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Bishop John McDowell, who has been elected Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. See pages 50-53 for coverage of Bishop McDowell's election.

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# A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



## *A Message from the Bishop*

Psalm 46:1-7

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea; Though the waters rage and swell, and though the mountains quake at the towering seas. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she not be removed; God shall help her at the break of day. The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Psalm 46:1-7, appointed Psalm for St Macartan's Day*

### **Brothers and Sisters in Christ**

I think its no exaggeration to say that we all got quite a shock last night (Monday, 23rd March) when the Prime Minister announced the very wide ranging restrictions which we will all have to live with for a time. However, as the first day of the temporary "new normal" dawns I would like to offer some words of hope and assurance.

It is said of St Macartan that he was a strong man. Maybe he was. We know very little about him. But if he was anything like his mentor, St Patrick, his strength was rooted entirely in his dependence on God.

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We are passing through an uncertain time. Many of the things which we took for granted - freedom to go where we liked when we liked; freedom to buy what we could afford; a feeling that, all being well, tomorrow would be much the same as today. For a while that will all be different. We will have to think instead of taking things for granted; from the greatest of us to the least.

Above all else we will need to look out for one another and to be calm and measured in all that we do. Although it is inevitably a little uncertain what our new rhythms of life will be for some weeks or months, we will find that new rhythm. It may not be as materially rich as we're used to but perhaps we will find time to feed on the things of the Spirit.

I think our greatest enemy at present may be anxiety. That is perfectly understandable and I don't want to offer you any glib antidote. But, as your bishop, I do want to assure you of my prayers as you turn to God in a new situation. As you "cast all your cares on him, because he cares for you". Look after yourself psychologically and spiritually. Find a rhythm that works for you,

We will all have different ways of doing this, but can I suggest that you, and your family (when you are together) try to say daily the two prayers which are at the end of this letter. The first is the General Thanksgiving, because, you know, we do have a great deal to be thankful for compared to those living in many other, very poor and poorly governed parts of the world.

The second is a prayer for all our healthcare workers, who are being called upon to make heroic efforts to care for people and to keep as many people alive as possible. And if we are praying for them, let us also especially look out for them and make an extra effort to ensure they are provided for, if they are our neighbours and friends.

I want to end this message with little meditation which was passed onto me by an Indian Bishop in a Whatsapp Group I

belong to. It was written by a priest of the Marn Thoma Church in India, a man who had endured much suffering, far beyond what we are being asked to live through:

*No rain has not ended  
No wind has not calmed  
No night has not turned to day  
No pain has not subsided  
All things pass  
God reigns*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, We thine unworthy servants Do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life: But above all, for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom with thee and the Holy Spirit Be all honour and glory, World without end. Amen.

In Christ

*+John Clogher*

### **A Prayer for health care workers**

*Lord Jesus Christ, who said "forasmuch as you do these things for my brothers and sisters, you do them to me" be near to all those who care for the sick at this time. Give them a sure sense of your presence, and a full measure of your spirit of care and love. Guide their hands and keep their hearts as they bring health and healing to all in their care, who you lived and died to save. And keep them, Lord in perfect peace as they do your will. Amen*

**An Interview with Bishop John McDowell. See Pages 50 - 52.**



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### Notice

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### Congratulations to Bishop McDowell

We would like to take this opportunity to offer our sincere congratulations to our Bishop, Rt Revd J McDowell on his recent appointment as Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland.

### Kidney Care Evening

On Monday 24th February Jo-Anne Dobson from Kidney Care visited Clogh to talk about the work of the charity and receive a cheque for £650, the money raised at the children's Christmas service in Clogh. It was good to see a good number of people attend as Jo-Anne spoke from personal experience, telling the story her son's kidney problems and the life sentence it means to not only people with Chronic Kidney Disease but also their family.

When her son was in his teens she became a living donor to him, pointing out there was a real shortage of donors. In Northern Ireland the number needed is rising as more people are diagnosed with CKD, obesity, diabetes and high blood pressure all major causes. The charity she founded provides



Taken at the Service of Favourite Hymns in St Mark's Church, Aghadrumsee. Part of the programme celebrating 200 years of worship there, the service was led by Captain David Hamilton with Dean Raymond Ferguson introducing the hymns. The preacher was Mr Roy Crowe and organists were Mrs Hazel Doonan and Mrs Marina Elliott. Aghadrumsee choir also sang.

practical and emotional support to those with CKD as well as funding nurses and raising awareness.

### Events cancelled

Due to the developing situation of Covid-19 events are cancelled until further notice.

### Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the late Wilfred Bradburn of Clogh Parish. Also to Sandra, Trevor, Ryan, Erin, Adam and Zara McVitty and the extended family on the death of Sandra's mother and aunt just over a week later.



Jo-Anne Dobson from Kidney Care UK, with Captain David and John and Elizabeth Egerton who instigated and organised the event along with some of the people who came to the talk.

## Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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### Mullaghfad Service

In light of the present circumstances, there will be no service in Mullaghfad in April or May. Decisions will be made at a later date in relation to services resuming in September.

### Colebrooke Friends' Service

This service will also be postponed to a later date.



Mothers' Union members have an evening playing indoor bowls.

### Mothers' Union

At the February meeting MU members were given the opportunity to learn to play Indoor Bowls under the expert guidance of MU member Violet and Ida, Lorna and Lorna from Colebrooke Parish Bowling Club. There was much laughter and smiles of pleasure when successful bowls were rolled towards the 'jack'. After playing in different

teams the winners Hazel and Sheelagh were awarded prizes by Violet for achieving the highest individual scores on the night. Irene expressed thanks to the experienced bowlers and asked each person to allow their lives to be directed towards The Lord Jesus Christ who promises never to leave or forsake those who earnestly seek him. Everyone enjoyed a tasty supper provided by Valerie and Heather.



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### Coronavirus and Church

It's been an unprecedented time since the last magazine notes! It seems that the last post seems to have been written for a different world! Each day in the last few weeks has brought a new set of circumstances to the world, let alone to our own small part of the world in Fermanagh. Even as I was preparing these notes, circumstances were so fluid that the information in them may be well out of date by the time you see them in the magazine. As a result, please assume that the services listed may be postponed or cancelled by the time they are planned, and please contact the rectory (02889531210) if you need any further advice.

I would ask you all to take special care in your daily lives at this time. The global pandemic is likely to affect our lives for an extended period, and who knows what the world will look like when we finally come through it.

In our response, I think we have two main options - either become islands, working and looking after only ourselves, or we can allow the current circumstances to make our communities stronger. In rural Fermanagh we pride ourselves in being community-minded, living together side by side, looking after each other, and being ready to help our neighbours in times of trouble.

The GFS have as their motto, Galatians 6:2 – "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ". This passage provides us some inspiration and instruction in times like this, commanding us to care for and look after our family, friends, neighbours and our communities. I really hope that we can continue share acts of kindness with our community, our neighbours and our friends and families. Let's support each other through the difficult times ahead, let's not panic too much, and act safely and securely. If you need some help in the days ahead, contact the rectory, or one of the members of the church - and I'm being careful to mention that this offer isn't limited to our parishioners! If you're in the

Brookeborough/Aghavea area, we're here for you!

### Revd Canon Mark Watson

It was a great shock to learn of the sudden death of our neighbouring clergyman, the Revd Canon Mark Watson. As a close friend, and as a parish, we would like to offer our continued friendship and prayers to Rona, Samuel and Peter, their extended family, and to the parishes of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk.

### Sympathy

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

### Holy Week and Easter

All services are cancelled until further notice. We were intending to share our Holy Week services with our friends in Brookeborough Methodist. On Monday and Wednesday, the Methodist were to host the service while I was to be the preacher – and Aghavea was to host the service on Tuesday and Good Friday when Rev dDaphne Hannah and Mr Ian Graham were to be the preachers respectively. Lisnaskea Methodists were to host a Maundy Thursday Upper Room experience which we were hoping to support.

### Church Renovations

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Open Day in the our newly renovated church building recently. We would like to thank all those in the parish who have helped out with the cleaning, catering and hosting in the church.

### Services each Sunday

We have cancelled our midweek Lenten Services due to the risks of the Coronavirus

outbreak, and as these notes were being released, I had to return to them to correct the details! Our services have been temporarily cancelled due to the risks involved in the outbreak.

Once normal service times return, 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 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

During these difficult times, please be assured that we will be remembering everyone in our prayers, but 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](http://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](mailto:aghavea@gmail.com)





## Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno

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(Rural Dean)**

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Walter Pringle (DPA).**

### Ballybay

#### Baptism

On Sunday, 16th February 2020 we welcomed baby Lily Margaret into the family of Christ Church. She was baptised by Canon Dr W Johnston. Lily is the daughter of Michelle and Pauric and little sister to Andrew. We wish God's blessing on Lily, her parents, brother and Godparents.

"Go make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit", Matthew 28;19

#### Illness

A number of parishioners have been laid low with 'flu' and various winter bugs. To all we wish a speedy recovery.

We also remember those who are recovering in hospital and those in nursing homes. We especially remember those of our parishioners who are undergoing treatment at present.

We also keep in our prayers and thoughts Mr William Vincent who thankfully is doing well.

"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 would like to say a great big thank you to all the following for helping us to keep our parish up and running this past year since Revd Neal's departure last April; Chancellor Ian Berry, Revd James Stevenson, Mr Keith Browne, Mr Walter Pringle, Canon Johnston, Mr Roy Crowe, Dean Ferguson, Mr Anderson, Mr William Graham and everyone else involved. We are all really looking forward in meeting our new Rector, Revd Elaine Dunne who will be joining our group of parishes in June.

Also may we say a great big thank you to our wonderful caretaker, Jean Lancaster who is always there to assist us and is at everyone's beck and call. You are much appreciated, thank you Jean.



Pictured above are baptismal party at Christ Church, Ballybay.

#### Coronavirus

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, church services and activities have been cancelled until further notice.

#### Clontibret

##### Thanks

With the weather having been so cold it is lovely to walk into a comfortable church each Sunday morning for worship and that the church hall is cosy for our Sunday School. We are grateful too for all those who work to ensure that our services run smoothly organising the hymns and accompanying music and for those who undertake the maintenance works associated with the church and grounds to ensure that we meet the various legal requirements. Our sincere thanks too to our visiting clergy and diocesan readers, some travelling quite long distances to take our services. Thank you too to our Sunday School teachers for their ministry to the children who look forward to their classes each Sunday.

##### Congratulations and Celebrations

We are delighted that Revd. Elaine Dunne has been appointed to the group of parishes and look forward to her ministry among us. Thank you to the nominators who were involved in her appointment. We extend our best wishes and congratulations to Samantha Johns and Raymond McGuigan on their Christmas engagement and wish them God's Blessing for the future.

Congratulations too to Andrea and Noel Johnston on the birth of their son Jamie, a brother for Lexi. Congratulations too to the proud grandparents Yvonne and Victor and the entire Donaldson family on this

joyous occasion.

##### Bishop John McDowell

We extend best wishes to our Bishop John McDowell on his appointment as Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland.

##### Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Ronnie Geary and family on the death of his aunt Mrs Forde and to Victor Donaldson and Mrs Elizabeth Graham on the death of their cousin, Charlie Dubuque (Vancouver).

##### Missionary work

We trust that Donna Geary is enjoying her missionary work in Paupa New Guinea and pray that God will continue to protect her and her fellow travellers as they undertake this difficult work.

##### Prayers

We remember in our prayers all who are lonely, bereaved, and those fighting illness and pray that they will know God's presence and comfort. We remember those of our congregation and beyond who are in care and trust that they are happy in their surrounds and that the staff will ensure that they enjoy their placements.

##### Easter

As we approach Easter let us remember; "God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us". Romans 5:8

##### Coronavirus

As the world faces the Coronavirus crisis we pray for ourselves, our families and the wider community. May we know God's love in the days and months ahead. We should also be aware of the needs of others in our community and work wherever we can to support them.



## Muckno

### Thanks

Thank you to all those who came out on Ash Wednesday when Revd James Stephenson took the service at short notice. A refreshing cup of tea was provided after the service.

Thank you to all those who came to the World day of Prayer held in Castleblayney Church Hall on Friday 6th March. It was a great joy to welcome Ms Caroline Merrin

as our speaker. Caroline brought her friend Susan along with her. Both Ladies spoke so well and had gave us a lot of food for thought. Thank you Lyn for being an excellent Leader. Thank you to Cheryl and Patricia for decorating the hall with the Zimbabwean flag and other art work. A lovely supper was provided.

### Mothers' Union

A very enjoyable card making evening took place with Geraldine Carragher. See photo. The next meeting of the Mothers Union



will be Wednesday 8th April at 8pm in Clontibret Church hall in which Linda Keating will speak on Mental health and wellbeing.

### Congratulations

Congratulations from the Select Vestry of Muckno and the Parishioners of St Maeldoid's to Bishop John McDowell on being elected as the new Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland.

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### COVID-19

Check our Facebook page (Carrickmacross Group Church of Ireland for the latest updates).

Revd Colin will be continuing to offer pastoral care as best and as safely as possible during this time of uncertainty and we are offering to assist any person or



Volunteers at the Pop Up Shop.

families who are struggling to get essential items of food etc. Please contact Revd Colin for any support needed.

As services are cancelled, we will explore ways of making worship available through other means. The health and safety of our parishioners and the wider community is our number one priority at this time.

### Lent Prayer Challenge

Throughout Lent this year Revd Colin and many parishioners once again took on the challenge of saying a prayer everyday throughout Lent.

The prayer was adopted from a prayer by the Methodist Church and focuses upon our own faith and the growth of our church.



Members of Jewels trying their hand at Carrickmacross Lace-making.

*Loving God, help me to focus on Jesus' journey to the Cross, bowing my life in awe before you. Stir my heart with longing for Your Kingdom, make me restless for Your ways. When I am tired, where the future looks uncertain and I don't know what to do, may your Holy Spirit breathe life and hope. Sweep away anything in me that does not speak of You. Set my heart on fire with Your love and joy. Open my eyes that I might see Your vision for Your church and for this community. Bless our church; give us courage and boldness as we walk with You. Help our church to grow in faith, love, unity and number. Bless our community and all who live, work and play here. We celebrate the wonder of your love which can touch lives across this land. May this love make me see you afresh and turn my life upside down. Inspire me to share that love with others. Amen*

### Pop-Up Shop

We would like to say a massive thank you to all who donated items to sell in the Pop-Up Shop in March from parishioners, friends of the parish and the whole of the wider community. Thank you also for all who baked cakes and breads for us to sell. The support from the community was overwhelming and people were so generous with their donations. The shop proved to be a great success and it was wonderful to see so many people coming in to look around and have a chat. A massive thank you also to Doreen Monahan who was the inspiration and driving force behind the shop and her team of volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the week.

### Holy Week And Easter 2019

Holy Week offers us the opportunity to journey with Jesus on that final week before



Enjoying the Bowling Club Dinner.

the cross and is a special time of reflection and growing in our faith.

### Bowls

The bowling club's season ended with a lovely meal out at the Wishing Well in Kingscourt on Friday 28th February. It was a great evening as members were able to come together and look back on a successful season in which the team had a good win record in their matches and Irene Merrin retained the Merrin Cup. Thanks to Lorna Lewis who held the roles of both captain and secretary this season who was responsible for organising all the matches and teams to play. It was great to have a couple of new members over the season and it would be great to have some more next season when we meet back in the autumn.

### Congratulations

As a Group of Parishes, we would like to

pass our congratulations to Bishop John on his appointment to Primate of the Church of Ireland and Archbishop of Armagh. Bishop John will be greatly missed in the Diocese of Clogher but we assure him of our prayerful support as he prepares to take on his new role.

### Condolences

As a Group of Parishes we were deeply saddened by the passing of Canon Mark Watson. We offer our sympathies to his wife and children, his family, friends and parishioners.

In March we as a parish lost our oldest parishioner with the passing of Bertha McMahan at the age of 99. Bertha was a wonderful character who will be sorely missed in the community. We offer our prayer and continued support to her family at this time.



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### Notice

Due to the global Coronavirus outbreak, church services and activities have been cancelled. Guidelines are on the Clogher Diocesan website and Church of Ireland website.

### Emergency Meeting

As these notes are about to be completed an emergency meeting has just taken place in regard to the present Coronavirus crisis. It is made up with representatives from Killesher and Cleenish catchment areas. Owen Wilson is our local representative from Cleenish Parish. Accurate information would have appeared in the local newspapers, and the Bellanaleck Community Group Facebook.

### Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union members had planned a Beetle Drive for the Parish, on Tuesday 17th March. Due to the escalation of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), a decision was taken to cancel the meeting. Members are asked to keep indoor members currently in nursing homes and at home in their prayers at this worrying time. Currently visiting has been stopped, and alternative efforts to maintain contact by telephone is encouraged.

### Cleenish Parents & Toddlers

An average of 20 parents attended with their toddlers each week, which is now above the annual average. The Toddlers are divided into different groups according to age. One photo shows some of the older toddlers making shamrocks, with paper to mark the date, while the other



Mullaghduin Church car park area.

photo shows the youngest toddlers in the Group. It is appreciated the work carried out by a small number of volunteers including the ladies who make the half time tea and Leslie who prepares the Hall. Due to the escalation of the Coronavirus disease (Covid-19) the Group will not resume until further notice.

### Cleenish Brownies

Thinking Day, on Wednesday 4th March, Rossorry and Enniskillen Brownies joined Cleenish in Bellanaleck Hall, as part of the Devenish District Brownies Unit. The Pack will shortly be breaking up for the Easter Holidays, and a date for further resumption cannot be decided at this time.

### Cleenish Parish Supper Dance

The total profit from the Annual Supper Dance held on Friday 14th February raised a total of £2720.

Sincere thanks are due to all who supported this important occasion. Special thanks are due to the ladies who supplied and served supper, to the auctioneer, and to all who assisted in any way.

### Congratulations

From both Parishes to our Bishop, Right Rev John McDowell, who has been elected by the House of Bishops as the new Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. We wish himself, his wife Mary, and his daughter Dorothy, God's richest blessing as they prepare to move to their new home in Armagh.

### Sympathy

There was widespread shock and sadness throughout the Diocese, when news leaked out about the tragic death of Canon Mark

Watson, on Monday morning, 2nd March. Mark was well known in Cleenish and Mullaghduin, having previously served as Incumbent in the Florencecourt Group of Parishes. His wife Rona was previously employed as receptionist in the local doctors surgery at Florencecourt. Deepest sympathy is extended from both Parishes to Rona, his sons Samuel and Peter, and the entire family circle

### Work in Progress

It's maybe noticeable the avenue up to Mullaghduin Church, has recently been raised slightly. Work is ongoing to the new Car Park area adjacent to the avenue, and it is anticipated that this should be nearing completion by the end of 2020.

### Cleenish Centre

The Cleenish Centre has been going from strength to strength in 2020 so far, with quite a few Groups having come self-catering. The Centre is always looking for help with catered groups if you have some spare time to help facilitating. We are very excited with the year ahead at Cleenish Centre!

A small number of adults met on a cold wet morning, Saturday 29th February. The theme, "Morning Prayer for Fermanagh" when a Group included three members of a team representing five Churches in Belfast who in 2020 are committed to pray for Ireland, which included visiting to pray for each County. This event was organised with the Florencecourt Group of Parishes, with Cleenish & Mullaghduin Parishes supported by the Cleenish Centre.

Visitors were met at the door by Owen Wilson who was deputising for Trevor Kingston. After a cup of tea, the opening



Mothers and Toddlers, youngest babies.



Mothers and Toddlers, decorated shamrocks.

prayer was led by Canon Bridle, and the opening brief given by the Revd Ruth West. Each of the three visitors then give an individual brief to those present.

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 24th February members held a very interesting "Question and answer" session with Jonny Gibson, local Dog Warden, about the "Implementation of Dog Fouling" in the general area. It is anticipated new legislation will come into force during April this year.

A further update about the future of the Stroke Unit in the South West Acute Hospital was then given by Professor Varmer.

At time of writing the River Erne is in flood, therefore the Loughshore Path remains unused to pedestrians for the previous three weeks.



The present slipway at Bellanaleck Quay.



Morning Prayer for Fermanagh in Cleenish Centre.

## Clogher Cathedral Group



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### Concert in the Cathedral

On 13th March a concert was held in the Cathedral. The musicians were Chamber Choir West, conducted by Dr David Baxter, Mr Derick Weir, who played both organ and piano, and flautist Miss Chloe Hanna. The choir sang pieces by Tallis and Stanford as well as a section from Fauré's "Requiem". They also sang Dr Baxter's arrangement of "The Londonderry Air" and "An Irish Blessing". Accompanied by Mr Weir on piano, Miss Hanna played several pieces including a medley of tunes by Mancini. The audience, who were delighted with the high standard of musical talent, were invited to join in the singing of two popular hymns, "How Great Thou Art" and "Love Divine". Donations were to Cathedral funds.

### Cathedral Hall

Work is progressing on repairs to the Cathedral Hall. An accessible toilet has been provided and wheelchair access with an associated ramp has been arranged through a new door at the back of the lobby. The hall, which has been given a new wider front door is currently being painted. New flooring is also planned. Much of the work to date has been financed through a grant from the Community Fund.

### St Mark's Augher

At the close of Morning Prayer on Sunday 23rd February 2020, the organist, Mrs Sylvia McClung was presented with a gift of a gold watch, by the Rector's churchwarden, Mrs Sandra Nixon, on behalf of the rector, Select Vestry, parishioners and Sunday School members. (see photo above).

Sylvia has been a faithful and dedicated organist for over 40 years, leading the praise each Sunday morning and training the choir and Sunday School Children for special occasions.

Revd Margaret Pringle endorsed Sandra's tribute referring to Sylvia's preparation and choice of suitable music for every occasion.

Mr David Todd, Parish Reader and Mr Desmond Miller, Peoples Churchwarden also expressed their thanks and appreciation to Sylvia for her commitment to playing the organ within St Mark's. In reply Sylvia thanked everyone for their gift and acknowledged the support of the Choir and parishioners, saying that she has enjoyed her many years of service.



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### To all Worshippers in the Clones Group of Parishes

In light of the recent guidelines from the Diocese and HSE to help us come through the current corona virus situation as safely as possible please follow the guidelines printed in this magazine.

All church services are cancelled until further notice.

Holy Communion and Sunday School will be offered again in due course, once the corona virus situation is resolved.

Finally, let me say that I know how hard some of the guidelines will be for us.

Nevertheless, I also know how important it is for the sake of the whole community that we keep to them, and I commend them to you. Take care – of yourself and others.

**Rector**

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**Young at Heart.**

And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" John 11: 25 - 26

As a parish family, we offer congratulations to Bishop John on his translation to the See of Armagh as Archbishop and Primate of all Ireland. Trusting in God that He will guide him in his new role, as he continues to follow God's call.

### Safeguarding Trust Training

An evening of training took place in the parish hall when 27 leaders and volunteers were trained on safeguarding by members of the Diocesan training team, Jill and Anne. It was an informative evening, yet equally encouraging to all who give of their time to children's and youth ministry.

### Scripture Union E3

Alistair McFarland who has taken up the mantle from Jeff Gawn as E3 Schools

Project Worker was the speaker at the family service. He gave an insight into the work of E3, followed by an interactive talk on fruit, 'we are known by our fruits'. All are encouraged to remember the work of E3 in their prayers.

### Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship were delighted to welcome visitors from other groups within the locality to their visitors' night, where the guest speaker was Hannah Arnold from CARE. Hannah shared a thought from Psalm 23, about restored before highlighting three areas, Gambling, Abortion and Human Trafficking. It was also the annual 'Bring and Buy' sale with all contributions going towards missionary projects. The ladies served a beautiful supper at the close, with thanks extended on behalf of the visitors by Dr Margaret Knox.

### Christian Baptism

■ 23rd February 2020

Marnie Sylvia Isabel Woods, daughter of Trevor and Gillian.

■ 15th March 2020

Katie Jane Armstrong Oldman, daughter of Sarah and Gareth.

### Trust in God

In unfamiliar times, those often multiplied by speculation, normally gives rise to fear and panic. To who to trust in such times is often forgotten. Remember your creator, God who made you in His image, sustains you, redeems you, who has numbered your days, who holds your future. God who through His Son, in mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Remember the words of Jesus, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

## Bowling Club

The bowling club held their doubles competition recently with some exciting matches before the final. The final game saw Jonny Curtis and Ivan Knox against David Keys and Jean Irvine with Jonny and Ivan emerging as winners after several tightly fought ends.

## Young&Heart

At the monthly meeting, members enjoyed a morning of fun and games before lunch was served. A number from the group undertook two Saturday mornings to learn 'Felting' and created some wonderful masterpieces.

## Confirmation

The Confirmation evening held in Tubrid parish was well attended by the young people from across the Rural Deanery, and their leaders. Jonny Phoenix spoke on topical issues of encouragement of their role within Christ's commission to go into the whole world. Jason and Anne led the worship, with the Revd. Charles and his team serving tasteful refreshments at the close. We thank the Rural Deanery for organising this evening, and for their enthusiasm in seeking to deliver youth-based activities and teaching. Many thanks to everyone involved for the night, hopefully have some photos in the next magazine.

## Dates for Your Diary

With church services and activities cancelled until further notice, the following may not go ahead.

- 18th July Bible Activity Day 9.30am – 1.00pm
- 25th July - Parish Barbecue
- 9th – 11th October - Harvest weekend



The Safeguarding meeting in Colaghty Hall.



The Women's Fellowship.





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1st Irvinestown Boys' Brigade with Captain Joe Graham, Canon Paul Thompson, officers and boys.

### Women's Group

The members met along with visitors from the Mothers' Union Branch on Wednesday 19th February for a very interesting and detailed presentation by Mr Joe Keys on the topic of household safety and scams. He described the most common scams and explained that online scams are increasing. These are often initiated by a telephone call, text or e-mail which purports to come from someone you know and trust, for example your bank or a company with which you have recently done business. The advice is to be wary of the unexpected and never to divulge information which could give an unscrupulous person access to your bank account. In the business world many have been conned by bogus invoices. Some scammers cast a wide net, sending out thousands of e-mails informing recipients that they have won a cash prize and the money will be transferred to their account as soon as details thereof have been provided. Others phone with offers too good to be

true, yet many fall for them. Criminals often try to gain access to a house by posing as workmen. Mr Keys explained that such should never be admitted until their identity had been checked. His talk was followed by a lively question and answer session and a very enjoyable supper.

### 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 has been meeting 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.

### Tuesday Club

There were 10 members present at the February meeting and following the opening

devotions led by Dr Margaret Knox, the speaker, Pharmacist Mr Timothy McClure, was introduced. He explained the work of a Practice Pharmacist. To assist the doctors in their surgeries, two new services have been set up ie Community Pharmacists who could provide advice and treat minor ailments and Practice Pharmacists who work from Health Centres to advise on medication and review drugs for patients. Timothy attends three days at the Irvinestown Health Centre and has a special interest in diabetes and hypertension. On the occasion of the March Meeting Dr Margaret led a devotion reminding us of the need to value stillness – something especially relevant to the season of Lent. Canon Paul then presented two quizzes – one on women of the Bible and one featuring countries of the world. Everyone enjoyed the chocolate bars!

### Mothers' Union

The monthly meeting was held following the Ash Wednesday Service and the speaker



Alistair Grey and former officers of Irvinestown BB.



The Boys' Brigade 40th anniversary catering group.



Looking at the Boys' Brigade through the years.



Former Boys' Brigade officers.

was the Rector who gave a presentation about the reality of persecution for many Christians around the world. Some of the material used came from "Open Doors" which is a Christian organisation working to support Christians who are being persecuted for their faith. Many Christians in the West are unaware of such realities and we were urged to pray and support the organisation.

### Boys' Brigade Company 40th Anniversary

1st Irvinestown Boys Brigade celebrated 40 years going as a company with a special church service earlier in the year and Mrs McKeon, whose late husband, the Revd Chancellor Victor McKeon, started it up 40 years ago was delighted to be present on this special occasion along with her family and said how wonderful it was to see the company go from strength to strength. Canon Paul Thompson was delighted to host the service and see so many former BB boys return for this, with some having travelled from Leeds and Scotland to mark this special occasion. Joe Graham, Captain of the Company, congratulated all the officers and boys for their never failing support and to have over 80 boys achieve their Queen's awards made him feel so really proud. Alistair Grey, one of the first Queens' men travelled from Killinchy and gave a talk to the congregation of his wonderful memories and how Boys' Brigade shaped his life and he just wanted to say "thank you" to all the former officers on how valuable the wonderful work they do. He also spoke of enjoying all the activities including the football and reflected that while the BB did not make him a great footballer, through all the activities and the support of the leaders, the BB had prepared him for life and given him a good foundation. The afternoon service finished in the church hall with a delicious cup of tea, tray-bakes and cake and they all got the

chance to view a selection, of old uniforms, photos, DVD and slide presentations of years now past. It is indeed great to see Irvinestown Boys' Brigade go from strength to strength.

From the Captain Mr Joe Graham "On behalf of the Officers and Boys of 1st Irvinestown BB we would like to thank everyone who was involved in their special 40th anniversary service. Canon Paul Thompson for his inspiring address and help throughout, especially in putting together the slide presentation. To Dr Margaret Knox for assisting with the service. To Florence who accompanied them with the organ and lovely choice of hymns and assisting the Junior and Anchor boys. The pipers: Charlie, Jason and Nathan. To Charlie Cobane for his bible reading. Alistair Grey, one of first Queen's men who gave a fantastic insight

how life in the BB helped him make valuable decisions throughout his life and he thanked everyone of the Officers who played a part in the life of Irvinestown BB. To Avril Stubbs and her team of tea ladies, it was delicious and very much appreciated. To Hazel Allen for the loan of the BB Through the Years DVD and to all who supplied them with photographs on loan. Norman Donnell took super photographs and they are available from the Company, Queen's men and past officers and helpers for £5 each. Contact Joe if you would like to place an order. Congratulations to each of the officers and boys on their superb turnout and support throughout the year. It was a very memorable occasion. Thank you to everyone and hopefully no one was left out - if they are please accept our sincere apologies. We were delighted to announce



Joe and Lorna Graham with the 40th anniversary cake.



Joe Graham, Captain, Mrs McKeon and Canon Paul Thompson cutting the anniversary cake.



Queen's Award winners.

our collection and donations came to nearly £600. Thank you to all for generous donations."

### Health emergency and pastoral care reference the Coronavirus Covid-19

If parishioners are either self-isolating or infected please, if they wish, let the Rector know along with a contact phone number so that he can remain in touch for pastoral support.

At the time of writing a Project is being set up involving the ARC Centre, Irvinestown

and the local churches. There are two types of support to be offered and volunteers are needed for each. All volunteers will be vetted and trained and covered by insurance.

1. Chit-Chat Project. A phone call to someone at agreed times.
  2. In cases where there is no family to deliver basic shopping needs, a volunteer can help.
- Full details of the programme of support and how it being delivered is available locally.

At the time of writing many events within the



At the Women's Group talk.

parish and community have been cancelled or postponed and we hold in our prayers and love those who feel vulnerable and isolated.

### From The Registers

#### Holy Baptism

8th March, Ella Eve Loane, (Castle Archdale).

15th March, Grace Isabella Weir (Derryvullen North).

#### Christian Burial

18th February, Lilian (Lily) Crowe, (Trory).

## 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.

### Derryvullen South

#### Old dogs CAN learn new tricks!

Streetwise Community Circus Belfast, has, over the past 20 years, been demonstrating



Derryvullen South parishioners learning circus tricks.

the positive impact that learning circus skills can have on health and wellbeing. Thanks to funding from the National Lottery they have for the first time ventured

west to Fermanagh and the Parish Hall at Derryvullen South has been the venue for a series of free workshops for older people (aged 50+) during the months of February

and March. The 'Ageility' sessions have been open to all sections of the community and not just parish members.

Juggling, plate spinning, hat tricks, diabolo, flower stick, and much, much, more have had everybody laughing and enjoying the fellowship as they learn new skills.

The good news is that the programme will re-commence as soon as the current restrictions on movement and gatherings are lifted and funding has been secured for the next four years.

#### **Good wishes to Canon Betty Thompson**

Following her illness, we are delighted to confirm that Canon Betty Thompson has now returned home and is making good progress towards recovery. She continues to be in the thoughts and prayers of the entire parish and we trust that in the fulness of time she will be well enough to lead a full and active life again.

### **Garvary**

#### **Fashion Show**

The Parish would like to thank Lorraine of Klass Irvinestown for facilitating the sell-out Fashion Show on Thursday 12th March in Garvary Parish Hall.

Lorraine was ably assisted by compère Sylvia Lucy, her own models and ladies from the Parish who also took to the cat walk. Thank you to all who bought tickets or supported in any other way.

#### **Auction**

On Saturday 7th March a successful Parish Auction was held, in spite of inclement weather. Thank you all who gave items and bought on the day. Special thanks to David Wilson the auctioneer.



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### Holy Baptism

16th February 2020 in Devenish Parish  
Church - Arthur John Patrick, son  
of Jack Patrick and Shannen Timlin  
We wish God's blessing on Arthur John, his  
parents and Godparents.



### Marriage Blessing

Saturday 14th March in Devenish Parish  
Church - David and Amanda Ferguson.  
We extend our congratulations and good  
wishes to David and Amanda and we wish  
God's blessing on their future life together.

### Mothers' Union

On Tuesday 18th February 28 members and  
friends attended the Mothers' Union annual  
dinner in the Killyhevin Hotel. Following our  
meal everyone took part in a beetle drive  
and quiz organised by Barbara and Melanie.

## Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Revd Lorraine with those who took part at the World Day of Prayer in St. Mary's, Glennan.

### Spring

When I think of Spring I reflect on newness. I see new lambs, calves, flowers and buds appearing on trees. New life everywhere. The theologian Edward Schillebeeckx writes about how it is newness we discover God: "God is always absolutely new. He is never exhausted, certainly never in the kingdom he establishes among us. There

is always openness. We have to leave God his freedom in being new with regard to us – just as he has to respect our freedom in what we may realise in the way of salvation in this world. I prefer to see God not as an unchangeable and unchanging God, but rather as eternal youth. [...] God is new each day. He is a constant source of new possibilities. This is true not only with regard to our history, but also with regard to the end

of our history. He is always surprising us. Even I think when we die." (God is New Each Moment p29)  
Jesus proclaims a gospel of newness – the kingdom is happening, a taste of God's future, a reordering and regime change, which can change how people live, how people experience their world. Living in newness is a challenge we as Christians face constantly, not least as



Having a fun-day at GR8 in Castleblayney.



we attempt to live our faith in the midst of a constantly changing modern world. We maybe grasp for what we think is unchanging only to find that it is transient or provisional. The Bible says, "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life"( Romans 6:4). And that first step, strange as it may sound, is to "die." We need to die to our old way of life and to our old nature. There can be no resurrection without death. Death always precedes resurrection... if you want to

experience resurrection in your own life, you must die so that we can walk in this newness of life. Living the resurrected life means being crucified, dead to self and dead to sin and walking in the newness of life through faith in Christ. Living the resurrected life is living a transformed life. Sin's penalty paid for, sin's chains broken, we have new life in Christ. Living in newness means we have found a way of dealing with the past, that God has offered us the possibility of a future that is transformed and transforming and help in our present. God is the God of our past, present and future.

### Sunday-School: What a Fun-Day!

At the end of February members of the Sunday-School with their parents, teachers and helpers had a fun-day at GR8 in Castleblayney. Afterwards, a party was hosted in the parish-hall. Having been well-fed and exhausted after all the activities at GR8 the children returned home very excited and tired! Thanks to Marina, Deborah, Amanda and Edna, the Sunday-School teachers who arranged this trip and the party.



Having a fun-day at GR8 in Castleblayney.





Having a fun-day at GR8 in Castleblayney.



### Mothers' Union

In mid-March, John Woods from Linwoods gave a very interesting talk on the benefit of eating healthy seeds, reminding us all of our need to look after our health.

### World Day of Prayer

St. Mary's Parish Church, Glennan hosted this event. There was a large turn-out with representatives from the local Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and surrounding Church of Ireland congregations. Revd. Lorraine Capper gave the address on the theme: "Rise -Take Your Mat and Walk." Mr Gerard Toal played the piano and worship was led by members of Donagh Community Choir. Alexandra Kendrick and Marina Waller read on behalf of St. Salvator's.

### Congratulations

To Gwen Stevenson who was recently asked to contribute to an art exhibition at Queen's University, Belfast. Gwen's piece was seeking to develop art with an ecological narrative.

### Sympathy

Our sympathy goes to all who have been recently bereaved, among them Amanda Atkinson at the loss of her uncle and Jean Wallace on the loss of her brother-in-law.



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### Jesus our Saviour

D.M. Stearns was preaching in Philadelphia. At the close of the service a stranger came up to him and said, "I don't like the way you spoke about the cross. I think that instead of emphasizing the death of Christ, it would be far better to preach Jesus, the teacher and example." Stearns replied, "If I presented Christ in that way, would you be willing to follow Him?" "I certainly would," said the stranger without hesitation. "All right then," said the preacher, "Let's take the first step. He did no sin. Can you claim that for yourself?" The man looked confused and somewhat surprised. "Why, no," he said. "I acknowledge that I do sin." Stearns replied, "Then your greatest need is to have a Saviour, not an example!"

Source Unknown.

As Christians it is important for us to speak about Christ crucified! While Jesus' life is an example as to how we should live—Jesus came into our world to be our Saviour and to die on the cross for us. The angel said to the shepherds:

*"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."* Luke 2:10-11

Paul says to the Church in Corinth, 'For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.' (1 Cor 2:2). He didn't steer away from the cross in his preaching, even though it was foolishness to some. He says this: *23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.* 1 Cor 1:23-24

So, during Holy Week, let's take the opportunity to invite people along to services, where the message of Christ crucified and what that means to each person is preached.



At the Enrolment Service for Girls' Brigade and Church Lads' Brigade.

### Enrolment Service for GFS & CLB

On Sunday 1st March we had our Enrolment Service for the Girls' Friendly Society and Church Lads' Brigade. At the beginning of the service, the congregation watched a video that showed them a snapshot of what they have done since September. These two groups have really grown in numbers since we decided to have them at the same time and on the same day. Some activities are carried out together and some separately. They are already making plans for September and it is hoped that these

organisations will grow from strength to strength and encourage our children and young people in their faith.

### Scripture Union Prayer Event

On Sunday 8th March we gathered together with others from various churches to praise the Lord, hear something of Sarah Emerson's work as the E3 Schools Worker for the Omagh and Castlederg area and to pray for this vital work. We split up into two groups and went around three prayer points to pray for the schools (both those where Sarah has already been working in,



Sarah Emerson's talk.





as well as those yet to be visited), to pray for teachers and to pray for prayer points from SU in different parts of the world. Then we prayed for Sarah, and the interns (Ellie and Seth) before finishing with the song 'Good, good Father.' This was the first of what we hope will be a termly prayer event and was an encouraging start.

### 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](http://www.holytrinitydromore.org)
- Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook
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Sarah Emerson's talk.



## Drumkeeran, Muckcross and Templecarne



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As I begin my notes for April's magazine, I would like on behalf of the group of parishes to offer our sincerest congratulations to Bishop John on his election as the new Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. I began writing these words on the day that both the British and Irish governments issued instructions to their citizens as to the steps that they intended to take to try and deal with the Coronavirus Covid 19 which is occupying many of our minds at the present time. As a cross border group of parishes both these sets of measures will have an impact on us. I am sure that all of you have your own

opinions on how this crisis is being handled and these different responses highlight this clearly. There are risks in both strategies and time will tell if either government has taken the correct approach. When I sat down to finish these notes on the following day there were signs that the UK Government are already considering a change in tack which puts some doubt on their claim to be following scientific advice. The reason that I mention this subject is to highlight that this issue which is causing us great concern cannot be solved simply through the efforts of our political leaders and I would also suggest that we should not place our trust in them completely. I want to clarify what I mean before someone reports me to the authorities as I am not suggesting any kind of rebellion rather, I am highlighting that as Christians we need to remember where our hope is ultimately to be found. In 2 Corinthians we see some words that remind us that our current worries should not blind us to what truly matters. Paul tells us that our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. I do not want to diminish any difficulties that people are facing or have faced in their lives but I do want to suggest that these words remind us that when we suffer in any way

we should look beyond this and remember that this life is not all that there is. Instead we should remember that this world and the lives that we live are only temporary and will pass away. As Christians we should set our eyes and our minds on spiritual matters as well as thinking about the things of the world. That is especially true in this Season of Lent. On Good Friday we will remember the death of Jesus and thankfully the story did not end there. I have been reading John Stott's book "The Radical Disciple" and sharing something of what it has to say at our special services over Lent. Stott thinks about death in detail in this book and he tells us that eternal life is life lived in fellowship with God. The only way that we can enter this life is through death. One of the examples that Stott gives views death in these words, death's central horror is oblivion – the terrifying absolute dying of the light. Death has dominion because it is not only the start of nothing, but the end of everything. However, as Christians we know that having placed our faith in Jesus, we need not fear death. On one hand we can see death as the last enemy to be destroyed while on the other we believe that Jesus has destroyed death. We hosted a Rural Deanery event on Friday 13 March where our confirmation candidates and other young people were encouraged to think about their role in the great commission and what confirmation should mean and the difference that it should make

in their lives.

I hope that all who attended were challenged by what was shared on that evening and we extend our thanks to Jonny Phenix for being willing to come and speak to our young people at this important time for them. It was good to welcome both Johnny and his wife to Tubrid.

We also facilitated a Farm First Aid Training Session on Monday 16 March which was attended by over 30 farmers and family members from the group of parishes as well as from our neighbouring parish of Colaghty.

As we look forward to Holy Week and Easter I would ask that you celebrate Jesus rising from the dead and in so doing defeating death.

As we look beyond Easter, I hope we continue to worship God together and seek new ways to encourage each other in our faith.

## Parish Register

### Burial

On Wednesday 11 March we said our farewells to Elizabeth (Liz) Noble, 77 Fortview Park, Kesh. Liz was born and

brought up near Castlederg before marrying Ivan Noble and making her home first at Drumskinney and then at Aghalaan, Pettigo. Liz passed away suddenly which was a great shock to her family and friends and the full church was a testament to the esteem that she was held by many people.

Our sympathies are extended to her children Keith, Karen, Stephen and Stephanie and to their families as well as to Liz's brother Bobby and his family.

## Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

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

Chancellor Ian Berry is in charge.

are ill at home, in hospital and in nursing homes. We wish everyone the blessings of the Easter season.

## Aughnamullen

We send our congratulations to our Bishop on his appointment as Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland.

### Fundraising event

It is hoped to have a Vintage and Modern Wedding Dress and Christening Robes display in the Church at the end of April, but no date has been arranged because of the coronavirus and further details will follow later.

We continue to remember in our prayers those who are unwell and those in residential care.

## Aghabog

Congratulations and best wishes to Andrew and Gillian Ritchie on the birth of their baby daughter, a sister for Erin.

### Confirmation service

The Bishop of Clogher, Right. Revd John McDowell attended Drum Parish Church on Sunday 16th February at 11am where he confirmed a number of our young people from the parish group. It was good to see the church packed to capacity. Please remember them in your prayers.

### Bereavement

We extend our sympathy to Mrs Rona Watson and sons Samuel and Peter on the sudden death of her husband Canon Mark Watson, rector of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk parishes.

## Dartrey and Rockcorry Confirmation

Drum Church was the venue for the United Service of Confirmation on Sunday, 16th February, when Nathan Browne, Daniel Wilkin and Sophia Hawthorne from Rockcorry/Dartrey joined the other candidates from the group of parishes. The Church was filled to capacity with parishioners, friends and relatives. A warm welcome was extended to our bishop whose address to the candidates was much appreciated by all present. Our thanks to all who helped to make it a special day in the life of the candidates to whom we wish every blessing as they continue their Christian journey as full members of the church.

### Congratulations

News has just reached us of the appointment of our Bishop as Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. We wish him every blessing in his new role.

### Sympathy

We were all very saddened to learn of the untimely death of Revd Mark Watson. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, children and family circle.

### Illness

As always, we keep in our prayers all who



## Enniskillen Cathedral



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### Christian Burial

- 22nd February - Robert Matthew George Ellis, 86 Greenhill Road, Maguiresbridge.
- 1st March - Doris Moore, 3 Sunnyside Court, Enniskillen
- 2nd March - Margaret (Gertie) Robinson, The Graan Nursing Home, formerly 13 Cherry Walk, Enniskillen.
- 5th March - Desmond William Ramsey, Slieve Na Mon Nursing Home, Omagh, formerly of Derrychara, Enniskillen.



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

### 400th Anniversary

The year 2022 will mark a very significant event in the history of St Macartin's Cathedral. It will be the 400th anniversary of the appointment of the Rev James Slacke as its first rector in 1622. It is therefore important that this very significant milestone in the history of this Plantation church is marked appropriately. When William Cole was granted land by King James I to build the town of Enniskillen, in 1612, one of the requirements was to build a church. As well as providing a church it was also necessary for Cole to introduce the Protestant religion which, in practice, meant the Reformed Catholic faith or Anglicanism. The cathedral we know today, formerly St Anne's Church dates from the 1620s. Part of the tower and other structures exist from that time. The Reformed Catholic faith stipulated by King James is what we now know as the Church of Ireland.

The special anniversary in 2022 will be celebrated in many ways in the cathedral – all centred on the worship of Almighty God.

### The Cathedral

The present cathedral is a credit to past generations for the fine building which we love. It is now the responsibility of the present generation to ensure that it is passed on in good condition so that its future is safeguarded. Furthermore, the cathedral will need to be looking at its very best for the celebrations in 2022.

### The Cathedral Roof

Recent inspection reports indicate that substantial work is required on the roof (the last major repairs were carried in the 1960s). The roof is a complex structure and the work will be expensive – it may cost up to £400,000. The possibility of obtaining grant aid is being explored without great optimism. The inside of the cathedral is also in dire need of redecoration – it was last painted in 1997 following the fire. If everything goes to plan it is hoped to have



Xplore members enjoying their food.



all this work completed in time for the 400-year celebrations.

### Messy Church

Messy Church returned in February to a fun and messy session all about Lent! We made stained glass windows, played with paint and even got to decorate (and eat!) pancakes before learning about the true meaning of Lent. We ended the day with some delicious food provided by the Mothers' Union- we truly would be lost without them!

### Xplore

For February's Xplore our group put on their best chef hats and experimented with making pizzas! It was a delicious success - but did spark the age-old debate... Does pineapple belong on pizza?

### Mothers' Union

March meeting Visitor's Night; "Planting for Spring" with Gladys Fyffe was held in the Enniskeen Room on Monday 9th March. The Dean opened the meeting with a reading and prayer, branch leader Jenifer welcomed visitors and members and then introduced guest speaker Gladys Fyffe from Craigville Garden Centre. Gladys brought a quantity of flowers and shrubs suitable for all types of gardens and gave expert advice where and when to plant. An enjoyable evening was had by all with lots of gardening questions all answered in great detail by Gladys. After a superb supper the meeting closed with the Mothers' Union prayer.

### Prayer

*Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and  
fearful, and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from  
your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.*



An aerial view of St. Macartin's Cathedral.



Jenifer Johnston, MU Branch Leader with speaker, Gladys Fyffe.



Messy church members enjoying themselves.

## Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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### 'Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants.'

#### Psalm 116:15

Recently I had planned to provide spiritual direction ministry to two colleagues at the Church's Ministry Of Healing in Belfast. On the way into those meetings, I learned of the death of Miss Joan McAlister, the superintendent of the IEB, Irish Evangelistic Band, who run the Real Life bookshop in Enniskillen, and the Cavan Christian bookshop. On leaving those meetings I learned of the death of Canon Mark Watson. As the week unfolded, I attending those funerals, along with a great number of Christian people at each. Christians had come out of respect for the ministry of the deceased, and to offer sincere sympathy to their loved ones. And at each, there were the faces of those who were asking often unanswerable questions.

In quieter moments later that week, I was reflected on the words from the Psalmist, that 'Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants.' Psalm 116:15. God reminds us through scripture that we are precious to Him, that our lives are held in His keeping, and that life, sadly, is unpredictable and fragile. Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with Canon Mark's

family, his wife Rona, and sons Peter and Samuel, and fellow parishioners in Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk. And also with Joan's sister, Valerie and her family. We also pray for the staff at the bookshops and the significant gospel witness carried on by staff and volunteers of the Irish Evangelistic Band. On another note, William Morrow and I were very glad to be at the Church's Ministry Of Healing quiet day, held at the home of Professor RAB and Revd Dr Pat Mollen. Pat is the director of ministry for the Church's Ministry of Healing, and about four times a year they open their beautiful home set on the shore of Strangford Lough, for these one-day retreats. The setting is incredible. I spent the day watching oystercatchers, red legged terns, gulls and best of all, a pair of white egrets nesting in a clump of deep green conifers. The sun shone most of the day, and I caught sight of people simply gazing out at the peace and beauty of His creation. During Lent I have been reading Mark Barrett's Lent 2020 book, "Wind, Fountain and Fire". I had already had been mulling how God speaks through His creation, and I was challenged by a phrase in one of the day's readings of God speaking to Elijah the Prophet, not in earthquake, fire or storm, but in a whisper. 'And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. 12 And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. 13 And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak



and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.' 1 Kings 19. The striking phrase was the one where Elijah went out and stood. Imagine going out with the intention of meeting with God. With standing in anticipation of meeting with Him. Not needing to be doing and doing, but with standing in anticipation of the Lord. Recently we too had read of how Moses went up and stood with the Lord, on that sapphire blue pavement. It speaks to me of God's commitment to us. His calling us to Himself, even when we cannot be doing for Him. It speaks of how He upholds us in all things. It reminds me too of the privilege it is to know something of the Lord, to be called to minister, and to be called to be faithful to Him. We are indeed precious in the eyes of the Lord.



# Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully

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## Galloon

### Parish Auction

Owing to the ongoing situation with Corona Virus the auction planned for Saturday 18th April 2020 has been postponed.

### Sympathy

We remember the Johnston family especially Sonia on the loss of her grandmother.

Our prayers are with the Watson family, the family circle and the parishioners of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk at this difficult time following the recent loss of Canon Mark.

We continue to pray for all those known to us who are unwell at this time whether at home, in nursing homes or hospital and for all those who take care of them.

## Sallaghy

### Dance

The dance scheduled for Friday 3rd April has been cancelled. Details of future dances will be announced in due course.

### Bowling Club

The annual Sallaghy Parish Pairs Tournament took place on the week commencing Monday 10th February in the Church Hall. The week got off to a dubious start with a power failure on the Monday



Mrs Allen presents the runners-up prizes.

night with play having to be abandoned, but with a few adjustments and understanding competitors, the organisers managed to get all games played by moving the finals night to Saturday 15th. With entrants coming from clubs as far away as Lisburn, Sixmilecross, Armagh, as well as border counties there were some very closely contested matches with the standard of bowling very high. Making it through to the semi-finals on Saturday night were the pairings of Gary Burke and Derek Gilliland from the Wellington Club who defeated Robert and John Egerton of Clogh over the eight ends with the pairing of David Graham and Mark Hamilton also from the Wellington Club being successful over the pairing of Francis and Rory Farmer from Latton Bowling Club. That set the scene for a very close and exciting final which did not disappoint all those who turned up to watch and support with suspense to the last throw of the bowls. The successful pairing of last year's winning skip David Graham with Mark Hamilton emerged victorious after the closely fought nine ends to lift the first prize and the Irene

McWilliams Memorial Trophy with Gary Burke and Derek Gilliland picking up the runners up prize. The umpire on the night was Mr Blaney Cartwright and a lovely supper was enjoyed by all. The Chairman Mr John Fleming thanked all those who helped during the week with the organising and preparing the food for what turned out to be a very successful tournament.

Mrs Helen Allen, a founder member of Sallaghy Bowling Club presented the winners Mark Hamilton and David Graham with the Irene McWilliams Memorial Trophy and prizes and Derek Gilliland and Gary Burke with their prizes.

### Burial Register:

Ian Graham, Killard, Newtownbutler, aged 90 years on 27th February 2020.

John Roland Fawcett Clingan, Derrylea, Newtownbutler, aged 87 years on 28th February 2020.

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection Life and the Life."



Mrs Allen presents the prize to the winners of the Irene McWilliams Memorial Trophy.



Mrs Allen thanks Blaney Cartwright for acting as umpire on finals night.

## Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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### New Arrivals

It is wonderful to welcome new babies to the group of parishes.

Richard and Kintija Earls have been blessed with their first child, a beautiful baby boy and Robert and Marcella Irwin welcome a little baby sister for their other two lovely daughters.

### Award for Garrison Churchwarden

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Orderly, Adrian Elliott, was named a finalist for 'Employee of the Year' at the Northern Ireland Local Government Awards. The Awards ceremony took place at the Crowne Plaza in Belfast on 20th February. Adrian's strong work ethic was also recognised in 2019 when he was awarded 'Employee of the Year' for Fermanagh and



Adrian Elliott pictured with local councillors and management staff from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

Omagh District Council.

### Generous Donation in Memory of Mrs Muriel Johnston

On 8th March 2020, we welcomed the family of Mr. Jim Johnston to Belleek Church. The Johnston family lost a much-loved wife, mother, grandmother and mother-in-law, Muriel, in March 2019. Muriel died suddenly whilst on holiday. The family came together to formally present a cheque for £4298-59, raised from donations in lieu of flowers, to the Church. On behalf of the parishioners, Revd. Canon Ngozi expressed her sincere thanks for this amount and the generosity of all who had contributed.

### Garrison Parish Family Services

Thanks to all who volunteered on the rota

for tea after the family services. This has begun after the March family service and will continue on the third Sunday of each month except when announced otherwise.

### Mothers' Union

The February MU meeting was held in Garrison Parish church hall following the Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday 26th February. Doreen Earls showed us a very interesting slide show of her visit to the US and Niagara Falls in 2019. A short business meeting followed.

### Sincere Condolences

It is with great sadness that we record our heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late Revd Canon Mark Watson. Canon Mark delivered Safeguarding Trust training to our



Canon Ngozi, Darren Acheson and Adrian Elliott, Churchwarden in Garrison Parish Church with his award for 'Employee of the Year.'



Robert Johnston and Rachel Love, Belleek Churchwarden with Canon Ngozi. Robert presented the cheque on behalf of the family.

group of parishes and we remember fondly his great wit, enthusiasm and Christian ethics in all of his teaching. A great loss to his Parish, the Diocese and most especially his dear wife Rona, sons, Samuel and Peter who we continue to uphold in our prayers and thoughts.

### Christian Burial

Miss Maureen Broderick passed away peacefully in Ballymena after a period of ill-health. Maureen had spent most of her life in Co Antrim/ Londonderry and concluded her teaching career as a school principal. A private, intellectual lady who loved her poetry she returned to her native Garrison in her retirement spending some happy years in the family home on the Loughside road. Her funeral service was held in Garrison Parish church on 21st February, kindly conducted by Revd Canon Alan Irwin, in the absence of the rector who was on holiday. Our sympathy is extended to Maureen's brother, sisters and her cousin Jack Dunlop who co-ordinated the arrangements on behalf of the family. Burial took place in the adjoining churchyard.

### Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our group of parishes who have been in hospital or unwell in recent weeks. We always remember our parishioners who are unwell at home. We especially think of Kathryn Ovens in Scotland and assure her and the family circle of our prayers as we



Mr. Jim Johnston and his family with Canon Ngozi.

pray for her during her treatment.

### Congratulations to our Bishop

Bishop John McDowell has been elected by the House of Bishops as the new Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland. He has been our Bishop in Clogher since 2011 and has been present with us on many occasions in our group of parishes. Although we are very sorry to lose him and will miss him dearly, we wish him our sincere congratulations on election to this high office, one which he will serve his people in

the Church of Ireland extremely well.

### Keep up to date

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

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### Congratulations

We as a parish would like to congratulate our Bishop John McDowell on his new appointment as Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland. We are sorry to lose him but we wish him God's richest blessing for the future.

### Sympathy

We were very sorry to learn of the untimely death of Canon Mark Watson. We send our sympathy and prayers to his wife Rona, sons Samuel and Peter and mother Anne. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.

### Coronavirus

At a time of huge uncertainty for all of us and great anxiety and stress for so many, may we all remain calm and put our trust and faith in the Lord our Saviour.

### Prayers

Our prayers and thoughts are with all from our parish who are in hospital, nursing homes, ill at home or waiting for tests. God be with each and everyone of them.

### Mothers' Union

In February our members enjoyed listening to Ms Jean Corrigan from Church Hill who spoke about her trips to Mongolia. Since retirement Jean dedicates a lot of her time to helping build better lives for people there, often working in poor conditions. She raises much needed funds and imparts her many skills as a former Home Economics teacher.

Our Mothers' Union meetings are postponed until further notice due to Coronavirus.

It is with regret that we have made the decision to cancel our May trip to Ennis, Co. Clare but we are mindful of the health and safety of our members and friends at this time.





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### His Promises in a Pandemic

It can be challenging to know what to do and when to do it at such a time as this but surely for the Christian, prayer and the word of God might just be something to consider as key elements in our response. Turning to the promises of God found in His word and standing upon them in prayer might just make a mighty difference. As many go about the process of discerning what the Lord is saying at this time, one particular psalm appears to be rising to the fore as part of a strategy for prayer and finding hope and that psalm is Psalm 91. Knowing God's word is great but realising the power within it and how to use it is something more again. Please find below an opportunity to pray through Psalm 91.

### Praying through Psalm 91 in Love and in Trust

Lord God, most high, I desire to dwell in Your secret place, that place where I close myself in with You (Mat. 6:6) and enjoy time in Your presence. I know that when I am close to You – that when the hot sun shines, the shadow of Your presence will keep me cool and protect me. I know that when I am close to You – that when harm comes my way, the shadow of Your presence will keep me safe. Lord, may I be close to You and You close to me! I will tell others of my relationship with You. I will tell them that You are my refuge and my fortress – that I can run to You and find that You are a safe-haven, and a secure-house. I will tell others that You are my God and that I am putting all my trust in You – for that is what I wholeheartedly will do.

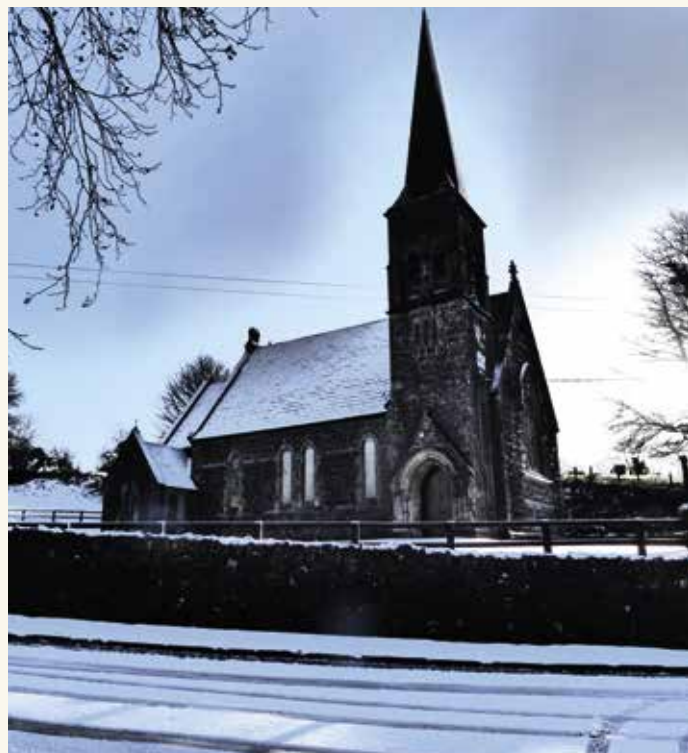
Lord, You have promised to deliver me from entrapments and dangerous illnesses. Lord, deliver me from entrapments and dangerous illnesses! My loving Father, may I be so close to You that I am covered by Your feathers. I take refuge under Your wings, those wings that offer me protection and healing (Mal. 4:2). I will stand upon and trust and apply Your words of truth (Eph. 6:14) holding them tight as a protective and defensive shield before me and belt around me. Because You are with me and I am with You, I will not be afraid or give in to fear. I consciously decide to trust Your love for me and not fear (1 John 4:18) – whether that be fears that come out of the darkness from nowhere, the flaming arrows from the evil one in broad daylight or the physical attacks that dare to harm my body right before my eyes.

I will trust You and not fear hidden diseases nor obvious destructive forces. Illness and adversity may visit many others near me and around but because I have trusted You I know that You will keep me safe and keep illness and adversity at a distance.

Because I love You, O Lord - because You are the treasure of my heart (Mat. 6:21), and the One I long to know and be with above all others (Ps. 27:4); Yes, You, O Lord, Most High, my safe place – You have promised that no evil will overpower me nor any illness, disease or epidemic arrive at my front door. Like the Israelites of old, I plead the blood of the Lamb over the doorposts of my household and my heart and through Your grace, seek safety from that which comes to attack. I trust Your word and Your promises and rely upon them for You are trustworthy and dependable and faithful. I know that You will do as You have promised.

If need be, Lord, I know that You will send angels on assignment to me, exercising Your responsibility over me (Ps. 103:20; Heb. 1:14), sustaining and protecting me in any way that I need.

Lord, I lay my love on You. You are the love of my life and I know that You love me too and will look after me as my loving Father in heaven. Father, You have promised to keep me afloat and doing well because I know You and because we are together. You have promised that when I am in need and call out to You, that You will hear me and come to help me. Lord, hear me now and come to my help at this time. You have promised to be there for me when I'm in trouble and to get me out of the trouble, and even afterwards, to bring me



to a place of being graciously honoured. You have promised to grant and bless me with long life. Lord God, my Father, You have promised to show me Your salvation. Lord God Almighty, I depend upon Your promises, and I now pray and live in the light of them. Thank You for Your grace and mercy, Your power and Your glory. Be glorified in everything and out of hardship and loss, trial and challenge – work all things together for good! Amen.

### Mothers' Union

The monthly meeting of Mothers' Union took place in Kilskeery Sunday School Rooms on Monday 17th February. The visiting speaker was Canon Paul Thompson who gave an interesting and challenging presentation on his work with the Prison Ministry. The evening was enjoyed by all.

### Kilskeery Bowling Club's Annual Pairs Competition

Kilskeery Bowling Club's Annual Pairs Competition took place between Monday 17th – 21st February in Kilskeery Hall. Around 100 pairs entered competing for the coveted Marlene Lawder Memorial Cup. Congratulations go to Ronnie and Gordon Stubbs on winning the tournament and a well done to Gary McNabb and Jude Morris who came a close and respectful second place. Thanks is offered to everyone who supported the tournament and for making it a success.

### The Faith Mission Conference

The Faith Mission Conference took place on Saturday 14th March at 8:00pm in Christ Church Parish, Trillick. The Revd. Philip Bryson was the speaker and updates on

the work of the Faith Mission was given by local Faith Mission Workers, Gary and Alison Tutty. Local singing group Home Fields sang a number of worship pieces throughout the meeting.

### Weekly Programmes and Upcoming Events

All weekly programmes and planned events have been cancelled until further notice.

### Prayers and Good Wishes

The prayers and good wishes from Kilskeery Parish and Christ Church Parish, Trillick are with all across our diocese at this time of local, national and global challenge. And may we come to realise more than ever that the Lord was and is enough!

## Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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### World Day of Prayer

Many thanks to all those who participated in the World Day of Prayer held in Lisbellaw Parish Church on Friday, 6th March especially those who provided a delicious supper afterwards.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Rachel Hood and John Carrigan who were recently married.

### Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late Freddie Henderson formerly of Lisbellaw; the late Canon Watson formerly of Maguiresbridge and the late Dorothy Kerr formerly of Ballinamallard.



Geoff and Rosaliene at the World Day of Prayer Service.



A young person taking part in a story scene.

### Baptism

23rd February 2020  
Emily Jayne Norma Black, daughter of Gary and Joanne, Cornafannog.



Rachel and John at their wedding.

### Burial

7th March 2020  
Frederick (Freddie) Gordon Henderson, 103 Farnamullan Road, Lisbellaw.



World Day of Prayer readers.



Attending the World Day of Prayer service.



Jean and Betty at the World Day of Prayer service.



Young people taking part in the Valentine's Day service.

*joy and hope*

FROM THE BIBLE

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you - Psalm 55:22  
 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, pray - Phil 4:6-7  
 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear - 1 John 4:18  
 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love - 2 Timothy 1:7  
 When anxiety was great, your consolation brought joy to my soul - Psalm 94:1  
 An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up - Prov 12:25

by Melonie Grimsley



Above: Young people taking part in the Valentine's Day service.

Left: A prayer for the Coronavirus.

## Lisnaskea



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### Baptism

Sunday 15th March - Elliot Robert Farrell, 36  
Carnwood, Lisnaskea, a son to Richard and  
Gillian. Congratulations on your new arrival.

### Founder's Day

This annual service took place on Sunday  
23rd February and was attended by all  
sections of the Scout and Guide groups in  
Lisnaskea. The young people as well as  
renewing their promises took part through  
readings, poems and poetry and the parade  
to and from church was led by Lisnaskea  
Silver and Lisnaskea Accordion bands.  
Thanks to all involved.

### World Day of Prayer

This took place in our church on Friday 6th  
March and was attended by around 60  
people (Great to see some men present

this year) from all the various churches in  
Lisnaskea. The service was prepared by  
the women of Zimbabwe and the theme  
was "Rise, take your mat and walk". Joan  
Hogg led the service, organist was Karen  
McAlister and speaker was Marina Elliott.  
Thank you to all of these ladies and also  
Gail Johnston who provided the powerpoint,  
Mildred and Jacqueline, our collectors and  
Hilda and Lena who served a lovely cup of  
tea at the end. Next year the service will be  
held in Lisnaskea Methodist church.

### Sunday School

Children enjoying a scrumptious feast and  
learning about the life of Jesus Christ and  
the way He often talked to the people at  
meal-times. Sharing in fellowship today is  
being continued by the children through  
different ways.



## Magheracross



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### Vestry

The Select Vestry have had a busy year which has included the installation of the new kitchen in the Archdale Hall which has proved to a great asset.

### Mothers' Union

'Cooking with Joy' was the title of our Mothers' Union meeting on Thursday 5th March. The meeting opened with a hymn, bible reading and prayers. Norma then introduced Mrs Joy Graham who had come along to give us a cookery demonstration. She prepared and cooked delicious Scones, Peanut Butter Krispies and Cinnamon Rolls which we then enjoyed with a cup of tea. Joy has produced a wonderful cookery book which many of us purchased, looking forward to trying out some of her tasty recipes.

### Bowling Club

Magheracross Bowling Club ran it's annual Pairs Tournament in March and just managed to squeeze the final in before all tournaments were suspended. The winners were PJ McCrossan and S McGlinchey. The proceeds of over £1000 were given to Air



Seated from left: Sidney Parkinson, Club Chairman; Gary McNabb and Stephen Stafford runners-up; Avril Stubbs, Air Ambulance; Anne Brian, club treasurer; Peggy Wray, Palliative care ( S McGlinchey. P J McCrossan winners).

Ambulance and the Palliative Care Ward, Omagh.

### COVID-19

We are grateful to all our parishioners for their cooperation with the arrangements in the current pandemic. We have discovered that a smile and a kind word is much more effective than a handshake! Unfortunately, we felt it appropriate to cancel the St Patrick's Night event that had been organised by the Youth Fellowship for all the parishioners. However, we will try for a barbecue later in the year.

In the possible situation where church services may be suspended, you can stay connected through Facebook Live broadcasts on our parish page. BBC Radio 4, Radio Ulster and RTE also have Sunday services. Pastoral care can be provided by phone and the usual smartphone apps (text, whatsapp, etc). If you don't have access to these, ask a family member to help you. Please continue to keep the rector informed if you are admitted to hospital.

If you are vulnerable to infection or in isolation and need anything from one of the local shops (pharmacy, Spar or Centra), please let us know and we will do our best to get it for you.

### Bishop John McDowell

We will be sorry to say farewell to Bishop John but are delighted for him on his appointment as Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. He has served us faithfully in this diocese and we are grateful for his ministry.



An example of one of the meals prepared by the GFS members as part of their cookery activity.

## Magheraculmoney

Vacant

### In Charge:

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We are delighted that the Revd Francis Rutledge, Bishop's Curate in Christ Church Primacy, Bangor in the Diocese of Down, has been nominated as the new incumbent of Magheraculmoney Parish, Kesh. The Service of Institution will be announced later.

In a statement, he said he was looking forward to a new chapter in his ministry. "This has been a great journey and we really believe our move to Ardess is a call from God. As followers of Jesus, we are excited about being gospel players in a new local community and living out the biblical drama together".

Revd Rutledge has served in parishes around Ireland before taking up his present incumbency in Bangor 15 years ago. A native of Belfast, Revd Rutledge was ordained to the Priesthood in 1987 and served as Curate in Holywood Parish Church between 1986-1989 followed by a curacy of almost two years in Willowfield Parish, Belfast. In 1991, Revd Rutledge was instituted as Rector of St. Hilda's Church, Belfast before being appointed Rector of Carrigrohane Union of Parishes in the Diocese of Cork where he served until 2004.

Revd Rutledge was previously briefly in Clogher Diocese, serving in Donacavey and Barr before his appointment to his present position at Christ Church, Bangor, which is a shared church with a Methodist congregation. He has been heavily involved in the Christians Against Poverty movement and reaching out to the local community.

Revd Rutledge who has a B.A. (Hons) in Social Administration from Ulster University and a B.Th. from Trinity College, Dublin, says he enjoys being with family and friends and meeting up with people. He also enjoys walking with his Golden Retriever dogs and reading. Revd Rutledge and his wife, Julie have four grown up children and four grandchildren.



Flag bearers at the Thinking Day/Founder's Day service representing Brownies, Beavers, Cub Scouts, Guides, Scouts and Guide Union.

### Thinking Day/Founder's Day

Our annual service was held on Sunday, 23rd February 2020, and all sections of Magheraculmoney Scouts and Magheraculmoney Guides were represented. The service consisted of the colours being received, promises being renewed, readings and prayers being read out and a guard of honour formed at the end of the service.

### Friends In The Afternoon

On 25th February we were joined by Dr Margaret Elliott who played the keyboard and we were able to request our favourite hymns to be played. We celebrated St Patrick's day early on 10th March and Gordon Fitzpatrick came along and entertained with songs.

### Ash Wednesday Service

On Wednesday, 26th February 2020, Dean Raymond Ferguson took the Ash Wednesday service and we celebrated the commencement of Lent with communion.

### Ladies Night

On 28th February 2020, our Ladies Night was held at The Fountain Centre. There was a great turn out and we watched the film 'Breakthrough' (based on a true story) of a 14-year-old boy who was submerged for 15 minutes under the frozen surface of a lake, had no pulse for 45 minutes but his heart started beating again after his mother prayer over him. This was followed by a short talk about how we can give our worries and concerns over



World Day of Prayer Table.



Fiona White-Harvey and Gemma Spence getting ready to sample one of the desserts at the Ladies Night.



Sunday Service by Connect Youth.

to God and followed by tea/coffee and delicious desserts.

### Sunday Night Service Hosted By The Youth

On 1st March a Sunday evening celebration was held in the Fountain Centre, Kesh, and led by the Ardess 'Connect' youth group. Tea and coffee was served on arrival as the night began

with a few up front icebreakers including a new take on 'Mr and Mrs' which resulted in a lot of laughs. The atmosphere was filled with joy and the presence of God as we sang some beautiful songs of worship before numerous members of our youth team interviewed each other about their stories of personal faith. One young lady also gave a short testimony of her personal walk with Christ, praise

God. This was followed by a skit written especially for the event titled 'Choice' and was based around the verse from John ch 3 v 16 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes on Him should not perish but have everlasting life'.

The theme of choice was continued by a reading from Joshua Ch 24 and a message from the Youth & Children's Leader Shirley-Anne McCann. In this passage Joshua reminded the Israelites of all God had done and brought them through before asking them the question to 'Choose today who you will serve.... as for me and my house we will serve the Lord' (verse 15). We were encouraged during the service to consider that same question for ourselves and our own families. The evening concluding with a wonderful time of fellowship including tea, sandwiches and home baked treats. We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all involved for their help on the evening and praise God for a wonderful night.

### World Day Of Prayer

On Friday 6th March 2020, men and women gathered together in the church for the World Day of Prayer. This is a worldwide ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action and this year we concentrated on praying for Zimbabwe. The church was delightfully decorated with memorabilia from Zimbabwe and tea/coffee was served after the service.



## Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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### Canon Mark Watson

I first met Canon Watson on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in November 2008, and like many of the other pilgrims it wasn't long before I was attracted to his jovial attitude, his hearty laugh, and his unique sense of humour. We became friends and in the years that followed, although we often had different opinions—mostly on Christian doctrine, or some theological point the debates always ended amicably. We also had a lot in common, both of us were very

fond of the 'Book of Common Prayer' (1662), both of us were County Grand Chaplains in the Loyal Orders—he would say that he was more senior being the chaplain of a much bigger county—“with more members”. All these minor differences aside I regarded Canon Mark as a very good friend and over the next 12 years, I was delighted that he always chose me to cover his holidays and other days when he was unable to take morning prayer at Trory and Killadeas parish churches.

I was delighted when Mark became rector of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk parishes on 31st January 2018, and I was even more delighted when I became a deacon under his supervision there in September 2019. We had big plans and I looked forward to learning a lot from him over the next year. Sadly because of his serious ongoing illness these expectations did not reach their fruition, and were cut short by his tragic death on 2nd February 2020.

I and the parishioners of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk parishes are deeply saddened by the death of our friend and pastor, we will miss his influence and support in the time ahead as we pick ourselves up after his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Rona and his

sons Samuel and Peter. We as a community in Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk parishes are grateful to Bishop John for his guidance and support over the period of mourning, and his presence among us on the Sunday after Canon Mark's funeral. And we congratulate him on his appointment as Archbishop of Armagh.

*Yours,  
Revd Abraham Storey.*

### Coronavirus

As Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) tightens its grip throughout the world, and in keeping with the 'Clogher Diocesan Response Guidance' (17-03-20). 'ALL' parish activities, Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk parishes— including Sunday worship in our churches has ceased. However, we expect to put in place other forms of contact, in order for us to keep in contact with each other, especially with the elderly and most vulnerable among us, and as a parish will enable us to get through this extremely trying time together. (details will appear shortly). In the mean-time those needing assistance in any way or advice can telephone Revd Abraham Storey on (07713357156).

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### Ladies' Group

The Ladies' Group met on Tuesday 18th February in the Hall with a large turnout of members and friends for their Tupperware Demonstration followed by refreshments.

### Diocesan Mothers' Union Prayer Breakfast

This event was held in St. John's Church Hall, Fivemiletown – the guest speakers were Ms. June Butler All Ireland President of Mothers' Union and Ms. Iris Suitor, who

spoke about their recent trip to Rwanda. Monaghan Branch members enjoyed the talk, fellowship and food.

### Vortex Youth Group

The February meeting was held on Saturday the 15th February and was a Spa night with a Valentine's theme.

### Illness

Your prayers are requested for those who are ill either at home or in hospital, the housebound and those in residential care and their families.

### Mothers' Union

The March meeting on 3rd March was the Branch's Visitors' Night. There was a good attendance of members and visitors to hear the guest speaker, Ms. Maureen Little, Diocesan Action and Outreach Coordinator who gave an account of the action and outreach to hospitals made possible by items produced on a voluntary basis by Mothers' Union members. The evening concluded with supper and fellowship.

### Clerical Appointments

We welcome Revd. Elaine Dunne who has been appointed to the Ballybay Group of Parishes and the Revd. Francis Rutledge, Magheraculmonee Parish. We wish them God's richest blessings in their new spheres of ministry.

### World Day of Prayer

This was held in Monaghan Methodist Church on Friday 6th March. The guest speaker was Ms. Leah Abbott who based her address on the theme "Rise take your mat and walk".





## Rossorry



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### A note from the Rector

Our society is amid a great public health emergency, such as has not been experienced before in the lifetime of most citizens. It is having a great impact on all aspects of life and will challenge us in unimagined ways. As people of faith we have a duty not only to observe all the health precautions and guidance of government health agencies, we are also called to walk in faith, resist fear, and support those who are most vulnerable. As attendance at public worship is becoming more and more limited, we are responding by developing new ways of communicating with parishioners, maintaining our worship and pastoral support. Modern technology and social media offer some channels to us however, we also must learn to look to the needs of others particularly our vulnerable members in more conventional ways for example by telephone or dropping off a note. Let's remember that we are in this together. Let's look after ourselves and our



The Rector and other Rossorry representatives at the Graan for the Novena of Hope.

communities, gain courage from each other, and walk together in hope and faith. All will be well again, perhaps not quite the same way as before, but the God of hope will meet our needs in this and every time of crisis and bring us to his loving future. May you find the peace and courage you need in God - our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46

### A PRAYER FOR PEACE OF MIND AT THIS TIME

Almighty God, you know our anxieties and fears. Help us to cast all our cares on you, and to know that you love us. Give us peace of mind, and a sure trust in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Rossorry Parish Hall Closed

The Select Vestry has decided to close the Parish Hall – and hence all organisations have ceased meeting until further notice. We have therefore reported in the parish notes below events which have already taken place rather than advertise meetings which may in fact not happen.

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

### Rector out and about!!

On 5th March the Rector was the guest preacher at The Graan 'Novena of Hope' at the lunchtime and evening services. He spoke on the subject: " Hope is.... Reaching out the hand of fellowship to our brothers and sisters who come from other traditions". Over the weekend of 7th/ 8th March, the Rector was on duty at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, as part of his duties as Canon of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

He took a photo of the major works which have begun at the Cathedral to repair the roof and other internal repairs.

### 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. Meetings in the Office are currently cancelled due to Covid 19 concerns and you will be notified when these can restart.

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



The baptism for the Browne family.



The baptism for the Johnston family.



Nick Hambly delivering the message at the Founders Day Service.

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.

### 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. Meetings in the Hall are currently cancelled due to Covid 19 concerns and you will be notified when these can restart. Everyone will be welcome - there is always room for new members.

At our meeting on Wednesday 4th March the members tried out a new craft, led by



St. Patrick's Cathedral surrounded by scaffolding while roof repairs take place.

Ethel, of designing and making a cloth bag. This turned out to be a most interesting new craft type with beautiful results. Well done to our 'designers'! If you want to know more give Ethel Oldcroft a ring at 02866 326339

### Rossorry Mothers' Union

Meetings in the Hall are currently cancelled due to Covid 19 concerns and you will be notified when these can restart. In February, a number of members attended

the Prayer Breakfast in Fivemiletown and earlier in March, a number of members attended the World Day of Prayer in Arney and enjoyed a Visitors' Night in St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall when the speaker was Gladys Fyffe on "Planting for Spring."

### Scouts and Guides

Sunday 23rd February was a very important day for The Rossorry Scouts and Guides – it was Founders' Day / Thinking Day, when the Young People parade from the Hall to the



The baptism for the Ellis family.



The baptism for the Rafferty family.



The Wednesday Club members busy with "Design a Bag."

Church. In Church they did all the readings and prayers in the Service.

A word of thanks to all who took part and a big thanks to the leaders and parents who prepared the young people for the service. In the absence of the Rector (away in Dublin for the Christening of his new grandson), the service was led by Nick Hambly and Sarah Maguire (Parish Readers).

Nick spoke to the young people on the subject of big decisions they would be expected to make as they progress through life and school. He urged them not to get hung up on such matters, facing them as they arise.

As a mantra for life he urged them to ask "not, what I want to be?" but rather "who do I want to be?" using the teachings that they learn in Church and Sunday School to be a guide to their Christian lives.

New members are most welcome.

Meetings in the Hall are currently cancelled due to Covid 19 concerns and you will be notified when these can restart.

### Mother and Baby Exercise Class

Mother and Baby exercise class started up again after the half-term break.

This very successful Mother and baby exercise class has been running now for two years at Rossorry Parish Hall on a Tuesday morning at 10.am.

Meetings in the Hall are currently cancelled due to Covid 19 concerns and you will be notified when these can restart.

### Arts & Crafts Classes

Meetings in the Hall are currently cancelled due to Covid 19 concerns and you will be notified when these can restart.

Speak to Yvonne Elliott on 02866 342514 for information.

### Bowling Club

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

Meetings in the Hall are currently cancelled due to Covid 19 concerns and you will be notified when these can restart.

### Parish Register Baptism

■ ELLIS, Bella Dorothy, infant daughter of Christopher and Andrea Ellis who was baptised at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 16th February 2020.

■ BROWNE, Arthur Robert, infant son of Sean and Laura Brown who was baptised at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 16th February 2020.

■ RAFFERTY, Eva Rose, infant daughter of Kevin and Sarah, who was baptised at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 23rd February 2020.

■ JOHNSTON, Harry Alexander Noel, baby son of Derek and Amanda, who was baptised at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 15th March 2020.



The Founders Day Service for the Scout and Guide organisations.

*May they grow in the faith in which they have been baptised.*

## Bereavement

Sadly, since the last Magazine, one of our dearly beloved and faithful members of our Parish passed away. Deepest condolences to Jim and the family and friends of Tilly.

■ ELLIOTT, Matilda Elizabeth (Tilly), of Killyvilly, who died on Tuesday 10th March 2020 at The South West Acute Hospital, Enniskillen.

Her funeral service was held in Rossorry Parish Church on Friday 13th March 2020 at 2.00pm. Interment was in the adjoining Parish Churchyard.

Over this past number of weeks, several of our parishioners have lost members of their families. We extend our sincere sympathies and assure them of our prayers at this difficult time.



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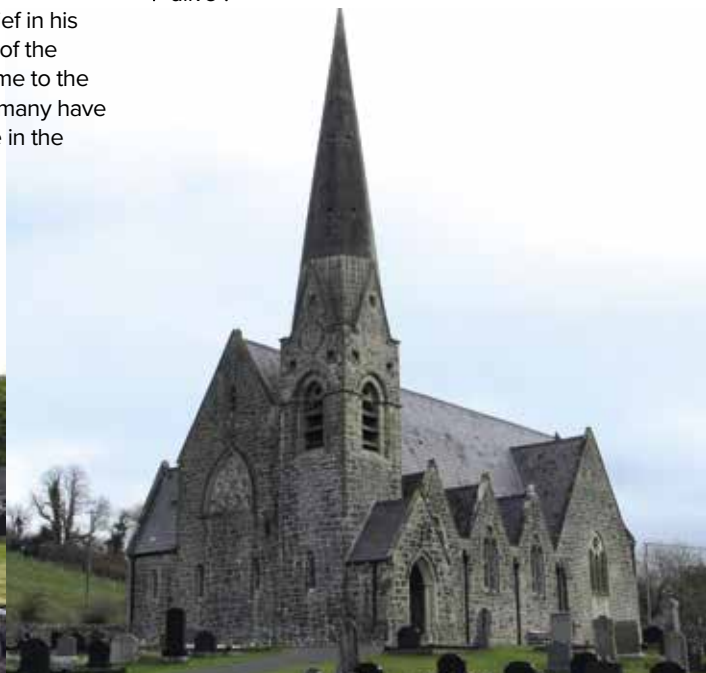
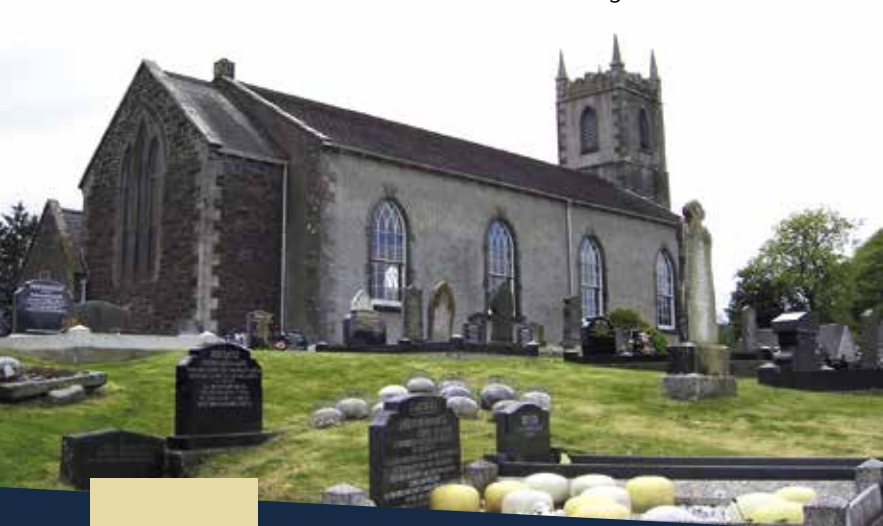
## Christ Died, Christ Rose Again

Paul in 1st Corinthians 15 says "For what I received I passed on as of first importance, that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures".

Paul words reinforce the incident in Luke's gospel when it is recorded of Jesus talking to the two on the road to Emmaus "And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the scriptures concerning himself".

Jesus did a quick Bible study with the two disciples from the Old Testament, where there are some 300 prophesies concerning his coming, death and resurrection. He ended all the doubt and disbelief in his resurrection from the authority of the scriptures. Paul is doing the same to the early Church. In modern times many have sought to doubt and disbelieve in the

resurrection of Christ, from their research and reading the Bible they were converted to a true and living faith in Jesus Christ. To-day for salvation we must acknowledge we are all sinners, we are saved from sin only by faith alone in Jesus Christ alone and our certainty of eternal life and Heaven is founded on the resurrection of Jesus. His defeat of sin on the cross and death by rising again is our victorious new life in Christ. The death and resurrection of Jesus are central to the basics of the Christian faith. 1st Corinthians 15 gives the full understanding of what belief or lack of it means and what the Christian can look forward to "even so in Christ all will be made alive".



## Trory and Killadeas

Vacant

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

### Parish Records

Burial. Lilian (Lily) Crowe 18th February. Our sympathy to her sister-in-law Iris and to all the recently bereaved we offer our condolences.

### Prayers

Please remember the sick in our prayers and we pray that Sammy has recovered from his unfortunate accident on his way out of church on a very wet and windy Sunday.

### Rectory Open Day

The Rectory Open Day was well attended never mind the rather wet conditions. Our sincere thanks to all who contributed by whatever means to the event, especially to the hardworking kitchen department. It was great to have Fred our oldest male parishioner in attendance. When the paper in one of the bedrooms was being stripped off Fred and the Late George Reid's signatures and a little wall drawing were discovered dated 1-5-59. Over 60 years ago two young men were working away as we were, getting a home ready for a rector. (You thought Banksey was something new). Another George reminded us of a beautiful Saturday afternoon when we were up on



The Rectory Open Day.

scaffolding reroofing Trory church. Nessie had brought us ice cream on a stick and we sat and enjoyed it as our then rector the late Dean Moore took a felt marker and wrote the names of those present on the ceiling boards over the chancel.

One wonders how many years will pass and in what circumstances the slates and roofing felt will be removed to reveal those names. It was wonderful to have Mrs Moore and Mrs McKeon back at the rectory and to observe the friendship that existed between all concerned. A cup of tea and a chat is wonderful therapy. Google may have a lot of knowledge but may not hold all the answers to our modern day problems. Some of the answers may lie closer to home.

### Easter

We wish you all a blessed and peaceful Easter.



# MOTHERS' UNION



Members attending the Prayer Breakfast.



Irene Boyd (centre), Clogher Diocesan President with June Butler (left), Mothers' Union All Ireland President and Iris Sutor, Vice President.

## PRAYER BREAKFAST WELL ATTENDED IN FIVEMILETOWN

On Saturday 22nd February, 125 members came together in St. John's Parish Hall, Fivemiletown for a prayer breakfast. Mr Reuben Acheson prepared the breakfast

and the Trustee members served the fabulous food to those attending. An interesting and thought-provoking talk was given by June Butler, All Ireland

President and Iris Sutor, Vice-President. They spoke about representing Ireland at the Triennial Mothers' Union Worldwide Council which was held in Kigali, Rwanda.



# YOUTH PAGE



## ***The Diocesan Youth Council are again offering funding towards the costs of young people serving on mission or attending Christian camps this summer***

Every year it is very encouraging to learn of the engagement and interest of our diocesan young people in attending summer camps and travelling abroad to serve on mission outreaches. Our young people are without doubt passionate about their faith and when academic pressures have ended over the summer months there is a welcome opportunity for them to pursue their passion to develop their faith and challenge themselves further afield. Taking themselves out of their comfort zones they grasp the challenge ahead keen to grow, learn and serve to make a difference to themselves and those they join with.

In the recent past we have seen individuals such as Victoria Lewis serving with Habitat for Humanity in Malawi, Elliott Hanlon with Abanna and Wakisa in Uganda and Matthew Smyth and Hannah Quill with Fields of Life in Uganda. Others such as Daniel Gilmore, Zara Palmer and Justin McBride have served with Jengana in Kenya and Racheal Thompson in Budapest with IMYC.

Whilst mission is very much in the hearts of these young people others have been growing in faith as they attend summer camps. Last summer Anna and Arran Berry attended the Alive Youth Retreat at the Down and Dromore at Kilbroney Outdoor Centre, Rostrevor. Dean, Sarah and Jennifer Taylor attended the "INTENTS" camp at Castle Saunderson. For many years the IMYCD Castlewellan youth camp has been a very popular summer camp for our young people especially for the joint parish and Methodist Youth Ministry attached to our Magheracross church in Ballinmallard. This week-long camp is especially challenging as many summer youth camps are long weekend programmes but this is at the end of the summer and is a full week. It has been especially encouraging to see this joint youth ministry in Ballinamallard flourishing as a consequence of attending this camp.

The Diocesan Youth Council are again extending an invitation to all our young people interested in attending a summer

Youth Ministry camp or travelling abroad on mission this year. Youth Ministry leaders and clergy have been circulated with the details of the grants available to young people seeking support to attend a summer camp or who wish to take up mission service abroad. If there has been a common theme in the written reports from our young people to the Youth Council, on their return from camps and missions, it is the life changing and faith building impact of their experience. With that in mind one of the greatest encouragements we can give our youth this spring is to consider seeking opportunities like this and making a funding application. Application forms and further advice are available from;

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*The closing date for applications is Friday  
1st May 2020*

# CHILDREN'S SECTION



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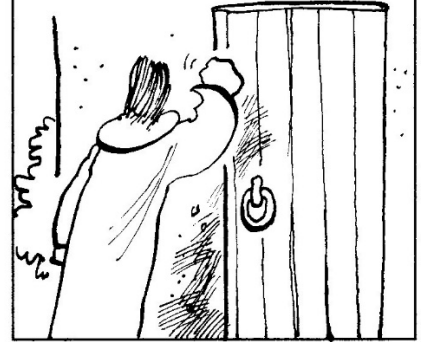


# Words and Actions

JESUS HAD MANY FRIENDS - AND HE OFTEN WENT WALKING WITH THEM.



ONCE, ON A JOURNEY, JESUS CALLED AT THE HOME OF MARTHA AND MARY



MARTHA WAS VERY PLEASED TO MEET WITH JESUS, AND SHE MADE HIM WELCOME



MARY WAS VERY EXCITED TOO AND WANTED TO LISTEN TO EVERYTHING JESUS HAD TO SAY



BUT MARTHA, WAS NOT VERY IMPRESSED WITH MARY! SHE THOUGHT HER SISTER SHOULD BE HARD AT WORK. NOT SITTING AROUND - JUST LISTENING



LORD, DON'T YOU CARE THAT MARY HAS LEFT ME TO DO ALL THE WORK BY MYSELF?!



MARTHA, YOU ARE WORRIED AND TROUBLED OVER SO MANY THINGS



JESUS TOLD MARTHA THAT THERE ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE THAN JUST FUSSING OVER A CLEAN HOUSE!



PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN LEARN, LIKE MARTHA, IS TO MAKE TIME TO LISTEN TO JESUS.



See Luke 10.38-42

## Bishop John to take up his new role as Archbishop of Armagh in challenging times

**Archbishop-Elect and Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell in conversation with Brian Donaldson, Diocesan Communications Officer, Clogher Diocese**

The Archbishop-Elect of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland and Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell takes up his new role on Tuesday, 28th April.

In an interview for Clogher Diocesan Magazine, he looks ahead to his move to Armagh and his new role as the head of the Church of Ireland.

About his election, he said: "I was obviously surprised and very grateful for the confidence that my colleagues in the House of Bishops placed in me. There is a transition period where you are not really the Archbishop of Armagh but you want to be as helpful as you can and you are also I suppose trying to work out what and how you are going to approach the task. The Archbishop-Elect explained the three facets to the role;

He said there was the appointment of Bishop of the Diocese of Armagh, which has a larger population with a greater number of large towns in it than Clogher Diocese.

In addition, there is the role of Primacy of All Ireland, considered "First among equals" acknowledging there is another Primate in the southern province but to some degree to be an ambassador for the Church of Ireland.

He added: "The third element is your place within the wider Anglican Communion which I have relatively little experience of. You become a member of the Primate's Meeting which is one of the instruments of communion within Anglicanism. There are a number of ways we hold ourselves together, the Lambeth Conference, the office of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Anglican Consultative Council and more recently, the Primate's Meeting.



So what type of church do you see under your leadership?

"It's difficult to speak for the church as the Church of Ireland General Synod is the body which has that authority. There is a saying that the Church of Ireland is synodically governed and episcopally led. What the Archbishop of Armagh can do is to speak to the Church and suggest can concern itself with. It sets a bit of a tone as well. It's about its spiritual life and its own governance and the need to acknowledge that like probably all institutions and all bodies some bits of it do well and some do not do well; some bits are growing and some bits are shrinking; some bits function very well and some bits function not so well and to maybe try to discover that the bits that do not do well could do a bit better, in terms of spiritual life and acknowledging there is a huge diversity within Anglicanism and to remember that that's all part of the Anglican heritage.

"There are obviously particularly challenges at the moment, what the church says to society and what it does for the society in which it is placed. You cannot pretend it doesn't live in a political context. Politics is not something that just happens in Parliament. Democracies are places where political discussion or dialogue are about what we can do together or decisions which are deeply imbedded. There are institutions which are recognisable bodies in civil society such as the business community, trade unions, voluntary sector and churches are one of those. I think they have their particular things to say and its perfectly legitimate for them to say it.

"The big imponderable at the moment is Coronavirus and we have no idea how deeply that will affect the patterns of society. We could come out the other side of that challenge a changed society, with maybe small changes and maybe some very profound changes. Of course the other big external issue is Brexit which involves the relationships between the different regions within Ireland and the United Kingdom.

"I could be in both parts of that jurisdiction in one day praying for good governance for both of them and for their leaders," he said.

In terms of reaching out to people in the Church of Ireland, the Archbishop-Elect recalled how a Northern Ireland Life and Times survey revealed around 45 per cent of people in Northern Ireland attend church at some point. He said the heyday for attending church was in the period from the late 19th Century to the period to the middle of the 1960's. But he thinks current attendance is "back to the old norm" with fewer people committed to regular churchgoing.

He rightly points out that churches are among the very few inter-generational bodies with people of different ages attending.

The Archbishop-Elect says people in very small rural parishes are committed to

their churches in the sense that they are contributing to their community who feel it is being enriched with their presence. He said the church finds its place in the community.

“The second challenge is what we are for ourselves as a group, as a faith community, how we build up the church, which can't live in isolation but we have our particular family traditions - how we contribute to the diversity of Ireland, how we build up the church to be confident communities of faith and not hesitant or fearful or invisible communities of faith.” He said for the Church of Ireland, there was tremendous heritage from Anglicanism.

“The Church of Ireland has a particular way of doing things, liturgically. Liturgy is both the expression and source of our belief. Our vocation may be to hold together what on the face of it appear to be contradictory things is maybe one of our roles in religious and spiritual life. I have no idea if it is the best way to be a Christian but it is our way and it seems to contribute something to the catholic church, the wider church.

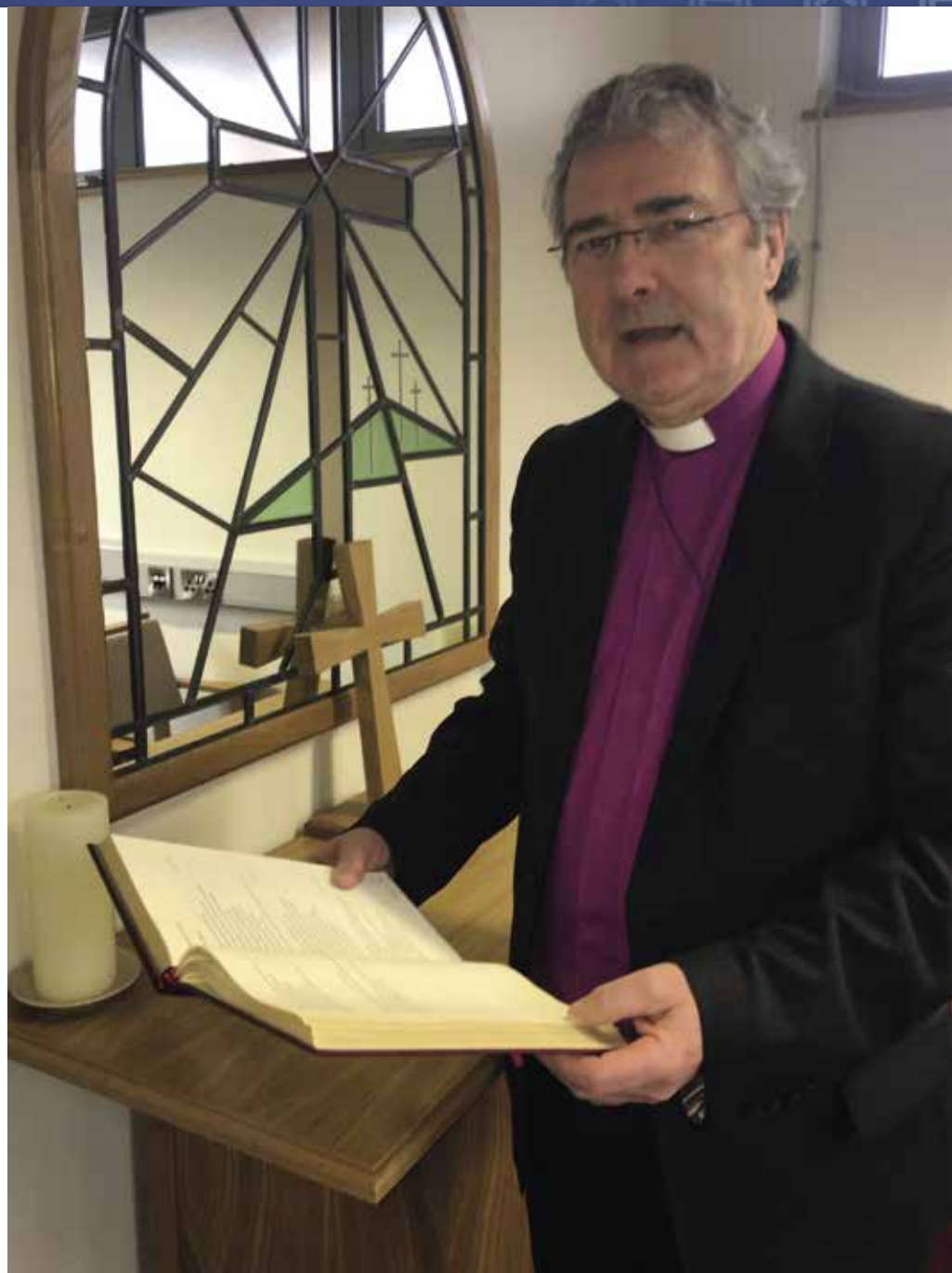
“Harry McAdoo, a well-known Archbishop of Dublin and a great scholar, once said, ‘If I hadn't been born an Anglican, I would have had to become one.’”

The Archbishop-Elect leaves Clogher Diocese after forging and maintaining good relations with other denominations. He said: “I think the vast majority of committed Christian people see more in common with other Christian traditions than separating us. There is a very long history of ecumenism in the diocese of Armagh as well. There is a long association and friendship with Archbishop Eamon Martin and I hope we can continue to build relationships and friendships.

The Archbishop-Elect trained for Church of Ireland ministry after a career in industry in which he held a senior role in Shorts and was for a time, Assistant Director of the CBI in Northern Ireland.

“That probably give me some skills in organisation and about leadership. I've been very lucky here. I'm not very fond of the word 'leader' in the ecclesiastical world but one of the things a leader does is to build a team around him. It is almost a contradiction in terms to be involved in a leadership role in Christianity, to do it on your own.

“There are certain things as a bishop that end with you. There are plenty of lonely moments in that sense where you have to make decisions. But by and large business acclimatised me to working with all sorts of different people from all sorts



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of different backgrounds in different ways and to experience what every parishioner experiences, normal working life with those pressures.

As Bishop of Clogher the new Archbishop-Elect held a number of positions nationally and internationally representing the Church.

He was the Church of Ireland contact person to the Churches of the Porvoo Communion which represents the Scandinavian and Baltic Lutherans as well as the Spanish and Portuguese Anglicans and other Anglican churches and provinces from these islands making contact at senior level travelling with them.

He has also held senior roles on the Irish Council of Churches, the national



St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.

ecumenical instrument and also the Irish Inter-Church meeting, the latter which includes the Roman Catholic church. He said those bodies were important especially as ecumenism was becoming bland and it was important to keep going and keep talking.

These inter-church bodies contribute to providing resources for churches around Brexit, homelessness, welfare reform and subjects churches would be expected to have a voice in.

"I enjoyed that hugely, I am coming to the end of that, six years in total; two years as vice-President, two years as President and two years as outgoing Vice President. I will be involved again as a member of the Church Leaders' Meeting."

The Archbishop-Elect says of his time in Clogher Diocese; "It's always been an aim of mine wherever I have worked to try to create a family atmosphere where there are degrees of mutual respect and degrees of mutual accountability. I remember saying that the diocese of Clogher is big enough to do things if we all pull together in the same direction and small enough for everybody to be necessary for that to happen and to be accountable for what the contribution is. If you treat people with respect, then relationships are easier.

"By and large I felt people were for me rather than against me. It helps if you are reasonably interested in people and their families and what they do and acknowledge that as an important factor in their faith. Faith is not always about



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religious things but about the whole of life."

He said it was important for openness and honesty and to be absolutely candid about things.

He is pleased that at the end of his period as bishop, there will be nearly full-time ministry in most parish groupings in Clogher Diocese where they have a witness to make as peacemakers and where they have an opportunity to make a positive impact in their communities.

But he added; "Whoever the next bishop of Clogher is they (the people) should allow him or her to be his or her own bishop of Clogher and not that they should be like me, Brian Hannon or Michael Jackson or like St. Macartan."

The Archbishop-Elect says he enjoys reading history and poetry and in terms of music, takes particular pleasure in the tradition of Anglican anthems (Byrd, Tallis, Gibbons etc). He does admit to particularly enjoying the Psalms which are poetry.

The Archbishop-Elect acknowledges that his mother who had a profound influence on his life, reciting the Daily Office at home and was happily committed to God and His Church and would have sung the Te Deum while washing the dishes. One of her favourite biblical phrases was from the Gospel of St. John, Chapter 10; "I come that you would have life and that you might have it more abundantly."

Relaxation for the Archbishop-Elect is visiting one of his favourite places, the Ulster Museum to see the collection of Irish Art and reading.

"The thing I am looking to reading most is I took possession of the third volume of Hilary Mantel's Wolf Hall trilogy about Thomas Cromwell, 'The Mirror and Light,' an historical novel," he adds.

The Archbishop-Elect's wife Mary teaches in Enniskillen Royal Grammar School and his daughter, Dorothy, is at the University of Oxford.

## WHAT THEY SAID;

# *How it was announced by the Church of Ireland...*

## Bishop John McDowell Elected as new Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland

The Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher, has been elected by the House of Bishops as the new Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. He succeeds Archbishop Richard Clarke who retired on 2nd February this year. Bishop McDowell (aged 64) was ordained in 1996 and has served as Bishop of Clogher since 2011. He was previously Rector of St Mark's, Dundela, in East Belfast (2002-2011), Rector of Ballyrashane (1999-2002), and Curate of Antrim (1996-1999). He has also served as an Honorary Secretary of the General Synod (2008-2011) and is currently Chairman of the Church of Ireland's Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue.

Speaking on his election, Bishop McDowell said: 'I am overwhelmed by the confidence which my fellow bishops have placed in me to fill this ancient

office. I look forward to working with them in the time to come and to serving the people of the Diocese of Armagh and the Church of Ireland in whatever way I can.'

The translation will take effect from Tuesday, 28th April, and the enthronement date will be announced in due course. Upon taking up his responsibilities as Archbishop of Armagh, Bishop McDowell will be the 106th in the succession of abbots, bishops and archbishops of Armagh since St Patrick. The Rt Revd Francis John McDowell grew up in Belfast and pursued a career in business prior to training for ordination. He was ordained in 1996 and initially served as Curate of Antrim, in the Diocese of Connor (1996-1999). He was subsequently Rector of Ballyrashane, in the same diocese (1999-2002), and Rector of St Mark's, Dundela, in the Diocese of Down and Dromore (2002-2011), during

which time he was also an Honorary Secretary of the General Synod (2008-2011). He has also served as the Church of Ireland's contact person for the Porvoo Communion (2007-2013) – a communion of Anglican and Lutheran Churches in Europe which share a common life in mission and service. He was elected Bishop of Clogher in May 2011 and consecrated as bishop in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, in September of that year. Bishop McDowell holds a BA (Hons) in History from Queen's University Belfast (1978), a Diploma in Business Studies from the London School of Economics (1984), and a BTh in Theology and Biblical Studies from Trinity College Dublin (1996). He is married to Mary, who teaches in Enniskillen Royal Grammar School, and they have one daughter, Dorothy, a student at Oxford University.

### *Irish Inter-Church Committee congratulates Bishop McDowell*

The Co-Chairs of the Irish Inter-Church Meeting have released the following statement to congratulate Bishop John McDowell on his election as Archbishop of Armagh.

Bishop Brendan Leahy and the Revd Brian Anderson stated: "During his time as ICC President and Co-Chair of the Irish Inter-Church Meeting from 2016–2018 Bishop John led many important inter-church initiatives across the island of Ireland. His thoughtful contributions on the pastoral challenges arising from issues such as Brexit, commemorations and the unfinished work of reconciliation have shaped and informed our inter-church dialogue and we look forward to continuing to work with him in his new role. Bishop John will bring many gifts to the leadership of the Archdiocese of Armagh and we wish him every blessing for the future."

### BISHOP LARRY DUFFY CONGRATULATES BISHOP JOHN McDOWELL ON HIS ELECTION

"On my own behalf and on behalf of the entire Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Clogher, I warmly congratulate Bishop John McDowell on his election today by the Church of Ireland Bench of Bishops to be the next Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland.

"Since my appointment as Bishop of Clogher I have been privileged to work with Bishop John, as fellow Christians and as leaders of our respective Church communities. Since 2011 Bishop John has given outstanding witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through his leadership. His authentic outreach, friendship and solidarity – all of this has been of great benefit to the communities we serve on both sides of the border over recent times.

"In addition, through my role as Chair of the Council for Ecumenism of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, I have had much contact with Bishop John through his work with the Irish Inter-Church Meeting, of which he was chair for many years. I know that he will bring the same spirit of Christian love, dedication and outreach as the leader of the Church of Ireland throughout our island.

"I assure Bishop John of our prayers and continued friendship and support into the future."

# BISHOP LEADS THE FUNERAL OF CANON MARK WATSON

The Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for the Life of the Revd Canon Gordon Mark Stewart Watson took place at 1pm on Thursday, 5th March 2020 in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge.

The large number of mourners who filled the church and parish hall, were led by Canon Watson's wife, Rona; sons, Samuel and Peter as well as Canon Watson's sister, Andrena and the family circle. He is also survived by his mother, Ann.

The service was conducted by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell, assisted by the Revd Abraham Storey, Ordained Local Minister, Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk.

The hymns sung at the funeral included: "Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;" "The King of love my Shepherd is," and "The day thou gavest Lord, is ended." The organists were Mr. Timothy Elliott and Mrs Hazel Hogg.

Psalm 121 was read by Revd Storey and a reading from the New Testament, St. John Chapter 1, Verses 1-5 was read by the Bishop of Clogher, who also gave the address.

The Nunc Dimittis, "The Song of Simeon" was read by the congregation as the coffin, draped in the Diocesan Standard, was carried from the church.

The committal took place in Derrybrusk Churchyard. Donations in memory of Canon Mark are going to Christ Church, Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk Parishes. The funeral arrangements were by W.T.Morrison, Funeral Directors, 41 Darling Street, Enniskillen.



## The Homily delivered by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd. John McDowell

May all the words that I say to you be in the Name of God who called Mark and who calls each of his disciples to a life of witness of worship and of service.

How do you begin to speak about a life as involved and as engaged as the life of Mark Watson? Perhaps the greatest testimony to the impact of that life is the enormous number of people here today and the even greater number who have contacted Mark's family over the past number of days to express their desperate grief at his passing. I know that Mark's family, and especially those who loved him most and who he loved best - his wife Rona and his sons Samuel and Peter - would want me to thank all of you. Your expressions of affection and indeed of love for Mark and sympathy for his

family at a time of bitter grief are greatly appreciated.

Mark's family have also asked me to express their immense thanks and admiration for all who cared for Mark, especially the nurses who were his more or less constant companions over the past six months and more - for whom nothing was too much trouble and whose skill and dedication were limitless.

So, where to start. Well, maybe the best place to start is by saying something that no one can contradict. Mark Watson was a big man. He was a big man who loved God from the beginning of his life and was loved by God to the end of his life. And he now rests in the love of God.

Mark Watson was a big man. A big family man. A big presence in the parishes

where he served. A big influence in the many organisations to which he belonged. A big contributor to the communities he lived in. He was a life enhancer. You never came away from him indifferent. You were either a bit happier than when you first went in or sometimes a bit more annoyed, because he was extraordinarily stubborn. I first came across Mark when we were both studying for Orders in TCD in the early 1990s. He was the year ahead of me and he would occasionally remind me that he was the "senior man". He was quite a presence even in those days, holding court in the Common Room; giving all who would listen the benefit of his views on a wide range of subject matter. His passions in those days (and they didn't change much over the years) were, in no particular

order, The Book of Common Prayer (1662), Wolverhampton Wanderers FC, and tubes of Pringles. At 6.00am on the Feast of St Andrew each year, he paraded around the bedroom corridors of the Theological College in Braemor Park, playing Flower of Scotland on the bagpipes. But my most vivid single memory of Mark from those days, was when he was cast in the part of the baby Jesus in the nativity play, in Greek, which was performed each year. His Greek wasn't great so he needed a non-speaking part.

A devotion to the Book of Common Prayer and to Wolverhampton Wanderers. Those were two sides of Mark's expansive character. Two sides but not a divided person; in fact a peculiarly integrated one. There really was no "other side" to Mark. No deviousness at all. There was indeed in many ways a childlike openness about him, which is one of the reasons why he was such an effective pastor. I never met anyone who took such enormous pleasure in being appointed to a Prebendary stall in the Cathedral, or who enjoyed more it's ancient title. As I say a big man, but with a very unthreatening presence, which is so important when dealing with people one to one, especially in difficult circumstances. I suppose I could sum all that up in one brief phrase - "a big man; but not a big ego".

Had he his faults? Of course he had (and I am under strict instructions from Rona not to come all that angel guff) and no one knew them better than those who were closest to him. Of course he had his faults and such was his lack of guile that he wouldn't have dreamed of trying to conceal them or to pretend he was something he was not. The only thing hidden or concealed about Mark were the countless acts of love and generosity which he did in secret. We are in the season of Lent and many of you will have heard last week's Gospel reading "Do not do your acts of generosity in public as the hypocrites do, for they have their reward... but do your acts of kindness in secret and your Heavenly Father, who sees in secret will reward you..." Or in the words of a great English poet "Do good by stealth and blush to find it fame".

He cared for people and he respected them. He was interested in them and in their families. He was a true Christian also in the sense that when he committed himself to something he didn't give up. The Orange Order of which he was a loyal and critical and constructive member and senior office holder. Similarly with the Royal Black Preceptory. Tireless service, cheerfully given; and in the words of Common Prayer which he loved so



Christ Church, Maguiresbridge.

deeply..."God loveth a cheerful giver". An intensely practical person he had a gift and a passion for building things as the parishes of Florencecourt, Brackeville, and Trory and Killadeas will attest. They didn't need anything built in Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk, so he was in the process of building them up in faith, hope and love instead, before a series of very serious illnesses curtailed him in that vocation. There were two places where it was easiest to see Mark "at rest" as it were. His natural habitat. One was in a boat or by a river. He was a very accomplished fisherman (and a good cook of what he caught) and each year looked forward to this time of year when Spring would arrive and the boat would be got ready and his thoughts would turn to Fanad in Donegal, perhaps his favourite place in all the world.

The other place where you could see Mark relaxed was at home. Rona was simply the love of his life and both Mark and she were rightly proud of their two sons, Samuel and Peter who they both shaped...but shaped not so much in their own image, as tried hard to burnish the image of the God in whom they were made. A stable, loving and practical household, where skills of all sorts were passed on from one generation to the next. And it is Rona, Samuel and Peter,

along with Mark's mum Ann and sister Andrena who are most in our prayers today and I trust in the many days to come when they will benefit from them.

About the tragedy of Mark's death I have only this to say. Over the past few years, but particularly over the past eighteen months, Mark suffered a number of the most horrible, demoralising illnesses. Those of us who knew him were full of admiration for the courage and determination and cheerfulness with which he faced them. During all this time his appetite for work was entirely unabated. He would drag himself to his duties and the fulfilment of his vocation regardless.

But the particular condition he suffered from over the past while was utterly unendurable. Only Rona, Samuel and Peter are fully aware of just how deadly and destructive it was. Day by day Mark was being ground between the agonising millstones of life's bitterest experiences; of desperate uncertainty and utter despair. It is only those who know very little of such trials, or who have been sheltered from life's most devastating experiences, whose confidence comes from never having had their self confidence shaken, who would have the temerity to pass a judgement.

To some degree we are all born into

greatness. Great gifts, great prospects, great futures. We inherit all that the civilisation of centuries has gifted to us. We are fed on these gifts and we grow and mature and hand them on. We think we are indestructible and that nothing can touch us.

But in each of us also there is a frail seam; an old wound; a primeval scar which has never quite healed; and a lameness falls on us, and we are halted in our stride. Pride falters, and the high seems low, and the hour is short, and the brief candle is out, and what is man that he is to be accounted of? And the greatness of the soul is more apparent in the greatness of its misery than in the triumph of its powers.

But for Mark Watson, although the light burned very dim at times, it was never entirely extinguished. The light shone in the darkness but the darkness did not overcome it. We need to remember that cruel and tragic death is not unknown to God. We need to remember, as I think Mark knew, that Jesus Christ went deeper into human suffering even than any disease could go and that he rose on the third day with a kingdom in His hand. And that his final words in St John's Gospel, "It is finished" don't mean it's over and done with. They mean it is completed. There is nothing more to be done. And now it is



Derrybrusk Parish Church.

yours. It is the gift I give to you. Just as his brother Jesus was his companion in life so in death. From the day of Mark's baptism until 2 March 2020, Jesus never let go of Mark's hand; and he

never will. All of these words I have offered to our God and to you my brothers and sisters out of my unworthy heart. And may the Lord have mercy on us all. AMEN

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### April 2020

- Wednesday 1st April – **Online Bible Study and Prayer Time for Monaghan Group of Parishes** each Wednesday night on the St Patrick's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stpatsmonaghan>
- Wednesday 1st April – **Online broadcast from Rossorry Parish** during Lent at 8pm using the Service of Compline with Revd Canon Ian Ellis.
- Wednesday 1st April – **Streaming services from Dromore Parish** during Lent at 8pm (Streaming from 7.50pm) with Revd Andrew Quill.
- Thursday 2nd April – **Online broadcast from Carrickmacross Parish** during Lent at 8pm with Revd Colin McConaghie.
- Sunday 5th April – **Online recorded service from St John's Fivemiletown** will be posted on our new Facebook page; Fivemiletown St John's to be available from 9am each Sunday. There will also be a sermon or reflection from Precentor Kyle Hanlon posted each Wednesday and Sunday on [www.fivemiletownchurch.blogspot.com](http://www.fivemiletownchurch.blogspot.com)
- Sunday 5th April – **Monaghan Group of Parishes** will be holding an online Sunday morning service led by Chancellor Ian Berry at 10.30am on Facebook live.
- Sunday 5th April – **Online broadcast service from Drumkeeran Group of Parishes** with Revd Charles Eames at 10am from Templecarne Parish and at 11.30am from Drumkeeran Parish.
- Sunday 5th April – **Online broadcast from Rossorry Parish** on the Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday) at 11am using the Service of Morning Prayer with Revd Canon Ian Ellis.
- Sunday 5th April – **Online broadcast from Carrickmacross Parish** for the Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday) at 11am with Revd Colin

McConaghie.

- Sunday 5th April – **Streaming services from Dromore Parish** on the Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday) at 11am (streaming from 10.50am) with Revd Andrew Quill.
- Sunday 5th April – **Online broadcast from Clogher Group of Parishes** on the Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday) at 11am using Morning Prayer II with Revd Olivia Downey.
- Thursday 9th April – **Maunday Thursday online broadcast from Clogher Group of Parishes** at 8pm with a reflection by Revd Olivia Downey.
- Sunday 12th April – **Online recorded service from St John's Fivemiletown** will be posted on our new Facebook page; Fivemiletown St John's to be available from 9am each Sunday. There will also be a sermon or reflection from Precentor Kyle Hanlon posted each Wednesday and Sunday on [www.fivemiletownchurch.blogspot.com](http://www.fivemiletownchurch.blogspot.com)
- Sunday 12th April – **Easter Sunday online service from Drumkeeran Group of Parishes** with Revd Charles Eames at 10am from Muckcross and at 11.30am from Drumkeeran.
- Sunday 19th April – **Online broadcast service from Drumkeeran Group of Parishes** with Revd Charles Eames at 10am from Templecarne and at 11.30am from Drumkeeran.
- Wednesday 22nd April – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline** for the May edition.
- Sunday 26th April – **Online broadcast service from Drumkeeran Group of Parishes** with Revd Charles Eames at 10am from Muckcross and at 11.30am from Drumkeeran.



# NEW INCUMBENT APPOINTED TO MAGHERACULMONEY PARISH, CLOGHER DIOCESE

The Revd Francis Rutledge, Bishop's Curate in Christ Church Primacy, Bangor in the Diocese of Down, has been nominated as the new incumbent of Ardess Parish Church, Parish of Magheraculmonee, Kesh in the Diocese of Clogher.

Revd Rutledge has served in parishes around Ireland before taking up his present incumbency in Bangor 15 years ago. In a statement, he said he was looking forward to a new chapter in his ministry.

"This has been a great journey and we really believe our move to Ardess is a call from God. As followers of Jesus, we are excited about being Gospel players in a new local community and living out the Biblical drama together," he said.

A native of Belfast, Revd Rutledge was ordained to the Priesthood in 1987 and served as Curate in Holywood Parish Church between 1986-1989 followed by a curacy of almost two years in Willowfield Parish, Belfast.

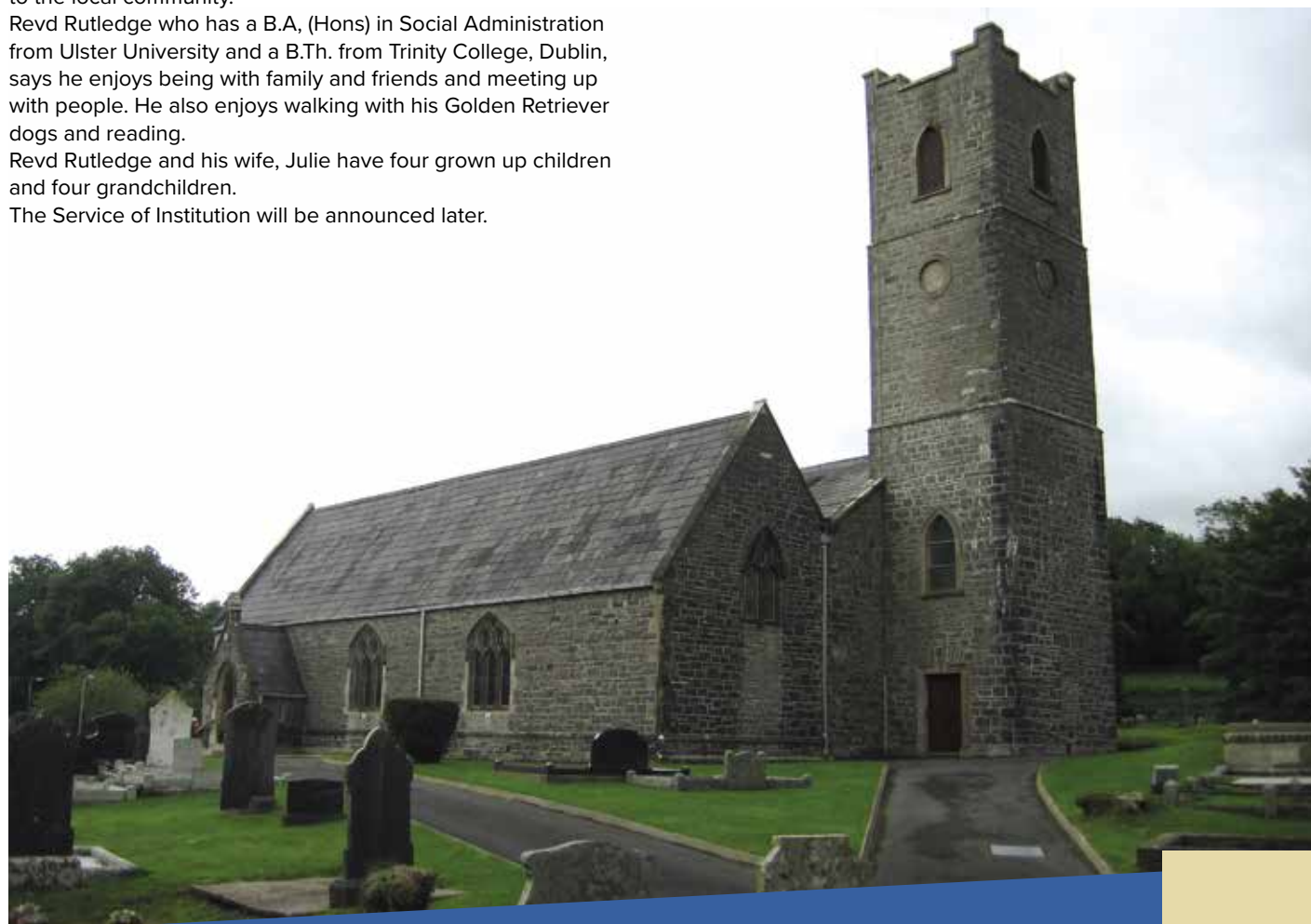
In 1991, Revd Rutledge was instituted as Rector of St. Hilda's Church, Belfast and was later appointed Rector of Carrigrohane Union of Parishes in the Diocese of Cork where he served until 2004.

Revd Rutledge was briefly in Clogher Diocese, serving in Donacavey and Barr before his appointment to his present position at Christ Church, Bangor, which is a shared church with a Methodist congregation. He has been heavily involved in the Christians Against Poverty movement and reaching out to the local community.

Revd Rutledge who has a B.A. (Hons) in Social Administration from Ulster University and a B.Th. from Trinity College, Dublin, says he enjoys being with family and friends and meeting up with people. He also enjoys walking with his Golden Retriever dogs and reading.

Revd Rutledge and his wife, Julie have four grown up children and four grandchildren.

The Service of Institution will be announced later.



# CORONA VIRUS (COVID -19)

Update 24th March 2020  
The Feast of St Macartan of Clogher

## CLOGHER DIOCESAN RESPONSE GUIDANCE

### UPDATED GUIDANCE IN RED

This is a time of great challenge for the church, but also a time for the Christian Church to demonstrate a spirit of generosity and help to those in need. You will probably find a great desire from parishioners to get involved in this effort and all offers should be utilised as far as possible.

#### 1. PUBLIC WORSHIP

Services – All public acts of worship should by now have ceased until further notice. Church buildings should not be open to the public.

**Online Media** – Clergy broadcasting services online should consider doing so from their home rather than the Church. Resources for worshipping from home are available online at <http://www.clogher.anglican.org/Diary/>

Many parishes have already initiated such initiatives. If your parish coordinates worship resources that can be accessed online, please inform the Diocesan Communications Officer so that information of such can be circulated. Guidance for preparing online services is available at [https://www.ireland.anglican.org/news/9485/covid19-guidance-for-onlineservices?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=facebook&utm\\_campaign=church%20of%20ireland](https://www.ireland.anglican.org/news/9485/covid19-guidance-for-onlineservices?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=church%20of%20ireland)

**Innovate** – Many clergy and parishes are already implementing alternative ways to offer worship and spiritual support to individuals and their community, those who have not are encouraged to consider doing so. Anxiety levels will rise and people will be looking for spiritual resources accessible at home to -help them. Parishes should already be giving consideration to the preparation of resources for parishioners, including those without Internet access.

**Daily prayers** - Daily prayers can help give structure to our days for those who are housebound with more time for thinking and reflecting. You may wish to consider signposting people to the online resources at <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/prayer-worship/book-of-commonprayer/2004-texts/texts>

and to produce local booklets to offer *as personal copies only* (please do not pass these around).

**Prayer times** - Parishes could consider setting up regular prayer times which people can join remotely rather than in person, using the church bell to sound the times of prayer, in addition to online conferencing facilities such as Skype, Facetime, Zoom, telephone prayer partners, in order to positively help establish a sense of corporate prayer and the strengthening of the praying community.

#### 2. PASTORAL CARE

**Clergy, Lay Readers and Diocesan Pastoral Assistants** - The health and well-being of parish and diocesan clergy together with support staff and volunteers is of paramount importance, both for their own protection and for those they minister to. Those with underlying health conditions, those that develop symptoms, and those over 70 years of age should adhere to government guidance concerning self-isolation and should inform a neighboring member of the clergy or supervising member of clergy of their availability / unavailability in order to enable the continuation of pastoral ministry in the parish. Clergy are reminded to co-ordinate the provision of pastoral care in their parishes in cooperation with neighbouring clergy.

**Home Communion** - All Home Communion should have ceased by now until further notice.

**Visitation Protocols** - All pastoral visitations should have ceased by now until further notice. Instead Clergy and/or Diocesan Pastoral Assistants should contact those needing pastoral care in parishes by telephoning them. The hospital chaplains are no longer permitted to carry out hospital visits unless expressly invited to do so by hospital staff. Clergy who are asked to visit parishioners in hospital or residential care should only do so if permitted by the hospital/residential facility and with the consent of the individual's family. Hygiene and physical distancing measures must be observed.

**Pastoral and practical support** - Develop a plan for

the pastoral and practical support of those who are vulnerable or housebound in the parish (the plan must of course adhere to safeguarding policies and hygiene practices). Consider developing a 'Love thy Neighbour' scheme for those in self-isolation with a team of volunteers to: Regularly contact by phone to alleviate loneliness; Report concerns as to their health; Collect urgent supplies & shopping; Post mail, etc. You may want to consider offering to hold next of kin details for parishioners who live alone, but make sure any such personal information is stored securely and you have the individual's permission to have these details in keeping with General Data Protection regulations. Identify and brief lay people who can provide telephone support and prayer for those who are fearful or otherwise distressed.

**Self-isolated** - For those who need to self-isolate, consider how people can be supported with phone calls and via social media, and help with the delivery of shopping and / or medication. It is very important that all church members involved in such support are very clear on and committed to adhering to the Government's isolation and general hygiene advice.

**Weddings** - Weddings should no longer take place until further notice.

**Funerals** - In many parts of this country we have come to expect that a funeral service with burial/cremation will normally take place around the third day after death. With the evolving coronavirus crisis that may not be possible, especially if there are numerous deaths and the authorities come under severe pressure. Members of the clergy can continue to perform funeral liturgies and services as soon as legally and practically possible, working with funeral directors and others as appropriate, strictly adhering to hygiene advice and physical distancing measures.

Funerals should be attended by family members only in order to keep numbers in attendance low, it is strongly advisable that funeral arrangements (time, date, venue) are not publicly advertised in order to avoid large gatherings. Clergy should not visit the home of the deceased or the homes of the bereaved family. Funeral arrangements should be made by phone and/or email.

A marker, such as a sheet of paper, should be placed at appropriate places on chairs / pews in order to ensure the seating arrangements comply with

physical distancing measures.

There should be no congregational singing, however background music could be offered where feasible. Hygiene advice and physical distancing should be strictly adhered to, physical contact including handshaking, and funeral teas should not take place.

Copies of prayers for the sick and the dying and also a copy of the funeral service could be helpfully sent to those unable to attend the funeral of a friend or relative, as could an audio or video recording of the service where this is possible.

The option of holding a Thanksgiving Service, to take place at a future date when possible, should be offered to bereaved families.

This information has been issued by the diocese to a number of undertakers, however some may have been overlooked, therefore it is important to refer local undertakers active in your parochial area to these guidelines.

**Mental Health and Hardship** - Efforts should be made to support those who may be struggling with mental health issues and/or hardship. It will be important to take measures, such as regular phone communication, to help alleviate loneliness and despair.

### 3. COMMUNITY RESPONSE

**Volunteer Mobilisation** - In time volunteer support may be necessary for medical staff and for individuals in the community. Churches are well placed to channel information, particularly on requests for volunteers. Information will be circulated to clergy and parishes when available.

**Public Reassurance** - Clergy can offer important public reassurance through "the sacrament of presence" and being seen to be "present" and available. This does not include physically visiting those diagnosed with COVID-19 or those who are self-isolating: clergy need to protect themselves and others, making sure they adhere to physical distancing and hygiene precautions. Clergy can also be a trusted voice in a community and help with the distribution of government advice ensuring isolated members of the community are aware of the precautions they can take. Network as appropriate with local health, welfare, safety networks, funeral directors and other service providers. Ensure contact details for these service providers are held by key

parish leadership. Be aware of local information and peculiarities eg changes in public utilities or services that affect your community specifically.

#### 4. PARISH ADMINISTRATION

**Premises** - All public parish premises should be closed by now until further notice, this includes Churches and Church Halls. Church buildings should not be open to the public for private prayer and reflection in order to avoid unintentional gathering of people. In due course there may be need for church premises to be made available for civic response purposes, these can be considered compassionately as they arise.

**Easter Vestries** - All Easter Vestry meetings should be deferred until further notice and existing officers should remain in post until circumstances allow.

**Select Vestries** - All Select Vestry meetings should be deferred until further notice. Matters requiring urgent consideration by a Select Vestry should be considered using electronic means such as teleconferencing, email circulation.

**Parish Organisations** - All parish organisations should by now be cancelled until further notice.

**Charity Returns and Annual Accounts** - The charities regulators in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland have both confirmed that organisations should follow government advice and that organisations will not be considered to be in contravention of the Act in this respect. Further information is available at <https://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk/news/covid-19-coronavirus-information/><https://www.charitiesregulator.ie/en/information-for-charities/coronavirus-covid-19-and-charities>

**Continuation of Ministry** - A template document to facilitate the continuation of ministry in parishes has been circulated to clergy.

#### 5. DIOCESAN OFFICE

The Diocesan Office is closed until further notice. Mail will be received at the Diocesan Office and forwarded to the relevant person. Staff will be working remotely and can be contacted by email or by telephoning the **Diocesan Office – 02866347879:**

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#### 6. COMMUNICATIONS

**Diocesan Magazine** - The April edition of the Diocesan Magazine will be produced as planned. A free digital version will be made available on the diocesan website at <http://www.clogher.anglican.org/Magazine/>

Unfortunately hard copies of the magazine will not be produced. Parishes may wish to print off hard copies, or sections of the magazine from the online version once it is available, in order to provide copies to those within their parish who are unable to access the online version. **Information for the May edition of the diocesan magazine can be sent to [editor@clogher.anglican.org](mailto:editor@clogher.anglican.org) up to 22nd April.**

**Information and Guidance** - The diocesan website will be used as the principle point of communication to provide regular updates for parishes and the general public. Information will also be made available through the diocesan Facebook page and through press releases. Information particularly for the attention of parishes and clergy will be circulated via email.

**Reaching out** - Parishes, with their own websites and Facebook pages and those without these are welcome to use the Diocesan Website and Facebook Page to communicate the latest advice to parishioners and worshippers. Please email [dco@clogher.anglican.org](mailto:dco@clogher.anglican.org) with information.

#### 7. DIOCESAN DIARY

All diocesan meetings and training events have been cancelled until further notice.

## SUPPORT FOR YOUTH LEADERS DURING CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS

The Church of Ireland Youth Department has produced a resource to support youth leaders across the parishes in Ireland during this unique time.

It will be significant as leaders continue to support young people in their discipleship over the coming weeks and months.

This document is just a start to share suggestions for how we can engage with young people. Many organisations and groups are developing creative ways to connect and we would love as many as possible to be found in this resource.

The document will be updated each week and we would love to include new ideas as we discover together how to support young people across Ireland. Many thanks to those who made this resource happen so quickly!

Please remember to check in regularly for updates: [www.facebook.com/CoIYD](http://www.facebook.com/CoIYD)  
The Clogher Diocesan Youth Officer, Jonny Phenix has written to youth leaders, outlining the resource;

Dear Youth Leaders, CIYD have produced a resource to support youth leaders across our Parishes in Ireland during this unique and challenging time in our ministry to young people.

I hope this will help you as leaders to continue to support your young people in their discipleship and relationship with Jesus over the coming weeks and months. This document is just a beginning as we walk together in what is uncharted ground for us all.

You may well have already set in motion means and methods for connecting remotely with your groups of young people through various online platforms.

By all means feel free to share here any thoughts or ideas that you have found beneficial in this regard.

Also, please remember our Safeguarding guidelines.

CIYD will be updating the document below each week as we learn and develop together this new means of ministry

together.

For continued and more information and possibilities please visit the CIYD Facebook page and website for useful downloads to assist you and your work with young people online.

The CIYD FUEL (Lectio Divina) resource will also be available as a PDF on the Facebook and CIYD website.

Perhaps, this will prove to be a significant time for our young people in developing their personal times of prayer, and reflection.

As we support our young people in a very different situation, I pray that out of this storm we will find Jesus and an increased rest in Him our greatest source of strength and reassurance.

If I can be of any help please feel free to text, call or email me.

*Every blessing*  
*Jonny*

## Police forces warn of scams during Virus pandemic

The Police Service of Northern Ireland is urging the public to be on their guard against cold callers and scammers who continue to prey on the community by taking advantage of householders, even during the Covid 19 pandemic.

Chief Superintendent Simon Walls said: "Unfortunately, during these unprecedented times there are still despicable people in our communities who are out to make money by taking advantage of others.

"Our advice about cold callers is especially important now because so many more people are either working from home, or self isolating at home. This means they can't go about their daily routine as before, which can include buying their groceries, or other personal items, and this is what the scammers and cold callers are exploiting. We have seen instances where people are calling to the homes of older, or vulnerable people, telling them they will do their grocery shopping for them for a small fee. These people take the money but, cruelly, they never deliver the goods.

"I'm making a direct appeal to friends and loved ones of older people, or those who are vulnerable in our communities to please, take a few minutes and have a conversation with them about what they can do to help protect themselves and their homes.

"There are a number of initiatives which are really helpful, including the 'No Cold Calling', the 'Nominated Neighbour' scheme, QuickCheck, Neighbourhood Watch and ScamwiseNI Partnership and details of all of these can be found on our website at [psni.co.uk](http://psni.co.uk)

"For example, the Nominated Neighbour Scheme allows householders to nominate a person who will deal with callers to their home. If a caller arrives when you are alone in the house, they

can be shown a card instructing them to contact your 'Nominated Neighbour', who will then try and check the caller's identity avoiding the need for you to open your front door.

"You can contact your local crime prevention officer on 101 about the Nominated Neighbour Scheme and QuickCheck. By using QuickCheck, people can phone 101 to check the identity of callers to their home who claim to represent an energy or water network company.

"Finally, I would really urge people to always ask for proof of identity. If people are who they say they are, they will be happy to show you their ID.

"To avoid becoming the victim of a scam visit ScamwiseNI at [www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/scamwiseni](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/scamwiseni) or @ScamwiseNI  
"If you have any concerns please speak to your Local Policing Team Officer or your Crime Prevention Officer on 101."

In the Republic of Ireland, Gardaí across the State are being asked to actively identify those persons most at need, particularly those with limited local family or social support. In these cases, An Garda Síochána will assist. Contingency vehicles will be used to maintain personal interactions and where needed to assist and support people, which may include collecting medical prescriptions, attending hospital appointments and other supports they may need. An Garda Síochána will also use these opportunities to link identified people into local, national and state services where appropriate. Any person with these concerns for themselves or for a neighbour should contact their local Garda station, Contact details, including email contact, for all Garda stations can be found on the Garda website or in any phonebook.



## Multi-media Ideas:

I am always on the look for good videos that can be used as part of Family Services or during Sunday Schools.

**Saddleback Kids** have produced loads of videos covering everything from the Old Testament right through to the story of Paul and much more. You can have a look at their You Tube channel and can purchase videos on their church website. The Easter story is told over three stories but I found Jesus Scarifice to be the most useful. Follow this link to watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4&t=25s>



**Cbeebies** have also produced a number of videos for Easter that are available on their website. They include 2 children preparing for Easter Sunday and an insight into making an Easter Cross during Church on Easter Sunday. There is also a fantastic Sand Art Video where the Easter story is told while an artist uses sand to create the images. Could some of your older children have a go at this?

On Cbeebies Radio Rev. Kate Botley

(who used to be on Gogglebox and now presents Songs of Praise) tells the story of the very first Easter with some input from friends who bring the story up to date.

For the videos click here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-easter>

For the First Easter Story click here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio/easter-story>

The **Bible Society** produce Easter resources each year, including a video and other supporting ideas which can very easily be accessed and used. Have a look at the Three Friends and the Miracle Man or The Seriously Surprising Story. All the material can be accessed here: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/easter/>

## Song Suggestions:

- All Through History – Nick and Becky Drake

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQS2HHayr38>

A catchy song which looks at some Old Testament stories and saying thank you to God for being so faithful all through history. This song finishes with the Easter message and Jesus dying on the cross and saying thank you for that as well.



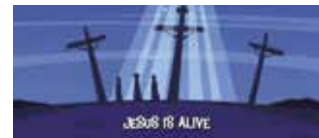
- One Way – Hillsong Kids  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNe4HCO4SuQ>



This is an old favourite and there are lots of different actions you can do. It is fast paced and

kids love to join along with the clapping! A great reminder that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life...

- 1,2,3 Jesus is Alive – Yancy



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mif9jv4pVTM>

A perfect Easter song which explains how Jesus died but 1,2,3 days later he was alive again! You can have some fun with this one and split your group into two to sing the repetition part.

- Rend Co Kids have brought out a worship album called Sparkle, Pop, Rampage and it is filled with joyful worship songs that you can sing along to! There is one called The Story of the Cross which is slightly quieter and more reflective – perfect for lent and Easter and tells why Jesus died on the cross. This can be bought or downloaded from amazon or other music outlets, as well as being available on Spotify and YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKji7LUuYWhgFFezqTCNbRg>





## Craft Idea:



Easter Wreath  
<http://www.weelittlemiracles.com/2012/04/make-easter-story-wreath-free.html>

Wreaths are normally associated with Christmas but this is a beautiful example of how they can be used to look at the Easter Story and beyond. You need to download 3 word documents to give you the images and Bible verses. These can then be coloured in and stuck to the rim of a paper plate to make your wreath.

## Smartie Prayer Idea:

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2012/02/easter-smarties-prayer.html>



Interactive prayers are always a big hit – especially when food is involved! Flame Creative use smarties to pray during Easter. Each different coloured smartie reminds us of a different part of the Easter story. You could make individual bags up with the various colours or give a small multipack with a printed prayer sheet attached so it can be done at home.

- Pink for the people who came and praised
- Green for the palm leaves that they raised;
- Purple for the robe that Jesus wore,
- Brown for the cross that Jesus bore;
- Red for the blood that Jesus shed
- Blue for the tears when he was dead;
- Orange for the stone that was rolled away,
- Yellow for joy - He's alive today!

## #LiveLent for God's Creation:

#LiveLent Care for God's Creation is the Church of England's Lent resources for 2020. These resources have been inspired and informed by



the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2020 Lent book, *Saying Yes to Life* by Ruth Valerio. You can get a booklet for adults which is supported by a

free app, as well as a book for families which has 40 challenges to carry out during Lent, and one for Easter Sunday. Each week of Lent there is a theme which the tasks revolve around. For more information and a free sample download have a look at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/livelent>

## Wild Lent:



Wild Lent  
Discovering God Through Creation by Rachel Summers.

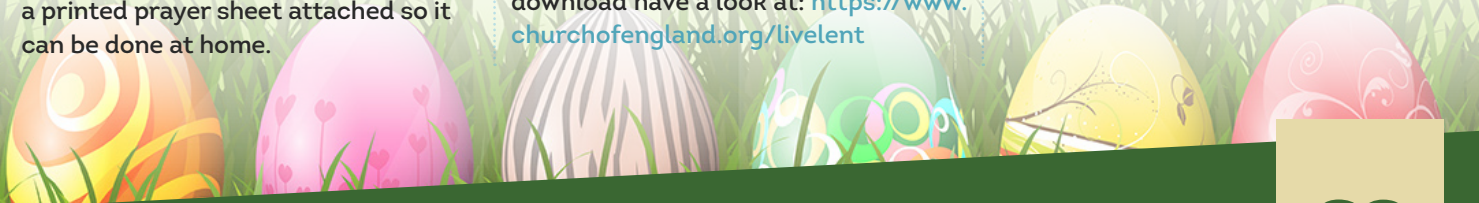
Rachel has put together various activities that families can do over Lent,

spending time together and with God exploring nature. The book is divided into 7 sections including Things to do in the rain, short and easy things to make and do, and even shorter things to make and do! The book is not meant as an exhaustive list to work your way through but a way to spark ideas and discussion. Each activity has two reflections based on a journeying theme – putting down, picking up, setting off, into the wilderness, and finding home. You can also download a Wild Lent Wall Planner. Why not take some time to journey towards Easter using a Wild Lent approach?

 **Did you know we are also on Facebook?**

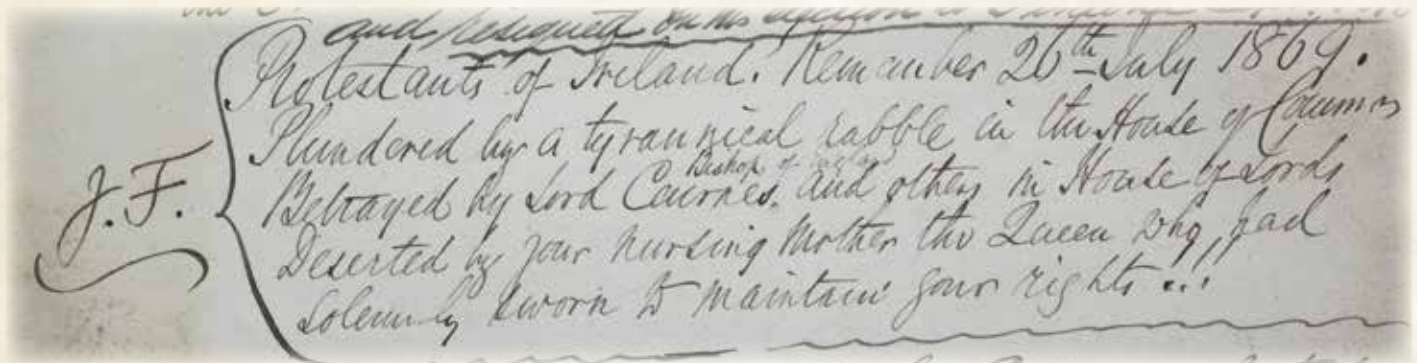
Our page is updated regularly with tips, ideas and resources. Why not have a look at our page next time you are scrolling through? Our page can be found at;

<https://www.facebook.com/churchofirelandchildrensministry/>



# ARCHIVE of the MONTH

## “Protestants of Ireland! Remember...” A Particular Response to the Irish Church Act



by **Dr Susan Hood**, Librarian and Archivist, RCB Library.

Under the terms of the Irish Church Act (32&33 Vic. c. 42 sect. 2) of 26 July 1869, which passed into law in 1871, the union between Church and State in Ireland that had existed since the Reformation was dissolved, and the Church of Ireland ceased to be established in law, leaving it: ‘free to shape her future course, independent of state control’ (Journal of the General Convention, 1870, pp v–vi).

The legislation was desired by a very few within the Church and for most the dominant emotions were those of resentment and fear as to whether or not it would survive such change. In some cases the fears boiled over to pure anger, and one of the more unusual responses to the changing realities of the period is to be found on the title page of the combined register of baptisms, marriages and burials for the parish of Killeevan, county Monaghan and diocese of Clogher, where the Revd John Flanagan LL.D served as rector 1853–1876. Amid details of the succession of clergy in the parish, he flamboyantly penned his feelings of outrage on the passage of the Act that had disestablished his Church: Protestants of Ireland! Remember 26th July 1869. Plundered by a tyrannical rabble in the House of Commons, Betrayed by Lord Cairns, Bishops of England and others in the House of Lords. Deserted by your Nursing Mother, the Queen, who had solemnly sworn to maintain your rights. Initialling the entry “JF” in the context of a biographical details of clergy including his own, Flanagan revealed his deep personal upset from the legislative change that had transformed his Church from state–sup-

ported institution to free–standing private body. Flanagan’s anguished tone was likely shared by others, but he is the only cleric to have annotated a parish register in such a manner.

The published parish history compiled by V.H. Forster, *A History of Killeevan Parish* (Monaghan, 1958) reveals how Flanagan was responsible for the re–building of the parish church in 1858, the tablet in the church porch commemorating this, during the last great wave of church buildings before Disestablishment.

Flanagan’s annotated entry in the title page of the Killeevan Register of Marriages, Burials & Baptisms, 1838–1876, RCB Library P805.1.2

In his exiting salvo, Flanagan is clearly furious, accusing Lord Cairns in particular, but additionally the English Bishops and others in the House of Lords, for betraying the Irish Church whom it was speculated had jettisoned the Church of Ireland to safeguard the position of the Church of England. Whether totally accurate in his summation, Flanagan’s unusual annotation conveys the depth of feeling that would continue to swirl around certain quarters of the Church

of Ireland for years after the passage and delivery of the Irish Church Act.

It is interesting to note that Flanagan was a prominent Orangeman and had a considerable reputation as a public speaker on political platforms – reputed to be “one of the most eloquent and outspoken churchmen of his day” according to the parish history. He had been misquoted in Parliament about his anti–Disestablishment agitation in the run up to the Act, which may have coloured his outlook and distain for the parliamentary political system.

A scholarly man, Flanagan published two books: predictably one entitled: *Ireland, Her Past Glories and Trials and Probable Future* (Dublin, 1882) and at an earlier phase of his life: *A Discourse of the Round Towers of Ireland* (Kilkenny, 1843, printed for the author by Thomas Kelly). Flanagan moved on from Killeevan in 1876, ‘on his election to Fintona’, in the parish of Donacavey in county Tyrone, where he would serve out the remainder of his ministry and his life, dying in office in 1882.

The annotated register from Killeevan parish is currently on display in the Library’s entrance foyer where visitors are most welcome to view it.



REV. J. FLANAGAN  
1853–1876

1876.—John Flanagan, inst. Sep. 2 (D.R.) He was b. in Co. Ferm., ed. by Mr. O’Beirne, at Portora, ent. T.C.D. June 6, 1834, Sch. 1837, B.A. 1839, was C. Newtownhamilton in 1842, R. Killeevan 1853–76, m. Sarah, dau. of Robert Moorhead, of Belnagamon House, Co. Tyrone (she d. at 19 Adelaide Road, Dublin, July 27, 1912). His yst. son Frederick Victor d. in Dublin Jan. 8, 1924. Heres. 1 Nov., 1880 (D.R.) He d. 16 Oct., 1882 (R.C.B.) See also Appendix IV.

### DONACAWEY.

1876.—John Flanagan was also C. Derryvullan (Irvinestown) 1843–7, and C. Lisnakea c. 1851. The date of his marriage was Dec. 7, 1847. He was a prominent Orangeman, and had a considerable reputation as a public speaker on political platforms. A phrase he used in a speech during the Disestablishment agitation, was misquoted in Parliament, as if he had said that if it were proved—“The Orangemen would kick the Queen’s Crown into the Boyne”—what he said was just a shade different. He published:—

*Ireland, her past glories and tri ls, and probable future.* Dublin, 1882.  
*A Discourse of the Round Towers of Ireland.* 21 pp. ms. 4ts. Kilkenny, Printed for the Author by Thomas Kelly, 1843.



## Worship in your home - a new outreach from parishes at a difficult time

Worship has taken a new format over the past few weeks as the restrictions placed over the spread of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) has resulted in the closure of churches.

At one of the most important times in the church calendar – Lent leading to Easter – worshippers will be unable to follow the journey of Jesus during Holy Week which led to the Last Supper with the Disciples and his crucifixion on Good Friday, nor the celebration of his resurrection on Easter Sunday in the normal way.

But due to the innovative ways in which clergy in Clogher Diocese have adapted to posting online videos on Facebook and YouTube over the past few weeks, everyone can now follow a range of different types of services, reflections, prayer messages and images from their own homes.

While these will be accessed by all those using the right technology, some of the older parishioners perhaps might not have the internet or tablets to play these. Instead, parishes are posting and delivering copies of sermons and making regular calls to those who live alone or do not have family members nearby. It has become a remarkable expression of outreach by parishes in the Diocese who have been ably led by Bishop John McDowell who is now in his last month in Clogher Diocese before taking up his new appointment as Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland.

To keep up to date with everything that is happening across the Diocese, turn to the Diocesan Website: [www.clogher.anglican.org](http://www.clogher.anglican.org) or the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/clogher.diocese>



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