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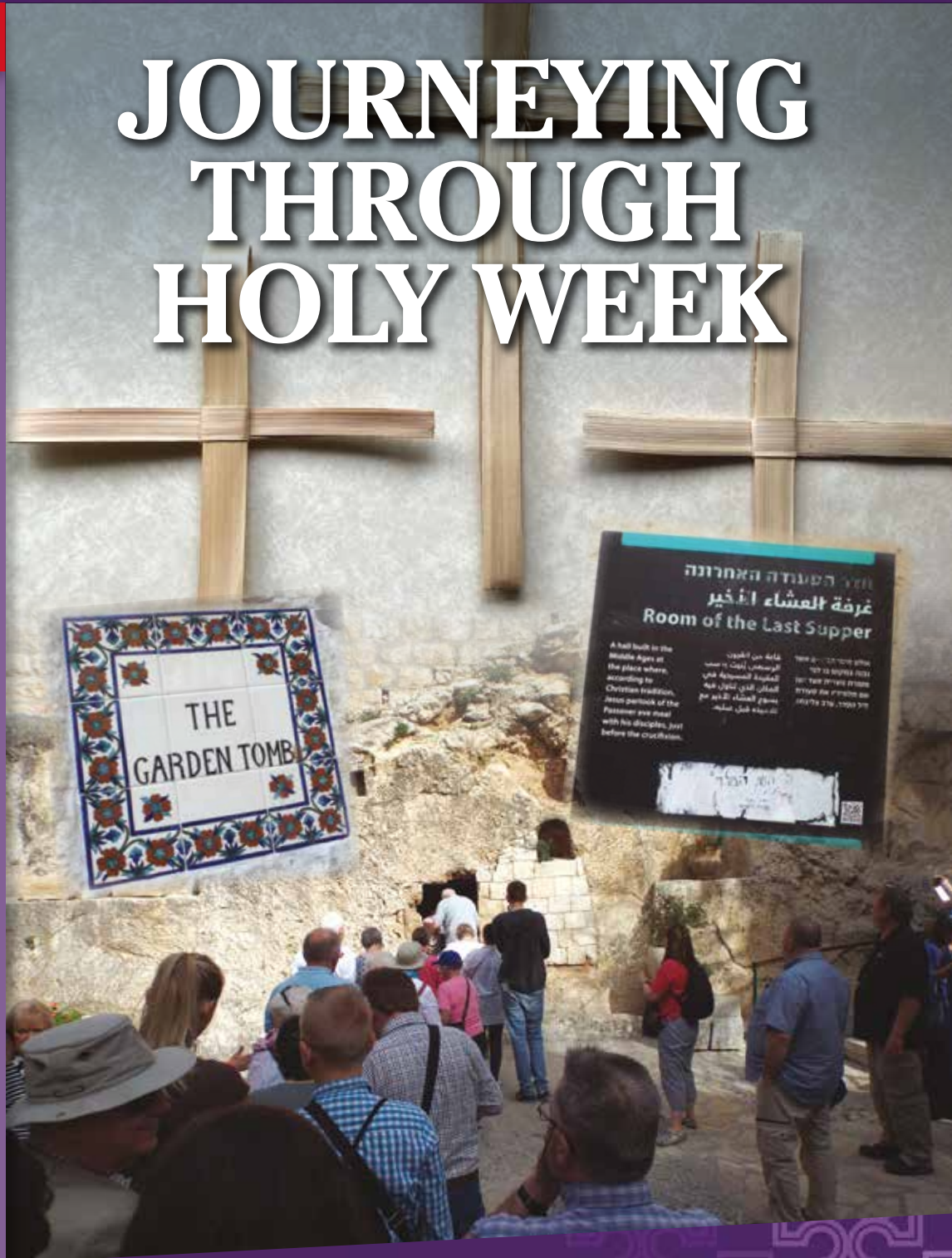


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Scenes from the Clogher Diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2018 remind us of the journey of Jesus through Holy Week.

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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



A Message from the Bishop

SIGNS OF HOPE



A drift of daffodils on a sunny day are pointers to Springtime. They speak to us of hopefulness of warmer and brighter days to come and to the emergence of new life after winter. They help to lift our spirits and cheer our hearts. In church life too there is much new life to bring us joy and encourage us as we move ever closer to hearing the glorious Eastertide message of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Daffodils and other bulb flowers have an amazing ability to surprise us; they lie hidden beneath the soil over winter and then emerge with bright blooms at this time of year. We know it happens every Spring, but their vibrancy and freshness continues to astonish us.

There was also a sense of utter surprise on that first Easter day for the disciples who were amazed to find the tomb empty and were stunned like Mary was in the garden. She met the risen Jesus early on that first day of the week, thinking he was the gardener and he spoke her name 'Mary' and she in surprise and devotion

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replied 'Rabbouni!' (which means teacher). John 21:16

New ministry beginning

In our diocesan life we have been delighted that two new clergy who will soon be joining our team. Revd Rebecca Guildea is to be instituted as Rector of the Garrison Group of parishes on 7th April and the Revd Tim Irvine has been appointed Bishop's Curate of the Donagh Group of parishes. We hope and pray that both Revd Rebecca and Revd Tim will be happy in the diocese, settle into their new parishes and with their parishioners continue the work of God among us.

Hope going forward

Some days ago, the Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin issued a Pastoral Letter regarding a return to use of the Common Cup in Holy Communion. It comes after the House of Bishops received independent expert scientific advice. This letter is an encouragement towards a safe return to the Common Cup. Please note that there is no set date for such a return. I have asked that clergy should consider very carefully how to manage such a change in their own parishes. Given the current high level of Covid cases in this diocese and the likely caution of some parishioners towards use of a common cup after the pandemic, I have urged clergy not to feel rushed into changing from current practice. It is however a hopeful a step forward in relation to this important aspect of our church practice.

Situation in Ukraine



The situation for the people for Ukraine is terrifying and this war is possibly the most significant event in the history of Europe, certainly since the second World War. As I write this note, the terror of the Russian invasion of Ukraine continues and suffering, death and destruction remain unabated. There are some signs of diplomatic activity and peace talks progressing, but millions of refugees have fled their homes to find safety in

neighbouring countries. Thankfully many countries have responded with compassion and help, charities and churches have been at the forefront of providing practical assistance

Our Church of Ireland Bishop's Appeal has sent €20,000 from its emergency funds to assist with the humanitarian response to the crisis in Ukraine. Bishops' Appeal is partnering with Habitat for Humanity Ireland and Christian Aid. Parishioners are asked to contribute to the Appeal and I know many have already. It is also so heart-warming to hear stories of parishes in the diocese responding in other practical ways – fundraising and gathering essential supplies and equipment then transporting these to where they are needed most. Thank you so much to all who have contributed to meeting this great need. No doubt there will be other opportunities for us to respond open-heartedly to this refugee crisis.

Good Friday and Easter



Listening to the news currently, the world seems a very dark place with so much suffering, death and destruction, and it is difficult to make sense of things. Yet we reflect that on the Good Friday cross of Calvary all these human experiences were fulfilled too. God has taken them upon himself in the person of his Son.

On the cross we find a Saviour who shares our sorrows and pains and here we find a firm reason for faith. Because He has suffered and triumphed – we too can find hope in the gloom. In the darkness of the three hours on Good Friday, in the midst of despair and the absence of light, is a victory like no other, a love like no other love, a God like none other. Here we can find our burdens shared and sins set free, here too we find a bright hope, acceptance, new beginnings, renewal and the dawn of Easter day to come.

*Yours in Christ's service
+ Ian Clogher*

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Sunday 3rd April

Drumsnatt 9.30am Holy Communion
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Sunday 10th April

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer
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Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Maundy Thursday 14th April

Clogh 8.00pm Holy Communion

Good Friday 15th April

Aghadrumsee 8.00pm Meditation Service

Easter Sunday 17th April

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

Sunday 24th April

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



Club President, Hazel Doonan presenting the runner up awards to semi-finalist Cleone Egerton.



Enjoying the Clogh Bowling Club Dinner.

Ukrainian Appeal

A big thank you to all who donated items to be sent to Ukraine. They have been collected and are on their way there. We continue to uphold the Ukrainian people in prayer at this time of unimaginable suffering.

Easter Services

- MAUNDAY THURSDAY, 14th April at 8.00pm - Group Service of Holy Communion in Clogh Church.
- GOOD FRIDAY, 15th April at 8.00pm - Group Meditation Service at the foot of the

cross in Aghadrumsee Church.

- EASTER SUNDAY, 17th April - Easter Communion Services in all three churches at the usual times.

Clogh Mothers' Union

Monday 11th April at 8pm will see the meeting of Clogh Mothers' Union where the speaker Mrs Sharon Elliott will be talking about Reflexology.

Clogh Bowling Club

It has been a while since Clogh Bowling club held an Annual Dinner but it happened



Enjoying the Clogh Bowling Club Dinner.

last month in the Creighton Hotel, Clones and a great night was had by all who came. The prizewinners for the Egerton Shield internal competition 2019/20 season eventually received their awards at this event. Florence Egerton presented the Shield to the winner Robert Egerton and Club President Hazel Doonan presented the runner up awards to finalist Gemma Nelson and semi-finalist Cleone Egerton. Harry Bleakley was also a semi-finalist but was absent on the night. The club has started meeting again on Wednesday evenings in Clogh Hall.



Club President Hazel Doonan presenting the runner up awards to finalist Gemma Nelson.



Florence Egerton presenting the Shield to the winner Robert Egerton with Club President Hazel Doonan.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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SERVICES

MARCH

- 27** 10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer
30 8.00pm Colebrooke Wednesday Lent Service

APRIL

- 3** 10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion
6 8.00pm Colebrooke Wednesday Lent Service with Fields of Life

PALM SUNDAY

- 10** 11.00am Colebrooke Family Service

HOLY WEEK

- 12** 8.00pm Tuesday Cooneen
13 8.00pm Wednesday Colebrooke
14 8.00pm Cooneen Maundy Thursday Last Supper
15 8.00pm Colebrooke Good Friday
17 11.00am Colebrooke Easter Day Family Holy Communion

- 24** 10.45am Colebrooke Holy Baptism
12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

MAY

- 1** 10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion

The above timings are provisional to normal worship in church continuing.

Recordings of our Sunday services are available each week by Facebook and the parish website at these addresses:
www.facebook.com/colebrooke
www.colebrookeparish.org/online-services

Lent Services

Our midweek services throughout Lent continue on Wednesday evenings in Colebrooke at 8.00pm, to which everyone is welcome.

Mullaghfad Service

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

Parish Organisations

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, most of our parish organisations have not been meeting as usual. When things return to normal, they will operate as follows:-

GFS – Girls Friendly Society

The branch meets every Monday, at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall for girls 3 years and upwards, and new members will be made very welcome, taking part in games, cookery, craft, bible study and especially having lots of fun.

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

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

The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.

- Squirrels (4 - 6 years)
Beavers (6 – 8 years)

- Cubs (8 – 11 years)
Scouts (11 – 14 years)

Bowling Club

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

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

Mothers' Union

The meeting to share the work of 'Fields of Life' in Uganda, with Geraldine Beattie, has been rescheduled for 6 April, due to illness.

The members look forward to hearing the story of Geraldine's visit with others to Uganda. The parishes are collecting bras and vests to send out with 'Fields of Life' volunteers on their next trip.

The MU branch have organised an evening of Fellowship, Food and Fun on Thursday 28 April, in The Courthouse, Clogher, at 7 pm. All ladies in the two parishes are invited and booking and payment must be received by 12 April.

Please continue to support the Lenten services each Wednesday and then the services in Holy week leading to Easter Sunday on 17 April.



Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Jean Lamb, Castleblaney, following the passing of her brother, Alan, in Dublin, on Friday 28th January 2022, and also the passing of her cousin, Robert Jordan, in Belfast on Wednesday 29th December 2021.

Sympathy is also extended to Elizabeth Graham following the passing of her sister-in-law, Jean Johnston of Glaslough on Friday 25th February, and to Diane Tate following the passing of her brother-in-law, John Berry, on Thursday 3rd March. May Alan, Robert, Jean, John, and all who have died, rest in peace and rise in glory

Holy Matrimony

Congratulations to Hillary Gray (daughter of Lucas and Elizabeth of Ballybay) and Gerardo Gozain Colina who were married in Christ Church, Ballybay, on Saturday 19th February. We pray that God will richly bless them in their life together.

Update from Donna Geary

“This is my first update of 2022 and I really hope that the beginning of this year has been as exciting and fulfilling for you as it has for me. January has flown by and



Donna Geary's trip to Papua New Guinea has resulted in her taking up new roles.

February is nearing its end so I wanted to fill you in on everything that has been happening here in Papua New Guinea as I continue to volunteer with “Youth With A Mission”.

New roles

At the beginning of January I took over a new role as purser on board the ship. This involves tasks such as ensuring those who are new on board are well set up, updating muster sheets, calculating volunteers' billings, along with many other admin tasks which all go into making sure the ship is able to run to its full capacity in the role it has in PNG. I have really enjoyed stepping into this role, having new responsibilities and new challenges. I have also started training to become a Community Engagement (CE) clinic leader. I am so excited for this! This role will involve going into villages and taking opportunities to build relationships with the village communities. While the medical clinic team will be able to look after patients' physical health, I will get the opportunity to provide teachings based around preventative care and be able to be more relational within the communities.



School talks

While we have been anchored here outside of Port Moresby, PNG's capital, we have had the opportunity to go into local schools to speak to the youth. This past week we spent time with entry level students aged 5-6, teaching them about health and hygiene. The medical personnel within our team were also able to carry out healthy child checks for these students and provide care for any of those in need. It was a lot of fun to be able to teach, play and pray with these young children.

On board DTS

In January we also welcomed on board the POM DTS (Port Moresby, Discipleship Training School). They are a group of 26 students, mostly from Papua New Guinea, but also a few international students, along with nine staff members who have been working closely with them and helping to





The YHAM dental trailer.



guide them through their lecture phase which is happening on board. With the DTS here, the amount of people on board has more than doubled, which has been an adjustment in itself. It is great to see these students starting on a journey that has the ability to change their outlook on a lot of things in life and to strengthen their Christian walks.

Dental trailer

PNG has one of the highest rates of oral cancer in the world and only 0.1 dentists per 10,000 people in a country with a population of nine million. That is where our dental trailer comes in! With so many capabilities it can be used to provide dental services, training opportunities and health education to the primary and secondary schools here in the National Capital District (NCD). The exciting news is that it is currently making its way from Australia to PNG.

New YWAM campus

Our new YWAM campus in POM has been undergoing some renovations! As the campus is growing and we want to be able to welcome more students and volunteers in the future, an expansion was a must. I have seen this building go from being filled with rubble and covered in graffiti to becoming a home for many and a place for

ministry. Every progress this building has had fills my heart with joy as it is a reminder of God's faithfulness and his heart for the mission he has given us in PNG.

As you can see, 2022 is full steam ahead with so many amazing things happening. I am committed to being a full-time volunteer with YWAM, to continue being part of all the amazing work I can see happening here. As with all the volunteers on board, my time here is completely self-funded and many volunteers have their own support network made up of family, friends or churches. I have been here almost six months already and have been able to cover my expenses from the very kind and generous donations from individuals before I first came to PNG and from savings. I currently have 20% of my monthly budget committed and am looking to raise another €540 in monthly support. €300 of this will cover my reoccurring monthly expenses (food and rent) and the remainder will go towards saving for upcoming/possible expenses (such as insurance, medical needs or visas). If you feel it in your heart to come along and support me and this ministry, it would mean a lot to me if you would pray and consider partnering with me for a portion of this goal on a regular monthly basis.

If you would like to chat more, please reach out! I would love to talk to you in person and share more of the vision for missions in PNG.

All the best, Donna.

Supporting Donna and her work

If you would like to support Donna and her work, you might consider donating a regular sum of money on a monthly basis or a once off amount. If you would like to do this, you can email her at donnainmissions@gmail.com and she will send you the relevant details to be able to support her in this way. The link to her GoFundMe page is <https://gofund.me/afbaa430>

Confirmation 2022

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Ian Ellis to St. Maeldoid's Church, Castleblayney, on Sunday 1st May at 3.30 p.m. to administer Confirmation. This is a very important event in our group of parishes and in the lives of the 20 young people who have been preparing for Confirmation and for admission to the Eucharist. Please pray for each of them at this significant stage of their faith journey.



Renovation of the YHAM headquarters underway.



Monthly Coffee Morning

A coffee morning will be held on the second Tuesday of each month in Ballybay Parish Hall from 11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. The first of these will be held on Tuesday 12th April. Come along and bring your friends – all welcome!

Easter Vestry Meetings

The annual Easter Vestry meeting for each parish will be held this month and parishioners in each of our three parishes

will be notified of the date and time for their respective meeting.

During these meetings, elections for the following positions will take place:

- A People's Churchwarden
- A People's Glebewarden
- Up to 12 members of the new Select Vestry.

Email

If you have an email address and would like to receive emails relating to our group of

parishes, please speak to the Rector.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those from our group of parishes who have been unwell, lonely, troubled or saddened in recent months.

In addition, please give thanks for family, friends and all in our community who have recovered from the Covid-19 virus or other serious illness.

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SERVICES

Sunday 3rd April

Morning Prayer - St Finbarr's 10.30am
Morning Prayer - Magheracloone 12noon

Wednesday 6th April

Lenten Soup and Worship - St Finbarr's
12.45pm

Sunday 10th March – Palm Sunday

Holy Communion - St Finbarr's 10.30am
Holy Communion - Magheracloone 12noon
Morning Prayer - Ardragh 1.15pm

Wednesday 13th April

Holy Week Service - St Patrick's Ardragh
8pm

Thursday 14th April

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal - St
Finbarr's 7pm

Friday 15th April – Good Friday

A time at the cross - St Finbarr's 12noon
A time at the cross - St Molua's,
Magheracloone 8pm

Sunday 17th April – Easter Day

Dawn Service – God Acre's Cemetery –
6am
Family Celebration with Holy Communion -
St Finbarr's 10.30am



The wedding of Victoria and Samuel.

Family Celebration with Holy Communion -
Magheracloone 12noon

Wednesday 22nd April

No Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 24th April

Holy Communion - St Finbarr's 10.30am
Holy Communion - Magheracloone 12noon
Holy Communion - Ardragh 1.15pm

Wednesday 29th March

Midweek Holy Communion - St Finbarr's
10.30am

LENT 2022

Our weekly Soup and Worship Services
continue in St Finbarr's at 12.45pm on
Wednesday 6th April. The final session of
our Lent Bible Study, 'Come and See' will
be on our Facebook Page on Tuesday 5th
April.

Holy Week and Easter Sunday 2022

Holy Week is always a very special time
in our Group of Parishes as we walk with
Jesus on those final few days towards
the cross in preparation for the glorious
celebration of Easter Sunday.

On Easter Sunday we come together to
celebrate with three special services.
It's an early start for our Dawn Service at
God Acre's Cemetery followed by family
celebration services with Holy Communion
in St Finbarr's at 10.30am and St Molua's,
Magheracloone at 12noon.

Easter is a wonderful time to invite friends
and family along to join us for a wonderful
day of celebrating our risen Lord.
This year the theme for our Holy Week
and Easter Sunday services will be "If I
was there."

'Jewel's' Women's Group

'Jewel's' our women's group, had a great
evening in March when parishioner Lorna
Moy give an interesting and informative
talk entitled 'At the Heart of the Matter.'
It was great to see so many come out
and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship
together.

The 'Jewel's' year comes to an end with
annual end of year service followed by
a meal out. This is likely to take place on
Thursday 29th April. Further details will be
available in the parish notices.



Doreen and Florence volunteering in the Pop-Up Shop.



Helen and Gill volunteering in the Pop-Up Shop.

Ukraine

We were delighted to be able to support a locally organised community collection to ship much needed essential goods for Ukrainian refugees crossing the border into Poland. The appeal was set up by local woman Emilia O'Neill who moved to Ireland from her native Poland some years ago. The whole community came together to support the appeal and to give some assistance to those fleeing war in Ukraine. During our Lenten Soup and Service times of worship all donations will go towards the Bishops' Appeal fund for Ukraine. On Monday 7th March we held a special Time of Prayer to offer prayers for the peoples of Ukraine and Russia and for all affected by conflict.



Donations to the Ukraine appeal.

Pandemic Commemoration Service

On Sunday 20th March we held a special a service of remembrance and reflection marking the second anniversary of the arrival of the Covid pandemic in Ireland. The service was part of a nationwide time of reflection and remembrance.

St Patrick's Community Celebration Concert

There was a wonderful turnout in St Finbarr's as we celebrated both St Patrick's Day and the re-opening of live music with a concert in St Finbarr's on 16th February. Local singer/ songwriter Barry Jay Hughes put on a wonderful performance supported by harpist Gráinne Duffy.

St Patrick's Day Muddy Church Walk

We had great fun on our St Patrick's Day Muddy Church Walk around Lough Fea Estate. As we wandered and wondered we reflected upon St Patrick's Breastplate and recognised God's presence all around us.

Thank you to the Shirley family for the use of the beautiful surroundings of Lough Fea.

Pop-Up Shop

A massive thank you to all who donated to and volunteered in St Finbarr's Pop-Up-Shop to help make the venture a wonderful success. A lot of hard work went in to collecting items to sell and then setting the shop up for people to come and buy. Well done to our team of volunteers who worked tirelessly over the week and a special mention to Doreen Monahan who co-ordinated the entire project.

Sunday School

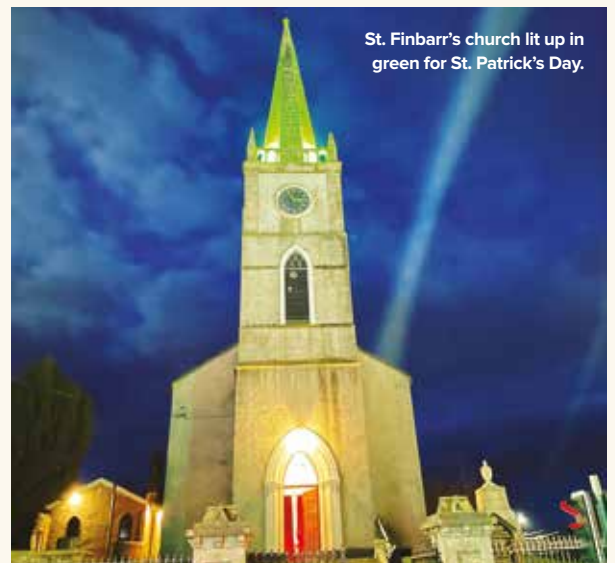
Sunday School meets in St Finbarr's on the first, second and fourth Sunday of the month. All children of National School age are very welcome as the children learn about the same Bible passage we are focusing on in the church service that day.

Cabra Central School

Cabra Central School is a wonderful three-



A photo from the St Patrick's Day concert.



St. Finbarr's church lit up in green for St. Patrick's Day.



Taking part in the Muddy Church Walk.

teacher school that links both our own Group of Parishes and the Kingscourt Group. The school are currently enrolling for admissions for September. If you are looking for a school for your children or know of any parents currently making that decision, please let them know about Cabra.

Marriage Celebration

We wish Victoria Lewis and Samuel Deane, the new Mr and Mrs Deane, God's richest blessing for many years of happiness together following their marriage in St Finbarr's on 10th March.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Sarah and Colin Henry-Wallace on the birth of their second son Alexander John. We look forward to welcoming Alexander into our church family and are sure that William will make a brilliant big brother.

Cleenish & Mullaghdun



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Hope Springs Eternal

Spring is the season of new life, growth and, of course, Easter. But two years on from the onset of Covid-19 and the global pandemic, and now with a war ravaging the people of Ukraine, death and its consequences is still all around. Death deals us a grievous blow. In the midst of these terrible crises many families are still being affected, measuring their loss and feeling devastating pain. Another Easter does not make it all better.

At Easter, Christians can sound as though they are simply saying that Jesus died but came back to life. It's like the ultimate happy 'Disney' ending where

death is annulled, no longer a thing to be considered. But that is just not true. In scripture death is always a challenge; it is as Paul tells us, "the last enemy". Christ's resurrection does not annul death, nor end our grief. The dead are still dead. We cannot set the truth aside in order to grasp at something easier to digest. As we begin to emerge from the Lockdowns and restrictions of the past two years, we need to assess the story of the pandemic and learn the lessons of how altered priorities made a difference in people's lives for the better during this

terrible time of need, death and isolation. We do not want to set this story aside as though it was an unfortunate intrusion into the real business of living. We want this to be the story. We want to remember those who died, remember those who rescued us, remember those who cared. We want to make new judgements now about who we are and what we can do. We want to learn from the trials of the pandemic and transform our future for the better. Easter does not set aside our past. The resurrection is not the magnificent last hoorah of a fervent faith. It is not the





Mothers' Union members decorating bottles.

pinnacle for those who believe that God never meant us to get hurt and just wants us to live happily ever after. The Resurrection is not even the last event, the last fact in the Passion Story. On Good Friday we see what happens when Herod, Caiaphas, Pilate or the crowd pass judgement – we see death, a real death. At Easter we see what happens when God passes judgement. Death is still death, but now there is a longer story to be told; the beginning and ending of which is not in our grasp. There is yet more to say, that and after defeat, there can be victory. The story is still true, it is just not yet over. To that longer story, to that mystery, we commit ourselves when we say “Christ is Risen”. We do that more in hope than certainty. We do it knowing the truth of loss but accepting we have much to learn. To that mystery, that longer story, I commit myself and those I have loved and lost. Happy Easter.
Rev Alison

Service Times for Easter

Good Friday

Cleenish Church at 8.00pm

Easter Day

Mullaghduin Church, Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Cleenish Church – Holy Communion at 11.30 am

We are hoping to return to the Sunrise Service on Easter morning at the Cleenish Centre, Bellanaleck. Further details will be announced.

Annual Easter General Vestry Meetings

Cleenish – Wednesday 6th April 2022

following the Lenten Service at 8pm

Mullaghduin – Wednesday 13th April 2022

following the Lenten Service at 8pm

Mothers' Union

For our February meeting 12 of our members met together in Mullaghduin Church Hall where we ‘transformed’ old wine bottles into a work of art! We are looking forward to our official Opening Service on 15th March in Cleenish Church followed by an AGM. Then on Easter Tuesday we plan to host an Easter Celebration for the children of our Parishes in the grounds of Mullaghduin Church Hall. Further details will be announced in Church.

Parent & Toddler's Group

The leaders of the Parent & Toddler's Group are making plans to re-open after Easter.

As is the case with any organisation which requires volunteers, the Group is making an appeal for volunteers to assist each week, one morning for approximately two hours. If interested in supporting the Group, please contact Joan at 028 66 348314.

Introducing...

Grace and Sarah who are Confirmation Candidates in Cleenish Parish. Both girls are making preparations for Confirmation and are now regular readers at our Morning Services. A date for Confirmation Service will be announced later. We keep Grace and Sarah in our prayers as they prepare to make their promises in Confirmation.

Bellanaleck Community Group

As we move towards the summer season, traditionally the main road in the village gets busier with tourist and visitor traffic.



Grace and Sarah, Confirmation candidates.

This coupled with large numbers of cross border through traffic and heavy goods vehicles, speeds tend to become an increasing problem.

See photo of recent accident site in Village (below).

As the price of home heating oil has increased significantly in past weeks, there are reports of oil being stolen from a housing site in the Village, where the tank is easily accessible to the thief, and it is known for the intruder to secretly follow the tanker to it's off-load site.

It is also a time to remind us all where the two defibrillators are in the Village; (a) outside the Church Hall (b) entrance to The Moorings restaurant.

For further information regarding the work of the Community Group, contact Owen Wilson (Sec) 66349602 or Sharon Elliott on Facebook.



Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

3 April

Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer
Newbliss 11.30am: Morning Prayer

10 April

Currin 10.00am: Palm Sunday - Morning Prayer
Killeevan 11.30am: Palm Sunday Morning Prayer

15 April

Currin 8.00pm: Joint Group Service of Reflection for Good Friday

17 April

Clones 11.00am: Joint Group Service of Holy Communion for Easter Sunday (with Sunday School drama and baptism of baby Benjamin Rusk)

24 April

Currin 10.00am: Morning Prayer
Killeevan 11.30am: Morning Prayer (services today led by Dean Raymond Ferguson since the Rector is away)

1 May

Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer
Newbliss 11.30am: Morning Prayer

6 May

Killeevan 8.00pm: Annual Diocesan Mothers' Union Service (followed by refreshments)

Condolences

We offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Jack Walsh of Lisnalee, a life-long parishioner whose funeral was held in St. Andrew's Church, Currin, on 10 March.

We also offer our condolences to the family and friends of Sylvia McAdoo, whose ashes were interred on 19 March in the same grave as her husband, George, in St Laebhan's, Killeevan.

Fundraising for the people in the Ukraine

Well done to Christine Rusk and Cynthia



Stewart for organising a range of events to raise money for the people caught up in the crisis in the Ukraine. The first event was a walk at Rossmore Forest Park, Monaghan, and the second a historical tour around Clones (with local guide George Knight) which has been rearranged for Saturday 26 March at 11.00am.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union will be holding its Annual Diocesan Service in St Laebhan's Church, Killeevan, on Friday 6 May at 8.00pm. All are welcome and the service will be followed by a tea organised by the members of our own Killeevan Branch of the Mothers' Union.

Meet our Group's longest serving Churchwarden: Mr. Walter Keating

Across the Church of Ireland, Churchwardens and Glebewardens give important service each and every day of the year. Here in this Clones Group of Parishes we are privileged to have a talented set of people in these roles – not least our longest serving Churchwarden, Walter Keating of Newbliss Parish Church.

Walter is the oldest of three boys and one sister (who moved to Swan's Cross after her marriage). His brother John served as People's Churchwarden in Newbliss for many years, whilst his other brother Cecil served there as treasurer. Walter, for his part, became Rector's Churchwarden before he reached the age of 20 ... and now a sprightly 85 years old he is still in the role, having giving continuous service to no less than 10 Rectors: Foster, Lumley, Style, Brown, Rowe, Marsden, Gourley, Wakely,



Walter on the farm and in church and below with May Leech: our longest serving organist.

Steed, and now Taylor. Walter has spent his entire lifetime farming in the Newbliss area, and he also has a passion for local history as is obvious from the many photos and objects of historic interest in his home. He smiles as he remembers Sunday School before church on Sunday – and the teachers he had there as a boy: Miss Dawson, who had been ill from Polio and always came to church on a pony and trap; Fred Craig, the local blacksmith and father of our current organist, May Leech; and Eileen Hall, who went on to take over the shop opposite Killeevan Church from her uncle ... and ran it until just a few years ago. He remembers too the Tilley lamps they used for lighting before there was any electricity in Newbliss church – and the furnace under the floor, lit the night before Sunday services ... and near to which people liked to sit, of course! Walter reckons his first Rector called him to become his Warden because he needed someone reliable to 'lift' the collection – and perhaps also because he was good at calling the men (who always seemed to gather outside) into the service when the bell stopped tolling. Well, he has used those and a great many other talents since then! Today Walter lives quietly, having lost his wife Etta some years ago. However, you can't keep a good man down!! Farming is still 'in his blood' – and he continues an active role as Rector's Churchwarden, which he thoroughly enjoys. He deserves the thanks of all 10 rectors to whom he has been a support and friend – and long may he continue!

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April

- 3rd** Holy Communion 11.30am
- 10th** Family service 11.30am
- 14th** Maundy Thursday 8.00pm
- 15th** Good Friday 8.00pm
- 17th** Easter Sunday 11.30am
- 24th** Morning Prayer 11.30am

May

- 1st** Holy Communion 11.30am
- 8th** Family service 11.30am
- 8th** Praise service 7.00pm
- 15th** Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 22nd** Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 29th** Morning Prayer 11.30am

Christian Baptism

20th Feb 2022 - Karter Henry Ellis, son of Kathryn and Mark.

Men's Breakfast

It was a delight to have a joint venture with the Drumkeeran group for a Men's Breakfast at the end of February in the Termon Centre, Pettigo. Those in attendance enjoyed the time of fellowship over a hearty breakfast, with a short message of looking after ourselves, especially when working on our own. A donation in support of the Revd Charlie on his 10,000 a day step challenge for Prostrate UK, was much appreciated. Our thanks go to those who organised the breakfast, and for the staff in the Termon centre for cooking and serving.

Passion for life UK

On 5th April at 7.00pm, an Outreach initiative will take place at the rectory grounds entitled 'Taste and see that the Lord is good'. The parish has linked in with the resources provided by Passion for Life UK, and in connection with other churches throughout the UK and those in Fermanagh as a part of this

year's UK wide missional outreach. It provides an opportunity to invite friends and neighbours to come and see for themselves what it is to know Christ, His peace, love, and grace. The evening will be a time of fellowship over a cuppa, with a devotional concluding the evening. It affords us to use God's gifts in sharing our faith in practical ways, as many have done, and still do each and every day. "And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations." Mark 13: 10. In the lead up to the Easter services, a number of those missional outreach activities will take place throughout Fermanagh from 3rd until 10th April. These will be on the church notices and posted on the parish Facebook page. While some churches have undertaken to provide venues to come along too, the emphasis is in encouraging you to connect with your local church in your area. Come along, TASTE and SEE for yourself that the LORD is GOOD.

We read in 1 Peter 1: 3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,.". A living hope, hope that does not disappoint. We may feel at times overwhelmed by all we see and hear, the war in Ukraine, the effects of COVID, loss, illness that hope seems distant, the future looks bleak. Yet, it need not be, if we trust in the risen Lord, in Christ who gained the victory over sin and death. Christ who sits at the righthand of the Father, who intercedes for us in heaven. When we recognise the sovereignty of God in all things, when we recognise that our times are in His hands, when we recognised that He holds the future, have we anything

to fear? Let the events of Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, death, and resurrection encourage you that even in the midst of trouble to submit to the will of God, for He knows in full, what we know only in part. None of us should need reminding, Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed, Alleluia.

Duty Bound

A new book, written by local historian and author David Keys, detailing the Ulster Special Constabulary in County Fermanagh, those who served with distinction and those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the defence of peace, will be launched in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen on Friday 8th April at 8.00pm. All are welcome to come along on the night and hear a little of the now forgotten, those who knew the meaning of duty and service.

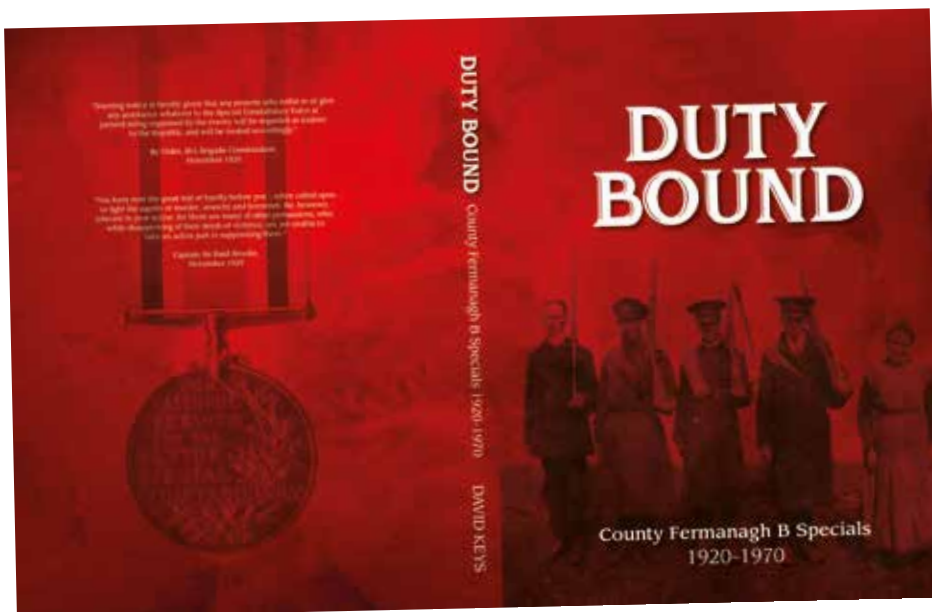
Parish Auction

The parish auction will take place on 7th May 2022, more details to follow with updates on the Facebook page. Keep this date free, and plan to come along.

Looking forward - Dates for the diary

- Wednesday 6th April 2022 - Easter Vestry Meeting at 8.00pm.
- Saturday 7th May 2022 - Parish Auction
- Sunday 4th June 2022 – DV - Platinum service celebrating Her majesty's reign.
- Sunday 19th June 2022 11.30am – Confirmation service

Updates on the resumption of church groups and other activities will be noted on the weekly notices in church and posted on the parish Facebook when appropriate.



Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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Public Worship

Sunday April 10th (Palm Sunday)

10.30am Derryvullen North

11.45am Castle Archdale

There will be the congregational Reading of the Passion as well as the Blessing of the Palms

April 13th (Wednesday in Holy Week)

11.00am Shoppers' Service, Derryvullen North Parish Centre

7.30pm Late Evening Office, Derryvullen North

April 14th (Maundy Thursday)

7.30pm Holy Communion of the Last Supper, Castle Archdale

April 15th (Good Friday)

7.30pm Late Evening Office, Derryvullen North

Sunday 17th (Easter Day)

10.15am Holy Communion, Castle Archdale

11.30am Holy Communion, Derryvullen North

Sunday 24th (2nd Sunday of Easter)

10.15am Morning Prayer, Castle Archdale

11.30am Morning Prayer, Derryvullen North

Sunday 1st May (3rd Sunday of Easter)

10.15am Holy Communion, Castle Archdale

11.30am Holy Communion, Derryvullen North

Annual General Easter Vestry Meetings

■ Monday 25th April 7.30pm, Derryvullen North (Parish Centre)

■ Tuesday 26th April 7.30pm, Castle Archdale (Church)

CMSI - partnerships across the globe

At both the 10.30am Service in Derryvullen North and the 11.45am Service in Castle Archdale there was a guest Speaker, Roger Cooke, from CMSI (Church Mission Society



Castle Archdale Church.



Roger Cooke CMSI.

Ireland). CMSI has long been supported by our parishes and there was a special collection at each Church, the proceeds of which went to the work of CMSI. CMSI is a Christian mission organisation that exists to help God's people engage in God's mission, making connections between different parts of God's global family and equipping churches and individuals as they work together to share God's transforming love. <https://www.cmsireland.org/>

Sunday School

As part of the movement back towards a more normal pattern of church life and ministry, the Sunday School has now resumed in Derryvullen North. The children



Sunday School members

meet in two sections – Junior (Primary age) and Seniors (post primary), along with a Creche. We have a usual combined attendance of about 40 children. We are very grateful for the support of families and for all the dedication of the Children’s Ministry Team (Leaders and Junior Leaders).

World Day of Prayer

The Inter-Church Service marking the Women led World Day of Prayer was held in St Tighernach’s Church, Derryvullen North. Everyone was welcomed by Carol Clarke, who led the organising of the event supported by a committee drawn from the churches. Dr Margaret presided at the liturgy and there were readers representing the local Churches - Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist and both our Church of Ireland Parishes of Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale. Avril Stubbs as Churchwarden was supported by Marion Faris and Laura McDowell who were Stewards. Florence Barrett was the Organist and along with the Choir led the praise. The Service was recorded for sharing with the housebound by Neville Scott. It was great to see the Church with such a great number present for the very enjoyable Service, and present were two of the local clergy, Canon Paul (our Rector) and Fr Kevin (Sacred Heart RC Church). At the conclusion of the Service, Carol thanked everyone on behalf of the organising committee and said that next year the Service would be hosted by Irvinestown Presbyterian Church.
<https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>

Boys’ Brigade

At the time of writing these notes, the season for the BB is drawing to a close but it has been great to see almost 60 Boys taking part in the weekly activities. These



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

regular meetings involve some things that we long associate with the BB, such as drill, football, box work etc. There were also some different activities however – the Company Section had a session on bicycle maintenance and road safety.

Cdt Cpl Hunter

Christopher Hunter, a parishioner of Derryvullen North, has the honour of representing the Army Cadet Force at the

Service of Thanksgiving for the Late HRH Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh. Her Majesty The Queen has approved a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh at Westminster Abbey on



BB members discuss bicycle maintenance.



Cadet Cpl Hunter.

29th March and the Lord Chamberlain's Office has invited nine Army Cadet Force Cadets and one Adult Instructor from throughout the United Kingdom. This will be an important event that will celebrate the life of the Duke of Edinburgh. He had been Colonel in Chief of the ACF for 68 years. The Army Cadet contingent will be representative of cadets from across the UK and Cdt Cpl Christopher Hunter has been selected as the single representative for the Army Cadet Force from throughout Northern Ireland. This is a considerable honour and responsibility for Cdt Cpl Hunter as he will not only be representing his detachment, Enniskillen Open, his Company and Battalion and the Army Cadet Force throughout Northern Ireland but also the Royal Irish Regiment as he wears the Green Hackle on parade at Westminster.

Groups and organisations

It has been very encouraging to see good

and increased membership of the Bowling Club and the Derryvullen Church Choir. There are also plans to set up an occasional group of singers for Castle Archdale Parish Worship and in Derryvullen North those who contribute singing items as solos or in groups continue to do so as the Second Sunday Services. At the time of writing the Joint Mothers' Union Branch plan to meet for their regular meeting on 23rd March. It was unfortunate that the MU Meeting in February had to be cancelled due to bad weather.

From the registers

HOLY BAPTISM

■ Erica Louise Elliott, 6th March 2022 (Derryvullen North)

"We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,



The baptism for the Elliott family.

we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith."

From the Book of Common Prayer

Derryvullen South and Garvary

Vacant:

The Revd John Woods, Acting Rural Dean is in charge and is providing emergency pastoral cover along with Dean Raymond Ferguson.

Services for April

Sunday, 3 April

10.30am Morning Prayer, Garvary.

12 Noon, Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

Sunday, 10th April

10.30am, Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

12 Noon, Morning Prayer, Garvary

Good Friday, 15th April

7.30pm, Service in Garvary Parish Church

Easter Sunday, 17th April

10.30am, Morning Prayer, Garvary

12 Noon, Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

Sunday, 24th April

10.30am, Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

12 Noon, Morning Prayer, Garvary

Confirmation

Seven candidates were confirmed in Derryvullen South on Sunday 7 November 2021. Pictured with the young people are Kathleen Kettyles (Rector's Churchwarden); Bishop Ellis; Revd John Woods, Acting Rural Dean and Robert Boles (People's Churchwarden).



The confirmation group in Derryvullen South.

Sunday School

Our Sunday School had a wonderful time ice skating at the Share Centre for a Christmas treat (pictured below).

Food Bank

Our parishioners very kindly donated to Enniskillen Food Bank in December to

help others in need. Pictured top left are Laura Courtney and Kathleen Kettyles with donations received at one of our December services.

Garvary

Mothers' Union

Both branches attended Derryvullen



Ice Skating at Share.



South Parish Church for Evening Prayer on Monday 21st March. Our thanks to Mrs. Joan Nelson, Diocesan Reader who led us in our Opening Service. All members were very pleased to be joining in fellowship again.



The Beacom family at the baptism service.

Bereavement

We extend our sincere sympathy to Ian McGoldrick on the recent death of his sister.

Holy Baptism

Sunday, 13th March – Elsie Annabel, infant daughter of Gary and Louise Beacom.

Christian Burial

11th March – Mrs Bella Forde, Mullyknock, Tempo. We extend our sincere sympathy to

all the Forde family circle.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those of our parishioners who are ill at home, in hospital or those who are receiving treatment. Please also remember the people of Ukraine who are suffering as a result of the invasion of their country by Russia.

Devenish & Boho



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Services for the month of April

Sunday 3rd April

10.00am. Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am. Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 10th April

10.00am. Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am. Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 17th April

10.00am. Easter Service, H/C, Boho Parish Church

11.30am. Easter Service H/C, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 24th April

10.00am. Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church

11.30am. Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

Holy Week Services

Monday 11th April

8.00pm. Holy Week Service, Boho Parish Church

Wednesday 13th April

8.00pm. Holy Week Service, Devenish Parish Church

Thursday 14th April

8.00pm. Maundy Thursday Service, Boho Parish Church

Friday 15th April

8.00pm. Good Friday Service, Devenish Parish Church

Lenten Services will continue each

Wednesday night at 8.00pm, alternating between Devenish and Boho churches.

Burial

Wednesday 16th February 2022

Hazel Margaret Johnston, 194 Loughshore Road, Cossycon, Enniskillen.

The funeral service was held in the home, followed by the burial in Devenish Parish graveyard.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Hazel's husband Cyril, son Ryan, daughter Carina and the wider family circle.

Mothers' Union

The Annual General Meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday, 12th April at 8 pm. We look forward to a good attendance.

World Day of Prayer

There was a good attendance at the World Day of Prayer in Devenish Parish Church on Friday 4th March. Representatives from neighbouring churches took part in the service. The organist was Mrs Myrtle Abercrombie. A very appropriate and inspiring reflection of the theme "I know the plans I have for you" was given by Revd Maureen Desborough. Many thanks to all who took part in the service.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh

Chancellor **Ian Berry** is in charge.

Services and pastoral cover provided by **Revd. Margaret Pringle**

Services for April

Sunday 3rd

Donagh 10.30am (H.C.)

Tyholland 12.00 (H.C.)

Sunday 10th

Donagh 10.30am (M.P)

Errigal Truagh 12.00 (H.C.)

Friday 15th

Good Friday Joint service

Donagh at 8pm

Sunday 17th

Easter Day

Donagh 10.30am (H.C.)

Tyholland 12.00 (M.P.)

Sunday 24th

Donagh 10.30am (M.P.)

Errigal Truagh 12.00 (M.P.)

New appointment

We are delighted that the Revd Tim Irvine has been appointed as Bishop's Curate to the Donagh Group of parishes. We look forward to welcoming Revd Tim and we pray that he will find his ministry within our group to be welcoming, rewarding and fruitful. It was a great pleasure to have our bishop, Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis with us on Sunday 13th March to announce this good news.

We would like to thank the Revd Margaret Pringle for looking after us during the



Sunday School Leader, Mrs Marina Waller with children.

vacancy and Mr Keith Browne who led many of our Sunday services.

Donagh Group Sunday School

It was with great excitement that the Donagh Group Sunday School recommenced on Sunday 20th February in the new Sunday School room with balloons and treats. A big thank you to Marina, Debbie, Amanda for their dedication and to Olivia who has kindly offered to help with the juniors.

World Day of Prayer

This year the WDP service was led by Diane Wright-Kendrick in St Salvator's Church and included readers from within

our own church as well as from Glennan Presbyterian and St Mary's churches. We thank Diane for all the effort she put into the service and the Revd Margaret Pringle for her reflection on Jeremiah Chapter 29. We also wish to thank the Donagh community choir whose members had been practising the special music for a few weeks and Mr Gerard Toal for his accompaniment.

Help for Ukraine

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and all those caught up in war. We are grateful to those volunteers who are co-ordinating or helping with the Red Cross appeal. Anyone wishing to donate



Some of the children at Sunday School.



Mrs Debbie Treanor with children.



Balloons and Children back at Sunday School again.



World day of Prayer photographs including the the World Globe, the Bible open at Jeremiah Ch.29; flags of England, Wales and Northern Ireland; Rose representing England; Leeks representing Wales; Shamrock representing Northern Ireland all sitting on a blue cloth symbolizing the sea.

items is asked to contact Mrs Diane Wright-Kendrick. The priority list includes First Aid kits, sleeping bags, dried food, chocolate, hot water bottles, flash lamps and batteries, wound dressings, power banks (charged up), new thermal underwear, socks, hats, scarves, gloves, toiletries, ready to eat foods and tinned foods with long "sell by" dates.

Date for your diary

Please keep free Sunday, 9th October when Bishop Ian Ellis will dedicate the building works in Donagh Parish Church (D.V.) at the annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 3pm.



Bishop Ian Ellis and his wife, Heather visiting St. Salvator's Church, Glaslough recently.



Leading the World Day of Prayer service.

Dromore



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Empty Tomb

Little Philip, born with Down's syndrome, attended a third-grade Sunday School class with several eight-year-old boys

and girls. Typical of that age, the children did not readily accept Philip with his differences, according to an article in Leadership magazine. But because of a creative teacher, they began to care about Philip and accept him as part of the group, though not fully. The Sunday after Easter the teacher brought Leggs pantyhose containers, the kind that look like large eggs. Each receiving one, the children were told to go outside on that lovely spring day, find some symbol for new life, and put it in the egg-like container. Back in the classroom, they would share their new-life symbols, opening the containers one by one in surprise fashion. After running about the church property in wild confusion, the students returned to the classroom and placed the containers on the table. Surrounded by the children, the teacher began to open them one by one. After each one, whether flower, butterfly, or

leaf, the class would ooh and ahh. Then one was opened, revealing nothing inside. The children exclaimed, "That's stupid. That's not fair. Somebody didn't do their assignment." Philip spoke up, "That's mine." "Philip, you don't ever do things right!" the student retorted. "There's nothing there!" I did so do it," Philip insisted. "I did do it. It's empty. the tomb was empty!" Silence followed. From then on Philip became a full member of the class.

He died not long afterwards from an infection most normal children would have shrugged off. At the funeral this class of eight-year-olds marched up to the altar not with flowers, but with their Sunday school teacher, each to lay on it an empty pantyhose egg.

While the tomb was empty – in terms of Jesus' body being absent from it – the tomb wasn't completely empty. Mark's Gospel tells us (Mk 16:4-6):

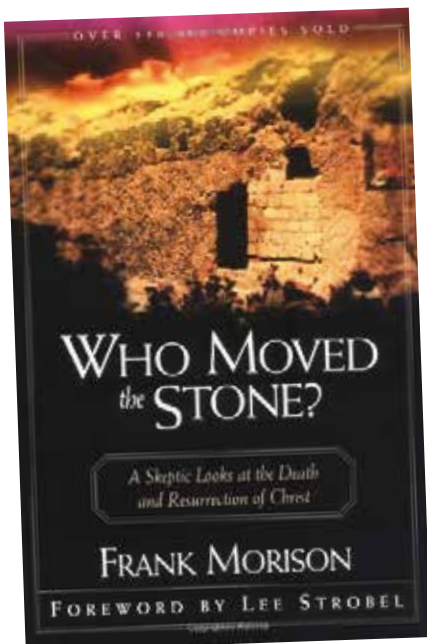
⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

John's Gospel tells us (John 20:6-7):

⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.

Later John tells us that Mary 'saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.' (John 20:12). Had it just been an empty tomb people may have incorrectly argued that they went to the wrong tomb, due to being overcome with grief. But the Gospel writers don't give that as an option. An angel gave the reason for the grave clothes being left behind – "He has risen!" Later Jesus showed himself to the apostles and 'gave many convincing proofs that he was alive.' (Acts 1:3). Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 15:6 that: 'he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time...'

Albert Henry Ross (who wrote under the name Frank Morison) was sceptical regarding the resurrection of Jesus and so set out to analyse the sources and to write a short paper entitled 'Jesus – the Last Phase', to demonstrate the apparent myth. However, in compiling his notes, he came to be convinced of the truth of the resurrection and set out his reasoning in his book 'Who Moved the Stone?'



Donations collected for Ukraine.



Some of the examples of food and clothes needed.

We as believers need to, like Paul, pass on to others 'as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.' (1 Corinthians 15:3-5).

Services

3rd April

11.00am – Morning Service, 'Straining toward what is ahead', Phil 4b – 14 (Children go directly to the hall for Sunday School)

10th April

11.00am – Family Service, 'See your King comes to you', Luke 19:28 – 40

Holy Week

WEDNESDAY 13th – Joint Youth Service (Holy Trinity Church) at 8.00pm (Followed by food and fun after the interactive service)

MAUNDY THURS 14th – Joint Communion Service (Holy Trinity Church) at 8.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY 15th – Joint Service (Togherdoo Methodist Church) at 8.00pm

17th Apr, 11.00am – EASTER DAY, HC 2, 'He has risen!', Luke 24:1 - 12

24th Apr, 11.00am – Family Service, 'As the Father has sent me, I am sending you', John 20:19 – 23

(The Service will be followed by the Easter Vestry)

Ukraine Appeal

Barnabas Fund have been providing food to some of the neediest places across the world (including countries in Africa, Asia, South-east Asia, and the Middle East) for several years through 'FOOD.GIVES'. So, when war broke out in Ukraine, they were able to respond to calls from pastors in that country who were informing Barnabas Fund that people were starving. These pastors had warehouses and trucks ready to deliver food throughout the country, they just needed food delivered to it so that they could send it on. Blankets and good quality winter clothes were also asked for (particularly coats) and so Barnabas Fund launched an appeal for these items. On 13th March, Barnabas Fund reported that they had already received more than six tonnes of food and five tonnes of blankets, coats and other clothes at their warehouse in Swindon with more on its way from hubs around the UK. Some of this was already on its way to those in desperate need. As Churches in Dromore we decided to join together to have drop off points over three weekends in March (Holy Trinity Church, Dromore – Saturday 12th, Dromore Presbyterian Hall – Saturday 19th and St Davog's Church – Saturday

26th). We had such a great response on the first weekend and delivered the food items on Monday 14th to the Barnabas Fund office in Belfast in order to meet the local staff and find out more about where to deliver the larger load towards the end of March (after the remaining collection days).
A big thank you to those who gave towards this needy cause and to Lynden Keys for arranging the items to be delivered to Belfast.

Sunday School and Family Services

Once a fortnight children will go straight to Sunday School in the Church Hall, while everyone else meets in the Church for our normal Services, which continue to be streamed live on Facebook from 10.50am with the Service starting at 11am. These Services will normally be around 45 minutes in length. In the weeks in between we will have Family Services, which will be around 35-40 minutes in length. As well as the hall being used as an overflow for Family Services, the Committee Room will also have the service on the screen (for parents with young children if you feel that they are unsettled in the Church).

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, uploaded usually on Sunday afternoon (All-age Service).
- Follow us on Twitter @HTDromore.
- Get a recording of the service on CD or DVD every week



The first delivery of food received at Barnabas Fund Office, Belfast with Timothy Tai, Director for Barnabas Fund in NI and a volunteer.

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When you read these words we will still have a couple of weeks left until Easter and I hope that you have used Lent to focus your thoughts on God and to look at your life with a critical eye. I also hope that you are looking forward to Easter and that you will join us for the various services to mark this time of year with all that it means to us. I also hope that you have the opportunity to get together with family and friends in

a way that you perhaps have been unable to do over the past two years.

I want to suggest as we move forward that we should always appreciate the moment and take nothing for granted in the future – except of course what our faith promises.

As we journey through Holy Week we will have services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as we remember the Last Supper with the command to love one another as we are loved by God and then the ultimate expression of that love as we remember what Jesus did for us by so willingly going to the Cross to pay the price that we could never pay ourselves. Then on Easter Sunday we remember the fact that death could not hold him and we are reminded that death will not hold those who trust in Jesus Christ for their salvation.

As we see in that wonderful hymn In Christ Alone;

***There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine***

Bought with the precious blood of Christ

May these words remind us that because of the events of that first Easter Day nothing can ever pluck us from his hand when we have placed our trust in Jesus Christ.

One casualty of the restrictions has been the monthly services in Dernasesk. While we have met on occasion this had to be strictly limited due to the space available coupled with the requirement to socially distance.

The good news is that these services will resume on Sunday 3 April at 7pm and will continue in May and June before taking a break for July and August. We hope to see some familiar faces and perhaps some new faces as well.

Women Together

Our Ladies group, Women Together continues to meet and in January the ladies (and one gentleman who shall remain nameless) enjoyed a lovely meal in the Drumrush. There was an evening of craft with Ruth Boyd in February, an evening with Archdeacon Hazel Hicks entitled 'Faith, Hope and Love' in March and we look forward to our next meeting on 12 April when the speaker will be Fiona

McGlue from Cancer Focus.

Parish Register

BAPTISM

On Sunday 20 February we had a baptism in Tubrid. We were delighted to welcome Ruby Jane Ginn into God's church and we offer our congratulations to her parents Aaron and Sandra.

On Sunday 6 March we had a baptism in Templecarne when we were delighted to welcome Nelly Sarah Fleming into God's church and we offer our congratulations to Richard and Claire and to Nelly's sisters Bella and Violet.

On Sunday 13 March we had a baptism in Tubrid and welcomed Daniel Thomas Stevenson into God's church and offer our congratulations to his parents William and Sarah.

It is wonderful to be able to celebrate such events and we look forward to seeing these children grow and to take

their place in the fellowship of the church.

Burial

Sadly, we said our farewells to a parishioner in March as well.

On 1 March we had the funeral service for (Edward) John Stevenson, Tubrid, Kesh. John had lived behind the church for many years and with his family had a lifelong association with the church. John had been ill for some time and passed away peacefully at home.

We extend our sympathy to his wife Elaine, his children, Jennifer, Lynda, Paul, Alison and Trevor, to their families as well as to John's siblings, Norman, Doreen, Jean and Addison and to the extended family circle.

Diary

Sunday 3 April 2022

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne,
Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 3 April 2022

Dernasesk 7pm

Sunday 10 April 2022 Palm Sunday

10.00 Muckcross, 11.30 Tubrid

Thursday 14 April 2022 Maundy

Thursday

Holy Communion Muckcross 8pm

Friday 15 April 2022 Good Friday

Tubrid 8pm

Sunday 17 April 2022

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne,

Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid,

Sunday 24 April 2022

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckcross, Morning

Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 1 May 2022

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne,

Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 1 May 2022

Dernasesk 7pm

Sunday 8 May 2022

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckcross, Holy

Communion 11.30 Tubrid

Ematrix with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

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

Revd Lorraine Capper is in charge.

Dartry and Rockcorry School

In Rockcorry N.S. we have been busy working on our Green School Biodiversity Flag. Representatives from ABP Food Group Clones came out to visit our Green School Committee and help planted six trees around the school.

We have also done some fundraising for the Special Olympics by holding a friendship week. We hope to promote and make the children more aware of Down Syndrome Ireland on Monday 21st March by taking part in Plenty of Socks day. If anyone is wishing to enroll their child for September 2022, we are currently accepting enrolments.

Aughnamullen

We remember in our prayers the people

of Ukraine at this difficult time.

We wish Walter and Margaret Pringle a speedy recovery.

Aughnamullen Parish are holding a Coffee Morning at the Schoolhouse on Saturday 21st May between 11am – 1pm.

Aghabog

Prayers

We remember in our prayers those who have been bereaved in our Parish recently.

Sunday School

As the covid restrictions have now eased we are delighted that our Sunday School has resumed again on 6th February.

Best Wishes

Best wishes to all those who have been unwell and wishing them a speedy recovery.

Treasure Hunt and Barbecue

A Walking Treasure Hunt and Barbecue is planned for Saturday 14th May to be held at Druminan Hall.



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APRIL SERVICES

Sunday 3rd April - The Fifth Sunday in Lent

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 6th April

7.30pm – 8.00pm – Compline

Thursday 7th April

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 10th April - The Sixth Sunday in Lent: Palm Sunday

9.00am – Holy Communion
10.30am – Palm Sunday Procession from the Cathedral Hall
11.00am – Morning Prayer (Family Service)

Thursday 14th April

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 17th April - The First Sunday of Easter: Easter Day

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion

Thursday 21st April

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 24th April - The Second Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Morning Prayer



Christian Burial

- 20th January - Marina Stinson, 8 Holyhill Crescent, Enniskillen.
- 26th February - Ellen Woods, Corkhill Care Home, formerly Coleshill Park, Enniskillen.
- 15th March - Ruby Callen, The Graan Abbey Nursing Home, formerly Coleshill Park, Enniskillen.

Lent

- Wednesday 6th April at 7.30pm – Compline
- Thursday 7th April at 11.00am – Holy Communion

Palm Sunday 10th April at 11.00am

Meet at the Cathedral Hall at 10.30am to follow the Palm Sunday Procession to the Cathedral. Palm Branches and Palm Crosses will be provided.

Holy Week Services:

- Monday 11th April at 7.30pm
- Tuesday 12th April at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 13th April at 7.30pm
- Maundy Thursday 14th April at 11.00am and 7.30pm

After the 7.30pm service, there will be 'The Ceremonial Stripping' in preparation for the 'bareness' of Good Friday. The clergy and readers will leave in silence and darkness and will not be greeting people. The congregation are asked to leave in silence as well.

Good Friday 15th April at 7.30pm

The congregation are asked to enter in silence and keep the silence amid the darkened atmosphere until after the opening hymn and opening prayers, and

again to leave in silence. No greeting afterwards on this night either!

Easter Day 17th April at 9.00am and 11.00am

Celebrations of the 'Joyful Resurrection!' Alleluia!

Sunday Lights and Café

Sunday Lights and Sunday Café allow our children to spend time together learning about the life and ministry of Jesus, singing songs, and participating in crafts and activities. Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-4 and Sunday Café welcomes children in P5-Year 8. In-person meetings started back on the First Sunday in Lent, 6th March, for the six weeks prior to Easter. Each Sunday, the children leave for their own activities after the Sunday School Prayer and the singing of a family hymn. Sincere thanks to the leaders who help supervise these sessions and make this vital ministry possible. Keep doing what you are doing so faithfully and well. The first Family Service was held on Sunday 27th March (The Fourth Sunday in Lent: Mothering Sunday), and the second Family Service will be held on Sunday 10th April (Palm Sunday). We meet at the Cathedral Hall on Palm Sunday at 10.30am, as we begin our procession to commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Sunday Lights and Café will then break until the end of September.

Messy Church

There will be a session of Messy Church on Maundy Thursday - keep an eye out on our Facebook page for more details in due course.



Mothers' Union members at the visitors' night in the Cathedral Hall.



Confirmation

The countdown continues to the Confirmation Service on Wednesday 27th April. After months of preparation, it is almost upon us. Our 24 candidates have enjoyed learning about the Church of Ireland and its mission and ministry, the significance of the Apostles' Creed, the important place the Sacraments must take in our lives, and what it means to live as a Christian in the world today. Our last few sessions together will be especially important, as we will be discussing the practicalities associated with the Confirmation Service. We really need full attendance, if possible.

Dates for April are as follows:

- Monday 4th April, 6.30-7.30pm – "Where are we now?" A Revision Quiz in the Upper Room.
- Monday 11th April, 7.30pm – Holy Week Service in the Cathedral, with Confirmation candidate participation, followed by a rehearsal for the Confirmation Service. We ask parents and guardians to please attend this Service with their young people.
- Wednesday 27th April, 7.30pm – Confirmation Service in the Cathedral.

We would like to thank the parents and guardians for supporting their young people by bringing them along each week. Sincere thanks are also due to all the candidates, who have contributed so thoughtfully and well to the classes. We have had lots of fun exploring our faith together, and hope to see you at Xplore as it starts up again next month.

Many thanks are due, too, to our Bishop, the Rt Rev Dr Ian Ellis, for facilitating this important moment in the lives of our young people.

Xplore

Our youth group, Xplore, is open to all Confirmation candidates and others in Years 9-12. We are currently putting together a programme of events, and hope that the Confirmation candidates will stay with us after making their Confirmation as regular members of Xplore. The new programme begins with a trip to Prison Island, an activity centre in Belfast, on Saturday 7th May. More details about the trip will follow in due course. Please feel free to get in touch with our Curate Assistant, Rev Chris, for more information.

Adult Confirmation

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

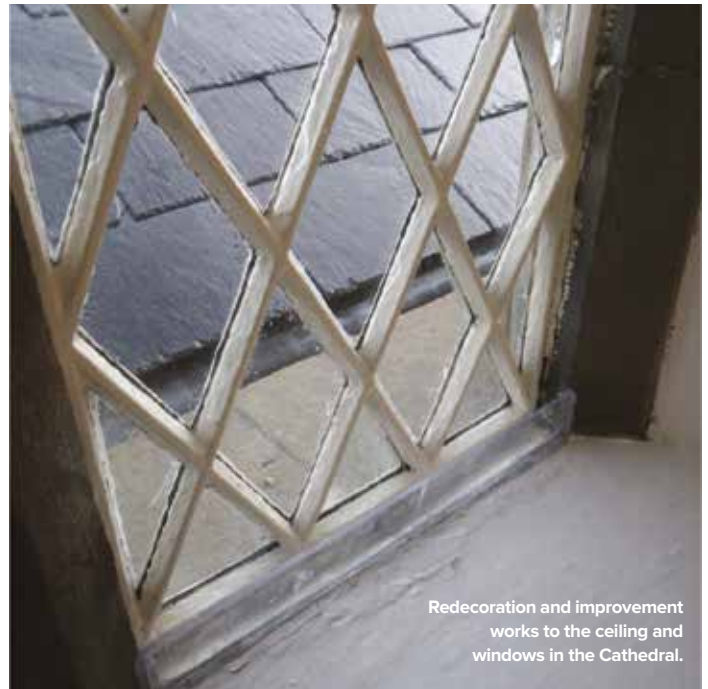
A service to confirm adults will take place in St Macartin's Cathedral on Ascension Thursday (26th May) at 7.30pm. Adults throughout the Diocese are welcome to be confirmed at this service – please contact the clergy for details.

Mothers' Union

Our March meeting was Visitors' Night held in the main hall on Monday 14th March. Jenifer, branch leader, opened the meeting with a warm welcome to members and visitors. Revd Chris followed with a reading and prayer. Our



The Silver Tones Choir singing at the MU Visitors' Night.



Redecoration and improvement works to the ceiling and windows in the Cathedral.

guest speaker was Kenny Fisher from the Fisher Foundation, accompanied by Hazel McFarland from Fermanagh Trust. Kenny gave a short talk on the background of the Foundation, Hazel gave a presentation on the work of Fermanagh Trust at home and abroad. This was followed by the fabulous Silver Tones Choir of which Kenny is a member, with Hazel Darragh as conductor and Ruth Coulter on keyboard. The choir sang a number of well-known songs and finished with the great hymn "How great thou Art" which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A delicious supper was served by the committee. The meeting closed with a poem entitled "Mothers' Love" read by Jenifer, branch leader.

For our next meeting members will attend the Holy Week Service on Monday 11th April at 7.30pm.

Cathedral Redecoration

Work is progressing satisfactorily, although some time was lost when the painting team was afflicted by Covid-19. The ceiling and upper walls are complete and are very impressive. The ceiling itself is painted in 'slaked lime' with mat finish. The ribs and other structural features are painted 'mushroom' with eggshell finish. Gold paint has been applied to the ceiling bosses which gives the whole ceiling a lift. The south wall beside the Hilliard window is damp and an infra-red heater is being used to dry it out in preparation for decoration. The pointing of the stonework on the outside of this wall is in poor condition and the opportunity is being taken to rake out the joints and re-point using lime mortar which will enable the wall to dry out fully over time.

A plastic strip has been fitted at the base of the window to prevent condensation draining down on to the paintwork of the wall. The weep hole to allow the condensation to drain outside has been restored.

A further problem has arisen in that the electrical cables along the base of the south and north walls, which supply power, are faulty and will have to be replaced. These extras will add to the cost of the project.

Visit by the National Churches Trust

During the past month, the Cathedral was visited by Ms Nina McNearry of the National Churches Trust to view the work in progress at the Cathedral. The National Churches Trust donated £25,000 to assist with the costs of restoration of the

Cathedral. This was a very welcome boost in the early days of fundraising for the project.

The Cathedral restoration team acknowledging the financial support from The National Churches Trust. See photo, (from left): Noel Johnston, George Irvine, Rev Chris West, Mrs Hope Kerr, Dean Hall, Sam Morrow.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, help us to see differences in others not as a threat but as an opportunity. Prompt us to reach out and offer Your loving kindness to those around us every day. Help us to spread kindness in our community. Give us courage to act and not to expect anything in return, and so help us to live in unity with all your people, to the glory of your name. Amen.



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Worship on Sundays

- 9.30am Worship at Kiltermon Church
- 11am Worship at St John's Church
- 7pm Breathe Quiet Prayer and Worship: Parish Hall, 1st Sun
- 7pm 3rd Sunday Fellowship Evenings Parish Hall: Mar, May, Sept, Nov.
- 7pm Evening Prayer as announced
- Sunday School during term time: on-line and in-person as announced
- 11am Wednesday Prayers at home

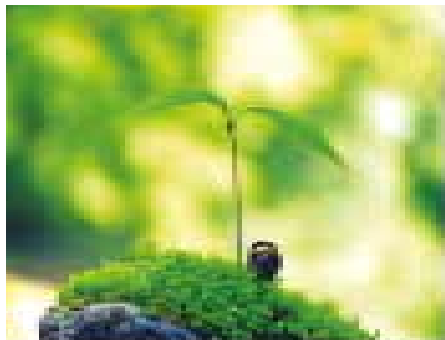
The Bishops' Appeal Ukraine

has committed £8,300/€10,000 from its emergency funds to assist with the humanitarian response to the crisis in Ukraine. Bishops' Appeal is partnering with Habitat for Humanity Ireland and Christian Aid, and encouraging parishes across the island to contribute to this response. During Lent monetary donations marked 'Bishops Appeal' may be left w/ parish.



Growth + Fellowship

In 2021 the focus for the teaching on Sundays was Discipleship. This year, we hope to think about and experience Growth. A wise someone wrote that 'as gardeners we only strive to create the ideal conditions



whereby growth might happen. But we don't do any growing.' How true this is in Christian life. St Paul wrote about this to the Christian in Corinth, saying, '*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.*' 1 Corinthians 3

3rd Sunday Fellowship Evenings Parish Hall

20 March, 15 May, 18 September, 20 November

We plan to host a series of 4 Sunday evening fellowships with great guest speakers who have visited us before; Frances Boyd Lisbellaw, Revds Patrick Bamber Calry, Sligo and John Rutter, Dollingstown, Lurgan. These informal evenings are to encourage fellowship, provide a time for worship, teaching and prayer. Plan to gather with us.

The Ministry Of Healing

has very kindly agreed to host us in Belfast at their lovely premises called '162', for a Quiet Day, on Monday 9 May. We have visited Pat and Rab Mollen's home on the shores of Strangford Lough, with its picturesque setting looking out across the water, and the collection of seabirds, waders, and Konik ponies on the nearby RSPB Nature Reserve. The invitation will be to anyone in the parish,

Quiet Day



and my hope is that the intercessors and those who connect with Breathe and the Parish Quiet Days, might find this to be a good opportunity. The day will include Holy Communion, two reflections by Rev'd Pat, and time for yourself.

The building is set with a well-stocked garden, space for praying, reading, or hand crafts (bring your own); however you might like to use your time.

Book through Office: 8952 2422 Depart Fivemiletown 9.15am, Home 5pm.

Breathe

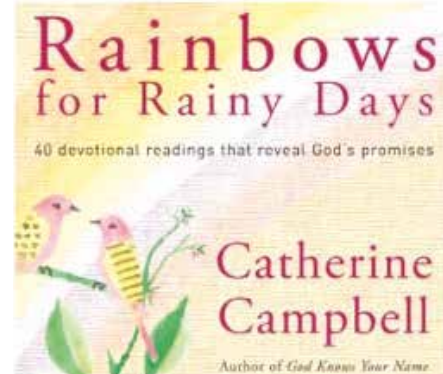
is a quieter time in the parish's worshipping life. Meeting from 7pm on the first Sunday across eight months of the year, Breathe



is a time set aside to gather around a piece of scripture, to pray and reflect supported by music and silence. Usually, I arrive at 6pm to set the chairs, organise the cups for the tea and coffee, set out paperwork, and settle into the evening. In January, I bolted from a warm seat by the fire at 6.55pm, to hurriedly gather a basket of items to bring to the evening. Arriving late at the hall I discovered the members had themselves set the Hall, and hot drinks were underway. It made for a good but busy evening. Whereas in February there were only seven members there. But, even on this quieter evening, there was good conversation, and input from each, showing a sense of great awareness of what God is doing in each of our lives. Two very differing evenings, and both positive for those present. Join us next from 7pm on Sunday 1 May, Parish Hall. Precentor Hanlon

What Are You Reading?

Autumn Brunch with Catherine Campbell Last Spring 84 women took a copy of Catherine Campbell's book, Broken Works Best. In July, 48 clicked online to hear her speak. And in January we fitted in a late evening



zoom call with Catherine, who is happy to come to Fivemiletown in October, to speak at a Parish Brunch. By then hopefully, her new book entitled 'God Isn't Finished With You Yet,' will be published; the third attempt to do so during lock down. Catherine was very encouraged by the amount of prayer and planning that went into her last connection with us in 2021; so too this season we must pray for God to work during this time.

Do join us in prayer and reading for this special event. New book details to follow in September.

Meanwhile you might consider reading one of her other titles, including:

Journey With Me, When We Can't God Can, Broken Works Best, God Knows Your Name. Brunch with Catherine Campbell on Saturday 23 October, God willing



Children's and Youth Ministry

Sunday School - It is a delight to report that Sunday School is going from strength to strength. Despite many hurdles, we are meeting together, whether that is virtually or face to face. We had a great time during **Muddy Church** with our Sunday School Children on the 24th October at the Round Lake. The children were able to learn about their GREAT GOD in the wonderful outdoors.

We once again held a virtual Nativity Play to tell the birth of Jesus with numerous children involved and shown at a special Family Service at Christmas. We are very happy to be back and opened Sunday School in January via Zoom and our last Sunday School session being face to face on the 6th February in the Parish all. It is lovely to see all the eager-to-learn smiling faces. We have dates set for future classes

Holy Week and Easter

St John's and Kiltermon

Palm Sunday 10th April

9.30am Kiltermon with Bishop Ellis

11am Sunday School Service at St John's

*7pm Main Sunday Service note time

8pm Monday 11th April: Service in Kiltermon: Rev'd McLoughlin

8pm Tuesday 12th: Service in Kiltermon

Guest Speaker: Rev'd John Rutter

8pm Wednesday 13th Fellowship Evening

hosted by Aughtentaine Presbyterian: *book with office*

8pm Maundy Thursday: Holy Communion, St John's

With Fivemiletown Methodist Circuit.

Celebrant, Rev'd Clodagh Yambasu

pre-book
with Sunday
School

10.30am Good Friday Kids' Brunch

Worship, Biblical Reflection and Prayer St John's

Easter Day - Holy Communion

9.30am Kiltermon

11am St John's

Annual Easter General Vestry Sunday 24th April

and events and look forward to reporting on those in the future. We look forward to hosting our Good Friday Brunch on 15th April in the Parish Hall and holding a Family Service on Palm Sunday with Alistair McFarland from Scripture Union as guest speaker. Heather Kirkpatrick, Sunday School Co-ordinator.

We're CONNECTed!

Connect Youth Group had not met in person at all since March 2020. So we were really pleased that plans set down in meetings from November and January came to fruition in early February.

16 young people and seven leaders met for the opening evening, with others sending apologies. The event was by booking only through Event-Brite, which added something to the preparation for the evening. The theme was from St James, 'Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.'

We thought about how near we felt to God each day and considered what is God's commitment to us even when we are unaware of His presence.

A well prepared quiz gathered the leaders and young people in teams, and the various rounds were greatly contested. Hot dogs and juice was served, and everyone went home with a tube of mini-eggs sporting the



Bible verse. The next Connect is planned for Friday 25th March, with a day away at Share on St George's Day, 23rd April. Thank you to the Select Vestry for the funding support they regularly contribute to Youth Ministry.

CLB Church Lads' Brigade

The CLCGB hope to continue meeting on alternate Tuesdays: 8th, 22nd February, 8th, 15th March* TBC and 5th April which takes us up to Holy Week and our Easter holiday break. These dates may change if COVID guidelines change. Thankyou. *Yours sincerely, Sandra and all leaders.*



Girls Friendly Society

We are continuing with our packs at present, but we do hope to return to the hall on Wednesday, 2nd March (6.30pm – 8.00pm). We have had a few outdoor meetings with the girls since last September



- Nature Trail around Blessingbourne
- Scavenger Hunt around Fardross Forest
- Christmas Craft with Jumping Clay in outdoor area of the Royal British Legion Hall.

We were very fortunate with the weather on our days out, mostly dry, sometimes a little damp and cold but no matter what the weather was like, the girl's enthusiasm for GFS never wavered and as leaders it was great to meet up with the girls and join in the fellowship, the friendship, and the fun of GFS. We are going to continue to include a few more outdoor activities before end of the May.

The Branch has sponsored Nafissata Teonsa since she was 4 years old. During last year she turned 18, became a young adult and we are no longer able to sponsor her. During the 14 years we have supported Nafissata she has been able to attend school and this has helped to build a solid foundation for her future. We have enjoyed receiving letters from her social worker letting us know her achievements at school and her life at home. We believe that the branch over the years as also benefited in sponsoring Nafissata.

We have had several discussions in the hall with the girls on the differences between how they live and how she lives. It has made the girls think about how much they have and how little others have. Plan International have asked us to consider sponsoring another girl and we have agreed to sponsor Mary Bartuah. Mary will

be eight years old in May and is from Liberia. She lives with her sister Abigail, who is only 18 years. Their parents moved away and left the girls on their own. Hopefully, we will be able to organise a card for her birthday along with some photos to introduce ourselves when we get back into the hall.

If you are interested in letting your daughter come along and join in the fellowship, friendship, and fun of GFS, please contact any of the leaders or you can leave a message with the office.

Midweek Ministries and Fellowship

Bowls We were delighted to be able to meet again in the parish hall from October. There are twelve who bowl regularly, and although we have not yet been able to meet with other clubs we have enjoyed getting back to bowling together every Thursday evening.

Bowls Secretary Sandy Atwell



Knit, Pray, Love

Thank You for the Seasons Project This year we are working towards the Thank You for the Seasons Project; a floral display for the new extension at Kiltermon Church, using handknit and crocheted flowers and foliage, measuring 2 ft x 4 ft approximately, a seasonal tapestry of 3-D flowers. A request for hand stitched flowers and foliage was extended to everyone in



Mary Bartuah

the parish. We are very thankful to have received many beautiful hand stitched floral elements for this project but a lot more are still needed. If you would like to help, please get in touch with Margaret Cowan, Betty Warrington or Michele Magee.

Mothers' Union

The February meeting, attended by 27 members was held in Kiltermon Church. Precentor Hanlon opened the meeting and asked if a new secretary could be

appointed at the end of the meeting. Branch Leader Hilary Kenny welcomed those present, and a new member, Mrs Sheelagh Wilson, and Mrs Heather Ellis, who will succeed Mrs Irene Boyd as M.U. Diocesan President. Following the opening hymn accompanied by Margaret Cowan, the Bible reading was brought by Evelyn Irwin and the prayers led by the Leader Hilary Kenny. Betty Warrington then showed us a delightful range of garments which she had knitted and crocheted both for personal use and for charity. Thelma Atwell then demonstrated her flower arranging talent with a table arrangement using foliage and fresh flowers.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Elvina Funston who presented Betty and Thelma with a small gift. Following supper, a short business meeting took place.

The Annual Secretary and Treasurer reports were then presented by Emily Kells and Elvina Funston. A frame with a M.U. Enrolment Certificate belonging to the late Mrs Vera Maguire dated 1964 was shown to the members. Mrs Maguire was the grandmother of one of our members Heather Kirkpatrick who now treasures this certificate.

Precentor Hanlon asked for a nomination for a new secretary and Evelyn Irwin was appointed by the members. The meeting closed saying the Grace with the next meeting planned for May.



Pastoral

Marriage Preparation and Counselling Christian Guidelines N I

For many years, the parish and diocese has benefitted from the support and training of the Christian Guideines organisation, based in County Down. Ian and Mrs Stewart have hosted marriage preparation courses here for more than 12 years, with most couples preparing for marriage through the parish

attending their course here or in Fintona. Over the last many years, none of the couples attending have complained about the course content or delivery, and that is a great credit to Ian and Lorraine. They were with us on Saturday 12th March, for the one-day course based at Kiltermon Church, when 12 couples gathered. Next year's date in March 2023 is applied for, and it would be beneficial to see other couples from parishes across the diocese, making use of this venue. There is also a course delivered in County Monaghan, and Omagh. Available to the parish, diocese and other local churches. Booking directly with Christian Guidelines NI.

Holy Baptism From Easter Sunday

Holy Baptism will return to its usual place on Sundays from Easter, to allow the congregation is able to be present. Baptisms were temporarily moved to Wednesdays as a consideration during the Covid-19 restrictions.

Gift To New Arrivals

It was great to learn that a lady had been reading about the visiting to new mums carried out by Hilary Kenny. She was so encouraged that she has offered to knit and gift this project sets of baby blankets and hats. There are some already knit, laundered and prepared with presentation ribbon. They are lovely and very welcome. Thank you for the generosity which this is.



Hospital Visiting

Pastoral visiting to hospitals is now permitted in most situations, with some planning ahead. If you or a family member are in hospital and would like a pastoral phone call, please contact the Rector. The Chaplaincy system is still not operating in all hospitals, and information is therefore not being sent on to parishes.

Kiltermon Venue For Clergy Quiet Day

Bishop Ian led a gathering for the diocesan clergy for a Quiet Day at Kiltermon.



We were very honoured that Kiltermon was host this day and it is a reflection of the appreciation there for the work carried out there in 2020.

Parish Hall Venue for Farming Support

We were pleased that the parish hall was the venue for an event organised by Rural Support to offer information and support to the farming community on 21st March.

'Faith Matters' Interview

This month we continue a series of short interviews with worshipping members of the parish. It's to help us get to know one another a little more and be encouraged by the faith of others. Thank you to those who are willing to share their story with us.



This month we hear from Zena McQuigg

My name is Zena McQuigg and I live in Fivemiletown with my wee dog called Lucky. **How did you come to be a member of Fivemiletown Parish?** My mother and I used to go to church regularly, but then I became her full time carer and I couldn't leave her.

After she passed away I wasn't attending church at all. A very good friend of mine was attending St John's in Fivemiletown and she invited me along, and I decided it was the church for me.

What do you enjoy about parish life?

I enjoy Sunday worship, the hymns and the reading of the gospel. I also enjoy going to my prayer meetings on Tuesday mornings. It is heartwarming to come before the Lord in fellowship.

Tell us something about a favourite verse of piece of scripture.

My favourite verse is Deuteronomy 31 verse 8: *'The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you, do not be afraid, do not be discouraged.'*

In this life people will let you down and leave us, but I find this verse a great encouragement to me, knowing that the Lord will always be there for us, no matter what.

What motivates you to be at church?

I enjoy the sermons and being in the house of God. With everyone praising and thanking the Lord for all he has done for us as he died on that cross, so that we all could be saved and for that I am truly thankful.

Do you have a hymn or praise song that

encourages you in Christian life?

I love the song 'Because he lives'. It is very comforting to know that the Lord is my special friend.

If you had a word of encouragement today for other Christians what would it be?

Always keep trusting in our Lord, praising and thanking him for all that He has done for us and fellowship with each other is also very important.

Welcome Back To Much Loved Organist

The Rector, congregation at Kiltermon and Select Vestry were delighted to welcome Mrs. Betty Warrington back to the organ at the 9.30am service on Sunday 20th February, after some months away during the recent pandemic.



Midweek Intercession and Prayer For Healing

takes place many times each month. A group of 13 people receive the requests for prayer each week and are committed to praying at least each Wednesday. And each second month we gather with others for a service of Holy Communion when all the names prayed for since we last met are prayed for again.

Leave a name for prayer with the office or with Precentor Hanlon or William Morrow. Join us from 8.15pm on Wednesday 16 March, St John's

Prayer Ministry Profile from Rev'd Pat Mollen

The Church's Ministry of Healing: The Mount in Belfast was formed as a response to Jesus words to his disciples: "Heal the sick who are there and tell them that the Kingdom of heaven is 'right on your doorstep'"

We help people to know God's healing power through the ministries we offer.

Our world today is very busy, and few people listen to others. As Christians we give time to everyone who comes to listen to what they have to say.

We offer the ministries of healing prayer,



counselling, mentoring and listening. Our counsellors are professionally trained (British Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists – (BACP) or Association of Christian Counsellors - (ACC) and all are supervised. Clients may have both counselling and prayer but delivered separately either in sequence or parallel. Our Book Clubs encourage interaction and a closer look at Christian living, but also are places of welcome and joy. We offer teaching in prayer ministry and help with healing services in the parish setting. We also demonstrate different ways of praying. Spiritual Direction or Accompaniment is also offered. Some of the most challenging and wonderful ministry occurs when someone just arrives unexpectedly on the doorstep. We have different prayer teams for different circumstances. The Emergency Prayer Line (EPL) has six teams who operate one week in six. If an emergency request (medical or psychiatric) comes through the leader of the team on duty is alerted with the message. She or he passes the details of the request to the next person on the team, and so on down the team. The end of team passes message back to the team leader to ensure receipt and no 'Chinese whispers'! The office emails The Intercessors on a Friday with requests for prayer. These requests are prayed for during the next 30 days. The Healing Service Prayer Team pray with Laying on of Hands at the Healing Services in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, Down Cathedral, St Molua's, Belfast, and St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh (being re-instated on Sunday 13 March.) With the easing of Covid restrictions we will be restarting Quiet Days at 162 and Echo Sound, and Seminars at 162. May God bless you richly as you seek to respond to Jesus command to 'heal the sick who are there and tell them that the Kingdom of God has come near. Pat

Scripture Inspired Cards

Packs of these lovely cards are available from Beverley Weir or the parish office. Priced at £7.50 for six, each pack has 6 different watercolour illustrations. These cards were gifted to the parish and will realise £1000 profit when the last packs are sold. All monies raised are for the project at Kiltermon. Copies Are Still Available of the lovely commemorative booklet we produced for the re-opening of Kiltermon Church in June. Maybe someone you know would like a copy; a friend



of the parish, or a son or daughter of the parish, living away. These are free from the parish office. The booklet contains lovely photographs of Kiltermon from today and years past, as well as a little history and the lovely new devotional poem written for this season in the parish's life.

Interview with Stephen McElhinny, SAMS

God's Call

It is my impression that the one of the best ways to help discern God's specific call on your life, is to listen to other people's stories. These accounts help to outline some of the ways in which God speaks into people's lives and how they in turn responded to His voice. You can see their story in your developing story! So here goes. This is part of my story.



I grew up in Lurgan, Co Armagh. Church was part of our weekly family routine. I remember many nights when one or other of my parents were 'out at a church meeting'. It was the way we were in our family. We went to church, and the youth activities as it seemed the right thing to do. When asked to go to school Scripture Union after school on a Tuesday, why would I not? A good few of my friends were there. It wasn't until I went to university in England, that I was challenged to make my faith really my own. That first term was when I was forced to choose, and my decision was to choose the Lord's way. Habits that had been formed in earlier life had a positive effect whilst wrestling with my faith status.

I continued belonging and questioning and being part of a community which held me on track and deepened my faith. I remember a weekend away with the Christian Union in Shropshire and being amazed at the way the Bible was becoming alive. The words seemed to come off the page and made me think in a way I never had. That was revealing and exciting. As you can see, my story was made up of gentle 'undulations'. Faith gently making progress and deepening, without too many cliff edge moments!

God's call on my life was shaped through added responsibility and leadership. I was asked by the CU to lead outreach at university. Never did I think it would push and pull at me the way it did. I wasn't what you might call an eager committee member but did it because I thought I should. I was introduced to someone who remains influential in my life - even now; a local Vicar in a north Birmingham suburb simply challenged me if I'd ever thought about ordination?

I smiled - and said 'No I hadn't'. Truth be told, I didn't have any intention of thinking more about it. But God was planting seeds - even then. I'd opted to pursue a career in Optometry and it was while on my first job posting in the north east of England that I 'fell' into the company of a supportive local Church of England. This community was very special. I made deep lifelong friendships there and it was in this community that my Christian life was further developed.

I remember attending a series of Bible studies which were the basis of the Alpha course. Faith was challenged, faith was stretched, faith was made certain. This was something I could depend on, a sure foundation. I could say that at that stage, if you took my faith away, something in me would have died at that moment. God led me back to Ireland and later, to place me with my most important life companion in Cathy. So - faith was alive, I had no doubt about God, I just doubted my own life trajectory and how God was going to have the last word on my life. It was then that trusted Christian friends started using words like 'vocation' 'call' and even 'ordination' when I shared with them what my future life should look like. When I look back at those times, I believe God put an uneasiness in my life which he used to prompt me. In so doing, I jumped out of one rut in life and was freed to find my vocation in ministry. I trusted the Church processes and knew that the hoops that I had to jump through were all



there for good reason. God had opened many doors for me over the years. If this door for ordination was to open up, my response would be to walk through. I had been deeply blessed by having a wife who supported me in this venture. Early years of ordained ministry were spent trusting in the Lord and gaining a new type of confidence in Him. I had a deep conviction from the Lord that if He had called me to this role, He would most certainly equip me for the role! I was learning to be a Father with three children and as a family we felt blessed.

I started ordained church life in south Dublin, where we were welcomed and encouraged.

We often remarked to each other that we felt we were in receipt of much more than we could ever have given in ministry. God's promises were being fulfilled again as we tried to walk in obedience. A further period of curacy in Northern Ireland helped to provide more leadership examples which were to serve me well in the future.

My call to ministry was closely aligned with the idea and practice of 'discipleship'. How can Jesus' example be replicated in our 21st century setting? How do present church structures lend themselves to discovering and implementing discipleship which is relevant, life formative and life changing? We are to be disciples, because Jesus called us to a unique worldwide mission opportunity before he left the first disciples outlined in St Matthew 28.

My world discipleship understanding has been formed through the lens of South America. Part of my call to ministry was formed in Paraguay, when I had the opportunity to be there for 2 months in 1990. To see the body of Christ operating in a totally different setting, had a deep impact on me. This was used as a 'seed', from which moment, I was also to carry a life long affinity with the Church in South America.

Church leadership has always made me wrestle with the question of 'How can we become better disciples as we in turn learn how to disciple others in the way of Christ'. Mission overseas, and in my case South America, has always shown another way. There is not one size fits all. Context changes, and seeing how churches in other contexts have adapted and flourished, means we (the world wide church) can be encouraged and grow together as mission focused disciples.

Luke Pratt, originally from Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo, having attended Ballinlough Church Of Ireland and adjacent primary school in Co. Roscommon, is now based in Santia-

go, Chile. This is about his call to ministry.

Luke was born in Galway, Ireland, and met his wife Pen through The Hub (the joint Church of Ireland and Methodist chaplaincy at Queen's University, Belfast) in 2011. At the time, Luke was a worship leader at the Church of the Resurrection chaplaincy church, and Pen had just arrived from Chile as a South American Mission Society Ireland volunteer, and was working as The Hub's assistant chaplain. They moved to Chile in February 2014, 6 months after their wedding. They now have a beautiful daughter, Emily, who keeps them busy! Since moving to Chile in 2014, Luke has learnt Spanish, the language of his new home, and both have been attending their local, Spanish-speaking Anglican church, Iglesia Providencia. Among other roles, they are cell group leaders for young adults, and Luke helps in leading worship. In the autumn of 2016, Luke embarked on an apprenticeship at his church, which gave him essential insights into how a church is run, and provided him with practical training in preaching, as well as basic training in Biblical Theology.

In February 2019, Luke began studying at the Anglican Theological College (CEP) in the centre of Santiago, with the object of studying full-time for a Bachelor's Degree in Theology. This was something which Luke had desired to do, but which was, as he and Pen saw it, far beyond their financial means since they were a growing family living in an expensive city. Nevertheless, Luke and Pen took a step of faith and God has provided for their needs. Since graduating from CEP in Dec 2021, Luke has been offered a team leadership role in Iglesia Providencia, which he will assume in March.

Luke and Pen both believe this is where God wants them to be and what God has planned for them as a family. This year, a top priority will be a conversation with Archbishop Tito. This will officially begin the process of exploring vocation and God's call on Luke to ordained ministry. Though they don't know where (or what) this new phase will eventually lead to, they are trusting in God's continued provision, despite the understandable insecurity that this decision provokes within them. This is a truly exciting next chapter in their lives, one which will allow Luke to serve both those within and those outside the church, wherever he and his family may be.



A Welcoming Face

It was great to arrive at the SAMS Ireland Mission Conference held at Craigavon Civic Centre in February to be greeted at the Welcome Desk by one of our Churchwardens. Andy Little had been asked to help with welcome and stewarding, and he did a great job, having practiced his skills on many Sunday mornings at St John's! Andy has continued to take a great interest in the work of SAMS

overseas, especially in Lima, Peru, having visited there with the Youth Mission trip in 2016. Although attendance was very depleted this year, due to the restrictions, it was encouraging to be joined at the mission conference by Canon Robinson, who has supported SAMS across many decades. The presentations were very encouraging, and the main address was delivered by the rector of Annalong, Co. Down, *Jeff Hamilton, former mission partner in Uruguay.*

School Assemblies

School Assemblies have continued since September, in Fivemiletown Primary School. A rota is shared by ourselves, Rev'd Clodagh Yambasu and Rev'd David Curran.

This term we have been thinking about people in the Old Testament, and as we approach Easter, we are thinking about the followers of Jesus. Do pray for the local school, for the work of the Scripture Union Schools' Worker, Alastair McFarland, and the demands which the recent pandemic continues to place on families and the whole school community.

Thank You

During a November storm, the very large chestnut in the centre of the Rectory grounds finally gave way. This lovely tree had been declining over many years, and its decayed trunk finally collapsed. Thank you to Alex Gordon, Maynard Liddle, Colin Crawford, and David Farrell for taking away the last of the tree, during December.

Special Parish Events to Mark the Platinum Jubilee

The Parish are planning to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a special service, parish Barbecue. Join us for the 11am service in St John's when we plan to give thanks to God for the



70 years in which Queen Elizabeth 11 has served the nation and Commonwealth. We hope to reflect on her faith in God, and the inspiration it gives her.



Here are some of the things which The Queen has said about her Christian faith: *"I have been – and remain – very grateful to you for your prayers and to God for his steadfast love. I have indeed seen his faithfulness."*

"It is true that the world has had to confront moments of darkness this year, but the Gospel of John contains a verse of great hope, often read at Christmas carol services:

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... Despite being displaced and persecuted throughout his short life, Christ's unchanging message was not one of revenge or violence but simply that we should love one another." Christmas message, 2015
"For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people, of whatever faith or none." Christmas message, 2014

Senior Adults' Jubilee Meal

12noon - 3pm

Wednesday 25th May 2022

Fivemiletown Parish Hall

Senior Adults and Friends

Join us for Lunch as we celebrate

The Queen's Jubilee from 12 noon on Wednesday 25th May

Afternoon entertainment is planned.

Booking is essential due to spacing between seats (Limited Seating)

Book only through the parish office on Wednesdays or Fridays 89452 2422.

MENU

Northern Ireland Roast Gammon, creamed and roast potato, seasonal vegetables

and chipolatas; served with apple sauce/ gravy

Fresh Cream Fruit Pavlova or Strawberry Cheesecake

Tea or Coffee and Homemade Jubilee Shortbread

Suggested Donation £5.

The Pastoral Offices

HOLY BAPTISM

■ Hailey Ruby Doherty, daughter of Cleona Magee and Adam Doherty - 8 December 2021

■ Finn Eric Farrell, son of Dean and Cathy Farrell - 23 February 2022

■ Jai Carter Wiltshire, son of Aimee and Jonathan Wiltshire, 20 March 2022

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

■ Mrs Nora Iris Gordon, 1 March

'Blessed are those who die in the Lord.'

Did you Know?

Where does the word 'parish' come from? Early Christians organised themselves into economic communities called parishes, a word derived from the Greek paroikia, which meant 'neighbour' but also 'sojourner' or 'pilgrim.'

'Let us place ourselves in the hands of God and ask that He show us the path in which we should go.'

Amen Evelyn Underhill

'I Would Rather Be A Door keeper.'

Psalms 84:10

We are delighted to learn that Ronnie Robertson is to receive the Maundy Monies from her Majesty The Queen. Ronnie has given exemplary service to this parish and district beyond, over many years through his care of the Parish Hall, Churchyard at St John's and grave digging; and in recognition of this he was



nominated by The Bishop Of Clogher for consideration this year.

What is Maundy money?

'The Queen distributes gifts according to the number of years she has lived: for example, when she turned 80 she distributed 80 pence worth of Maundy money to 80 men and 80 women in recognition for their contribution to community and to the church. The service dates back to 600AD and these special coins have kept much the same form since 1670. They still bear the portrait of Her Majesty designed for her coronation in 1953, even though the image on ordinary circulating coinage has since been changed four times. Each recipient of Maundy money is given two small leather purses by The Queen, one red and one white. The first contains a small amount of ordinary coinage which symbolises the Sovereign's gift for food and clothing. The second purse contains Maundy coins up to the value of the Sovereign's age. The coins are legal tender but recipients normally prefer to retain them as a keepsake.' This ceremony is based on Jesus washing His disciples' feet on Maundy Thursday, the day before He went to The Cross.

We look forward to Ronnie being presented with these in the parish at a time yet to be set.



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Born to Die

Into Spring and thinking about Eastertime already. Doesn't time fly? Where have the last three months gone? Reflecting on this made me realise that nothing remains static; life moves on, everything changes, seasons come and go. There is really only one constant, and that is, the Love of God. As we approach Holy Week and the highlight of the Christian calendar, Easter Day, I am reminded once again of just how much God loves us, by sending his Son, the Lord Jesus, to suffer and die for us. How could God have contemplated such a thing? The only answer is that He must really love us! Yes, he does, and sometimes we need to be reminded of what Jesus went through for you and me, and what His Father had to endure also. Such Love!

Jesus was the only child in all of humanity born to die. Wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, baby Jesus would one day be wrapped in linen and laid in a tomb. That was the sign the angel referred to in the Christmas story. This sign pointed



Parishioners from Drummully (from left): John and Hazel Robinson present a cheque on behalf of Drummully Parish to Gerry on his retirement. Also in photograph is Linda Kelly and Brian Robinson.

to Jesus' death. Once you realise that, you will realise how much God loves you. You will realise that He gave up His Son for that one purpose, and that His Son willingly came for that one purpose—to die for your sins and mine.

Beloved, can you imagine living your life knowing that you are just qualifying yourself to die on the cross to save the world? That was the life that Jesus lived. He lived to die, so that we might live and enjoy life abundantly today! Happy Easter as we celebrate that the Lord is risen. He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!

Services in April 2022

Sunday 3rd April 2022 - The Fifth Sunday in Lent

9.00 am: Drummully Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion
10.30 am: Sallaghy Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion
12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 10th April 2022 - The Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

9.00am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer
10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer
12.00 noon: Galloon Parish church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 17th April 2022 - Easter Day

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: A Group service

Sunday 24th April 2022 - The Second Sunday of Easter

9.00am: Drummully Parish Church: Family Service
10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Family Service
12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Family Service

Holy Week Services

Thursday 14th April - Maundy Thursday
8pm: Galloon Parish Church: Holy Communion



The middle class in Galloon Sunday School preparing their poems for Mothering Sunday in the Sunday School Room.





No celebration is complete without a cake! A cake presented to Gerry on his retirement.

Friday 15th April - Good Friday

8pm: Drummully Parish Church

Sunday 17th April 2022 - Easter Day

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: A Group service

Sunday 24th April 2022 - The Second Sunday of Easter

9.00am: Drummully Parish Church: Family Service

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Easter Vestry Dates

Galloon: Wednesday 7th April at 8pm in

the Sunday School Room.

Sallaghy: Tuesday 13th April at 8pm in the church hall.

Woman's World Day of Prayer

This year we joined with the Methodist and Presbyterian churches. It was the Methodist congregation who hosted the service. Mrs Cherry Heaslip, representing the Church of Ireland congregation brought us our Scripture reading. The overarching theme of the service was HOPE – very appropriate for this time when the world is coming to terms with the ongoing risks of a pandemic and war in Ukraine. The service this year was written by people from Northern Ireland, England and Wales and was based on "I know the plans I have for you." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Farewell to Gerry

Drummully Parish said a fond farewell to Gerry who has kept our graveyard and hedges in excellent order for many years. Gerry has done an outstanding job in keeping both inside and outside of our parish church extremely tidy. We wish Gerry ever continued success as he retires and now has a bit more time on his hands for himself.

Congratulations

Well done to all who have received examination results. All your hard work has paid off. Keep up the good work as you continue with examinations in the following months. Wishing you every success for your future as you make important decision as to which pathway you will take.

Parish Auction

Our next auction will be on Saturday 23rd April 2022 at 12 noon in The Church Hall, High Street, Newtownbutler. We look

forward to welcoming you all back after the severe restrictions due to Covid-19. Unfortunately some of our regular buyers have passed away since we last had an auction and we extend our sympathy to their families and friends. When you come please follow guidance regards face covering and hand sanitising to keep yourself and others safe.

Having missed having four auctions we have a large amount of stuff to sell. We have the part contents of two houses which includes antique furniture, delph, clocks etc. There is also a large selection of other furniture, linen, bedlinen, hand tools, household items, bathroom fittings, collectables, mirrors, pictures and boxed lots ideal for car-booters or traders. There will be 500 lots to be sold without reserve. There are no fees or VAT.

This is an auction with something for everyone and should not to be missed. Come along, bid, get yourself a bargain and enjoy the "craic". Refreshments will be on sale. Viewing is on the morning of the auction from 11am.



The middle class in Galloon Sunday School preparing their poems for Mothering Sunday in the Sunday School Room.



Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Church Services Diary

Palm Sunday 10/04/22

Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both
HC

Maundy Thursday 14/4/22

Kiltyclogher 7.30pm HC

Good Friday 15/4/22

Belleek- "an Hour at the cross" 11.30am

Easter Sunday 17/04/22

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, both HC

Sunday 24/04/22

Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both
MP

Sunday 01/05/22

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, both HC

Sunday 08/05/22

Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both
HC

Sunday 15/05/21

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, MP &
Family Service

Appointment of a new Rector

Since the last notes in this magazine our group of parishes has had an exciting development with the appointment of a new Rector. The Bishop of Clogher, The Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis has appointed Revd Rebecca Guildea BA MTh to our group. The Institution takes place on Thursday 7th April at 7.30pm in Garrison Parish Church.

We offer a very warm welcome to Revd Rebecca, her husband Brendan and their three sons, Noah, Isaac and Moses as they make their home with us in Garrison Rectory.

From Revd. Rebecca:

I write this from the sunny South-East. Greystones, County Wicklow. My husband and our three small boys have gone down to the seafront for ice-creams, leaving me in peace and quiet to write.



Robert Ovens (Rector's Churchwarden); Anne Nelson, Florence Earls, (Secretary); Billy Nelson, George Earls (Rector's Glebewarden) and Nina McNeary (Churches Trust).

The sky is clear and bright, and I can see the foam on the wave crests of the sea through my study window. I'll be honest, this town is a hard place to say goodbye to. But what makes it easier is the warm welcome we have received from so many of you, both within the parish, and within the Diocese. We have had so many supportive messages wishing us well and offering congratulations. Thank you, all of you, who have been in touch. It has most definitely helped, in saying goodbye to old friends, to know that we'll be finding new ones in Clogher.

And we are reassured also by knowing that this call comes from God. We have sensed in many different ways, his call to this group of parishes. We're delighted and excited, because wherever he has called us in the past, it has been an amazing adventure. As the psalmist says, 'he makes me to lie down in green pastures.'

We have had a wonderful life here in Greystones, but we are being called on. In some sense, to be a Christian is to be called on. Called away from our old life, into a new life. Called away from sin towards righteousness. Called away from childlike ways into maturity. Called to leave our boats and nets and become fishers of men. Called to cross the lake when the storm is raging, called to step out of the boat onto the waters. Called to leave behind the crowd and go with Jesus to a place of quiet and prayer. Jesus and the disciples seemed to be constantly moving, constantly being called on. In this world, we are moving, from season to season and place to place, but we are also looking forward to the heavenly kingdom. Even when we stay still we are being called on. I think of the ending of C.S. Lewis's 'The Last Battle', where, as the children step from Narnia into the kingdom of heaven, the unicorn cries out: 'I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I

have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now... Come further up, come further in!"

All of which is really to say that we have great peace about the Holy Spirit moving us on. I'll be honest, sometimes staying still in the same place is harder. Staying still means your work here is not yet complete. Staying still means God has something to teach you in this place, but you haven't learnt the lesson yet. Staying still is an exercise in patience.

In Garrison group, we want to stay, to put down roots, to work and to learn. We don't want to move ahead too quickly, to rush and race into the next thing, the next project, the next task. As the current Archbishop of York put it, we don't intend to hit the ground running but rather to hit the ground kneeling. We want to bed down, find out how the Spirit is moving, and join in with the dance. We're so excited to get to know you, to work with you, and to build his kingdom together in this beautiful corner of creation in which you live, and in which we will soon be living.

Grace and peace, Revd. Rebecca

Message to parishioners from our new Rector, Revd Rebecca

"I am overjoyed to be joining you in the parish for Holy Week and Easter. My family and I would love to get to meet you, and want to invite you to an 'open house' at the Rectory on Easter Sunday from 2pm - 5pm. Anyone is welcome in for a cup of tea and some food, and we'll have an Easter Egg hunt for the kids. If you have any questions, or just want to pop me a note to say hello, email rebeccaguildea@gmail.com . I look forward to meeting you in the near future! Every blessing, Revd. Rebecca

Mothers' Union

At our February meeting, members of Mothers' Union met in the Wark Hall



Revd Maureen cooking and with MU members in attendance.



on Tuesday 15th February. Dot (Branch Leader) opened the meeting and welcomed the visitors who had joined us. Revd. Maureen, one of our newest members, was our speaker. She did a Cookery Demonstration, mainly of gluten free recipes. Everyone received the recipes for, Lemon Caraway Seed Cake, Parmesan Flax and Multi Seed Crackers, Nutty Chocolate Coconut Cookies and Chocy- Fudgy Brownies. Revd Maureen had researched these recipes and explained to us the food science involved and how the 'wet' ingredients were different to normal recipes, when we didn't have gluten. For most of us it was an introduction to ingredients like coconut flour, almond flour and the sweetener, Erythritol. We had a lovely variety of cake and delicious bites and crackers to sample afterwards which were really scrumptious and we are very thankful to Revd Maureen for her time and patience and all the preparation she put in to making such an enjoyable evening. These were served with supper and everyone was even able to take a few samples home.

Next month we will have Jan Corrie, another of our members to speak on 'Eco-congregation, Ireland' in Garrison Church Hall.

The April Meeting will be a closing service in Kiltyclogher Parish church on Wednesday 27th April at 7pm followed by a meal in Garrison church hall.

Area Service

For the first time in our group, we as a branch, are hosting the MU area service for our district. This is an event we are looking forward to very much and we are excited to welcome visiting MU members. The service takes place on Friday 13th May in Kiltyclogher Parish Church at 8pm with supper to follow. The Guest speaker will be Mrs Irene Boyd, the outgoing MU President.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone



in our group of parishes who have been unwell in hospital or at home in recent weeks. We send our love and prayers to Lowry Somerville at home and Eileen Kirkpatrick who has moved to Millcroft PNH. Also a speedy recovery to Robert Johnston following his recent surgery.

Thanks in Vacancy

We extend our thanks to the rural Dean, Canon Alan Irwin for conducting Vestry meetings in each of the Parishes and keeping everything in order and his planning of the Institution service with the Diocesan Secretary.

Thanks also to all who provide cover during our vacancy, especially Revd Maureen Desborough for her dedication in taking a lot of our church services and for her input to MU meetings and services also. Thanks to all other clergy who provided cover during the vacancy including Canon Billy Johnston accompanied by his wife who conducted numerous services over the last year.

Slavin Church

Last year Slavin Church received a grant of £1000 from the National Churches Trust. The grant was for necessary repairs to the roof, guttering and for painting, windows, doors and notice board. On 14th February Nina McNeary, a Northern

Ireland Representative of the National Churches Trust visited Slavin Church to take photos of the building and to meet members of the Select Vestry. She was impressed with the interior of the building and the scenic location.

Belleek Presentation

On Sunday 13th March Belleek Church made a presentation to Revd. Maureen Desborough. Rachel Love (Rector's Churchwarden) thanked Revd. Maureen for taking services in Belleek during the vacancy and for all her work in making services interesting and meaningful. Revd. Maureen thanked Rachel and said that she had got as much from the congregation as she had given and had really enjoyed her time covering in the Group and the friendships made. A gift was presented by William and Jonathan Pye.

50th Memorial service for Mr Johnny Fletcher

A service of Remembrance to mark the 50th anniversary of Johnny's death took place in Garrison Church on Sunday 27th

February in Garrison Parish church at 5pm. Prior to the service a tribute took place at his graveside. Andrew Gordon played the Last Post and the Reveille. Prayers were led by Canon Irwin. A lament was played by Paul Barton. The church service was also conducted by the Rural Dean, Canon Alan Irwin with family members and representatives from the Regimental Association present. The banners from the County Orange Lodge and County Black Preceptory were on display reflecting Johnny's membership of both organisations. The readings were read by the County Grand Master: Mervyn Byers, Tom Elliott on behalf of the Royal Black Preceptory and a representative of

the Fletcher family. A tribute was given by his friend and comrade John McClure. The organist was Joy Graham and some of the hymns that were included had been part of his funeral service 50 years earlier. Tea was served afterwards in Melvin View Orange Hall. The SEFF memorial quilt was on display in the hall which shows the patch in memory of Mr Fletcher. Tributes were paid by other friends, representatives of the Orange and Black Institutions and SEFF victims' group. Johnny's sister Katie Bleakley along with other family members had travelled over from England to be present for this important and iconic service. A family representative expressed their immense

appreciation for all who organised and attended the service.

A tribute also took place on the actual morning and place of his murder on Tuesday 1st March.

Keep up to date

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

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Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union, under the excellent leadership of Robena Elliott, held a tea party in the local Orange Hall recently. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the late Mrs Margaret Sides, formerly of Edgeworthstown and the late Ryan Toland, formerly of Derrygonnelly.

Website

Parish Website has been redundant for years and it has been taken over by another group with no connections to the church. The vestry are in the process of taking it down. Please do not use any of the contact details on it. Leeann keeps Facebook updated so use this for information. Thank you.



Mothers' Union members enjoying their tea party.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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In His Scars I See Hope

They broke the skin twice; once on the way in and again on the way out. They pierced him right through; both hands and both feet. They split skin, dug through flesh, burst blood vessels, likely severed ligaments, sinews and tendons and released his life blood to drain from an already physically drained body. And then, he was lifted up, pinned tight against a cross of wood, held in place until suffocation took him. Long rough thorns had already cruelly pierced his head, and blood had flowed. The bony fragments from a whip's tails had dug and torn, ripped and dug again as they met with his bare back, and now, lifeless, a spear forcibly cuts its way through skin and flesh to search for proof that the wages of sin, though he was sinless, have been paid. Surely, after such cruelty, after such senseless brutality and evil, after such pain and heartless destruction, surely, there can be no hope for such that suffer; and no hope for such that cause that suffering!?

But there is hope in the scars! For this man did not stay dead. As his betrayer threw back his earned pieces of silver in self-disgust, so these wages of sin were thrown back, for though they are earned by all people, they were not earned by this man. On the first day of the created week, as the world turned to face the sun, so did this Son turn once more, full of life, to face his world. But his scars...the marks of torture and the evidence of murderous intent, they remain upon his flesh. Scars only form upon the living and in the case of this man they tell the story of not only the demonically inspired evil inflicted upon innocent flesh but also the price that the love of God was prepared to pay to identify with sin-stained, broken, suffering, proud, humanity - to settle a debt that was not His to pay. The hope in the scars...that although deep, in fact, they let the light in from the



From a window from Christ Church Parish, Trillick

other side, that although inflicted as part of a successful murder campaign, they say that He loves, that He cares, that He will stop at nothing, that He understands pain and rejection, that He could have demonstrated "no greater love", that to die was not too much, but also that death could not hold Him down nor take Him out. When we look upon those scars, we see a man who is alive, we see a man who continues to love, we see hope because of His life, and hope for our lives too. There is hope for all who sin, for all who are labouring away oblivious of their deathly wages. There is hope for all who would repent of all sin, who would turn to Christ, the only way to the Father, and clinging to the only hope found in this broken world, cry out to God for mercy and forgiveness and cleansing. There is indeed hope for such that suffer because Father God demonstrated that death can be overcome and need not be the end – and we believe that as this man, this Son of God, JESUS, as He came to identify with us in our weakness and frailty and lostness, invites us to identify with Him in His death and consequent resurrection so that we too may find that our death too will not be the end but rather a new sinless beginning. And for those who cause such suffering... is there hope? There is hope for all who call upon the name of the Lord for mercy, ... but only in this life.

World Day of Prayer

On Friday 4th March we opened our two churches up for prayer joining with



Christians throughout the world on this annual World Day of Prayer. We spent time in worship and also praying for the situation in Ukraine, Europe and in our local community.

Kilskeery Car Boot Sale

On Saturday 5th March we had a car boot sale which overflowed into the church hall. It was good to see so many stalls and items for sale and also blue sky and sunshine. A big thank you to all who organised it and supported it.





As we journey through Lent towards Easter we are taking time out on a Wednesday night to think through the topics addressed in the Storm Breaker course. The issues revolve around making sense of the challenges that life can throw at you and where faith fits in to it all.



We were pleased to be able to host our local Faith Mission Rally in Christ Church Parish, Trillick on Saturday 12th March organised by Garry and Alison Tutty. Andrew Maybin was the speaker and as well as bringing God's word to us he informed us of the encouraging work of the Gospel Truck ministry that he is involved with.

Youth Group

Our new Youth Group has started on Sunday evenings. We



got together to plan our way forward with activities, trips away, programmes and also a list of things we need to make it happen and happen well. We look forward to good fun good food, good friends, and good opportunities to grow in faith together too.



Senior Citizen's Group

The Senior Citizen Group continues to meet on Tuesday afternoons and provides a much needed and appreciated opportunity for people to meet and chat and enjoy a cup of something together. After long months of isolation and separation it is great that restrictions now allow for this gathering and fellowship to happen each week.



Mother's Union

The Mother's Union met in February and greatly enjoyed their guest speaker Audrey Hodge. Audrey took them on a very interesting journey through the genealogy of Jesus while paying particular attention to the women of note on that list. It was informative, interesting and encouraging all of which was washed down with a cup of tea at the end.

Easter Dates and Times

9th April - Messy Easter from 11.00am to 12.30pm

Holy Week Services

10th April

Palm Sunday

14th April

Maunday Thursday Communion Service (Trillick) at 8.00pm

15th April

Good Friday Service (Kilskeery) at 8.00pm

17th April

Easter Sunday All-age Celebration at 10.30am & 11.45am

Weekly Times

Sunday Services:

Christ Church, Trillick – 10.30am and Kilskeery – 11.45am

Girl's Brigade:

Mondays at 6.30 – 8.00pm

Senior Citizen's Group: Tuesdays at 2.00 – 3.00pm

Confirmation Class:

Wednesdays at 6.30 – 7.30pm

Midweek Fellowship Group:

Wednesdays at 8.00 – 9.00pm

Prayer Meeting:

Thursdays at 9.00am

Bowling Club:

Fridays at 7.30pm

Youth Group:

Alternate Sundays at 5.30 – 7.00pm

Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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One of the joys of my early days in the parish has been the opportunity to get out and about in the community. To that end I recently spent a lovely morning with the Principal, teachers, staff and children of Lisbellaw Primary School. I received a most warm welcome from the Principal,



Some members of Select Vestry after Morning Prayer.

Mr Jason Kilfedder and everyone at the school. I came away from that morning with my spirits lifted and was greatly impressed by the overall quality of this wonderful, safe learning environment for

our most precious children. I look forward to further engaging with the school in the time ahead.

The easing of Covid restrictions has also presented the welcomed opportunity of



Ruby meets Revd William

pastoral visits and as I have commenced these I am again indebted and grateful for the warm welcome I have received from parishioners. I truly appreciate this. The Parish enjoyed its first Family Service in two years and with grateful thanks to Almighty God we had a wonderful attendance. We had great fun retelling the gospel account of Jesus calming the storm. Our thanks go out to both the parents and children for their attendance and long may this continue to be the case. Having entered the season of Lent, we are grateful to those parishioners from Lisbellaw and Coolbuck who have taken Church Mission Society Ireland (CMSI) mission boxes and our plan is to have them returned on Easter Day, or soon after, for return to CMSI. Our hope and prayer is that, by denying ourselves some little luxuries during Lent, we can aid our own spiritual disciplines whilst contributing to mission work overseas. It has also been heartening to all to have had good attendances at our Ash Wednesday and Mid-Week Lenten services to date.



Revd William was joined by his older brother, David at Holy Communion



Jake reading during the Family Service

I have met twice with Select Vestry recently and my thanks go out to all for their commitment and support in my early days in the Parish. A lovely surprise in recent weeks is to have had family members turn up at morning worship in the Parish church having travelled up from Belfast. It has been wonderful to welcome one of our sons Matthew and his fiancé Sophie at a recent Morning Prayer, and my older brother David at Holy Communion.

Looking Ahead

I look forward to conducting my first weddings and baptisms in the Parish in the coming weeks and hope to report on these special occasions in the May edition of the Clogher Diocesan magazine.



CMSI Mission Box and literature to support Lenten Giving and Overseas Mission

SERVICES

Sunday 3rd April

Holy Communion Lisbellaw 11.00am

Wednesday 6th April

Mid-Week Lenten Service Lisbellaw 8.00pm

Sunday 10th April

Palm Sunday Service Lisbellaw 11.00am

Holy Week Services:

Monday 11th April

Lisbellaw 8.00 pm

Tuesday 12th April

Lisbellaw 8.00 pm

Wednesday 13th April

Lisbellaw 8.00 pm

Maundy Thursday – 14th April

Lisbellaw 8.00 pm

Good Friday – 15th April

Lisbellaw 12 noon to 3.00 pm

Lisbellaw 8.00 pm

Sunday 17th April

Easter Day – Holy Communion - Lisbellaw 11.00am

Easter Day– Holy Communion - Coolbuck 3.00 pm

Sunday 24th April

Morning Prayer Lisbellaw 11.00 am



Lovely to see so many at Church for the February Family Service- the first in two years!

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SERVICES FOR APRIL

SUNDAY 3rd

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

PALM SUNDAY 10th

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY

8.00 p.m. Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY

8.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

EASTER SUNDAY 17th

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
(Collection for sponsored children)

SUNDAY 24th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Easter Vestry

The General Easter Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th April in The Archdale Centre at 8.00 p.m. Everyone from the parish is very welcome to attend and we would encourage you to do so. Only those who are on the Register of Vestrymen can stand for election or vote but your presence would be appreciated.

Breaking Bread

Do we truly have an understanding about what this is?

I can and will quote a number of scripture verses from the Bible...

But surely, for the Christian we should not only know what this refers to...

But we should also have a fuller understanding of what it means and what it stands for...

And yet, sad to say and indeed for so many it has become yet another "Religious" ceremony which has become devoid of any power that God originally intended it to HAVE...

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:42)

"So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house" (Acts 2:46)

So hopefully you will have realised that

"Breaking Bread" is talking about Holy Communion

The first Disciples did this OFTEN...

Sometimes DAILY...

And ALWAYS when they met together...

"Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight." (Acts 20:7)

Please read this verse again...

Did you SEE what it said?

They came together to BREAK BREAD...

On a Sunday the first day of the week...

The great PAUL was with them...

And preached (spoke) to them until midnight

And as wonderful as that was they DID NOT meet together to HEAR Paul...

But rather to "BREAK BREAD"

So WHY is this so important?

What happens when we Break Bread?

In order to have a fuller understanding of the importance of Breaking Bread we need to go back into the Old Testament...

And in particular to Exodus chapter 12...

Exodus 12 teaches us about the Passover...

The children of Israel have been in Egypt and used as slaves...

As such they were not well looked after...

And would have been beaten and forced to work by the Egyptians...

God sent a number of plagues against the Egyptians since Pharaoh would NOT let the children of Israel LEAVE Egypt...

Now before the final plague which took the firstborn of every household...

Both man and beast...

God told the Israelites about PASSOVER...

You can also read about what happened in Egypt, at this time in Psalm 105 and in particular from verse 23 to 38

"He also brought them out with silver and gold, and there was none feeble among His tribes." (Psalm 105:37)

This verse speaks about the children of Israel AFTER they had taken the first PASSOVER...

The night before the final plague struck the firstborn of the Egyptians...

"There was none feeble"

Remember, they had been treated as slaves...

Worked hard...

Beaten...

Ill treated...

But after PASSOVER...

"There was none feeble"

Passover involved the eating of a lamb...

John the Baptist talked about Jesus as being "The Lamb of God" who takes away the sin of the world... (John 1:29)

"Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you" " (John 6:53)

So as a result of partaking of the Passover...

"There was none feeble"

And Jesus is known as the Lamb of God And we are to eat His flesh and drink His blood...

As we do in Holy Communion...

As we do when we "Break Bread"...

The first Disciples realised the importance of Breaking Bread...

From their Jewish roots...

For the healing of their bodies...

Breaking Bread...

Holy Communion...

Produces "life"

Just as Jesus said...

Life and health and wholeness...



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Mothers' Union

Our February meeting attended by 28 members took place in the Archdale Hall. Branch Leader, Norma Scott welcomed all present, especially the speaker for the evening, Rhoda Farrelly.

Rita Stewart played the music for the opening hymn 'All things bright and beautiful', Olive Nixon read the bible passage and Joy Quinn led the prayers. Rhoda then demonstrated three beautiful flower arrangements, all done using fresh spring flowers and foliage. A draw was held and the winners for the arrangements were; Wilma Graham, Helen Reeve and Geraldine Corrigan. Margaret Watson proposed a vote of thanks and presented Rhoda with a small gift.

Norma reminded members of the Mothers' Union area service on 13th May, and the next meeting when the speaker will be Mrs Joan Nelson.

Covid Restrictions

At it's latest meeting, the Select Vestry agreed to relax many of the practices in place for almost two years. Among other things, the pulpit has been reopened, the pews are now unrestricted and worshippers can spend time chatting afterwards. The Select Vestry also approved the purchase of small glasses and a purpose-made tray for the distribution of wine which has been consecrated in the chalice. Parishioners continue to be advised that they should be respectful of their own space and that of others and to wear masks when entering and leaving and when singing. It has also been agreed to upgrade our audio-visual equipment to allow for live streaming of services.

Lent

We continue through Lent with our



The Moore family at the baptism service.

mid-week services each Wednesday at 8pm. Each week, we will look at the challenges presented by Jesus' teaching on "secrecy", with an emphasis on both modesty and confidence. These will also be pre-recorded and on the Parish Facebook page each week.

In Holy Week, we begin with our monthly Family Service on Palm Sunday and then services on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

Family Services

Our monthly family services have been very encouraging and in February, we celebrated St Valentine's Day with a supply of Love Hearts and in March we were thankful for the ministry of St Patrick who brought "treasures in a jar of clay" and the service included the baptism of Jonah George Moore, son of Wendy and John and brother of Jacob. The children were then treated to local Norn Iron produce – Tayto Cheese and Onion Crisps.

Naomi, our youth worker, assisted in leading the services with the rector. The next service will be on Palm Sunday. On February 27th, as we were still

observing COVID restrictions, the Morning Service was followed by the baptism of Luke Andrew Maguire, son of Lisa Cadden and Andrew Maguire and brother to Georgie.

Girls' Friendly Society

Our long-established GFS opened up again on Tuesday March 15th to both existing and new members. This will be a short season but will hopefully be fruitful in encouraging our young girls to be part of a fruitful and enjoyable group.

Receiving Refugees

At time of writing, we have not organised or planned anything around the welcoming of Ukrainian refugees to the area. However, as the need arises, we hope to provide whatever support and assistance to any who may arrive in the village and to those who are providing accommodation. We are currently receiving donations which will be forwarded via Bishops' Appeal to assist the housing charity "Habitat for Humanity" to identify and make habitable any empty apartments, houses etc in Poland and further into Europe.



Baptism for the Maguire family.

Magheraculmoney



During the Rector's absence, **Revd Abraham Storey** (pictured left) is providing service and pastoral cover and the Rural Dean, Canon Alan Irwin, is in charge.

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SUNDAY

Worship Gathering: 11.00am (weekly)
Children's Church (age 4+) to P7 (weekly off 17th and 24th April).

MONDAY

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Ranger Guides at The Fountain Centre (dates/times as per leaders).

TUESDAY

Friends in the Afternoon, 12th April 2022 at Ardess Parish Centre.



WEDNESDAY

Wednesday Prayer - 10.00 - 11.00am at Ardess Parish Centre (weekly).
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts at The Fountain Centre (see 1st Magheraculmoney Scouts Facebook page for dates and times).

THURSDAY

Confirmation Classes (Year 13+, age 13/14 and over) - 7.00pm at Ardess Parish Centre (week-ly, off 14th and 21st April).

FRIDAY

Day of Prayer and Worship Hour (once a month, date to be advised).

EASTER SERVICES

Maunday Thursday, 14th April 2022 at 8.00pm in Ardess Parish Church.
Good Friday, 15th April 2022 at 8.00pm in Ardess Parish Church.
Easter Sunday Dawn Service, 17th April 2022 at 6.00am at Muckcross Quay.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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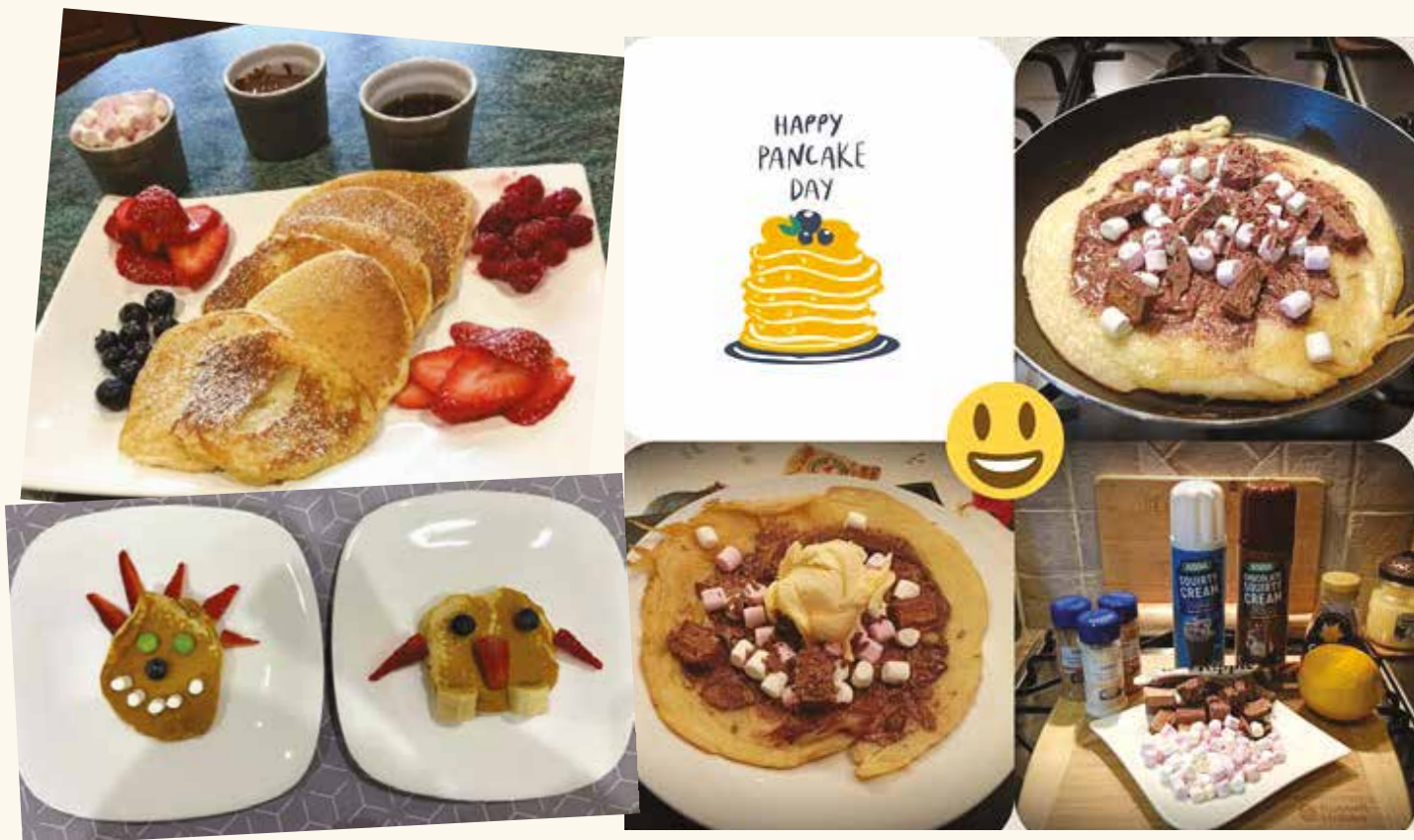
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The season of Lent calls for us to be quiet, reflective and penitential. It is a time of re-assessing our relationship with God, or drawing close to him once again. It is a season which reminds us of the importance of taking time with God, of slowing down and of remembering and



refreshing our minds with God's teaching. As we journey through this season, our relationship with God is strengthened, and as we lift our heads and look to Easter, our joy in the Lord is fulfilled and restored once again.

We have been on a bit of a journey in our parishes over the last number of weeks as we seek to restore and re-commence our groups and organisations. At the writing of these notes I am delighted to report that our walking group, knit and



Some of the results from Pancake Tuesday from around the parishes.

natter, bowls and our Tuesday group are all up and running again. Our Sunday school will re-open on Sunday 20th March 2022. I am so thankful to our Sunday school teachers for their commitment and dedication to our children and families. Family services continue on the following dates: Sunday 27th March 2022 (Mothering Sunday), Sunday 10th April 2022 (Palm Sunday).

Pancake Tuesday

We had a great response to our pancake challenge on Shrove Tuesday! Efforts far outweighed the rectory attempt! Thank you to all who sent in photos to our parish Facebook page! Here are a few pictures to tempt your taste buds!

Mother's Union

At the time of writing these notes the members are looking forward to the re-opening of Mothers' Union on Monday 21st March 2022. We have kept up contact with our members throughout the pandemic, with special deliveries to them, including gifts, prayers and reading material. Although this has been a wonderful support, we very much look forward to meeting again in person and making plans for the coming months. We welcome Revd Lindsey Farrell to the Parish and to our meetings. Meetings are held once a month. New members are very welcome. For further details contact the Branch Leader Mrs.

Sandra Kettle in Maguiresbridge and Mrs Christine Pennell in Derrybrusk. Maguiresbridge Parish will host the Area Service in the church on Friday 13th May 2022 at 8pm. We look forward to seeing our neighbouring branches at the Service.



Confirmation Classes

We currently have nine young people preparing for Confirmation. Classes continue each Friday night at 7.30pm in the hall. The service of Confirmation will take place on Sunday 11th September 2022. Please keep our Confirmation candidates in prayer as they continue on this important journey.

Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Both Churches are planning a weekend of

celebrations to mark 70 years of the reign of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth. More details to follow.

Our Lenten Series continues – 'Why Lent?'

- 23rd March 2022 Lent 4**
Derrybrusk 7.30pm - Rest
- 30th March 2022 Lent 5**
Maguiresbridge 7.30pm - Giving Thanks
- 6th April 2022 Lent 6**
Derrybrusk 7.30pm - Bible Reading

Holy Week and Easter Services:

- 13th April 2022 Wed. of Holy Week**
Derrybrusk 7.30pm
- 14th April 2022 Maundy Thursday**
Maguiresbridge 7.30pm - Healing Service with HC
- 15th April 2022 Good Friday**
Derrybrusk 7.30pm

Easter General Vestry Meetings

- Maguiresbridge:** Tuesday 29th March 2022 at 7.30pm.
- Derrybrusk:** Tuesday 26th April 2022 at 7.30pm.

Baptism

The baptism of Arthur Leslie Hassard, son of Darryl and Laura, took place in St. Michael's, Derrybrusk, on Sunday 13th March 2022. We ask God's richest blessing upon Arthur as he takes his place as the newest member of our Church family.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



Rector:
**The Revd
Chancellor
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Services

3rd April Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

10th April Palm Sunday

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

17th April Easter Day

7am Sunrise service at Monaghan Collegiate School (with the other town churches)
10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12:15pm Kilmore

24th April Second Sunday of Easter

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

1st May Third Sunday of Easter

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

World Day of Prayer

This service took place in St Joseph's church on Friday 4th March. It was organised and led by women from the town churches. It was good to be able to have to meet together again for what was a powerful time of prayer and worship including praying for Ukraine. Refreshments were enjoyed after the service.

Confirmation

We welcomed Bishop Ian to St Patrick's on Sunday 27th February for a Service of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Please keep all the confirmees in your prayers in the coming months as they continue on their journey of faith.



Bishop Ian Ellis and Chancellor Ian Berry with the confirmation group.

Lenten Services

These have been (and are) taking place each Wednesday at 8pm onsite in the back of the church in St Patrick's and online on Facebook live. We have been looking at the theme of "our identity in Christ" taking the theme from an idea of Tim Challies and Josh Byers that every Christian has a new identity in Christ and can say; I am in Christ, I am justified, I am adopted, I am secure, I am free and I am unfinished.

Holy Week

After two years of having to meet online we are gathering with the other churches in the town for our Holy Week services. This year we are meeting in Monaghan Methodist Church each night of Holy Week at 7.30pm. As had become our pattern pre-pandemic, Wednesday will be a more informal service and Thursday will be a celebration of Holy Communion. Our theme is "Rich Wounds" taken from the book of the same title by David Mathis. Please come along to these services as we look again at what happened during that first Holy Week and prepare to celebrate Easter.

On Easter day we will meet at Monaghan Collegiate School at 7am along with the other town churches for a short service followed by breakfast.

Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to Lynne Gillanders and Robert Mitchelmore and to James McBride and Anita McMahon who recently announced their engagements.

Hope Monaghan

Over the past five years we have supported the work of Hope Monaghan through donations to the food bank, serving on the first steering committee, helping with outreach courses and events. We have done all this under the management and ministry of Claire Douglas who has served as Missions Co-ordinator since 2016. We have heard from Claire as she has shared about the ministry of Hope in church. Sadly Claire will be leaving this role at the end of March. We want to thank Claire for all she has done in the past six years and wish her God's richest blessings for her future.



Rossorry

Vacant

Revd John Wood, Acting Rural Dean is in charge.

Revd Colin Brownsmith is taking services during the vacancy.

Parish Office: T: 028 66 329889

Revd Alison Irvine, Diocesan Curate will be providing pastoral cover in the parish

These notes, below, are prepared by Gerry in the Parish Office on behalf of the Parish. If there are any items you would like me to cover, or photographs of parish events, please let me know before the submission date which is the 15th of the preceding month.

SERVICES for APRIL 2022

- In Church and online

Sunday 3rd April

10.00am – Holy Communion.

Sunday 10th April

10.00am – Morning Prayer.

Friday 15th April

8.00pm – Good Friday Service.

Sunday 17th April

10.00am – Holy Communion. (Easter Sunday)

Sunday 24th April

10.00am – Morning Prayer.

- Text of the services - you will find on our Website (rossorryparish.com)
- Catherine or Gerry will upload video Services for Sundays on Facebook.

Parish Register

BAPTISMS

■ LIVINGSTONE, Jake William James, infant son of Scott and Suzanne Livingstone who was Christened at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 30th January 2022, by his great uncle, Revd. Nigel Kirkpatrick from the Diocese of Connor.

■ BROWNE, Sienna Sarah, infant daughter of Andrew and Chloe, who was christened at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 27th February 2022, by Revd. Alison Irvine who is looking after Pastoral care during the vacancy.

May they grow in the faith in which they have been baptized.

BEREAVEMENTS

■ BETTY, Kenneth Alfred, who passed away on 14th February at the Graan Nursing Home (formerly of Willoughby Place, Enniskillen). Subject to Covid



restrictions, a service took place at 2.00 pm on Thursday 17th February 2022 at Ballycassidy Funeral Home followed by interment at Rossorry Parish Churchyard in the family plot. Revd. Alison Irvine officiated.

Sincerest sympathy from the Parish to the family and friends of our esteemed Parishioner.

Mothers' Union

Some of the branch members attended Women's World Day of Prayer service in Letterbreen Methodist Church on Friday, 4th March 2022 and St. Macartin's Cathedral Mothers' Union Visitors' Evening on Monday, 14th March.

Both occasions were very enjoyable especially after a long spell without any events due to the Covid pandemic.

Update on the Parish Vacancy

As you will probably be aware, now, the Vacancy was advertised at the end of February for a new Rector at Rossorry. The closing date for applications was 1st

March 2022.

The Board of Nominations was called on 4th March.

We pray for wisdom and clarity in their work to find a new Rector for Rossorry.

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.

Return to in Church Worship

As you probably know, by now, the Church is open again, subject to the rules on social distancing and wearing of masks (which are now advisory). The Church will hold about 85 people, safely, within these rules.

As confidence grows, numbers at Church are rising slowly and we look forward to



Sienna Sarah Browne with her parents and Godparents and Rev. Alison Irvine.

getting most if not all of our Parishioners back in the near future.

There is one Sunday service each week at 10am, in Church and recorded and available on the 'Rossorry Parish' Facebook page.

Parish Hall and Organisations

The Select Vestry has approved the reopening of the Hall with appropriate safeguards in place and will continue to review arrangements within the Church.

- Comprehensive Risk Assessments have been prepared and actioned.
- Parish organisations and users have been appraised of the preparations and the duties that they will require to undertake to keep all safe.

- The Hall has been thoroughly cleaned and sanitised for use in line with the Risk Assessments (with thanks to Leslie, Lorraine and Joy).

So far, a number of the Organisations have indicated that they will resume activities (subject to all requirements of the Risk Assessments and current PHA safety requirements).

- Sunday School—from 19th September.
- Rossorry Bowling Club—from 20th September.

- Rossorry Scouts—from end of September.

- Mother and Baby exercise class started in November.

- Rossorry Wednesday Club—date to be delayed for a couple of months.

- Pilates Class began on Friday 15th October.

- Clubbercise Ladies Exercise Class began on 17th February.

Other Organisations and users are not yet ready to resume and that is fine and in keeping with the Archbishop's advice. Leaders will be in touch with their groups with details, as necessary.

We will continue to update this subject in the Weekly News Sheet., as required.

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 also be screened on Facebook.



Rossorry Weekly News

The weekly News Sheet is still being produced. It contains the text of the Sunday service for use in the Church Service, as we cannot have access to our Prayer Book and Hymnal. It will, also, contain useful information on Parish life and how we are trying to keep things ticking over.

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 one or 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 – so we have been able to consult with the elderly/ housebound and each volunteer has been allocated a few 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

FREEWILL GIVING

Even though Services have resumed at Church many of you may not be able or ready to attend but you may still contribute your weekly collection envelopes and other donations. If you are not ready yet to come to Church - send your envelopes (now on Green envelopes for 2022)— with a friend, post them to the Office or drop them through the letterbox at the Office. If these don't work for you—please ring Gerry at the

office (02866 329889) and another arrangement can be made.

Throughout the period of the Pandemic, the Parish continued to have ongoing costs and your contribution is vital in sustaining its work and ministry. If you wish, you may set up a Standing Order with your Bank or Building Society to deal with this matter. If you have online banking, you can do this without even visiting your Bank. Contact the Office for details.

Please note that the Parish Financial Year ended on the 31st December 2021. –

Again, many thanks to all those who have sent in envelopes and who have gone out of their way to make sure they kept up to date.

The Parish Office

The Office is still working, (9am-1pm, Monday to Friday). Visits are ok -but be careful but I will be delighted to chat on the 'phone, take emails or a note or envelopes through the door or in the post, etc—if there is anything I can do to help.

Tel:- 02866 329889

Email: - rossorryoffice@btinternet.com

Arrangments For The Parish During The Vacancy

The following arrangements will be in place for Pastoral Cover and the running of the Parish.

- The Acting Rural Dean (Rev. John Woods who can be contacted at 02882 840863), will be in charge of the Parish during the vacancy and will chair meetings of the Vestry.

- **PASTORAL COVER** (Weddings, Christenings and Funerals)

From 8th February, the Revd Alison Irvine, Diocesan Curate,(Mob. 07977595266) or email:- revalisonirvine@gmail.com) will be providing pastoral cover in the parish.

- **SERVICES**

From 13th March the Revd Colin Brownsmith OLM, will be conducting all services in the parish and the

The Parish Office will continue to operate for advice or assistance (02866 329889) and for receiving Freewill Envelopes etc.

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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Tempo and Clabby



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Funerals

■ 18th February 2022 - Florence Elizabeth Morrow, Glenview Park Tempo. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to her brother David and the family circle on her sad and untimely death.

■ 27th February 2022 - Charlotte Susan Lavina (Nancy) Allen, Edenmore Road, Derrin, Tempo. Our sympathy and prayers are with Nancy's husband Willie of 58 years marriage, her daughters Wendy, Ruth, Liz and son James and their families and the family circle. Nancy was a faithful member of Tempo Parish Church from her marriage to Willie. She rarely missed Church unless for some extreme or vital reason until declining health prevented her attending. She was a long serving member of the Mothers' Union and the Parish Bible Study. She gave generously of her time, talents and money to the Church and all fund raising in the Parish and also in Clabby as well as being present at fundraising events in both Parishes, helping at funeral teas and Tempo Parish Auction and harvest decorating. Nancy was loving, caring, faithful, generous person to name but a few of her many qualities to her husband, family, neighbour, friend and her Church. This all stemmed from her deep personal faith and trust in Jesus Christ as her Lord and Saviour. Truly she has lived and heard those words of Jesus "Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Master." (Matthew 25:21)

Lent and Holy Week Services April 2022

Wednesday 13th in Clabby at 7.30pm
Maundy Thursday 14th in Tempo at 7.30pm
Good Friday 15th in Clabby 12-1pm; in Tempo 7.30pm

Easter Day Services

Easter Sunday, 17th April: Clabby 10.15, Tempo 11.30.

Annual General Easter Vestries

Clabby 21st April at 7:30pm
Tempo 25th April at 7:30pm

Gift Bags

Over the last two years, we haven't been able to meet as we would have liked. Things are changing but it might be some time before we're back to our larger events again, and so it was decided to say a small 'hello again' to everyone in the meantime. With the help of a small group of ladies and RECOVER grant aid from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, a small gift bag was packed up. This included a jigsaw, wordsearch book, some nice things to enjoy with a cup of tea, a few treats and a Fireside Quiz to test the brainpower!! Thank you to Anne Woods, Carole Graham, Jayne Veitch, Noelle Forde and Rosemary Whiteman who were behind the task and the distribution of the bags to all our families in the parish.

He is Risen

The greatest message the world can hear, needs to experience, believe and receive are the words spoken to the women on that first Easter "He is not here, he is risen" Our world today is full of insecurity, uncertainty, doubt, fear and lack of real hope. Paul a late witness to experience the risen Christ gave the Corinthian Church and believers and those who doubted Jesus' actual, real bodily resurrection, reassurance by writing to them.

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures and that he appeared to Peter and then to the twelve. After that he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles and last of all he appeared to me also as to one also abnormally born."

There were those at the time who doubted and disbelieved the resurrection of Christ, first among by the early disciples until Jesus bodily appeared to them, as we read in the gospels and here in Paul's account of the personal and as a group the bodily resurrection appearances. The religious leaders tried to peddle the idea of Jesus body being stolen and even bribed the soldiers to spread the rumour (Matthew 28:11-15). Down through the Centuries there have been those who tried to prove that Jesus never rose from the dead but ended up believing it and becoming Christians eg Frank Morrison and Lee Stroble.

How did the disbelieving and doubting disciples and those who were skeptics in later centuries come to believe? By having the scriptures of the Old Testament pointed out to them by Jesus after his resurrection as we read in Luke 24:13-35. "How foolish you are, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Did not Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory? And begging with Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them what was said in all their scriptures concerning himself". There are at least 300 or more references to Jesus coming and role as Messiah, Saviour and Redeemer in the Old Testament. For those after the time of Jesus who doubted his bodily resurrection they used the same Old Testament Scriptures and the gospels to become convinced of Jesus actual resurrection. So Paul points out that Jesus' death and resurrection were in accordance with the Scriptures.

He goes on to say It is of first important that Jesus died and rose again according to the Scriptures. Both facts were from God the father as his plan For our salvation. Jesus died in our place for our sins we deserved to be punished for. He rose again defeating sin and death and their grip on us. Just as sin and death came into the world though the sin of Adam so by the death and resurrection of Jesus we are made alive. If we doubt this fact or believe we can gain eternal life, forgiveness of sins and Heaven by our own efforts, the cross and empty tomb clearly say no. Without belief in these two central facts we have no eternal hope or place in Heaven.

Paul in 1 Corinthians 15: "If Christ has not been raised your faith is futile, You are still in your sins. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive."

Are we "in Adam", dead in sin in God's eyes. Or alive in Christ in God's eyes? As Peter puts it in God's "great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade, kept in Heaven for you."

The great message of the gospel of the Christian faith "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again."

Trory and Killadeas



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Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday saw a team of helpers from both of our parishes come together in the Rectory for a day of fun, fellowship and raising money for the crisis in Ukraine. We began with a breakfast drive through from 7.30am-9am, followed by a pancake lunch between 12.30pm and 2pm with and after dinner pancakes 7.30pm to 9pm. Over the day 80 covers were served, totalling 250 pancakes, and £550 was collected and donated to the UNHCR Ukraine Fund.

World Day of Prayer

St. Michael's, Trory was delighted to host the World Day of Prayer for our area this year. Among those present, and leading the service we had representatives from Trillick, Magheracross, Dromore, Ballinamallard Methodist, Priory and Trory. A lovely evening was had by all.

Dedication of Baptismal Shell

On Sunday 13th March in Priory Church, Killadeas we had the pleasure of dedicating a new baptismal shell in memory of the late Stanley Armstrong. It was kindly donated by Ruth and the family.



The Rector with representatives of the Armstrong family at the dedication of the Baptismal Shell.



Taking part in the World Day of Prayer service.

Mothers' Union

Monday 14th March saw the first meeting of Trory and Killadeas Mothers' Union since Covid. This was also the first meeting since Revd. Mark arrived in the parishes. The meeting took the form of a celebration of Holy Communion in Priory Church, Killadeas, followed by scones, tea and chat in the adjacent hall. In his address, Revd. Mark spoke on the necessity of the pastoral ministry of a cup of tea and a scone in all parishes. The word scone is derived from the German 'schönes Brot' meaning beautiful bread. The breaking of bread together, whether scones and tea or bread and wine while meeting round the Lord's table, both at their heart are a beautiful ministry of hospitality and welcome. Revd. Mark also baked the scones for the tea afterwards to tie the theme of the whole afternoon together. The Mothers' Union in many parishes epitomise the importance of this ministry in the context of food, hospitality and welcome.

The next meeting will be at 2pm on Monday 4th April in Priory Hall, which will take the form of a 'knit and natter.' New members are always welcome.

St. Patrick's Day

This year we marked St. Patrick's Day in Priory Church, Killadeas, with a short service of Holy Communion, followed by 'Irish Canapes' Revd. Mark preached on learning from St

Patrick and having 'a bitesize but substantial faith.' The breastplate of St. Patrick is eloquent and memorable, and full of theological insight about the trinity of the Godhead, and the divinity of Christ. Likewise, the 'Irish canapes' were a feast made up of the elements of an Ulster Fry but served up as bitesize canapes. Each individual morsel was small, but filling, a bit like the faith which sustains most of us in our every day lives. We may only get the full Ulster Fry at the weekend, but we are sustained by smaller, yet still substantial morsels throughout the week.

Men's Day at the Rectory

Saturday 19th March saw the rectory opened again for a Men's Day. With Revd. Mark being a big rugby fan, it was no coincidence this day coincided with Super Saturday final of the Six Nations (Revd. Mark has already teased both his congregations that if Ireland won the Six Nations, he has written a setting of 'Te Deum' to the tune of 'Ireland's Call' which the choir and congregations will learn...)

The rectory was open from lunchtime onwards for watching all three rugby matches on the big screen, playing board games, playing football on the lawn, as well as opening up what was a double garage, but is currently serving as a fully kitted out weights gym, and basically having a bit of craic and getting to know each other across the parishes a bit better.



Mothers' Union members enjoying tea.

Many thanks to Paul for catering for a house full of hungry men, and Jonny for his help with the hosting duties.

Lent Midweek Services

The theme of our Lent services this year is 'lessons from the church mouse' and have been exceptionally well attended in person. At the time of writing these notes, we have not yet managed to hit over the two dozen mark congregation in church for these services, but we have been very close. Let's see if as the pace of Passion Week and Holy Week come upon us if we can break this ceiling. The Lent midweek services continue at 7pm in St Michael's, Trory in person and streamed on Facebook Live.

Please remember these services are in St. Michael's due to signal for streaming but are of course for members of both congregations to attend, as well as any visitors who would like to join us.

Holy Week

All Holy Week services are at 7pm and will be in Killadeas but will not be broadcast online. We will use the Week of all Weeks Prayer Book resource for these services. There will also be an all-age service in Trory on Good Friday at 10.30am, followed by hot cross buns, tea and juice. See Dates for your Diary section for Details.

Easter

In returning to the normal pattern of worship for the first Easter in three years, we will start Easter Day with a dawn service of Holy Communion on the banks of Lough Erne in Killadeas. This will be followed by warm bacon baps and coffee.

Easter Sunday also sees the return of wine in the congregation as part of our celebration of Holy Communion, as well as socially distanced use of the communion rails. Please pay close attention to the new guidance, which will be clearly given during the services.

The all-age Easter Sunday Holy Communion in both churches also includes an Easter egg



Parishioners enjoying their Irish Canapes after the St. Patrick' Day service.

hunt for all young people. Please do bring children and grandchildren along. From the registers

Christian Burial

- 28th January, Florence Edith Deane, Priory Church, Killadeas
- 3rd March, Frederick John (Fred) Ternan, Priory Church, Killadeas
- 9th March Kenneth James (Ken) Booth, Priory Church, Killadeas

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 3rd April (Passion Sunday)

10am Holy Communion, Priory Church, Killadeas

11.30am Holy Communion, St. Michael's, Trory

Monday 4th April

2pm Mothers' Union 'knit and natter' Priory Church Hall

Wednesday 6th

7pm Lent Midweek Service, St. Michael's, Trory

Sunday 10th April (Palm Sunday)

10am Morning Prayer, Priory Church, Killadeas

11.30am Morning Prayer, St. Michael's, Trory

Monday 11th

7pm Lent Midweek Service, Priory Church, Killadeas

Tuesday 12th

7pm Lent Midweek Service, Priory Church, Killadeas

Wednesday 13th

7pm Lent Midweek Service, Priory Church, Killadeas

Maundy Thursday 14th

7pm Holy Communion with washing of feet, Priory Church, Killadeas

Good Friday 15th

10.30am All Age Good Friday Service followed by Hot Cross Buns, St. Michael's, Trory

7pm Tenebrae Service, Priory Church, Killadeas

Sunday 17th April (Easter Sunday)

Dawn* Holy Communion, Lough Erne Shore, Killadeas (*see social media for dawn time)

10am Holy Communion with Easter Egg Hunt, Priory Church, Killadeas

11.30am Holy Communion with Easter Egg Hunt, St. Michael's, Trory

Sunday 24th April Easter 2

10am A Celebration of Easter in Readings and Hymns, Priory Church, Killadeas

11.30am A Celebration of Easter in Readings and Hymns, St. Michael's, Trory



Revd Mark and a team of helpers serving pancakes during Shrove Tuesday to visitors to the Rectory.

MOTHERS' UNION



Members of Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union and All-Ireland Trustees at the special commissioning service in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.

ALL-IRELAND SERVICE BRINGS MU REPRESENTATIVES TOGETHER

St. Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral in Armagh welcomed Mothers' Union members to the Festival Service and Commissioning for All Ireland Trustees. The service of Choral Evensong was on 27th February 2022, where the Dean of Armagh Cathedral, the Very Revd. Shane Forster, greeted members and friends from dioceses around Ireland. The Diocese of Clogher was represented by Irene Boyd, Myrtle Allen, Jennifer Leathem, Yvonne Donaldson and Barbara Clarke.

Archbishop John McDowell commissioned several members, Mrs June Butler, for her second term as All Ireland President of the Mothers' Union and All Ireland Trustees; Joy Gordon, Hazel Speares, Margaret Jacob, Clare Stewart, Mavis Thompson, Ada Lawson and Ann Howard. All Ireland treasurer Revd. Ken Rue and Mrs Iris Sutor, the newly elected Zonal Trustee for Ireland, received an official welcome.

The Mothers' Union theme for 2022 is 'Transformation – Now!' The New Testament reading was St Luke 19 v 1-10. This is a very well-known Bible story about Zacchaeus, who climbed a sycamore tree so that he could see Jesus. Archbishop McDowell spoke regarding Jesus giving hospitality and receiving hospitality. Jesus lays the foundation to transform lives and he welcomes everyone with abundance and generosity. Archbishop McDowell challenged us to be truly welcoming to all those we meet.

The quality of singing from the choir was heartening and encouraged the congregation to sing along, which added a comforting atmosphere to the service, so thank you to the choir and organist.

After the service many members gathered at the Armagh City Hotel for food and fellowship. It was a wonderful occasion and brought a sense of hope that normality was returning.





Your journey starts here...

Marching on



Over the past number of weeks, members of the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade (CLCGB) in Northern Ireland have enjoyed being able to meet again as their respective companies restarted following the lifting of restrictions.

Some Covid restrictions may remain, however, the girls and boys are enjoying new activities as they start to take part in a new Badge Scheme which has just been launched.

The Badge Scheme consists of over 100 new awards across every age group of the CLCGB from our Martins (Ages up to 7), Y Team (Ages 7-10) and JTC (11-13) through to our Senior Section (13+). The scheme has given Brigade Leaders a huge variety of different interests and skills to help provide challenging and fun activities for members to participate in as a team every week or complete individually at home.

Outdoor skills awards include Camping, Nature, Hiking and Map Reading, and as members progress through their company, this will naturally lead onto the more challenging Geocaching and Navigation Awards. Community Awards also provide an outreach to our local communities where members can learn about local services.

The Senior Section can progress onto more specialised training as they cover Service awards by volunteering in hospitals, care homes, charity shops or local community groups. First Aid Awards are also

available working in partnership with the St John's Ambulance Brigade.

Other awards, to name a few, are Church Duty, Canoeing, Crafts, Needlecraft, Gardening and Athletics or for something more practical the Electrician Award covers electrical components, safety and circuits and the Tech Award covers Digital Design, Art and Programming.

This new scheme has been developed by Brigade HQ and Mrs Victoria Jackson (former Chief Executive Officer of CLCGB). The new Awards Scheme has created a challenging range of opportunities for children and young adults, working in partnership with their Church, The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and local Community Groups and will undoubtedly help to encourage and build an invaluable experience for every individual during their time in the CLCGB.

Our Fivemiletown Church Lads' Brigade meets on alternative Tuesday evenings – they have 20 Members at present from P1 to P7 and five Leaders. Brigade nights cover sports and a wide variety of other different activities, many of which involve the local community. If you are interested in joining the company as a Leader or a Member, you can email Company Chaplain, Precentor Kyle Hanlon at stjohnsfivemiletown@btconnect.com for more information.



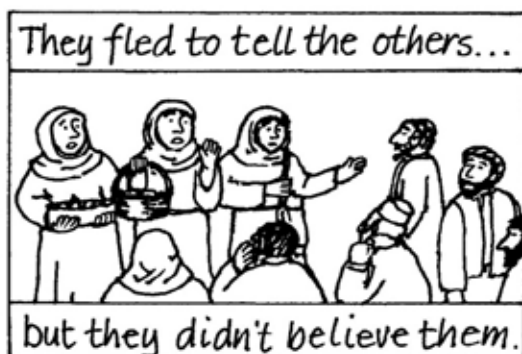
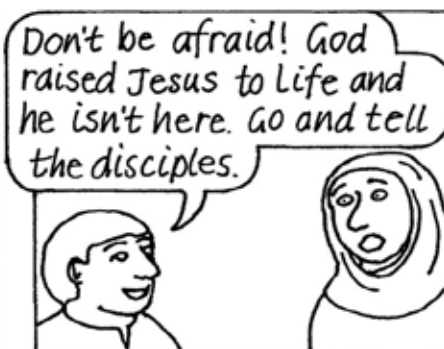
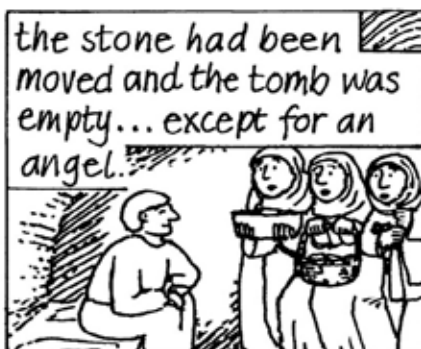
CHILDREN'S SECTION

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

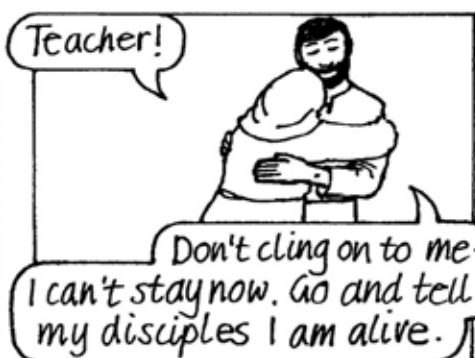
It can be read in the Bible in
Mark 16:1-8, John 20:1-18

Jesus' tomb had been sealed with a large stone.
Very early Sunday morning, some of Jesus' friends went to put spices on his body.



They saw the tomb was empty and only the cloths that Jesus' body had been wrapped in lying there. So they went back to the others.

Mary Magdalene stayed by the tomb, crying. She didn't understand that Jesus was no longer dead. When she looked in the tomb there were 2 angels.





Mouse Makes



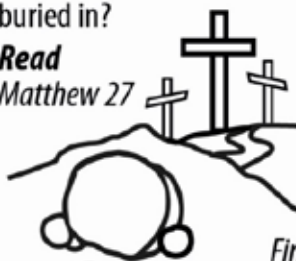
Who betrayed Jesus?
Who denied Jesus?

Read Matthew 26:17-75



What did the soldiers put on Jesus at his crucifixion?
What time did Jesus die?
Whose tomb was Jesus buried in?

Read Matthew 27



HAPPY EASTER!

Jesus has risen!
Jesus is with us!
Jesus will come again!



What did Jesus send the disciples to find?

What did the crowd do?

Read Matthew 21:1-11



What did Jesus do at Passover?



Read Matthew 26:17-30



On the third day who rolled away the stone covering the tomb?

What had happened to Jesus?

Read Matthew 28

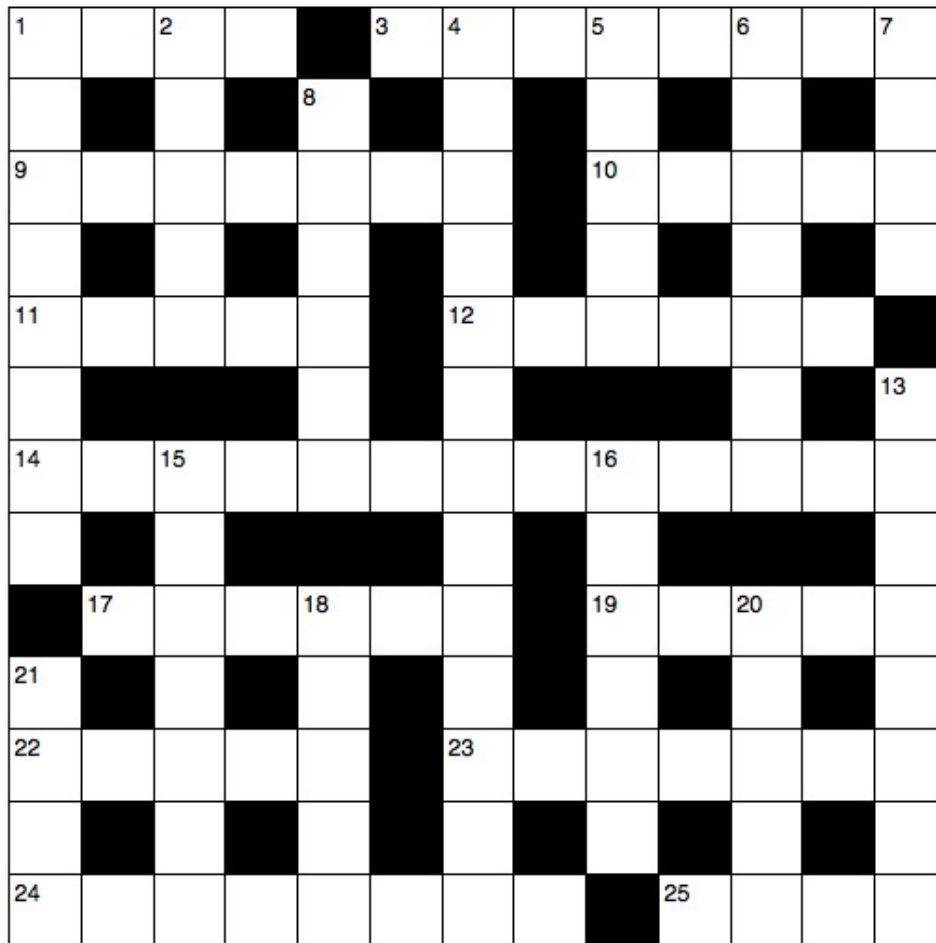


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PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

- 1 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4) 3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)
- 9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)
- 10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)
- 11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)
- 12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)
- 14 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)
- 17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)
- 19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)
- 22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)
- 23 For nine (anag.) (7)
- 24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)
- 25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

DOWN

- 1 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)
- 2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
- 4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — — , who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
- 5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
- 6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)
- 7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)
- 8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
- 13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)
- 15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)
- 16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)
- 18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)
- 20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)
- 21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 67

DATES FOR THE DIARY

April 2022

- Tuesday 5th April – **Passion for life UK 2022** - the parish of Colaghty, Lack, will be joining with other churches, and those in Fermanagh in promoting and equipping for mission. An outreach event in Lack takes place on Tuesday 5th April 2022. Further information will be given nearer the time.
- Thursday 7th April – **Institution of Revd Rebecca Guildea** as Rector of Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher Parishes by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis in Garrison Parish Church at 7.30pm.
- Friday 8th April – **Book Launch of 'Duty Bound'** detailing the Ulster Special Constabulary in County Fermanagh written by local historian and author, David Keys in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 8pm.
- Saturday 9th April – **Car Boot Sale, Coffee Morning and Cake Sale** organised by Tempo Parish Church from 10am to 12 noon. Cars welcome £10. Proceeds towards Church funds.
- Sunday 10th April – **Palm Sunday procession** from the Cathedral Hall to St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen for service beginning at 11.00am. Palm branches and Palm Crosses will be provided.
- Tuesday 12th April – **Monthly Coffee Morning** will be held on the second Tuesday of each month in Ballybay Parish Hall from 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. The first of these will be held on Tuesday 12th April. Come along and bring your friends - all welcome!
- Friday 15th April – **Deadline for submissions for the May edition of the Clogher Diocesan Magazine.** Send to; editor@clogher.anglican.org
- Sunday 17th April – **Easter Sunday Dawn Service** at God Acre's Cemetery, Carrickmacross followed by family celebration services with Holy Communion in St Finbarr's, Carrickmacross at 10.30am and St Molua's, Magheraclone at 12noon.
- Sunday 17th April – **Dawn Service on Easter Sunday** at 6am at Muckcross Quay, Lower Lough Erne, Kesh organised by Magheraculmoney Parish.
- Sunday 17th April – **Easter Sunday Dawn Service** on the banks of Lower Lough Erne at Killadeas organised by the Grouped parishes of Trory and Killadeas, followed by warm bacon baps and coffee.
- Saturday 23rd April – **Galloon Group parish Auction** at 12 noon in The Church Hall, High Street, Newtownbutler. Please follow guidance regards face covering and hand sanitising to keep yourself and others safe. Auction includes contents of two houses which includes antique furniture, delph, clocks etc. There is also a large selection of other furniture, linen, bedlinen, hand tools, household items, bathroom fittings, collectables, mirrors, pictures and boxed lots ideal for car-booters or traders totalling 500 lots. There are no fees or VAT. Refreshments will be on sale and viewing on the morning of the auction from 11am.
- Friday 29th April – **An Evening of Song and Sacred Music** presented by the Choral Scholars of St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen in the Cathedral at 7.30pm. Musical Director: David Robertson; Organist: Glenn Moore. Retiring donation in aid of Cathedral's Organ Fund.

May 2022

- Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th May 2022 – **General Synod for 2022** takes place in Assembly Buildings, Belfast.
- Thursday 5th May – **Junior Church Football Tournament** organised by Balliamallard Youth Ministry, for Year 12 or below. A 7-a-side competition with two sections for boys and girls at Fisher Park, Ballinamallard. Open to all church denominations. For further information, email: naomi.armstrong@irishmethodist.org

- Saturday 7th May – **Colaghty Parish Auction** at the Parish Hall, Lack.
- Saturday 14th May – **A walking treasure hunt and barbecue** at Druminan, Co. Monaghan. Further details at a later date.
- Sunday 15th May – **Deadline for articles and photos for the June edition of the Clogher Diocesan Magazine.** Send to; editor@clogher.anglican.org
- Saturday 21st May – **Coffee Morning at the Schoolhouse** hosted by Aughnamullen Parish, Co. Monaghan between 11am - 1pm.

June 2022

- Thursday 2nd June – **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving** in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 8pm followed by a beacon lighting ceremony in the grounds of the Cathedral.
- Sunday 5th June – **A Platinum Jubilee Service** in Colaghty Parish Church to celebrate Her Majesty, The Queen's reign. More details to follow.
- Wednesday 15th June – **Deadline for articles and photos for the July/August edition of the Clogher Diocesan Magazine.** Send to; editor@clogher.anglican.org
- Sunday 26th June – **St. Macartin's Cathedral, Clogher hosts an exciting project** which has involved members of the parish for the past year. Groups and organisations are invited to make a visit to the Cathedral after this date.



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DIOCESAN NEWS

A new Bishop's Curate has been appointed in Clogher Diocese

The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis has appointed Revd Timothy Irvine as the Bishop's Curate of the Donagh Group of Parishes in Co Monaghan, which include the parishes of Donagh (Glaslough) and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh.

Bishop Ellis, welcoming Revd Irvine to Clogher Diocese said; "I am very pleased to appoint Revd Timothy Irvine to be Bishop's Curate in the parishes of Donagh, Tyholland with Errigal Truagh. Revd Timothy joins us from the dioceses of Meath and Kildare and brings much experience of rural ministry along with wider experience from his earlier career. I am sure that his very warm personality and many talents will be quickly recognised and appreciated by his new parishioners and the wider community. We wish him God's blessing on this new chapter in his ministry among us."

Revd Irvine, who has been Rector of the Mountmellick Group of Parishes in Co Laois in the Dioceses of Meath and Kildare, said he is looking forward to getting to know the parishioners of the Donagh Group of Parishes.

A native of Newtownards, Co Down, he studied English and Drama at Queen's University Belfast before teaching English at Cambridge House Boys' Grammar School. He trained for ordination at the Church of Ireland Theological College in Dublin and spent his curacy in the Christ Church Cathedral Group of Parishes in inner city Dublin where he was also chaplain to St James' Hospital. He then moved to South County Dublin to become chaplain at Rathdown School, a day and boarding school for girls in Glenageary. Later Tim took up a temporary post as Head of Religion in Alexandra College in Milltown, Dublin. While at Rathdown and Alexandra College, he was Priest in Charge of St John's, Sandymount.

Having always felt drawn to the monastic life, Revd Irvine spent a year living alongside the Church of England Benedictine Community of Mucknell Abbey in Worcestershire, sharing in the daily prayer and work of the community there.

He returned to Ireland in 2012 as Curate and then Rector of the



Revd Timothy Irvine.

Kilkenny Union of Parishes where he was chaplain to St Luke's and Aut Even Hospitals. After four years in Kilkenny, he was appointed to the incumbency of the Mountmellick Group of Parishes in Co Laois.

Revd Irvine is a lover of music, enjoying a wide range of genres. He also enjoys reading especially the novels of Anita Brookner, Barbara Pym and PG Wodehouse.

Helping to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Groups are being asked to help celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June.

There are ideas to join in The Big Lunch as well as many other ways. These include;

Free vouchers and opportunities with The Big Lunch and The Big Jubilee Lunch Open to any member of the public as well as groups

Celebrate a Month of Community June 2022

The Big Jubilee Lunch will be the official community celebration for The Queen's

Platinum Jubilee weekend and The Big Lunch will once again kick start a whole Month of Community so there are plenty of opportunities for everyone to reconnect and celebrate the power of community this June!

Take part in The Big Lunch - order your pack at www.thebiglunch.com

Your get together can be held anytime in June 2022 as part of the Month of Community and could celebrate any of the following or simply be an opportunity to get to know people where you live:

• Volunteers Week

- Neighbourhood Watch Week
- Loneliness awareness Week
- Carers Week
- Small Charities week
- Refugee Week
- Mental health day

June is full of reasons to celebrate community and say thank you to the people who make a difference where you live! Remember your own activity can be as simple as a few neighbours or friends getting together – size really doesn't matter!

Photography competition on 'New Beginnings'

As General Synod 2022 approaches, the Church of Ireland's Central Communications Board (CCB) is inviting members of the Church to enter a photography competition with the theme of 'New Beginnings'. Following judging, selected entries to this special competition will win a prize and be featured on the Church of Ireland's website and social media platforms.

The competition, which is kindly being sponsored by Ecclesiastical Insurance, calls for photographers of all ages and experience to take part. The idea is to focus on signs of hopeful new beginnings as new life thrives in the season of spring and as we continue to emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Bishop Pat Storey, the Chair of the CCB, says: "We are desperately in need of the good news of 'new beginnings' after two years of restrictions and isolation. Thus the theme of our photography competition this year invites you to look at photographs that represent, in some way, a new beginning for you, your parish, or indeed for our Christian faith. Use your imagination and get snapping!"

Each entrant to the competition may submit one image which should be submitted via email to press@ireland.anglican.org along with the entrant's name, full contact details, and parish. Images must be jpegs, and at least 300 dpi in resolution and 3 MB in size but not over 4 MB, and be submitted with the date on



which the photograph was taken. The deadline for entries will be 12 noon on Tuesday, 26th April 2022. Judging will be undertaken independently of the CCB and prizes will be announced at General Synod, which is this year meeting in Belfast from Wednesday, 4th May, to Friday, 6th May.

The Theology of the Eucharist from a Church of Ireland Perspective now available online

The Theology of the Eucharist from a Church of Ireland Perspective, authored by the Revd Canon Dr Michael Kennedy, is now available to download from the Church of Ireland's online bookstore at <https://store.ireland.anglican.org>

At almost 500 pages, the book complements Canon Kennedy's previous Commentaries on the Book of Common Prayer, which are available at www.ireland.anglican.org/bcp/commentaries. It includes a Foreword by the Revd Dr William Marshall, formerly Vice-Principal of the Church of Ireland Theological College. Canon Kennedy said: "The ground covered ranges from Church formularies, such as the Articles of Religion and the Prayer Book catechism, through study of the theological implications of the Holy Communion in the 2004 Prayer Book to assessments of a wide range of documents, some of them official, to ecumenical statements including for example from the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) and the World Council of Churches' Lima document on Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry (1982) to current thinking on the Eucharist in the Anglican Communion. The contributions of various groups and societies have not been overlooked. I am most grateful to many people, not least Mr Bryan Whelan of Church of Ireland Publishing and, especially the fellow members of the Liturgical Advisory Committee, of which I have been a member since 1986 for their interest and encouragement, which is much appreciated.

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Above, Emma Hall in Kosice in Slovakia, shopping for essential items for refugees and (right) with a friend.

Veterinary student from Monaghan helping with Ukraine refugee crisis in Slovakia

A veterinary student from a parish in Co. Monaghan is helping with the Ukraine refugee crisis by using donations from home through purchasing clothes and essential items in Slovakia.

Emma Hall and her family are parishioners of St. Salvator's Church, in Glaslough, part of the Donagh Group of Parishes in Clogher Diocese. Emma is currently studying for a veterinary medicine degree in Kosice, eastern Slovakia, about 90 miles from the Ukraine border.

This is her story;

"On the morning of Thursday, 24th February we woke to the news that Russia was at war with Ukraine. Radio Slovakia reported that Slovakia was not facing any direct military danger and President Zuzana Caputova had called an extraordinary meeting of the Slovak security council. Over the next number of days, we were aware that many people were fleeing the war and crossing the borders to neighbouring countries. We could see people looking lost on the Kosice streets with suitcases trailing behind them. There was an appeal on the local radio (in English) for donations of toiletries and warm clothes. I cleared what I could from my apartment, as did my friends, and we took it to the drop off centre in the town. "When I told my family, they immediately sent me money to go and buy more



supplies to donate. My friend Kate from Geneva, whose mother is from Ballyclare, Northern Ireland, and I decided to set up a 'go fund me page,' in order to let friends and family donate to the displaced people of the Ukraine. We felt that we were in close contact with the charities working here and they knew what was needed, also by buying locally we were supporting small businesses in Kosice where the euro goes further.

"We were blown away by the response especially from our hometowns and now have over 6000 Euros to use for these people in need.

"We have been busy spending and delivering the goods to the centre, where those in need can visit to get help. We have purchased food, toiletries, first aid kits, power banks for phones and we are going to buy sleeping bags and thermal undergarments as it's so very cold here at the moment; minus 6 at night."

"We visited the railway station to see what else we could do to help and what food is required. We were very overcome and

emotional when we saw little children waiting in the long queues for a train. They were just sitting on top of their suitcases looking frightened and sad. Tomorrow we are going to go and buy some colouring books and pencils and go back to the station and give them to children. I was so upset I cried today, I had to Facetime my Mum and all I wanted was a hug but I realise how very blessed I am to be safe and warm. However we are concerned here too as Nato troops are moving in to protect the Slovak border. Last night there was an attack on Lviv which is in Western



Ukraine, about five hours from Kosice. "Life here is strange, we are aware of all that is going on but we are still attending university and keeping up with our studies. "Thank you for all your support, love and. We will continue to help and use your donations wisely guided by the needs of those who are displaced by this awful war," said Emma.

Other parishes in Clogher Diocese are helping with donations for Ukrainian refugees.

The Grouped Parishes of Trossy and Killadeas collected £550 on Shrove Tuesday when Rector, Revd Mark Gallagher, made 250 pancakes and served them at breakfast, lunch and after dinner to people who arrived at the Rectory. The money is being donated to the UNHCR Ukraine Fund.

The parishioners of St Finbarr's Church, Carrickmacross are supporting 'Sustain Ukraine' through local woman Emilia O'Neill who is organising a collection for Ukraine refugees who have fled to Poland with a drop off at the Rectory. The church also held a special time of prayer for Ukraine in St Finbarr's on 7th March.

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Refugee shelters set up for the people fleeing from Ukraine.

parishioners to use the collection point at Lidl Car Park, Lisnaskea for dropping off items such as bed sheets, pillows, blankets, baby supplies, clothes and shoe and healthcare items while Colaghty Parish Church have directed parishioners

to a collection point in Kesh for items such as bedding, clothes, toiletries, disposable cutlery and cups and plates, ready to eat canned food not requiring cooking or heating, dried foods, tea coffee, bottled water and juices.



Diane Wright Kendrick, Hon. Sec. of Donagh Parish Church, Glaslough, collecting for Red Cross Appeal for Ukraine.



Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal responds to Ukraine Crisis

The Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal for World Aid and Development has committed €20,000 (£16,600) from its emergency funds to assist with the humanitarian response to the current crisis in Ukraine. Bishops' Appeal is partnering with Habitat for Humanity Ireland and Christian Aid and encouraging parishes across the island to contribute to our response to help people seeking refuge.

Jenny Williams, Chief Executive of Habitat for Humanity Ireland, remarked: "UNHCR reports that over 500,000 people fled Ukraine into neighbouring and nearby countries from 24th February to 1st March. We have strong programmes in Poland, Hungary and Romania and our European office is in Slovakia so we are on the ground responding.

"Habitat is meeting UNHCR daily and co-ordinates with governments to add value and ensure there isn't duplication of effort. Colleagues from Hungary and Romania spent the weekend at their borders. In Romania, the need was to provide additional heat for a camp – even more important given that there was more snow at the weekend and people were cold. More broadly our focus is on supporting the shelter needs of refugees, ensuring that more people can feel safe. We will support them for the long term."

Christian Aid's funds will go to sister agencies in the ACT Alliance. This network of Christian aid and development agencies includes the Lutheran World Federation and Hungarian Church Aid which are both working in neighbouring countries. As the situation within Ukraine



is changing by the day and there is a high level of violence within the country, Bishops' Appeal will not be funding work within Ukraine at this stage although this will be kept under consideration.

The Most Revd John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, said: "The tragic and wholly avoidable destruction which we are witnessing in Ukraine leaves many of us in the West lost for words and at a loss to know how best to respond to alleviate suffering. However, wars always create refugees and I am grateful that Bishops' Appeal is targeting its immediate aid efforts to assist trusted agencies working in neighbouring countries to help those who have been displaced by this invasion. I would urge all parishes to consider helping Bishops' Appeal to increase the aid which it can provide by contributing generously in one of the ways outlined below."

The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland, said: "The developing and declining situation in Ukraine has already had devastating consequences for hundreds of thousands of people. Prayerful assistance and practical assistance are both important components of our response. I commend the current initiative by Bishops' Appeal."

Lydia Monds, Bishops' Appeal's Education Advisor, added: "Bishops' Appeal will continue to monitor access to refugees so that we as a Church can stand in solidarity with them and support them in the most effective ways possible. We will only release funding through channels that enable vital aid to reach those who need it most. We will continue to liaise with partner agencies working on the ground to provide relief. Our emergency funds will be released immediately and we invite parishes to continue to give to the Appeal so that we can continue to support efforts in a constantly evolving crisis."

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Parishes are encouraged to contribute to the response and donations can be made, by euro or sterling, in the following ways:

- An online donation at www.bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/give
 - A direct lodgement into the Bishops' Appeal bank account (details of which are provided on the Bishops' Appeal website at the link provided above);
 - Sending a cheque, payable to Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal, to: Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal, Church of Ireland House, Church Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin 6, D06 CF67;
 - Making a donation through a Church of Ireland parish or diocesan office.
- Taxpayers can give more help by gift aiding donations (if resident in the UK) or tax relief on donations (in the Republic of Ireland).

The appropriate forms and further details on how to give are also available at www.bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/give

PARISHES HELPING WITH THE RELIEF EFFORT

Parishes throughout Clogher Diocese have been fundraising or co-ordinating collections of essential supplies for the people of Ukraine.

Some of the parishes include;

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Colaghty Parish Church have directed parishioners to a collection point at 51 Main Street, Kesh no later than 1pm on Friday for donating items such as bedding, clothes, toiletries, disposable cutlery and cups and plates, ready to eat canned food not requiring cooking or heating, dried foods, tea coffee, bottled water and juices.

THE HUB INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

The Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy (aka The Hub Belfast) are now accepting applications for their student accommodation this September.

Situated on the Queen's University campus in south Belfast, the houses at 'the centre' have space for around 50 students every year. Young people from a range of church backgrounds have been making this place their home since the 1950s, and it is a great way to experience university or college as part of a supportive and welcoming community.

The chaplaincy has always placed a high value on living together, sharing meals, and a wide range of activities centred on exploring faith and life together. Students get to enjoy the unique on-campus houses, and the Church of the Resurrection and The Hub Café are also situated on-site.

Applications are welcome from students hoping to study at any university or college in Belfast. You can find out lots more information at the website: <https://www.thehubbelfast.org>

The Hub are also hosting an Open Day on Saturday 7th May – why not plan to come along?



Church of Ireland General Synod to meet in Belfast

The Church of Ireland General Synod's 2022 meeting will take place from Wednesday, 4th May, to Friday, 6th May, in Assembly Buildings, Belfast. This will be the second meeting of the fifty-second General Synod, and the venue will facilitate the first in-person meeting of General Synod since 2019 when it met in Derry/Londonderry.

The General Synod consists of a House of Bishops with 11 members and a House of Representatives, which currently has a membership of 648 – 216 clerical members and 432 lay members who are elected by the diocesan synods and who hold office for a three-year period.

The primary purpose of the Synod is to enact legislation for the whole Church of Ireland. Less formal proposals are submitted as motions which, if approved, become resolutions. The Synod also receives reports from various committees and boards, which are debated by the members.

More information on the 2022 General Synod, including details for media accreditation, will be made available nearer to the time of the meeting at <https://synod.ireland.anglican.org/2022>

The 2023 General Synod is scheduled to take place in the Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin, from 11th to 13th May 2023.

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CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS

The Standing Committee of the General Synod met in Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines, on Tuesday, 8th March 2022. Members were welcomed by the Archbishop of Armagh to the first in-person meeting of the Standing Committee since March 2020.

Mr Ken Gibson opened the meeting with readings from Matthew chapter 11 and John chapter 3, and in prayer remembering all who labour and are heavy laden especially as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine and seeking a desire for peace in that conflict.

The Bishop of Connor presented the annual report of the Priorities Fund which received 59 applications for 2022, requesting grants amounting to €995,562. The Priorities Fund Committee recommended 42 grants, totalling €400,718, which were approved by the Standing Committee. On behalf of the committee, the Bishop thanked the Church of Ireland Youth Department for its consultation on applications concerning youth work.

The Standing Committee approved a resolution that a grant of £7,000 be made to the Board of Church of Ireland Press Ltd to support continuity in publication of the Church of Ireland Gazette.

General Synod 2022

The report of the Standing Committee to General Synod 2022 was adopted with the reports of its associated committees and working groups appended. This year's meeting of General Synod will be taking place in Belfast on 4th–6th May.

The General Synod Service of Holy Communion will take place at 10.30am on Wednesday, 4th May 2022, in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, with General Synod starting at noon in Assembly Buildings.

The Standing Committee considered briefing papers on the provision of payments to clergy who are permanently incapacitated and on parental leave for stipendiary clergy and agreed that the implementation of these policies is desirable and should be brought to General Synod.

The Standing Committee approved a draft Bill for presentation at General Synod which would amend the Constitution so that, should it be required or desired,



meetings of the General Synod, diocesan synods, or Easter General Vestries, may be held by means of electronic communications technology.

The Standing Committee also approved the recommendations of the sub-group on possible use of videoconferencing for meetings concerning the timetabling of General Synod and agreed that, from 2023 onwards, the first and second days of the General Synod should customarily take place in person, with the third day's business to be held online by means of electronic communications technology (over one or two evenings as required within two weeks of the second day of Synod).

Appointments

The Standing Committee welcomed the Revd Gary McMurray as the new clerical member aged under 45 for the Diocese of Armagh.

The following members were appointed to serve as members of the Literature Committee for the current triennium: Dr Kenneth Milne (Chairman); Canon Peter McDowell; the Ven Richard Rountree; Canon Kenneth Rue; the Revd Bernard Treacy OP; Dr Raymond Refaüssé (Honorary Secretary); Ms Cecelia West; Mr George Woodman; and Mrs Janet Maxwell (ex officio).

The following Church of Ireland representatives were nominated to the AGM of the Secondary Education Committee with re-nomination (if appropriate) to take place in March 2023: Mr Wilfred Baker; Ms Hazel Corrigan; Mr Roy Crowe; Ms Elizabeth Hassell; Canon Robert Jones; Canon Ken Rue; Ms Joyce Ryder; and Mr Gavan Woods.

The following persons were appointed to attend the Irish Council of Churches

AGM, to take place in Belfast on 31st March 2022, on behalf of the Church of Ireland: the Archbishop of Dublin; Dr Elizabeth Leonard; Dr Kenneth Milne; Mr Glenn Moore; Ms Cate Turner; the Revd Suzanne Cousins; Mrs June Butler; Ms Maxine Judge; Canon Helene Steed; Mr Ken Gibson; the Ven Barry Forde; Dr Catherine Smith; the Revd Joyce Moore; the Revd Tracey McRoberts; the Very Revd Niall Sloane; and two ordinands, to be appointed by the Director of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. The Bishop of Derry and Raphoe and Canon Dr Daniel Nuzum are members of the Council and may attend as such.

Mrs Butler was also appointed to attend the annual Irish Inter-Church Meeting.

Mr Mike Johnston was appointed to the Church of Ireland Pensions Board.

Dr Christine O'Dowd-Smyth was appointed to the Commission on Christian Unity and Dialogue.

The meeting closed with the Grace after a moment of silent reflection on the needs of people in Ukraine and Russia affected by the current political and military situation in Ukraine, all who are seeking to respond to those needs, and Ukrainians living in Ireland.

RB News

The meeting of the Standing Committee was followed by a meeting of the Representative Body, also in Holy Trinity Rathmines, on the afternoon of Tuesday, 8th March.

The Archbishop of Armagh, on behalf of the Executive Committee, noted that the MindMatters baseline research report – in relation to mental health awareness – had been published. His Grace expressed his thanks to members of the Investment Committee and the Finance Department for the significant amount of work which has been undertaken to move to the new model for the external management of investment funds.

The Representative Body approved the following levies for the year 2023, each of which is set as a percentage of the Minimum Approved Stipend (in force at 1st January 2023) multiplied by the sum of the number of cures in each diocese:

- a reduction in contribution towards the cost of the financing of the episcopacy to

5.8% (from 6.0% for 2022);

- an unchanged contribution for financing the work of the Safeguarding Board and Officers (at 0.9%); and

- an unchanged contribution to the Clergy and Ministry Protection Fund (at 0.5%).

As recommended by the Investment Committee and the Executive Committee, the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Policy and the Policy on Climate Change for 2022 were received and adopted.

Mr David Ritchie outlined key points from the Representative Body's report to General Synod 2022, including grants to parishes as an acknowledgement of the pressures caused by Covid-19, a review of the Governance Code for charities in the Republic, research for MindMatters, and a review of Safeguarding policy, and a continued commitment to consider the impact of climate change in its policies. Thanks were expressed to committee members and members of staff for their service to the Church over the last year.

Mrs Kate Williams presented the RB's annual financial report, covering 2021, which noted that the cost of operations totalled €2.9 million and Allocations totalled €3.5 million. A budget surplus of €151,000 was achieved.

The RB had provided €3.3 million in support through grants and loans in 2020 and 2021 to help the wider Church manage pressures arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.

A presentation was made by members of the Pioneer Ministry Working Group on its plans to further develop pioneer ministry within the Church of Ireland alongside existing forms of ministry.

The RB considered briefing papers on proposed policies for the provision of payments to clergy who are permanently incapacitated and on parental leave for stipendiary clergy, which were also considered at the meeting of the Standing Committee on the day, and approved these policies for consideration by General Synod.

Canon Paul Thompson was elected as a member of the Stipends Committee and as the RB's representative on the Safeguarding Board.

Mr Oswyn Paulin was appointed as an adviser to the Executive Committee in his capacity as Chair of the Library and Archives Committee.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

Joint message by the Archbishops of Armagh for Saint Patrick's Day 2022

Today, on the vigil of the Feast day of Saint Patrick, the Catholic Primate of All Ireland Archbishop Eamon Martin, and the Church of Ireland Primate of All Ireland, Archbishop John McDowell, led the annual Saint Patrick's lecture and discussion organised by Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council in the Market Place Theatre & Arts Centre, Armagh. The Annual lecture and discussion reflects on how the witness of Saint Patrick speaks into our contemporary world. This year's theme was: Saint Patrick as a model for reconciliation and peace. Following this event, the archbishops met with assembled media to deliver their Saint Patrick's Day message and to express concern about the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

MESSAGE

Like millions of others in Europe and around the world we are deeply disturbed and saddened by the terror of war which has been devastating life and property in Ukraine for the past three weeks. We call for an immediate ceasefire and an end to the relentless bombardment which has trapped countless civilians in a nightmare of destruction and displaced millions of others from their homes and families. We fear that the humanitarian crisis which this madness has caused may yet accelerate before it dissipates.

It would be unconscionable for us to celebrate the feast of Saint Patrick this year without offering the solidarity of our prayers, charity and welcome for the people of Ukraine. We pray for the Ukrainian people who already share this island with us, and for their families and friends who are trapped in the horror of destruction and bloodshed at home. We join our small Lenten sacrifices with their immense suffering. We also acknowledge the many Russian people, here and in their homeland, who bear no responsibility for this heart-breaking situation and who share our desire for peace and an end to this terrible violence.

Tradition tells us that Saint Patrick himself, in the face of great danger and peril to his own life, prayed his Breastplate Prayer, taking comfort in his faith that God does not forsake us, and that Christ is present with all who suffer: Christ is always with us, behind us and before us. We appeal through our prayers this Saint Patrick's Day for an end to this pointless massacre and pulverising of the property, bodies and spirit of the Ukrainian people. May all Christians of Europe, including Patriarch Kirill and the Russian Orthodox Church, unite in daily spiritual and practical efforts in support of a ceasefire,

humanitarian outreach and the immediate laying down of weapons. Christ's cause can only be advanced by Christ's means.

Although we are many miles away from the horrific bombardment and loss of life, the sacrifice of the Ukrainian people shockingly comes home to us this Saint Patrick's Day. It is encouraging that Christians, people of other faiths and all those of goodwill here in Ireland are instinctively reaching out in a massive humanitarian effort of support and solidarity, especially towards the millions of refugees who have fled their homeland. At a young age Saint Patrick was captured and trafficked to these shores - no doubt frightened, disoriented, distressed and fearful for his life. In the opening words of his Confession, he describes how he and others "were scattered among many nations".

So too the thousands of refugees arriving in Ireland must feel scattered amongst the nations. We pray that our land of welcomes will continue to offer compassionate respite to our sisters and brothers in their time of need. This is the light of the Gospel shining through the darkness: the outpouring of prayer, charity and solidarity across Ireland towards the people of Ukraine has been heartening. Many individuals and parish communities have already been extremely generous in establishing active links with charitable projects in Ukraine and along its borders to support refugees and those remaining in their homeland. We wholeheartedly support and encourage these efforts.

We also encourage Christians in Ireland, and our diaspora, to be inspired by the life and witness of Saint Patrick to be reconcilers and peacemakers. It is poignant to think that as the world comes out of a global pandemic which reminded us so strongly of our connectedness and interdependence, that our continent has so easily lapsed into the pointless divisions and devastation of warfare. War is a defeat for humanity. It represents the failure of politics, diplomacy and dialogue.

Our community reflection here in Ireland on what is happening today in Europe should help us learn lessons for our own peace process, about the importance of never taking our progress in peace for granted, never giving up on dialogue and the building of bridges and mutual understanding across historical divides. The tragedy of what we are witnessing in Ukraine during these days impels us again here in Ireland to work for a genuine human fraternity as the only way to resolve differences and conflicts.

A Pastoral Letter from the Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin regarding the return to the use of the Common Cup in Holy Communion

Receiving the consecrated wine in the Holy Communion by means of the Common Cup (Chalice) is the norm in the teaching and tradition of the Church of Ireland and in the Anglican Communion in general. However, in light of public health advice issued at various times during the Covid-19 Pandemic, the House of Bishops circulated guidance, first on the spiritual efficacy of receiving Holy Communion in One Kind, and subsequently giving permission for the use of individual cups in strictly regulated circumstances.

Mindful of the unambiguous injunction contained in Article 30 of the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, we took these decisions reluctantly and with the stated intention of a return to the Anglican norm as soon as it was considered safe to do so, following independent advice, as has been our practice throughout the pandemic.

With the general phasing out of restrictions in most social settings, the House of Bishops has sought independent expert scientific advice on the return to the use of the Common Cup in Holy Communion. The advice we have received is that such a return would be reasonable now, especially in a vaccinated population and where anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19 is encouraged to stay away from church services.

We have also been advised that wiping the rim of the chalice between each communicant

(preferably with a linen cloth) will reduce the bacterial burden by up to 90%. Needless to say, great care should be taken in the cleansing of linens (purificators, corporals) and vessels (flagons, cruets, chalice, ciborium, lavabo etc.) before and after Holy Communion.

The Bishops' received this scientific advice prior to the recent meeting of the House of Bishops and, with great joy, returned to the use of the Common Cup



Archbishop John McDowell.

at our celebration of the Eucharist on that occasion.

We realise that a general return to the Common Cup in Holy Communion will take time to achieve. Many of us were taken by surprise at how rapidly most social restrictions were relaxed or completely removed and have continued to practice our own forms of mitigation and self-restraint, so there will be those who will be cautious about receiving communion from a chalice.

There will be local factors which will need to be taken into account, as there have been for other forms of Covid mitigations. At present there is no cut off point at which either Communion on One Kind or using individual cups should be replaced by the use of the Common Cup.



Archbishop Michael Jackson.

However, we would urge parishes to give some thought as to how the return to our norm, without undue delay, will be achieved in a manner that creates sufficient confidence to allow that moment to be genuinely joyful. In the meantime, no new permissions will be given for the use of individual cups.

Finally, we would emphasise that while no individual communicant should feel under immediate pressure to drink from a common vessel, the expert advice is clear in its implication that there is now no pressing reason to withhold the shared cup from faithful people who earnestly desire to partake of it.

+ John Armagh
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St Patrick's Day, 2022



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ACROSS: 1, Womb. 3, Agnostic. 9, Long ago. 10, Fleet. 11, Horeb. 12, Yellow. 14, Deceitfulness. 17, Banish. 19, Towel. 22, Boils. 23, Inferno. 24, Eternity. 25, Defy.

DOWN: 1, Will hide. 2, Minor. 4, Glory of Christ. 5, Offal. 6, The Robe. 7, City. 8, Zabbai. 13, Psalmody. 15, Chalice. 16, Let off. 18, If son. 20, Worse. 21, Able.

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