting on March 18 is during Lent when Mrs Geraldine Beattie is invited to speak about her trip to Uganda with 'Fields of Life'. Everyone is welcome.

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We're back!! Hallelujah!!

After a long period in the wilderness (or a year in the Parish Hall, to be fair) we took great delight in returning to the newly renovated building on 26th January. Our first service was a Service of Holy Baptism, during which we celebrated with the

extended Keenan family as Georgia Jayne was baptised, as the family committed to a new life in faith for their daughter. It was appropriate that our "new beginning" in the church was also an opportunity to consider our own faith again, and to recommit ourselves to God's service again. We would like to thank all those who joined us that morning to mark our special moment. The Select Vestry would like to thank all those who have supported us through the past year, for the patience of the parishioners who met in the unusual surroundings, and to the surrounding parishes of Maguiresbridge and Colebrooke who allowed us to hold formal services of funerals and weddings in their premises while we were inconvenienced. We hope we can return the favour at some point in the future.

The parish has been fantastic at hosting fundraising events, and we have been brilliantly supported by the local communities and by folks from the wider



diocese, and we hope that we can continue to rely on your support throughout the coming years as we continue to finance the works. There'll be plenty of events in the near and coming future – we will keep you informed!

Lent 2020

Our Lenten observances continue each Wednesday at 8pm in the Church. We will continue our theme of "Belonging". As Lent is a period of preparation, each study should provide us an opportunity to examine ourselves, and to prepare ourselves for the magnificent culmination of Lent during Holy Week and Easter. All details of the Holy Week and Easter services will be announced locally, and in next month's Diocesan Magazine.

Baptism

26th January 2020 – Georgia Jayne, daughter of Sharon and Alan Keenan, Lisnaskea.

Sympathies

We offer our sincere sympathies and prayers to all those who have remembered the loss of loved ones and neighbours at this time of year.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union enjoyed a fantastic evening in the Valley Hotel recently, with plenty of lovely food and fellowship. Instead of meeting for a Christmas dinner, they decided to meet in early 2020 when the busyness of Christmas was behind us all. We all enjoyed each other's company, and had a great evening together. We look forward to meeting again soon. The photograph shows us all just before we enjoyed the fantastic service and meal. The only one missing from the photo is the rector – he was on the other side of the camera – and was there as a member of the MU – yes, men can join the MU!! We would like to take this opportunity to invite anyone to come along to any of the meetings and join our fellowship.

Upcoming events

Our next opportunity to gather with friends will be on Saturday 14th March with our Stew Night in the Parish Hall at 8pm. There'll be enough food for everyone (and if the stew tastes anything like last year's, we'll all be wanting seconds!!) and entertainment afterwards. We hope you can join us, all we ask is for a donation towards the Building Fund, at your discretion. We hope you can join us to celebrate our island's patron saint, Patrick.

Services each Sunday

As we move back into our church building, our normal pattern of services continue. We celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday morning, Morning Prayer each second and fourth Sunday, and a Family Service on the third Sunday. Each service is



The Mothers' Union members enjoying their dinner.

at 11am, and is always followed by a time of tea, coffee and fellowship.

We hold an Evening Service of Praise on the second Sunday evening at 7.30pm in the Brookeborough Memorial Hall. Again, we always have a time of refreshment and fellowship afterwards, and all are very welcome to come along and join us.

Healing Service

We hold a monthly Service of Wholeness and Healing on the fourth Sunday of the month in the Brookeborough Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. If you have anyone in need of prayer, simply email the name of the person for prayer to aghavea@gmail.com. You don't need to send the reason (God knows the need more than we could ever do), or come

along in person and mention the person in your prayers. We welcome all visitors to the service, or to any of our services. Just like the rest of our services, they are open to all in our community, but this service is one that has been particularly successful at reaching out to the whole of the community. No questions are ever asked – and everyone is made just as welcome as the next. We are all family in God's eyes!

Church Website

Our church website (www.aghavea.blogspot.com) will keep all up to date information on the different events in the Parish. If you have any queries or suggestions, you can always contact the rector at aghavea@gmail.com



At the baptism service for the Keenan family.

Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno

Vacant.

In charge: Chancellor Ian Berry, (Rural Dean)
Pastoral Care: Chancellor Ian Berry (Rural Dean), Revd James Stephenson and Mr Walter Pringle (DPA).

Congratulations

Congratulations to Darrelle Moffett RGN, RGN. Darrelle is the eldest daughter of Stanley and Astrid Moffett and graduated from Trinity College Dublin with a higher diploma in midwifery. She is now a registered general nurse and a registered general midwife. Darrelle is currently working in the Retunda Hospital in Dublin. Congratulations Darrelle, your dedication and hard work has certainly paid off. May you be blessed with God's richest blessing.

Bereavement

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Mc Kenna family on the death of Kathleen McQuillian on January 12th. We keep Elaine and Johnny in our thoughts and prayers.

Easter Vestry

This is the AGM of the Church when you as a church family elect and appoint people to responsible roles in the on-going life of the Church., i.e Church wardens, glebe wardens and select vestry.

The meeting will take place early April, (date to be confirmed). Anyone whose name is on the Register of the vestry will be entitled to vote to elect new vestry members. We would extend our thanks to all who serve on the select vestry and other roles within the church family, much of which goes unseen.

Looking Ahead

Sunday March 29th is the 5th Sunday so it'll be a combined service in Christ church at 11am.

Good Friday at 11am in Christ Church Hall. We are having an All Age Service. This is an informal All Age Service with the special activity of Making an Easter Garden. There will be tea, coffee etc, and perhaps some hot cross buns! A lovely family morning to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Jesus rose from the dead, he is alive and he has promised that one day he will return again.

Easter Sunday Holy Communion Service at



Mothers' Union and Friends enjoying an evening of card making and fellowship.

the earlier time of 9am in Christ Church. All welcome

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our group of parishes who have been in hospital or unwell in recent weeks.

God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose arms stretched wide on the cross to embrace us, by your spirit stretch us to welcome and embrace others more freely in our parish, our community and our land. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Thanks

We are very thankful and appreciative to everyone for covering our parish while we are vacant. The pastoral cover has kept us running like clockwork. Thank you. We pray that God will bless us as we embark on a new chapter of ministry.

Muckno

DATES TO NOTE:

Family service

A family service will take place on Sunday 23rd February at 10am with Mr Walter Pringle.

Ash Wednesday Evening Service

• Wednesday 26th Feb in St Maeldoids (for all churches) at 8pm with Mr Keith Browne.

• Mothering Sunday 22nd March – A service with Mr. Walter Pringle at the usual time of 10am.

• Sunday 29th March - Combined Group Service – in Christchurch, Ballybay, Co. Monaghan with Mrs. E. Cutler.

Easter week services:

• Holy Thursday 9th April HC with Revd James Stephenson, in St Colman's Clontibret TBD.



- Good Friday service with Mr Keith Browne in Christ Church Ballybay TBD
- Easter day service: HC service, Sunday 12th April at 10am with Revd James Stephenson.

Sunday school News:

The children have been learning all about God's love in Sunday School. They presented the members of the congregation with hearts for them to remember the children in their prayers until Easter Sunday. To further celebrate God's love for us and with it being the weekend of St.Valentine's, the SS children presented all the congregation on Sunday 16th February with some lovely gifts.

The SS children will be taking part in the Family service on Sunday 23rd February, doing the bible readings and collection.

Mothers' Union Looking forward...

On Wednesday 12th February in Castleblayney Church Hall a Craft evening with Geraldine Carragher was held. Thank you to Jennfier Leathem who took over as leader of the meeting for this occasion. Deepest commiserations were given to Mrs Ethel Coulter and her sister Margaret on the very recent sad passing of their sister.



Beryl reminiscing on the organ.

Friday 6th March at 8pm

Castleblayney Church Hall - Womens World Day of Prayer. This year the service was prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. Their theme "Rise - Take your mat and walk". Special speaker is Caroline Merrin from Carrickmacross.

Wednesday 8th April at 8pm in Clontibret Church Hall; An evening with Linda Keating who will speak on Mental health. Everyone welcome.

M.U. Area Service Friday 8th May at 8pm in Killeevan Parish Church.

Visitors from Belfast and South Africa

Mrs Ethel Coulter had the great pleasure to welcome Beryl (nee Hillis and formerly of Muckno Street, Castleblayney) and her husband Sinclair Rainey (Belfast)



Mrs and Mrs S Rainey with their grand-nieces on a recent visit to Castleblayney.

and Beryl's sister, Pamela (nee Hillis) granddaughters, Kayley and Erin Green and their friend Matthew from South Africa to the church recently. They were delighted to see the church and see where their mother and her sisters worshipped when they were little. Beryl and her older sister Myrtle, their great aunts played the organ in the church for many Friends Reunion services.

Sympathies

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Frank Hearty, husband to Doreen on 11th January 2020. The Select vestry and parishioners of St Maeldoid's send sincere sympathy to Doreen and all the family. In a reflection read at the mass these comforting words were read "Death

is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room. Whatever we were to each other, that we still are...."

We also record the sad passing of Mrs Olive Spinks (nee Whyte) on 1st February 2020, sister to Ethel Coulter and Margaret Smyth. The Select Vestry and Parishioners are deeply sorry on the sad loss of Olive. As you grieve know that others are remembering you in their thoughts.

We also acknowledge and send deepest sympathy to Betty Whyte and family on the sad passing of her husband John (Johnny) Whyte - Warringstown. Many years ago, Betty use to clean St Maeldoid's before leaving and heading northwards.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4).



Astrid, Darrelle and Stanley Moffett.



Miss Darrelle Moffett RGM, RGN

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Youth Group members trying their hand at bowling.

Services

Sunday 1st March

Morning Prayer St Finbarr's 10.30am

Morning Prayer Magheraclone 12noon

Wednesday 4th March

NO Holy Communion St Finbarr's

Ash Wednesday Service St Finbarr's 8.00pm

Sunday 8th March

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Holy Communion Magheraclone 12noon

Morning Prayer Ardragh 1.15pm

Wednesday 11th March

NO Holy Communion St Finbarr's

Sunday 15th March

Arise and Shine St Finbarr's 10.30am

Service of the Word Magheraclone 12noon

Wednesday 18th March

NO Holy Communion St Finbarr's

Sunday 22nd March

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Holy Communion Magheraclone 12noon

Holy Communion Ardragh 1.15pm

Wednesday 25th March

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

Sunday 29th March

United Service Magheraclone 12noon

"Deeper" Into The Bible

March sees the beginning of a brand-new journey for us as a group of parishes as we seek to go deeper into God's word with the launch of a new monthly meeting gathering "Deeper into the Bible." Meeting on the first

Thursday of each month there will be a talk into a Biblical book or topic from Scriptures as we seek as individual parishioners and as a church to grow in our faith and knowledge of Scripture. There will also be a time set aside for prayer and worship and we lift before God those in need, our church, community and the wider world.

"Deeper into the Bible" begins on Thursday 5th March as Revd Colin brings us a talk on the meaning of Lent and the Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness.

Pop Up Shop

St Finbarr's are opening a Pop-Up Shop in Carrickmacross Shopping Centre from Thursday 5th to Saturday 7th March. We are asking parishioners to do a good clear out as we seek new and nearly new shoes, clothes, toys, unwanted gifts, small items of furniture and so on to sell as we seek to raise much needed funds.

The Pop-Up Shop will serve as both a fundraiser and also a service to those in our community who find it difficult to find the money needed to clothe a family or provide a gift for a birthday or special occasion. The shop will run be opened from 10am – 5pm each day with parishioners working as volunteers to not only sell the goods but help with set up and take down.

Carrickmacross Food Bank

We continue to support the work of the Food bank by collecting non-perishable food items on the third Sunday of each month. The food is used to help local families who are struggling with the cost of providing meals for their families.

St Patrick's Day Parade

For the first time in around 20 years St



Finbarr's will have a float in this year's St Patrick's Day Parade on Tuesday 17th March. As part of our 20/20 vision of community involvement we feel it is vital that we as a church are seen to be playing a part in this wonderful celebration in our town. The theme of our float is "All Things Bright and Beautiful" displaying the goodness of God's creation and the great variety of life we have here in our local community. Work is well under way on the float and we look forward to seeing it on the day. Photos to come in next month's magazine!

Youth Group

Our Youth Group continue to meet each month for a time of playing games, friendship and learning more about their faith. In February we held a games night which was full of challenges and team work as the young people battled through some new games and some old classics. Our March Youth Group meets in the Jackson Hall on Wednesday 25th March at 7.00pm and is open to all young people aged 11 plus.

Cabra Central School

Cabra Central is our joint National School along with Kingscourt Parish in the Diocese of Meath and is situated on the outskirts of Kingscourt. The four-teacher school has a dedicated staff team who produce a wonderful learning environment for our children to thrive on. The school constantly does very well in inspections and has achieved a number of awards including the Green Flag. Cabra are now enrolling for September 2020 and anyone intrusted in learning more



Enjoying the 'Jewels' Pot Luck Supper.

about sending their children to the school should contact the principal, Mrs Janine O'Neill.

Bowls Club

During a break from their matches in the New Year the Bowling Club members undertook their in-house competition, the Merrin Cup. As always, the Cup was hotly contested as each member played off against each other in a league format. Following a very tight finish Irene Merrin retained the cup she had won for the

first-time last season just pipping Sammy Babington to first place. Congratulations to Irene and well played to all who took part especially our newest members Gina and Raymond Breden who were competing in the cup for the first time.

The season will finish with two more friendly matches before the end of year dinner at the end of February.

Jewel's Women's Group

In February 'Jewel's' made the short trek down the hill to the bottom of the town to visit the Carrickmacross Lace Gallery where the ladies were given a demonstration of this world famous lace. Carrickmacross Lace was first introduced by the wife of a Church of Ireland Rector before the tradition was carried on by the nuns of St Louis Convent and has featured on the wedding dresses of Queens and princesses. The ladies enjoyed the evening immensely and we look forward to maybe seeing some of their own creations in the coming months! Jewels meet again on Thursday 20th March when they will be joined by a special guest speaker Tara Aughey who will speak about Women's mental health.

Men's Group

The Men's Group enjoyed a meal out at the Shirley Arms Hotel in February. It was a great opportunity for men of the parish and friends to come together over a meal for chat and laughter.

In March the men plan to head Clay Pigeon Shooting on Thursday 27th, details will be sent out in the coming weeks.



Irene Merrin receives the Merrin cup from bowls captain Lorna Lewis.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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Church Services

Sunday 8th March

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

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

Sunday 15th March

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

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

Sunday 22nd March. Mothers' Day

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

11:30 a.m. Family Service. Cleenish

Sunday 29th March

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

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

Sunday 5th April. Palm Sunday

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

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

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

Dates for your Diary

- Friday 6th March, World Day of Prayer
- Thursday 12th March. Mullaghduin Flute Band Concert, Granshagh Hall
- Tuesday 17th March. Mothers' Union, Irish Stew Night, Cleenish
- Monday 23rd March. A Lenten Reflection by Roy Robinson, Cleenish Hall, see separate advert
- Saturday 28th March. Coffee Morning, Mullaghduin Hall
- Friday 10th April, Good Friday
- Saturday 11th April. Mothers' Union, Annual Sale
- Sunday 12th April. Easter Sunday
- Friday 17th April. Dessert Evening, Mullaghduin Hall

Select Vestry Meetings

Wednesday 18th March, Cleenish



The Santa train at the Children's Christmas party.

Thursday 26th March, Mullaghduin Cleenish and Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

At the conclusion of the Holy Communion Service last month, members discussed the continuing programme for the year. On Saturday 22nd February, members attended a Prayer Breakfast which is a Diocesan Trustee Event in Fivemiletown. The World Day of Prayer will be held this year in St Mary's Church, Arney, on Friday 6th March.

Cleenish Parents and Toddlers

It was a pleasure to have four new babies join after the Christmas holidays. The Group continues during School term on Tuesdays 10:00am to 11:30am. For further details contact Rosita Bridle 028 6634 8259

Cleenish Brownies

On Wednesday 5th February, Rainbows joined the Brownies in Bellanaleck Hall, where Kevin Connors demonstrated simple First Aid. This was part of "Girls Guiding Ulster Social Action Week". Small donations were collected for the Air Ambulance. Thinking Day will be held this year on Wednesday 4th March. Rossorry and Enniskillen will join Cleenish in Bellanaleck Hall, as part of the Devenish District Brownies Unit.

Cleenish Parish Supper Dance

120 patrons attended the Annual Supper Dance on Friday 14th February in the Unionist Headquarters, Enniskillen. Music was provided by the Singing Digger Man. Further details next month.

Mullaghduin Flute Band Concert

The above Concert takes place on Thursday 12th March in Granshagh Hall at 8pm. The

Band plays concert type silver flutes. There is also a variety programme with separate artists. Tickets can be obtained from any Band member or pay at the door on the night.

Coffee Morning

There was widespread sadness at the death last November, of Neville Gamble, beloved son of Jim and Doreen. To honour his memory a Coffee Morning and Cake Sale will be held on Saturday 28th March from 9.30am to 12.30pm in Mullaghduin Parish Hall. Proceeds of this event will be donated to "Friends of the Cancer Centre" at Belfast City Hospital. We would encourage everyone to support this worthy cause.

Fundraising Event

Sarah-Louise Collum, currently studying at Liverpool University is going on a mission trip to central Asia at the end of August 2020 with a team of young people. Their aim is to share God's Love with Christian and non-Christian Students at a summer camp. As part of her fund-raising she is holding a "Dessert Evening" in Mullaghduin Parish Hall, on Friday 17th April from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. This promises to be an evening full of fun, fellowship and mouth-watering desserts, and Sarah-Louise extends a warm welcome to everyone to attend.

Sympathy

We express condolences with Willie and Margaret Elliott, and the extended Elliott family circle following the death of Willie's sister, Jean Cathcart who passed away on Saturday 25th January. Jean was baptised and married in Mullaghduin Church. Her largely attended funeral Service was held in Derrybrusk Parish Church.



Work in Progress

Work is ongoing to the new Car Park area at Mullaghduin Church. It is anticipated that work should be nearing completion by the end of 2020.

Cleenish Centre

Orders are already being received, and the Management at the Centre are confident of having another successful year during 2020. To hire the Centre contact by email: enquiries@cleenishcentre.com, or telephone 02866 349647. You may also view the Cleenish Centre website

Bellanaleck Community Group

At the monthly meeting of the Group, on Wednesday 22nd January members agreed the Annual Charity Commission Return 2018-19, which was carefully written by the Secretary.

The future of the Stroke Unit was then discussed, and updated details were given by Professor Varmer. It is anticipated the Blueway Scheme will soon commence with



Enjoying the Cleenish Parish Supper Dance.

the construction of a much-widened Slipway at the bottom of Waterhen Lane.

Details about the success of the Childrens' Christmas Party was discussed at length, as briefly described in last month's edition. A consultation document produced by F.O.D.C about "Proposed Dog Control Orders" was then read out to the Group. On Friday morning 31st January, a

Sub Group held an on-site meeting with two representatives from Dfi Roads to highlight some

points along the Village carriageway, which will soon to be resurfaced. One point of note will be easing the left turn movement into the Church Car Park.

Next meeting, Wednesday 25th March. Enquiries to Group Secretary Owen Wilson, e mail owenjwilson@btinternet.com.

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A view of St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher from Hillfort.

Gospel Concert in Newtownsaville

This takes place on Friday 20th March at 8pm in St. Mark's Parish Church, Newtownsaville, with Revd. Jean Mackerel and Friends, all proceeds to the Church Repair Fund.

Celebration of St. Macartan

A Celebration of St. Macartan in Clogher Cathedral will take place on Sunday, 22nd March and Tuesday, 24th March.

On the site of the current Diocesan Cathedral in Clogher there has been a place of worship dating back to the 5th Century when Macartan, who was St. Patrick's strong man was appointed by St. Patrick as the first Bishop of Clogher Diocese.

On Sunday 22nd March at 3pm, the 'Friends of Clogher Cathedral' will hold their annual service of thanksgiving and fellowship in the Cathedral - everyone is very welcome when the guest preacher will be Revd. Dr. Maurice Elliott, who is the Director of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute.

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Views from the top of Clogher Cathedral.

Mothers' Union

The first meeting of Clogher Mothers' Union in 2020 was a Commissioning and Enrolment Service in Clogher Cathedral on 29th January. Revd. Charles Eames, Mothers' Union Chaplain conducted the service. Mrs Lynn Winslow was commissioned as Branch Leader. Mrs Heather McKeown and Mrs Lynn Funston

were enrolled as members of the Mothers' Union.

Revd Eames gave a thought-provoking message and the pianist was Miss Janice Clingan. Mrs Irene Boyd welcomed the two new members and congratulated Lynn as Branch Leader. A lovely supper was provided by Hilary Keys and Lynn Winslow. This was followed by short meeting and The Grace closed the evening.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

1 March

Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion (followed by refreshments)
Newbliss (Hall) 11.30am: Holy Communion

8 March

Currin 10.00am: Holy Communion
Killeevan 11.30am: Holy Communion

15 March

Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer (followed by refreshments)
Newbliss (Hall) 11.30am: Morning Prayer

22 March

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

29 March

Currin 11.00am: Joint Group Family Service (followed by refreshments)

5 April

Clones 11.00am: Joint Palm Sunday Communion (followed by refreshments)

Congratulations

Warm congratulations go to our Rector on the birth of his first grandchild – a baby boy, Gabriel, who was born on 1 January in Manchester. We wish Gabriel and his parents (Dominic and Sara) every blessing as they begin this next exciting phase in their family life.

Condolences

It was with great sadness that we bade farewell to Shirley Smyth, who died on 22 January. Shirley was originally from Derryvalley, but she moved to Newbliss in 1956 after her marriage to Jackie, and she soon became a much loved member of the village and church community. In Newbliss Shirley was known by all – and knew everybody, since she worked in the shop – and in the church she was not just a faithful worshipper week by week but also a long-time Select Vestry member and

Glebewarden, a stalwart of the Mothers' Union, and a woman of great discretion, faith and fun. Shirley's funeral on 24 January was packed full with family and friends, and we shall all miss her terribly. We offer our most sincere condolences, though, to Shirley's three daughters, (Sharon, Jacqueline, and Sylvia), to her three grandchildren (Melissa, Rebecca, and Gary), and to all her closest family.

Lent Bible Study

On four Tuesdays – 3, 10, 24 and 31 March – the Rector will lead a series of Lenten Bible Studies in Scotshouse Rectory. Each session will run from 8.00-9.30pm, and the theme of the studies will be "Tough Talk: Hard Sayings of Jesus". All parishioners warmly welcome.

Mothers' Union

At our February meeting Beulah McMullan of the Child Evangelism Fellowship gave a fascinating talk on the work of the CEF, which was greatly appreciated by all present. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 19 March at 8.00pm in Killeevan Church Hall, when we will be having a talk on Aloe Vera. MU Members and non-members alike are all welcome.

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Services

MARCH

- 1st - Holy Communion 11.30am
- 8th - Family Service 11.30am
- 15th - Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 22nd - Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 29th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

APRIL

- 5th - Holy Communion 11.30am
- 9th - Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 8.00pm
- 10th - Good Friday Evening Prayer 8.00pm
- 12th - Easter Day Family Communion 11.30am
- 19th - Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 26th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

Jingle Boxes

A huge thank you is extended to everyone who supported the NI Children's Hospice over Advent appeal. Total raised from the

parish £186.98 – thank you to everyone from the Hospice team.

Women's Fellowship

The meeting on 9th March is the Annual Visitors' night and 'Bring and Buy' sale at 8.00pm. The guest speaker will be Hannah Arnold from CARE, Christian Action Research and Education, who will speak on topics relevant to us all in an ever changing and equally challenging society for Christians for whom God's word is the rule and guide of faith and practice. Please plan to come along and bring a friend with you and enjoy the fellowship.

Kesh Rural Deanery

Kesh Rural Deanery in Tubrid Parish are hosting an evening for all candidates going forward for confirmation this year, and for those who have been confirmed in the preceding years. Confirmation - your role in the Great Commission - Mathew. 28: 19 - 20 - Friday 13th March 2020 at 8.00pm in Tubrid Parish Hall, Kesh. Please encourage all to attend and remember all candidates in your prayers at this time.

Young@Heart

The members welcomed Mr Joe Keys, PSNI rural crime officer, who spoke on numerous topics on crime prevention, the many scams and other things that happen day to day, and to how measures can be taken to hopefully mitigate against it happening. Members are planning a trip in April, outward destination is a mystery, but thankfully all roads eventually lead home later on.

Bowling Club

The bowling club held their annual singles

competition recently with some closely fought matches amongst members before the final, which saw Alan Curtis against Jonny Curtis. The final match brought some exciting play with the overall winner being Alan Curtis.

Farm, Fellowship and Faith

The next meeting of the Farm, Fellowship and Faith evenings is planned for Monday 30th March 2020 at 8.00pm in Colaghty Parish Hall, when the speaker will be Mr Martin Peters from NI Ambulance Service. Please add the date to your diary and plan to attend.

Easter General Vestry

The Easter General Vestry will be held on Wednesday 25th March 2020 at 8.00pm. The presentation of the annual church accounts and the election of the Select Vestry for 2020/21 will take place. As this is a triennial year, it will include the election of synod members and parochial nominators. A good attendance of parishioners are encouraged, but only those who are registered as vestrypersons are entitled to vote.

Dates for your diary

2020

- 2nd May - Annual Parish Auction
- 7th June - Confirmation 11.30am
- 18th July Bible - Activity Day 9.30am – 1.00pm
- 25th July - Parish Barbecue
- 9th – 11th October - Harvest weekend

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



Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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Services

Sunday 8th March

Derryvullen North 10.30am Family Morning Prayer

Castle Archdale 11.45am Family Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism

Wednesday 11th March

Lenten Service, 7.30pm (DVN)

Sunday 15th March

Castle Archdale 10.15am Morning Prayer

Derryvullen North 11.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 18th March

Derryvullen North 11.00am Shoppers' Service (Holy Communion) with refreshments

Lenten Service, 7.30pm (DVN)

Sunday 22nd March (Mothering Sunday)

Castle Archdale 10.15am Morning Prayer

Derryvullen North 11.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 25th March

Lenten Service, 7.30pm (DVN)

Sunday 29th March

Castle Archdale 10.15am Morning Prayer

Derryvullen North 11.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 1st April

Lenten Service, 7.30pm (DVN)

Sunday 5th April (Palm Sunday)

Castle Archdale 10.15am Holy Communion 2

Derryvullen North 11.30am Holy Communion 2

Dates for the diary

- Tuesdays, Bowling Club
- Mondays and Thursdays, Boys' Brigade
- Tuesday 10th March, Faith and Friendship
- Tuesday 10th March, Tuesday Club
- Friday 20th March, BB Display
- Tuesday 24th, Castle Archdale Select Vestry
- Monday 30th, Derryvullen North Select Vestry
- Tuesday 31st, Joint Parishes Senior Citizens' Dinner



The Robinson family at the dedication of the clock.

- Friday 3rd April, Hooley in the Hall (for Air Ambulance)
- Choir (DVN) as announced in the weekly bulletin

Women's Group

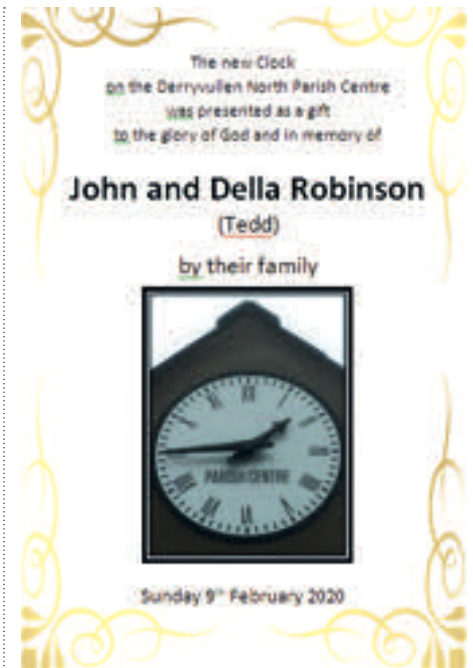
The Group has had a very busy and enjoyable time this year – there are currently 30 members and if there are others who would like to come along please just check on the details in the weekly parish bulletin for information about the meetings. There has been a very varied programme in 2019-2020 and in January the meeting took the form of bringing and sharing our favourite food and recipes (see photos). The fundraising activity this year will be a "Hooley in the Hall" on Friday 3rd April and it will be in aid of the Air Ambulance NI. This is open to everyone – members of the Group, families, parishioners and wider community.

Confirmation

This will be held on Sunday 31st May at 11.00am in Derryvullen North. On that Sunday there will be a shorter Service of Morning Prayer in Castle Archdale with hymns at 9.00am. There is a special evening for all confirmation candidates from the Rural Deanery in Tubrid Parish Church on Friday 13th March.

Bowling Club

The Club members are now playing the final matches of the season and also playing the remainder of the internal Club competitions. The question is – have you tried bowling and if not would you like to give it a go? You do not have to play in the competitions. You can just come along, try and have a bit of fun. The Club meets each Monday.



The clock presented.

Faith and Friendship

This friendship group focused around the Scriptures continues each month in Mahon's Hotel. This meeting is supported by the Church of Ireland, Roman Catholic, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches and meets on the second Tuesday at 8.00pm. Tea and coffee are always included and the chat and friendship is a very important part of the evening. Expert Bible knowledge is not required, but an open friendly heart.

Shoppers' Service

This continues to be held on the third Wednesday of each month in the Derryvullen North Parish Centre. It takes the form of Holy Communion followed by a time

of chat over tea/coffee and biscuits.

Mothers' Union

An informal evening was held on 22nd January when a small auction was held among the members raising a total of £177.00. The next meeting will be held following the Ash Wednesday Service when Canon Paul will be the speaker. The Speaker at the meeting to be held on 25th March will be Mr Fred Ternan who plans to give a talk on the early days of boating on Lough Erne. Members are also reminded of the World Day of Prayer (previously Women's World Day of Prayer). This year it will be held in the Roman Catholic Church, Irvinestown.

Senior Citizens' Dinner

The joint parishes senior citizens' dinner will be held on Tuesday 31st March, 6.00pm for 6.30pm start. This will be held in Derryvullen North Parish Hall. We thank Dr Margaret for all the work that she and her team of visitors put into organising this very enjoyable evening.

Dedication of Clock

At the Service of Family Morning Prayer on Sunday 9th February in Derryvullen North Church, the Robinson Family (Tedd) presented the new clock on the Derryvullen North Parish Centre as a gift in memory of their late parents, John and Della Robinson. Mr David Robinson, on behalf of the family, formally petitioned the Rector to receive it and dedicate in their memory and to the glory of God. The Rector thanked the Robinson Family and spoke of how the



The women's group at the favourite foods night.

Clock added so much to the character of the building and to the sense of place in the town. He then led the congregation in the act of dedication, finishing with this prayer *"God of the living and the dead, help us to honour the life, hope and faith of John and Della.*

We remember all the love they gave to their family circle and their faithful sharing in the worship and life of this parish.

We now dedicate the Clock on the Parish Centre to their memory and to your glory. May it be to their family, and to all who pass by, a sign of remembrance, speaking to us of the need to use aright the time that is before us;

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

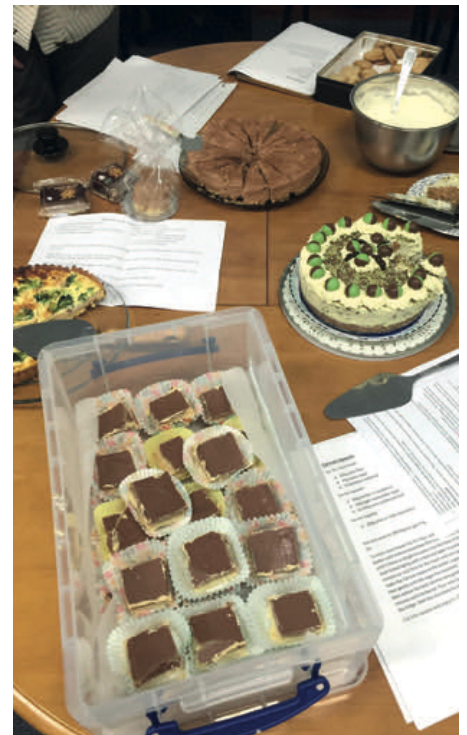
Photographs are included of the Robinson Family Group and also the framed plaque which was placed in the chancel of the Church during the dedication. There was also a special order of service produced for this which included a history of time keeping.

Boys' Brigade

On the afternoon of Sunday 9th February the 1st Irvinestown Company of the Boys' Brigade held a special service in Derryvullen North Church followed by a special tea in the Hall to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Company. There was a great gathering of current Boys, Old Boys, families and friends and lot of reminiscing. The guest of honour was Mrs J McKeon, whose late husband



The women's group at the favourite foods night.



the Rev Chancellor Victor McKeon, started the Company during his time as Rector of the Parish. In the Church the congregation was addressed by Mr Alistair Grey, one of the first to receive the Queen's Award – he spoke of how the BB had prepared him for adult life and how much he valued all it all. There were lots of photos, videos and uniforms to have a good look at. Even the "Box" put in an appearance – BB Old Boys will know what that means! A full report with photographs will be in the next edition of the magazine. Our thanks are due to the leaders ex-leaders, caterers and especially Captain Mr Joe Graham and Officer Mrs Lorna Graham for all the work put into the occasion.



FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

Lyla Stafford, 26th January 2020 (Castle Archdale)

Christian Burial

Ethel Adeline Somerville, 17th January 2020 (Derryvullen North)

Elizabeth (Cissy) McClean, 12th February (Castle Archdale)

Derryvullen South and Garvary



Vacant:

Non-Stipendiary Minister:

The Revd Canon Betty Thompson

During Canon Thompson's absence, Archdeacon Brian Harper is in charge, Pastoral Care will be provided by Revd Stephanie Woods and Revd Colin Brownsmith, and services will be conducted by Revd Colin Brownsmith and Mr John Irvine.

Services

Sunday, 8th March, The Second Sunday in Lent

10.30am Morning Prayer – Derryvullen South Parish Church

12 Noon Morning Prayer – Garvary Parish Church

Sunday, 15th March, The Third Sunday in Lent

10.30am Morning Prayer – Garvary Parish Church

12 Noon Morning Prayer – Derryvullen South Parish Church

Sunday, 22nd March, The Fourth Sunday in Lent, Mothering Sunday

10.30am Morning Prayer – Derryvullen South Parish Church

12 Noon Morning Prayer – Garvary Parish Church

Sunday 29th March, The Fifth Sunday in Lent



The children from Derryvullen South Parish Church taking part in their nativity.

10.30am Morning Prayer – Garvary Parish Church

12 Noon Morning Prayer – Derryvullen South Parish Church

Sunday, 5th April, The Sixth Sunday in Lent

10.30am Morning Prayer – Garvary Parish Church

12 Noon Morning Prayer – Derryvullen South Parish Church

Lenten Midweek Services on Wednesdays as follows;

4th March at 8pm in Garvary Parish Church

11th March at 8pm in Derryvullen South Parish Church

18th March at 8pm in Garvary Parish Church

25th March at 8pm in Derryvullen South Parish Church

1st April at 8pm in Garvary Parish Church.

Dates for Your Diary

AUCTION

Garvary Parish Church are holding an auction on Saturday 7th March at 1.30 pm in Garvary Parish Hall. Items to be auctioned include firewood, home bakes and general household items.

FASHION SHOW

On Thursday 12th March at 7.30 pm, a Fashion Show will be held in Garvary Parish Church Hall with fashions by KLASS. Tickets £10 including refreshments.

WORLD PRAYER DAY

This will be held on 6th March at 8.00 pm in Lisbellaw Parish Church.

PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers those in our parishes who are ill at home, those receiving treatment and those in hospital.

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Services for February

Sunday 1st March

10.00am. Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am. Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm. Evening Service Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 8th March

10.00am. Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am. Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm. Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 15th March

10.00am. Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am. Holy Communion Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm. Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 22nd March

10.00am. Mothering Sunday/Family Service, Boho Parish Church

11.30am. Mothering Sunday/Family Service, Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm. Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church.

Sunday 29th March

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

Lenten Services will continue each Wednesday night at 8.00pm, alternating between Devenish and Boho churches.

Mothers' Union

Tuesday 21st January was a special meeting for our members as Vivienne Ferguson recalled 30 years of memories. Vivienne said that the branch, which was formed in 1934, continues to meet on the third Tuesday of each month with a membership of 27. During her presentation, Vivienne spoke fondly



The presentation to Joe Reilly who has retired as Caretaker of the Reade Hall. Included are (from left); Revd Sampson Ajuka, Kenny Ferguson, Joe Reilly, Margaret Reilly, David Scott and Linda Saunderson.

of a number of guest speakers who had spoken on a variety of topics, places which had been visited, special events which had taken place, especially the 70th Anniversary in 2004 and the 80th Anniversary 2014 and made specific reference to the role which some members played in setting up the Action Cancer shop in Enniskillen 26 years ago. Photograph albums were passed around and over a lovely cup of tea members could be heard reminiscing about happy times spent together, especially with those who very sadly are no longer with us. Georgina Whittaker thanked Vivienne for the many hours which she had spent trying to condense 30 years of Mothers' Union into an hour's excellent presentation. On Friday 6th March members will be attending the World Day of Prayer Service in Churchill Methodist Church at 8 pm. Please come along to our Bring and Buy Sale on Tuesday 24th March at 8 pm to help raise funds for our Branch. This will be followed by

a business meeting and cup of tea.

Table Quiz

A very successful table quiz was held in the Reade Hall on Saturday 7th February. We wish to extend our thanks to the Quizmaster, Linda Saunderson, to Norma Ferguson and her helpers for organising it and everyone who attended, brought prizes and supported the event. Over £800 was raised.

Retirement

Joe Reilly has retired as caretaker of the Reade Hall. After Morning Service on Sunday 26th January, a presentation was made to Joe. David Scott paid tribute to Joe's contribution to the Parish over the years, churchwarden, member of the Select Vestry, grass cutting on the graveyard and the caretaking of the Reade Hall. Kenny Ferguson presented Joe with a gift from the Select Vestry and parishioners in recognition of his work for the parish.



Donacavey and Barr



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Services for the month of March in Donacavey and Barr

Sunday, 1st March: The First Sunday in Lent

Barr: 10.00am Holy Communion followed
by Sunday school.

Donacavey 11:30am Holy Communion &
Sunday School.

Sunday, 8th March: The Second Sunday in Lent

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer followed by
Sunday school.

Donacavey 11:30am Service of the Word
with Baptism and Sunday school.

Sunday, 15th March: The Third Sunday in Lent

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer followed by
Sunday school.

Donacavey 11:30am GFS Enrolment Service.

Sunday, 22nd March: The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday).

Barr: 10.00am Service of the Word followed
by Sunday school.



Enjoying the afternoon tea event at Donacavey.

Donacavey 11:30am Service of the Word
with Sunday school.

Sunday, 29th March: The Fifth Sunday in Lent.

Barr: 10.00am Service of the Word followed
by Sunday school.

Donacavey 11:30am Service of the Word
with Sunday school.

Afternoon Tea

On Saturday 15th February Donacavey
hosted an afternoon tea, and even
though storm Dennis threatened to
cause disruption, it did not dampen the
enthusiasm of all those who attended. The
hall was filled and afterwards everyone's
tummy was also filled with very tasty
food. A huge word of appreciation to the

fabulous band of workers who make this
much anticipated event such a success
each year. It was a wonderful opportunity
for old friends to get together, enjoy good
food and catch up. Strule String Quartet
provide an excellent mix of music and
song. It was lovely to hear from some of
those who attended that the music brought
back distant memories and made them
feel young again. Over £1,300 was raised
for new renovations which will hopefully
commence this summer.

Barbecue

Our annual barbecue will take place on
Saturday 23rd of April at 7:00pm. Everyone
welcome.



Enjoying the afternoon tea event at Donacavey.



Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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The Chancel of St. Salvator's Church.

Lent is traditionally the time to give something up.

Sadly nowadays people have often given up on the whole idea of giving up. The idea of fasting in Lent comes from the very earliest days of the church, when people preparing for their Baptism at Easter were encouraged to fast in the lead-up to it. In the first couple of centuries, the time of fasting was only a couple of days. Then, in the 4th Century it had become 40 days (perhaps to echo the length of fasting of Jesus in the wilderness, of Moses and of Elijah). Originally people restrained from all food when they fasted; then over the centuries it became whole kinds of food (e.g. all meat, fish and eggs) – it is a modern notion to abstain from just one type of food, like giving up chocolate for Lent.

Why should we fast? There is an assumption all through the Bible, in both Old and New Testaments, that people will fast. When

Jesus taught his disciples about the lifestyle he expected of them, he said 'when you fast...,' he didn't say 'if you fast...'. The assumption was that they will be fasting, and he was concerned that when they do, their attention is entirely in God's direction, not towards other people (Matthew 6:16-18). Jesus does not want us to make a big fuss in front of others about our fasting, but to keep it between ourselves and God. Often, when fasting is described in the Bible, people (such as the great prophets, Jesus or the Apostles) are praying as well. Fasting goes together with prayer. The more we deny ourselves the food our bodies crave, the more our minds focus clearly on God and his will for our lives, and the ways in which we let him down. That is why people who pray when they fast, say that their prayers become so much more focused and meaningful when they are fasting. Why is fasting so difficult? We live in a world of plenty – indeed, our society does not

only have plenty, in some ways we have too much. We have a mentality in our society that 'I want, gets'. If we desire something, like a new sofa, very often we will find somebody to give us a loan so we can buy it right away. For many, gone are the days previous generations knew when they did without maybe for years, while they would have saved up for that furniture. Gone are the days, for many too, when food would have been much less varied. Nowadays, if we want it, very often we get it right then. We have lost the notion of waiting for things. In a lot of ways, we have lost self-discipline.



Mrs Diane Wright-Kendrick, Mrs Marina Waller and Mrs Maureen Atkinson welcome visitors to St. Salvator's Church.



Spring flowers -we appreciate all who supply beautiful floral arrangements week by week.



Kenneth Atkinson who is part of the Praise Group in St. Salvator's Church.



Sophie reading her poem.

Fasting requires self-discipline. It needs us to say, 'my body craves this, but I will choose not to have it – for God's sake'. If we are to put our love for God into practice in our lives, then it is not only a matter of how we behave towards one another that matters, we need to learn to relate to our own bodies in a way that honours God.

So, this Lent, what are you giving up? If you have not yet this Lent started fasting, it is not too late. You do not have to fast every day of the 40 – do what you can, maybe on certain days of the week – but I urge you to try something. I hope you have not given up on giving up. I hope you will at least try.

Services in March 2020

Sunday 1st March 2020 - The First Sunday in Lent

10.30 am: Donagh Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion

12.00 noon: Tyholland Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 9th March 2020 - The Second Sunday in Lent

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Errigal Truagh: A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 15th March 2020 - The Third Sunday in Lent

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Tyholland Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd March 2020 - The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Errigal Truagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th March 2020 - The Fifth Sunday in Lent

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: A Group Service (Family Service)

Out in the Community

Donagh Community Choir have been invited to sing in The Garage Theatre in Monaghan to raise funds for Monaghan Collegiate School. Under the leadership of Mrs. Ethne McCord, the choir has been practising faithfully each Monday night. We are very much looking forward to this evening: Friday 26th March at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Monaghan Collegiate Parents' Association.

Monaghan Collegiate Scripture Union

Rev. Lorraine is looking forward to speaking at Monaghan Collegiate Scripture Union in March.

Girls' Brigade

On Saturday 4th April we are looking forward to the Girls' Brigade Prize-giving Evening in Donagh Parish Church Hall at 7.30pm. The girls with their Captain, Margaret Dudgeon and her committed team of leaders are working hard for this event. Please plan to come along and support this evening. More details to follow.

Mothers' Union

A great time was had by one and all at the



Some of the stain-glass windows in St. Salvator's Church. What wonderful messages for lent charity and hope.

February meeting of the Mothers' Union. We went to visit a nearby theatre in Armagh. We enjoyed our evening with country and western singer, Derek Ryan. Beforehand we enjoyed a great meal at Uluru, and Australian grill restaurant. The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place on Wednesday 18th March when we will have a talk given by John Woods from Linwoods: "Healthy eating and the use of seeds."

World Day of Prayer

This year we will celebrate The World Day of Prayer in St. Mary's, Glennan on Friday 6th March at 8pm. The Guest speaker is Revd. Lorraine Capper who will give an address on this year's theme: "Rise -Take Your Mat and Walk."

Easter Vestry Meetings

To be held in the Rectory, Glaslough.

- Monday 23rd March 2020 at 7pm - Tyholland with Errigal Truagh
- Tuesday 24th March 2020 at 8pm - Donagh Parish

Congratulations

To all who have set transfer tests, among them Katherine Ryan. Well done, Katherine for the excellent and well-deserved results you achieved. Wishing you ever continuing success for your future. Congratulations to "two Davids," David Stewart and David Waller who celebrated special 'O' birthdays recently. Many happy returns to you both and wishing you many more years of health and happiness.

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Revd Henry Blair, National Director of SOMA Ireland.

Sunday Services (March)

1st March

- 9.00am HC 2, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only" (Matthew 4:1 - 11)
- 11.00am Family Service and Enrolment Service for GFS & CLB

8th March

- 11.00am MP 3, "Look to and Believe in" (John 3:1 - 17)
- 6.30pm Scripture Union E3 Omagh & Castlederg Area, Prayer Event

15th March

- 11.00am HC 2, "Finish His Work" (John 4:5 - 42)
- 7.30pm Praise & Ministry Service

22nd March

- 11.00am S o W, "in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:12 - 17)

29th March

- 11.00am MP 3, "The Resurrection and The Life" (John 11:1 - 45)
- S o W – *Service of the Word*
- HC 2 – *Holy Communion, Form 2*
- MP 3 – *Morning Prayer, Form 3*

Lent

- Wednesday 26th Feb 8.00pm HC 2, "Confident in Christ" (Philippians 1:1 - 11)
- Wednesday 4th Mar 8.00pm "Living in Christ" (Philippians 1:12 - 26)
- Wednesday 11th Mar 8.00pm "Together in Christ" (Philippians 1:27 - 2:11)

- Wednesday 18th Mar 8.00pm "Transformed by Christ" (Philippians 2:12 - 30)
- Wednesday 25th Mar 8.00pm "Righteous in Christ" (Philippians 3:1 - 9)
- Wednesday 1st Apr 8.00pm "Knowing Christ" (Philippians 3:10 - 4:1)
- Wednesday 8th Apr 8.00pm "Rejoicing in Christ" (Philippians 4:2 - 23)

Doing or Done?

"While witnessing for Christ on the streets of a city in California, evangelist H.A. Ironside and his associates were often interrupted by questions from the crowd. "There are hundreds of religions in this country, and the followers of each sect think they're right. How can poor plain people like us find out what really is the truth?" Ironside and his friends would answer something like this: "Did I hear you say there are hundreds of religions? That's strange; I've heard of only two. True, I find many shades of difference in the opinions of those comprising the two great schools. But after all, there are but two. The one covers all who expect salvation by doing; the other, all who have been saved by something done." Source Unknown.

Sharing Of Ministries Abroad (SOMA)

Revd Henry Blair, who is the National Director of SOMA Ireland, spoke about this

revived ministry at our Praise and Ministry Service on Sunday 9th February. People came from Donegal, Fermanagh and Tyrone to hear the vision for SOMA, what Henry and his wife Helen have been doing over the past few months (including a week mission in Melbourne Diocese, Australia) and future plans. The first SOMA Ireland team will be going out to Nigeria in March. Accompanying Henry will be Archdeacon David Huss and Revd Andrew Irwin, and their weeklong mission will include a couple of days encouraging and ministering to and with the clergy in the Diocese of Jos. For those who would like to receive updates on SOMA Ireland so that you can pray for mission trips, or even get involved in a team, email Rev Henry Blair: henry@somaie.org or visit the website: <https://www.somaie.org/>

Keeping up to date

- There are several 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://hollytrinitydromore.sermon.net> (to download and listen to sermons)

Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne



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When you read these words Lent will have begun and I hope that you will use this time of year to think about your personal walk with your Saviour.

I found this definition of Lent which while in some ways dated and has been somewhat altered by myself does still remind us of what Lent should mean.

Lent is a solemn religious observance in the Christian calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and which ends approximately six weeks later on Holy Saturday the day before Easter Sunday. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, doing penance, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and denial of ego.

That last one would be difficult for many people today in our selfie obsessed world. The last week of Lent is Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday. Following the New Testament story, Jesus' crucifixion is commemorated on Good Friday, and at the beginning of the next week the joyful celebration of Easter Sunday recalls the fact that death could not hold Jesus.

In Lent, many Christians commit to fasting, as well as giving up certain luxuries in order to replicate the account of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ's journey into the desert for 40 days.

Many Christians also add a Lenten spiritual discipline to draw themselves near to God at this time of year.

As I said last year, we can be tempted to skip past Lent and focus instead on Easter which is a mistake. As with all the seasons of the churches year we have something to learn at this time of year.

Our confirmation preparation will continue over Lent and I hope that as the young people met together that they will learn something of what church means and what it means to be a Christian in 2020.

There will be services in Holy Week, and



Some of the children handing over the cheque.

I would encourage all of you to join us at these services which will be held in the three churches. If we do not feel the need to come together at Easter and remember what Jesus did for us, then I would suggest that we need to look at our lives with a critical eye.

As I mentioned last month the Sunday School decided that rather than receiving gifts that the money should be given to charity and the money was donated to Clic Sargent which supports young people locally who are journeying with cancer.

Parish Register

Baptism

We were delighted to welcome two new members to the group of parishes in the past weeks.

On Sunday 26 January 2020 Levi William George Gamble, son of Richard and Louise was baptised at Tubrid.

On Sunday 9 February 2020 Isaac David John Boyd, son of Darryl and Karen was baptised at Tubrid.

It was wonderful to be joined by the family and friends of both these children and we offer our congratulations to Richard and Louise and to Darryl and Karen on their new arrivals.

We trust that they will continue to be part of the fellowship of believers here and we pray that along with the godparents they would encourage both Levi and Isaac to take their place in the church as they grow older.

Burial

Sadly we also lost two members of the group in January.

On 18 January 2020 we said our farewells to John James Elliott, aged 93 years of Ardnaglass, Pettigo who passed away following a period of illness. Johnny was a man of tremendous intellect who was also known for his physical strength and strong work ethic.

Johnny had lived in the Pettigo area for his whole life and it is fair to suggest that with his passing an enormous amount of local knowledge has been lost as his recall of family connections and history of the Pettigo area were second to none as was his knowledge of nearly everything else.

Our sympathies are extended to his cousin John and the extended family circle.

On 30 January 2020 we said our farewells to Annie Florence Kilpatrick, aged eighty-two years of Crillan Road, Tubrid, Kesh who passed away following a short period of illness. Florrie was someone who I enjoyed visiting and chatting to and you could be assured that she would tell you what she was thinking which for me is always a good thing.

Florrie had lived in the area for over 40 years and is survived by her three children Roy, Hazel and Heather and her grandchildren, Sarah and Robert and Stevie and Mike as well as by her great grandchildren Jenson, Imogen, Mia and Evie Florence. She is also survived by her sister Ina and brother Kyle and their families.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Florrie's family at this time of sadness for them.

March 2019

Sunday 1 March 2020

10.00 Morning Prayer Templecarne, 11.30 Morning Prayer Tubrid

Sunday 8 March 2020

10.00 Holy Communion Muckross, 11.30 Holy Communion Tubrid

Sunday 15 March 2020

10.00 Holy Communion Templecarne, 11.30 Morning Prayer Tubrid

Sunday 22 March 2020

10.00 Morning Prayer Muckross, 11.30 Holy Communion Tubrid

Sunday 29 March 2020

10.00 Morning Prayer Templecarne, 11.30 Morning Prayer Tubrid

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

Pastoral Cover:
Mr Walter Pringle, assisted by Canon Charles McCollum.

Chancellor Ian Berry is in charge.

Dartrey and Rockcorry

Vicki Louise Wilkin

On Friday, 7th February, the whole parish was plunged into unspeakable grief as news filtered through of the death of baby Vicki Louise Wilkin. Our hearts were broken for Sammy, Margaret and their three boys. Words seemed inadequate as we tried to express our feelings of sadness. Canon Mark Lidwill led prayers in the family home and at the graveside as Vicki was laid to rest. We will continue to support Sammy, Margaret, Graeme, Daniel and Alistair and the wider family with all our love and prayers. "Think of your darling with the angels above,

Secure and contented, surrounded by love. And remember that God blessed and enriched your lives too, For in dying your darling brought Heaven closer to you."

Congratulations

Congratulations to Rev.Naomi Quinn who has been appointed Rector of Errigle, Keerogue, Ballygawley and Killeshil, Diocese of Armagh. We have many happy memories of Naomi's time among us and wish her God's richest blessing in her new parish.

Mothers' Union

Members met in Drum on 23rd January and in Rockcorry on 13th February to draw up a programme for the forthcoming season. There was a good turnout of members and everyone enjoyed refreshments after both meetings. The next meeting which will be a "Visitors' Night" will be held in Aghabog on the 19th March at 8pm when the special guest will be Ms Roberta McConkey.

Personal

We remember in our prayer those who are sick at home or in hospital in nursing or residential care and the housebound.

Aughnamullen

Prayers

We remember those in our parish who have been unwell and those who have been in

hospital and those who have been bereaved.

Confirmation

Shauna Carey is being prepared for confirmation from the group and please support them in our prayers as the confirmation service took place in Drum Church on Sunday 16th February.

Fundraising

Our next funding event will be held in April – Vintage Bridal Display. Further details later.

Aghabog

Mothers' Union

Drum and Ematris Mothers' Union invite all members to our visitors' night in Aghabog Parish Church Hall on Thursday 19th March at 8pm. Our guest speaker will be Mrs Roberta McConkey.

For planning and catering arrangements we would appreciate if you could confirm attendance with either Shirley at 087 3132664 or Maureen at 087 9891173. All are welcome to attend.

The next event for the Mothers' Union is a service of Holy Communion to be held in Aughnamullen Church on Thursday 23rd April at 8pm to be conducted by Revd Margaret Pringle. Mission money is to be collected at this service.

Prayers

Please remember in our prayers all those who have been bereaved recently.



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Services in March

Sunday 1st March – The First Sunday in Lent

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

Wednesday 4th March

7.30pm– Compline

Thursday 5th March

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 8th March – The Second Sunday in Lent



Photos from the Mothers' Union service and lunch at St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen attended by the All-Ireland President, Mrs June Butler.



9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Morning Prayer
7.00pm – Evening Prayer – Pre-Confirmation Service

Wednesday 11th March

7.30pm– Compline

Thursday 12th March

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 15th March – The Third Sunday in Lent (Confirmation Service)

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Confirmation and Holy Communion
7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Wednesday 18th March

7.30pm– Compline

Thursday 19th March

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd March – The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Family Service and Holy Baptism
7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Wednesday 25th March

7.30pm– Compline

Thursday 26th March

11.00am – Holy Communion



Photos from the Mothers' Union lunch which followed the service in St. Macartin's Cathedral attended by the All-Ireland President, Mrs June Butler.



Sunday 29th March – The Fifth Sunday in Lent

9.00am – Holy Communion
 11.00am – Morning Prayer and Holy Baptism
 7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Holy Baptism

■ 16th February - Robyn Dorothy Maude Woods
 ■ 23rd February - Jamie Nathan McDonnell
 Josh Cormac Lee Harron Southern

Christian Burial

■ 29th January - James Frederick (Fred) McCaffrey, Snowhill, Lisbellaw.
 ■ 8th February - Irene Joan Ingram, 'Picardy', Farnamullen, Lisbellaw.

Messy Church

Messy Church is open to children of primary school age and of all denominations. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The rule is: no child without an adult and no adult without a child.

Messy Church was held on 20th February and our next session is Thursday 19th March from 4.00-6.00pm. We will be celebrating the mothers and mother-figures in our lives- we look forward to seeing you all for More Messy Madness and Mayhem!

"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness." – Proverbs 31:25-28

Sunday Lights and Sunday Lights Café

Sunday Lights and Sunday Lights Café take place on Sunday mornings when our children leave during the middle of our 11am service. They head down to the Cathedral Hall to spend time together learning about the Bible, listening to stories about Jesus and His life, singing songs and

participating in crafts and games facilitated by an amazing team of leaders.

Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-5 and Sunday Lights Café welcomes children in P6-Yr 8.

Our March 2020 dates are:

- Sunday 1st
- Sunday 8th
- Sunday 28th

All are welcome and we always love to see new faces!

All Sunday Lights and Sunday Lights Café members are encouraged to attend our 2020 Confirmation service on Sunday 15th March and Family Service on Sunday 22nd March at 11am.

If you want to get involved or join our team of leaders please get in touch - you can find us on Facebook or Instagram, or you can contact Beth in the Cathedral Office! "He called a little child to him and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." - Matthew 18:2-5

Confirmation and Xplore

Confirmation is the rite at which those who have been baptised seek the blessing of the Holy Spirit for their growth as Christians. Our current cohort are preparing for their service of Confirmation on Sunday 15th March at 11am. All are welcome to celebrate this occasion. There will be a Pre-Confirmation service on Sunday 8th March at 7.00pm in the Cathedral.

Confirmation candidates are also encouraged to attend Xplore - our youth group which meets on the last Monday of each month. Xplore returned in January with Bingo Night! On again on 24th February and 30th March from 7.30-9.00pm where we meet for fun, food and fellowship.

Everyone in Year 9 or above is welcome -

so come along and bring a friend!

Mothers' Union

Theme for 2020: Building Hope and Confidence

'Building hope and confidence' has been placed at the heart of our call to support individuals and families to transform their lives. As we build our hope and confidence in God we will be inspired and equipped to build hope and confidence in others, in both local and global context.

On Sunday 9th February the All Ireland President of Mothers' Union, Mrs June Butler visited and spoke in St Macartin's Cathedral. Her message was on 'Building Hope and Confidence' – the Mothers' Union theme for the coming year. New members Gladys Fisher and Sandra Forde were admitted and new officers, Jenifer Johnston: Branch Leader, Sally Masterson: Secretary, Maud Shaw: Treasurer and Valerie Watson: Overseas Representative were commissioned. This was followed by a Parish Lunch in the Cathedral Hall.

The February meeting on Monday 10th was opened by the Dean with a reading and prayer. Jenifer Johnston, new branch leader introduced the guest speaker, Mrs Geraldine Beattie, a Trustee Board Member and also a volunteer with the charity 'Fields of Life.' she was accompanied by her brother-in-law, Mr Gordon Deazley. They gave a marvellous presentation from their humanitarian visit to Uganda last year highlighting the need for basic essentials for females and the widespread poverty. The next meeting on 9th March is Visitors Night, 'Planting for Spring' with Gladys Fyffe (Craigville Garden Centre). All are welcome.

Tuesday Club

Eleanor Lynn welcomed members to the first meeting of the new year on 28th January. After prayers the special speaker, Edna Topping was introduced. Edna demonstrated 'Patchwork' with numerous examples of her beautiful work. She also gave detailed instructions of how to start

and complete a pattern. All enjoyed a most interesting and informative afternoon. Tea and time for a chat and catch up followed. The next meeting is on 25th February at 2.00pm in the Cathedral Hall with a speaker on 'Living with Dementia.' Then on 31st March the speaker will be Olive Brownsmith.

Edna Topping is pictured with Susan Spratt after her demonstration on patchwork to the Tuesday Club. Edna also enjoys crochet and showed examples including covers for hot water bottles as pictured. She is indeed a very talented lady.

Bowling Club

St Macartin's Annual Mixed Pairs Tournament will take place on Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March with the Final on Thursday 19th March in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 8.00 pm sharp. Entries to Maud Shaw - 02866322133 or Mobile 07720081175.

Prayer Spaces in Schools

7.30pm Tuesday 31st March in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen.

To find out more, come along to the Cathedral Hall where Hannah O'Neill from Prayer Spaces in Schools NI will be answering the questions:

- What is a Prayer Space?
- How do you run a Prayer Space?

She will bring along some prayer resources and tell stories from her own experience of setting up and facilitating school prayer spaces. The evening is suitable for teachers, Sunday school and youth leaders, and anyone with an interest in



Edna Topping, speaker, is pictured with Susan Spratt at the Tuesday Club.

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Country and Western Concert

Please keep Wednesday 6th May free, for a concert with Declan Nerney and his Fabulous 6-piece Showband, also his special guest star, T R Dallas, in The Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen at 8.00pm. Declan Nerney comes from Drumlish, Co Longford and has been at the forefront of Irish country music now for several decades. Known near and far for his energetic showmanship, Declan brings his unique big band sound that has carved his name at the top of showbiz, to the Killyhevlin Hotel this May. Having already appeared on over 50 TV shows, Declan has won countless accolades and awards throughout his career, which is still going as strong today as when he began. Tickets are £15 and available from The Killyhevlin Hotel Reception Desk, The Cathedral Office, Leslie's Coffee Shop and Ivan Kee 07768000167. All proceeds are for St Macartin's Cathedral Parish Funds.

Holy Baptism

If there are children who have not been baptised, the parents should contact the clergy to arrange a suitable time. All baptisms are held in the context of a Sunday Service and can be at either the morning or the evening service. For older children who may feel self-conscious about being baptised in front of their friends, it is possible to baptise them after a Sunday Evening service.

Adult Confirmation

Any adults, who are not already confirmed, and would like to be confirmed please contact the clergy or ring the Parish Office and a member of the Clergy will contact you. A service to confirm adults will take place in Enniskillen Royal Grammar School Chapel (Loughshore Road site) on Ascension Day.

Prayer

O Lord God, whose glory the heavens are telling in joyous and ceaseless praise: bless the worship and work of our cathedral church; dedicated to your servant Macartin, that through the ministry of those who serve and worship here, that same glory might be seen at the centre of our diocesan life, to the praise and honour of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Declan Nerney who will be appearing in concert in May.

Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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'Taste And See That the Lord Is Good.' Psalm 34:8

Sometimes wonderful things happen. You know those moments when you know. Something good is going on right there in front of you. A 'Taste and see that the Lord is good' moment. I had one of those recently listening to a guest speaker at one of the parish's ministries.

It was one of our church leaders speaking about one of the other ministries and the work that they do. And it was very compelling. The ministry concerned is very small, perhaps mustard seed, or yeast sized in fact. It has no budget, account or income. It hardly advertises or draws attention to itself. But it prays. Its motto is something like, 'in the rhythm of the stitches we pray.' And the dozen or so ladies who meet in a coffee shop in our village each month, Knit and Pray and Love. They say their prayers right there in the middle of the coffee cups, and bring out their odds and ends of wool, and the gifted yard of others. And they knit and pray, and chat, and knit and pray. What is so compelling is the litany of good they have done in the eighteen or so months they have been meeting. Small hats for the neo natal unit, trauma teddies for the emergency services to use, bonding blankets for mums and newborns. They



Members of Fivemiletown Mothers' Union at their 90th anniversary service and celebration.

sold a few items at the recent Craft Show and Sell, and donated monies to the building project at Kiltermon Church and bought wool to knit blankets for SANDS. And this weekend coming, 33 of the parish are heading as leaders and young people to Castlewellan for our annual youth weekend. And the ladies have knitted and donated 21 gorgeous woolly hats which we will give away on Saturday as part of our Bless The Town project in Newcastle. It carries on the work of Men's Ministry here who have led Bless The Town over the last years, in Fivemiletown.

And perhaps most encouraging for us in church, were the knitted figures of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the donkey and associated sheep, Shepherd and wise persons which they gave to the parish and Sunday School for the Journey To Bethlehem project which saw the figures visit 25 homes in the parish during Advent. I will also mention the lovely knitted hearts they gave to the ladies from the parish who visited Uganda summer last, as gifts for the ladies in the Wakissa Homes there. Sometimes you look on and you know that right there in front of you something good is happening. It is quiet and understated, and speaks to me and I imagine to many others, that God continues to do something good in and through us at this time.

A ministry which is very small, perhaps mustard seed, or yeast sized in fact. Without budget, account or income. Hardly advertising or drawing attention to itself. But it prays. In its own words, 'in the rhythm of the stitches we pray.'

There are undoubtedly many others small pieces of ministry that I see in these days, which look like His hands at work. And we are reminded of these words which we use each month in another part of the parish's praying life:

'Christ has no body now, but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks
With compassion on this world.



Let nothing disturb you. Nothing distress you.

For all things fade away:

God is unchanging.

Be patient for with God in your heart

Nothing is lacking, God is enough.'

'Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.'

Psalm 34:8

Precentor Hanlon

Fivemiletown Mothers' Union

The October meeting was held on Wednesday 9 and was attended by 28 members, in St. John's parish hall. Leader, Elvina Funston, welcomed members and our guest speaker, Archdeacon Andrew Forster. She congratulated him on his recent appointment as Bishop of Derry and Raphoe. Florence Brunt then led the meeting. The Bible reading was by Beatrice Funston.

Archdeacon Forster then gave a very challenging address speaking about creation from the book of Genesis. The vote of thanks was proposed by Elvina Funston. On Sunday 24th November 2019 we celebrated 90 years of Mothers' Union with a church service at which Bishop John dedicated a baptismal roll, a gift from Mothers' Union.

Our Diocesan President, Mrs Irene Boyd, read the first lesson and Mrs Florence Brunt read the second lesson. Prayers were said by Mrs Elvina Funston (outgoing enrolling member) and Mrs Hilary Kenny (incoming enrolling member).

Bishop John spoke on the Kingship of Christ.

On Wednesday 27th November we held our anniversary dinner in Clogher Valley Golf Club – a night of fun and fellowship. Mrs Eileen Stutt, one of our longest serving members, cut the anniversary cake. Members went caroling to local Nursing Homes on Monday 9 December and to

indoor senior members on Wednesday 11 December. This was enjoyed by all very much.

For such inclement weather we still had a good attendance at our February meeting. Our reading was from 1 John Chapter 4. Our special speaker was Mrs Michelle Magee who captured us all with her inspiring talk on Building Hope and Confidence as we 'Knit, Pray, Love'.

In June 2018 Michelle and a few other ladies from the parish started a knitting group, meeting once a week in a local coffee shop in Fivemiletown. She explained rather than meeting in the parish hall they

come in contact and interact with others. She explained to 'Knit' is very therapeutic and stress, anxiety, depression and even pain levels can reduce. The group knits for charities or requests and as they knit they think of the beneficiaries and 'Pray' for them such as the Neo-natal unit or Sands or Trauma teddies for the Emergency services, Womens' Aid or the elderly. It is a hobby done with 'Love' and God's love is shared in the items they knit.

A meeting followed informing members of forthcoming events and dates, the next being the Prayer Breakfast in St. John's Hall, Fivemiletown.

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully

Vacant

In Charge: Chancellor Ian Berry

Pastoral Care:

Mr Roy Crowe (DPA) and Dean Raymond Ferguson

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).

Galloon

Parish Auction

The next auction will be on Saturday 28th

April 2020 at 12noon in The Church Hall, High Street, Newtownbutler. We are fortunate to have been given the part contents of three houses and have a wide variety of good quality furniture and other items for auction. There will be over 500 lots to be sold without reserve with no fees or VAT. Lots to include a Tempus Fugit grandfather clock, a Westminster chime quartz wall clock and an antique wall clock. There is a selection of interesting old Delph, China and glass as well as the usual household items. This is an auction not to be missed

The Ulster Society of Organists and Choirmasters

The USOC will make their first ever visit to St Comgall's Church, Newtownbutler on Saturday 21st March 2020 at 2.00pm. This all welcome event is open to anyone who may have an interest in learning about the origins of the Lewis organ and to hear the instrument's resources ably demonstrated by Matthew Hynes, Royal Burgh of Ayr Organist.

Sallaghy

Mothers' Union

The monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held at 8.00pm in the Church Hall on Thursday 12th March. Revd Olivia Downey will speak on the topic, "Medicine to Ministry".

Dance

The next Parish Dance will be held on Friday 3rd April. The music will be provided by Dusty Diamond with dancing from 10.00pm – 1.00am. The cost will be £5 including supper and all proceeds are in aid of Church Funds. Everyone will be made



The Lewis organ.

most welcome.

Bowling Club

Chairman of Sallaghy Parish Bowling Club, Mr John Fleming, presenting the winners cheque to Mr Brian McWilliams at the recent round robin competition held in Sallaghy Parish Church Hall. The runner up was Mrs Ruby Rountree pictured receiving her prize from Mr John Fleming.



John Fleming makes the presentation to Ruby Rountree.



John Fleming (right) makes the presentation to Brian McWilliams.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Services

Sunday 1st March

Garrison 10am HC
Slavin 11.30 HC

Sunday 8th March

Kiltyclogher 10am HC
Belleek 11.30am HC

Sunday 15th March

Garrison 10am MP&FS
Slavin 11.30 MP&FS

Sunday 22nd March Mothering Sunday

Kiltyclogher 10am MP
Belleek 11.30am MP

Sunday 29th March

11.30am Group Service
Confirmation in Belleek



Sunday 5th April Palm Sunday

Garrison 10am HC
Slavin 11.30 HC

Holy Wednesday

Belleek 8pm EP

Maundy Thursday

Slavin 8pm HC

Good Friday

Garrison 8pm EP

Sunday 12th April (Easter Day)

Kiltyclogher 10am HC
Belleek 11.30am HC

Holy Baptism

Baby Bailey Sidney Brock, son of Arlene and Ian was baptised in Garrison Parish Church Sunday 29th January. They are blessed to have had their third son and congratulations to the family on having him baptised.

Food Bank Donations

Children and teachers from both Sunday Schools brought non-perishable items to church before Christmas, for the Enniskillen Food Bank. These were presented on



Rector, Rev'd Canon Ngozi and Garrison SS superintendent, Helen Thompson presenting a hamper to Enniskillen Food bank

Tuesday 31st December, by Canon Ngozi and Helen Thompson to John Shades, Manager of the Food Bank. Thank you to all those who donated and remembered those who are not as fortunate as ourselves.

Garrison Church Cookery Book

Sales of the cookery book "Cooking with Joy" are still doing very well. Books are available to buy in the Real Life bookshop, Impartial Reporter Office, Gilroy's spar, Garrison or from Joy Graham. Thanks to all for purchasing. All money from the book sales go to Garrison church funds.

Garrison Parish Family Services

Beginning with the March Family Service on Sunday 15th March, there will be a cup of tea and a biscuit after the Family Service on the third Sunday of every month in Garrison Church Hall and a chance for a chat. Volunteers are needed please to provide and wash up. If you can help please give your name to the Rector for a rota.

Mothers' Union

Canon Ngozi and MU Secretary Pauline Carson attended the Clogher Diocesan MU Trustees Commissioning Service in Colebrooke Parish Church on Sunday 9th February. Doreen Earls was commissioned as Worldwide Representative for another term of office.

The opening service of the new MU year was held in Garrison Parish church on Wednesday 15th January in Garrison Parish Church conducted by the Rector and branch leader, Dot Barlow. A short business

meeting followed the service to look to the year ahead.

The March MU meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th March in Slavin Church and our guest speaker from Fermanagh/Omagh District Council will speak about recycling.

Our MU group are really looking forward to hosting the MU Area service in Garrison Parish Church on Friday 1st May at 8pm.

Christian Burial

Mr Nigel Carson passed away suddenly in his home, Main St. Derrygonnelly on 30th January 2020. The service of thanksgiving

for his life took place in Garrison Parish Church on Friday 10th January. It was conducted by the Rector, Rev'd Canon Ngozi. His god-daughter, Denise Carson gave the eulogy reflecting on his life and the happy memories of family time spent with Nigel. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family; brother Gary, uncles Wilfie and George, god-daughter Denise and the extended family circle.

The burial took place in the adjoining churchyard alongside his late grandparents.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our group of parishes who have been in hospital or unwell in recent weeks. We remember especially Christina Breen who was in hospital and any other parishioners who are unwell at home.

Confirmation Service

The Bishop of Clogher, Right. Revd John McDowell will attend Belleek Parish Church on Sunday 29th March to confirm a number of our young people at the 11.30am service. The Rector is currently preparing the following candidates:- Avril Thompson, Glenn Brock, Sarah Johnston, Cameron Duffy and Clare Thompson. Please remember them in your prayers.

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.



Ian and Arlene Brock and family at the baptismal service.

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Vacant

In Charge: Archdeacon Brian Harper.

Pastoral Care: Canon Ngozi Njoku and Miss Isobel Stewart (DPA)

5k Run

This event proved a great success and a big thank you to all the organisers and catering staff and anybody who helped in any way.

Sunday School

Sunday school takes place every Sunday morning at 10.30am to 11.15am in church and we would welcome all children who would like to come along.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our parish who have been in hospital, unwell having tests, awaiting test results or having treatment in recent weeks.

World Day of Prayer

This takes place on Friday, 6 March in

Church Hill Methodist Church at 8pm. Everyone welcome.

Mothers' Union

In January members and friends enjoyed a social evening in the Killyhevlin Hotel. A delicious meal was followed by fun and fellowship. A word of thanks to Barbara, Doris, Marion and Jennifer for contributing to the entertainment.

In March, the speaker is Mrs Leah Abbot whose talk is entitled, 'Learning from Life's Experiences.'

Holy Week Services

Wednesday 8th April

8pm - Mrs E Stevenson.

Maundy Thursday 9th April

8pm - Holy Communion - Revd I Nixon.

Good Friday 10th April

8pm - Mrs E Stevenson.

Easter Sunday 11th April

11.30am - Revd Eric McGirr.



Kilskeery and Trillick



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What Is God Calling You To Do In 2020

I want to ask you a question – what is your purpose in life? Or what is God calling you to do? Is he calling you into any particular service or role or job? Maybe you have already responded and are deeply engaged in your serving and in the fulfilling of your purpose or calling or perhaps you are as yet unaware of what you are supposed to be doing. The Apostle Paul taught about

the church, that is the “called out ones”, the body of Christ, as finding its fullest and healthiest expression when each member fully plays their part. Full body participation in the ministry of Jesus and as the ministry of Jesus, recognises that every person in the family of the church is highly valued by God and has a job to do and a responsibility to do it. Do you know today – right now – what the Lord expects of you? It is an important question to answer. If you don't know would you be interested to find out or even consider that the God who created heaven and earth might just have something that He wants you to do, something that He wants you to be a blessing in and be blessed in doing? Could it be that 2020 is the year when you endeavour to find out and then step out into the active service of the King of kings and discover, in your service, who you were created to be? Could it also be that you might realise that service is also to be approached out of obedience to the Lord and not because we feel like doing it. And so what is your / our vision for 2020? Perhaps it could include a time of intentional personal and divine discovery and the willing determination to more fully play our part in the body of Christ and in the advancement of Kingdom this year.

Baptisms

26th January: Edgar McMahon, Kilskeery

Mothers' Union

The guest speaker at our January meeting was Mrs. Bryson, our minister's wife. After a short Bible Reading and prayer, she told us about her life growing up in Germany and the events which led her to Northern Ireland. After a cup of tea, members had a business meeting at which the leader gave a short summary of the past year's events. She concluded by saying; “As we look back over 2019 we have, as it says in Ecclesiastes had a time to weep and mourn but we've also had occasions to laugh and dance. As we begin 2020 let us not forget God has made everything suitable for its time. Let us entrust our cares and worries to Him.

Weekly Programmes

Monday: G.B. - 6:30 – 8:00pm - Trillick Hall
Tuesday: Senior's Luncheon Club - 12:30 – 2:30pm - Kilskeery Hall
Confirmation Class - 7:00 – 8:00pm - Kilskeery SS Rooms
Wednesday: B.B. - 7:00 – 8:00pm - Kilskeery Hall
Friday: Bowls - 8:00 – 10:00pm - Kilskeery Hall

Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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World Day of Prayer

This takes place in Lisbellaw Parish Church on Friday, 6th March at 8pm. All are welcome to this service: MEN and women, young and old. The theme is Zimbabwe and Roseliene and Geoff Donaldson are coming to speak.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the catering committee for putting on the most fantastic breakfast in February with speakers from Dementia NI: David McElhinney, Dorothy Hughes and Stephen Kennedy. Thank you to all who supported this.

Thanks

Thank you to Dean Kenny Hall and his team for providing pastoral holiday cover for the rector in January.



David, Dorothy and Stephen with Harriett and Stephanie.

Sympathy

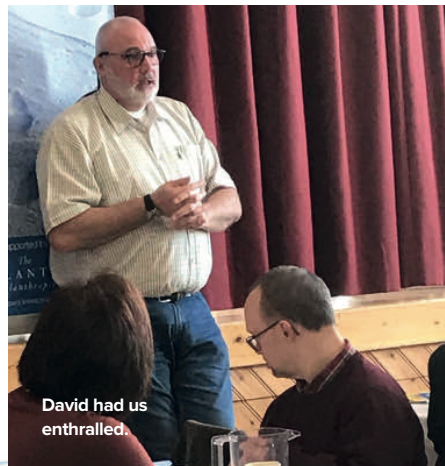
The parish extends its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late Harry Britton, formerly of Lisbellaw; Andrew Sawyers formerly of Sixmilecross; Harry Miller, formerly of Tamlaght; Irene Ingram, formerly of Lisbellaw; Roy Kells,

formerly of Lisnaskea; Drew Noble, formerly of Kesh and James (Fred) McCaffrey, formerly of Lisbellaw.

Burial

25th January 2020

Harold (Harry) Cecil Britton, 20 Tattymacall Road, Lisbellaw.



David had us enthralled.



Harriett working hard.



Liz and Ruth at the sink with free range eggs waiting.



Listening on a full stomach.



The wonderful Sunday School teachers: Sarah Forde, Audrey Potters, Sharon Moutray and Desiree Dunlop.



Two of the girls who took part in the family service.

Lisnaskea



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Services for March

SUNDAY 1st

11.30 a.m. Holy Communion

FRIDAY 6th

8.00 p.m. World Day of Prayer

SUNDAY 8th

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 11th

3.00 p.m. Holy Communion in Trinity Hall
for Senior Citizens

SUNDAY 15th

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

MOTHERING SUNDAY 22nd

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

SUNDAY 29th

11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Holy Baptism

a son to Steven and Lindsey.
Congratulations to you both.

Burial

- Sunday 2nd February - William Ronald Mark (Ronnie) Farrell, Clifton Lodge, Lisnaskea.
- Tuesday 11th February - Ronald Arthur David (Roy) Kells, Castlebalfour, Lisnaskea. Our sincere condolences and prayers are with both family circles at this very difficult time.

Mothers' Union

As we had no meeting in January, the February meeting was the first after the Christmas break. The branch leader welcomed the members and instead of a Bible reading she read out the story in the little book our Branch gives to each child on their Baptism in the church. This is the story of a little bunny rabbit who tries to get away from his mother but she is persistent in finding him.

After several unsuccessful attempts he gives up and decides to come home and just be her "little bunny."

This is a simple story of a mother's love for her child but it also shows God's love for each of us as his children. No matter how many times we try to go our own way he will always be there waiting to welcome us back. There had been some thoughts that maybe we should give a different book to successive babies in families but it was unanimously agreed that the story had a personal message for each child and so we would continue giving "The Runaway

Bunny" with the prayer that as they grow up the story may be a blessing and a comfort to each one. After our prayers the Branch Leader read out a questionnaire she had received concerning loneliness in our church family and in the community. This opened up a discussion with members realising just how lonely it can be for people living alone, even those with large family circles. Everyone's lives are so busy that it is easy to forget that there are those in our community who might not have anyone to speak to all day. It made us aware that we should be mindful of this and try to visit or just make a phone call to those we know are in this position. We then had a "Beetle Drive." We did not have a conventional Beetle Drive but instead used an illustration of a family with six being the parent and five the child and so on. Everyone enjoyed the fun and the drawings of the "family" were very varied!! We had an enjoyable first meeting of the year and we hope that as our meetings continue with a variety of speakers and topics we will have a good year.

World Day of Prayer

The service this year has been prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe and will be held in our church on Friday 6th March at 8.00p.m. The theme is "Rise! Take your mat and walk" and as we participate in this service we will be joining with people in 120 countries and islands around the world. We trust this will be well attended by our own parishioners as well as all the various denominations in the area.

Magheracross



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It seems to be a common talking point at this time of the year that February seems to have flown by and that Christmas seems so far away! Easter Vestries are now being planned and Lent has begun. For me, it seems a very short time indeed since I was preparing anxiously for my sabbatical walk along the 500-mile Camino de Santiago and for becoming a grandparent as the plane descended into Dublin on the return. Last Lent, I looked at some of the things that I was anxious about on the Camino. These included fatigue, getting lost, loneliness, intolerance. Over the Wednesday evenings (8pm) of Lent this year, I will be looking at

the blessings gained from the experience and how the things that I was anxious about, which all occurred at some point, were overcome. This will be set within the traditional Lenten theme of Christ's journey to the cross.

Mothers' Union

Magheracross Mothers' Union met in the Archdale Hall on Thursday 6th February. The meeting opened as usual with a hymn, Bible Reading and Prayers. Norma then introduced Mr Greg McMullan from the Policing & Community Safety Partnership, who was our speaker for the evening. Greg gave us a very interesting presentation about 'Scams' and how to avoid becoming victims of them. He emphasised four points in spotting a scam:

- Seems too good to be true
- Contacted out of the blue
- Asked for personal details
- Money is requested

We then had our business meeting. We were provided with a list of 'Dates for our Diary' noting events taking place in Mothers' Union within the Diocese during the next months. The meeting ended with the Grace. Our next meeting on Thursday 5th March is entitled 'Cooking with Joy.'

Bowling Tournament

The annual March Charity Pairs tournament

will take place on Monday 9th-Thursday 12th March in the Archdale Memorial Hall. Entries (£8 per pair including supper) should be made to Ann Brian (66388173) or Lily Robinson (66388560)

Youth Event

On St Patrick's night, Naomi and the Youth Fellowship will be hosting a stew supper for the parish. Further details will appear on the Parish Facebook page.

Naomi has also started a Drop In café (hot chocolate) on Thursday afternoons when the school buses arrive in the village. This is held in the premises next to the Spar and is a very convenient and cosy spot for our teenagers to meet up.

David and Patricia Beare

Last November, David and Patricia Beare, who contributed a considerable amount of time and leadership to our church and community, relocated to the Craigavon area to be closer to family. We will be welcoming them back on March 29th to acknowledge all that they have done. David was particularly involved with the work of Open Doors, an organisation which highlights the needs of persecuted Christians around the world. We will therefore be giving him an opportunity to speak about this issue and to highlight the current problems faced by our brothers and sisters.

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Vacant

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Farmers' First Aid Training Course

On Monday 20th January, Global Skills provided very professional and informative farm family's first aid training. The 26 attendees were very participative and engaged in resuscitation techniques both with adult and junior resuscitation apparatus. Further courses are planned dealing with farm skills.

The Courthouse Official Opening

The new local services delivery centre, The Courthouse, opened on Friday 31st January 2020. The new centre, on the site of the Old Courthouse, is a new purpose-built two-storey building providing a community cafe, a food bank storage and preparation room and a range of meeting rooms available for use by all within the community of North Fermanagh.

The project was part-funded under Priority 6 (LEADER) of the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 by The Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs and The European Union.

Centrally located and accessible by all, The Courthouse, is already proving popular for use by a number of organisations holding meetings and delivering services. Over 3,100 people used the centre since the doors opened in October 2019. We welcomed 73 service providers on 11th October and the next day 181 attended our coffee morning raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Care. The cafe, open since 14th October, is

staffed entirely by a team of 19 volunteers led by one part-time member of staff. It is open Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 4.00pm. The opportunity to develop the facility first came about back in 2002 when the old corrugated iron Courthouse came up for sale. Ardess Parish bought the property and kept it open as long as possible for drop-in coffee mornings on Saturdays and Sunday evening services. Share Ardess was established in 2011, providing services for food bank, befriending and self-help. Four years later, debt advice through Christians Against Poverty (CAP) was added but the services of Share Ardess had to transfer from the building due to the sub-standard facilities.

Fermanagh District Council commissioned Peter Quinn Consultancy to undertake an integrated Village Action Plan in 2011. That plan identified the Courthouse site as the preferred location for the provision of local services.

In 2014, Ardess Parish formed a trust to develop proposals for the site and then appointed Venturei to undertake public consultation and develop a Business Plan for the establishment of a new service



The Courthouse Directors; (Back from Left) Gerald Knox (Chair), Glenn Johnson (Director) and Alan Crawford (Manager). Front from Left: Frances Spence (Secretary), Louie Lee (Director) and Tanya McKeever (Treasurer).

delivery centre. Two years later, the trust became a limited company (The Courthouse Kesh Limited) and Chris Allen Architects were appointed to design the new building, secure statutory approvals and tender for the construction. Major funding was secured from the Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs; Fermanagh & Omagh District Council; Northern Ireland Housing Executive; SSE Airtricity; and Fermanagh Trust for the capital project. The contract for the building construction was awarded to Bradley Construction with work commencing in October 2018 and finishing in October 2019. With the centre operational and various programmes being delivered, many other funders have come on board to support the project. The Prince's Countryside Fund, The National Lottery, Halifax Building Society, Ulster Garden Villages and several others have invested significantly in our services. The Vice-Chair of Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, Director of Rural Affairs DAERA and Chair of the Council's Local Action Group (LAG) were very complimentary about the provision of The Courthouse.

During the ceremony, Gerald Knox, Chair of The Courthouse Kesh Limited, gave a brief outline of how the development came about; Frances Spence, Secretary, outlined all the funding provided and thanked each donor appropriately; and Alan Crawford, Services Delivery Manager, gave details on the programmes running. Alan announced the winner of the 'Name the Room Competition'; Lena Gorczynska of Kesh Primary School; the names of the rooms being Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. He invited two of our very dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers, Alison Campbell and Mary Williams,

to officially open The Courthouse and he paid tribute to Kate Osborne for the talented portrayal in the 'Faith Column' - well worth visiting The Courthouse to see this.

Canon Eric McGirr, who was Ardess Parish Rector in 2002, when the Old Courthouse was purchased, had sent an apology that he could not attend but commented about the clear vision developed for the church in outreaching into the village 'Love God, Love Each Other and Love People'. He said that he was so pleased that the vision had been brought into The Courthouse to provide the best possible services to the whole community in a loving and caring way. Please do come along and support The Courthouse. We look forward to meeting you.

Mothers' Union

The first meeting of 2020 in the Mothers' Union calendar was the annual January communion service which was conducted by Canon Alan Irwin. The branch secretary, June McCutcheon, enrolled Mrs Myrtle Green as a new member. The service was followed by a cup of tea and a short meeting.

Friends In The Afternoon

On 14th January and 28th January, Friends in the Afternoon had extremely interesting and informative afternoons. On 14th January, Deane and Helen Houston detailed 'The Inside Story' on persecuted Christians throughout the world and on 28th January, Councillor Diane Armstrong (Vice-Chair Fermanagh & Omagh District Council) detailed the work of the Council.



Volunteers Alison Campbell and Mary Williams cutting the opening ribbon.

On 11th February, we had table quizzes and catchphrase type questions. Although the snow meant we had fewer numbers than usual, we still managed a fun-filled afternoon and good craic was had by all.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding Trust Training at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th March in Ardess Parish Centre.

Special Events/Note Dates

Coffee Morning in aid of Women's Aid @ The Courthouse
10.00am - 12.00 noon Saturday, 7th March 2020
Praise & Worship Service @ The Courthouse
7.00pm Sunday, 15th March 2020
Easter Services - see under 'Church Services'

REGULAR EVENTS

Life Groups: Various dates/times throughout the week. Contact David Morrow or Hilda Thompson if you want to join one.

SUNDAYS (weekly)

Church Services @ Ardess Parish Centre
Morning Prayer/Family Worship:
9.30am/11.00am
22nd March Mothers' Day; 5th April Palm Sunday; 12th April Easter Sunday
(Additional Easter Services: 8.00pm, Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th & and



Kate Osborne (Artist) being presented flowers for her 'faith column' by Alan Crawford (Manager).



From Left, back row; Councillor Alan Rainey, Councillor Paul Robinson, Fermanagh Trust Director Lauri McCusker, Councilor John McLaughry, DAERA Rural Affairs Director Gerard Treacy, LAG member Barry Boyle and Chair of The Courthouse Gerald Knox. Front Row, from left; Chair of LAG Mary T Conway; Vice-Chair of FODC Councillor Diana Armstrong; Kesh Primary School pupil who named the rooms Lena Gorczyńska; Secretary of The Courthouse, Frances Spence and LAG Board Member, Goldie Martin.

Friday 10th April)

Children's Church (age 3+) and Youth Church (yr 8+): 11.00am @ AP Church/ Centre

(not on 15th March, 12th & 19th April)

Connect: 4.30pm - 6.00pm @ The Fountain Centre (not on 15th March, 12th & 19th April)

Mullaghfarne Service

Mullaghfarne: 3.00pm, 15th March & 19th April

MONDAYS

- Ardess Little Lambs (Off 16th March & 13th April) - 10.00am - 12.00 noon

- Magheraculmoney Guides: Rainbows (age 4-7) and Brownies (age 7 - 10)

6.30pm - 7.45pm @ Ardess Parish Centre.

Guides (age 10-14) and Rangers (Age 14+)

7.30pm - 9.00pm @ The Fountain Centre (off 16th March, 6th & 13th April)

- Revival Prayer: Mon 8.00pm - 9.00pm @ Ardess Parish Centre

- Ardess Historical Society: 16th March 2020, Bishop McDowell - Disestablishment of the Church

TUESDAYS

- Health & Wellbeing Programme 10.30am @ The Courthouse

- Waterworks (P3 - P7) 3.15pm - 4.30pm @ Kesh PS (term-time only - not on Tuesday 17th March and 14th & 21st April)

- Friends in the Afternoon 2.00pm @ AP Centre: 10th March Irish Day (Music); 24th March Easter Communion; 14th April Different ways to wear a scarf - Lizzie Hogg;

WEDNESDAYS

- Wednesday Prayer: 9.30am - 11.00am

- Magheraculmoney Scouts: Beavers, Cubs & Scouts 6.45pm - 8.00pm @ The Fountain Centre

THURSDAYS

- Health & Wellbeing Programme 8.00pm @ The Courthouse

- In-Stitches 8.00pm @ The Courthouse
- Mothers Union (Every 3rd Thursday of the month): Mothers Union Group; 19th March - Open Night and Bring & Buy Sale, Talking Newspaper by Pat Hay; 23rd April (due to Easter) Footcare by Olive Donaghy

FRIDAYS

- Healing Prayer 7.30pm - 8.30pm @ AP Centre

- Fountain Youth Club @ The Fountain Centre (Year 8 - Year 14) 7.00pm - 9.00pm (weekly not on 13th March, 10th & 17th April)

Funerals

6th February 2020 - David Andrew Noble (77), Kesh.

10th February 2020 - Elizabeth Doherty (87), Ederney.



Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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Dear Parishioners, Praise Service

Praise service on 8th March at 8.00pm in Maguiresbridge church. Come and sing your favourite hymns.

Parish Auction in aid of Maguiresbridge church

The profit of the auction is approximately £6500. Maguiresbridge Select Vestry are grateful for the support of everyone who participated. Funds raised will be allocated to the new parish hall kitchen.

Curtis Magee Dance

The annual parish dance in aid of the new hall kitchen Maguiresbridge parish hall has yet to take place at the time of writing but a report will appear in the magazine.



Ladies from Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk Mothers' Union at their annual dinner.

Rogation Sunday May 17th: Tractor Sunday.

Rogation Sunday is the day when the Church has traditionally offered prayer for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labours of farmers preparing for the harvest.

What is being planned is a Tractor Service hopefully outdoors in Maguiresbridge at 10.30am. This will be followed by a tractor run to Derrybrusk and a bacon buttie lunch prepared under supervision by the Select Vestry.

Confirmation Classes

These began on Ash Wednesday at 7.00pm and continue through Lent in Maguiresbridge church. After Easter, the

venue will be in the Rectory.

Midweek Lenten services:

Each week in Lent we are looking at the life of various Old Testament characters, namely Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua and David. These services are on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm in Maguiresbridge.

Derrybrusk Coffee Morning

A coffee morning and cake sale on Saturday 7th March from 10.00am – 12.00pm is being held in Belle Isle Castle on behalf of the Select Vestry of the parish. The Select Vestry have passed a motion that funds raised should be gifted along with donations to Derrybrusk Parish Mother's Union for the provision of a branch banner.



Members of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk Select Vestries at their annual dinner.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

8th March Second Sunday in Lent

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

15th March Third Sunday in Lent

10.30am St Patrick's Morning Prayer
12.15pm Kilmore Holy Communion

22nd March Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

29th March Fifth Sunday in Lent

10.30am St Patrick's Service of the Word
**5th April Sixth Sunday in Lent - Palm
Sunday**

10.30am St Patrick's Holy Communion
12.15pm Kilmore Holy Communion

Ladies' Group

The Ladies Group met on Tuesday 21st January had a business meeting in Hall and then went to Local Cinema to see "Little Women". They Will meet on Tuesday 24th March for a Talk by Ms. Eva Baxter on the hymn writer, Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895).

Mothers' Union

The February meeting was held in the Church on Tuesday 4th February at 8pm. The guest speaker was Ms. Janet Hill who gave a talk on the Shoe Box Appeal. This was followed by refreshments and business meeting. The March meeting is on Tuesday 4 March, when the Branch will have their visitors' night. The guest speaker will be Ms. Maureen Little, Diocesan Action and Outreach co-ordinator.

Condolence

We offer prayerful sympathy to Malcolm Workman and family on the death of his brother.

Illness

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

Vortex Youth Group

They met in the Hall on Saturday 18th January for a movie night and the mandatory refreshments

afterwards. On 15th February they had a Valentine's theme with a spa night.

Postal Bible School

The Postal Bible School had their annual prizegiving in St. Patrick's Hall on Wednesday 5th February, with a large attendance of children and parents, and all enjoyed an evening of singing and learning. The children were then presented with their well- earned prizes.

Girls' Brigade Display and Parents Night

This will be held in the Hall on Wednesday 25th March and all the leaders and girls are busy with preparations for the event.

World Day of Prayer

The service this year has been prepared by the Christian Women of Zimbabwe and will be held in the Methodist Church on Friday 6th March at 8pm, the theme for this year being from John chapter 5 "Rise, take your mat and walk"

Ballinode Church

The first part of the repairs to the church to deal with dry rot and replace the floor on the north side aisle have been completed so we are able to be back in the church.

Lenten Arrangements

During Lent on Sundays we will be focusing on prayer, taking inspiration from a book by Tim Chester. We will look at how prayer is a conversation with friends, to the Father, through the Son, by the Spirit and with faith. Our midweek services will be on Wednesday nights at 8:15pm taking the theme of Psalms on the way to Jerusalem. There will also be a Holy Communion service on Thursdays at 10am.



Rossorry



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A note from the Rector Lent 2020 – Aspects of Faith

During the season of Lent a series of Mid-week services in Church has been arranged, to encourage our keeping of this time of devotion and spiritual growth. This year I have invited five speakers to provide a short talk, to consider aspects of faith as they see it within their work or life-experience. The names are well known to us and it will be good to hear fresh voices challenge us on the role of faith in society and to help us reflect on how Christian faith is lived out day by day.

I invite everyone to join us on Wednesday evenings during this Lenten season and to use these times of prayer and reflection to help our growth in faith.

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

Prayer Group

The Prayer group meets at the Parish office and continues throughout the year with meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. We generally don't have any meetings during Lent as there is a service each Wednesday in Lent, which we attend, in Rossorry 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

The first meeting this year of Rossorry Mothers' Union was on Thursday 16 January 2020. Canon Ian Ellis administered Holy Communion to the members. Branch leader, Heather Ellis then gave an illustrated talk about her charity trip to Kenya with the



Members of Rossorry Mothers' Union with special birthdays around the celebratory cake.

Rotary Club in September 2019. The next meeting was on Thursday 13th February at 6.45pm for a "Noughty Birthday Party" in the Rectory – celebrating nine special birthdays of members varying from aged 50 to 90. There were over 30 present in the Rectory for the Party which was most enjoyable for all with fun and a lovely spread, including a magnificent cake. The next scheduled meeting is on the third Thursday of March, 19th at 8.00pm and new members are welcome.

Wednesday Club News

The Club has been running now for 20 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 until June. Everyone is welcome - there is always room for new members. At our meeting on Wednesday 12th February the folks tried their hand at 'Paper

Quilling', led by Ethel. This turned out to be a most interesting new craft type with beautiful results. Well done to our 'artists' ! A programme has been prepared of events / speakers up to May. See below: If you want to know more give Ethel Oldcroft a ring at 02866 326339



ROSSORRY WEDNESDAY CLUB PROGRAMME FROM JANUARY TO MAY 2020

MARCH

4th	Design a Bag	Ethel.
11th	Drink Wise Age Well	Sonia.
18th	Wool Shed	
25th	Spring Gardening	Robert Newman

APRIL

1st	Magazine Folding Easter Tree	Ethel
8th	Coffee in Moorings Restaurant	
15th	Easter Holiday	
22nd	Talk	
29th	Living with Tinnitus	by Owen Wilson

MAY

6th	Quiz Morning	
13th	Summer Outing	



Attending the special birthday party organised by Rossorry Mothers' Union.



Craftwork at the Wednesday Club.

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

Mother and Baby exercise class started up again on Tuesday 14th January 2020. This very successful Mother and Baby exercise class has been running now for two years at Rossorry Parish Hall on a Tuesday



Craftwork at the Wednesday Club.

Scouts and Guides

Scouts and Guides are up and running again, for the new term. Keep in touch with the leaders on Facebook for details of events etc. 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

morning at 10.am. 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, 2pm – 4pm in the Parish Hall. Woolshed classes meet on Wednesdays from 2pm – 4pm in the Hall. Basket Weaving starts up again, soon – so ring Yvonne if you are coming or if you want to know a bit more about it. 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

The Bowling Club meets on a Monday evening and occasionally on a Thursday in the Parish Hall at 8pm and continues now until the end of the season in March. If you are interested in getting involved, the Club is always looking for new members. For information: - contact William Stevenson on 07719662473.



Attending the special birthday party organised by Rossorry Mothers' Union.



SERVICES for March 2020

Sunday 1st March

9.00am. Holy Communion.

11.00am. Holy Communion.

7.00pm. Evening Prayer

Wednesday 4th March

8.00pm Lenten Service – ‘Faith in Schools’

Sunday 8th March

9.00am. Holy Communion.

11.00am. Morning Prayer

Wednesday 11th March

8.00pm Lenten Service – ‘Faith in Health Care’.

Sunday 15th March

9.00am. Holy Communion.

11.00am. Morning Prayer

Wednesday 18th March

8.00pm Lenten Service – ‘Faith in the Media’.

Sunday 22nd March

9.00am. Holy Communion.

11.00am. Morning Prayer

Wednesday 25th March

8.00pm Lenten Service – ‘Faith in Young People’.

Sunday 29th March

9.00am. Holy Communion.

11.00am. Morning Prayer



The baptism service for the Doogan family.

PARISH REGISTER

Bereavements

Sadly, since the publication of the last magazine, one of our parishioners has passed away. The parishioners of Rossorry offer their most sincere condolences and prayers for the grieving family. NEILL, Beatrice Elizabeth, of Rossorry Church Road, Enniskillen, peacefully, at the South West Acute Hospital on 30th January 2020. Her Funeral Service was held on

Saturday 1st February 2020 at Rossorry Parish Church at 1.30pm, followed by interment in Rossorry Churchyard.

Baptism

DOOGAN, Seth William James, infant son of Ian and Karolyn of Derryscobe, Letterbreen who was baptised at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 26th January 2020. *May he grow in the faith in which he has been baptised.*



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COME -
Join us at Rossorry for Lent!
Lenten Service
each Wednesday in Lent at 8.00pm

26 th February	Ash Wednesday service of Holy Communion	Rector
4 th March	Faith in Schools	Nick Hambly
11 th March	Faith in Health Care	Sarah Maguire
18 th March	Faith in the Media	Denzil McDaniel
25 th March	Faith in Young People	Jonny Phenix
1 st April	Faith in Communities	Fr Charles Cross
6 th – 10 th April	Holy Week Services	

Nick Hambly is a Rossorry Parish Reader and schoolteacher with experience in NI, England and overseas.

Sarah Maguire is also a Rossorry Parish Reader and has recently retired following a career in nursing.

Denzil McDaniel is a parishioner and former editor of the Impartial Reporter.

Jonny Phenix is the Youth Officer for Clogher Diocese and has been recently working with the young people of our parish.

Fr Charles Cross is the new Superior in The Graan Passionist Monastery and this will be his first visit to Rossorry.

Everyone welcome!



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Lent Services at 8pm

Clabby - March 4th, 18th and 1st April
Tempo - March 11th and 25th

Dates for the Diary

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union will take place on 10th March which is overseas night with Carol beginning at 8pm. Members should please return overseas boxes.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer 8pm in Lisbellaw Parish

Church when the speaker is Rosalaine Donaldson. Men are welcome.

Marching Bands

The Marching Bands Concert is on 13th March at 8pm in Tempo Church Hall with £10 admission for Church funds featuring Monaghan fife and drum band, Derryclavin Pipe Band, Church Hill Silver Band and Tempo Accordion Band.

Bowls Tournament

Clabby Bowls Tournament takes place on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th March. Please Contact Ivy Mc Cutcheon 07788237789 or Tanya Armstrong 0774034828.

Schools Worker

On Sunday 29th March there will be a visit of Mr. Alistair McFarland, the New E3 Schools worker in Fermanagh and Fivemiletown.

"I AM"

In John's gospel there are seven records of the saying "I am"

In the Bible in the Hebrew "I am" was the name used for God- Jehovah or yahweh. Jesus was saying and claiming He was God. Each of these claims were followed by a calling and a promise for the Christian.

John 6 v 35 "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will be thirsty".

■ John 8 v 12 "I am the light of the world whoever comes to me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life".

■ John 10 v 9 "I am the gate, whoever comes through me will be saved".

■ John 10 v 11 'I am the good shepherd. the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep

■ John 10 v 14 'I am the Good shepherd, I know my sheep and my sheep know me".

■ John 11 v 25 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die",

■ John 14 v 6 'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me'.

■ John 15 v 5 'I am the vine, you are the branches, if you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing".

These verses and words of Jesus call us to trust in Christ, our only source of salvation and satisfaction. The only means of salvation and certainty is by his finished work on the cross, his victory over sin and death. Having trusted in Christ we are assured his guidance and are called to love and bear witness by word and deed to him. Over lent look at these verses and ask ourselves how does each apply to me? How can I respond to the words of Jesus in each statement?

Trory and Killadeas

Vacant

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

Trory

Church Services

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

Sunday School as normal and parents and guardians are being asked to please keep in touch with the leaders regarding holidays or breaks.

There will be no midweek services during Lent other than on Ash Wednesday held at Killadeas.

Holy Week services will be held at Trory this year on 8th 9th and 10th April at 8pm.

Parish Records

Burial - Cecil Armstrong on 16th January.

To Bertie and Barbara Somerville on their bereavements and to all bereaved persons we offer our condolences.

Mothers' Union

The next meeting will be Monday 9th March 8pm at Killadeas. Ella Deane will recall the days of her youth living on an island.

Tuesday Club

Members will meet at 2.30pm at Killadeas on 10th April when Archdeacon Harper will speak about his Camino Walk experiences.

Bowling Club

Normal club bowling activities continue.

Keep Fit

Classes are well attended and continue every Wednesday evening at Trory Parish Hall, Ballycassidy at 7.30pm. For information on club activities and any holiday breaks contact Alison on 0791444630.

Thanks

At present the weather is seasonal and changeable to say the least and we are grateful for the actions of the Fire Service at Laragh Croft on their efforts pumping away

the flood water on the second weekend in February. Thankfully no homes were flooded, thank you all. When we see the damage caused in other areas, we have to be thankful and we have to recognise the awesome power of nature, whether it is out of control bush fires or flood defences being washed away like sandcastles on the beach. Let's look on the bright side, spring is on the way with St. Patrick's Day, Mothering Sunday and Summer Time beginning at the end of March and all this is happening during Lent. Don't give up on going to church and all the money you are saving on the other things you have given up can go into your Smarty tubes which can be found in the porch on the way out of Church.

Killadeas

Sunday services

Priory Church, Killadeas:

10am - Morning Prayer

10am Holy Communion First Sunday in the month.

Coffee is served in the church hall after service on the third Sunday in the month.

Sunday School: Departs to Parish Hall during Service.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2020

• Monday 2nd - Friday 6th March 2020 – **Clabby Parish Bowls Tournament** Please Contact Ivy Mc Cutcheon 07788237789 or Tanya Armstrong 0774034828 for entries.



• Thursday 5th - Saturday 7th March 2020 – **St. Finbarr's Pop-Up Shop** opening in Carrickmacross Shopping Centre from 10am - 5pm each day staffed by parish volunteers. The shop is seeking new and nearly new shoes, clothes, toys, unwanted gifts, small items of furniture and so on to sell as we seek to raise much needed funds. The Pop-Up Shop will serve as both a fundraiser and also a service to those in our community who find it difficult to find the money needed to clothe a family or provide a gift for a birthday or special occasion.

• Friday 6th March – **World Day of Prayer** at 8pm in Castleblayney Church Hall. Special speaker is Caroline Merrin from Carrickmacross.

• Friday 6th March – **World Day of Prayer** in St Mary's Church, Arney.

• Friday 6th March – **World Day of Prayer** Service in Church Hill Methodist Church at 8 pm.

• Friday 6th March – **World Day of Prayer** in St. Mary's Church, Glennan at 8pm with guest speaker, Revd. Lorraine Capper who will give an address on this year's theme: "Rise -Take Your Mat and Walk."

• Friday 6th March – **World Day of Prayer** in Monaghan Methodist Church which has been prepared by the Christian Women of Zimbabwe.

• Friday 6th March – **World Prayer Day** in Lisbellaw Parish Church at 8pm. The theme is Zimbabwe and Roseliene and Geoff Donaldson are coming to speak.

• Friday 6th March – **World Day of Prayer** in Holy Trinity Parish Church, Lisnaskea at 8pm with the theme, 'Rise! Take your mat and walk' and a form of service prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe.

• Friday 6th March – **World Day of Prayer** Service at 8pm in Ardess Parish Church,

Kesh. Service will take the form of prayers for Zimbabwe. Everyone welcome.

• Saturday 7th March – Derrybrusk Parish **Coffee Morning and Cake Sale** from 10.00am - 12.00 Noon in Belle Isle Castle on behalf of the Select Vestry of the parish. Funds raised for Derrybrusk Parish Mother's Union for the provision of a branch banner.

• Saturday 7th March – **Garvary Parish Church Auction** in the Parish Hall at 1.30pm. Items to be auctioned include firewood, home bakes and general household items.

• Sunday 8th March – **International Women's Day Afternoon Tea** in the Killyhevlin Hotel with Inspirational and Motivational Speaker, Lady Christine Eames OBE. Tickets £20 with proceeds to Enniskilen Rotary Club charities.

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

• Monday 9th March – **Colaghty Women's Fellowship Annual Visitors' Night and Bring and Buy Sale** at 8.00pm. The guest speaker will be Hannah Arnold from CARE; Christian Action Research and Education. Come along and bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.

• Monday 9th - Thursday 12th March 2020 – **Magheracross Charity Pairs Bowling Tournament** in the Archdale Memorial Hall. Entries (£8 per pair including supper) with entries to Ann Brian (66388173) or Lily Robinson (66388560).

• Thursday 12th March – **Fashion Show** in Garvary Parish Church Hall at 7.30pm with fashions by KLASS. Tickets £10 including refreshments.

• Thursday 12th March – **Mullaghy Flute Band Concert** in Gransha Hall. More details later.

• Friday 13th March – **Marching Bands Concert** in Tempo Parish Church at 8pm featuring Church Hill Silver Band, Tempo Accordion Band, Derryclavin Pipe Band and Monaghan Fife and Drum Band. Admission £10 with proceeds to Tempo Church Funds.

• Sunday 15th March – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline** for submissions for the April edition.

• Monday 16th - Thursday 19th March 2020 – **St Macartin's Cathedral Annual Mixed Pairs Bowls Tournament** in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 8pm sharp each night. Entries to Maud Shaw - 02866322133 or mobile - 07720081175.

• Tuesday 17th March – **St Patrick's Day parade** in Carrickmacross will have a float entered by St. Finbarr's Church for the first time in around 20 years as part of their 20/20 vision of community involvement. The theme of our float is "All Things Bright and Beautiful" displaying the goodness of God's creation and the great variety of life we have here in our local community.

• Tuesday 17th March – **Irish Stew Night** organised by Cleenish Mothers' Union in Cleenish Parish Hall, Bellanaleck.

• Thursday 19th March – **Safeguarding Trust training** at 7.30pm in Ardess Parish Centre.

• Friday 20th March – **Gospel Concert** in St. Mark's Church, Newtownsaville, with guest artists, Revd Jean Mackerel and friends. Supper provided and everyone welcome.

• Saturday 21st March – **Ulster Society of Organists and Choirmasters visit** to Galloon Parish Church at 2pm to hear the acclaimed Lewis Pipe Organ installed in 2018. The event is open to anyone who may have an interest in learning about the origins of the Lewis organ and to hear the instrument's resources ably demonstrated by Matthew Hynes, Royal Burgh of Ayr Organist.

• Sunday 22nd March – The Friends of St Macartin's Cathedral, Clogher **64th Friends' Service and Annual Reunion** will take place in the Cathedral at 3.00pm. The preacher will be Revd Canon Dr Maurice Elliott, Director of The Church of Ireland Theological Institute. Tea will be served after the service in the Cathedral Hall and will be followed by the



Friends' Annual General Meeting, which is open to all members of the Friends to attend.

- Monday 23rd March – **Lenten Reflection** in Cleenish Parish Hall, Bellanaleck at 8pm. An evening of quiet reflection for Lent with Mr. Roy Robinson MBE, well known in Fermanagh as a policing officer. His life experiences have led him on a spiritual journey - one which he shares. Refreshments served.

- Tuesday 24th March – **St. Macartan's Day Lecture** on St. Macartan's Day by Bishop John McDowell on the Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland in Clogher Cathedral at 8pm. Everyone welcome. This event is part of the celebration of St. Macartan. Everyone welcome.

- Thursday 26th March – **Donagh Community Choir performance** in The Garage Theatre, Monaghan at 7.30pm to raise funds for Monaghan Collegiate School, under the leadership of Mrs. Ethne McCord. Tickets available from Monaghan Collegiate Parents' Association.

- Saturday 28th March – **Coffee Morning and Cake Sale** to honour the memory of Neville Gamble, beloved son of Mullaghduin parishioners, Jim and Doreen from 9.30am to 12.30pm in Mullaghduin Parish Hall, Letterbreen. Proceeds of this event will be donated to "Friends of the Cancer Centre" at Belfast City Hospital.

- Monday 30th March – **Farm, Fellowship and Faith meeting** at 8.00pm in Colaghty Parish Hall, when the speaker will be Mr Martin Peters from NI Ambulance Service.

- Tuesday 31st March – **Prayer Spaces in Schools** taking place in St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 7.30pm with refreshments available from 7pm. Hannah O'Neill from Prayer Spaces in Schools N.I. will be answering the questions: -What is a Prayer Space? -How do you run a Prayer Space? She will bring along some prayer resources and tell stories from her own experience of setting up and facilitating school prayer spaces. The evening is suitable for teachers, Sunday school and youth leaders, and anyone with an interest in prayer and Christian youth and children's work.

April 2020

- Thursday 2nd April – **Gospel Concert** in St. Ronan's Church, Colebrooke with Revd Jean Mackeral.

- Friday 3rd April – **Sallaghy Parish Dance** in Sallaghy Hall with music provided by Dusty Diamond with dancing from 10.00pm - 1.00am. cost £5 includes

supper with proceeds in aid of Church Funds. Everyone will be made most welcome.

- Friday 3rd April – **Hooley in the Hall** in Derryvullen North Church Hall, Irvinestown to raise funds for Air Ambulance.

- * Friday 3rd April – **Annual St Tighernach's Day celebrations** in Clones beginning at 7pm with a service in St. Tighernach's Parish Church. This event is hosted by Clones Community Forum to commemorate St. Tiarnach, Patron Saint of Clones and Bishop of Clogher 506 - 549 AD.

- Wednesday 15th April – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline** for the May edition.

- Friday 17th April – **Dessert Evening** in Mullaghduin Parish Hall, Letterbreen from 7pm to 9pm organised by student Sarah-Louise Collum who is going on a mission trip to Central Asia in August 2020 with a team of young people to share God's Love with Christian and non-Christian students at a summer camp. An evening full of fun, fellowship and



mouth-watering desserts. Sarah-Louise extends a warm welcome to everyone to attend.

- Saturday 18th April – **Galloon Parish Auction** at 12 Noon in the Church Hall, High Street, Newtownbutler with part contents of two houses and at least 500 lots.

- Thursday 23rd April – **Donacavey Parish Barbecue** at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

- Wednesday 29th April – Last Date for submission of Entries for the **Archdeacon Ruddell Prize and Bishop's Medal Competition** organised by Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education. All entries to be handed in to the Diocesan Office, Hall's Lane, Enniskillen. Please contact your Sunday School teacher for further details.

May 2020

- Friday 1st May – **Mothers' Union Area Services** in Lisnaskea Parish Church and Garrison Parish Church, both at 8pm.

- Wednesday 6th May – **Country and Western Concert** with Declan Nerney and his 6-piece Showband and special guest star, T R Dallas, in The Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen at 8.00pm. Tickets at £15 are available from The Killyhevlin Hotel,



The Cathedral Office, Leslie's Coffee Shop and Ivan Kee (07768000167) with all proceeds for St Macartin's Cathedral Parish Funds.

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

- Friday 8th May – **Mothers' Union Area Service** in Killeevan Parish Church, Co. Monaghan at 8pm.

- Sunday 10th May – **Picnic at Rossmore Park**, Monaghan following service in St. Mark's Parish, Aghadrumsee for 200th anniversary year.

- Friday 15th May – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline** for submissions for the June edition.

- Sunday 17th May **Tractor Sunday** on Rogation Sunday at Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk churches when traditionally prayers are offered for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labours of farmers. Farmers from both parishes invited to come to church on their tractors to be parked in the field at the rectory.



- Friday 22nd - Monday 25th May 2020 – **Inishmacsaint Mothers Union Trip** to Ennis, Co. Clare. Cost £340 for three nights sharing, including Bed and Breakfast and three evening meals. Single supplement £60. Please contact Robena 02868641569 for further details.

- Thursday 28th May – **Mothers' Union Spring Council Meeting** in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 7pm.

June 2020

- Saturday 6th - Sunday 7th June 2020 – **Wedding Dress Festival** during final weekend of St Mark's Parish, Aghadrumsee's 200th anniversary year featuring a display of wedding dresses and christening gowns with a closing service on Sunday at 7pm with the Revd Canon Betty Thompson.

- Thursday 11th June – **Mothers' Union Indoor Members Tea Party** in the See House, Fivemiletown.

- Monday 15th June – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline** for submissions for the July/August edition.

August 2020

- Saturday 15th August – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline** for submissions for the September edition.

MOTHERS' UNION



NEW TRUSTEES COMMISSIONED AT SPECIAL SERVICE

On Sunday 9th February in St. Ronan's Parish Church, Colebrooke, a Commissioning Service was held for the new members of Clogher Diocesan Trustee Board.

The Revd John McClenaghan conducted the service with the assistance of The Revd Charlie Eames, Diocesan Mothers' Union Chaplain and Mrs Joy Coalter, Diocesan Reader.

All-Ireland President, Mrs June Butler and Clogher Diocesan President, Mrs Irene Boyd participated in the service by reading the lessons.

Following the service, the congregation and Mother's Union Trustees' enjoyed refreshments in the adjoining hall.

Above and below: At the Commissioning Service for the new members of Clogher Diocesan Trustees Board of the Mothers' Union.





Photos from the dance night in Dromore Parish Hall.



DATES FOR YOUR GFS DIARY:

- Saturday, 21st March - Cookery Competition, South West College, Enniskillen
- Sunday, 3rd May - Diocesan Service in Magheracross Parish Church at 3.30pm

*St. Mark's Newtownsaville
Church of Ireland*

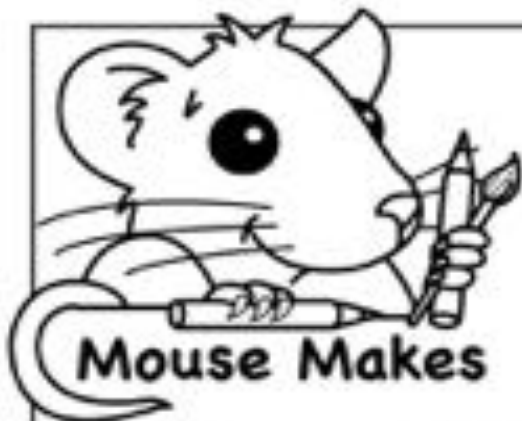
Gospel Concert



With
Rev. Jean Mackarel & Friends
 On
Friday 20th March 8pm
 In
St. Mark's Church Newtownsaville

Supper Served
 All Donations towards the Church Repair Fund

CHILDREN'S SECTION



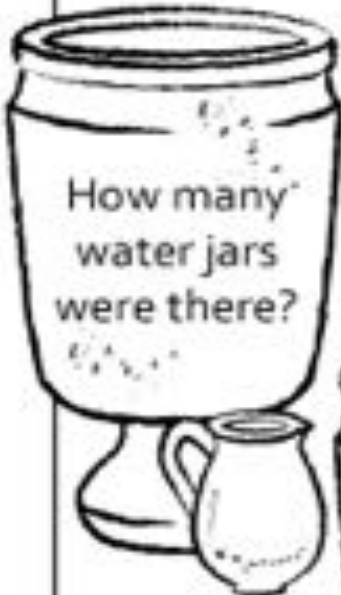
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Jesus, his disciples and his mother Mary had been invited to a wedding. The wedding was to last a week, but too soon the wine had all been drunk.

READ John 2:1-11 to find out what happened.



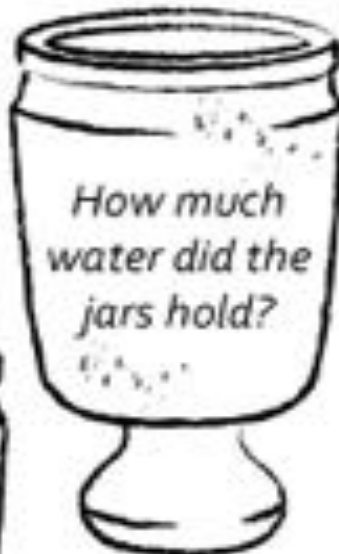
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What were the water jars made of?



How much water did the jars hold?



What were the water jars for?

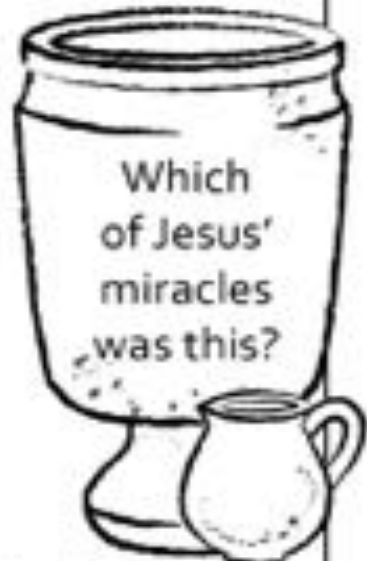


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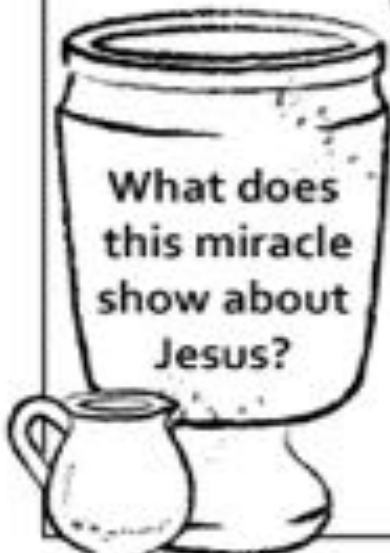


What did the steward tell the bridegroom?

What had happened to the water when it was taken out?



Which of Jesus' miracles was this?



What does this miracle show about Jesus?

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
1 Samuel 2:11-17, 22-25, 3:1-21

As soon as he was old enough to leave his parents, Samuel went to live at God's temple in Shiloh, with the priest, Eli..

Eli's sons were also priests, but they helped themselves to what people had brought to give to God.



Eli talked to them about it. They ignored him.



But Samuel did all the work he was given well.

One night, after everyone had gone to bed, Samuel heard someone calling him.



He thought it was Eli, so he ran to him.



No, I didn't call you

It happened again.



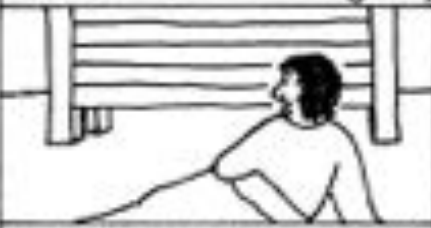
I didn't call. Go back to bed.

The third time, Eli knew it must be God calling Samuel.



You must say, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

God called Samuel again,



and Samuel answered as he had been told.

I told Eli his sons had done bad things, but he has not stopped them. Now, even being sorry will not make up for what has happened.



The next morning, Eli demanded to be told what God had said.



Samuel was afraid, but he told him.

He is God. He will deal with us as is right.



God continued to talk to Samuel. He became known throughout Israel.



YOUTH PAGE



CIYD YOUTH FORUM ON MINISTRY AND MISSION SAT 25th JANUARY, CITY NORTH HOTEL, DUBLIN

This annual gathering of young people and their leaders from throughout the island proved this year to be one of the best. With a focus that caught the imagination our young people spent time and effort reflecting on their role and the importance of the churches outreach near and far. The Church Army's Nic and Sally Sheppard facilitated the event again and chose interactive activities, group work and discussions to open up thinking and conversations around the theme of ministry and mission. Representing the diocese were two young people, Nia Robinson and Lauren Booth from the Fountain Centre Kesh along with their youth Leader Shirley McCann. Bishop Pat Storey opened the day by reading Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live but Christ lives in me". She went on to challenge our young people to live in the truth of this reality. That the world around them might see the difference that Christ was making in their lives and so in their churches.

With such a challenging beginning the day went on to consider what the church should be and do in the context of our changing world. Questions such as; "How are we reaching our local communities and the wider world?" "Are we truly loving



our neighbours and the marginalised in society?" "What about global issues and world mission?" "If we know that Christ lives in us and that He is greater than the world how should that influence the difference we make in our world". In order to illustrate these points Nic and Sally used a large group ball passing activity to show how we can pass in many different ways and directions. Equally, they concluded, we should be open to God moving in different ways and directions through us to reach our communities and the wider world with the gospel in practical ways.

Videos produced by young people from different dioceses were shown. They had been asked to express their views and

wishes for their church. Expressions included were;

The Church seems to be associated with buildings rather than people.

The welcome the Church gives is very important.

"Love your neighbour as yourself."

Everything should revolve around this.

Compassion to the unaccepted is important.

We should become more like Jesus and go out into our communities more.

Jesus included all levels of society; it is important that everyone is involved.

Jesus was a leader, teacher and good friend and we should strive for that.

The ministry of Jesus and the Church should be counter-cultural.

As the day drew to a close our young people were inspired to support and encourage each other to go and do something in their churches after the day.

There was a real opportunity before them to contribute but that meant they had to speak to the older adult church and make their voices heard in their parishes and diocese.

They should be proactive and engaged so that their voices might be heard and their leaders should empower and support them in this vital role for the future of the church.

CIYD Launch New Youth Ministry Resource

CIYD have recently launched a new online resource based on the five marks of mission with the fifth "Treasure" – "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth." This is an excellent resource and sits very well with our Diocesan SEE initiative launched in 2018 also based on the five marks of mission. The resource includes suggested group activities, support materials and excellent partnering opportunities with TearFund and Christian Aid to involve youth ministry groups in this mark of mission.

For fuller details or to receive a "Treasure" pack please contact;

Diocesan Youth Officer, Jonny Phenix dyo@clogher.anglican.org, 07850881712.





St Mark's, Aghadrumsee 200th Anniversary

Wedding Dress Festival



Saturday 6th June 10.00am to 6.00pm

Sunday 7th June from 2.00pm

Closing Service at 7.00pm

Guest Preacher Revd Canon Betty Thompson

REFRESHMENTS SERVED THROUGHOUT WEEKEND

Group bookings welcome. Contact:

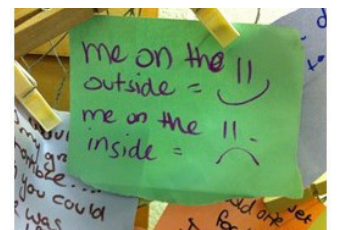
• Lynda Howe - 07891173486 • Marina Elliott 07855762436

Prayer Spaces in Schools

7:30pm Tuesday 31st March

St. Macartin's Cathedral Halls, Enniskillen

Supported by Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education



A prayer space is usually a classroom-sized area that has been transformed, for a few days or a week, with a range of activities that allow children and young people to explore Christian prayer in a safe and creative way. They encourage personal reflection on issues such as forgiveness, injustice, gratitude, big questions, identity and stillness. Schools and churches work together to help facilitate prayer spaces and since 2007 there have been over 4,000 prayer spaces in more than 30 nations across the globe.

Prayer spaces are typically run by a suitably trained team from a local church or organisation, as a service to the school. In some schools, teachers bring their students for a subject-lesson in the prayer space. In others, students are invited to visit the prayer space voluntarily, during their breaks and lunchtimes and maybe after the school day has finished. Alternatively, churches can host the prayer space and invite schools to come along.

To find out more, come along to the Cathedral Halls on Tuesday 31st March where Hannah O'Neill from Prayer Spaces in Schools N.I. will be answering the questions:

- What is a Prayer Space?
- How do you run a Prayer Space?

She will bring along some prayer resources and tell stories from her own experience of setting up and facilitating school prayer spaces. The evening is suitable for teachers, Sunday school and youth leaders, and anyone with an interest in prayer and Christian youth and children's work.

We begin at 7:30, but refreshments will be available from 7pm.

For more information visit <https://www.prayerspacesinschools.com/> or contact Karl Saunders - k.saunders@btinternet.com



Holy Trinity Church, Dromore.

A glorious spell of church building for the Church of Ireland

As part of the project on church property, Henry Robinson has been looking at the dates the churches were built. This makes interesting reading and throws up some interesting facts.

It is well known that Clogher Diocese, like many other parts of the country, was ravaged by conflict and wars when many of the early churches were burnt, especially during the nine years war (1594-1603).

The Plantation

Each undertaker had an obligation to provide a 'convenient number of parishes and parish churches with sufficient incumbents in every county' but clearly this was not a high priority. When the planters started arriving in 1610 little changed initially and they had to make do with the poor availability of churches, but soon new places of worship were being erected.

In 1622 Bishop Spottiswood in his review of the property in the Clogher Diocese

reported that nine churches were in repair but 28 churches were deemed to be in ruins.

The protestant population continued to grow as planters moved in however there were still an inadequate number of churches to cater for them.

The Landlords were generally very supportive of church building and wished to see churches on their estates but they were slow to respond.

The establishment of the Board of First Fruits by Queen Anne in 1711 was to kick start the building and repairing of churches and Glebes in the Church of Ireland.

Oldest Church

Many of our present churches have evolved as a refurbishment of an earlier church or the rebuilding on the same site. Sadly few details are available of the original churches.

The oldest recorded new church building in this period is St John the Evangelist

Church, Ematrix which was completed and dedicated on 14 September 1729. Also called Kilcrow, the church was built in the Dartrey Estate where his Lordship exercised considerable influence over it.

In 1771 Lord Dartrey, who gave up his pew for the erection of a pulpit, was allowed to make a breach in the North Wall to create a new pew, which was to be his for ever – one of the few cases in Ireland where there is a prescriptive right to a pew.

Ematrix was created as a District Parish out of Galloon in 1738 however it only began to operate as a separate parish in 1767 when Revd William Dawson (Senior) became Vicar.

The Great Famine (1845 – 49)

In this time churches for the Church of Ireland were being erected at a rate of more than one per year (25 churches completed in a 17-year period from 1827 to 1844)

Understandably, there were no churches



St John the Evangelist Church, Ematris.

completed during the great famine when it is estimated there were about a million deaths and a further million people emigrated from Ireland.

After the famine church building resumed (in 1852) but not quite at the same pace as before the famine.

There were 19 churches built in the period from 1852 to 1873 but only one new church erected in the last 100 years. 62% of the present churches in the

Clogher Diocese were built in the period 50 years either side of the famine.

The most recent church built in the Diocese was Holy Trinity in Dromore in 1957 after one of the walls in the old church collapsed three years earlier.

The damage was so extensive it was decided to go for a new build. The stone in the bell tower was brought from the recently demolished Aughentaine Castle, Fivemiletown.

THE NUMBER OF CHURCHES IN CLOGHER DIOCESE ERECTED ARE SHOWN IN BANDS OF 25 YEARS:

Period	Number of churches erected
1725 – 1750	3
1751 – 1775	6
1776 – 1800	9
1801 – 1825	6
1826 – 1850	25
1845 – 1849	the Great Famine
1851 – 1875	21
1876 – 1900	3

No	PARISH	BUILT
1	Ematris	1729
2	Fivemiletown	1736
3	Clogher Cathedral	1740
4	Cleenish	1760
5	Donagh	1763
6	Lisbellaw	1764
7	Aughalurcher	1767
8	Drumkeeran	1774
9	Aghabog	1775
10	Derryvullen South	1776
11	Boho	1777
12	Carrickmacross	1779
13	Magheracross	1785
14	Belleek	1788
15	Drumsnatt	1788
16	Troy	1788
17	Tyholland	1788
18	Kilmore	1790
19	Ballybay	1801
20	Currin	1810
21	Aghavea	1813
22	Mullaghdun	1817
23	Aghadrumsee	1819
24	Galloon	1821
25	Garrison	1827
26	Magherculmonee	1827
27	Clogh	1828
28	Derryvullen North	1828
29	Drum	1828
30	Tydavnet	1830
31	Inishmacsaint	1831
32	Errigal Portclare	1834
33	Slavin	1835
34	Errigal Truagh	1836
35	Kilskeery	1836
36	Monaghan	1836
37	Mullaghfad	1836
38	Templecarne	1838
39	Newtownsaville	1839
40	Clontibret	1840
41	Donacavey	1840
42	Kiltermon	1840
43	Maguiresbridge	1841
44	Newbliss	1841
45	Rossorry	1841
46	Enniskillen Cathedral	1842
47	Barr	1843
48	Sallaghy	1843
49	Drummully	1844
	Great Famine	1845-49
50	Derryvullan	1852
51	Lisnaskea	1852
52	Derrybrusk	1856
53	Killeevan	1857
54	Mucknoe	1859
55	Clones	1860
56	Augher	1862
57	Clabby	1862
58	Coolbuck (former school)	1862
59	Aughnamullen	1864
60	Colaghty	1865
61	Garvary	1865
62	Muckcross	1865
63	Ardragh	1866
64	Tempo	1866
65	Kiltyclogher	1867
66	Rockcorry	1868
67	Eskrahoole (former school)	c1870
68	Cooneen	1871
69	Trillick	1872
70	Tattykeeran	1873
71	Killadeas	1881
72	Devenish	1890
73	Magheraclone	1891
74	Castle Archdale	1908
75	Dromore	1958



Speakers included (from left): Myles McKeown, Charities Commission NI; Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell; Ashley Brown, Diocesan Accountant and Michael Skuce, Clogher Diocese.

PARISHES REPRESENTED AT CHARITIES AND GDPR INFORMATION EVENT

There was a good turnout of parish representatives at the Charities and GDPR Information Evening held in St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen on 13th February. The speakers included Myles McKeown, Head of Compliance and Enquiries at The Charities Commission for Northern Ireland; Ashley Brown, Diocesan Accountant and Michael Skuce, in charge of Safeguarding in Clogher Diocese.

The meeting began with an introduction and prayers by the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell. Myle McKeown used a Powerpoint presentation to show parish representatives the various steps to complete their forms which are sent to the Charities Commission and Annual Reporting guidance and Annual Monitoring Return. He explained that some charities opt to complete receipts and payments and others by accruals. He highlighted what should be included in the annual report, emphasising that charities should demonstrate what they have done during the year.

He said: "Public benefit is at the heart of what makes an organisation a charity. Myles gave various tips for submitting Annual Monitoring Returns such as not leaving it until the last minute, read the guidance, have all the necessary information at hand when completing



Myles McKeown.

the forms, know the password for online submissions and to save and print the AMR. He advised against using the names of donors in reports sent to the Commission.

At the end of his talk, Myles said that no parish in Clogher Diocese was in default. The Diocesan Accountant, Ashley Brown, referred to the charity legislation in more detail at diocesan level emphasising that it was important for the list of trustees on the CCNI website to be kept up to date and not just after any changes at the Easter Vestry. It is the charity's contact person registered with CCNI who assumes responsibility on behalf of the trustees to complete the AMR and to submit relevant documents to CCNI.

Any queries from CCNI to the charity should be dealt with directly between the charity and CCNI. She also gave a timeline during the year leading up to the submission of accounts to CCNI.

Michael Skuce, Safeguarding and GDPR officer in Clogher Diocese, referred to names in parish reports and said trustees must have the permission of everyone whose name appears. He showed several videos on GDPR and spoke of the importance of having good strong passwords, strong firewalls and anti-virus software for computers. He advised parishes to have an honorary treasurer email address which can then be used by successors to the post rather than using individual named email addresses. Data should be backed up regularly, he said.



Ashley Brown, Diocesan Accountant speaking to parish representatives at the meeting.

Church float to be part of St. Patrick's parade

Parishioners from St. Finbarr's Church in Carrickmacross will be taking part in the St. Patrick's Day parade in the town. It will be the first time in many years for the parishioners from the parish to enter a float in the parade on 17th March.

The Rector, Revd Colin McConaghie, said the idea was part of their 20/20 vision of community involvement.

"We feel it is vital that we as a church are seen to be playing a part in this wonderful celebration in our town," he said. St. Finbarr's Church sits prominently at one end of the Main Street in Carrickmacross and is well integrated into the local community. The theme for the church float is "All Things Bright and Beautiful" which will display the goodness of God's creation and the variety of life there is in the local community in this part of Co. Monaghan. Work has already begun on the colourful float which will show animals in Africa, linking St. Finbarr's mission trip to Malawi last year as well as other animals such as koala bears endangered after the devastating bush fires in Australia.

Among the 15-20 people who are part of the project is Lorna Moy, who with her daughter, Sienna, have been creating some of the displays as featured in this photograph and also on the front cover of this magazine.



Lorna Moy touching up one of the animal paintings on the float.

COLEBROOKE PARISH CHURCH are holding a

Gospel Concert

Thursday 2nd April
at 7.30pm

with REVD JEAN MACKAREL AND MUSICIANS

• SUPPER SERVED AFTERWARDS •

DONATIONS RATHER THAN AN ADMISSION PRICE



A view of St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher.



Historian Jack Johnston and Revd Olivia Downey prepare for St Macartan's Day.

Paying tribute to St Macartan more than 1500 years after his death

Those people attending the special events to mark St. Macartan's Day later this month will walk on a site where there has been over 1500 years of Christian worship. St. Macartan's Day will be marked by the annual Friends of St. Macartan's Cathedral service on Sunday, 22nd March and on the day itself, Tuesday, 24th March, there will be an address in the Cathedral by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell on Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland.

The present Cathedral was built between 1740 and 1744 and re-ordered in the classical style between 1816 – 1818

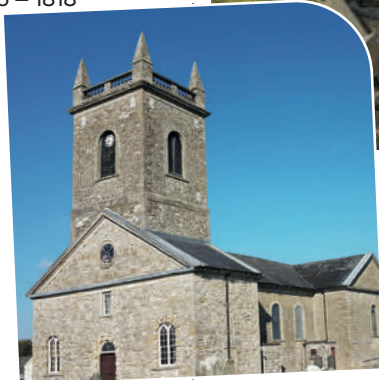
during which stalls were provided for the Chapter and three galleries were erected. Two of these galleries were removed in 1865 and the remaining West gallery accommodates the organ and choir.

The present rector, Revd Olivia Downey, is looking forward to recognising this special day.

The See of Clogher was founded by St. Patrick with the first monastery established in 493. Tradition says that St Patrick spent three days at Clogher and preached on the hill at Finnermore. Still surviving are believed to be stones at Altadavin named St. Patrick's Chair and Well. St. Macartan travelled with St. Patrick and



The Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell with Revd Olivia Downey and preacher, Revd. Professor Rab Mollan, the great-nephew of the rector who started the Friends of Clogher Cathedral.



was known as his strongman. Macartan was ordained as the first Bishop of Clogher and was entrusted with

holy relics held in the cathedral during the Middle Ages but are now housed in the National Museum in Dublin.

St. Macartan died on 24th March, now his Saint's Day in the year 506 A.D. and buried at Clogher, in a burial place south-west of the present Cathedral.

The Cathedral is filled with history, right

from the moment you step into the porch.

The stone standing in the porch is known as the Clogh-Oir or Golden Stone from Clogher is derived.

Those visiting the Cathedral would have walked through the gates erected by the people of friends of the diocese in memory of Right Revd Richard Tyner, Bishop of Clogher 1944-1958.

Looking down in the porch are portraits of many of the bishops of Clogher including the present bishop, Right Revd. John McDowell.

REVD ELAINE DUNNE APPOINTED AS NEW RECTOR OF BALLYBAY GROUP OF PARISHES

A new rector has been appointed to the Ballybay Group of Parishes to include Ballybay, Clontibret and Muckno in Co. Monaghan in Clogher Diocese. Revd Elaine Dunne, currently priest in charge of the Omev Union of Parishes in the Diocese of Tuam, Killala and Achonry, has been selected following a Board of Nomination.

The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell said: "I am delighted to be able to welcome the Revd Elaine Dunne to the Diocese and to the Ballybay Group in Co. Monaghan. I would like to thank all the members of the Board of Nomination for working so well together in making this nomination. "The Revd Elaine has experience of working in Dublin and in the West of Ireland, and will bring that experience as well as her many skills and qualifications to this new sphere of vocation. I know she will be welcomed by the people of Ballybay, Clontibret and Muckno when she arrives in early summer"

Revd Dunne stated: "I am delighted to have been appointed as Rector of the Grouped Parishes of Ballybay, Clontibret and Muckno. I am very much looking forward to getting to know all of the parishioners and to embarking on the next stage of my spiritual journey, as well as embracing the new opportunities and challenges that lie ahead."

Prior to her ordination, Revd Dunne was a full-time student at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, and also at the Irish School of



Ecumenics (T.C.D.). Following her training at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, she was ordained in 2005 and she has worked as curate-assistant in the Grouped Parishes of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla and as assistant-priest in the Grouped Parishes of Santry, Glasnevin and Finglas, both of which are in the Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough.

She is currently Priest-in-Charge of Omev Union of Parishes in north-west Connemara in the Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry. She was appointed a Clerical Vicar of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin,

in 2006. Revd Dunne, in her spare time enjoys working with children and teenagers and she has gained valuable experience working with young people of various ages and backgrounds in many different settings. In addition, since her ordination she has particularly enjoyed working with children and teenagers in a faith context and undertaken a number of courses related to youth work and youth ministry.

With an involvement with the Scouts movement since she was a teenager and a leader for over 15 years, she has volunteered to be part of the "Faith and Beliefs" team at the forthcoming European Scout Jamboree which will be held in Gdańsk, Poland, this summer. She is looking forward to this venture.

The Service of Institution will take place on Thursday, 4th June 2020 at 7.30pm in St. Colman's Parish Church, Clontibret, Co. Monaghan.



The East Window in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher.

The main Cathedral has many stained-glass windows including the magnificent East Window from 1862.

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DIOCESAN NEWS

Ulster Society of Organists interested in Galloon's Lewis organ

A highly acclaimed pipe organ which has been installed in Galloon Parish Church, Newtownbutler since 2018, is to be the attraction for members of the Ulster Society of Organists and Choirmasters during a visit there on Saturday, 21st March.

This will be the first visit by the group to St. Comgall's Church and follows the successful installation of the Lewis Pipe Organ which had been originally built for and installed in Carrickfergus Methodist Church but had become redundant.

The organ was thoroughly restored by Wells Kennedy, Lisburn.

According to the Ulster Society, Lewis & Co. built instruments ranging from small chamber to major cathedral and concert organs, strongly influenced by organs built

in Germany and France and renowned for instruments that had a bright, vibrant tone, such as the instrument to be found in Newtownbutler.

The event taking place on Saturday 21st March at 2pm is open to anyone who may have an interest in learning about the origins of the Lewis organ and to hear the instrument's resources ably demonstrated by Matthew Hynes, Royal Burgh of Ayr Organist.

The instrument in Ayr Town Hall was built by Lewis & Co. in 1904, close in vintage to that in Galloon. Matthew is also organist at St. Columba's Parish Church, Ayr. The event on 21st

March is part of a series of regular events at the church, initiated after the successful installation and dedication of the Lewis organ which took place on Advent Sunday 2018. Highly acclaimed local organists Martin White, Joe McKee and Philip Elliott have played this instrument and each have spoken in glowing terms not only of the quality of materials used and the expertise with which it was conceived, but also of the professionalism with which the organ has been restored by the local firm Wells Kennedy, Lisburn.

The Lewis organ in Galloon Parish Church.



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CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

Inter-Church Committee launches resources for churches to engage on housing insecurity and homelessness

Representatives of churches have gathered with other community leaders for the launch of resources to support churches in responding to homelessness and housing insecurity. These resources have been developed by the Irish Inter-Church Meeting – the national forum for dialogue between the churches in Ireland – to build on the experience of the faith sector in responding to homelessness by raising awareness of the devastating consequences and encouraging public reflection and dialogue about the root causes. The resources are intended to equip church communities and individual Christians to look critically at the attitudes and behaviours that shape how we as a society respond to these issues, and explore how our Christian values inform that analysis. The resources include:

- A joint statement of pastoral concern from the Irish Inter-Church Committee;
- A small group Bible study resource which

examines the meaning of home in the Scriptures and seeks to stimulate discussion exploring how we might therefore respond as Christians to the societal and political contexts we inhabit today; and

- A liturgical resource for use in church services.

The Co-chair of the Irish Inter-Church Committee, the Revd Brian Anderson, launched the resources this morning. Speaking ahead of the launch, Mr Anderson said: “In our church communities we see repeatedly the ways in which homelessness and housing insecurity are damaging social cohesion and community life. In the first three months of 2019, 4,617 households presented as homeless to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive. “This figure includes over one thousand children who are missing out on the security of a family home at a critical stage in their development. This suffering could be prevented if we, as a society, are prepared

to make the choices that ensure that the economy serves the common good and respects and protects the dignity of all. “We recognise too that it is not enough solely to look to our elected representatives to resolve this – although we have a responsibility to hold them to account – but we also need to ask ourselves challenging questions about the ways in which we may need to change our attitudes and behaviours if we are truly to be on the side of those who are vulnerable and marginalised.”

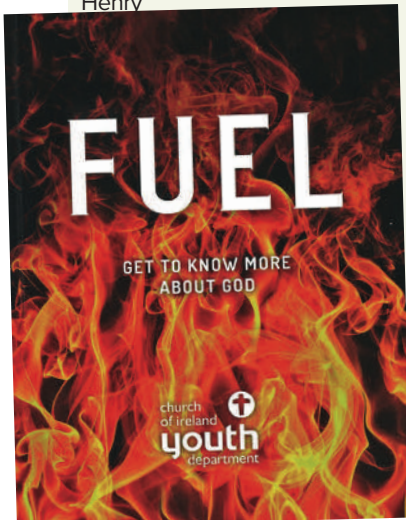
Launching the resource, Bishop Alan Abernethy stated: “My own personal journey of life and faith connects homelessness and mental health in a very profound way. Therefore I am delighted to commend this very useful resource which will help people ask the right questions rather than giving unhelpful answers.”

The resources can be found at irishchurches.org/homeless

FUEL PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR LENT READING

The Church of Ireland’s Youth Department has launched a Lenten resource, “Fuel” to help young people engage with the Bible. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, 26th February and the resource helps people to understand what they are reading, and to think about what the Bible is saying and teaching. Space is also provided for writing down notes, prayers and thoughts. The journal runs to 50 days to encourage readers to continue with the habits which they have started over Lent. National Youth Officer Simon Henry

says: “From my own experience as a former youth worker in a parish for 10 years, I have seen the impact of encouraging regular Bible reading habits. I often said to young people: “If you want to hear from God, open your Bible because he speaks to us on every page.” The booklet includes a reading plan for John’s Gospel and a 50-page journal. Fuel is free and copies are available from the CIYD office in Belfast (by email at admin@ciyd.org), and from diocesan youth officers and youth council representatives.



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LENT & EASTER NEWSLETTER 2020

Lent and Easter have a habit of creeping up on us very quickly. Sometimes it feels we have just had Epiphany and its suddenly Ash Wednesday! This Edition of our Newsletter has ideas for using during Lent and Easter. Please let us know how you get on using some of them.

All Age Talk from BRF:

Walking Through Holy Week (<https://ideas.brf.org.uk/walking-through-holy-week>) Matthew 21 - 28, Mark 11 - 16, Luke 19:28 - 24:53, John 12 - 20

Today we are going to follow Jesus' footsteps through Holy Week - eight days of drama that Christians believe changed the world!

During this special week, excited feet soon become sore feet; tired feet become smelly feet; and sad feet do eventually become dancing feet. This is the most amazing week ever! Set them thinking about this special week with these open-ended questions:

- I wonder why this week is so special for Christians that they call it 'Holy Week'.
- I wonder why the Bible has so many stories about this one week.
- I wonder what it felt like to be there that week, following Jesus.
- I wonder what we will discover about Jesus and who he is, as we follow the footsteps of the week.

The following chant is designed to be used as you move through the story one day at a time. Learn the

special words to a clapping rhythm by calling out each line and inviting the congregation to copy what you've said. Use this as you link the days in the story that follows.

*We're on a special journey
Of footsteps to the feast.*

*Jesus comes to rescue us:
The last, the lost, the least.*

What follows is a simple action-based story for the whole of Holy Week. In between each of the days, use the chant above to move the story on. Here are the actions for each day:

- Palm Day: wave hands high with fingers splayed.
- Pigeon Day: link thumbs and flap the other fingers to represent the wings of a bird.
- Perfume Day: waft hands towards your nose as if catching a beautiful smell.
- Parable Day: put one finger in front of your lips to call for silence and careful listening (to a story).
- Passover Day: pretend to eat and drink with your hands.
- Painful Day: point with the index finger to each wrist, one at a time (this is sign language for Jesus). Alternatively, put hands in front

of face because you're not able to look at something terrible.

- Prayerful Day: put hands together in prayer.
- Promised Day: hold out hands wide in excitement, because a miracle has happened.

For each day, the congregation should demonstrate the action as you very briefly tell what happened:

- **Palm Day:** The week began with the crowds cheering and waving palm branches as Jesus came into Jerusalem. They were hoping he would be a new king but, to their surprise, he was riding on a donkey. He was going to be king, but not the sort of king they expected.
- **Pigeon Day:** Soon after this, Jesus visited the temple and was angry at how it had become a market place. People were even buying and selling pigeons. It should have been a place of prayer. He pushed over the tables and the pigeons flew everywhere.
- **Perfume Day:** In the evenings, Jesus spent time with his friends outside the city. At one meal, Mary came and poured perfume on to his feet to show how much



she loved him. It was expensive perfume and some people were angry at the waste, but Jesus said that she was preparing him for his death. The smell of the perfume filled the whole place.

- **Parable Day:** Each day at the temple, Jesus would tell stories. He was such a wonderful storyteller that people listened intently, but they didn't always understand what he was saying. These were special stories called 'parables', which were meant to help people discover truths for themselves and to help them draw closer to God.
- **Passover Day:** On the Thursday of that week, Jesus went with his friends to an upstairs room in the back streets of the city for a special meal. They were remembering how God had rescued them long ago. Jesus broke bread and poured out wine and told his friends to do this to remember him in future, because now he too was about to rescue them. They were very puzzled.
- **Painful Day:** That night, in a garden, Jesus was arrested and put on trial. People said terrible things about him and early the next day they took him outside the city to kill him. They nailed him to a cross and by the afternoon he was dead. No one expected this to happen. It was a sad day but, strangely, it is called Good Friday.
- **Prayerful Day:** Next day, Saturday, it seemed as if everything stood still. Jesus' friends were shocked and frightened. What would happen

now? All they could do was hope and pray.

- **Promised Day:** Early in the morning on Sunday, some women went to the tomb, which was a cave in a garden, but the stone was rolled away. They saw angels who told them that Jesus was alive, and later they saw him for themselves. Jesus was king after all a different sort of king who had beaten death and who could now be with everyone, everywhere, for ever!

A Lent Countdown:

When we are counting down to big events the question is often asked 'How many sleeps?' During Advent



we have Advent wreaths or calendars that help us count down - why not try something similar throughout

lent? Jesus without Language has some fantastic ideas for Lent and Easter lessons and includes a Lenten Walk which you can very easily make. Check out <https://www.jesus-without-language.net/lent-walk/> and have a go. Each day as we journey towards Easter we could take time to pray or read a Bible story - whatever works!

The Church of England Diocese of Bath and Wells have come up with an interesting way of journeying to Easter by focusing on the Cross.

They have issued a Cross Challenge which could easily be adapted for Church use. The challenge is to discover or make 40 crosses over the 40 days of Lent. They provide a PDF with all the information you need including craft ideas, recipes for baking crosses and the Easter Story in 40 sentences. The aim



is to keep the cross at the centre of Easter. Have a look at <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/2018/01/lent-cross-challenge/> for more information.

Craft Idea:

The Gospel in an Egg Shell http://www.freefuneeaster.com/wp-content/uploads/FNF_Easter-Gospel-in-an-Eggshell.pdf



Oriental Trading have a load of craft ideas complied under the website freefuneeaster.com.

My favourite is the Gospel in an Egg Shell. If like me you have stockpiled plastic eggs from making resurrection eggs, seed holders and various games, then this is a great way to use some up. Each egg contains a baby Jesus (made from a wooden bead and cloth), a wooden cross, some grass and a label. All of these components can be used to tell the gospel in an Egg Shell!



COMMUNITY NEWS

12-VOICE CHOIR TO PERFORM IN ST. MACARTAN'S CATHEDRAL, CLOGHER

A choir from the west of Northern Ireland will be performing at a fundraising concert in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher, on Friday, 13th March at 8pm.

Chamber Choir West is west Ulster's newest A Capella's Choir with conductor, David Baxter and accompanist, Derick Weir.

At the concert in March, the special guest will be Miss Chloe Hanna (flute).

Chamber Choir West is a small ensemble of 12 voices which aims to sing good quality choral music in anything from 4 to 9 parts, mostly a capella. While the choir has a growing contemporary collection, the vast majority of their music comes from the 'classical' repertoire which includes standard choral masterpieces by established composers such as Bruckner, Tallis, Stanford, Bach and Mendelssohn right through to Lauridsen and of course, Billy Joel! The 12-strong, three-to-a-part choir comprises soprano, alto, tenor and bass voices, dividing where needed. This, of course, provides complete flexibility depending on the demands of the score or the nature of the composer's expectations. Accordingly, CCW can perform works from many genres in a vast array of styles suitable for all types of choral audiences.



Currently the choir are working on Gabriel Fauré's Requiem as well as planning for an engagement at a midsummer wedding. The choir rehearses in rural County Fermanagh as it is central to all the

members who travel from Strabane, Omagh, Enniskillen, Clogher Valley and many places in between. The choir's Musical Director is Dr David Baxter and the accompanist, when required, is Mr Derick Weir.

NEWS FOR VESTRIES

Churches invited to take part in research study

Churches, chapels and meeting houses in the UK are being asked to take part in a new online survey to help find out how they are maintained, funded, managed and contribute to their wider communities.

Data from the survey will be used in a new research study being carried out by the National Churches Trust, the UK's church buildings support charity, into the social and economic benefits that churches provide to local communities and to the UK more generally. The new research will build on a similar study, undertaken in 2010, which looked at the physical condition of places of worship and also the way they are managed, funded and used by their communities.

The survey is available online <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QL6XK8X> and will take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete. The deadline for completion is Wednesday 4th March 2020.



St. Tighernach's Day celebration on 3 April

This year's annual St Tighernach's Day celebration in Clones which takes place this year on Friday, 3rd April at 7pm.

This event is hosted by Clones Community Forum to commemorate St. Tiarnach, Patron Saint of Clones and Bishop of Clogher 506 – 549 AD.

This cross-community inter-denominational event will take place on Friday 3rd April at 7pm, beginning with a service in St. Tighernach's Church of Ireland, The Diamond, Clones. Following a short service with music, song and talk, the gathering will make their way to the Clones Round Tower where there will be a talk on St. Tighernach's and the Clones Monastic Settlement. The sarcophagus, which is reputed to hold Tighernach's remains is located in the Round Tower graveyard. Afterwards, refreshments will be served in the Cassandra Hand Centre nearby.

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