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Dean Kenneth Hall preaching at the service of Morning Prayer on the Feast Day of St Peter on Monday, 29th July, at the first service attended by worshippers following the easing of restrictions from the Coronavirus pandemic.

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DOES YOUR CHURCH OR CATHEDRAL HAVE A TALENTED CHORISTER?

IF SO, THEN SONGS OF PRAISE AND BBC RADIO 2 WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

They have have joined forces to find The BBC Young Chorister Of The Year and former choristers Aled Jones and Katherine Jenkins will coach the five boys and five girls aged 10-16 who are selected to go through to the radio and television competition, where they will sing in front of an expert panel of judges.

The competition has been recently launched and singers have until midnight on Monday 20th July to submit their entries. The recording will be at The Monastery in Manchester in mid-September.

Singers apply online by submitting two short films of themselves singing a Christmas carol or song and a sacred song such as a hymn, classical solo, spiritual, inspirational, gospel or worship song.

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Thanks

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all who contributed to our Facebook services during this difficult period of lockdown.

Thanks to the children for their prayers, readings and artwork, to Marina, Emma, Sarah and Peter for the music, to all our readers but especially to Captain David for



the time and effort he has put into each service. We would also like to thank Dean Raymond Ferguson for his enjoyable and thought provoking weekly reflections.

Re-opening

As restrictions begin to ease and churches are able to reopen our Vestries will meet at

the beginning of this month to discuss how we can move forward while ensuring the safety of everyone attending our buildings.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of the late Ronnie Glass who was buried in Aghadrumsee in June.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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And also local phone line service on 028 8927 0927

If you wish to follow the service, but do not currently receive by email the order of service and the appropriate readings for each Sunday, please email me at the above address, and I will add you to our list. Also, each morning of the week I read the weekday service of daily prayer (page 139 BCP) at 10.30am, and I understand that many parishioners join with me spiritually, finding comfort in the fact that there is at least one other person praying the same service at the same time, and that we are not 'alone' during this time of confinement. If you would like to join me each morning, but don't have access to a prayer book, please email me and I will forward you an order of service for daily prayer.

Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union

The members in the branch continue to communicate with each other and recently it has been possible to 'see each other' in

pairs, socially distancing and outdoors. The lockdown has proved challenging for many so we are encouraged to learn of some easing of restrictions to facilitate more family contact. We continue to 'meet' for prayer each Wednesday and the Diocesan Trustees have again provided a summer newsletter for each member.

In June the members usually provided an afternoon of entertainment and food for the senior citizens in the parishes. As it is not possible to meet this year, the members have contributed money towards a 'Gift Bag' for each senior household with a MU greeting card and a selection of biscuits. The following local businesses have also helped in donation of gifts – Scott's Bakery (buns), McKeever's Chemist (soap), Lidl (Lisnaskea) fruit.

Working together as MU members and with the community to source the gifts and then distributing them to households, has helped fulfil the MU motto 'Christian Care for Families.'

There have been no decisions made about meetings in the autumn but we pray we may soon meet together again for fellowship.

Aghavea



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Parish Life coming out from Lockdown

The past three months will be remembered by everyone in the world, and the year 2020 will go down in history as one of the strangest ever. In future years, people will ask their parents, grandparents and great grandparents if they remember the Great Covid-19 Lockdown, and how did they survive it! We will tell them about the wonderful communities we lived in, and the support and encouragement of our friends and families.

Life is starting to approach a particularly important step towards the new normality. We have just had the news that we can start going back to church buildings – but under very specific conditions and with certain rules and guidelines in place. These steps make it very difficult to make an easy transition to the church – so we will leave it a while longer before we start the process to make sure that we can do it safely and easily.

Please bear with us as we continue to closely monitor the developments, and I am confident that when the appropriate time comes, we will be ready to start immediately!

Drive-in Church

Thank you to those who organise the Parish car park each weekend for our outdoor



Cars lined up for the drive-in service at Aghavea Parish Church.

church services. It has been a blessing to everyone to see how many have been attending, with visitors from Armagh and Bangor at times! I'm sure that anyone who has attended will report about the fantastic atmosphere – even if the weather doesn't always cooperate completely! Remember that we'll be continuing to meet each Sunday, and all are welcome!

The services are the first step in returning to the normality of church, and we will be continuing to meet each Sunday at 11am. The services will also be streamed live on the rector's Facebook page, and a link inserted to the webpage after its end.

Online Services

We continue the services each Monday to Friday at 10.30am and 5.30pm, using Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer, and a Celebration of Wholeness and Healing on Wednesday evening. We have continued to pray for any and all of the requests we have been given – and we have been reassured that many of the names have had dramatic responses to their situations.

We continue to stream our services on Facebook, where they can be streamed at any time. If you have any prayer requests, you can send them to aghavea@gmail.com or send them via the Facebook page. The requests only need to include a name, no explanation is necessary as we entrust them into God's hands, and he knows their needs better than we ever could!

Our parish website is <http://aghavea.blogspot.com> and always has up to date news and information about the parish. We have also started a parish Whatsapp group (if you're not sure what that is, ask your children or grandchildren). If you would like to be added to the group, you can do so by dropping a text to the rector at 07488371680. The group is a light-hearted effort to keep in touch with each other, and conversations have ranged from quizzes, word searches, Fathers' Day memories – and even a lot of comments about dragon eggs (the rector's water dragons have laid a clutch of eggs, we're not joining Game of Thrones or Middle Earth).



The rector with his daughter Naomi leading the hymn at the Sunday service in Aghavea.



Cars lined up for the drive-in service at Aghavea Parish Church.

Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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Welcome Revd. Elaine

It was a first for Clogher Diocese on 4th June when the institution of a new rector was performed online through Zoom.

The Revd. Elaine Dunne had her date of institution set for Thursday 4th June in St. Colman's Church, Clontibret. However, with the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic spreading and the restrictions placed on churches and people's lives since then, a normal institution was impossible.

The institution did go ahead on 4th June, but by an online service through Zoom. Those attending included the new incumbent, the Rev. Elaine, along with the Archbishop's Commissary, Archdeacon Brian Harper, who conducted the service, as well as the Provincial Registrar, Canon Colin Moore, and Chancellor Ian Berry, Rural Dean, who presented Revd. Elaine for institution. It also included neighbouring rectors, Rev. Colin McConaghie of the Carrickmacross Group, Rev. Roy Taylor from the Clones Group of Parishes, Rev. Lorraine Capper from the Donagh Group of parishes, Mr. Glenn Moore, Diocesan Secretary, and representatives from the three parishes in the Ballybay Group. These included churchwardens, parish secretaries and Sunday School teachers. Thankfully all went well.

We at Christ Church are delighted to have Revd. Elaine as our rector and are looking forward to getting back to church when it reopens on July 5th to finally meet her and get back to some kind of normality, even with all the restrictions due to Covid 19.

Well done

Congratulations Alice Crawford on graduating from Heriot Watt University in Edinburgh with your fabulous degree in International Business and Spanish. We are delighted for you Alice, all your hard work



has definitely paid off!

Tara Moffett, a busy time for you too, patiently waiting for your degree in primary school teaching from DCU. Where have those years gone to ladies? Every success to you both in your future careers. May you be blessed with God's richest blessings.

Big times ahead

Our thoughts are with Adam Dixon and Ella Grimes as they take the big step to secondary school. Strange times for them both as their end to National School was cut short and the induction day to secondary schools didn't happen due to Covid-19. We wish them a bright and rewarding future.

We also keep Tyana Pratt-Clarke in our thoughts as she has big decisions to make. After spending a very enjoyable three years boarding in Cavan Royal school, it's with great sadness that the Royal school has decided that, due to Covid 19 restrictions, after 200 years as a boarding school it will, from now on, be a day pupil school only.

Prayers

We keep in our prayers all the parishioners from our parish who have been unwell, lonely, troubled or saddened.

Faithful God,
it isn't easy to trust you in these uncertain days.

We have so many questions:

Will I catch the virus?

Do we have enough to get by?

What about my job?

Help us to know you as the God who provides;

supplying manna in the wilderness, sustaining Elijah with food brought by ravens,

feeding five thousand,
giving us each day our daily bread.

Help us not to worry about our life,
about what we will eat or drink,
what we will wear.

Help us not to be anxious about tomorrow,
or the impact of a pandemic that might last
weeks or months.

Teach us not to waste these lingering
hours of lockdown worrying.

Instead lift our eyes to the birds in flight,
draw our gaze to the flowers in bloom,
to see that our heavenly Father,
will meet our everyday human concerns.

Keep us focused on seeking your kingdom,
watching for how all we need will also
come our way,
from your generous hand.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Muckno

Sincere sympathy

Sympathy is expressed to Adrian Hill, Bert Hill and their families, on the death of their cousin, Mr. James (Jim) Graham, Gallagh,

Clontibret. His burial took place in St Colman's on 30th May 2020. "Safe in the Arms of Jesus".

Institution

The institution of Revd. Elaine Dunne took place by Zoom on Thursday 4th June 2020. Many people tuned in to see this very unique institution. Our sincere thanks to the parochial nominators for giving up their time over the past year. Thank you to Archdeacon Brian Harper for guiding us through the use of Zoom and conducting the service so well. Thank you also to Canon Ian Berry for looking after us so well during the vacancy and for presenting Revd. Elaine for institution along with Canon Colin Moore.

We send a huge warm welcome to Elaine. Wishing you lots of peace, fellowship and enjoyment at your new address. Also hoping that we can meet you in person soon.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

Sunday School News:

The Sunday School children have been working hard behind the scenes with their teacher, Martha. After finishing their activities on the story of Joseph, another activity pack was posted out. This time they are concentrating on the Lord's Prayer and the meaning behind the prayer and what it means to them in their everyday lives. This was done by word searches, jigsaws, crosswords and the decorating of their own mini books of the Lord's Prayer. Martha wants to thank most sincerely the parents for their support and the children for their hard work. See photos.



Mothers' Union

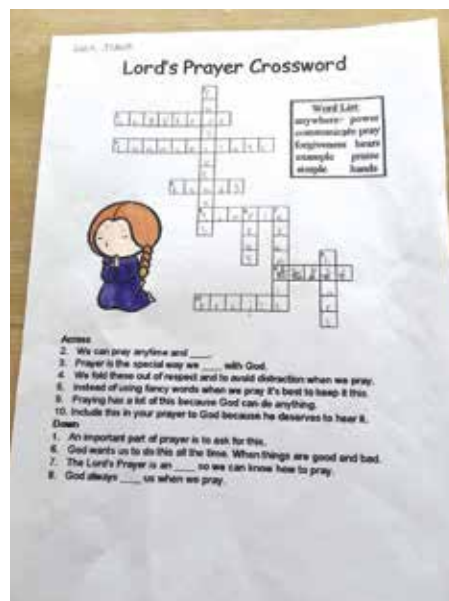
Message from Ethel, Leader of the Ballybay Group Mothers' Union: I pray and hope you have stayed safe and well after the past few months of lockdown. As I write these few words, I would like to hope that we will be able to meet up again in September. Please listen out for notice of opening. I will leave you with a few words from Psalm 46 v 1 and v 10 1st line. "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. 'Be still and know that I am God' ". Prayer for hope: Faithful God we praise you for your steadfast love and the truth of your eternal love. You are the rock on which we build our lives in sure hope and confidence in Jesus' name. Amen.

Clontibret



Welcome to Revd Elaine

We all extend a very warm welcome to our new rector, Revd Elaine Dunne. We look forward to meeting her and, when circumstances permit, to celebrate her institution with the usual cup of tea and treats. Revd. Elaine's institution was made possible on 4th June, as planned, via the wonderful media of Zoom. Revd. Elaine



makes history as she is the first female rector we have had. We look forward to getting to know her and her ministry among us.

Celebrations

In recent months, despite the pandemic, there have been numerous events for celebration:

- On 9th March, Noel and Andrea Johnston welcomed their son, Jamie, a brother for Lexie. Best wishes to all the Donaldson family and in particular to the proud grandparents, Victor and Yvonne.
- On 30th March, Darren and Suzanne Tate welcomed their daughter, Ella Jane, a sister for William. Congratulations to the proud parents and to grandparents, Adam and Deborah, and also Aunt Amanda who has made the journey from America to help with the celebrations.
- On 11th June, Ronnie and Sandra Geary became grandparents for the first time with the birth of Jonah, son of Wayne and Gail. Congratulations to all the family. We trust that Aunt Donna, on missionary work, will soon be able to join the family for celebrations.

Engagement

Congratulations to Mark Dickson and Aisling McMeel on their recent engagement. We send them our very best wishes at this happy time. So, despite Covid-19, there is a lot to give thanks to Our Heavenly Father for here in Clontibret.

Sympathy

We were saddened to hear of the death of our fellow parishioner James Basil Graham. James, together with his brother Robert, had worked the family farm all their lives and were well known as they



went about their duties in close proximity to the N2 and the church. James is survived by his brother Robert, but sadly his brother George died as a result of a road traffic accident a number of years ago. While his service of remembrance and thanksgiving was restricted due to present circumstances, neighbours and friends paid their respects from a distance during the graveside service which was conducted by Chancellor Berry and Mr. Walter Pringle, Pastoral Assistant. We

extend our deepest sympathy to the Graham family and to the wider relations. We would also like to extend our sympathy to David McMullen and family on the death of his mother, wife of the late Rev. Victor McMullen, who was Rector of this group of parishes for a number of years. Mrs. McMullen was laid to rest in Castleblayney.

Message from Rev. Elaine Dunne

I am delighted to have been appointed as your new Rector and I am very grateful

to those involved in the selection process for the trust they have placed in me. I would like to thank everyone who helped to prepare the rectory and various other things prior to my arrival in Ballybay Group of Parishes. I am very much looking forward to getting to know all of you over the coming weeks and to embarking on the next stage of my spiritual journey, as well as embracing the new opportunities and challenges which lie ahead.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh



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The Irish Blessing featuring our own Emma Merrin.

Services

- Sunday 5th July**
Morning Prayer St Finbarr's 10.30am
Morning prayer Magheraclone 12noon
- Wednesday 8th July**
Midweek worship St Finbarr's 11am
- Sunday 12th July**
T.B.C. St Finbarr's 10.30am
T.B.C. Magheraclone 12noon
- Wednesday 15th July**
Midweek worship St Finbarr's 11am
- Sunday 19th July**
Arise and Shine St Finbarr's 10.30am
Service of the Word Magheraclone 12noon
- Wednesday 22nd July**
Midweek worship St Finbarr's 11am
- Sunday 26th July**
T.B.C. St Finbarr's 10.30am
T.B.C. Magheraclone 12noon
- Wednesday 29th July**
Midweek worship St Finbarr's 11am
- Sunday 2nd August**
Morning Prayer St Finbarr's 10.30am
Morning prayer Magheraclone 12noon
- Wednesday 5th August**
Midweek worship St Finbarr's 11am T.B.C.

Sunday 9th August

Annual Open Air Service for St Molua's Day – Magheraclone 3pm
(NO other services)

Wednesday 12th August

Midweek worship St Finbarr's 11am T.B.C.

Sunday 16th August

Arise and Shine St Finbarr's 10.30am
Service of the Word Magheraclone 12noon

Sunday 23rd August

T.B.C. St Finbarr's 10.30am
T.B.C. Magheraclone 12noon
T.B.C. Ardragh 1.15pm

Sunday 30th August

United Open Air Service (weather permitting) - Ardragh 12noon
(NO other services)

The Rector Writes...

"Do you remember 2020?" is a phrase that I reckon will be used many, many times in years to come. It is very difficult to write any notes for the magazine or plan for services (or anything else) with the uncertainty over Covid-19 and the restrictions surrounding it still very much in the air. As I write our plan is to open both St Finbarr's in Carrickmacross and St Molua's Magheraclone for worship on the first Sunday of July. At the moment we are

still awaiting guidelines around Holy Communion so the exact pattern of our services remains to be confirmed. The Select Vestry of St Patrick's Ardragh have made the decision to wait until August to open as we await to see how the restrictions will be loosened. Although we look forward to being able to meet once again in our church buildings meeting together will not be what it was before, not for another while anyhow. Social distancing measures will still be in place, numbers will be limited and the social side of meeting together which we all enjoy will be curtailed. However, while we will have to adjust (there definitely will be no such thing as sitting in 'your' normal pew!) we look forward to the opportunity to worship together in person and as restrictions ease to see more and more come together in our three church buildings. While these last few months are not ones any of us would like to have to live through again, I believe we have learnt something about ourselves as a church during the restrictions. Hopefully we have realised once and for all that the church is not a building but rather you and I, the community of people who make up our church family. That may seem obvious, but often we can get so



Participants in 'Walking in the Light of God' video.



Sunday School children taking part in Children's Sunday Service.

focused on the building we forget that it is where we worship, not why. More than that though I think we have discovered that even though we have been apart physically we have remained together in spirit, we have supported one another, cared for the vulnerable, encouraged one another as we read, shared hymns or took part in online services. We have prayed for one another and we have maintained a sense of fun and togetherness.

American Christian Pastor Andy Stanley said; "Jesus is the hope of the world and the local church is the vehicle of expressing that hope to the world."

We are that hope here in our small part of Co Monaghan. As Jesus called his followers to spread the Good News to all the ends of the world for us Carrickmacross, Magheraclone and Ardragh is our place. As we emerge from restrictions let's take that togetherness and let us be church beyond the walls of our buildings into the communities in which we live, work and play. God can do great things through small local churches who are open to his calling.

Every parishioner will have received a list of instructions for returning to worship in our church buildings. I encourage you to please read the instructions carefully and to follow the instructions as we return to meeting together. There will be restrictions set in place that none of us will be happy with, some may feel they are over the top or not needed. However, we have a duty to follow the guidelines passed on to us for the safety of all our members and our community. As you return to the church building the instructions will be very clear so please play your part in ensuring we can open the

buildings again safely.

Online Worship

Given the restrictions in numbers and that some people will be unable to return to meeting in our church buildings due to health reasons we plan to continue to broadcast the Sunday morning service live from St Finbarr's at 10.30am on our Facebook Page Carrickmacross Group Church of Ireland.

Hymns Of Praise

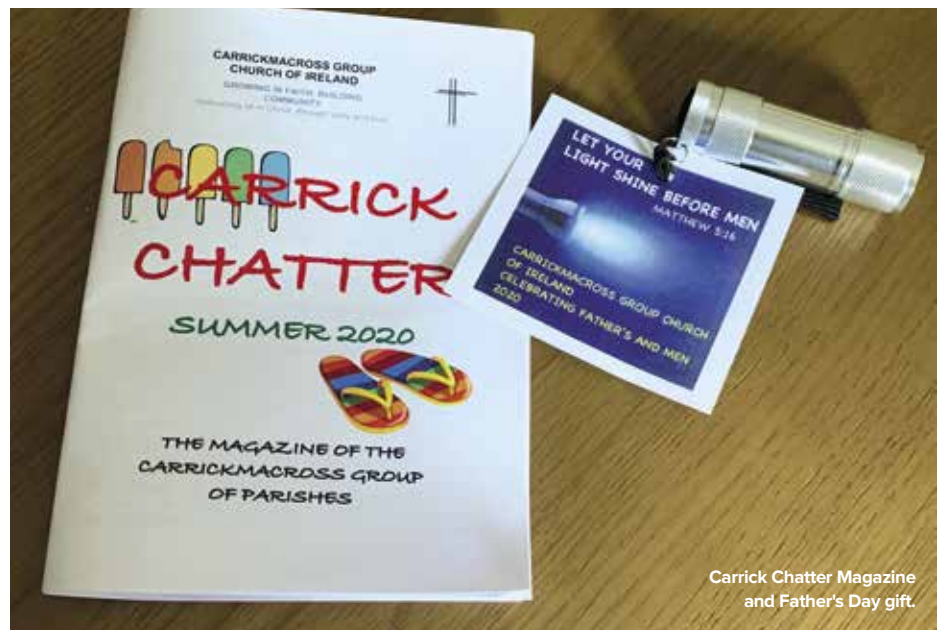
Following on from the success of our Daily Readings parishioners have been telling us about their favourite hymns which we post every evening on our Facebook Page. It has been wonderful to have such a variety of

hymns ranging from well-known classics to modern worship songs.

Thank you to all who took part in both the Daily Readings and our Hymns of Praise.

Carrick Chatter Summer Edition

The summer edition of our in-house Group of Parishes magazine, Carrick Chatter, was delivered to each household on the weekend of the 19th June. The magazine recaps on what has been happening in our parishes over the past six months and had also all the information needed for return to worship in our church buildings. Along with the magazine a small gift was delivered to all the fathers and men of our parishes for Father's Day.



Carrick Chatter Magazine and Father's Day gift.

Sunday School

Following almost three months of activities from home the Sunday School year came to an end with our annual prizegiving. This year was different as we couldn't be together in the church building but the children were still able to take part in a special service by recording Bible readings and prayers. The special Arise and Shine service also included one of our favourite songs 'Walking in the Light of God' with a variety of parishioners, young and not so young, involved in a video with all the actions. Unfortunately our annual young families picnic was unable to go ahead this year but we look forward to it returning next year. A special thank you to our Sunday School teachers and the parents who enabled the children to continue to enjoy Sunday School by doing activities at home.

Youth Group

Since March, Revd Colin has produced a

weekly reflection for our young people using a movie theme each week to open up that week's Bible reading. The reflections encouraged the young people to keep praying as well as giving some ideas of activities for during the restrictions. The youth Group is now having its summer break. Unfortunately our end of year outing could not take place but we hope to re-arrange for later in the year.

The Irish Blessing

On Pentecost Sunday singers and musicians from over 300 churches across the island of Ireland released "The Irish Blessing" dedicated to all frontline workers. Over 400 people took part in the recording with each asked to dedicate it to frontline workers in their own community. As a Group of Parishes, we were represented on the recording by our choir leader Emma Merrin. We were delighted to include the Blessing in our service on Pentecost Sunday. If you

haven't listened to the Blessing yet you can find it on YouTube or Facebook just search for 'The Irish Blessing'.

Magheracloone Annual Open-Air Service

It is hoped that the annual St Molua's Day Open-Air Service will take place in Magheracloone on Sunday 9th August at 3.00pm.

Social distancing measures will remain in place and we will be unable to serve refreshments this year, but weather permitting we hope that the service can go ahead outside in the church grounds. This is an opportunity for people from all churches to come together as we celebrate and give thanks for those who have gone before us in the Christian faith. Please put this date in your diary and invite family and friends.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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Notice

Due to the present Coronavirus Covid - 19 situation, all church services and organisations are cancelled for the immediate future.

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C & M Prayer Connect

We have many real treasures in the Church of Ireland, one them is our Service of Morning Prayer. Because we use it so often it is possible to miss its real significance. We owe a huge debt to Thomas Cranmer who was Archbishop Thomas Crammer who was head of the Church of England during



Constructing the new car park at Mullaghduin.

the reign of King Henry VIII. It was Thomas Cranmer who constructed the Service of Morning Prayer.

Weekly Video

Reminder that the Weekly Video is streamed each week from Cleenish Church. It begins with the first verse of a hymn previously recorded by the Choir, followed by prayers and readings by the Rector. For those of you who can go online the

Service is available on the Cleenish website; <http://cleenishparish.weebly.com>. Magazine notes are available within the Clogher Diocesan Church of Ireland website.

Lock Down and Daily Exercise

Several of the more senior members of our Church have just completed a three-month lockdown and pleased to return to more or less living a normal life. Unfortunately a small number of others are being advised to

remain shielded until 31st July. Please remember those known to you in your prayers.

Mullaghduin Car Park

Stage 1 of the car park is now complete which means the foundations are ready for construction.

As a follow on from last month the car park is now taking shape, and attached photo shows a large lorry delivering construction materials to the site.

Bellanaleck Community Group

At time of writing resurfacing the main thoroughfare through the village is almost complete. At a previous meeting between DFI and Group representatives a request to ease the left turn movement into the Church Car Park is under construction as agreed. See photo. It was also agreed to lay a footpath at the crossroads, to facilitate pedestrians using the desired line between The Commons housing and Waterhen Lane.

During the recent spell of good weather, many pedestrians appreciated being able to walk the Loughshore Path and relax in the Community Garden, as they were the only facilities available. All meetings are still suspended, however our efficient Secretary, Owen is continually very active writing and answering the endless supply of emails. Should any parishioner in Cleenish require assistance within the public domain, contact Owen Wilson 02866 349602, or Sharon Elliott 077325 21533.



Construction of left turn into Cleenish Parish car park.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Here in the Clones Group of Parishes, many of us have continued to appreciate the worship opportunities available to us on TV and radio over the course of the past month – and some of us with suitable technology have tuned in to a variety of online services as well. Our WhatsApp group has also continued to play a useful role across the Group. Each week there is detailed information about forthcoming Sunday worship broadcasts, accompanied by a commentary from the Rector designed to give parishioners some preparatory insight into the readings that they are about to hear. And of course, there are also lots of posts in which we just share our thoughts,

feelings, prayers, and useful information as we seek to retain our sense of community, spiritually together even though physically apart. Alongside the telephone – and, for most of us, I think, a deep appreciation of the beautiful area in which we are privileged to live – this has enabled us to weather the past weeks of lockdown in generally good spirits.

Now, though, we are looking forward to being able to return to church at the start of July, and preparations to enable us to do that safely are ongoing. It's an exciting time ... and yet tinged with sadness. We haven't lost any of our parishioners to Covid-19, but we have still lost some treasured parishioners during the past three months: George Crawford, Rowena Mealiff, and this month John Keating. Our thoughts and prayers are with John's wife, Perry, and all his family as they mourn his loss. One of our Newbliss parishioners put it all really well on our WhatsApp group when she heard of his death: *"I am deeply saddened to hear of John's passing. Our Church has lost one of its very best. He was a man who inspired us greatly by his genuine love and care for our little church. A true leader indeed ... One of his favourite hymns was 'Yield Not To Temptation', and he always sang it loud and proud. He has left footprints in our hearts and lives and we will miss him greatly. I just pray on this Trinity Sunday that our minds, hearts and souls feel the love of God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit."*

Well, those were lovely thoughts from Jacqueline Hall, and at John's funeral the preacher was Revd. Edna Wakely, the wife of a former Rector of this Group of Parishes ... and a woman whom John Keating regarded as his 'little sister'. In recognition now of John's exceptional service both in Newbliss Parish and across the whole Diocese of Clogher, I would like to include some extracts from Edna's funeral address in order to help us celebrate the life of this exceptional gentle man, John Henry Keating 18 April 1942 - 6 June 2020:

"John was one of Nature's gentlemen. One of the most outgoing, friendly and kindest souls I have ever had the pleasure of meeting, it was a privilege and honour to count him a best friend. From the first moment I met him, John's support, encouragement and loyal friendship, were unstinting.

"John's was a fully-integrated personality - arising from a deep love for God, a deep love for Perry and his wider family, and a deep compassion for his fellow humans. Born in Corkish, Newbliss, on 18 April, 1942, John trained as a motor mechanic. Cecil, John's brother (who predeceased him) always said with great pride, that no one could tune a car like John. Cars were John's passion, and his love of vintage cars will always stand out in my memory. He was a great favourite at the Enniskillen Vintage Club (formerly Chairman) and at their annual rallies, invariably won a prize

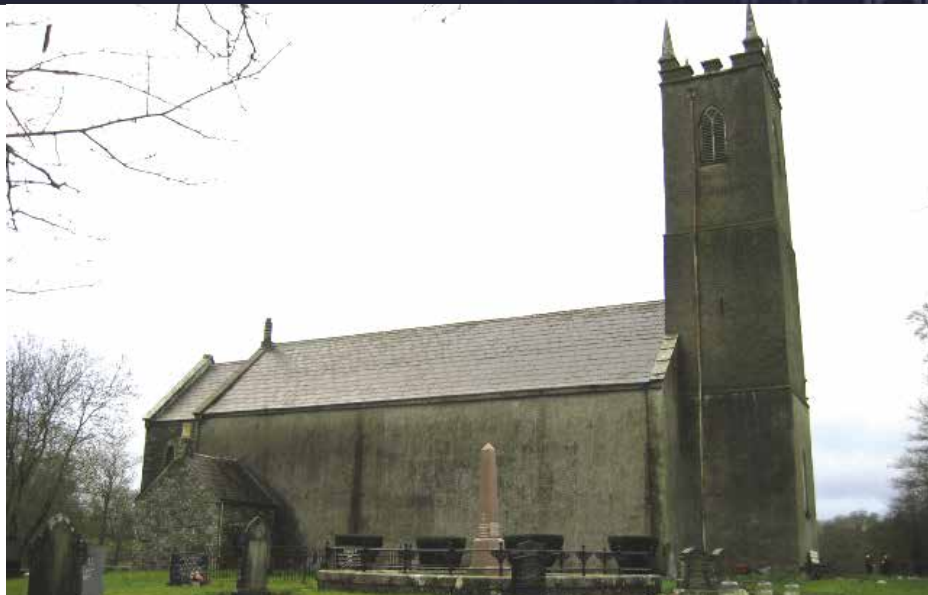
for one of his many unique and beautiful vintage cars. What fun we used to enjoy on their outings, as John would gently coax his 1918 Studebaker up hill and down dale, around the narrow highways and byways of Co. Fermanagh. No problem to John, should the car decide it had had enough ... John would just patiently lift the bonnet, expertly twiddle a knob here ... adjust a screw there ... and soon we would be on our way again, to finish the course.

"Although an expert on just about any subject that one could mention, John was always acutely aware of his lack of formal education, yet he was one of the most intelligent people I ever encountered. Had his home circumstances been different, John would have loved to have trained as a lawyer, and no doubt he would have been a most successful one. Yet, lawyer or not, John succeeded at whatever he turned his hand to. Having started off as a motor mechanic, John later owned the Renault dealership and the David Brown tractor dealership in Newbliss. Later, always a farmer at heart, John successfully farmed sheep, cattle and turkeys in County Fermanagh. He also loved ploughing, and together with his brother, Walter, he competed in many ploughing championships, using his vintage tractors. Invariably one, or both of them, would return with a trophy from the event.

John lost his dad at the tender age of nine years (1951), and sadly his mother became blind, so the four children learnt to be self-sufficient at a very early age. No stranger to adversity, John's early childhood experiences shaped him - turning him into the deeply compassionate, thoughtful, unselfish person that he was. John never forgot those who found life hard, or pretended to be someone he wasn't. That same adversity helped to develop his gentle, unshowy spirituality, and profound trust in God. It was very easy to see the image of God in John. His life bore testimony to the great depth of faith and godliness within him, as he quietly went about his life and work, profoundly trusting that God was in control, and that all would be well. When things were difficult, "We will get through it, with the help of God," was a favourite saying.

"John's spirituality was a lived spirituality - of the 'still small voice of God' variety. He obeyed the words of the prophet Micah: 'And what does the LORD require of you - But to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?' (Mic. 6: 7). Loving God with all his heart and mind and soul and strength, John needed no words to spread the gospel.

"Married for a remarkable 55 years, John and Perry shared a deep love of animals,



caring for many stray pets which found their way to their home. Having a deep love of nature, John was never happier than when out walking his dogs around the countryside. Sometimes even his cats followed too!

"BUT above all, John's profoundly caring nature endeared him to all whom he met. He made time for everybody, no matter how busy he was. He was never in too much of a hurry to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. If he couldn't help, he always did his best to find someone who could. And everything he did was with the utmost modesty and without fuss. He never drew attention to himself, or looked for praise or thanks.

John simply loved people - loved interacting with them, and was energized by them. He greatly loved talking, and how my husband and I loved the amusing, scenic routes that his conversations always took. So, it was particularly cruel, that his illness made talking very difficult, though it never stopped him from trying.

"To all his many gifts and talents, John was a peace-maker. He used to remind us that if we pray 'forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us', then, that was precisely what our Lord required of us. John's dedicated selfless participation in the Church of Ireland, which he loved and served all his days, was total. A Glebeswarden, and member of the Diocesan Glebes' Committee for many years, he was an invaluable asset to Clogher Diocese - not just for his knowledge of church properties, but also for his service on the Diocesan Council, the General Synod, the Electoral College, and various significant committees at the RCB in Dublin, where important, far reaching decisions were made.

"John was a volunteer who never counted the cost - in distance, petrol, or hours away from his workplace - whether in the garage,

or on the farm. John was afraid of no one. Assertive and courageous, he spoke out against things he considered wrong or unwise. When necessary, he used an iron fist in a kid glove.

"For someone so quiet, gentle and unassuming, his voice was often heard pleading for the C of I in County Monaghan, and beyond - particularly for those parishes being side-lined, abandoned, or finding it hard to survive financially. He had a real grá for struggling rural churches. When churches were threatened with closure, John tenaciously fought - and succeeded - in keeping them open. John witnessed many changes in his beloved C of I - many of which he did not approve - but which with his characteristic smile and good grace, he accepted. Always polite and respectful, John never held a grudge against anyone with whom he disagreed. He agreed to differ - with integrity and good humour.

"What better image could there be of John's life than running the race of life with patience, endurance and great courage. John, you have fought a good fight, you have finished your course, you have kept the faith ... receive the crown of righteousness that awaits you. (2 Tim: 7-8)

"Today we thank God for the great gift of experiencing John's kindly, caring nature - his love for God, for Perry, for his family, friends and animals - his love of life, nature and music - his inspirational, uncomplaining, courageous life. While relieved that John is at peace, no longer suffering the debilitating limitations that his illness caused, we will all miss him sorely. His passing into glory will leave a huge gap in all our lives, especially in Perry's life. We commend John to God, his Creator and Redeemer, in the sure hope and confidence of the resurrection to eternal life, of those who believe and trust in our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep.

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Re-opening of churches

At the time of writing these notes, the Stormont Executive have announced that churches may re-open from 29th June for religious worship. Further details will be issued in the next week, and when all the extra arrangements are in place, our church will reopen, and what a day that will be when we can meet together again in fellowship. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Colossians 3: 16

Until then, services will be posted weekly on the parish Facebook page. Meanwhile the parish have also been studying through the Col document 'Return to in-church Worship Protocols' to plan and be ready for that day, It should be noted, services during July and August are at 10.30am.

Thanks

Once again, a huge thank you to all who assist with services, readings, prayers, music and IT, an invaluable contribution to the mission of the church. To all who watch and share the services each week, it is our prayer that you will find comfort, assurance, courage, hope, be encouraged and challenged in your faith as you live as God has called you to be His witnesses.

Stay alert

As COVID-19 continues, we are encouraged to stay alert and abide by current guidance throughout, being mindful of the interests of others, as we would of ourselves. Don't lose heart, don't rush, be patient and let God guide and watch over you as you trust in Him for the journey ahead.

Christian Burial

11th June 2020 - Ivan James Little, Glenarn.



The Family Service in June.

Family prize-giving service

The family prize-giving service scheduled for 14th June, had to be deferred, due to the COVID-19 restrictions and church closures. The service was posted online with our Sunday school teachers, Lee reading and Joanna leading the prayers, music was provided by Jonathan and Aaron, and the Rector giving the address. The Sunday school leaders sent specially designed cards to the children and young people with a small token to each household, marking the day and the reason behind it this year. The rector also gave a book token, similarly designed to the children.

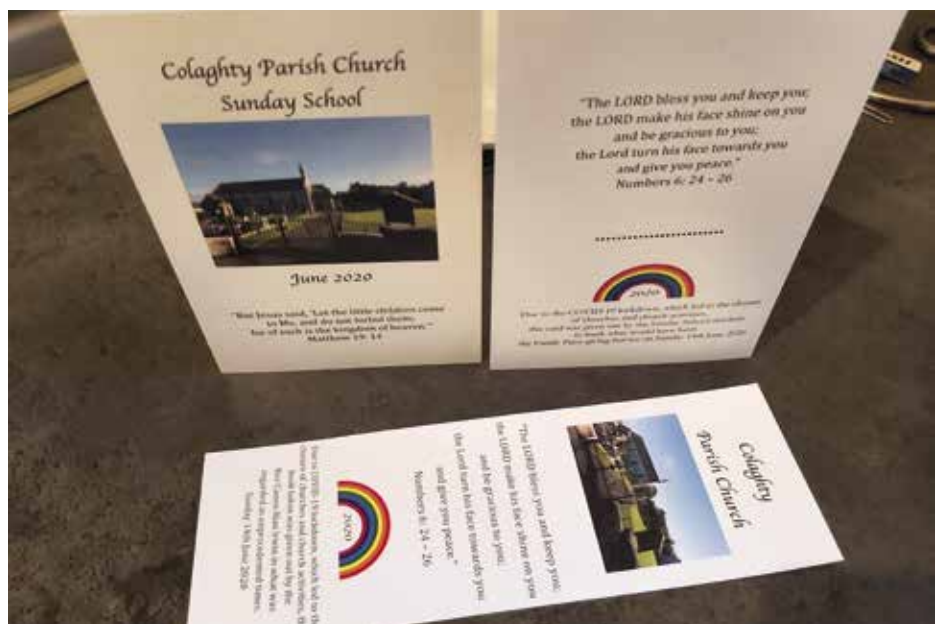
Activities/Planned events

As some of the current restrictions in place around the prevention of the coronavirus – COVID 19 pandemic are being relaxed, there is still uncertainty around some aspects around distancing and numbers. In the light of that, parishioners will be informed of any changes as they arise on Facebook Colaghty Parish Church Lack.

Dates for your Diary

2020

- 18th July Bible Club posting on Facebook 9.30am
- 9th – 11th October Harvest weekend



The Family Service in June.

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Worship

At the time of preparation of these notes we have had the initial protocol from the House of Bishops concerning the reopening of the churches for public worship and this and the associated risk assessments and planning is being looked at by the Rector and members of the two Select Vestries. While we cannot say yet the exact date the churches will reopen what will be the case is that the online worship videos will continue for the time being. The House of Bishops' paper also envisages that there will be a transition time when some online spiritual provision will need to continue alongside re-emerging public worship – this will be to support those who still are in a vulnerable position in terms of their health and are unable to attend church.

The weekly online provision is

Wednesday – either Late Evening Office or a Scripture Reflection
Friday – a session of the Bite Size Bible Series (Bible Study)
Sunday – Morning Worship

The Sunday Worship continues to include parishioners recording Bible readings, the musicians providing recordings of their music and hymns and also many people sending in their photographs of flowers/nature scenes.

Confirmation

For the online service of 31st May, which was to have been our Confirmation Sunday, all the members of the Confirmation Group contributed to the worship. It was wonderful to have them



Some of the photos from members of the Confirmation group.

all involved and it made that Service quite special – our thanks to them. Included with these notes is a compilation of some of their photographs.

Children's Day Service

At the time of preparing these notes the Service for Sunday 21st May is being brought together. This Sunday would have been our Children's Day Service in our parishes and many of the children from both Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale have contributed to the Worship Video. They have:

- Introduced the Service
- Led the opening praise
- Performed and recorded a song
- Read the Bible Lesson
- Led the Office Prayers and the intercessions
- Contributed photographs of garden and nature scenes

For the song, "Jesus loves me" Rachel Giles very kindly recorded herself playing keyboard and this was circulated around the Sunday School households. People could then be recorded singing to it and the recordings were sent to the Rector for editing into a presentation for the service. We are so pleased that the children and parents all entered into the fun and

enjoyment of preparing this service for the parishioners and friends.

Local Clergy Pentecost Blessing

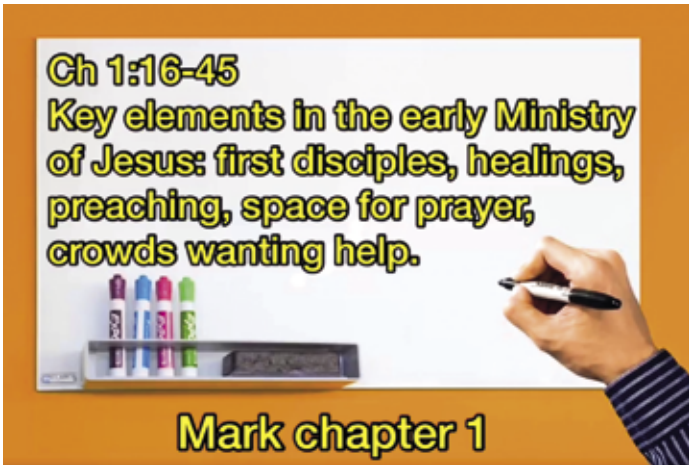
The local clergy of the Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Methodist and Church of Ireland (Revd Günther, Fr Kevin, Revd George and Canon Paul) made a joint prayer of blessing for Pentecost and they shared this around each of their online networks. An expression of our shared faith in the crucified, risen and ascended Lord Jesus Christ. The screenshot of this prayer is included in these notes.

Bite Sized Bible Series

The Friday online short Bible Study Sessions are now covering Mark's Gospel and each session will offer a bite sized examination of one chapter of that Gospel.

Pastoral Support

As pastoral visitation to people at home is not currently permitted, the Rector and the Diocesan Pastoral Assistants have been telephoning people instead and this will continue for the duration of the current crisis – it has been important to be able for them to talk, share and pray



One of the prayers.

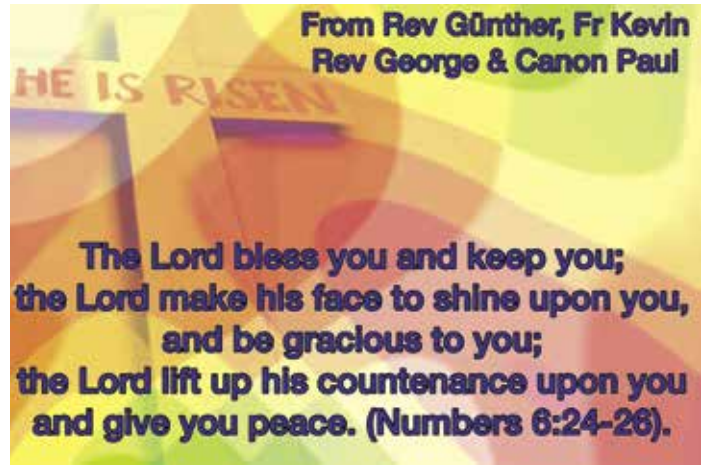
with people in this way so that the pastoral ministry of the Church continues. It has also been very encouraging to see so many agencies and individuals offering help and support in so many ways. While the Rector is not able to visit parishioners he is not currently restricted to only phone calls – observing the required social distancing he has been able to cycle and walk around Irvinestown and Lisnarick to try to maintain a pastoral presence in the community – there is a photograph of him about to set off from the Rectory on his bicycle.

The Foodbank at the ARC, Irvinestown

The Foodbank is unfortunately needed throughout the year and in Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale we have been supporting it for some time. With the economic impact of the shutdown, need for the Foodbank has increased – before the covid 19 crisis about 55 were being supported and at the time of the previous edition of the magazine that number had risen to 133. At the present time that has unfortunately increased again to about 170. Jenny and the Team at the Arc Healthy Living Centre do a wonderful job, not only in the Foodbank but also in the Chit-Chat (telephone support) Programme and before the shutdown in a many other community programmes too. The members of all the local churches, local businesses and individuals have been helping provide food and household items for the Foodbank. The number to either offer items/money for the Foodbank or to request help is 028 6862 8741.



There is a strong need for donations by the Food Bank.



The Pentecost message from local clergy.



Canon Paul on his bike.

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Brothers and sisters in Christ

It's another privilege to reach you with the message of hope and victory over the world's invisible enemy, Coronavirus. Since the beginning of this pandemic, activities have been at a standstill and for this reason, we don't have much to report, but it'll be good to use this opportunity to thank God for His presence that has been with us and will continue to be forever and ever. I also would like to thank each and everyone of you for the various ways you have helped especially your help to those that are self-isolated and to those who are unable to help themselves. Thank you so much for being for your people.



Re-opening of churches

As we all have heard, churches will reopen from Sunday, 5th of July, which means that life is coming back to normal. I know that you are all excited with the news and are looking forward to return to your church. We are going to make sure that everybody is safe as we will adhere to the given instructions – observing social distancing, making use of sanitiser etc.

As I told you before, every problem has an expiring date and it is not surprising that Covid-19 is almost at its expiring period. Some people are worrying whether it will come back, but the whole truth is that no one

knows except the Almighty God who sees beyond the physical. What I think we should do instead of worrying is to keep the faith alive and continue to pray ceaselessly while trusting God for the best.

The Psalm 37:3 - 5 says, "Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this:" "The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life" (Psalm 121:7).

*God bless you all,
From Revd Sampson Ajuka*

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Self-Care

I love a nice garden. But, in order to keep it nice we must take care of our gardens. We often spend our time caring for things and indeed others but we spend little if any time on ourselves. Self-care is difficult to translate in any language, because it sounds selfish, and we are often afraid that people will think that we might appear arrogant or self-absorbed. Self-care allows us to give the best to the world instead of what's left of us to the world. So, self-care we should have as a priority in our lives, time to stop and pause for a moment so we can survive the rigours of life. There is nothing in nature that blooms all year round so why do we expect to bloom all the time!

Many of us have spent a ridiculous amount of time trying to manage the perception of others by being 'nice'. I know I have spent time saying 'yes' when a small voice inside whispers, "No! No! No!" Undoubtedly you will have done the same. We then attempt

to defend the boundaries we have set, and in so doing open the doors inviting eventual argument and back-tracking.

When I started to make my own needs a priority, it rocked the boat that I had been balancing for years. I started questioning this new behaviour because change feels scary and unsettling to the familiar tribes. Tribes tend to resist change especially people who are in power who definitely don't go along to get along.

So self-care may appear selfish, but without caring for one's own needs we are incapable of experiencing true, authentic connection with ourselves and others. Ultimately that is what we all long for. We just go about it the wrong way, by people pleasing and stifling our own desires. Selfish is good!(in this context!)

Paying attention to our own soul's needs and doing something about it is the key to getting back on track. Perhaps you have noticed, as indeed I have noticed, signs of

system overload, and the beginning of descent. Go on take care of yourself! An empty tank will take you NOWHERE so take time to Refuel! Therefore, taking care of ourselves is a priority - especially in times of crisis, so that we can respond well to the demands of the current situation. A full response to the crisis will take time. But - so that you neither burn out nor feel paralysed by the enormity of the change demanded of us - your well-being is an urgent task for today, every day. It is important we don't neglect ourselves in the equation, as all of our relationships suffer when we don't care for ourselves. Hope you all have time for yourself over the Summer period.

We are BACK in our Church Buildings

I am delighted to write and inform you all that as per the current Government Guidance we are permitted to open our church buildings again after the closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is a time for optimism, while at the same time acknowledging the tragedy of COVID-19 and the major challenges which lie ahead – especially for those whose health or livelihood have been endangered by the pandemic. It's also a time to be thankful to God for sustaining us through this crisis, and to thank everyone who has worked tirelessly to get us to this point. The Taoiseach announced that the reopening of churches for public worship would be brought forward to Phase 3, beginning on 29th June. This is also good news, and it raises a number of questions which are addressed below:

WHEN will services in church happen?

The first Sunday in Phase 3 is 5th July, so we propose to hold our first in-church worship services from that date. We need to remember that this could be delayed if public health advice changes. We will not be opening before we are authorised to do so.

WHICH churches will be open?

Our hope would be to reopen two churches in our group of parishes. This will reduce the overall amount of travel and keep numbers lower at each service, helping with physical distancing.



Mark takes Jenny and Adam to visit the donkey.



Adam enjoying a bit of farming.



Little Jenny is learning to ride her new tricycle.

WHAT will it be like?

In some ways, coming to church will be very different to what we were used to before the lock-down. There will be hand sanitiser at the door. Some pews will be blocked off to maintain 2m physical distancing. We will need to fill up seats from the front and exit from the back. We will use the screen or printed service sheets rather than prayer books and we will not be able to shake hands. There will be a retiring collection. On the other hand, church will be the same as ever: we will gather to worship God, to confess our sins, to hear His word and to bring our prayers and praises to Him.

WHY are we doing it at all?

You may be asking why we are going to all this trouble to have services in the church building when we could just continue to worship online as we have been doing since March. There are three main reasons: Firstly, the importance of gathering 'in the flesh.' Good as our online worship has been, it lacks the reality of face-to-face fellowship which we experience when we gather in one place. In a world that is increasingly disjointed and fragmented, there is huge value in coming together as the household of God, not just staying as isolated households in our own homes. Secondly, the importance of our witness in the community. Opening the church buildings sends out a message that Christ and his church are alive and active. We have not closed down and gone home: we are here in the community, for the community. Thirdly, reopening gives the opportunity for those who are not technologically connected to receive teaching and to join in prayer.

WHO is it for?

As always, our services will be open to everyone. The exception is that you must NOT come if you have COVID-19 symptoms (a fever, any kind of cough, shortness of breath or breathing difficulties, loss or change to your sense of smell or taste). Those who are elderly or medically vulnerable should think carefully before attending. Not everyone will be ready to return to church at the same time. For some it will be wiser to wait a few weeks or months before joining us. Our commitment is that we will not pass judgment on other people based on whether or not they come – everyone has to make up their own mind when the timing is safe for them.

Services in July

After consultation, Errigal Truagh will not be reopening until September at the earliest.

Sunday, 5th July 2020 - The Fourth Sunday After Trinity.

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer.

12.00 noon: Tyholland Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday, 12th July 2020 - The Fifth Sunday After Trinity

10.30 am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer.

Sunday, 19th July 2020 - The Sixth Sunday After Trinity

10.30 am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer.

Sunday, 26th July 2020 - The Seventh Sunday After Trinity

10.30 am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer.

Services in August

Sunday, 2nd August 2020 - The Eighth Sunday After Trinity.

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer.

12.00 noon: Tyholland Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday, 9th August 2020 - The Ninth Sunday After Trinity

10.30 am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer.

Sunday, 16th August 2020 - The Tenth Sunday After Trinity

10.30 am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer.

Sunday, 23rd August 2020 - The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

10.30 am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer.

Sunday, 30th August 2020 - The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

10.30 am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer.

Congratulations

Congratulations to two very special ladies who work so hard for their church and the whole community: Mrs. Diane Wright-Kendrick and Mrs. Elizabeth Garland who each celebrated their special 'O' birthdays in June and July respectively. We wish them every happiness and God's blessings for all their friends in Donagh, Tyolland and Errigal Truagh. These ladies are an inspiration to us all with their deep dedication to all three churches.

Congratulations also to Amy who turned 18. Amy is a very capable young lady who is always willing to contribute to services. She always gives of her best. Wishing Amy every



Diane celebrates her special birthday with social distancing in place!



Revd. Lorraine visits the 'birthday girl'!



Happy 18th Amy.

continuing success as you start University.

A Grant

St. Salvator's Church in Glaslough has received a grant from Monaghan County Council, The Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to the sum of 4,774 Euros for repair of stained-glass windows. Thanks to Michelle Atkinson and Ethne McCord for all their hard work in completing the application and to Eileen Coulter



Mr Ronnie Wilson and two staff members handing out mushrooms especially enriched with Vitamin D to Mrs Ethne McCord.

for delivering the completed paperwork to the Council. It is good to keep our church building well maintained!

Thanks for the Vitamin D Mushrooms

Mr Ronnie Wilson has provided the people of Glaslough with mushrooms every week of the lockdown. Ronnie, a parishioner from St. Sillian's, Tyholland along with some members of his staff have visited Glaslough

donating mushrooms every Saturday to the whole community. Taking vitamin D supplements may enhance resistance to respiratory infections such as COVID-19 according to researchers Dr Daniel McCartney (Technological University Dublin) and Dr Declan Byrne (Trinity College Dublin). Ronnie alongside his staff at Monaghan Mushrooms have been developing mushrooms which are enriched with Vitamin D.

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Sunday Services (July)

Sunday 5th July

11.00am S o W, 'Yoked to Jesus' (Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30)

Sunday 12th July

11.00am S o W, 'The Parable of the Sower' (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)

Sunday 19th July

11.00am S o W, 'The Parable of the Weeds' (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)



At the ordination of Revd Walter Quill.

Sunday 26th July

11.00am S o W, 'Nothing can separate us' (Romans 8:26-39)

7.30pm Praise & Ministry Service

S o W – Service of the Word

Why go to Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and

in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing.... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible,

believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

(<http://allenbwest.com/2015/06/this-letter-a-christian-wrote-to-a-newspaper-should-go-viral/>)

Please make attending church services, even though it is online, as a priority each Sunday. In addition to this feed on God's Word each day, remembering Jesus words:

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4

60 years of Ordained Ministry

Canon Walter Quill (Andrew's dad) was able to lead the online service on Sunday 21st June and was hoping to preach in the online service on Sunday 28th June. On Friday 26th June, he was celebrating the 60th anniversary of his ordination in Glendermott and due to the lockdown, services that he

was to be involved in had been cancelled. So, due to modern technology, Andrew was able to bring in pre-recordings into the online service and mark 60 years of ordained ministry.

Online meetings

Due to the current lockdown we have had to adapt to new ways of working, especially when it comes to vestry meetings. With the decision that churches can open up again from 29th June, we have had to meet up using 'Zoom' in order to discuss various things, including drawing up a protocol for how we use the church building for services. Having to mute everyone, except for the person speaking, so that they can be heard without any audio feedback is a vastly different way of doing meetings. We have also been using Zoom to continue with our prayer meetings before the service. During one of our recent prayer meetings Lorna and Robert's cat decided to join us towards the end, much to our amusement.

Services

Given that the advice given by government on Covid-19 keeps changing, it is difficult for us to know at the time of writing this what our worship will be like when we go back into the building (whether we will be allowed to sing, etc.). We are planning to carry on with streaming our services online, even after we return to worshipping again within the church building. This will probably be through Facebook Live (with recordings of services going up later on YouTube) and will enable those who are still shielding or those working during the time of the service to be able to either watch live or recordings later.

Keeping up to Date

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

- Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook
- Watch our Live Streamed Services <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitydromore/live/>
- Subscribe to our YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwj585CXlqOq6W6h7_2AiYg/
- Watch uploaded Services on YouTube on a smart TV (goes live @ 11am, each Sunday)
- Follow us on Twitter @HTDromore.
- Get a recording of the service on CD or DVD every week
- <http://holytrinitydromore.sermon.net> (to download and listen to sermons)



Attending the Zoom prayer meeting.



The Zoom Vestry meeting.

Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne



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I do not intend to focus too much on the restrictions that are still being imposed on each of our lives save to say that I was delighted to learn that all things being equal we will be able to have a service with more than one person in attendance in Templecarne on 5 July.

I am in the process of making the necessary preparations for this and have added the instructions that will be circulated in various ways. These will also apply to the parishes in Northern Ireland when we are permitted to return to church and have been prepared under the Church of Ireland Return to In Church Worship Protocols for ROI and NI. I hope and pray that the Stormont Executive will have at least clarified their intention in this regard when you read these words. I think the fact that many shops are open today (17 June) but places of worship are still closed speaks volumes about our society and country.

The weather has continued to be kind to us and whilst it has not been as hot over the last few days, we should thank God for his continued provision to us in so many ways. This is the time of year when we are normally winding things down for the summer but this year this has happened earlier than normal, and things did not wind down rather they came to a shuddering stop in March.

We continue to hope and pray that by the time September comes we will at least be able to return to some form of normality but we should above all continue to trust in God to do what is right in each of our lives. I hope that everyone continues to keep well and that you have the opportunity to take some time to relax over the summer even it is not quite as you might wish.

Parish Register

Burial

Sadly, we said our farewells to Mrs Elizabeth Barton, formerly of 133 Pettigo

Road, Clonaweel, Kesh who passed away peacefully in Millcroft Nursing Home on Tuesday 2 June.

Mrs Barton was laid to rest on Thursday 4 June in Tubrid Graveyard. On behalf of Drumkeeran Parish I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to her family Cecil and Sylvia, Frances and David and Sylvia, her grandchildren Ruth and Valerie, and Great Granny of Stephanie.

Diary

Sunday 5 July

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne,
Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 12 July

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckross,
Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 19 July

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne,
Morning Prayer 11.30 – Tubrid

Sunday 26 July

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne,
Holy Communion 11.30 – Tubrid

Sunday 2 August

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne,
Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 9 August

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckross,
Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 16 August

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne,
Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 23 August

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckross,
Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 30 August

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne,
Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid (in the event of restrictions having been lifted in both jurisdictions this may be a group service).

At the time of writing the services in Templecarne will be in the church (with necessary measures in place) while the other services will be online unless the current restrictions in Northern Ireland are lifted.

Sunday school

At this stage we do not know if Sunday School will recommence in September, but we continue to pray that this will happen.

Harvests

The Harvest Services will be as follows depending of course on the current restrictions on worship having been lifted

- Derrnasesk Sunday 6 September 2020 at 7pm – speaker to be confirmed.
- Muckross Friday 11 September at 8pm, speaker; Reverend Mark Gallagher and Sunday 13 September at 7pm – speaker; Revd Charlie Eames.
- Templecarne Sunday 20 September at

7pm – speaker to be confirmed.

Tubrid Sunday 27 September at 11.30 which will God willing be a Sunday school Service and at 7pm – speaker; Mrs Eileen Cutler.

Diocese of Clogher

Directions for Return to Church in the Drumkeeran Group of Parishes

Please follow current government guidelines as regards COVID 19

- Do not come to church if displaying any COVID 19 symptoms. Please follow relevant government guidance re isolation and booking a test if you have any of the symptoms.
- Please do not feel obliged to attend church at his time if you have any concerns re your health – online services will continue for foreseeable future.
- Please do not congregate in car park or church porch.
- Please use hand sanitiser provided on entering and leaving church.
- On entering church you will be directed to pew (which may not be your normal seat) by one of the stewards. Please remain in your seat for the duration of the service and only sit with members of your own household.
- Hymn and Prayer Books will not be used at this time – there will be printed service sheets in the pews allocated for seating.
- Please observe relevant physical distancing at all times
- Toilets will not be open during the service.
- At the end of the service please follow direction of service leader and stewards. Do not leave seat until directed to do so.
- There will be a retiring collection rather than our usual practice of collecting an offering. Please consider making your offering by direct debit if you can.
- Please bring tissues with you if you require them and if used please dispose of properly in bin provided If you wish to wear a mask please do so.
- Please be aware that for these measures to be successful additional time should be allowed on arrival.



Ematrix with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

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

Chancellor Ian Berry is in charge.



Aghabog

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Gillian Ritchie and family on the death of her grandmother, Mrs Carrie Armstrong, Cavan. We also extend our sympathy to the Norris and Wilkin families on the death of Willie Norris who passed away on 9th May. Willie will be sadly missed by his sister Daisy Wilkin, sister-in-law Violet Norris and all the extended Norris, Wilkin and Wylie families. Willie was a loyal and lifelong member of the church. He was also one of the founder members of the bowling club in which he thoroughly enjoyed playing

and watching. He will be missed by all his friends in the club. Please comfort all those who have been bereaved.

Get Well

Get well wishes to all those who are ill and anxious at this time. We are glad to see Richard Truell out and about again and also for his hard work as one of the front line workers at this difficult time.

Welcome

We would like to welcome the new rector, Revd. Elaine Dunne to the Ballybay Group of parishes and wish her God's richest blessing.

Enniskillen Cathedral



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Services

Thursday 2nd July

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 5th July The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Thursday 9th July

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 12th July The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am - Morning Prayer

Thursday 16th July

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 19th July The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am - Holy Communion

Thursday 23rd July

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 26th July The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

11.00am - Morning Prayer

Thursday July 30th July

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd August The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am – Holy Communion

Thursday 6th August

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 9th August The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Thursday 13th August

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 16th August The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am – Holy Communion

Thursday 20th August

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd August The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Thursday August 27th

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 30th August The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am - Morning Prayer

Cathedral Reopening

The past few months has been very difficult for everyone whether it was concerns over health, jobs, finance or the loneliness of lockdown. However, we are beginning to emerge with light at the end of this dark tunnel. If you are one that has received medical advice to continue shielding please for your own safety continue to do so and only emerge when the time is right to do so. I hope you are keeping well but if not please let us know. Should you require anything please contact me (028 66322465), or the Parish Secretary. The Cathedral Parish Office telephone number (028 66322917) has been diverted to Beth's house, until such

times as the Cathedral office reopens. Those who are venturing out please be careful and keep safe.

I wish to inform those who are not shielding of the good news that St Macartin's Cathedral was allowed to reopen on Monday 29th June after 15 weeks of closure. To mark this date we held a reopening service on that very day, Monday 29th June at 11.00am. At all our services the guidelines will be adhered to and parishioners attending will be asked to follow the instructions of the churchwardens and the verger. If you are free and able to attend, please do so. Since the churches closed in March we have carried on the worship here that has been unbroken for centuries. For 400 years this Cathedral has been a spiritual beacon and home for many generations of Christians, and today it is still committed to providing a welcoming home to all who are seeking to deepen and develop their spiritual lives and their relationship with God. More now than ever we need your support to get this Cathedral fully functioning again with people, and with finance. Our income understandably has had a severe decrease in funds and we hope that the generosity of our parishioners will help us make up that shortfall.

Just before Easter we installed a webcam and now every Sunday at 11.00am the main service will be streamed on the internet and this will continue in the days ahead for the housebound who have internet access. If you are not receiving weekly emails from the Cathedral Office and have an email address please email us today - stmacartins@btopenworld.com and we can forward further communications to you by email. You can also communicate any concerns by email. If you have internet access, you can join the 11.00am service



St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

this Sunday. You will find the 'Live link' on the home page of the Cathedral website www.enniskillencathedral.com.

For young people, our Youth Ministry can be found on our Facebook page – Children and Youth at Enniskillen Cathedral. The most recent additions to the Facebook page can be posted out by request if you do not have internet access. Since parish visiting will not be possible for some time yet I would appeal to parishioners to let us know if you are unwell or know someone that is unwell and we can arrange some form of contact to be made depending on what restrictions are in place at that time.

I am looking forward to welcoming as

many of you as possible back to church again.

May God bless you in the days ahead.

Cathedral Prayer

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

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully

Vacant

In Charge: Chancellor Ian Berry

Pastoral Care:

Mr Roy Crowe (DPA) and Dean Raymond Ferguson

Pastoral Message

In one way it seems an age since I was last in the Galloon Group on March 8th. Yet in another way it seems only like yesterday! Funny thing time – and the way we handle it. Sometimes, especially at the beginning of 'lockdown', the days may have seemed long in themselves and yet looking back a week may have passed quickly. I would be saying to myself: "I can't believe it's Sunday once again!" Time surely can be strange! Just at lockdown my youngest daughter got me onto Facebook and I fiddled around with it until I can do most things that I want to do. My son now accuses me of being a service 'junkie' – dipping in and out of various

services on a Sunday! I'm sure that many are looking forward to meeting together for worship once again; but when we do it will be very different with many regulations to be followed. Talking about time; I've been enjoying the passing seasons, from spring into summer with all the changes in the hedgerows. And the birdsong! Is it just me, or have the birds been singing more loudly than ever this year? I was out on one of my daily walks on one of those glorious spring days, when I was conscious of a young lady cyclist approaching. I commented on the beauty of the day, and as she passed by, the young lady replied: "Aren't we blessed?" I thought about her



reply for days and I came to the conclusion that indeed we are. In spite of shieldings and other inconveniences – overall God has been good and we are blessed. As we pray for those who have suffered loss of any kind over these days, let us place the future into the Lord’s keeping. Perhaps we could pray, with the psalmist: (31:15) “My times are in your hand.” I believe there’s no better place for our times to be: in the hands of the One who knows both us – and the future!

Dean Raymond Ferguson

Looking ahead

At the time of writing, churches are preparing plans for the recommencement of services in early July. Like many other things in life during the pandemic, church services will also take on a “new normal”. However, we hope and pray that the pandemic will continue to retreat and that the “old normal” or very close to it will be restored.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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We are continuing to live under the Covid-19 rules which have changed our lives so much. Many have been at home now for three months, only leaving the house on essential business. I consider myself very fortunate to live in such a lovely part of the world and to be able to go and look at this amazing view of The Rusheen, Garrison every evening.

We are beginning to see some ‘light at the end of the tunnel’ and our prayer is that numbers of deaths from Covid-19 will continue to decrease and that numbers testing positive will also decrease daily.



The Rusheen, Garrison.

We held an outdoor Service of Holy Communion in Kiltyclogher at the end of May and in June we had Drive-in services in Garrison, Slavin and Belleek. These were well attended and appreciated. There are many services online for us to listen to and to watch. I encourage you to listen to these where possible.

At the time of going to press we are pleased to hear that church buildings can open again as we long to meet again in our

Churches and to worship together. However we will have to consider the health and well-being of everyone as we will be living with Coronavirus in the months and years ahead. There will be a new normal and there will have to be a phased approach. We have received the recent statement entitled, ‘Return to In-Church Worship Protocol’ from the Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin and this will be given due consideration before our buildings can open.



Teddies and Hats.

I continue to post daily prayers on our Group Face book Page, contact parishioners by telephone and visit, social distancing, where possible, until we are together again.

Mothers' Union

The ladies in our Branch have been busy during lockdown. The photo shows a selection of the teddies and hats knit by Sally Carson and her daughter, Wendy Stephenson.

The Trustee Body have sent out a letter from Irene, our President in a booklet which included devotionals from Barbara Clarke, riddles, puzzles, and patterns for a blanket and face masks. These were very well received by our members and we pass on thanks to the Trustee Body for their support to our members during lockdown. Thank you to Dot (Branch Leader) for organizing delivery.



A surprise visit to Garrison Rectory by Jonny and Janet Phenix during lockdown.



Enjoying worship outdoors at Kiltyclogher on a glorious summer's day.



Drive-in Service at Belleek



Drive-in Service at Garrison.



Drive-in Service at Slavin.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those parishioners who have been unwell in recent weeks.

We pray for Bertie Millar in hospital and Alice Johnston and Betty Cashmore who are in nursing homes.

We also pray for Kathryn Ovens who is living

in Edinburgh. Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Clive and little children, Luke and Rosie. We wish Kathryn strength to continue treatment and God's richest blessings.

Keep up to Date

Keep up to date with news for our Group of

Parishes on: www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org. The web manager is Jenna Earls. Photos & articles etc. for the website to be e-mailed to Doreen Earls.

Follow us on Facebook using the name 'Garrison Group of Parishes'.

Simply 'Like' our page to receive updates on news.

Inishmacsaint

Vacant

In Charge: Archdeacon Brian Harper.

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

Mothers' Union

As restrictions are still in place and curtail all church activities, each member received a booklet from the Diocesan Trustee Body of the Mothers' Union.

This included a letter from Diocesan President, Irene Boyd; 'Summer in the Psalms' from Faith and Policy Coordinator, Barbara; puzzles, a poetry competition, prayers, photographs, a pattern to knit, guidance for making a home-made mask and important information with phone numbers.

Much thought and effort had gone into the preparation of this booklet and it continues to provide inspiration and practical support for all our members.

Last month we referred to the suggested isolation Tea Party and included a series of photographs. One additional photograph is included in this month's notes - Joan

Acheson.

Hopefully things are beginning to ease and we look forward to the time when we can meet together again.



Kilskeery and Trillick



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Times and Seasons

The seasons are moving on. In March we were moving out of winter and into spring. Now we are moving from spring into summer and still all is not over. If you were to describe the season that you've been in over the last while how would you do it? We might all agree that it has been a challenging season but have you discovered any treasure in the midst of it all? Diamonds are formed under great stress and immense pressure and so could we at some point, if we have not discovered so far, imagine stumbling upon something precious in our lives, that has been pressed and formed in the tests of recent weeks and months? Have you found yourself, at times stronger than you thought you were? Have you discovered an inner strength and resolve that you didn't realise was there? Did you find out that the Lord was of greater comfort and help than before; and has your faith in God being encouraged and strengthened. Difficulties can force us to make choices – choices that quickly focus on that which is most important and most



relevant in that time of need. Many, I know have had a chance to think things over and maybe even realise that, as well as treasure being formed by way of character in times of need, they had lived amongst much treasure all along. The treasure of family and friends, the treasure of freedom to come and go as you please, the treasure found in being able to meet together to worship, the treasure of the word of God, the treasure of touch and embracing. Have we discovered where our hearts truly were – and have we been given a real opportunity to realign our hearts with what really matters? Where our hearts are there will be our treasure also.

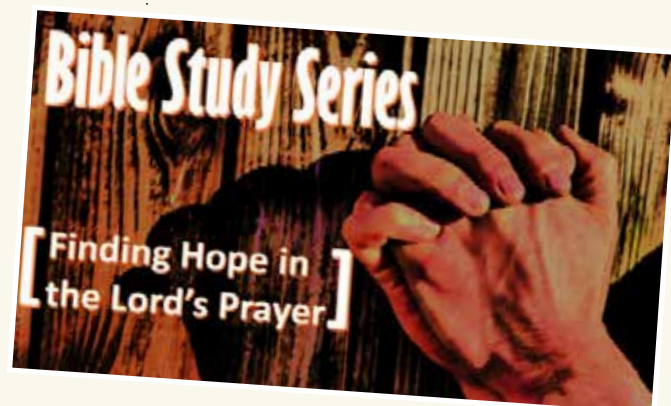
Encouraging Words

Facebook continues to be an important and valuable aspect of keeping connected and sharing information. Each week verses of scripture are posted, all on the background of some image from one of the churches. Each week a selection of other posts

appear including something from The Story Keepers, some worship concert or song, the bible study, service and other information as it presents itself.

Bible Study Series on the Lord's Prayer

Over the last eight weeks we have travelled through the Lord's Prayer, spending some time on each part, all with the intention of asking the question at the end: where can we find hope in this part of the Lord's Prayer? The intention was to encourage people to look to prayer over this time and also to find in a familiar prayer – something



This Facebook page is managed by Rev. Philip Bryson, rector of the parish churches



Kilskeery & Trillick





new and of greater depth, than perhaps was understood.

Sunday Services

A Sunday Service has been posted on Facebook each week with lots of pictures from inside both churches, trying to give parishioners a sense of being inside and reminding them of what they're missing. It was great on Sunday 21st June to have our first Drive-in Service in the grounds of

Kilskeery Parish Church. It was the first time that we have gathered in any form since Sunday 15th March and it was great to see familiar faces and at least parts of the family back together again. We look forward to seeing each other more and sharing fellowship and friendship again.

The Summer Months

This will be a different kind of summer for most of us with holidays cancelled or

altered but still in need of a break. With the very recent announcement that churches can open again – I'm sure we'll be taking slow and tentative steps in considering what that looks like for us.

Every blessing for the months ahead and may you find rest and re-creation, the peace of Christ and the refreshing of His Spirit's presence wrapped up in the Father's loving embrace which no virus can hinder.

Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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Ann Orr.



Brian Dane.

Happy birthday Brian!

Brian Dane celebrated his birthday on Friday by receiving a homemade cake from Ann Orr and a card from all his friends at Coolbuck church – both delivered by the rector.

Donation of Tree

RD Crawford has given a beech tree and John Gordon has offered to chop it up and sell it in bags for £3 each. Contact John on 07989085721. First come, first served.

Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the late Tommy Miller formerly of Main Street, Lisbellaw and the late Christine Hall, formerly of Pettigo.

Farewell

Methodist minister, Revd Louise McKee and her husband, Andrew who were photographed on their last day in Lisbellaw. They have moved to Belfast and we wish them every happiness there.

Smiles at Shop

During 'lockdown' Creighton's shop has had customers queuing 'round the block'



Revd Louise McKee and her husband, Andrew.



Jason and Ivan in Creightons have kept on smiling.

literally. Through it all Keith has kept his cool and Jason and Ivan have kept on smiling.

Gifts Received

The Rector To the person who left a lettuce and scallions at the rectory with a note suggesting 'Go well with a big ham' thank you and you're very funny.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ruby Hamilton who celebrated her 80th birthday on Wednesday.

Feeding the Village

Stuart Crawford and team have been keeping people fed during lockdown.



Through it all Keith has kept his cool.



Stuart Crawford and his team.

Lisnaskea



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Baptism

Holy Baptism (This was not printed in full in March's edition): a son to Steven and Lindsey. Congratulations to you both.

Burial

Thursday 11th June -Vera Collum, 5 Sylvan Hill, Lisnaskea.

Sympathy

It is difficult to say goodbye to a loved one at any time but never more so than at the moment, when, due to restrictions we cannot do it in the normal way with a church service which all family and friends can attend.

Our deepest sympathies and prayers go to Vera's husband Reggie and all her extended family circle as they come to terms with their loss.

At this time we also think of everyone who has lost family members or friends due to Coronavirus and we hope and pray there will be no more deaths and

that anyone suffering will recover to full health.

Difficult times

It has been a very testing, lonely and difficult time for many in our community, not being able to meet up with loved ones and attend their clubs, meetings etc. but at last we are seeing some light at the end of the tunnel and things are beginning to return to a "New normal".

Drive-in Service

We have been very fortunate that as a parish we have been able to have a





Photos of the drive-in services at Lisnaskea.



number of “Drive-in” services in our Trinity car park and these have been well attended and welcomed. Thank you to all involved in making this happen and everyone for following regulations and making it a success.

Back into church

As these notes are being prepared we have

just been informed we can return to our church building on 29th June so all being well our first service of Morning Prayer will be at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 5th July. In the meantime there is some work to be carried out preparing the church as restrictions will still apply and alterations will have to be made so we will have to be patient and adapt to these

and ensure everyone feels comfortable attending. For those who listen to Revd. Capper’s address week by week this will still be available via “What’s App” and on his website alancapper.com
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Drive-in Service

We will have one gathering of the flock on July 12th with a service of Morning Prayer attended by the local Orange Lodges. This will be a Drive-in service only. There will also be a pre-recorded service that weekend.

Children’s Service

On June 21st, Fathers’ Day, we were able to offer a Children’s Day service online. The Sunday School teachers contributed messages to their class members, naming each of them. This reminded me of Miss Helen and her “tennis racket” on Romper Room and the younger children were delighted to hear their name mentioned. The psalm was read by Year 2 Cooper Hurst.

Offerings

During the lockdown, vestry members have volunteered their time on Saturday



A young parishioner reading during the Children’s Service.

mornings to receive the offerings. This has proved to be a useful activity and we are very grateful to all who have helped and contributed. This practice will continue until the church is fully reopened.

Unusual summer

July and August will be unusual months this year as we begin to gently reopen the community. In Magheracross, we are currently looking at an August date for reopening the church, though this is under frequent review. Throughout the summer, we will continue to offer online worship, either recorded or live and, of course, these will be publicly available to all across the diocese via both the parish and diocesan Facebook pages.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

Sunday 5th July

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12:15pm Kilmore

Sunday 12th July

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12:15pm Ballinode

Sunday 19th July

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12:15pm Kilmore

Sunday 26th July

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12:15pm Ballinode

Sunday 2nd August

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12:15pm Kilmore

Sunday 9th August

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12:15pm Ballinode

Sunday 16th August

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12:15pm Kilmore Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd August

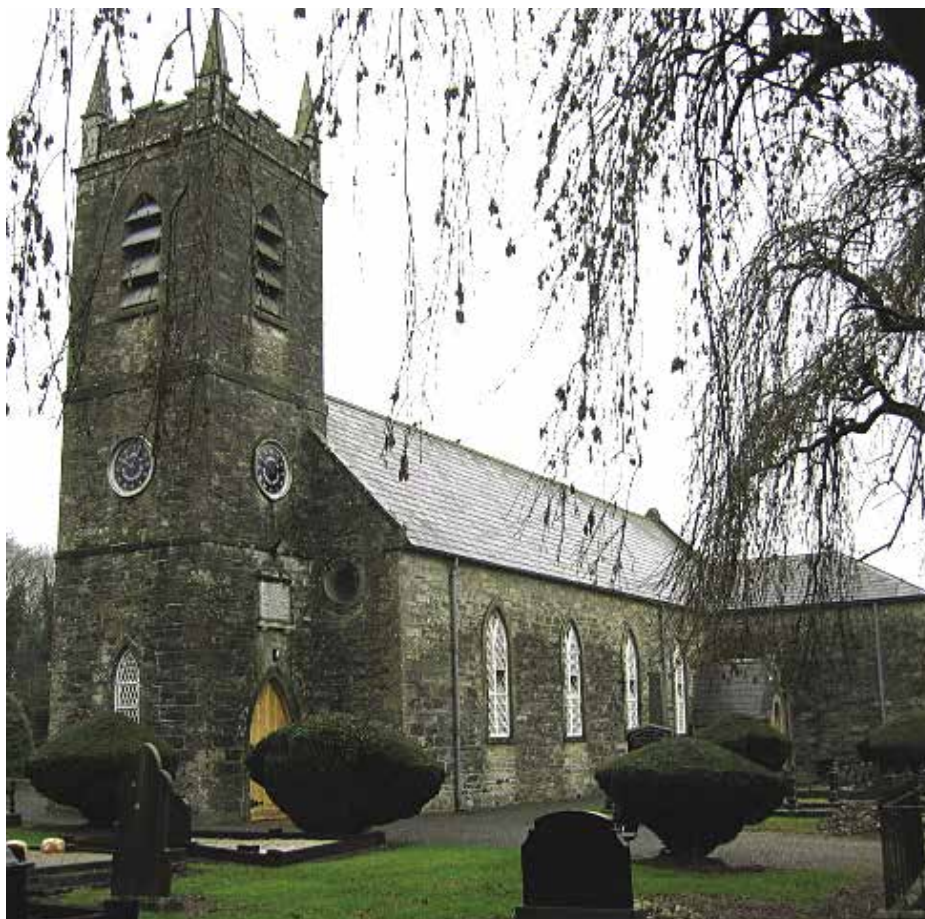
10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12:15pm Ballinode

Sunday 30th August

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)

Moving back into the church building

As this is written we hope to be back in the church buildings on 5th July. St Patrick's Select Vestry met using Zoom and some of the Select Vestries of Ballinode and Kilmore met in the church buildings. We are putting in place the practicalities needed and identified in the Return to In-Church Worship Protocols that the RCB and House of Bishops sent out earlier in June. So, among other things, we'll be managing the way we come into and out of the church buildings, keeping up the good habits of social distancing and hand sanitising that have become a way of life in recent months as



well as marking off the pews that can and can't be used. As we do these things we are both looking forward to being in the buildings and a little bit apprehensive with the changes to church that we're having to put in place for the time being. Our worship will look and feel different for a while but it will be good to be back in the building.

There will be more details sent out to parishioners and posted on the Facebook group in the week before we come back. We're waiting until then because there could still be some changes to the government guidelines and we want to be as up to date as possible.

Keeping going with livestream

We realise that not everyone will be able to or want to be back in the buildings straight away. St. Patrick's Select Vestry have decided that it would be good to continue to live-stream the services on Facebook live and we are getting some new equipment to help us do this better. Though the €4 tripod and flower stand have served us well since lockdown began the new equipment will mean a hopefully clearer picture as well as not having to leave the sound system turned up very high all the time.

We also plan to continue the livestream of

Wednesday night Bible Studies until the end of July.

Sunday School

We held our Sunday School end of year service on 21st June. Some of the children helped to lead us in our service, readings and prayers as well as sending in some photographs of animals (real and toy), rainbows (real and pictures) and umbrellas. These helped us look at what happened to Noah, someone else who experienced a long lockdown. We saw how God cares for us and for our world. How God's justice has to deal with sin. How the only way to be safe is to trust and obey God. How God had a rescue plan for Noah and has for us in Jesus and how the rainbow points us to look at the cross and Jesus' death for us. A big thank-you to all who sent in the photographs, to those who read and led and prayed and to those who recorded them doing this and sent it to the Rector, who had got a lot better at using WhatsApp.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Leanna and James Evans on the birth of Adam, a brother for Zoe, and to Victoria and David Gilmour on the birth of Lydia, a sister for Sadie and Frankie.

Rossorry



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**The Revd Canon
Dr Ian Ellis**

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A note from the Rector

Return to In-Church Worship

The NI Executive has signalled that churches are permitted to reopen for public services from 29th June, provided social distancing, hygiene and other necessary requirements are followed. The Church of Ireland has also issued a set of guidelines entitled Return to In-Church Worship Protocols to help select vestries prepare for such a return to public worship in churches. The document makes it clear that Churches should only reopen when the incumbent and select vestry feel they can do so safely. Rossorry Select Vestry has looked at the guidelines and has appointed a sub-group to make all the necessary preparations to enable Rossorry church to reopen as soon as is practicable. This is likely to be later in the month of July, and we therefore appeal to parishioners to be patient. It must be remembered that when we reopen it cannot be church as we previously knew it. Due to continuing restrictions this will include the following:

- A limit on the total number who can attend due to social distancing
- Hand and respiratory hygiene requirements
- Management of the congregation entering and leaving church
- No prayer books
- No singing
- Shortened services
- Appropriate cleaning regimes
- Recording details of attendees
- A response plan should anyone attending show symptoms of Covid-19

It will take the select vestry some time to conduct the necessary risk assessments and make full preparations. A date for the reopening of Rossorry Church will be announced shortly.

On-line services

Our on-line services have proved

surprisingly popular and seem to reach many more than would normally come to church! These provide remote spiritual support and will continue in some form over the summer, even when we return to church services. This is because not everyone who wants to come to church will be able to due to the continuing restrictions.

The Rector is taking a short break away during July and will not produce a recorded service for Sunday 12th or 19th July. On these Sundays parishioners are encouraged to link to online services from neighbouring parishes eg: St Macartin's Cathedral, Trory and Killadeas, Cleenish and Mullaghduin etc. Pastoral support during this period will be kindly provided by the Dean of St Macartin's.

This has been a most challenging time for everyone and has affected us all deeply in different ways. We look forward to more regular parish life returning although we realise that it will all be different. I wish you a restful and happy summer and, if you are able to take a break, to enjoy some refreshing time away.

Every blessing,

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

How is the Parish keeping its work going?

The current emergency has changed the way we work- indeed the way we must work. In spite of this we are managing to keep the work of the Parish moving, as best we can. Below are details of the various methods we have devised to provide some level of services and pastoral support to you, the parishioners.

Online services.

The Rector prepares and publishes, on Facebook, weekly services of Morning Prayer or Holy Communion as appropriate.

These services will continue to be prepared and placed online for Sundays into the foreseeable future. He will, also, continue to provide occasional short 'Reflections' aimed at the children of the Parish and he encourages families to allow their children to view these, as they are surely missing Sunday School !

Parish Website (rossorryparish.com)

The website is still up and running and will contain the Rossorry Weekly News Sheet and usually the printed text for upcoming Services which will appear on Facebook.

Rossorry Weekly News

The weekly News Sheet is still being produced. It will contain useful information on Parish life and how we are trying to keep things ticking over.

It also contains useful contact information for goods and services, as well as some useful advice and guidance on keeping well.

CDs for Parishioners

CDs of prepared online services are being prepared and posted out to parishioners who live alone or unable to receive the online postings.

These contain two services (Morning Prayer or Holy Communion) and a Children's video and a copy of The Rossorry Weekly News. These have been well received and are a source of solace for the parishioners who feel isolated and a bit cut off from our Parish life.

Parish Self-Help Volunteer Group

Our plans to set up a self-help group of volunteers to keep in touch with the elderly and house bound, maybe help with groceries or medication etc. have been curtailed by the change in 'lockdown' regulations.

However a good number of volunteers came forward wishing to help out – so we have been able to consult with the elderly/housebound and each volunteer has been allocated a number of Parishioners who they keep in touch with, by telephone, in a befriending service.

This is going well but if we have missed





anyone let Gerry know in the Parish Office (02866 329889) and they can be added in and allocated to a friendly volunteer.

Freewill Offerings.

Because we have not been permitted to hold Sunday services in church for some weeks, now, many of you have been asking how you can contribute your weekly collection envelopes and other donations.

We would like to let you know that we have devised a way of doing that.

You will be able to bring your envelopes or send them with a friend to the church door and two members of the Select Vestry will be there to receive them. We plan to have a system in place where you can drive up and drop off your donation and at the same time observe social distancing.

This will be on the last Saturday of each month from 10am to 12 noon.

(25th July 2020 and 29th August 2020)

Throughout the period of the Pandemic, the Parish continues to have ongoing costs and your contribution is vital in sustaining its work and ministry.

Alternatively, you can send in a cheque with a note of your envelope number and it can be lodged.

You may wish to consider setting up a Standing Order and you can do this online with your Bank if you have online banking. The details you need are attached below, for information.

**Account name:- 'Rossorry Parochial Christian Stewardship'
ULSTER BANK Ltd.
Sort code 98 06 50
Account number 47986357**

You may also drop envelopes off at the Parish Office letter box or consider a bank transfer—include the Reference “FREEWILL + your envelope number”—so we know who has sent it for recording purposes.

The Parish Office

The Office is still working, (9am-1pm, Monday to Friday) keeping the day to day machinery moving.

Please don't visit but I will be delighted to chat on the 'phone, take emails or a note through the door or in the post, etc—if there is anything I can do to help.

Tel:- 02866 329889

Email :- rossorryoffice@btinternet.com

The End of year Parish Accounts and The Select Vestry

The accounts were completed with the Auditors and sent out by email or post to Members of the Select Vestry for approval.

You would normally expect to receive a copy of the accounts about this time of year. However, we cannot ask our Admin Team to meet or the volunteers to go around doing deliveries. It will be later in the year before we can send you a copy for your own information.

In the interim the Accounts have been submitted to the Diocese and our online Charity Commission Annual Return has been submitted. Equally, the Select Vestry is unable to meet in person and we have not been able to hold our Easter General Vestry. In accordance with the advice we have received from the Bishop, the Select Vestry will remain in post until matters are resolved and will meet by using a 'ZOOM' video conference, should it be required.

Services

The Rector continues to prepare and upload video Services for Sundays and short Reflections for the children.

Text of the services are on our Website (rossorryparish.com) and a link to the recording of the Service.

Video of the services are on our Facebook page (Rossorry Parish Church)

Please keep an eye on Social Media / Website for any changes to our scheduled Services

Parish Register

Bereavement

Over this past number of weeks we have lost two parishioners and the sister of another parishioner.

We extend our sincere sympathies to their families and assure them of our prayers at this difficult time.

■ BRACKEN, Christopher Moffitt of Windmill Road, Enniskillen and Gortacharn Nursing Home, Lisnaskea, died peacefully in the South West Acute Hospital, Enniskillen on 30th May 2020.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a service took place at Morrisons Funeral Parlour on Tuesday 2nd June 2020 at 2pm – followed by interment in Rossorry Parish Churchyard in the family plot.

■ HUNTER, Edith Doreen (nee LONG), sister of Ernie Long of Silverdale Nursing Home, Castlederg and formerly 18, Kilmore Road, Drumquin. Co. Tyrone died on 5th June 2020. Parishioner of Drumquin – due to Covid restrictions – no church service – interment at Rossorry Parish Churchyard in family plot (LONG) on Sunday 7th June by Revd. J H Hanson – Presbyterian Minister from Drumquin.

■ GLASS, Ronald James Arthur (Ronnie) of Carrickbeg Road, Boho, Co. Fermanagh and latterly, The Graan, died peacefully at South West Acute Hospital on 7th June 2020. Due to Covid restrictions, a service took place at Morrisons Funeral Parlour on Wednesday 10th June 2020 at 12pm – followed by interment in Aghadrumsee Parish Churchyard (Rosslea) in his family plot.

Contact Us...

Website: rossorryparish.com

Facebook: Rossorry Parish Church

We update regularly events in the church as well as weddings and christenings.

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Rossorry Parish Church: Youth Organisations and Sunday School service...
 Our main Sunday Service for 7th June - Join us for a celebration of our Youth Organisations and Sunday School. A Service of the Word with children and leaders taking part as we try to recreate our annual Parade and Sunday School leavers' day. Music by...



**EVAN
CUB SCOUT**



**JAMIE
CUB SCOUT**



**MEABH
BROWNIE**



**DARCY
BROWNIE**



Annual Youth Parade and Sunday School closing Service -2020

Sadly, with the ongoing restrictions, we were not able to hold this year's Annual Youth Parade and Sunday School closing Service on the first Sunday of June.

However, the Rector was able to produce a virtual service using the Scouts and Guides

as readers and some video from last year's Parade and this was transmitted as our service for Sunday 7th June 2020 on Facebook.

You can find this on Facebook at the link below (if you haven't already seen it)

<https://www.facebook.com/RossorryParishChurch/videos/303775854120490/>



**NICHOLAS
SCOUT**

MOTHERS' UNION



Butterfly by Anne Armstrong.

Over this last few months of Covid-19 lockdown, Mothers' union in Clogher Diocese has run a photographic competition which has unearthed some amazing talent from our members. Here are a few to admire.



Hands & Knees by Margaret Crawford.



Rainbows, rainbows everywhere! by May Kee.



Early morning in lockdown by Heather Ellis.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
ESTABLISHED 1971

All-Ireland Mothers' Union Poetry Competition

You don't have to be Emily Dickinson or Christina Rossetti,
just someone who loves the gift of words.

Theme : Covid Times

You can write about absolutely any aspect of the current pandemic in whatever format you wish - silly or serious, rhyming or non-rhyming - it's up to you!

All we ask is that you please keep poems to 24 lines, maximum. Feel free to write less but whatever your rhyme or reason, we want to read your poetry!

Please read the guidelines as entry implies acceptance of all the guidelines.
www.mothersunion.ie

Closing Date: 31st August 2020.

"When I write I can shake off all my cares. My sorrow disappears, my spirits are revived!" Anne Frank

DATES FOR THE DIARY

July 2020

• Sunday 5th July – **Morning Prayer for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity on Facebook from Aghadrumsee and Clogh Parishes** with Captain David Hamilton and Dean Raymond Ferguson. Click on the following links; Aghadrumsee <https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Aghadrumsee-1533241273555876> and Clogh <https://www.facebook.com/clogh.church?ref=bookmarks>

• Sunday 5th July – **Aghalurcher (Colebrooke) Group of Parishes Sunday Service** for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity with Revd John McClenaghan available online from 10.30am on both www.facebook.com/colebrooke and www.colebrookeparish.org/online-services

• Sunday 5th July – **Drive-in Service** each Sunday at Aghavea Parish car park led by Revd Johnny McLoughlin and streamed live on the rector's Facebook page, and a link inserted to the Aghavea Blogspot webpage afterwards.

• Sunday 5th July – **Sunday services resume in Carrickmacross Union** with a Service of Morning Prayer in St Finbarr's Church at 10.30am followed by Morning prayer in Magheraclone Church at 12noon led by Revd. Colin McConaghie.

• Sunday 5th July – **Weekly online services each Sunday from the Cleenish Group** led by Canon Geoff Bridle. They are available on the Cleenish website; <http://cleenishparish.weebly.com>.

• Sunday 5th July – **Worship in church at Colaghty Parish Church** at 10.30am with Canon Alan Irwin. Follow Coronavirus guidance and protocol.

• Sunday 5th July – **Sunday services in Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale churches** at 10.15am and 11.30am respectively led by Canon Paul Thompson.

• Sunday 5th July – **Sunday services in Donagh Group** with Morning Prayer at 10.30am in St. Salvator's Parish Church and 12.00 noon in Tyholland Parish Church with Revd Lorraine Capper.

• Sunday 5th July – **Holy Trinity Church Dromore Sunday services** at 11.00am with Service of the Word led by Revd. Andrew Quill also posted on Facebook.

• Sunday 5th July – **Morning Prayer in Drumkeeran Group of Parishes** at 10.00 in Templecarne and 11.30 in Tubrid with Revd. Charles Eames.

• Sunday 5th July – **Sunday worship in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen** with Morning Prayer at 11am conducted by Dean Kenneth Hall, for The Fourth Sunday after Trinity. The service will also be livestreamed on the Cathedral website.

• Sunday 5th July – **Sunday services from the Garrison Group of Parishes** with Canon Ngozi Njoku. Follow the Garrison Group of Parishes on Facebook for updates of services.

• Sunday 5th July – **Services at Kilskeery and Trillick Churches** with Revd. Philip Bryson.

• Sunday 5th July – **Return of services in Holy Trinity Church, Lisnaskea**, with a Service of Morning Prayer at 10.30am conducted by

Revd Alan Capper.

• Sunday 5th July – **Online worship from Magheracross Parish Church** led by Archdeacon Brian Harper available to all across the diocese via both the parish and diocesan Facebook pages.

• Sunday 5th July – **Services in Monaghan Group of Parishes** with Sunday worship at 10.30am in St Patrick's Church and on Facebook live and at 12.15pm in Kilmore Church led by Chancellor Ian Berry.

• Sunday 5th July – **Online service from Rossorry Parish Church** with Canon Ian Ellis, featuring music and readings.

• Sunday 5th July – **Services for Grouped Parishes of Troly and Killadeas** led by Revd Mark Gallagher.

• Sunday 5th July – **Clogher Cathedral Group of Parishes services** each Sunday with Revd. Olivia Downey.

• Sunday 5th July – **Grouped Parishes of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk re-opening for public worship** with a service in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge at 10.30am and St. Michael's Church, Derrybrusk at 12 noon led by Revd. Abraham Storey OLM.

• Sunday 5th July – **St John's Fivemiletown with Kiltermon weekly service** led by Precentor Kyle Hanlon.

• Sunday 5th July – **Sunday services in the Ballybay Group of Parishes** will be in St. Maeldoid's Church, Castleblayney at 10am; St. Colman's Church, Clontibret at 11.15am and Christ Church, Ballybay at 12.30pm conducted by the Revd Elaine Dunne.

• Sunday 12th July – **Morning Prayer for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity on Facebook from Aghadrumsee and Clogh Parishes** with Captain David Hamilton and Dean Raymond Ferguson. Click on the following links; Aghadrumsee <https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Aghadrumsee-1533241273555876> and Clogh <https://www.facebook.com/clogh.church?ref=bookmarks>

• Sunday 12th July – **Aghalurcher (Colebrooke) Group of Parishes Sunday service** for The Fifth Sunday after Trinity with Revd John McClenaghan available online from 10.30am on both www.facebook.com/colebrooke and www.colebrookeparish.org/online-services

• Sunday 12th July – **Drive-in Service each Sunday at Aghavea Parish** car park led by Revd Johnny McLoughlin and streamed live on the rector's Facebook page, and a link inserted to the Aghavea Blogspot webpage afterwards.

• Sunday 12th July – **Sunday services resume in Carrickmacross Union** with a Service of Morning Prayer in St Finbarr's Church at 10.30am followed by Morning prayer in Magheraclone Church at 12noon led by Revd. Colin McConaghie.

• Sunday 12th July – **Weekly online services each Sunday from the Cleenish Group** led by Canon Geoff Bridle. They are available on the Cleenish website; <http://cleenishparish.weebly.com>.

• Sunday 12th July – **Worship in church at Colaghty Parish Church** at 10.30am with Canon Alan Irwin. Follow Coronavirus

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• Sunday 12th July – **Sunday services in Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale churches** at 10.15am and 11.30am respectively led by Canon Paul Thompson.

• Sunday 12th July – **Sunday service in Donagh Group of Parishes** with Morning Service in Donagh Parish Church at 10.30am.

• Sunday 12th July – **Holy Trinity Church Dromore Sunday services** at 11.00am with Service of the Word led by Revd. Andrew Quill also posted on Facebook.

• Sunday 12th July – **Sunday services in Drumkeeran Group of Parishes** with Holy Communion at 10.00am in Muckross and Holy Communion at 11.30am in Tubrid.

• Sunday 12th July – **Sunday worship in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen** with Morning Prayer at 11am for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity conducted by Dean Kenneth Hall.

• Sunday 12th July – **Sunday services from the Garrison Group of Parishes** with Canon Ngozi Njoku. Follow the Garrison Group of Parishes on Facebook for updates of services.

• Sunday 12th July – **Services at Kilskeery and Trillick Churches** with Revd. Philip Bryson.

• Sunday 12th July – **Return of services in Holy Trinity Church, Lisnaskea** with a Service of Morning Prayer at 10.30am conducted by Revd Alan Capper.

• Sunday 12th July – **Drive-in Service for Magheracross Parish** attended by local Orange Lodges led by Archdeacon Brian Harper. This will be a Drive-in service only. There will also be a pre-recorded service that weekend.

• Sunday 12th July – **Services in Monaghan Group of Parishes** with Sunday worship at 10.30am in St Patrick's Church and on Facebook live and at 12.15pm in Kilmore Church led by Chancellor Ian Berry.

• Sunday 12th July – **Services for Grouped Parishes of Troly and Killadeas** led by Revd Mark Gallagher.

• Sunday 12th July – **Clogher Cathedral Group of Parishes services** each Sunday with Revd. Olivia Downey.

• Sunday 12th July – **Grouped Parishes of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk service** in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge at 10.30am and St. Michael's Church, Derrybrusk at 12 noon led by Revd. Abraham Storey OLM.

• Sunday 12th July – **St John's Fivemiletown with Kiltermon weekly service** led by Precentor Kyle Hanlon.

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• Saturday 18th July – **Bible Activity Day organised by Colaghty Parish** is posting on Facebook from 9.30am

• Sunday 19th July – **Morning Prayer for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity on Facebook from Aghadrumsee and Clogh Parishes** with Captain David Hamilton and Dean Raymond Ferguson. Click on the following links; Aghadrumsee

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Aghadrumsee-1533241273555876> and Clogh <https://www.facebook.com/clogh.church?ref=bookmarks>

- Sunday 19th July – **Aghalurcher (Colebrooke) Group of Parishes Sunday Service** on the Sixth Sunday after Trinity with Revd. John McClenaghan available online from 10.30am on both www.facebook.com/colebrooke and www.colebrookeparish.org/online-services
- Sunday 19th July – **Drive-in Service each Sunday at Aghavea Parish** car park led by Revd Johnny McLoughlin and streamed live on the rector's Facebook page, and a link inserted to the Aghavea Blogspot webpage afterwards.
- Sunday 19th July – **Sunday service in Carrickmacross Union** with a service of Arise and Shine in St Finbarr's Church at 10.30am followed by a Service of the Word in Magheraclone 12noon led by Revd. Colin McConaghie.
- Sunday 19th July – **Weekly online services each Sunday from the Cleenish Group** led by Canon Geoff Bridle. They are available on the Cleenish website; <http://cleenishparish.weebly.com>.
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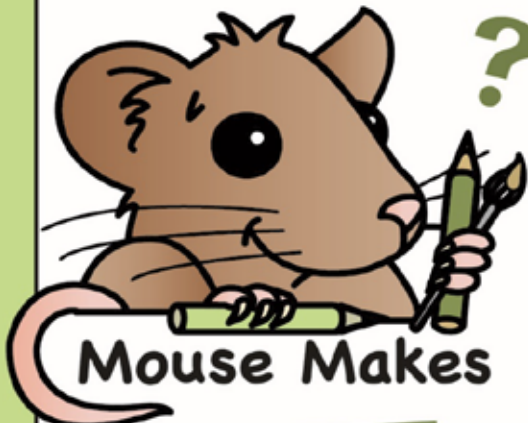
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- Saturday 25th July – **Postponed - Colaghty Parish Barbecue** which was to have taken place in Colaghty Hall.
- Sunday 26th July – **Morning Prayer on the Seventh Sunday after Trinity on Facebook from Aghadrumsee and Clogh Parishes** with Captain David Hamilton and Dean Raymond Ferguson. Click on the following links; [Aghadrumsee https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Aghadrumsee-1533241273555876](https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Aghadrumsee-1533241273555876) and Clogh <https://www.facebook.com/clogh.church?ref=bookmarks>
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- Sunday 26th July – **Sunday services from the Drumkeeran Group of Parishes** with Morning Prayer at 10.00am in Templecarne and Holy Communion at 11.30pm in Tubrid led

by Revd Charles Eames.

- Sunday 26th July – **Sunday worship in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen** with Morning Prayer at 11am for The Seventh Sunday after Trinity conducted by Dean Kenneth Hall. The service will also be livestreamed on the Cathedral website.
 - Sunday 26th July – **Sunday services from the Garrison Group of Parishes** with Canon Ngozi Njoku. Follow the Garrison Group of Parishes on Facebook for updates of services.
 - Sunday 26th July – **Services at Kilskeery and Trillick Churches** with Revd. Philip Bryson.
 - Sunday 26th July – **Service in Holy Trinity Church, Lisnaskea** with Morning Prayer at 10.30am conducted by Revd. Alan Capper.
 - Sunday 26th July – **Online worship from Magheracross Parish Church** led by Archdeacon Brian Harper available to all across the diocese via both the parish and diocesan Facebook pages.
 - Sunday 26th July – **Services in Monaghan Group of Parishes** with Sunday worship at 10.30am in St Patrick's Church and on Facebook live and at 12.15pm in Kilmore Church led by Chancellor Ian Berry.
 - Sunday 26th July – **Online service from Rossorry Parish Church** with Canon Ian Ellis, featuring music and readings.
 - Sunday 26th July – **Services for Grouped Parishes of Troly and Killadeas** led by Revd Mark Gallagher.
 - Sunday 26th July – **Clogher Cathedral Group of Parishes service** led by Revd Olivia Downey.
 - Sunday 26th July – **Grouped Parishes of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk service** in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge at 10.30am and St. Michael's Church, Derrybrusk at 12 noon led by Revd. Abraham Storey OLM.
 - Sunday 26th July – **St John's Fivemiletown with Kiltermon weekly service** with Revd. Kyle Hanlon.
 - Sunday 26th July – **Sunday services in the Ballybay Group of Parishes** will take place in St. Maeldoid's Church, Castleblayney at 10am; St. Colman's Church, Clontibret at 11.15am and Christ Church, Ballybay at 12.30pm conducted by the Revd Elaine Dunne.
- August 2020**
- Saturday 15th August – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submissions** for the September edition.
- September 2020**
- Tuesday 15th September – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submissions** for the October edition.
- October 2020**
- Thursday 15th October – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submissions** for the November edition.
- November 2020**
- Monday 9th November – **Talk on the Fisher Foundation** with Kenny Fisher and music from The Silver Tones Choir at 8.00pm in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen, hosted by St. Macartin's Mothers' Union. Supper will be served. All are very welcome.
 - Sunday 15th November – **Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submissions** for the December 2020/January 2021 edition.

CHILDREN'S SECTION



Mouse Makes

WHO AM I?

The last letter of one name is the first letter of the next name.

P			L	

- Wrote 13 New Testament letters
- He wrote the third Gospel

- Mother of John (Luke 1:3)
- Sarah's servant (Genesis 16:21)

			R	

- Joseph's mother (Genesis 29:35)
- His wife turned to salt (Genesis 11:31)

- Paul's friend (2 Corinthians 8:27)
- A brother of Jesus (Matthew 13:55)

			N	

- Ruth's mother-in-law. (Ruth 3:1)

IT'S A PUZZLE!

God sent 9 plagues on Egypt...

What were they?

Change each letter to the one after it in the alphabet to find out.

AKNNC

EQNFR

FMZSR

EKHDR

CHRDZRD

OKZFTD

GZHK

KNBTRSR

CZQJMDRR



FIND THE MISSING HUSBANDS

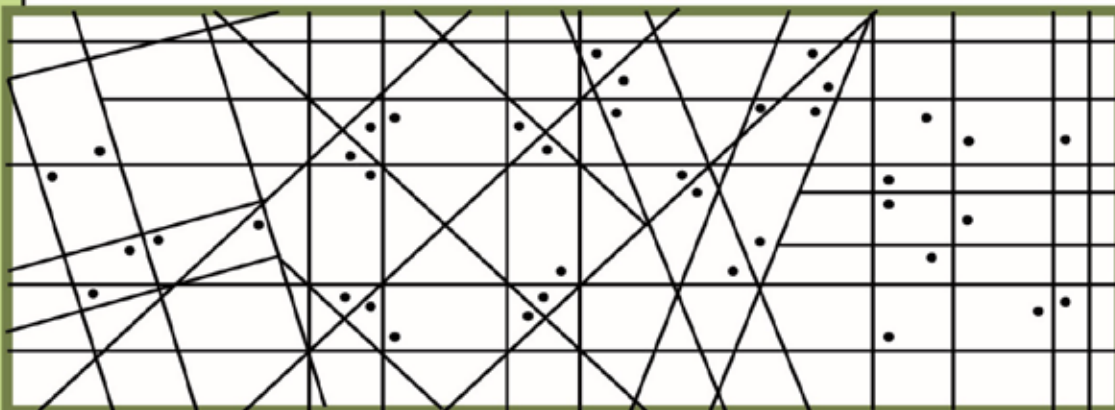
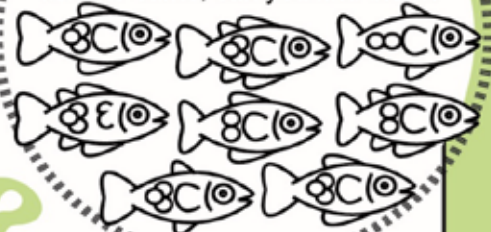
Match the wife to their husband

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| MARY | BOAZ |
| SARAH | JACOB |
| RUTH | ZECHARIAH |
| REBEKAH | JOSEPH |
| RACHEL | ABRAHAM |
| ELIZABETH | ISAAC |



FIND THE FISH

The Disciples have been fishing and have caught TWO fish the same, can you find them?



Colour in all the shapes with a DOT to find out what Jesus wants us to do



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 11:5-13

To teach about praying, and God's good gifts, Jesus told this story - 'If you have a visitor arrive in the middle of the night..'

Oh no! I have no bread to feed him! I am so ashamed! What can I do?.. I know!



'You would go round to a friend's house.'



I really, really need some bread for a visitor.



Don't bother me. We're all in bed.

I need that bread!



He's not going to go away, is he?



Jesus concluded...

So keep on asking and it will be given, seeking and you will find, knocking and it will be opened... And parents, if your hungry child asks for bread,

'..would you give them a stone?'



'And if they asked for a fish...'



'..would you give them a snake?'



'Or if they asked for an egg...'



'you'd give a scorpion?'



If you, who aren't perfect parents, give good gifts to your children, then don't you think that gifts from your perfect Father, God, will be even better?

Word Search

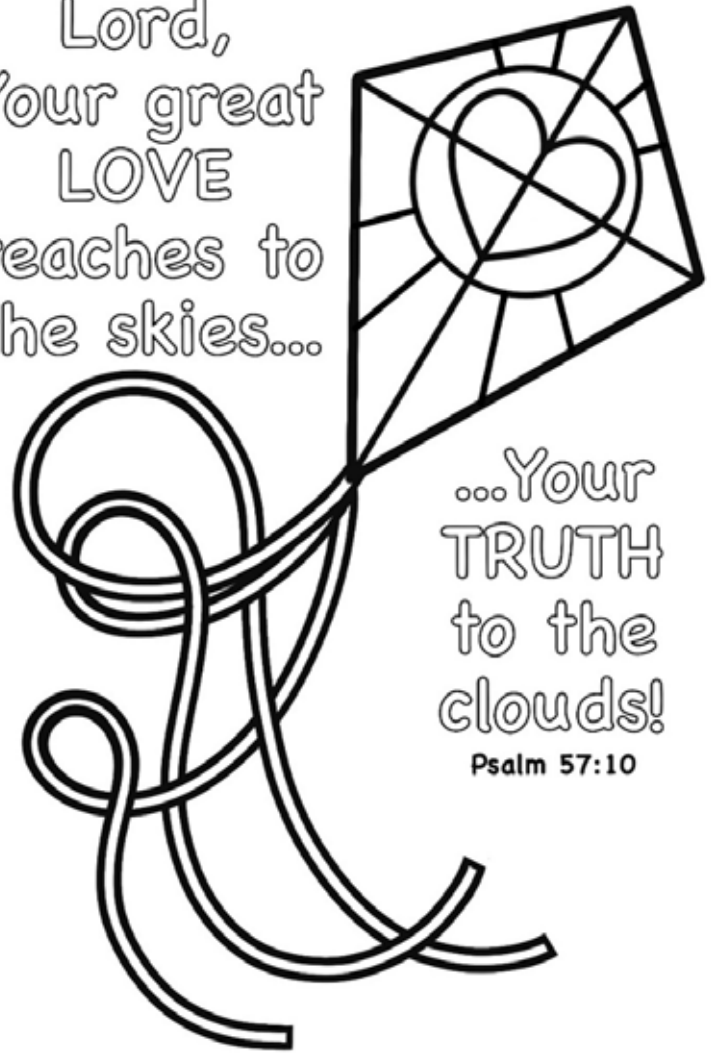
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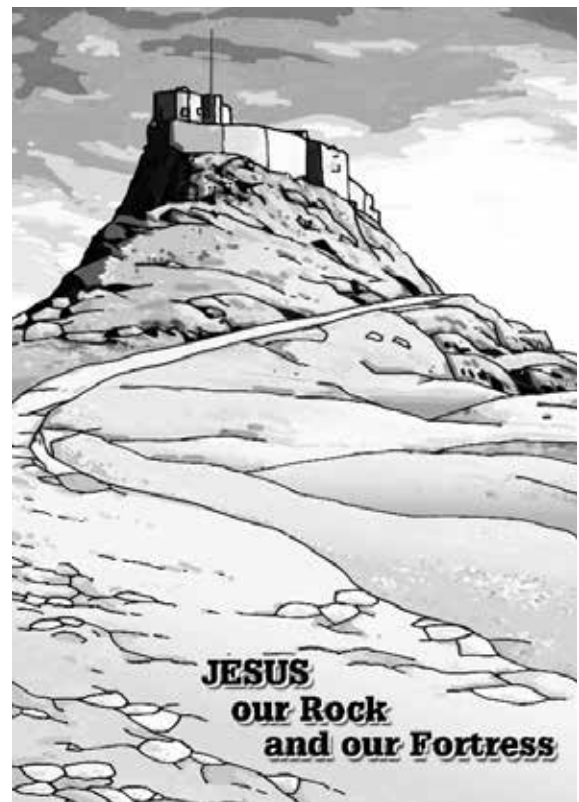
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| visitor | seeking |
| ashamed | parents |
| snake | bed |
| stone | asking |
| given | good |
| better | friend |

Lord,
Your great
LOVE
reaches to
the skies...



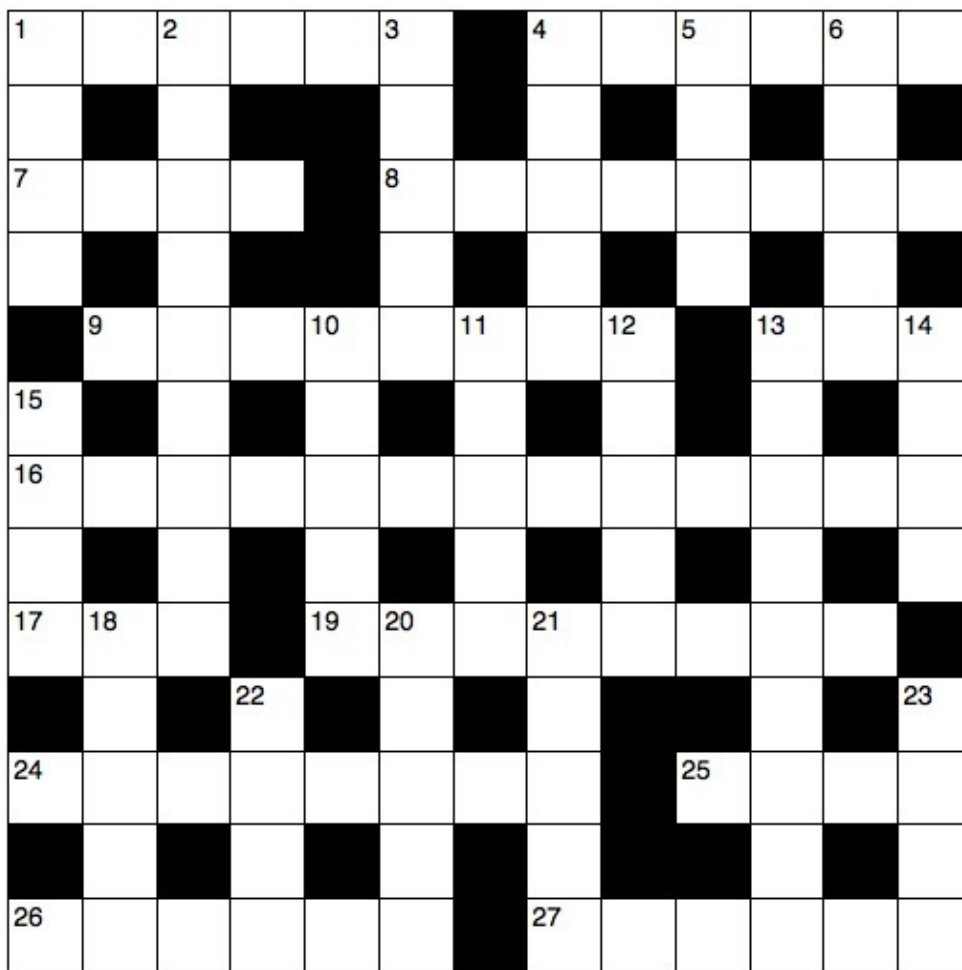
...Your
TRUTH
to the
clouds!

Psalm 57:10



JESUS
our Rock
and our Fortress

PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
 4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
 7 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
 8 See 5 Down
 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
 13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
 17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
 24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
 26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
 27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

DOWN

- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)

- 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
 5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — ' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
 10 Trout (anag.) (5)
 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)
 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
 21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
 22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
 23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 57



Revd Mark Gallagher,
the new Rector of the
Grouped Parishes of
Trory and Killadeas.

New rector instituted to Grouped Parishes of Trory and Killadeas

A new rector for the Grouped Parishes of Trory and Killadeas in Clogher Diocese of the Church of Ireland has been instituted during a special online service through Zoom.

Revd Mark Gallagher, who has served his curacy at Bangor Abbey in the Diocese of Down, conducted his first online services from his new parishes on the weekend following his institution.

The online service of institution took place on Thursday, 11th June through Zoom because of the Covid-19 restrictions on churches and among those taking part were Archdeacon Brian Harper, Archbishop of Armagh's Commissary, who conducted the service; Revd John Woods, Rural Dean, who presented Revd Gallagher for institution; Canon Paul Thompson, neighbouring rector of Derryvullen North (Irvinestown) and Castle Archdale; Canon Shane Forster, Assistant Provincial Registrar and Canon Ronnie Nesbitt, Rector of Bangor Abbey. Representing both Trory and Killadeas parishes were churchwardens and secretaries as well as Diocesan Pastoral

Assistants and Bangor Abbey was also represented at the service.

Revd Gallagher was welcomed to both parishes by their representatives and all those who have taken services and helped out during the vacancy were also thanked. Revd Gallagher thanking everyone for their welcome and encouragement, said he had a great time at Bangor Abbey but said his calling was for a rural parish and he was excited about getting back to work in Clogher Diocese, having served as a Deacon in Magheracross Parish, Ballinamallard.

Revd Gallagher grew up in St. Andrew's Parish, Killyman, outside Dungannon in Diocese of Armagh where he was involved in Sunday School teaching and youth fellowship as well as organist. He has a background in science, graduating from Queen's University Belfast with a 2.1 BSc. Hons. Degree in Medicinal Chemistry and is an Associate Member of the Royal Society of Chemistry and has worked as a research and development chemist. He obtained his Professional Certificate in

Ministry from St. John's School of Mission, Nottingham before completing his training at the Church of Ireland Theological College, Dublin.

He served numerous placements during his ministerial training including Kill O' The Grange, Dublin; Southwark Cathedral and St. Hugh's, Bermondsey, London and St. James Parish, Moy before his Deacon Internship in Magheracross Parish where he took part in many spheres of worship. During his term as Curate Assistant in Bangor Abbey Parish which included Clandeboye Chapel and St. Columba's Kilcooley, Revd Gallagher became proficient in various areas of ordained ministry, working with young people and helping to lead community initiatives, as well as working with the Scout movement and involved in outreach ministry. He is a keen musician, playing the piano, organ, clarinet and saxophone to worship standard. He also sings at Grade 8/ Diploma standard. Another of his interests is a children's party entertainer, as he is a balloon modeller.

School prize is ‘icing on the cake’ for Evie

A young parishioner of Christ Church, Maguiresbridge Parish has paid tribute to some of our keyworkers; NHS staff and those involved in agriculture, through the baking a colourful themed cake.

Evie Morrison, a daughter of Alan and Naomi from Maguiresbridge, competed in an inter-house cookery challenge organised by Enniskillen Royal Grammar School. Out of 39 entries, she was a joint winner.

The cookery competition was devised by the Home Economics Department at the school to show appreciation of keyworkers. While most of the entrants selected the NHS as their theme, Evie took it a step further by connecting the NHS with farmers. Just as she was about to plan baking her cake for the competition, her granddad, Edwin Morrison, a noted farmer and breeder of pedigree cattle, took seriously ill and was admitted to hospital.

She explained; “We live and work on the family farm so agriculture was my first thought when this competition was launched. However since then my grandfather was taken seriously ill. He was admitted to the South West Acute Hospital and had to undergo major, life threatening surgery. Following his operation, he had to spend 10 days in the Intensive Care Unit, at first on ventilator and then on high flow



oxygen. Ultimately the NHS saved his life with their skill, knowledge and outstanding care. I am dedicating this cake to granda and the NHS.”

Evie baked a two-tiered cake. The first, dedicated to agricultural keyworkers was a chocolate cake base layer decorated with green butter icing piped into a grass effect to represent the land, made a few farm characters using coloured fondant and fondant cake topper representing her

grandad.

Evie then made a second cake for her NHS layer from plain vanilla sponge with the surprise element of rainbow icing. This was complemented with rainbow coloured buttercream iced flowers using a range of flower nozzles and completed with the NHS logo made using blue and white fondant icing.

While all 39 entries were inspiring, it was a difficult task for celebrity judge, Neven Maguire from MacNean Bistro in Blacklion to choose his winner.

In the end, he chose two joint winners, Evie and another pupil, Aidan McHugh.

Being a winner with cookery is nothing new for Evie. She has won numerous awards at the Clogher Show and Fermanagh County Show.

But Evie went a stage further than other entrants.

Last week, she made a second cake, identical to the first, to present to the nursing staff at the Hospital who cared for her grandad.

Evie and her granddad, who were in the same family bubble, arrived at the South West Acute Hospital to present the cake to Staff Nurses Valerie McShea and Noreen Walsh from the Intensive Care Unit.





New appointment to Galloon Group of Parishes in Clogher Diocese

The Revd Lorraine Capper, currently part-time stipendiary minister of Donagh (Glaslough), Tyholland and Errigal Truagh in Clogher Diocese, has been appointed incumbent of Galloon (Newtownbutler), Sallaghy and Drummully, also in Clogher Diocese.

Revd Lorraine, who is married to Revd Alan Capper, Rector of Lisnaskea Parish, was ordained 10 years ago and since then has served as Curate at St. Columba's Parish Church, Omagh, provided pastoral cover and led services in vacant parishes throughout Clogher Diocese as well taking on archival roles before being appointed part-time stipendiary minister in the Donagh Group of Parishes in Co. Monaghan over two years ago.

Her work in the Donagh group and particularly at St Salvator's Church in Glaslough, has also involved planning for the construction of a Sunday School room and restoration of stained glass windows, participation in heritage days and assisting with the community choir.

One of the highlights of the year in St. Salvator's Church is the Winter's Tale, a series of evenings of Christmas readings and music followed by refreshments in Castle Leslie nearby.

Revd Capper has also served as Chairman of the management committee of The Billis National School, Glaslough.

Prior to her training for Church of Ireland Ministry, Revd Capper was involved in teaching, managing an occupational health company and working as a librarian at Enniskillen Collegiate Grammar School. Her last services in the Donagh Group will be this Sunday, 5th July when she had



The Revd Lorraine Capper,

planned for the return to in-church worship. Originally from Dollingstown, outside Lurgan, she grew up worshipping at The Church of Holy and Undivided Trinity, Magheralin Parish.

She now joins one of her sisters in full-time Church of Ireland ministry. Revd Lorraine has two sisters, Wilma, a P.A. in an architectural practice and Revd Joanne Megarrell, Rector of St. John's Parish, Moira and a brother, Robin, an examiner with CCEA. Among her hobbies are singing, cookery and reading.

Revd Lorraine says she has very much

mixed emotions about her appointment.

She said; "With the help of God I will be able to rise to the challenge. When I think about this new chapter in my ministry I know God is opening this door for me.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed my time in Donagh Group," she added.

The institution of Revd Lorraine Capper as incumbent of Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully will take place online on Thursday, July 9th at 8pm and her first services in the group will be on Sunday, 12th July.

LATEST CLOGHER DIOCESAN RESPONSE GUIDANCE TO CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

Updated on 3rd July

Statement from the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland

The following statement has been issued by the Most Revd John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, on the Northern Ireland Executive's recent announcement in relation to the Coronavirus Recovery Plan and returning to public worship:

I warmly welcome the Northern Ireland Executive's approach to the next phase of the roadmap out of lockdown and the announcement regarding how church buildings may be used again for public worship and associated activities from 29th June 2020.

As we have said in the Church of Ireland's Return to In-Church Worship Protocols, the reopening of our buildings and public gatherings for worship will only commence when this can be done safely, observing all the public health advice and guidance to reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19. Parishes are therefore not under any pressure to open for public worship on any specified date – they should only open when the clergyperson and Select Vestry are sure that they can do so safely. The health and well-being of parishioners and of the whole community is paramount.

Social distancing, hand sanitisation, and respiratory hygiene will need to be guaranteed and practised within our buildings so that members of our parishes can feel safe when they return to public worship. Although some discretion in relation to social distancing has been announced, the 2-metre rule will be followed for the foreseeable future, for the assurance of all and until people's confidence builds. The layout of our buildings and the services provided will be different in this new reality and I would ask for patience, understanding and active co-operation as we adapt to new ways of doing familiar things.

Hopefully, these new arrangements will be on a temporary basis; for exactly how long will not be clear. It will all depend on how long the threat of coronavirus remains.

If it makes them feel more comfortable when gathering with others, people may wish to wear face coverings. Others may not. As singing may carry an increased risk of dispersing the virus, innovative ways of using music within the liturgy will need to be developed.

As we slowly move towards a new normality, worship across the Church will be offered through both online and in-church services to facilitate those who may find themselves unable to worship with others in corporate worship for the time being. The Church will find ways to minister to those who will, of necessity, continue shielding because of their dangerous vulnerability to the virus. For them, the experience of lockdown has been particularly difficult and they are advised to take great care to keep safe from harm. Those at greatest risk and those who have suffered most, have not, and will not, be forgotten.

More than three months have now passed since the introduction of the lockdown and our next steps will need to be careful, cautious, and gradual. I again express my gratitude to all in parish leadership for the way they continue to adapt and to serve the needs of parishioners and the wider community.

+John

Return to in–church worship

Transmission of the corona virus within a church setting relates closely to community transmission. If the transmission rate is high in the community then the transmission rate will be high inside a church building etc. A large number of people who have the virus will be asymptomatic which means many of them are infectious but have no symptoms. They are probably unaware therefore that they are carriers of the virus.

The general principle is that the closer the physical contact then the greater the risk of transference. Cold atmosphere and poor ventilation raise the risk so therefore warmer buildings with open windows and doors improves the situation. Contact with shared surfaces increases the risk of spread of the virus. Careful consideration therefore needs to be given to seating, common areas and toilet facilities.

The Church of Ireland has published protocols for a return to in–church worship to provide guidance to parishes in relation to the reopening of places of worship. The document is available at <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/cmsfiles/pdf/Resources/ParishResources/COVID19/ReturntoChurchProtocols.pdf>

In a joint introduction, Archbishop John McDowell and Archbishop Michael Jackson write: Reopening churches for public worship is only possible if it can be done safely and by minimising the risk of spreading Covid–19. We strongly commend the implementation of these protocols. A video from the Archbishops, launching and introducing the advice, is available at <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/news/9784/guidance-on-returning-to-inchurch>

Nine stages for reopening church buildings are set out, starting with communicating with workers and parishioners prior to opening on a specific date. The protocols have been prepared by representatives from the House of Bishops, the RB Executive Committee and Representative Church Body staff.

At all times, churches must comply fully with all relevant current legislation in their respective jurisdiction, and follow the advice of health authorities, particularly in relation to social distancing, hand hygiene, and respiratory hygiene.

1. Public Worship

Services – Certain public acts of worship can resume from 29th June provided restrictions in the relevant jurisdiction are adhered to. For some weeks now Churches have been permitted to open for private prayer, and in Northern Ireland churches have also been permitted to hold drive-in Church services.

Parishes planning for the re-opening of Churches from 29th June 2020 are directed to the protocols for doing so which can be accessed at <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/cmsfiles/pdf/Resources/ParishResources/COVID19/ReturntoChurchProtocols.pdf>

Attendance upper limit – In the Republic of Ireland the maximum number permitted to attend a Church service is 50, provided social distancing and hygiene requirements have been observed. There will be no formula issued in

Northern Ireland to assist in the determination of the capacity attendance for any building. Instead, social distancing will be the rule. There will be no upper limit in legislation regarding numbers in attendance though the risk is obviously greater the larger the numbers present.

Music - Singing increases the risk of spread due to the dispersion of respiratory droplets. Communal singing therefore increases the risk due to the proximity of other people in a closed environment. Singing should only be undertaken by a soloist at Church services, provided social distancing is observed. Wind instruments, including pipe organs, should not be used at present.

Face coverings are to be encouraged in an indoor setting if it is not possible to achieve good social distancing. Those who wish to wear facemasks should be permitted to do so.

Families and those from the same household who live together, and travel together should therefore stay and sit together in church.

Buildings – use all accommodation and maximise distance. Utilise space. Therefore, Parish Halls and adjoining buildings can be used for overflow provided that the same hygiene and distancing protocols are observed.

Attendance List for tracing purposes - Community transmission is low at present, but it is highly likely that there will be an outbreak of coronavirus within a church setting in coming months. It would be of great assistance to the authorities if a register of attendance and contact details could be kept for all church services and meetings. A contact, in tracing terms, is someone you have spent more than 15 minutes with in a 2-metre distance.

Cleaning - The virus can survive on hard surfaces for up to 72 hours. The virus doesn't like sunlight but prefers dark places with hard surfaces and poor ventilation. If a building is used again within the 72-hour period a thorough cleaning must take place using all the recommended products. There is no need for specialist cleaning unless there is an outbreak of the virus. The virus survives for shorter periods on soft furnishings, but they are harder to clean. The removal of cushions and soft seating is recommended. Hard surfaces are easier to clean.

Two-metres distancing – Whilst one metre is now permitted in Northern Ireland, it is strongly recommended that two metres social distancing remain in place in Church buildings for the time being.

Toilet facilities and risk of transmission - Good ventilation in toilet facilities along with the necessity of hand washing and the use of hand sanitiser is important. Ideally five minutes should be left between individuals using the facilities. Hand dryers cause a higher risk of spread due to dispersion of the respiratory droplets. Roller towels or communal towels should be removed and replaced with disposable paper towels. Cleaning materials should be provided for each user of the facilities so that surfaces are cleaned before and after use.

Church meetings - It is acceptable for meetings to take place within church buildings provided all the guidance is observed.

Shielding - From the end of July those who have been shielding will be allowed to venture out and will come into the same category as those who are aged 70+. These individuals need to be very cautious and limit their travels and contact with others as well as observing all the appropriate hygiene protocols.

Those who have been shielding are very vulnerable and are at greater risk of contracting the virus. Alternative ways to worship should be considered for those who have been shielding e.g. online.

Online Media – Clergy broadcasting services online are encouraged to continue doing so. Should the broadcast take place from the church, physical distancing and hygiene guidance should be observed.

Forthcoming broadcasts for worshipping from home are available online at <http://www.clogher.anglican.org/Diary/>

Previous videos streamed online for worshipping from home are available at <http://www.clogher.anglican.org/Videos/>

If your parish co-ordinates 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-online-services?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=church%20of%20ireland

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-common-prayer/2004-texts/texts> and to produce local booklets to offer as personal copies only (please do not pass these around).

Dial-in Service - A dial-in service where members of the public, especially those who are unable to access online material could be considered by parishes. An example from Tempo and Clabby Parishes can be heard by phoning 028 892 70880 in order to listen to parish information and the weekly Sunday service. A useful webpage with advice on how to set up this facility in your parish has been made available by Revd Andrew Irwin at https://medium.com/@andrewirwin_6116/online-church-setting-up-a-dial-in-phone-service-2c99c3bc75ab

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 neighbouring 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 – Home Communion are permitted in accordance with the protocols issued for Holy Communion.

Visitation Protocols – With the easing of restrictions concerning the visiting other households, pastoral visiting should resume provided social distancing and hygiene protocols are adhered to, and the agreement has been sought in advance from the person being visited. 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.

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 – Restrictions have changed in relation to marriages and civil partnerships taking place and now they can:

- take place indoors with six people in attendance (this includes the couple, two witnesses and the officiant) - the social distancing rules must be adhered to
- take place indoors in a place of worship if one of the parties is terminally ill with 30 people in attendance (this includes the couple, two witnesses and the officiant) - the social distancing rules must be adhered to
- take place outdoors with 30 people in attendance (this includes the couple, two witnesses and the Officiant) - the social distancing rules must be adhered to

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/getting-married-religious-ceremony>.

Funerals/ advice for the bereaved – There is an increased risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) where families and communities come together following the death, from any cause, of a loved one. It is strongly advised that public health advice is followed to reduce the spread of infection.

Funeral services can be conducted in a place of worship or in a funeral home. The size and circumstances of the venue will determine the maximum number that can attend the service safely whilst observing social distancing of at least two metres, wherever possible.

It is recommended that face coverings are used for indoor services.

Whilst the number of mourners at a funeral service will be determined by the size of the venue following risk assessment, a maximum of only 30 are permitted to gather for the committal at the graveside.

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-regulations-guidance-and-what-they-mean-you>

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.

Links to helpful pieces regarding mental health:

www.clogher.anglican.org/docs/copingwithchange

www.clogher.anglican.org/docs/worry www.clogher.anglican.org/docs/fear

3. Community Response

Volunteer Mobilisation – 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 if and 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 e.g. changes in public utilities or services that affect your community specifically.

4. Parish Administration

Premises - Churches and Church Halls can be used for services and meetings provided Social Distancing and Hygiene guidance is adhered to. Those parishes which open their Church for private prayer and/or their carpark for drive-in Church services can continue to do so, provided a risk assessment has been completed and that social distancing and hygiene regulations can be adhered to. Parishes have been provided with further guidance directly in this regard.

Graveyards - The Northern Ireland Executive has given permission for the re-opening of cemeteries. So while we re-open our church graveyards and are pleased we can do so, we must continue to observe other Government Guidelines, encourage safe social distancing and that gates, if possible, are left open to avoid people having to use the handles of the gates to churchyards as they enter.

A healthy mixture of care and sensitivity as our churchyards re-open for the benefit of those who are grieving and want to visit family graves is to be encouraged. Parishes may find the poster available at http://clogher.anglican.org/images_non_news_small/Graveyard%20Notice%20Corona%20Virus.jpg useful to display at the entrances to graveyards.

Easter Vestries – Triennial Easter Vestry meetings for 2020 can now take place no later than 30th September 2020 provided all social distancing and hygiene guidance is observed and the usual requirement surrounding notification of the Easter Vestry Meeting is observed. Easter Vestry

Returns will be made available to parishes. Existing officers should remain in post until the parish Easter Vestry meeting takes place.

Easter Vestry Annual Returns - Easter Vestry Annual Returns can be completed once a meeting of the Easter Vestry has taken place and should be returned to the Diocesan Office no later than Friday 9th October 2020.

Parish Annual Accounts - Select Vestries are at liberty, if they wish, to proceed to have their 2019 annual accounts completed in the appropriate manner for the parish concerned, and subsequently have the accounts considered and hopefully approved by the Select Vestry, whilst ensuring observation of Government restrictions. Select Vestries may find it useful to use email or post the draft accounts for circulation purposes and either phone calls, written communication, email or videoconference to seek approval of the annual accounts from Select Vestry members.

Please note it is the Select Vestry that consider and approve the annual accounts, not the Easter Vestry - the accounts are presented to the Easter Vestry by the outgoing Select Vestry. Once accounts have been approved by the Select Vestry they can be submitted to the diocese and to the relevant charity regulator, taking care to ensure they fulfill any of the charity regulator requirements and deadlines in their respective jurisdiction.

Certain parishes in the Republic of Ireland are not yet registered with the Charities Regulatory Authority and therefore do not have to submit their accounts to the Charities Regulatory Authority, but should continue to submit their annual accounts to the Diocese when possible.

Charity Returns – 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>

Select Vestries – Select Vestry meetings can take place provided social distancing and hygiene guidance is adhered to.

Parish Organisations – All parish organisations should remain cancelled until further notice.

5. RCB Guidance

RCB Covid-19 Guidance is available online at <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/?query=&categories=120>

Guidance for Online Services and Audio-visual Content
<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/606/covid19-guidance-for-online-services>

Resources for Family Activities

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/607/covid19-resources-for-family-activities>

Worship and Copyright

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/627/covid19-worship-and-copyright>

Keeping your video conference secure

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/625/covid19-keeping-your-video-conference>

Avoiding advertising and external content

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/626/covid19-avoiding-advertising-and-external>

Organising an online service

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/628/covid19-organising-an-online-service>

Guidance for the temporary closure of church buildings during Covid-19 Pandemic

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/cmsfiles/pdf/Resources/ParishResources/COVID19/TempClosureBuildings-COVID19.pdf>

Covid-19: It's Still Open *(template signs for churches)*

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/622/covid19-its-still-open-template>

Insurance Considerations during Covid-19

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/cmsfiles/pdf/Resources/ParishResources/COVID19/InsGuides-COVID-19.pdf>

Irish Government Supports

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/616/irish-government-supports-covid19-guidance>

United Kingdom Government Supports

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/617/united-kingdom-government-supports-covid19>

Practical steps for Parish Treasurers and Select Vestries during Covid-19

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/cmsfiles/pdf/Resources/ParishResources/COVID19/ParishTreasurersPracticalSteps.pdf> (The Diocese will communicate with parishes once action needs to be taken concerning Easter Vestry meetings)

Euro Standing Order Mandate Form

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/619/euro-standing-order-mandate-form>

Sterling Standing Order Mandate Form

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/620/sterling-standing-order-mandate-form>

Guidance regarding Easter General Vestry meetings (Covid-19)

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/609/guidance-regarding-easter-general-vestry>

Covid-19: Mission reflections, response and resources for parishes

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/608/covid19-mission-reflections-response-and>

Responding to Covid-19: Photo Gallery

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/614/responding-to-covid19-photo-gallery>

Church of Ireland Guidance in relation to Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19)

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/613/church-of-ireland-guidance-in>

Church of Ireland Guidelines for the Church's response to Novel Coronavirus

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/615/church-of-ireland-guidance-in>

Return to In-Church Worship Protocols for ROI and NI

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/cmsfiles/pdf/Resources/ParishResources/COVID19/ReturntoChurchProtocols.pdf>

Guidance to Parish Treasurers on Invoice Redirection Fraud

Keeping people safe from scams <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/574/keeping-people-safe-from-scams>

6. Diocesan Office

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

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- Properties – H Robinson, opt 8 – properties@clogher.anglican.org
- Safeguarding & GDPR – M Skuce, opt 9 – safeguarding@clogher.anglican.org

7. Communications

Diocesan Magazine – A free digital version of the June edition of the Diocesan Magazine is available on the diocesan website at <http://www.clogher.anglican.org/Magazine/>

Unfortunately hard copies of the magazine will not be produced currently. Parishes may wish to print off hard copies or sections of the magazine from the online version in order to provide copies to those within their parish who are unable to access the magazine online.

Information for the September edition of the diocesan magazine can be sent to editor@clogher.anglican.org up to 15th August. It is hoped that the printed version of the Diocesan Magazine will resume for the September edition provided restrictions permit.

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 with information.

8. Diocesan Diary

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

Guidelines adopted by St. Macartin's Cathedral parish for opening service



Andy McCabe, Verger at St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen offering hand sanitiser to a worshipper arriving for the re-opening service on Monday, 29th June.

Left; One of the many signs inside the Cathedral.

Each parish in Clogher Diocese will be making their own arrangements before opening their churches for public worship.

However while following the Church of Ireland protocols and guidelines published in recent weeks, some parishes might do things slightly differently.

St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen was the first of the church buildings in the Diocese to open for public worship following the easing of the lockdown. The following are the guidelines Enniskillen Cathedral parish put in place.

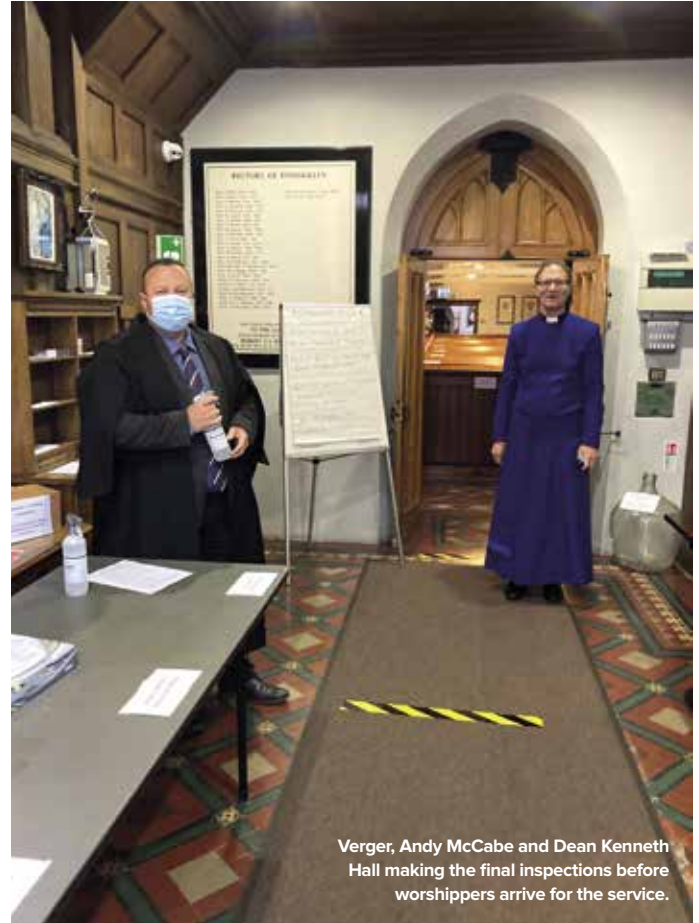
1. The maximum number able to be admitted will depend on the guidelines and 2-metre social distancing as recommended by the Church of Ireland. We apologise in advance but any extra cannot be admitted.

2. It would be helpful if families met in carpark and entered the Cathedral together so that they can be seated together. This will help increase the seating numbers
3. If you are feeling unwell, in a vulnerable category or shielding please stay at home and join the service online.
4. Apply social distancing if queuing to enter the cathedral, and at all times inside.
5. Use hand sanitiser on arrival. Tissues and hand sanitizer will be supplied but if possible do bring your own.
6. Although not mandatory face masks can be worn if you feel more comfortable.
7. Do not touch any unnecessary surfaces.
8. Follow the directions of the stewards and you will be shown to a pew.
9. Pews have to be filled from the front. Families may sit together otherwise social distancing will apply with just three single people or one person and one couple per pew.
10. Please do not move around or change pew.



One of the signs at the entrance to St. Macartin's Cathedral for worshippers to read before entering.

11. Every other pew has been sealed off.
12. Bring a pen and fill in the contact tracing card in each pew. Write on the area and pew number. If you are seated on a chair it is just the area number. One card is sufficient for all the family members attending.
13. All Hymns Books and Prayers Books have been removed from the pews where people will sit in. The full order of service will be projected on the screens.
14. You can bring your own Prayer Book with you if you want.
15. No choir and no pipe organ until further notice.
16. There will be no congregational singing .
17. At the end of the service the congregation sit down and remain in the pew until you receive direction from the stewards to exit.
18. Exit via the north-west door (side chapel side).
19. Leave your contact card in the appropriate basket.



Verger, Andy McCabe and Dean Kenneth Hall making the final inspections before worshippers arrive for the service.

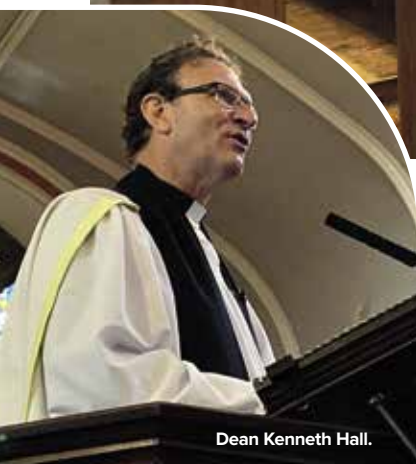
20. Leave your offering or church envelope in the appropriate basket.
21. Use hand sanitiser on exiting.
22. Dispose of any tissues or waste in the pedal bins.
23. Do not congregate around the doorway. Move onto the street or to the Cathedral carpark and social distance if talking to others.
24. The toilets will not be in use.
25. Wash your hands on arrival home.
26. Holy Communion Services will return on Thursdays at 11.00am. Some may prefer this service as it is quieter with fewer people in attendance, but no usual refreshments.
27. Holy Communion will only be in one kind (bread) until further notice.
28. The first Sunday for Holy Communion will be on Sunday 17th July at 11.00am. This is to give parishioners time to get used to the new seating arrangements.
29. There will be no 9.00am or 7.00pm service until further notice due to a 72-hour gap recommended between services. Some of those parishioners if not working should try and attend the Thursday morning service as this is a similar service.
30. Thank you for abiding by the regulations as they are for the safety of ourselves and others.



Each section of the Cathedral was zoned with a different letter. This was to ensure that worshippers completing their contact tracing cards could note which area they were sitting in.



The congregation attending the re-opening service in St. Macartin's Cathedral.



Dean Kenneth Hall.

ST MACARTIN'S CATHEDRAL AMONG THE FIRST CHURCHES REOPENING AFTER RESTRICTIONS ARE EASED

St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen was one of the first churches to reopen on Monday, 29th June following the relaxation of lockdown restrictions.

A service of Morning Prayer was held on the Feast Day of St. Peter and Dean Kenneth Hall said it was great to be preaching to a congregation in church once again.

A range of measures were introduced for the first in-church service with signs asking those not feeling well to remain at home and sanitising stations and signage to enforce two metres social distancing throughout the Cathedral building.

A congregation of 95 people gathered at the 11am service and among those attending was the First Minister, Arlene Foster.

In his introductory remarks, Dean Hall publicly thanked the First Minister and her team at Stormont for leading Northern Ireland through the crisis even though they had to make some difficult and unpopular decisions.

He said he was glad to reopen St Macartin's Cathedral on the Feast Day of St. Peter, the person whom Christ founded his church of St. Peter, and to allow people back to have fellowship with each other and with the



Dean Kenneth Hall welcoming everyone to the first service following the easing of lockdown including the First Minister, Arlene Foster.

Lord. Although they had been worshipping online for the past few months, it was not the same. Gathering for worship in God's house means so much to so many people, he said.

He said they were thinking of those on Monday who were shielding and unable to attend and thoughts and prayers were with them.

He told the congregation, "This building may be nice – but it is only a building, you are the church.

"It is true, when each service is over the church leaves the building to love and serve the Lord!

"This past 15 weeks you the church, were very active in worship by the viewing of our broadcast services - some weeks viewing was four times the number of worshippers we would have out at all our Sunday Services. So thank you for you continued support and the kind comments to Jane and myself.

"We all owe a debt of gratitude to Jane

McKinley for enhancing our worship over each Sunday and who even took time off work to sing again today.” He also thanked William Holmes and Ronnie Carson for helping with broadcasting technology. Turning his thoughts to St. Peter, and to the life of St. Peter, Dean Hall said Peter was one of the first to say to Jesus, ‘You are the Christ, the son of the living God.’ Jesus’ first words to Simon Peter were “Come, follow me” recorded in Mark’s Gospel. His last words to him were “You must follow me” recorded in John’s Gospel. Every step of the way between those two challenges, Peter never failed to follow - even though he often stumbled. He compared Peter’s struggles with those of people around the world over the past three months.

“Now we may not be walking on water, but we do walk through many tough situations in life, none more so than this past three months not knowing what was going to happen next. Not knowing if this dreadful virus was going to come into our homes, our lives and maybe even take our life! “Many thousands of people throughout the world have lost their lives, and we pray that their relative may know the presence of Almighty God as they come to terms with their sad loss. We who are here are very fortunate and especially in this part of the country, that probably saw the least number



Soloist Jane McKinley with pianist Diane Simpson.



Readings were by Jenifer Johnston.

of cases. But that comes with a warning that we need to continually be careful and protect ourselves and others from this deadly virus.

“However, if we focus on the waves of difficult circumstances around us without looking to God for help, we too may despair and sink.

“For 400 years this Cathedral has been a spiritual beacon and home for many generations of Christians, and today it is still committed to providing a welcoming

home to all who are seeking to deepen and develop their spiritual lives and their relationship with God no matter who they are – we make no difference in anyone!” he said.

The readings were by Jenifer Johnston and the soloist was Jane McKinley accompanied by pianist, Diane Simpson.

To watch a short video including an interview with Dean Kenneth Hall, click on; <https://www.facebook.com/clogher.diocese/videos/298821157930870/>



Dean Kenneth Hall chats with First Minister, Arlene Foster and parishioners following the service.

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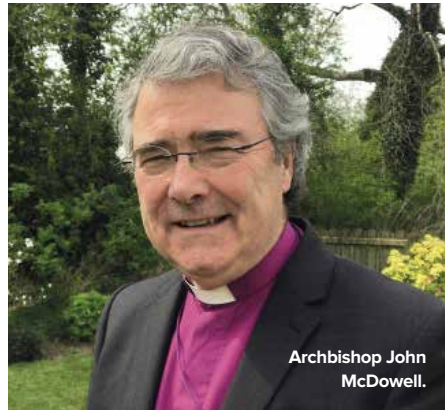
News from the Standing Committee of the Church of Ireland

The Standing Committee of the General Synod met in an online format on Tuesday, 16th June 2020.

Archbishop John McDowell, in the chair for the first time, welcomed members and was welcomed by the Bishop of Cork to his new role as Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. Archdeacon George Davison opened the meeting with a reading from Romans 1 and in prayer.

The Honorary Secretaries reported that the strategic plan for a whole Church of Ireland approach to Children's and Family Ministry has been approved by the Allocations Committee. Canon Ian Berry was thanked for his work on behalf of the Standing Committee in discussions between the Children's Ministry Network and Sunday School Society Ireland.

The Honorary Secretaries noted that Archdeacon Davison had tendered a letter of resignation as a Clerical Honorary Secretary of the General Synod, effective from Wednesday, 17th June 2020, following his election as Bishop of Connor. Archdeacon Davison had served in the role since 2011. Canon Gillian Wharton, on behalf of the other Honorary Secretaries, expressed gratitude for his wisdom and measured approach. The Archbishop of Armagh thanked Archdeacon Davison for giving himself with tremendous



Archbishop John McDowell.

energy to the role in addition to his other commitments. An election for the new Clerical Honorary Secretary for the Province of Armagh will follow at the September meeting of Standing Committee.

Archdeacon George Davison, Bishop-designate of Connor and outgoing Clerical Honorary Secretary for the Province of Armagh.

Standing Committee endorsed an exploration of the relationship between parishes and Bishops' Appeal, and an investigation of the possible future development of that relationship, ahead of its forthcoming 50th anniversary in 2022.

Standing Committee adopted the Commission for Christian Unity and

Dialogue's response to the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission's Walking Together on the Way report. The response was prepared by the Commission's Anglican and Ecumenical Affairs Working Group.

The Archbishop of Armagh was appointed to the membership of the Advisory Council to the Church of Ireland Centre at Dublin City University, in the role of Church of Ireland school patron and as Chair of the Advisory Council.

The Dean of Belfast was appointed to attend the 11th Assembly of the World Council of Churches – due to take place in Germany in 2022 – as the Church of Ireland's representative.

The Revd Canon Dr Maurice Elliott was appointed as observer on the Meissen Commission, to serve from 2021 to 2026.

The Meissen Commission is a formal dialogue between the Church of England and the Evangelical Church in Germany, with the Celtic Anglican Churches sharing an observer place in a rotating arrangement. The Bishop of Derry and Raphoe was nominated as a trustee of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland on behalf of the Church of Ireland.

The meeting closed with the Grace. The next meeting of the Standing Committee is to take place on Tuesday, 15th September 2020.

NEW ROTARY PRESIDENT TAKES UP OFFICE

The new President of the Rotary Club of Enniskillen is Heather Ellis, from Rossorry Parish, who officially took up office on July 1, 2020.

Heather, wife of Revd. Canon Ian Ellis, Rector of Rossorry Parish Church, near Enniskillen, has three children, Mark, Timothy, and Naomi, and two grandchildren, Aidan and Justin.

A native of Armagh, she is from a farming background near Markethill and after studying geography at Queen's University Belfast and following her graduation with a PGCE, she taught geography in Carolan Grammar School, Belfast. "Ian taught physics in Antrim Grammar School and following our marriage we set up home there while I changed career to Human Resources beginning in the Braid Valley Hospital and later as a manager in the Royal Group of Hospitals, Belfast," she explained.

"In my 37-year career in Health and Social Care

I have been employed in Northern, Eastern and Southern HSC Trusts. I am now employed as an Associate Consultant of the HSC Leadership Centre, Belfast."

Heather is a member of Fermanagh Choral Society and she is currently Branch Leader of Rossorry Mothers' Union.

"I have been involved in Rotary for 10 years now. I enjoy the fact that Rotary involves me in the service of my community in a different way from church and I remain keen to continue to raise Rotary's profile. We are a community of people who share common values and personal integrity as well as having a desire to bring change and develop our service to others in Co. Fermanagh, Ireland and worldwide."

In September 2019 along with colleagues from Enniskillen Rotary, Heather travelled to Kenya to visit a Rotary project in Rombo, Kajiado province.



Heather Ellis.

Appointment as Chaplain to the Defence Forces

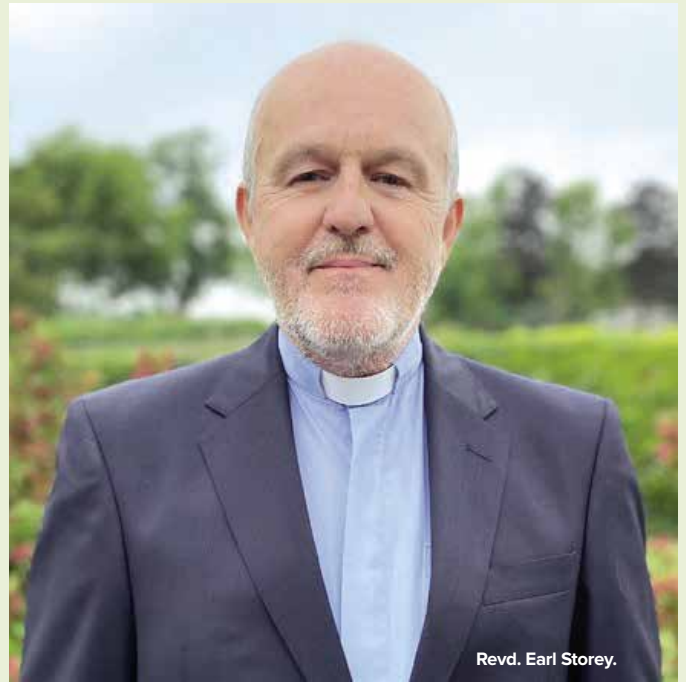
The Revd Earl Storey, a native of Fermanagh in Clogher Diocese, has been appointed as part-time Church of Ireland Chaplain to the Defence Forces in the Republic of Ireland.

Earl was nominated by Archbishop Michael Jackson and the nomination was accepted by the former Minister with responsibility for Defence, Paul Kehoe TD.

Based at the Defence Forces Training Centre at the Curragh, County Kildare, the appointment comes into effect on July 1 2020. Earl succeeds the Revd Fran Grasham who was appointed to a parochial post in April.

Announcing the appointment this week, Archbishop Jackson said: "I am very pleased to announce that the Minister with responsibility for Defence Paul Kehoe has appointed the Revd Earl Storey to the position of part-time Church of Ireland Chaplain to the Defence Forces. Earl brings many gifts to the position and I wish him everything that is best in the team ministry of chaplaincy on which he now embarks. I also want to acknowledge the work Fran has done throughout her tenure".

Mr Storey added: "I am very much looking forward to beginning a new role as Church of Ireland chaplain to the Irish Defence Forces. As a qualified coach and with an interest in pastoral ministry it presents a very interesting new ministry opportunity for me, and I appreciate the appointment by Archbishop Jackson".



Revd. Earl Storey.

CIYD offers guidance on return to youth ministry

One of the positive trends for the Church's ministry during the lockdown is that youth ministry, in its widest sense, has never stopped.

Many churches, leaders and youth workers across Ireland have supported and continue to support young people in creative and innovative ways. It's a testament to their faith in God, passion, and their resilience and commitment.

The Church of Ireland Youth Department (CIYD) has now published guidance on how on a carefully managed and phased basis churches can restart youth ministry activities over the coming weeks.

Introducing the guidance, Bishop Pat Storey writes: "As President of CIYD, I am delighted to support our new protocols for youth ministry on the gradual return to face to face youth work. Everyone has done an amazing job of trying to carry on and up skill on virtual means of communication! Some of this will continue but inevitably as the lockdown eases, we will be resuming some activities.

Of course, these will always adhere to government guidelines in each jurisdiction. So, thank you for all your efforts and please read the document carefully."

The page document encourages leaders to look to restart youth ministry activities, however small, without any unnecessary delays, based on the latest government



advice at the time for the good of our young people's socialisation, faith development and mental health. It includes several practical for getting a group's youth ministry 'up and running' again.

All guidance is indicative and is subject to ongoing public health advice and a step by step risk assessment which should be carried out on an ongoing basis by each

organisation/group, in line with the Church of Ireland's Return to In Church Worship Protocols for ROI and NI resource.

All activities should have regard to all other relevant requirements and good practice, and all phases should be carried out in line with social distancing measures as advised by both governments, which may evolve over time.

Pandemic in Ireland 100 years ago recounted in Archive of the Month for July 2020

Belfast has paid a heavy toll in the recent influenza epidemic. In the Registrar General's return for the seven days ending 29th ult. no less than 341 deaths are recorded. In other words, the death-rate reached the abnormal rate of 45.2 per 1,000 per annum. Ninety-two deaths took place from pneumonia, originating from influenza. In other years the weekly number of deaths from pneumonia was a dozen. Pathetic cases are reported of families almost wiped out by the mysterious disease. Medical men, chemists and nurses are being overwhelmed with work. The Public Health Department is doing its utmost to stamp out the disease by giving the necessary advice as to what should be done by those who are seized with it, and by the liberal use of disinfectants. Although the epidemic is still rife, the Medical Superintendent is of opinion that it is abating in Belfast. Schools are still closed.

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The RCB Library has commissioned the historian and writer Dr Ida Milne to produce a timely analysis piece on the influenza of 1918-1919 as viewed through the lens of the Church of Ireland Gazette for July's Archive of the Month.

Dr Milne is an expert on the impact of infectious diseases on Irish society over the course of the 20th century and her book *Stacking the Coffins, Influenza, war and revolution in Ireland 1918-1919* (Manchester, Manchester University Press, 2018) is widely acclaimed, as is her recently co-edited (with Dr Ian d'Alton) collection of essays exploring identity, Protestant and Irish: The minority's search for place in independent Ireland (Cork University Press, Cork, 2019). She has been in great demand in recent months as a commentator on the parallels and contrasts between the current Covid-19 pandemic situation and what Ireland experienced during the 15-month period between the spring of 1918 and early summer of 1919 in the flu pandemic widely known as the 'Spanish flu', another unusually deadly pandemic caused by the H1N1 virus. In this illustrated online presentation, Dr Milne explores how the influenza was reported just over 100 years ago by the

Church of Ireland Gazette. In the early summer of 1918, the editorials of the Gazette appeared far more concerned with matters political and military than religious. The hot debate in the 28th June 1918 edition, for example, was a speech during the week by Viceroy Sir John French, where he made it clear that while Lloyd George was abandoning Home Rule, conscription would press ahead if there were not 50,000 recruits to the hard-pressed army by October. The leader writer tied his colours to the mast by commenting that 'we are not – we imagine after his recent gyrations on Irish policy few Irishmen are – among the whole-hearted admirers of Mr Lloyd George'. In the background, behind the machinations of politics and the lumbering war, a darker force was beginning to emerge: the most extensive influenza pandemic in the modern world. Elsewhere in the newspaper medical realities were beginning to dawn. On 12th July 1918, one columnist made the following stark observation: 'Belfast has paid a heavy toll in the recent influenza epidemic. In the Registrar General's return for the seven days ending 19th ult. no less than 341 deaths are recorded. In other words, the death-rate

reached the abnormal rate of 45.2 per 1,000 per annum...'

Written and read by lay and clerical members of the Church of Ireland and others, the Church of Ireland Gazette (published since 1856) provides the longest-running public commentary on Church of Ireland affairs, and as such recognised as a valuable primary source for understanding the complexities and nuance of Church of Ireland and indeed wider Protestant identity, as well as the Church's contribution to political and cultural life throughout the island. The RCB Library is undertaking a sustained project to digitize the paper, and all editions up to and including 1949 are currently available and freely searchable online at this link: <https://research.informa.ie/rcb>

Later in 2020 the Library will be enabled to digitize the remaining decades from 1950 up to 2003 (when the Gazette became available in a digital format), and make a contribution to reconciliation by presenting each decade in the context of an online exhibition thanks to funding by the Irish Government's Reconciliation Fund through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Defence.



THE ART OF REMEMBERING

Information on sports chaplaincy

Online training has just begun for those interested in becoming sports chaplains.

The online training began on June 29 with a taster session and then two further sessions were being held on 2 and 9 July and also applies to new chaplains who have recently taken up a chaplaincy post.

Philip Mitchell of Sports Chaplaincy Ireland says it is now widely recognised across the UK and Ireland and they are keen to expand.

They have launched a new Irish version of "Introduction to Sports Chaplaincy" for clubs entitled "Serving Sport in Ireland 20-21" to create greater awareness of sports chaplaincy in Ireland to all sporting communities for the upcoming season.

Further details from the website; <https://sportschaplaincy.org.uk/northern-ireland/>

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ACROSS: 1, Riches. 4, Abner's. 7, Soul. 8, Damascus. 9, Statutes. 13, Add. 16, Craftsmanship. 17, Old. 19, Redeemer. 24, Walls are. 25, Wise. 26, Target. 27, Thieve.

DOWN: 1, Rest. 2, Courtyard. 3, Sadhu. 4, Arm he. 5, Nose. 6, Round. 10, Tutor. 11, Timid. 12, Sense. 13, Ashbelite. 14, Dips. 15, Echo. 18, Lhasa. 20, Exact. 21, Erect. 22, Flog. 23, Mede.

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