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Preparing for the Easter Floral Demonstration in Ballinode Church Hall were parishioners, Hilda Wilkinson and Heather Stirrat with Wilma Simpson (right), of J.P. Flowers. The event on 22 March featured Spring and Easter flowers with a twist.

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A Message from the Bishop

ADDRESS GIVEN TO THE ANNUAL SERVICE ORGANISED BY THE FRIENDS OF ST MACARTAN'S CATHEDRAL, CLOGHER ON SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2023

It is a great privilege and a pleasure to be asked to preach at this 64th Annual Service for the Friends of St Macartan's Cathedral. It is good to be associated with a body of supporters of this Cathedral extending beyond its congregation and across denominational boundaries, as you gather for your annual service on this Sunday nearest to St Macartan's Day.

The title of your group is, Friends of Clogher Cathedral and it may seem strange to be friends of a building albeit a beautiful one. However, it speaks of your common desire to support, care and love this historic place of worship and of your belief that together you can help to maintain its witness and role in the community.

I'd like to reflect for a few moments upon one word in your title – **Friends**.

A human friend is someone who is: faithful, wholehearted, at times perhaps honest and challenging, yet a constant support and willing to offer themselves in loving service.

The Bible tells us that 'God is love' and interestingly one medieval writer Aelred of Rievaulx (an abbey in North Yorkshire) translated this as 'God is *friendship*'. Meaning perhaps God is the utmost of friends, he alone embodies the ideals of self-giving love and other qualities of friendship at the deepest and fullest level.

In the Old Testament, the patriarch Abraham was called a '*friend of God*'

(James 2:23) because his works exemplified his faith, likewise in the New Testament St James in his Epistle envisions the Church as the community of the friends of God called to embrace, imitate, and re-present Christ to others by witnessing the ways of Christ in their everyday lives. Jesus gave us a very simple, but very sharply observed definition of what friendship with him means – '*You are my friends if you do what I command you*'. (John 15:14).

St Macartan as you all know, has historically been described as the friend or 'faithful companion' of Patrick. The ancient origin of this diocese and Cathedral church brings us back to the early Celtic church in these islands. It transports us to the missionary movement of those early Christians who through the leadership of those saints like Patrick and Brigid and their friends and followers set up centres of prayer and learning, and from them reached out to the indigenous people, eventually bringing the Gospel to every part of these islands.

In continuing our worship on the same holy sites, we are joining in God's mission and uniting in their friendship too. There is something inspiring and comforting to know that the walls of these ancient churches have echoed the prayers of countless saints, friends in the Lord and we join with them in approaching God in a place hallowed by such prayer.

Prayer has been described by some as a *transforming friendship*.

Our prayers and life of faith are a response to the friendship and love of God. When we pray we allow God to live within us, so that at the deepest level, it is God's Spirit who does the praying in us and through us. We are changed by prayer much more than we ever realise.

Søren Kierkegaard, a nineteenth century Danish Christian philosopher put it like this: '*Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays*'. We do not pray to inform God, as if he didn't know what was going on in our lives and of what we are thinking or feeling. Instead, we pray 'your will be done', so that in our companionship and friendship with him, as prayerful people we become radically different. Our whole being begins to be shaped by our friendship with God and our life of prayer.



Joining this thought with our sense of belonging to a long line of followers of Jesus Christ brings us to the concept of the communion of saints – which in one understanding is the supportive friendship of saints of old and of today, a mutual society of love of God which helps us to walk in his way.

There was a group of Christians in the history of the church, in the Rhine valley during the 14th century who called themselves 'The Friends of God'. They wanted to discover God's friendship in a closer way than the medieval church encouraged. They tried to revitalize the spiritual life of local communities through letters, visiting people, and what they called 'soul friendships'. They became a very influential informal society and a spiritual force in Europe before the Reformation.

Perhaps today we could learn from this approach of understanding our faith as a friendship with God and with one another. We today need to counteract the atomisation of society which encourages self-interest, individualism, and the denial of community. We who believe we are the friends of God could become his instruments for transformation.

So, as we commemorate once again, St Macartan who died in 506AD, we are caused to reflect as Friends of this Cathedral upon his life and witness. We give thanks for his steadfastness in bringing the ancient faith to Counties Tyrone and Fermanagh. We praise God for the founding of this Cathedral church, giving thanks for the heritage of prayer and worship we have received, and may we seek a greater understanding of what it is to be a 'friend of God'.

Yours in Christ's service.

+Ian Clogher

PARISH NOTES

Aghadrumsee, Clogh & Drumsnatt



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Services

Sunday 2nd April

Drumsnatt 9.30am Holy Communion

Clogh 10.45am Holy Communion

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday 6th April

Clogh 8pm Holy Communion

Good Friday 7th April

Aghadrumsee Afternoon of Children's Activities followed by Service

Easter Sunday 9th April

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 16th April

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd April

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 30th April

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday

Group Communion Service, Thursday 6th



Clogh Bowling Club at the Playoffs with the trophy they received for being winners of Section C of the Erne Bowling League.

April 8.00pm in Clogh Church.

Good Friday

7th April, an afternoon of children's activities for the group followed by a short service in Aghadrumsee. In the evening we join with the congregation at Drumady Methodist Church.

Easter Sunday Service

Sunday 9th April services in the three churches at usual times.

Easter Vestry Meetings

Clogh - Tuesday 11th April 8.30pm

Drumsnatt - Sunday 16th April 3.00pm

following a service of Evening Prayer.

Aghadrumsee - Tuesday 18 April 8.30pm

Tea Party

A wonderful afternoon was enjoyed by all at our Charity Tea Party in Aghadrumsee. Special thanks to all who helped decorate the hall, provided and served the delightful refreshments, and to all the parishioners, neighbours and friends who attended and donated so generously. A total of £800 was raised and has been forwarded to the Turkey / Syria Crisis, Bishop's Appeal.

Clogh Bowling Club

Our annual dinner and prizegiving was held in McCague's, Rosslea on Saturday 4th March. Great food and a great time was had by all which was followed by a presentation of awards. Florence Egerton presented the Egerton Shield to Esther Forster and Walter Egerton presented the smaller shield to Robert Egerton. Prizes were also given to finalists, Tommy Nelson and Harry Bleakley and to semi-finalists; Ashley Nelson, John Egerton, Cleone Egerton and David Hamilton.

Then at the Erne Bowling League Play-offs on Thursday 9th March, Clogh Bowling Club were presented with the trophy for winning Section C of the Erne Bowling League. At this evening the winners of each section played-off for the overall winner's trophy. Congratulations to Christ Church Bowling Club on winning this, beating Clogh Bowling Club in the final. Commiserations to Colaghty and Rossorry, beaten semifinalists. Thanks to the hosts Aghavea for use of the hall and providing supper.

Sympathy

We were saddened to learn of the death



Prizewinners at the Clogh Bowling club dinner.



Pictured are those who attended the Clogh Bowling club Dinner.



Taken at Aghadrumsee Afternoon Tea Party in Aid of The Bishops Appeal for Turkey and Syria.

of Harry Whiteman, a former member of the Select Vestry and faithful parishioner of Aghadrumsee Church. Sincere sympathy goes to his wife Charlotte



and the wider family circle. We extend our sympathy also to the Elliott family on the death of Dianne's aunt.



Some visitors at Aghadrumsee Tea Party were Didar Ozcan who came with her friend Cindy Wilson who is a neighbour of the Elliott family. Didar spent two weeks in Turkey doing voluntary work. They are both pictured with Marina and Sarah Elliott.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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SERVICES

APRIL

Palm Sunday 2nd April

11.00am Colebrooke Family Service

Holy Week

- 4 - 8.00pm Tuesday Colebrooke
- 5 - 8.00pm Wednesday Cooneen
- 6 - 8.00pm Colebrooke Maundy Thursday Last Supper
- 7 - 8.00pm Cooneen Good Friday
- 9 - 11.00am Cooneen Easter Day Family Holy Communion
- 16 - 9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer
11.00am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
- 23 - 9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer
11.00am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
- 30 - 9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer
3.00pm Colebrooke Friends' Service

MAY

- 7 - 9.30am Cooneen Holy Communion
11.00am Colebrooke Holy Communion

Mullaghfad Service

The next service at Mullaghfad will be on Sunday 21st May 2023 at 3.30pm for a resumption of our annual Friends' Service.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Christian Baptism

On Sunday 22nd January 2023, in St Ronan's, Colebrooke, Joey Clarke, son of Lisa and Stephen Clarke, was Baptized into Christ's Church.

May God bless this little one and his family as they grow together in his love.

On Sunday 26th February 2023, In St Ronan's, Colebrooke, twins Rosie and Theo Buchanan, children of Debbie and Mark Buchanan, were Baptised into Christ's Church. Godparents were Katherine Smith and Claire Doherty, standing for Rosie, and Alison Little and Robert Smith, standing for Theo. We pray for God's blessing on these little ones and their family for the years ahead.

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Christian Burial

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Baptism for the Clarke family with Revd Canon John McClenaghan.

Colebrooke/Cooneen Mothers' Union

DAFFODIL TEA

&
Cake Sale

Saturday 22nd April 2023

10.30am – 12.30am

Colebrooke Church Hall

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following. Hiram's nephew, the Revd Robbie Robinson gave the address. Our condolences are with Hiram's partner Valerie, his brothers and sisters Violet, Robert, Alec, Claire and Mervyn and all his family circle at this time. On Thursday 23rd February 2023, the



Baptism for the Buchanan family twins.



ashes of Christopher Grose were committed to the ground in Colebrooke Cemetery. Our condolences to Juliana and all of Christopher's family.

GFS – Girls Friendly Society

The branch meets every Monday, at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall for girls three 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.

On a number of Monday evenings, the girls were treated to a change in programme with special activities taking place. The girls enjoyed a P.E. themed night under the capable supervision of Mr Stephen Clarke, an evening of cookery with Shannon making pizza and chocolate covered fruit, an evening of clay modelling making little bears with Tanya from Clayfull Minds, and an evening making Mothers' Day cards and flower displays with Mrs Susan Morrison. Well done girls. The above events were subsidised by a grant from the Teiges Hill Wind Farm, for which the branch are very grateful.

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

When they resume, 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)

At present Scout leaders are endeavouring to complete initial and refresher training to allow the group to reopen. Further details in due course.

Bowling Club

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



GFS members at some meetings with inspiring speakers.



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. The season has now ended, and the club has closed for the summer break, but will resume again in September.

Mothers' Union

The members were encouraged to attend the Lenten service which fell on the March meeting night. A committee meeting followed to discuss the April meeting which is a 'DAFFODIL TEA' on SATURDAY 22nd APRIL from 10 30 am to 12 30 pm. As well as tasty treats to eat there will be a cake stall and other exhibits. The proceeds are being given to Mothers' Union Worldwide Fund, supporting families and communities providing Literacy, Financial Education and Parenting Programmes around the world.

Everyone will be most welcome.

The branch members are celebrating their 60th anniversary this year, so details of special events will follow.

The fourth 'Friendship and Food' is planned for Tuesday 4 April, when Davina Coulter, from Oak Healthy Living Centre, plans to speak about 'Health and Nutrition.' There will also be some music or poetry.



GFS PE session



Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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World Day of Prayer 2023

Services to mark the annual World Day of Prayer were held in Muckno Parish Hall, Castleblaney, on Friday 3rd March at 8pm and in Christ Church, Ballybay, on Friday 3rd March at 8.30pm. Material for this year's service was prepared by women from Taiwan based on Ephesians 1:15-19, the letter written by St. Paul to a faith community to express gratitude.

Those who attended the service in Castleblaney were delighted to welcome Revd. Margaret Pringle as speaker. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful evening of fellowship and prayer, finished off with a cup of tea and homemade cakes.

It was our turn to host the service in Ballybay and parishioners were delighted to welcome a large group of men and women from other churches in the area to Christ Church. Members of local churches assisted with the music, readings and prayers during the service – it was a great joy to be able to worship with our fellow Christians. Refreshments were served for everyone afterwards.

Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week and Easter include some of the most important dates in the Christian calendar during which we follow the story of Jesus' life, how he faced suffering and death, and inspired many to believe and live a new way of life.

On Palm Sunday we recall Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to crowds and cheers (see Mt 21:1-11, Mk 11:1-11, Lk 19:28-44 and Jn 12:12-19), then on Maundy Thursday we remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples (see Mt 26:26-29, Mk 14:22-25, Lk 22:14-30 and 1 Cor 11:23-25), while on Good Friday we remember the events leading up to, and including, Jesus' crucifixion.

Services will take place in each of our parish churches on Palm Sunday at the usual

times. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion in Christ Church, Ballybay, at 8pm on Maundy Thursday, 6th April. On Good Friday, 7th April, there will be activities for children in Ballybay Parish Hall from 10.30am. – 12pm. These will be followed by a children's service for Good Friday in Christ Church, Ballybay, at 12 noon and all are welcome to attend. There will also be a service in St. Colman's Church, Clontibret, at 8pm. Services on Easter Sunday, 9th April, will take place in each of our parish churches at the usual times. Please try to journey with us through Holy Week as we follow Jesus' path to his death on the cross and then celebrate his triumphal resurrection from the dead on Easter Day.

Supporting Donna Geary and her work

If you would like to support Clontibret parishioner, Donna Geary, and her ongoing missionary work in Papua New Guinea, you might consider donating a regular sum of money on a monthly basis or a once-off amount. You can set up a recurring monthly donation or a one-off donation through the following link (make sure to include the name "Donna Geary" in the additional comments box):

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Easter Vestry Meetings

The annual Easter Vestry meetings for Clontibret and Muckno (Castleblaney) parishes will be held this month and parishioners in these 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.

In addition, as 2023 is a triennial year, there will also be elections for a Parochial Nominator, a Supplemental Parochial Nominator, a Diocesan Synodsperson and a Supplemental Diocesan Synodsperson.

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



A display for the World Day of Prayer in Castleblaney on Friday 3rd March.

unwell, lonely, troubled or saddened in recent months.

Clontibret Notes

(by Jennifer Leathem)

We have had a busy time of fellowship here in Clontibret as we hosted the February meeting of the Mothers' Union. In February, Mrs. Jennifer Leathem entertained us with a Spring Flower Arrangement Demonstration. We were joined by some of our Presbyterian friends and, following supper, some ladies were pleased to go home with an arrangement.

On Tuesday 7th March, Mothers' Union members were pleased to attend the visitor's night in St Patrick's Hall, Monaghan, when Mrs. Geraldine Beattie gave a very heartfelt talk on the experience of her work with "Fields of Life" in Uganda to deliver a range of services and to build a much-needed dormitory. It was lovely to chat over supper with members from other groups across the Diocese.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

March was a time of celebration for the Leathem family and their friends as Isaac and Jennifer celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 16th March - this is how they looked when they were wed all those 50 years ago.



Isaac and Jennifer Leathem on their wedding day (16th March 1973).

Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh



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A huge thanks to the parishioners of Carrickmacross, Magheraclone and Ardragh, for giving me such a warm and encouraging welcome to the group of parishes. I am excited at what lies ahead for us in the immediate and longer term. The warmth and positivity of acceptance I have received from the wider community, shows the standing of the Church of Ireland in the area through the lives lived by the parishioners and past rectors. I was aware of some connections with previous parishes, through the Cook and Keegan families, but my attention was caught by the words of Colin Creighton, who has been the pastor of the Baptist church in Carrickmacross for over 10 years. Colin was given the responsibility of giving salutations on behalf of the other denominations, and what happened next caught me completely by surprise. Colin explained that he recognised the name Cruickshank but wondered if it was the same person. When it was mentioned that my son Matthew was here, Colin had no doubt that I was the person he had in mind. Colin went to Friends school in Lisburn with my son Mat and hadn't seen him since, that's about 25 years ago. But Colin went on to explain that he remembers an assembly in the school. He didn't attend the assembly but was walking past when he heard this Scottish voice saying, "If there's no resurrection, there's no point in being a Christian". He shared on the evening of my institution that although he didn't understand the meaning of the words, they stayed with him. During this time, I was an itinerant evangelist and would have spent a lot of time doing school assemblies, including Friends School Lisburn. How strange that

all these years later I find myself serving God in the same town with a young man whose faith journey involved a few words he overheard me say so long ago, and I hadn't a clue the effect it had on him, until now more than 25 years later.

Sympathy

Condolences from the parishioners of Ardragh, Magheraclone and Carrickmacross to the family and friends of Laraine Long (nee Eakin) who died peacefully in Donegal Hospice Letterkenny. The family are well known and have close relationships with parishioners going back to school days.

Lent

Over the past few years I have grown more into seeing the season of Lent as a time of preparation. Therefore, we are using the time over Lent to prepare ourselves as individuals and a community for the year that lies ahead. A few years ago, one of the gospel scriptures that was part of the set readings was in Luke 10 where it said this, "after this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go." He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Such was the significance that I can tell you the date, 7th July 2019. If you were to ask me to give a date that a certain reading fell on I couldn't, but this one I can. The reading prompted me to ask if

we had experienced much growth either as individuals, or as a parish. Like many others there was more of a fear of decline rather than an expectation of growth. That being the case, what do you do if you have land that is not producing? Do you accept the fact that the land is not very fertile? Or do you see if anything can be done to improve the fertility of the soil and bring in a crop. I suggested the latter which would involve examining the soil to see if there was anything stunting the growth of the crop? Also was the soil lacking, did it need additives to make it more productive? This is the background to our Lenten services this year. Focusing on what could be removed and added to make us as individuals and a community more fruitful in our living. In biblical times after you have sown a new crop it could take up to three years before you would expect some harvest. By God's help we'll work and see.

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday

Supper 7.30pm in Carrickmacross Hall followed by short service, Stripping of the Altar in St Finbarrs, Carrickmacross.

Good Friday

Morning Prayer Magheraclone 12 Noon
Evening Prayer Ardragh 7.30pm

Easter Sunday

Sunrise service at 6am at God's Acre Cemetery, Dundalk Road, Carrickmacross.
Holy Communion Carrickmacross 10.30am
Holy Communion Magheraclone 12 Noon
Holy Communion Ardragh 1.15pm



Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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Canon Jen writes...

I love Spring. As I'm travelling round the parishes visiting I'm starting to see lambs in the fields and the daffodils and other bulbs in my pots at the front of the rectory are blooming with a splash of colour. Spring to me means new life. The trees, which looked all through winter like they were dead, with bare branches and old wood, are getting buds of leaves and soon they will be all awash with varying shades of green. Easter is that time of year which reminds us of the new life we have in Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection we remember the new life we have through it, and that we are all God's children through the power and love of God. The Easter services are listed below and I commend them to you and look forward to seeing you there.

New phone number

With the creation of an office for Canon Jen in the hall at Cleenish, a phone line has been put into the hall and a new phone number has been allocated to the parish by BT. We did try to transfer the phone number from the rectory to the hall but this had been re-allocated by BT to someone else. Canon Jen will be working out of the hall and can be reached on the new office phone number which is 028 6672 0622. Thank you to those who have worked so hard with BT to get this phone line into the hall.

Easter services

Maundy Thursday (6th April) - 8.00pm
Service of Holy Communion and institution of the Last Supper in Mullaghduin.
Good Friday (7th April) - 8.00pm Service for Good Friday in Cleenish.
Easter Sunday - 6.00am Dawn service at the Cleenish Centre
10.00am Holy Communion in Mullaghduin
11.30am Holy Communion in Cleenish

Easter Vestry meetings

Easter General Vestry meetings will be

held after Easter this year, dates and times are below. This year is a triennial year so as well as the usual elections for officers and select vestry members we'll be electing Parochial Nominators and Diocesan Synodsmembers and their supplementals. This is the meeting every year to which all are invited to attend in order to find out what has happened over the past year and what might be happening in the year ahead. Please do attend and offer your support.

Cleenish EGV meeting - Wednesday 19th April at 8.00pm in Cleenish Hall.

Mullaghduin EGV meeting - Thursday 20th April at 8.00pm in Mullaghduin Hall.

Columbanus group

Friends of Columbanus are exploring the possibility of setting up a group in Fermanagh of people who would have an interest in promoting the legacy of Columbanus and helping to develop the Columban Way in the Fermanagh area. The Columban Way is a European pilgrim route that traces the footsteps of Columbanus from Mt Leinster in Ireland where he was born in 543 through eight European countries to Bobbio in Italy where he died in 615. St Columbanus has ties to Cleenish Island where he lived from the age of 12. There will be a meeting in Cleenish Hall on Saturday 1st April from 2.00-3.30pm for anyone interested in finding out more.

Flower pots

A Cleenish Church family faithfully plants up pots with appropriate flowers for placing outside the doors of Cleenish Church. This display is a welcome sight as we enter the season of Spring and we thank them for their efforts in bringing colour to the church door.



The Cleenish Centre

Selah Youth Rally meets in the Cleenish Centre and is a non-denominational Youth Event normally held on the third Sunday

of each month from September to May at 8.45pm. Due to the St Patrick's weekend, the Youth Event in March was held on the fourth Sunday - 26th March.

Each month there are Special Testimonies and Speakers and all young people attending post-primary schools are very welcome.

See the Facebook page – Selah Youth Rally

Bellanaleck Community Group

As we are now approaching the summer season, it is the appropriate time to remind ourselves of the excellent facilities that are in place along the eastern side of the Village. This area is approached by an excellent roadway, Waterhen Lane, leaving the main road at the crossroads and following the signs to Bellanaleck Quay.



The visitor will find a MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) pitch which consists of a level surface surrounded by a high wire mesh fence and is suitable for ball games. Further down towards the river is a very good children's play area and there is a suitable car park and Toilet facilities available. Near the water's edge are several picnic tables. A recently constructed slipway was built for the launching of boats. The jetties are suitable for fishing.

Returning towards the Village, on the right is a splendid Community Garden, and more will be recorded in the next issue of this magazine.

Next meeting of the Bellanaleck Community Group is on Wednesday 22 March.

Should any assistance be required contact Owen Wilson (Secretary) Tel: 028 66349602 or Bellanaleck on Facebook.

From the registers

Christian Burial

Winifred Beatrice Armstrong, Lenaghan, Letterbreen, aged 92 years. Tuesday 21st February 2023, Service of Thanksgiving in Letterbreen Methodist Church followed by burial in Mullaghduin Parish Church graveyard.

Clogher Cathedral Group



Rector:
The Revd Olivia Downey

During the Rector's absence, the **Revd Alison Irvine**, Diocesan Curate, is looking after the Group of Parishes.

Diocesan Pastoral Assistant:
Miss Isobel Stewart

Clogher Cathedral Baptism

Will Kenny Alan, son of Kyle and Karen Cobane was baptised by the Revd Alison Irvin, on Sunday 26th February. We as a congregation wish Kyle, Karen and Will, God's richest blessings for the years ahead.

Congratulations

Rachel Fannin and Paul Armstrong were married in the Cathedral on 19th January. We wish this young couple every blessing as they start married life in their new home.

Reminder

Easter egg hunt and walk in Knockmany forest on Easter Monday 10th April, at 2.30pm. Please make an effort to attend and support the Sunday School in this



The marriage of Rachel Fannin and Paul Armstrong in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher.



The baptism for the Crawford family in Newtownsaville with Revd Alison Irvine.

event. There will be lots of prizes and of course a cup of tea for everyone.

Mothers' Union

A service of Holy Communion and enrolment of four new members was held in St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher. In the absence of Revd Olivia Downey, the Revd Alison Irvine conducted the service and Mrs Heather Ellis, Diocesan President made presentations of certificates and badges to the new members.

Services

Holy Week

5th April



Revd Alison Irvine who conducted the baptism for the Cobane family in Clogher Cathedral.

Newtownsaville at 8.00pm.

Good Friday 7th April

Errigal Portclare at 7.00pm.

Aughur at 8.15pm.

Easter Sunday

Newtownsaville 10.00am.

Clogher Cathedral at 11.30pm.

Newtownsaville

Benjamin David Stephen, son of Samuel and Sarah Crawford was baptised in Newtownsaville, by the Revd Alison Irvine. The Godparents were Rebecca Crawford and Matthew Jordan. We wish this young family God's richest blessings.



Revd Alison Irvine, Lisa Wright, Louise Millar, Yolande Johnston, Joyce Stafford, Heather Ellis, Diocesan President and Lynn Winslow, Branch Leader.



Clogher Cathedral Group Mothers' Union branch members with Heather Ellis, Diocesan President.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

2 April

Clones 11.00am: Joint Group Palm Sunday Worship

4 April

Clones 7.00pm: St Tighernach's Day Ecumenical Celebration (organised by the Clones Community Forum, with Bishop Ian Ellis)

7 April

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

9 April

Killeevan 11.00am: Joint Group Service of Holy Communion for Easter Sunday

16 April

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

23 April

Currin 10.00am: Morning Prayer
Killeevan 11.30am: Morning Prayer (with baptism of Adam Genoe)
NB. Services on 23 April will be led by Dean Ferguson since the Rector will be away.

30 April

Currin 11.00am: Joint Group Service of Morning Prayer

Congratulations

Our sincere congratulations go to Killeevan Churchwarden, Jason Genoe and his wife Jenny on the birth of their son, Adam, on 1 March 2023. Adam has an older sister, Amy, and he will be baptised in Killeevan Church on Sunday 23 April. The day of Adam's baptism promises to be extra special because it is also the birthday of his grandfather William, who served for many years as a Churchwarden in Killeevan – and we congratulate him too as he and his grandson gather with their church and family to celebrate their different special

days together.

Mothers' Union

Sallyann Mackarel came on Thursday 23 February to give MU members some helpful tips around safe lifting and CPR – and, as ever, the meeting ended with a delicious tea.

Some of our members also attended the Monaghan MU Visitors' Night in March, at which a speaker from the charity 'Fields of Life' spoke about the poverty that she had seen in Uganda whilst helping out for a month at a school there. She described the heart-breaking deprivation she had witnessed on the part of many mothers and their daughters – and since women and girls in rural areas of Uganda seem to be at very high risk of rape if they don't wear a bra, she asked those present to donate used bras. All our MU members – or indeed, other parishioners who are not members – are invited to rise to this challenge, and Linda Keating will collect all bras donated in September when we return from the summer break.

Please note, our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 26 April at 8.00pm, when Roberta McConkey will show us how to do "up-cycling crafts". In the meantime, might we remind all members to ensure they have paid their annual €30 MU subscription to Irene Hall.

Easter Vestry Meetings

Easter Vestry meetings will be held across the Group in April. These will be advertised in the usual way in church as well as on our WhatsApp forum, and we hope that as many parishioners as possible will be able to attend.

St. Tighernach's Day Celebration – 4 April 2023

The Parish of St. Tighernach and the people of Clones, along with the wider community, are all set to celebrate "The Clones Saint" in what has now become an

annual service to remember a figure who made such a contribution to Christianity in this area.

The celebration will take place in Clones Church of Ireland on Tuesday 4 April 2023 at 7.00pm, and the event is being organised as usual by the Clones Community Forum. Bishop Ian Ellis and other clergy from across the denominations will take part in the service, as will a variety of invited singers. By popular demand The Graham Memorial Clontibret Pipe Band will again provide music during the service – before escorting all present to The Round Tower Graveyard, the resting place of Saint Tighernach. Those who were with us last year will surely remember with a smile how we listened there to hymn tunes as the beautiful sound of the bag pipes resounded throughout Cara Street and the townland of Crossmoyle.

It's worth highlighting that, alongside our own church and the primary school here in Clones, the famous home of Ulster Final G.A.A. football matches also bears the name of "The Clones Saint" and friend of Saint Macartan. That being the case, we hope this celebration will be seen as important to many people from a much wider catchment than the immediate Clones area. We therefore invite all of you, wherever you live, to come along and join us for what promises to be a very special evening.

Garden Party – an advance date for your diary

The Madden family will be holding a garden party in aid of the Cavan-Monaghan Hospital Cancer and Oncology Department on Sunday 21 May 2023 from 2.30pm – 5.00pm at Hilton Park, Scotshouse. Everyone is warmly welcome, with donations for the Cavan-Monaghan Hospital cancer and oncology department invited. Please come along and give your support.



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Services

APRIL

2nd - Morning Prayer 11.30am

6th - Maundy Thursday 8.00pm

7th - Good Friday 8.00pm

9th - Easter Sunday, Holy Communion
11.30am

16th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

23rd - Morning Prayer 11.30am

30th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

MAY

7th - Holy Communion 11.30am

14th - Family Service 11.30am

21st - Morning Prayer 11.30am

28th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

April marks the 25th Anniversary of the Belfast Agreement, and it could be said that the wagons have already been circulating, with key figures rallying to its defence, and money set aside for celebrations. There are those who question its morality, and its foundational principles or lack thereof. The interchangeable reference to it being the Good Friday agreement because it was signed on what was then Good Friday is not something that is favoured by many. While some might think it gives the Belfast



Scenes from the Women's Fellowship evening which was well supported.

Agreement some element of continuous credibility now, as it was then a possible selling point in 1998, knowingly or not, demeans what God did for us through Christ on Calvary. The importance of Good Friday for fallen humanity, was God's gift to us, His Son Jesus Christ. "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 The once and for all sufficient sacrifice that the penitent sinner through believing in Him might have eternal life. It is the indescribable gift that gives to all who believe a living hope. "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," 1 Peter 1: 3 To what or whom are you placing your hope in today?

Women's Fellowship

The aptly named 'Sing to the Lord' with Lynda Lindsay, the Women's Fellowship visitors night, which included the 'Bring and Buy' sale was an evening not to have missed. Testimony borne out by the large number of visitors from neighbouring churches who came along



to enjoy an evening of music and song were then treated to a fabulous supper at the conclusion. Thank you, Lynda, for the wonderful night of song and sharing your testimony. Our sincere thanks to the committee who arranged the night, and to all who provided the tasty food, and anyone who helped on the night. Thanks to those who brought gifts for the bring and but sale, bought gifts and give generously, with the proceeds going to mission projects, local and overseas. A wonderful evening of fellowship as members are looking forward to welcoming Alison Brown speaking on 'Reflections on the Journey to the Cross.'

Young at Heart

Monthly meetings continue with some



The pottery class held for Young at Heart members.

additional meetings thanks to SWAP for the funding towards weekly dinners for members. The pottery classes are now over and it has been a great opportunity for members to be creative, even discovering hidden talents. Thanks to the teacher, Anna McGurran for her guidance and advice.

Stitch and Chat

Stitch and Chat meets weekly with some wonderful creations from the sewing machine and the needle. Please note there is room for more to come along.

Bowling Club

We extend congratulations to the members of the bowling club who won Section D in the Erne league. To everyone who played at league matches at home or away, your contribution has attributed to this win. As the playoff guidance was agreed only nine could play on the night. The members representing everyone give a good account of themselves narrowly missing out in the semi-finals by one shot to Section C winners Clogh. Clogh then lost out on overall victory to Christ Church.

Parish Auction

The auction is a week earlier than in past



Success at the bowling club.



years as the Coronation of King Charles III takes place on Saturday 6th May. This year the auction falls on Saturday 29th April commencing at 12.00 noon. The usual auction items, pledges, will be greatly appreciated, and there will be a cake stall on the day. Volunteers needed before, during, and after the day of the auction. Save the date and come along.

Crosslinks

We look forward to welcoming our mission partner, Trevor Watson to the family

service in May. It will be great to hear in person all that he has been doing and still is, and what the plan is in going forward.

Dates for the diary

- Local Orange service - 11th June 2023 – 7.00pm
- Confirmation - 18th June 2023 – 11.30am
- Police Choir - 19th May 2023 – all proceeds to Air Ambulance
- Parish sizzlers/burgers - 22nd July 2023
- Harvest weekend - 6th – 8th October 2023

Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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Services

Palm Sunday 2nd April

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

Wednesday in Holy Week

5th April, 7.30pm (Derryvullen North)

Maunder Thursday



The new singing group at Castle Archdale Church.

6th April, Holy Communion of the Last Supper, 7.30pm (Castle Archdale)

The Good Friday Liturgy

7th April, 7.30pm (Derryvullen North)

Sunday 9th April, Easter Day

10.30am Derryvullen North, Holy Communion

11.45am Castle Archdale, Holy Communion

Wednesday 12th April

11.00am - Shoppers' Service (Parish Centre, Irvinestown)

Sunday 16th April

Castle Archdale 10.15am, Morning Prayer,
Derryvullen North 11.30am, Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd April

Castle Archdale 10.15am, Morning Prayer,
Derryvullen North 11.30am, Morning Prayer

Sunday 30th April

Castle Archdale 10.15am, Morning Prayer,
Derryvullen North 11.30am, Morning Prayer

Sunday 7th May

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



The Craft group meeting.



The BB Fun Night.

Women's Group

The group held a Yoga introductory evening in the Parish Hall, Irvinestown on Wednesday 15th February. Elaine and Caroline write "Thank You to Anne from Well Worth It for taking us through a sample Yoga Class, some relaxation, meditation and a lot of fun. Thank You to Edith and Hazel for providing a lovely super with cake galore. A Lovely Evening of friendship and fellowship"

Castle Archdale Singers

The Service in Castle Archdale on Sunday 12th March saw the first performance of the newly formed Church Singing Group. We hope that they will sing at each Second Sunday Service. It was very encouraging to see such a full church and to share the time together.

Dedication of gifts

At the morning Service on Sunday 19th February in Derryvullen North Church, a gift of carpeting in the side chapels was presented in memory of the late Lizzie McGonigle. The gift was received on behalf of the Church by Mrs Eileen Cutler (Diocesan Reader) and dedicated to the glory of God in memory of Lizzie.

Mothers' Union

The members met on 22nd February following the Ash Wednesday Service, just a short session to chat and arrange some events for later in the year. Attention was drawn to the MU catalogue for Easter. If anyone is ordering from it they can enter "Clogher" under the part of the order form marked "diocese" as this means that the Diocesan MU receives from money from the purchase.

We also enjoyed a light supper kindly provided by Paula and Lorna - thank you.

Craft Group

The members are keeping busy, as always - do come along if you would like to join in. It is not necessary to be there every week or stay for the full session. It is all about crafting, chatting and enjoying friendship on Thursday's 7-9pm in the Irvinestown Parish Centre.

Sunday School

On Sunday 26th February in Derryvullen North the service concluded in the hall with those in church joining the Sunday School. The children showed us a project they have been working on, a wall display about Jesus helping us develop as people just as the sun and rain help the flowers

grow.

It is more usual for the children to join the adults in church and it was nice for a change for it to be the other way round. Thank you to the Sunday School and Crèche Leaders for all they do.

Boys' Brigade

The BB involves all kinds of activities - football, drill, box work, crafts, bicycle maintenance, team games etc. It is also about developing the whole person - body, mind and spirit. Six of our Company Section were away for a weekend at the end of February for part of their work for the Queen's Award. The BB Anchor Boys took part in an Anchor Boy fun night for the Battalion hosted by Mountjoy. It was a great evening for everyone and they also enjoyed sharing the bus journey along with Pettigo BB. Then on Sunday 12th March the Boys' Brigade Battalion Service was held in Derryvullen North. There was an attendance of 174 from across the area and the parade was led by Drumharvey Pipe Band. A good number of family and friends also attended. This was to have been held with us in 2020 as part of the 40th Anniversary celebrations of our Company but if course unfortunately Covid arrived first! The salute was taken by Mr



Yoga at the Women's Group.



Derryvullen North Sunday School.



The BB Service.



At the dedication of gifts.

David Robinson of Derryvullen North, who was the first Captain of 1st Irvinestown BB.

Shoppers' Service

This continues each month on the second Wednesday at 11.00am in the Parish Centre, Irvinestown. Richard McGonigle provides the music on the guitar as we meet for praise, communion and friendship. The time is rounded off with a cuppa and time to chat.

Women's World Day of Prayer

The annual Service to mark the international day of prayer was held this



The Sam Cree play being performed.

year in Irvinestown Presbyterian Church on Friday 3rd March. This was organised by and attended by women from the Roman Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian and Church of Ireland church communities. Well done to the organising committee for putting so much work into it.

Sam Cree Play

There was a very successful production of the Sam Cree play, "Don't tell the wife," performed in Derryvullen North Church Hall on Saturday evening 4th March. It was by Moycraig Young Farmers and was organised by Irvinestown Orange

Community Group. A great evening - well done and thank you to everyone.

From the registers:

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

- Winston Funston, 24th February 2023 (Derryvullen North)
- Lily Keys, 3rd March 2023 (Derryvullen North)

May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church living and departed in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom. Amen.

(From the Book of Common Prayer)

Derryvullen South and Garvary

Vacant:

The Revd William Jeffrey, Rural Dean of Enniskillen is in charge along with Dean Raymond Ferguson.



Services

Sunday, 2nd April

10.30am – Morning Prayer, Garvary
12 Noon – Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

Easter Sunday, 9th April

10.30am – Morning Prayer with Holy Communion, Derryvullen South
12 Noon – Morning Prayer, Garvary.

Sunday, 16th April

10.30am – Morning Prayer, Garvary
12 Noon – Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South



Attending the World Day of Prayer in Derryvullen South Parish Church.





Attending the World Day of Prayer Service in Derryvullen South Parish Church.



Bishop Ian Ellis along with Diocesan Reader Joy Coulter and churchwardens with the Confirmation candidates in Garvary Parish Church.

Sunday, 23rd April

10.30am – Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South
12 Noon – Morning Prayer, Garvary

Sunday, 30th April

10.30am – Morning Prayer, Garvary
12 Noon – Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

GARVARY

Easter General Vestry

This is planned for Garvary Parish on Wednesday, 18th April at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation

Seven young people from Garvary Parish were confirmed in Garvary Parish church on Sunday 5th March by Bishop Ian Ellis who was assisted by Diocesan Reader, Mrs. Joy Coulter and Churchwardens, Bob Rowley and Dorothy Wilson.


Burials

27th February 2023 – Jimmy Wilson, Largy, Garvary. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, Iris and his family circle at this time.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those of our parishioners who are ill at home, in hospital, in nursing homes or those who are receiving treatment.

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Services

Palm Sunday 2ndth April 2023

10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Holy Communion Devenish Parish Church

Holy Week Services

8.00pm Monday 3rd April Devenish Parish Church
8.00pm Maundy Thursday 6th April Boho Parish Church
8.00pm Good Friday 7th April Devenish Parish Church

Easter Sunday 9th April 2023

10.00 am Holy Communion Boho Parish Church
11.30am Holy Communion Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 16th April 2023

10.00 am Morning Prayer Boho Parish

Church

11.30am Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 23rd April 2023

10.00 am Morning Prayer Boho Parish Church
11.30am Morning Prayer and Dedication of Gifts Devenish Parish Church

Dedication Service of Gifts.

Sunday 23rd April 2023 at 11.30 am in Devenish Parish Church. Preacher The Bishop, Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis.

Confirmation Service

Sunday 4th June 2023 at 11.30am in Devenish Parish Church.

Mothers' Union

At our meeting on Wednesday 8th March, we were delighted to have one of our members, Norma Ferguson, speak on the "10 gems of knowledge for a healthy you". Part of Norma's role as Care Services and PREP Co-Ordinator with NI Chest, Heart & Stroke is to offer educational health talks for people and communities that aim to increase knowledge and awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle to protect against future illness.

Norma spoke on how important it is to base our meals on the Eatwell Guide and used a power point presentation to show how much of what we eat overall should come from each food group. Norma also said that exercise and sleep play an important part in good health and wellbeing throughout our life. A vote of thanks was proposed by Vivienne Ferguson.



We look forward to hearing Karen Harron speak on Tropic Skin Care at our next meeting on Wednesday 12th April at 8pm.

Congratulations

Congratulations are extended to Rory and Hannah Connolly on birth of their daughter Robyn Elizabeth.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Service Times

Sunday 1st April Palm Sunday

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) with Palm Procession and Dramatized Passion Gospel, Hymns, and Sunday School
12noon St Sillian's, Tyholland - The Holy Communion (Order 1) with Passion Gospel and Hymns

Thursday 6th April Maundy Thursday

8pm St Sillian's, Tyholland – The Last Supper – The Holy Communion (Order 1) with Hymns, the Telling of the Last Supper, Stripping of the Altar and The Watch

Friday 7th April Good Friday

8pm St Salvator's, Glaslough – The Journey of the Cross with Hymns and Reflection



Attending the World Day of Prayer Service.

Sunday 9th April Easter Day

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – Eucharist of the Resurrection for Easter Day with Easter Fire, Marking of the Easter Candle, Procession, Dramatized Vigil, Hymns and All Age Sermon

Sunday 16th April The Second Sunday of Easter

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough - Morning Prayer (Order 2) with Anglican Chant, Hymns and Sermon.

12noon St Sillian's, Tyholland – Morning Prayer (Order 1) with Hymns and Sermon

Sunday 23rd April The Third Sunday of Easter

10.30 am St Salvator's, Glaslough - All Age Family Service of Morning Prayer for use

on Sunday – Easter (Order 3) led by The Revd Tim with the help of children from our Sunday School - with Hymns, Anglican Chant, Junior Choir and All Age Sermon
12noon St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh – Holy Communion (Order 1) with Hymns and Sermon

Sunday 30th April The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – Group Service – The Way of the Resurrection – A Service of Easter Readings and Easter Hymns

Sunday 7th May The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – The Holy Communion (Order 2) with Hymns,

Sermon and Sunday School
12noon St Sillian's, Tyholland - The Holy Communion (Order 1) with Hymns and Sermon

Ash Wednesday

We began the season of Lent with a Service of Evening Prayer during which, mindful of God's grace, we reflected upon the Ten Commandments and the ways in which we have fallen short, of things we have done and things we have left undone. As part of the penitential rite, we each received ash poured into our hands as a symbol of our mortality, and heard the words "Remember that you are but dust and to dust you shall return" before a sign of the cross was made in the ash which we held in our hands and we heard the words "repent, turn and follow Christ" as we let the ash fall through our hands and wiped them upon them towel. We returned to our seats in silence before hearing the words of the absolution reminding us that Lent is ultimately not about our failings and limitations but about the boundless love and mercy of God who is always calling us away from everything that would keep us from the joy of the fullness of life; turning us away from the despair of dead ends and into the hope of new life and new beginnings.

World Day of Prayer

Mrs Ethne McCord had the serried ranks of the Donagh Community Choir well rehearsed for this year's World Day of Prayer with the choir singing all of the pieces written for this year's reflection on the faith of the women of Taiwan. Women from St Mary's, Glennan, Glennan Presbyterian and St Salvador's, Donagh (Mrs Diane Wright-Kendrick, Ms Alexandra Wright Kendrick, Mrs Eileen Fielding and Mrs Marina Waller) led the prayer Service, reading the various prayers and reflections which drew our attention to the numerous difficulties facing the women and girls of Taiwan and the ominous threat cast over their lives by Chinese territorial claims on their country. Fr Hubert's homily reminded us of how we can support each other through our lives of faith as he shared how the stories contained in this year's WDP service had encouraged and inspired him in both his own personal faith and his public ministry. Our thanks to the women of St Mary's for the tea, and the beautiful floral decorations that had been prepared for this Service.

Lent Reflections

It is a truism to say that we all live such busy lives today; bearing this in mind, and acknowledging that we have not had

a tradition of midweek Services during Lent, I recorded a series of daily Lenten Podcasts based upon Henry Martin's book "Alongside: Reflections on Jesus' Struggles and How He Meets Us in Our Struggles" which appear on the parish facebook page each morning. I am a big fan of podcasts as I love being able to listen at the kitchen table, or in the car, or as I am going off to sleep; in short they fit into those moment in our lives when we aren't in the middle of something else. I hope people have found them a help in keeping a Holy Lent this year.

All Age Family Services

Each fourth Sunday of the month, children from our Sunday School help me lead Morning Prayer 3 (you have to buy the most recent blue covered reprint of The Book of Common Prayer to find it, or buy the separate book Morning and Evening Prayer for use on Sundays containing the seasonal variations). The children read the penitential petitions, the versicles introducing the readings, psalm and canticles, the intercessions and the thanksgivings. It has been wonderful to see how they have grown in confidence since we first introduced this Service last summer.

Thank you to the Sunday School children and their teachers for enhancing our All Age Family Service each month. No fourth Sunday would be complete without the contribution of our Junior Choir,

our thanks to the children and to Mrs Ethne McCord for their wonderful contribution to our services.

Confirmation Class

We are delighted to have seven children preparing for Confirmation this year. Having agonized in the past (and for six years in tandem with my good friend and clerical neighbour in my previous parish, Archdeacon Stevenson) over how best to prepare our young people for confirmation: how long should the course be, what do they need to know, what can we risk leaving out, should there be homework, what course should we use, how much of it.... This year I decided to be entirely honest with myself and accept that the perfect Confirmation Course does not exist and that I am the last person likely to be able to deliver one. So, concluding that determining what candidates for confirmation need to know is up there with such great philosophical conundra as: how long is a piece of string, I decided to try a two track approach: a six-week course of 45 minute sessions at the rectory and three follow up podcasts each week (based upon "This is my Faith" by Douglas Dales) that, when combined, will hopefully have opened up something of the mystery of the love of God and the fullness of life into which God calls us through Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you to our Safeguarding aunties Mrs Jean Wallace, Mrs Maureen Atkinson and



Rev. Tim Irvine and Father Hubert who led the World Day of Prayer Service.

Mrs Gwen Stevenson for ensuring that trust has been safeguarded during the classes. Bishop Ian will be confirming Amelia, Daniel, Eve, Jack, Jessica, Katherine and Matthew on Sunday 21st May in St Salvator's at 10.30 am. Please remember the candidates in your prayers.

Devices and Desires

A few months ago I asked the parishioners of St Sillian's and St Muadain's if they might prefer the Order 1 Services over

the Order 2 Services and there was a fairly unanimous expression of preference for the "traditional language" Services. We have been using them now for a few months, and I must say that I love the Order 1 Holy Communion Service and always feel that something is missing from Morning Prayer if I haven't told God that I have "erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep". The speech rhythm of these Services feels so natural to so many of us and it is wonderful to be reminded of

what we risk losing from our worship when we too casually (or carelessly) dispense with the old, and I say this as a child of both the wee Red Books and the APB. It was parishioners from my curacy parish who taught me the fluid beauty of the Order 1 services and I am delighted to be able to use these Services again with the people of St Sillian's and St Muadain's and as I do so, I remember with thanksgiving the faith of those Saints who have nurtured me in the faith of the Church.

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Miracle On The River Kwai

Ernest Gordon's Tells a story in 'Miracle On The River Kwai' about Scottish soldiers, forced by their Japanese captors to labour on a jungle railroad. Under the strain of captivity, they had degenerated to barbarous behaviour, but one afternoon something happened. "A shovel was missing. The officer in charge became enraged. He demanded that the missing shovel be produced, or else. When nobody in the squadron budged, the officer got his gun and threatened to kill them all on the spot . . . It was obvious the officer meant what he had said. Then, finally, one man stepped forward. The officer put away his gun, picked up a shovel, and beat the man to death. When it was over, the survivors picked up the bloody corpse and carried



A shovel miracle on the River Kwai.

it with them to the second tool check. This time, no shovel was missing. Indeed, there had been a miscount at the first check point.

"The word spread like wildfire through the whole camp. An innocent man had been willing to die to save the others! . . . The incident had a profound effect. . . The men began to treat each other like brothers.

"When the victorious Allies swept in, the survivors, human skeletons, lined up in front of their captors— and instead of attacking their captors—insisted: 'No more hatred. No more killing. Now what we need is forgiveness.'" Sacrificial love has transforming power.

Jesus taught his disciples in *The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant* (Matthew 18:21-35) that in response to the grace and mercy he gives (cancelling a debt equivalent to the wages earned in 235,294 years – impossible to pay back), that grace and mercy should be given to others (cancelling a debt 600,000 times less). Jesus refers to those who have received grace (been forgiven) but are unwilling to give grace to others (forgive) as "wicked" and says that the debt which had been cancelled is to be paid by them.



Clothes and food at one of the three drop-off points.

He then finishes with these sobering words:

"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."
(Matthew 18:35)

Sunday Services

APRIL

2nd April

11.00am – Family Service, 'The Passover Lamb', Matthew 21:1-11
(Including GFS and CLB Enrolment)
7.30pm – Praise & Ministry Service

9th April

11.00am – Easter Service, "I have seen the Lord!", John 20:10-18

16th April

11.00am – Morning Service, (Harry Anderson)

23rd April

11.00am – Short All-age Service, 'More than forgiveness', Acts 2:36-41
(Followed by Easter Vestry)

30th April

11.00am – Morning Service, 'Together', Acts 2:42-47

Syria Appeal

Our appeal was for Syria, as the people

in Northern Syria have already been suffering because of 12 years of conflict. The relief to Syria has been much less than to Turkey, even though 15.3 million people rely on humanitarian support to survive and 90% of people live below the poverty line (according to the British Red Cross).

Barnabas Aid have people on the ground and so we organised three drop-off times, partnering with the Presbyterian Church and the Catholic Church in the village. Over the three Saturdays we managed to fill two cattle trailers and thanks to Lynden Keys from Dromore Presbyterian Church, the warm clothes and dried non-perishable foods (mainly rice, flour, lentils and chickpeas) were delivered to Barnabas Aid's warehouse in Belfast. These will then be combined with aid from others within Northern Ireland and transported to their Swindon warehouse and then out to Syria. A big thank you to all who gave towards this.

Joint Lenten Services

As Togherdoo Methodist Church



Examples of dried food.

celebrate 150 years this year it is great that we are able to come together with our Methodist brothers and sisters on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, as we did before Covid-19. Our joint services will be as follows:

- Maundy Thursday, 6th April, Holy Communion in Togherdoo Methodist Church at 8pm
- Good Friday, 7th April, Service of Reflection in Holy Trinity Church at 8pm.

Social Events

We hope to have more opportunities to

get together after the service for a parish lunch over the next few months.

Our next parish lunch will be on Sunday 16th April after the service.

A big thank you to the Mothers' Union for all their work in making this possible and especially to Eveline Smith for arranging this.

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/UCwj585CXIqOq6W6h7_2AiYg/
- Watch uploaded Services on YouTube on a smart TV, uploaded usually on within 48 hours.
- Get a recording of the service on CD every week.

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As I write these words we have been reminded that despite the recent spell of pleasant weather winter is still around as we had a little bit of snow yesterday. However we know that longer days and hopefully warmer weather is not very far away. We are approaching the middle of Lent and looking forward to Mothering Sunday next week when we will acknowledge all that our mothers and others have done for us and what that means in our lives.

We will then look forward to Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday with all the



significance of that time of year. I want to share some words from Micah which I came across as I thought about what I wanted to say in my notes for this month.

In Micah 7 we find these words, Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of your possession? He does not retain his anger for ever, because he

delights in showing clemency. He will again have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. As we continue to journey through Lent and look forward to Easter I think that these words give us a timely reminder about the God who we worship and what this time of year means for us. The God who we worship is unique in that we are forgiven through his grace and not

through anything that we have done. The prophet reminds us that the God who we worship pardons our sin and passes over all that we have done.

We are also reminded that he does not remain angry and that he offers us compassion.

This is what we should be considering at this time of year - the fact that God loved us so much that he sent his Son to live among his creation, to endure temptation, to face trial and crucifixion so that the price for our sins would be paid something that we could never do ourselves.

The words of Micah remind us of all that God has done for us and at Easter we will celebrate the fact and it is a fact that death could not hold Jesus and in rising from the grave on that first Easter morning Jesus defeated death once and for all. I hope that thought fills you with joy and that you will take the time to attend church on Sunday 9 April to thank God for his grace and his mercy for his creation.

Ladies Group

Parish life continues and our ladies group

Women Together met on 21 February when the speaker was Mrs Avril Stubbs from Air Ambulance.

The next meeting will have been held by the time you read these notes on 21 March when the speaker will be Eveline Smith who will give a demonstration on Easter Craft and Flowers.

Parish Register

On Sunday 19 February we welcomed a new member into the congregation at Tubrid when we celebrated the baptism of Harley Doherty, son of Steven and Nicole. Our congratulations to Steven and Nicole and to Harley's older brother Carter and to the wider family circle on the new addition to their family.

While there have been no funerals in the group of parishes, I want to express our deepest sympathy to two of our families on the passing of Margaret Law in February. Two of Margaret's daughters Lorraine (Mackey) and Diane (Thompson) are members of the congregation at Tubrid.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Lorraine and Diane and to their families

following Margaret's passing.

Diary

Sunday 2 April 2023 - Palm Sunday

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne,
Sunday School Service 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 2 April 2023

Dernasesk 7pm Preacher Canon Paul Thompson

Thursday 6 April 2023 - Maundy Thursday

Thursday

Holy Communion Templecarne 8pm

Friday 7 April 2023 - Good Friday

Muckross 8pm

Sunday 9 April 2023

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckross,
Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 16 April 2023

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne,
Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 23 April 2023

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckross,
Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 30 April 2023

Service of the Word 10.00 Templecarne,
11.30 Tubrid

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

Service and Pastoral Cover:
Revd Margaret Pringle NSM and Mr.
Walter Pringle, DPA and Diocesan Reader.

Revd Tim Irvine is in charge.

Aughnamullen

Travel

We are delighted that Alice Forde is home safely after her recent visit to Australia.

Easter Vestry

Our Annual Easter vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th April at 7.30pm in the schoolhouse.

Aghabog

Drum/Ematris Mothers' Union which was held in Drum on Thursday 16th February was well attended. The meeting was opened in prayer and a bible reading by

Maureen and Shirley. We were delighted to welcome Roberta McConkey as our guest speaker on the night who showed us various ways and uses in recycling different materials. Our grateful thanks to the Drum ladies who served a lovely supper afterwards. Next meeting was arranged for 23rd March in Rockcorry at 7.30pm. The meeting was closed in prayer by Revd. Margaret Pringle.

Bereavement

We offer our sincere condolence to George Wright and Niamh Brogan and family on the sad and sudden passing of Niamh's sister Jenna Rose Brogan, Clones. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have been bereaved recently.

Easter Vestry

Our Annual General Easter meeting will be held in Aghabog on Thursday 20th April at 8.30 pm.

Dartrey and Rockcorry

Rockcorry School

Well done to the boys and girls that recently took part in the singles Table Tennis Tournament in Banbridge. All the boys and girls did very well, and a big well done to David F who came in second in the Consolation round.

Easter Vestry

This will be held in the Sexton's House, Rockcorry on Tuesday, 18th April at 8.30pm. This annual church meeting is open to



A turnip weighing 12 pounds which Noel Carleton grew in his garden.

all registered vestry members. A good attendance would be appreciated.

Illness

The March weather has come in like a lion and hopefully it will go out like a lamb. This has resulted in a higher incidence than usual of colds and other related illnesses.

We hold all who are ill and all who care for them, in our prayers.

Easter Greetings

We wish parishioners and friends all the blessings of the Easter season.

Services

Aghabog, Aghnamullen, Dartrey, Drum and Rockcorry for April 2023

2nd April

Aghabog 9.45 M.P. Rockcorry 11.00 H.C. Drum 11.15 M.P.

7th April - GOOD FRIDAY

Rockcorry 8.00pm Evening Prayer

9th April - EASTER SUNDAY

Aghnamullen 9.45 H.C. Dartrey 11.00 H.C.

16th April - Aghabog 9.45 H.C. Rockcorry

11.00 M.P. Drum 11.15 H.C.

23rd April

Aghnamullen 9.45 H.C. Dartrey 11.00 H.C.

30th April – (fifth Sunday one service)

Rockcorry 11.00 M.P.

H.C. = Holy Communion

M.P. = Morning Prayer



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Services

Sunday 2nd April – The Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Palm Sunday Procession

11.00am – Holy Communion

Monday 3rd April

7.30pm – Holy Week Service

Tuesday 4th April

7.30pm – Holy Week Service

Wednesday 5th April

7.30pm – Holy Week Service

Maundy Thursday

11.00am – Holy Communion

7.30pm – Maundy Thursday Service

Good Friday

7.30pm – Service of Meditation

Sunday 9th April – Easter Day – The First Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Communion

Thursday 13th April

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 16th April – The Second Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Thursday 20th April

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd April – The Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Family Service and

Presentations to Sunday School Children

Thursday 27th April

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 30th April – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Confirmation and Holy Communion

Baptism

■ 25th February - Hudson Jack Hicks

■ 19th March - Aria Tonkunas

Burial

■ 22nd January - Ernest Boyd (Ernie) Fawcett, The County Nursing Home, formerly 7 Rossvie, Lisnaskea.

■ 30th January - Florence Charlotte Edwards, Tullyavey Road, Enniskillen.

■ 31st January - Clive Nevin Johnston, Levally Road, Enniskillen.

Cremation

■ 15th March - Susan (Sue) Hogg MBE, 6 Castle Place, Enniskillen.

Burial of Ashes

■ 4th February - Cecil Carson MBE, 17 Benaughlin Park, Enniskillen.

Palm Sunday

Everyone please meet at the Cathedral



Hall at 10.30am and follow the Palm Sunday procession to the Cathedral. Palm branches and Palm Crosses will be provided. What an amazing way to enter our Cathedral by joining with everyone singing 'Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.'

Holy Week Services

"Where are you in the shadow of the Cross?"

Monday at 7.30pm

Theme: The Common People

Tuesday at 7.30pm

Theme: The Roman Authorities

Wednesday at 7.30pm

Theme: The Faithful Followers

Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm

The Last Supper – Holy Communion – 'Do this in remembrance of me'

Good Friday at 7.30pm

Service of Meditation and Hymns

These services are designed to be short (30 -40 minutes) with the exception of the Maundy Thursday service which includes a celebration of Holy Communion. This is to encourage people to attend each night.

EASTER DAY SERVICES

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion

Make this week a 'Holy Week' in your lives as we reflect upon what Christ has achieved for us.

'Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.'

Presentation to Water Drops

A presentation of £6,000 was made to Ronnie and Maggie Briggs who run the Water Drops Project in the Diocese of Kajiado in Kenya. This was one third of the Dean of Clogher's 'Sit out' at St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen prior to Christmas that realised over £18,000.

Ronnie and Maggie are pictured with the Dean, The Very Rev Kenny Hall and Churchwardens, Nathan Clyde and Richard Cochrane.

The money will go towards providing clean water for a forgotten people in a very remote place. Water Drops works alongside the Bishop of Kajiado, the Rt Rev Gaddiel Lenni to identify those communities that are struggling to find access to clean water.

Flower Festival

Our Flower Festival takes place from Friday 26th to Monday 29th May. The Erne Flower Arranging Society assisted by Alan Beatty and James Burnside will depict the 'Signs and Sayings in John's Gospel' in flowers. Teas, soup lunches and salads will be available each day. If



Ronnie and Maggie are pictured with the Dean, The Very Rev Kenny Hall and Churchwardens, Nathan Clyde and Richard Cochrane.

you would like to help, please contact the catering committee, the staffing committee or the Cathedral office. Donations can be made to cover the cost of the flowers and can be made in memory of a loved one. They will be recorded anonymously in the Flower Festival Booklet.

Mothers' Union

Our March Visitors' Night was held on Monday 13th in the Main Hall with a large attendance. Jenifer, Branch Leader opened the meeting with a warm welcome, The Dean read Psalm 121 and prayer and also extended a warm welcome to members and visitors. Our very own Margaret Owen was the speaker and her theme, 'One more step along the Road'. Margaret gave a very interesting talk reminiscing about her travels over more than 50 years with her family, the people they met and places they visited. She then talked about how illness and Covid had curtailed their travelling. She then introduced us to 'Teddy.' Teddy was left at her home by one of her grandchildren to keep Margaret and her husband company, when the family went back home after a visit. Together with teddy they visited local beauty spots as soon as Covid restrictions allowed recording their adventures. Their son subsequently had a book printed to record these adventures for the family. It was a fun evening.

Thanks are extended to our committee members who provided a delicious supper for over 100 people. Jenifer closed the meeting with a poem 'Give lavishly and live Abundantly' by Helen Steiner Rice followed by The Mothers' Union Prayer. There will be no branch

meeting in April but members are asked to attend the Holy Week Service in the Cathedral at 7.30pm on Monday 3rd. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday Club

In February Greg McMullan from the Policing and Community Safety Partnership gave a very interesting talk on 'scams prevention.' Members found the tips, on how to prevent being taken in by phone call and visitors at the door, very informative and useful. Tea was served and arrangements made for the May outing which is to the Flower Festival on Friday 26th.

On 28th March Mrs June McIlfratrick will demonstrate her flower arranging skills and speak about bulb planting, while the arrangements for the meeting on 25th April have still to be finalised. Meetings are at 2.00pm in the Hilliard Room and the organisers will be glad to welcome regular and hopefully new members. Transport can be arranged by contacting Eleanor Lynn on 6632 24603 or the Cathedral Office.

Confirmation

Confirmation candidates are asked to attend the Holy Week service on Monday 3rd April. All candidates must attend this service, and we hope to see parents and guardians, godparents and others there too. After the service there will be a rehearsal for the Confirmation Service which will then be on Sunday 30th April at 11.00am.

Messy Easter

The next Messy Church on Thursday 20th April from 4.00-6.00pm. Messy Church is open to all children of Primary School

age or younger and their parents and guardians. Even if you aren't a member of the Cathedral, you are very welcome to join us at any of the sessions. A warm welcome awaits you! Participants must complete a registration form, which is available from the Cathedral Office. To ensure there are enough resources, you must contact Gwyneth Blair at gwyneth.blair@gmail.com or 07753522324, to book your place by Thursday 6th April. Messy Church packs will be available at

the Cathedral Hall on Monday 17th April from 3.30-4.30pm.

Quadricentennial Cathedral Prayer

Almighty God, you have made us members of Christ and of his Church here in this Cathedral Parish of Enniskillen. We thank you for 400 years of rich heritage handed down to us from former generations, and we pray that we can hand that on to the generations to come.

May we as a congregation reach upwards to your throne in worship and adoration; inwards to one another in understanding and fellowship; and outwards to the world in evangelism and social compassion. Make this Cathedral Parish like a city set on a hill whose light cannot be hidden, so that men and women may find Christ as the light of the world, and his Church as the family of the redeemed, and eternal life as the gift of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Celebrating King Jesus

4 Sunday Evenings at Kiltermon
7pm 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
May 2023

This is your invitation to join us in us in the lovely setting of Kiltermon Church on four special Sunday evenings in May for praise, teaching, encouragement and fellowship.

- 7 May:** The Royal Law, Love Your Neighbour: Galatians
- 14 May:** He Who Sits On The Throne: Ephesians
- 21 May:** The Humble King: Philippians
- 28 May:** The Kingdom Of His Son: Colossians



and was amazed to have 18 teens and three leaders present. Their interest was good and all took part in and contributed to the shared discussion about what matters to us in our faith. Our Bible text for the day was when Moses removes his shoes in the presence of God's holiness, from Exodus.

Not All Good Ministry is Large!

CONNECT Youth Group has about 12 or 14 young people registered. And on any Friday evening perhaps only seven or nine might attend. But it is one of the most focused groups and has both really great and committed leaders. Both my sons benefitted greatly from their time at Connect with these leaders, and I was very proud this year that they invited my eldest son and his wife as the guest speakers to the Parish Youth Weekend. And at that weekend, Elliott spoke about the faith commitment he made at a parish weekend where the then Diocesan Youth Officer Johnny Phenix was the guest speaker. Ministry to and with young people deserves to be a priority in both the parish and the diocese, and a place where we invest our resources well.

Knit, Pray, Love

I hope you will also be delighted to read the report from Knit, Pray, Love. This small



'Let us not give up meeting together,'
St Paul

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Sunday Services

9.30am Kiltermon Church, Belfast Road
11am St John's Church, Murley Road
Creche and Sunday School meet fortnightly
7pm Breathe, quieter prayer and worship.
usually 1st Sunday, Parish Hall, except next
Breathe, on Sunday 30th April

Parish Prayer Ministry

Fourteen people intercede each Wednesday for those who are sick. If you or a loved one would like to be prayed for, please add your Christian Name only to the Prayer Ministry Card or contact William Morrow (Prayer Ministry Secretary.)
'Always pursue what is good for one another and for all people. Rejoice at all times. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in every circumstance, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.' 1 Thessalonians 5

St Paul offered encouragement with these words when he wrote to the Thessalonians Christians. As we apply them to ourselves today, we are told to pursue what is good, to pray without ceasing, and to give thanks in every situation. As you read some of the edited highlights I've included from the Annual Easter Report you will realise that we have a lot to be thankful for. These reports from Children's and Youth Ministry are encouraging. Enrolment in Sunday School, Church Lads Brigade and the Girls' Friendly Society is strong and attendance is consistent. I had the opportunity to take the senior Sunday School class in March,

craft and praying circle always makes me think about the story of the magic porridge pot, where the porridge just kept on growing and growing. Never before have I encountered a ministry that can make so much from so little. About 13 people busily make and gift all kinds of items, and the group really do exist on good will and donations of wool, yet their items are greatly appreciated by so many. Consider donating some unwanted fabric items to Cash For Clobber through the parish donations until April end, as we raise some funds for this work. Items may be bagged and left on the Parish Hall stage.

Thank You for the Seasons

This year Knit, Pray, Love began a 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 the parish. We are very thankful to have received many beautiful hand-stitched floral elements for this project. If you can help, contact Betty, Margaret, Michele, or parish office.

Kintsugi Craft and Reflection Day

We've been invited to a Kintsugi Craft and Reflection Day on Easter Saturday, 8th April at the WEC Centre, Portadown. I had never heard of it until recently. The thinking is that in Japanese culture, after a ceramic bowl/item is broken, it can be restored with gold or another precious metal. And afterwards it is more precious in its repaired state, than before. This craft and spiritual reflection morning with WEC International promises to help us think from the Bible about God's work of restoration. A car is travelling, so lifts are available. Book through the office asap. WEC is World Evangelism Crusade. It might be better known to us through our Methodist sister Ms Doreen McClure, who worked with them as a missionary in Thailand for some years, teaching English.

Marriage Course

And a Great Big Thankyou to those who helped get Kiltermon ready to host the 11 couples who gathered for the Christian Guidelines Marriage preparation Course in March. Bertie and Joyce cleaned and sorted chairs, Alywin adjusted the heating and Louise prepared and served morning coffee. We are pleased that the course has been delivered in the parish now across about 14 years and are thankful to Ian Stewart and his wife who travel from Co Down for this.



The Church Lads Brigade members meeting.

The Fellowship Of Contemplative Prayer

Canon David Ferry, Canon Raymond Fox, and Nuala Dudley have been very dedicated across many years now in encouraging us here to continue in prayer. And as well as a very successful Quiet Morning with them here in November, six of the parish travelled to a Quiet Morning in St Peter's Church, Culmore Road in Londonderry in March, to join people from the dioceses of Derry and Raphoe for their annual day. Having been invited to act as Witnesses for the day, I was a little nervous to 'get it right,' having completed my Witness training, and this bring my first fledgeling day. The Bishop of Derry and Raphoe Andrew Forster and the other participants were encouraging and seemed to appreciate the two texts we focussed on, namely, 'My soul finds rest in God,' Psalm 65, and God's words through Jeremiah, 'I have loved you with an everlasting love.' Other FCP days are planned across Northern Ireland for May and November. Details on request from the Parish Office.

4 May Evenings at Kiltermon

God willing, a series of evenings helping us to think about the Kingship of Jesus, is planned for the 4 Sunday evenings in May. Kiltermon is such a lovely setting, and our hope is that friends from neighbouring churches and the diocese might like to join us on these evenings. Based on teaching from St Paul in his early Epistles, we will think about The Humble King, the Royal Law, The Kingdom of God and God's Throne. Do plan to be with us from 7pm each evening. Light supper served. Kiltermon is approx. 1.5 miles from Fivemiletown towards Clogher, travelling on the main Belfast Road.

Children's Ministry

Sunday School: Crèche, Sparks, Juniors and Seniors

Pastoral Report from Heather Kirkpatrick
Our Sunday School continues to provide an important ministry within the parish. 2022 proved to be a year of spiritual growth within Sunday school. It was obvious to see changes within our Sunday School family and how much reward we got from being able to meet face to face again. We have 86 registered children within Sunday School. At the moment we look forward to hosting our Good Friday Brunch yet again and Palm Sunday with a special visitor. Once again thank you to all the families who trust and allow us to guide your children. It truly is a blessing and an honour to help them to grow in their love of God and to understand his teachings. Thank you to our loyal teachers and helpers. It is through your dedication and devotion that Sunday School is made possible. It is humbling to be part of such a splendid team where teamwork is key! Thank you to Precentor Hanlon who is our Anchor and Steer. You are greatly appreciated.

Children's ministry is vital at Fivemiletown Parish, and we are excited for another year of continued growth and meaningful ministry. The Sunday School leaders would ask that members of the church would pray for the children, leaders, helpers and the work of the Sunday School and other young people's ministries within the Parish.

Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade

Pastoral Report from Sandra McConnell
CLB reopened in October with a special treasure hunt and picnic at the Round Lake. We continued to meet alternate Tuesdays

and we use a closed parent WhatsApp group for all information and preregistration purposes. We were delighted to attend the Remembrance Sunday parade and church service.

The Martins entered the Regional colouring competition with three boys winning prizes. Our nights are divided into three to four segments which can include games, badge work, visitors, crafts, painting, quiz, food and always scripture. The object of CLB is to extend the Kingdom of Christ among boys and to encourage them to be faithful members of the church. This is built on three tenets: fun, faith and friendship. All boys P1 upwards are welcome to join. We had a great night with GFS for a combined Enrolment service with all parents attending.

In December the boys made individual crackers which they then sold on the CLB stall at our fair- with quite a few young entrepreneurs noted!

We were so pleased with everyone who helped us and who attended our fair. Our aim was to create a warm, friendly and welcoming morning as well as increasing our funds and a very special thanks to everyone involved as we achieved this. John Williams Regimental Commander for CLCGB NI came down to offer support on the day this was really good because apart from Dromore company we are most rural. So far the boys have completed their agility/ games badges and currently doing Scripture and animal welfare badges (Me and God's world).

After Christmas break we had a wonderful visit from Rev J McLoughlin with snakes, a tortoise and reptiles teaching us on their natural habitat and care.

The boys were treated to an early Shrove Tuesday on 14th with games and as many pancakes as they could eat not forgetting

all the lovely sugary toppings! Finally we are delighted with 32 boys and excellent attendance so a BIG thanks to all parents, leaders and helpers and especially to all our boys we couldn't have CLB without you! 'Fight the good fight'.

GFS - Pearl Smyton Branch Leader

Pastoral Report from Pearl Smyton

At the beginning of this report, I would like on behalf of the leaders to thank the girls for coming along and taking part in all our activities during the year. Attendance is always good and rarely is there a night missed unless there is sickness. We would like also to thank parents for encouraging the girls to attend our meetings and their support to leaders and the branch. From September the girls have been studying the Bible Syllabus, working for their Arts & Craft Badge, and enjoying the extra activities which we build into our nights - cookery, drama and games. This year the All-Ireland Bible Syllabus was based on Baby Moses and Psalm 139, and it was decided that there would be no competitions again this year which would allow the branches to either adjust to being back in their halls or in the case of some branches allowing them to reopen for the first time since the closed due to the pandemic. There was Bible Study sheets set for the branches to use at their branch meetings whilst they study the syllabus. Our girls have completed the Bible Study Sheets.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the other leaders/helpers, Bronwen, Heather, Jessica, Julie, Karen and Olivia for their help and support throughout the year.

Mums & Tots

Report from Mamie Alexander

Mums and Tots, meet the 2nd Monday of

each month from 10am -11.30am In the Parish Hall. It is a time for Mums or Carers and their little people to have fun together. The purpose of Mums and Tots is to create a place for young mums to make new friends, share their stories and encourage each other through this special period of their lives.

There is a soft area available for the very small babies, loads of toys, puzzles and play dough for toddlers and pre-school children to engage with.

The morning finishes with interactive nursery rhymes.



Tea/Coffee and homemade scones for Mums, with juice, toast, pancakes and fruit for the little ones are served during the morning.

Knit, Pray, Love

Pastoral Report from Michele Magee

With the rhythm of our stitches we pray.

This year has been so encouraging for the ladies of Knit Pray Love. Through this quiet, contemplative, prayerful ministry we have been able to share God's love through the work of our hands in ways we would never



Newly enrolled members of Mothers' Union.



Recipients of Long service certificates in the Mothers' Union branch.

have imagined.

THIS YEAR'S PROJECTS...

There were baby hats, blankets and clothing, dishcloths, Big Knit hats, adult hats, paperchains, Platinum Jubilee Friendship blankets, scarves, twiddlemuffs, floral gift for Kiltermon, 6-inch squares. If you know someone who would like a 'Christmas Tree Blanket' please leave their name and contact details with Judith in the Parish Office, thank you.

THANK YOU...

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and foliage elements that have been donated to us over the summer. They are truly wonderful.

Thank you for your yarn donations throughout the year. They are so vital to us as they can be used in so many of our projects.

Thank you so very much for your monetary donations. We have used these monies to purchase the yarn for our blanket projects. Thank you for thinking of us and for

supporting the work of our hands.

Thank you for our special Christmas tree frame which was very kindly gifted to us by O'Hanlon

Engineering, Ballygawley. Thank you, Stephen, for organising this.

Thank you, ladies, for your faithful service throughout this year. And thank you to Precentor Hanlon, Betty and Margaret, for your continued help, advice and encouragement.

If you know someone who would like a handmade item to help give them comfort at any time,

please leave your contact details with Judith in the church office and we will get in touch with you

and try to help in any way we can.

God Bless, Michele Magee

Holy Week in Fivemiletown

Palm Sunday

9.30am Kiltermon Church, Belfast Road

11am Songs, craft, story and special guest.

Sunday School singing and play.

St John's Church, Murley Road

8pm Holy Monday

Evening Service in Kiltermon,

Guest Preacher Rev'd David Curran

8pm Holy Tuesday

Evening Service in Kiltermon,

Guest Preacher Rev'd Johnny McLoughlin

Parish Choir

7.30pm Holy Wednesday

Shared Churches Fellowship Meal

FMT Methodist, Booking with office asap

8pm Maundy Thursday

Shared Holy Communion

FMT Methodist Church

Good Friday

10.30am -12noon Kids' Brunch Songs,

Jumping Clay and Food

8pm Evening Reflection and Worship Choir and musicians

Easter Eve:

10.30am Kintsugi Workshop WEC,

Portadown

Easter Day

Holy Communion 9.30am Kiltermon 11am

St John's

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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He is Risen

I am delighted to see the warmer and brighter days emerge after the cold dark months of winter. With increased warmth in the ground we see signs of new life - crocuses, daffodils and buds burst forth on trees. New life as lambs are born. As winter turns to Spring and so Lent gives way to Easter it gives us a turning point in our journey of life and indeed in our faith and spiritual journey.

The Easter resurrection gives us fresh hope that death is not the end of our



Collection lifted by Esther and Rubie, Hugo and Alfie.

story to all who believe in the risen Lord. The Easter Resurrection conquers hopelessness. Easter is also a great love story when love is not only displayed on Good Friday but it dawns a new era on that first Easter Day offering all His new life as a gift. That first Easter morning Mary Magdalene imagines Jesus to be the gardener but when he calls her by name she recognises Him. As she hears his gentle and tenderness call her she knows that this is her Jesus who loves. She accepts his challenge to go and tell the other disciples.



Betty Morrow celebrating her 85th birthday.

The Risen Christ conquered death for you and me. Beloved, Jesus, your substitute, paid the debt you could not pay. On the cross, He bore the sins of your entire life. God put it all on Jesus and then He punished Jesus for every single one of those sins until He was fully satisfied. Today, Jesus' tomb remains empty. He is not there for He has risen! His resurrection and empty tomb will forever be our assurance that we have been fully justified. I love the Easter greeting Christ is risen! May we all reply wholeheartedly: "The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia."



The score-keepers at Sallaghy Bowling Tournament.



Services in April 2023

Sunday 2nd April 2023 - The Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

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 9th April 2023 - Easter Day

10.30am: Galloon Parish Church: A Group Service (Holy Communion)

Sunday 16th April 2023 - 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

Sunday 23rd April 2023 - The Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am: Drummully Parish Church:

Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church:

Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church:

Morning Prayer

Sunday 30th April 2023 - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Group Service

Holy Week Services

Thursday 6th April - Maundy Thursday

8pm Holy Communion in Drummully Parish Church

Friday 7th April - Good Friday

8pm in Sallaghy Parish Church

Sunday 9th April 2023 - Easter Day

10.30am : Galloon Parish Church: A Group Service

Easter Vestry Dates

Galloon: Wednesday 19th April at 8.15pm in the Sunday School Room

Sallaghy: Wednesday 18th April at 8pm in the Church Hall

If you wish to be considered to hold office in the select vestry and are unable to attend the meeting please advise either the Rector or Secretary BEFORE the meeting.

Family Service

Revd Lorraine was delighted to have so many children take part in Galloon Family Service. Noah, Ryan and Harri were the meeting and greeting team. Scripture reading was led by Kayla and Zoe. Prayers were offered by Alfie, Matthew, Joshua, Luke and Esther. The collection was lifted by Esther, Rubie, Alfie and Hugo. Helping at the organ were Matthew, Alfie and Zoe. Thanks to all who were so enthusiastic. Special thanks to Mrs Dawn Hutchinson who organised all these willing volunteers. Well done to you all!



Ivan and Maria celebrating their recent wedding.



A welcome cup of tea for Dessie Kettle and Robin Gardiner.



A chat and a cup of tea and a bun enjoyed by George and Brian.



Two great readers Zoe and Kayla.

Bowling Again

Sallaghy Bowling Club were delighted to host once again their annual bowling competition. It was great to welcome back once again the different clubs from around the country. Great fun and fellowship and of course a welcome cup of tea was enjoyed by one and all. Although at times there was great tension which only added to the event. Congratulations to all who took part and organised the event. A wonderful success!

Dates for Your Diary

Car-boot Sales in Drummully

We plan to have car-boot sales in Drummully on the first Saturday of May (6th), June (3rd), July (1st), and August (5th). Gates will be open from 8am.

Auction

Our next auction will be on Saturday 15th April 2023 at 12 noon in The Church Hall, High Street, Newtownbutler. We look forward to welcoming you all back. 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.

A Group Parish Meal

We are looking forward to joining as one



Prayers led by Alfie, Matthew, Luke, Joshua and Esther

in celebrating a meal together and a time of fun entertainment and fellowship. Plan to get a ticket and join us on Saturday 20th May at 7pm in the Killyhelvin Hotel.

Music Extravaganza

Galloon Parish are planning a special evening of hymns and music. A guest organist will be joining us to give recitals on our Lewis Organ. We also plan to have some local talent of all ages join in this wonderful night - not to be missed on Friday 12th May at 7.30pm in Galloon Parish Church.

Christmas Craft Fair

Our next Craft Fair will be on Saturday 18th November in Galloon Parish Hall.

Christmas Tree Festival in Galloon

We are looking forward to the Community coming together to celebrate Christmas as we plan our Winter Wonderland Christmas Tree Festival. Viewing will begin on Friday 8th December and our weekend will conclude with a carol service on Sunday 10th December. More information will follow.

Mothers' Union

Monday 27th March - Drummully and Galloon Mothers' Union had a Quiz and Fun Night. Revd Lorraine was the Quizmaster assisted by Mrs Petula Stephens. It was a tightly fought affair with the two teams - only a point between them.

Wednesday 8th March - Sallaghy Mothers' Union were delighted to welcome Mrs Linda Keating who spoke on "Coping with Stress and Dementia".

Congratulations

Congratulations are due to Mrs Betty Morrow, Mothers' Union member who celebrated her 85th birthday.

Revd Lorraine was thrilled to join with Mr and Mrs Ivan Whitman at the Creighton in Monaghan to celebrate their recent



Welcome to Galloon Church by Ryan, Noah and Harri.

marriage which had taken place in Georgia. We wish Ivan and Maria every blessing in their future lives together.

From the Registers

BURIALS

Galloon: Mr William (Billy) McGirr, Gortacharn Nursing Home (formerly of 40 Feugh Road) passed away on Saturday 4th March.

Sallaghy: Mr Anthony (Tony) Hopkins Rathview Park, Lisbellaw passed Sunday 5th March.

Our sympathy and prayers are with all who have been recently bereaved. We offer our sympathy to the McGirr/ Morrow family on the passing of Billy and to the Hopkins/Morrison family on the passing of Tony. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. They are blessed indeed says the Spirit, for they rest from their labours." Revelation 14:13

Baptism

Sallaghy: Sunday 12th March 2023, Alexander McWilliams, son of Andrew and Amy and a brother for Anna.



Baptism for the McWilliams family.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Church Services Diary

APRIL

Lent, Holy Week and Easter:

Maundy Thursday- 6 April 23

Holy Communion, Slavin, 7.30 pm

Good Friday

Worship service, Garrison, 8pm

Easter Sunday

Kiltyclogher 10am Belleek 11.30am, both
HC

Sunday 16 April 23

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, both MP

Sunday 23 April 23

Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both
MP

Sunday 30 April 23

Belleek, Group Service of MP at 11.30am

MAY

Sunday 7 May 23

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, both HC

Sunday 14 May 23

Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both
HC

WEEKLY DIARY

Tuesdays - Bible study in the Rectory at
8pm

Wednesdays - Parish Prayer,
9:30am Belleek Church

Thursdays - Youth Group, 6pm, at the
Rectory, for kids aged 8-13

From Rev. Rebecca:

Notes from the Rectory:

We're in the process of stripping the wallpaper in the Rectory. It was peeling in places, and rather than watching the baby slowly pick corners of it off the wall I thought I might as well go for the jugular and do it myself. And I've never been a huge fan of anaglypta.

Anyway, the more I removed, the more it became clear WHY parts of it had been



Some of our ladies and visitors who attended the February Mothers' Union meeting.

wallpapered – cracks, crumbling corners, and large holes, had all been neatly hidden. Nobody would have guessed they were there, until I started stripping the stuff.

So much of our lives can be a bit of a wallpapering exercise – trying to show the world that we've got it together, when we really don't. Slap on some makeup to fake eight hours' sleep. Run around the house with a Hoover and a bin-bag as soon as you get warning that someone is calling by, so they think you're a tidy person. Put pictures on Facebook of your lovely holiday where everyone's smiling, even though the baby spent the whole plane journey screaming and it rained for most of the week. We're quite good at papering over the cracks.

Sometimes, though, we fail. Last week, some comedian wrote 'clean me' on the back of our car. I felt totally mortified. I had been spotted 'not coping' – someone had realised that, between juggling the

demands of work and home, I hadn't managed to wash our car. I hate dropping the ball, and I hate it even more when others notice that I have. I'm a failed perfectionist, and I had been found out by some observant passer-by. But is dropping the ball all that bad? Jesus refers to the Pharisees as 'whitewashed tombs' (Matt 23:27). In other words, they spend their lives trying to convince others that they've got it all together, when spiritually they're a mess. By contrast, Paul says of himself 'We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.' (1 Cor. 4:7 NLT). What he's saying is it's ok if we look a bit rough around the edges, a bit of a mess – not fine China, but simple earthenware pots. We're not showing off ourselves, we're showing Jesus to the world – and our humanity is testament to the greatness of



Marina and Gwen Meehan looking at a photo album at the Mothers' Union meeting.



Marina with her display of items from Nashville.



At the February Family Service in Slavin; Audrey Ovens, Marina Hassard, Gwen Taylor and Henry.

God, who uses us despite our weakness. After all, if we really had it all together, we would never have needed God's salvation in the first place. I might still wash my car though.

Easter General Vestry

Full updates on appointments in all four parishes in our group at Easter Vestry meetings will be reported in next month's magazine.

Mothers' Union

Our February meeting welcomed Marina Hassard who spoke to us about her trips to Nashville in Tennessee USA in 2021 and again in 2022. Her first trip was delayed owing to no one being allowed entry due

to Covid. She was hosted by a family who were very kind and provided her with a car to get around. Marina travelled in order to be involved in the work of a church in Nashville. She participated in all aspects of the church life from bible study to prayer groups and in Sunday worship. Marina used every opportunity from talking to the person beside her in the plane or to the person who served her in the restaurant, telling people the news of the Gospel and how Jesus came to earth and died on a cross to give us forgiveness. She also worked in an outreach centre where the youth had different problems including drug addiction. This gave her a great insight into the problems they faced and she was a good listener and got the chance to talk to them. Marina had several albums of photos which we enjoyed looking at and different literature which she encouraged us to 'borrow.' Marina told us that we should not look around us and think that someone else will talk about their faith when God is expecting each of us to do our part in spreading the news of the Gospel.

We welcomed visitors to our meeting and a lovely supper was enjoyed by all. At our March meeting we had a speaker from NI Fire Service who gave an interesting talk on the danger of fires and fumes in the home and the importance of alarms. We were delighted to welcome visitors from the community and a lovely supper was served by all members. Next month in April our meeting will be a

closing service in Kiltyclogher church at 7pm on Tuesday 25th followed by a hot meal in Garrison Church Hall. Worldwide donations will be collected. We will make plans to attend the Festival Service in May in Monaghan.

Our branch leader, Dot Barlow and treasurer, Pauline Carson attended the MU training in Cleenish on 10th March and found it interesting and inspirational. The Garrison Group MU committee have a really interesting and packed programme arranged for the year ahead and we would love to have you join us for any of the meetings.

Confirmation

Congratulations to Andries Ferreira who was confirmed in Rossorry on 12th March. Andries had his classes with the Garrison group but was on a school ski trip on the day of our confirmation. Thanks to Bishop Ian and the Rossorry group for including him on this important occasion.

Prayers

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

We especially remember Sally Carson who has been in hospital for surgery. Please remember her in your thoughts and prayers.

Our group of parishes wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Revd Maureen Desborough on the sad passing of her



A member of the NI Fire Service giving a talk to the Mothers' Union branch on fire safety in the home which was also attended by visitors from the local community



mother, Elizabeth in Belfast. Revd Mo took many services for us during the vacancy and covers Revd Rebecca's holidays when she is free. The MU members also send their love and support to her, and her husband Mark.

Future Events Planned this year

Coronation Hog Roast from 12 Noon to 3pm on Saturday 6th May at the Rectory. Proceeds to Bishops Appeal for Syria and Turkey Earthquake Relief, and the Rectory Fund. No RSVP required but volunteers needed!

Summer Social Series of Events

Brendan Guildea and Helen Gunner are organising the following social outings for the summer period. All welcome!

- 29 April - Sliabh League Boat trip

- 27 May - Lough Erne Boat trip
- 24 June - Parke's Castle Sligo
- 29 July - Cuilcagh Stairway Walk

Diocesan Magazines

Understandably with ever rising costs of printing the cost of our monthly magazine has gone up for 2023 to £2 per month/£20 for the year. Please give your 2023 subscription to your magazine Rep asap.

Social Media

Parish website:

Please visit our website garrisongroup.org.uk and give us your feedback.

Follow us on Facebook using the name Garrison Group of Parishes. Simply 'Like' our page to receive updates on events.



Andries with Bishop Ian Ellis.

Inishmacsaint



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Fun run and walk

Congratulations to Leeanne Muldoon and her excellent volunteers for staging such a fun walk and run recently around Derrygonnelly. Special tribute to the marshalls who stood out in the cold rain and the catering staff for providing a delicious warm lunch... and also thank you to the over 100 runners and walkers who turned out and had a great time.

Sympathy

The parish extends its sympathy to the family and friends of the late Lily Keys, formerly of Irvinestown.



The walk volunteers.



Getting ready for the run.



The catering team at the run and walk event.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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A prayer of return

As our pictures show, the cold, dark Winter is still in conflict with the warming of Spring as one clings on trying to fight off the inevitable move away from cold to the hope of warmth. The inevitable win of the light over darkness is the inward hope and every follower of Jesus as they wrestle with the laying aside those things that so easily entangle. King David is hailed as Israel's most distinguished King but he wasn't without fault. The account of his life in the Bible doesn't try to hide his shortcomings but reveals a King who made mistakes and shows him, warts and all, as a very human, at times weak, prone to wander individual. Psalm 51 arises out of David's catastrophic fall from grace when after intentionally being in the wrong place at the wrong time a series of unfortunate events is orchestrated, at David's command. Adultery, lies and deceit, murder, followed by a cover-up; One Royal scandal after another Royal scandal after another Royal scandal. David is confronted by an extremely brave prophet, the prophet Nathan who tells the King, to his face, that he is in the wrong and needs to repent. That would be a nail-biting appointment to arrange. The words of Psalm 51 offer us a window into David's repentance and his cry to God for forgiveness and help. But I want to focus on one verse here – Verse 10, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." But what is this a prayer for and might this be a prayer that we could pray as we being our journey through Lent this year?

"Create in me a pure heart, O God." The great and powerful Creator is being called upon to create again. The Creator God who was and is still involved in knitting babies together in their mother's wombs is called upon to do what only the Creator can do for only the creator can create a new heart. But what is this prayer asking

for? What is God being called on to do? Well, the action that is being requested is to do something creative where you take away all that is bad and replace it with all that is good and pure and holy and godly. Practices of purification all seem to relate or compare most clearly to how the people of God speak of and recall the works of the Holy Spirit. And so we would be on solid ground to conclude that purification comes as the Holy Spirit is released to do His work in a person's heart and life - David's prayer is a prayer for the purifying presence of the Holy Spirit.

We read in the gospel of John that one of the roles of the Holy Spirit is to convict the world of sin – highlight those areas of our lives that block God from our vision and keep us from living fully for Him and with Him. In Genesis we have the picture of the Holy Spirit hovering over the face of the deep and God begins to create "And God said, ... let there be ..." And as God the Father sent out his Word in the midst of the hovering Spirit, creation happened. David is praying that God would again work creatively as the Creator King and form within him a heart, a core, a central foundation that will motivate him and cause him to live rightly in relationship with his Father God and King. David's prayer is for Purity and is a prayer that desires a place of inner determined desire to think, act, speak, in a way that would please God and cause him to represent Him well!!! David wants an inner "set apartness" to God represented by the marriage bond where we have eyes only for Him and our lives are lived within that covenant relationship. But David appears to know and understand that this is Spirit enabled, is an empowered relationship where it is Spirit maintained and Spirit dependent!

"and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

This is a prayer for renewal - to take and make new what is already in existence, what is already there. It is a prayer about restoration. Like realising that the rope that was keeping your boat safely tethered to the harbour wall was loosening and was in desperate need of being retied or else the boat was in danger of slipping away and being lost out at sea or smashed against the rocks in a storm. It is our spirit's that are in need of renewing so that at our core and centre, our hearts would be fixed upon and tethered to the Lord God. What might our prayer then be in contemporary language? What about...

*O Lord God, Creator and King,
send Your Holy Spirit into my inmost being,
into my heart, and deep into the depths of
who I am.
Holy Spirit come like rushing waters to*

cleanse me.

Holy Spirit come like burning fire to refine me.

Holy Spirit come like wild wind and blow away my brokenness and reveal the gold.

*O Lord God, Creator and King,
Strengthen the tethering that ties me to You,
A tethering of heart out of love and devotion,
A tying that keeps me close to where You are,
That You may always be in sight
So that Your presence gives me strength.*



Kilskeery Bowling Club

It has been a few years, due to the pandemic and the consequent restrictions, that it has been possible to run our annual bowling competition in Kilskeery Hall. It was great to have it back again this year, as teams from far and wide across the province gathered each night (from Monday to Friday) to participate in chance to win the coveted Marlene Lawder Trophy. A good time was had by all as was a lot of tea and coffee and sandwiches. A big thank you goes out to all who made this week a success.



Messy Kids

Messy Kids met again, mid-month, to get down to some seasonal crafts, this time, being closed to Valentine's day under the theme of "love". This love included a love for tractors, monsters, animals, colouring and more. It was great to see all of the families come out and enjoy time together to catch up perhaps after a busy week.

Mothers' Union

This month the Mothers' Union enjoyed a visit from the local pharmacist who gave a presentation on the subject of Dementia. As we all know this is a relevant and pressing issue for so many families across our communities as well as in our churches. The meeting was extremely well attended, running out of chairs at the end and the visiting speaker was most appreciated for their informative words and excellent presentation.



Ash Wednesday

Our Ash Wednesday service was in Christ Church, Trillick this year, as we gathered to begin that reflective journey through Lent to Easter. Time was taken to reflect upon the words of King David in Psalm 51 as he sought the Lord to "create in him a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit." We pray that as we journey through this time of penitence and reflection that the Lord would indeed instil in each of us this heart's cry.

Youth Group

Our Youth Group continues to meet every other Sunday evening and this month we enjoyed travelling next door to Ballinamallard to join with the youth there to hear the guest speaker from Crown Jesus Ministries. It is great to connect and share resources and get a sense of the



bigger picture around us and that we are a part of.

Discover Jesus

Our "Discover Jesus" evenings continue each Wednesday evening throughout Lent, as we meet to discover that there may just be more to Jesus than meets the eye. As we come closer to Easter and face the dramatic accounts of the last days of Jesus among his 12 disciples, we might do well to examine afresh those details and accounts to let our hearts engage all over again with the truths that are the foundations of our faith and the reason we find life in following Jesus.



Girls' Brigade

The Girls' Brigade district service was held this year in Kilskeery Parish Church and we were blessed to have had over 250 girls and leaders in attendance. It was due to take place here at the end of March 2020 but was the victim of the pandemic restrictions. We looked at the G.B. motto, "Seek, Serve and Follow Christ" and had



some fun shaking friends hands and squeezing friends knees. We pray that all of the GB companies that were active before the pandemic will be able to get up and going again as soon as possible.



Faith Mission

Each year we are blessed to host a Faith Mission Rally in Christ Church, Trillick. This year the speaker was Mr William Harrison, the guest singer, Grace McClintock, and a report was given on the work of the Faith Mission by Heather Wilson. It was encouraging to hear of the work of the Faith Mission and appreciation was recognised for their dedicated and faithful prayer meetings that have been taking in place in Trillick for over 30 years. After the rally tea and coffee and much more was enjoyed by all.

Weekly Schedule

Monday

Girls' Brigade at 6.30pm
Mothers Union at 8.00pm (3rd Monday of the month)

Tuesday

Senior Citizen's Club at 2.00pm

Wednesday

Midweek Fellowship at 8.00pm

Thursday

Prayer Meeting at 9.00am

Friday

Bowling Club at 8.00pm

Saturday

Messy Kids (as and when arranged)

Sunday

Christ Church Parish, Trillick at 10.30am
Kilskeery Parish Church at 11.45am
(Sunday Schools take place during the services)



Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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Christian Burial

It was with deep regret that we learned of the passing of Mr James Alexander Lindsay ("Jim") on 3rd March 2023. Jim's funeral service and burial took place on 6th March 2023. We remember Jim's family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

May James Alexander Lindsay rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Looking Back

Without doubt the key fundraising event held recently within the Parish was our AUCTION on Saturday 11 February held in Lisbellaw Parish Centre.

As previously recorded - enormous thanks are due to so many in the Parish and community who helped, supported, baked, donated, and purchased on the day and indeed on subsequent days. The total income was £7,651 and expenses were £831.60.

A great team effort with huge thanks to my Glebewarden, Mr John Gordon. Very well done to all!

Bishops' Appeal

Following the dreadful earthquakes in



Taking part in the Thinking Day Service and Parade.

Syria and Turkey in February I wish to thank all who responded by contributing through the Bishops' Appeal. £1400 has been forwarded to the Bishops' Appeal. Please continue to hold this situation in your prayers.

Thinking Day

It was a joy to welcome back to Lisbellaw Parish Church on Sunday 26th February at 3.00pm, after a break of three years owing to the pandemic, the local uniformed organisations representing Scouting and Guiding, their dedicated leaders including family members and friends. We missed you and it was great to have you back. We look forward to welcoming you again next year DV.

Mothers' Union Lunch

I was delighted to be able to join with our members of MU on 2nd March when we all thoroughly enjoyed a great afternoon of fellowship, good company and terrific

food at the SWC, Enniskillen. Thank you, Harriett, and ladies, for the very kind invitation.

Help for Ukraine

Thanks go to our People's Churchwarden, Mr Ronnie Stubbs, and his wife Amanda for co-ordinating gifts of non-perishable food, blankets etc. for Ukraine and delivering these in support of Hope for Youth Ministries (Colin and Joanna Tinsley). At the time of writing the gifts are being transported by Colin and Joanna on St Patrick's Day.

Looking Forward

A reminder that we are keen to further develop *music* within the life and worship of Lisbellaw and Coolbuck. To this end we want to open opportunities for all – from the youngest to the oldest and everyone in between who plays piano/keyboard, any musical instrument, sings etc. Those who may be interested should speak to



Enjoying the Mothers' Union lunch in South-West College.



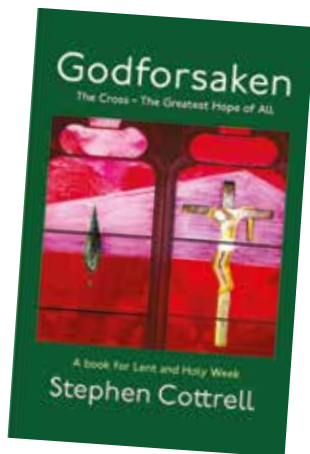


The Rector, Revd William Jeffrey with Ronnie Stubbs who helped co-ordinate a collection for Ukraine.

either Lynda Lindsay or the Rector.

Midweek Lenten, Holy Week and Easter Services

A very warm welcome is extended to all parishioners and the community at our midweek Lenten, Holy Week and Easter services. Please feel encouraged to come along and perhaps bring a friend, family member or neighbour with you. Our midweek Lenten reflections couched within the office of *Compline* draw on the recently published book written for Lent and Holy Week by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell - entitled *Godforsaken (The Cross – The Greatest Hope of All)*. On Palm Sunday morning we are planning a short



Taking part in the Thinking Day Service and Parade.

procession and with thanks to our good friends at Fermanagh Fun Farm look forward to having a real donkey present! Then on Good Friday the Rector will carry a wooden cross from the Rectory to the Parish Church leaving the Rectory around 11.30am before the commencement of the Three Hours in the Parish Church starting at 12 noon. Anyone, wishing to walk with the Rector is very welcome to do so. On Easter Day we plan to hold a Dawn Service at 6.30am to include Holy

Communion outside in our natural garden at Coolbuck (weather permitting) DV. In the case of inclement weather, the service will take place in Coolbuck Chapel of Ease. A full list of services follows below. Please give these services and your attendance prayerful consideration. We look forward to seeing as many adults, young people, and



children as possible during this special festival season in the church calendar.

Every Blessing,
Revd William

Services

Sunday 2 April - Palm Sunday

11am Holy Communion Lisbellaw –
**assembling in nearby car park at 10.40am for short procession (with donkey) to church.*



Taking part in the Thinking Day Service.



3pm Holy Communion Coolbuck

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Monday 3 April

8pm Lisbellaw

Tuesday 4 April

8pm Lisbellaw

Wednesday 5 April

8pm Lisbellaw

Maundy Thursday 6 April

8pm Lisbellaw

Good Friday 7 April

12noon to 3pm Lisbellaw – *walk with the

cross starts at the Rectory at 11.30am. All are invited to join the Rector in the short walk – from Rectory to Parish Church or join along the way!

8pm Lisbellaw

Sunday 9 April – Easter Day

6.30am Dawn Service of Holy Communion Coolbuck – *outside (weather permitting)

DV

11am Holy Communion Lisbellaw

Sunday 16 April

11am Morning Prayer One Lisbellaw

*No early morning Holy Communion

in Lisbellaw or afternoon service in Coolbuck today. All Lisbellaw and Coolbuck Parishioners are warmly invited to Morning Prayer in Lisbellaw at 11am.

Sunday 23 April

11am Morning Prayer Lisbellaw

3pm Evening Prayer Coolbuck

Sunday 30 April

11am SOTW with Holy Baptism Lisbellaw

3pm Evening Prayer Coolbuck

Wednesday 3 May

1030am Midweek Holy Communion Lisbellaw - *recommences today.

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SERVICES FOR APRIL

Palm Sunday 2nd

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Thursday 6th

8.00 p.m. Holy Communion

Good Friday

8.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Easter Sunday 9th

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Wednesday 12th

3.00 p.m. Holy Communion in Trinity Hall
for Seniors

Sunday 16th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

(Collection for sponsored children)

3.30 p.m. Service of Confirmation & Holy
Communion

Sunday 30th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

Burial

■ 20th February - Margaret Jean Jackson,
5 Castlebalfour Park, Lisnaskea.

■ 24th February Burial of Ashes - John
Alexander Trotter, 9 Crom Road, Lisnaskea.
We extend sincere condolences to the
Jackson and Trotter families at this difficult
time.

Why did Jesus come into the world?

“God did not send His Son into the world
to condemn the world, but that the world
through Him might be saved.” (John 3:17)

“And this is eternal life, that they may know
You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ
whom You have sent.” (John 17:3)

The first verse comes immediately after
John 3:16 which, perhaps, is better known
by most people, in that it ends with talking
about “everlasting life” or “eternal life”.

It is only when we get to John 17, where it is
recorded that Jesus is praying to the Father,
that we find out what exactly “eternal life” IS.

Did Jesus come into the world to save us
from our sins? YES. But if that is our ONLY
focus, then we may miss the complete
reason for Jesus coming into the world.
Jesus was and is completely God. Yet
while He was on the earth Jesus was also
completely Man, just like us. As a man,
Jesus communicated with the Father in
prayer and in that way He KNEW the Father.
We too through Jesus can KNOW the Father
in prayer.

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one
comes to the Father except through Me.”
(John 14:6)

Jesus came into the world so that we could
KNOW the Father. However, we cannot
KNOW the Father independent of the Son.
It is only through faith and belief in Jesus,
the Son of God, that we can truly KNOW
the Father and also the Son (Jesus Christ)
whom the Father sent.

Mothers' Union

At our last two meetings we were again
joined by our friends from The Friendship
Club. This arrangement is working well for
both organisations and we will continue until



the summer break. At our February meeting
Sandra McMullan took us on a wonderful
tour of South Africa and Japan with the
aid of some holiday slides. Many thanks to
Sandra for a very enjoyable afternoon. In
March we came closer to home with Davy
Phair from the Corner Stone and The Pantry
here in Lisnaskea. The Pantry has been
going for some time and we all know the
excellent work that is being done in our local
community. It was very interesting to hear
all that is being achieved now in the Corner
Stone centre. Some of us have been in and
enjoyed their coffee and scones and seen
for ourselves the facilities for use by young
and not so young of the area and beyond.
Davy and his team are offering a wonderful
outreach service to anyone who needs help
or just a place for any of us to sit in and have
a chat with friends. We were delighted to
be able to give him some non-perishable
food items for The Pantry. Our April meeting
will be our AGM.

Stew Night

As these notes are being prepared we are
looking forward to our family Stew Night on
17th March. We hope everyone enjoys their
evening of fun and fellowship.

Confirmation

Nine young people from our parish will be
coming before the Bishop to be confirmed
on Sunday 23rd April and we very much
look forward to welcoming them and their
families.

Magheracross



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Confirmation

March has been a busy month in Magheracross. Our confirmation classes continued and concluded with our Service of Confirmation and First Communion on March 26th. Our nine candidates this year were Thomas Armstrong, Reagan Brynes, Brooke Davis, Tory Davis, Evie McCormick, Brooke Morrow, James Patton, Alice Seaney, and Lee Wallace.

Water Drops

On March 19th, we welcomed Ronnie and Maggie Briggs, the founders of Water Drops, a charity which is dedicated to providing water storage to communities in the drought area of East Africa and, in particular, to Kajiado diocese, Kenya. Ronnie and Maggie were able to

provide for two storage tanks earlier this year, supported directly by the money raised by the Christmas sit outs in both Ballinamallard and at the Cathedral in Enniskillen.

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, at the 11am service, we are hoping that Jenny the donkey will be present one again. Jenny made her first visit last year with her "managers" Victor and Ben Beattie. Sadly, Victor died last summer but her visit again this year will be a fitting tribute.

Holy Week

As usual, Holy Week (3rd April- 8th April) will be marked by special 8pm services. On Tuesday evening, the service will be at 8pm in the Methodist Church, Ballinamallard and on Wednesday in the Parish Church. Holy Communion and darkening of the church in preparation for Good Friday will take place on Maundy Thursday evening and a Good Friday Service follows on the Friday Evening. Holy Communion will be celebrated on Easter morning at 9:30am and 11am.

Holy Communion

At the start of March, we have put in place procedures to facilitate both those who wish to receive the wine at Holy Communion from the common chalice and those who wish to receive from personal glasses. Everyone in both congregations is offered the common chalice but may indicate a preference for the glasses which will also be offered at the same time.

GFS

The GFS will be hosting a special diocesan service on April 21st in the Archdale Hall. This will be an informal service at 7pm followed by a few other games, activities and food. Our bishop will also present bible certificates to the candidates. This is the first time the GFS have met as a diocese in three years and the theme is "God loves us" with a particular emphasis on gathering thankful hearts.

Mothers' Union

At the March Mothers' Union meeting we were delighted to welcome along a good turn-out of visitors from neighbouring organisations. The meeting opened with the hymn 'Great is thy faithfulness'. Olive Nixon read a passage from the bible and Heather Harper led the prayers. Daphne McCrabbe from Crabtree Cottage online along with her daughter Rebecca were our speakers for the evening. Daphne gave us a very interesting talk explaining the process of her business Crabtree Cottage on the High Street to Crabtree Cottage on-line. Rebecca modelled some clothes and we all enjoyed a lovely supper. A coffee morning and bake sale will be held in the Archdale Hall on Saturday 1st April. A committee meeting is was arranged for Tuesday 14th March. There will be no Mothers' Union meeting in April as members will be attending the Holy Week services.

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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Lent/Easter Events at Ardess

5th April: 8.00pm Wednesday Compline Service

6th April: 8.00pm Maundy Thursday Service

7th April: 8.00pm Good Friday Service

9th April: 6.00am Easter Dawn Service at Muckcross

9th April: 11.00am Easter Sunday Service

Date For Your Diary

17th May: 7.30pm Ladies Night with Maureen Ross Jones - everyone is welcome. Supper will be served and there will be a freewill offering for Open Doors.

Regular Events At Ardess

SUNDAYS

Worship Gathering: 11.00am (every Sunday)

Children's Church (age 4+): every Sunday during term time (off 9th and 16th Apr and 28th May)

MONDAYS

Magheraculmoney Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers at The Fountain Centre

TUESDAYS

Friends in the Afternoon 2.00pm at Ardess Parish Centre: 11th April Easter Communion

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Prayer (weekly): 10.00am - 11.00am at Ardess Parish Centre.

Magheraculmoney Beavers, Cubs & Scouts at The Fountain Centre

THURSDAYS

Ardess In-Stitches 8.00pm at Ardess Parish Centre On 27th April (off 6th and 13th for Easter).

Mothers Union 8.00pm at Ardess Parish Centre (third Thursday of the month): 20th April when speaker is physio, Therapist Edith Milligan.

FRIDAYS

Fountain Youth Club (ages 11-14) every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month: There will be

no Youth Club on 7th April (Good Friday).

Youth Club will be on 21st April and 5th and 19th May.

OTHER EVENTS

Life Groups - weekly/fortnightly - please speak to David Morrow or Hilda Thompson to join one.

16 April 6.30pm – Youth Praise Night and Curry at The Fountain.

FUNERALS

7th February 2023 - Annie Noel Ellis (94)
27th February 2023 - Audrey Mary Barrett (57)

2nd March 2023 - Margaret Veronica Law (70)

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the bereaved families and Revd Abraham Storey and his family on the death of his brother, Noel Storey.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.'

There is something very special about the season of Easter. For those who were brave enough to abstain from treats during Lent, there is the hope that these will be restored. There is the joy of Easter morning as we journey again with Mary Magdalene to the tomb to find that the Lord has risen from the dead, just as he promised.

We have the reminder of promises fulfilled and the reassurance that this gives to each of our hearts that strengthens us afresh as we continue our journeys in faith. And we have the hope of brighter things to come, not only with the weather and the world around us, but of the world yet to come where we will

take our place with the resurrected Christ. The book of Ecclesiastes is not one of the usual 'go to' books in our Bibles because it can be a difficult read. But I believe that it is a book that we ignore at our peril because it encourages us to consider the importance of time and seasons and our place before God.

The author of this book concludes by saying, 'Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.' Our call therefore is to commit to God, to the keeping of his commandments and the following of his path. And in so doing, we will live and love in the way called for by Christ.

As we move into a new season, we need to give thanks for what has gone before, and we need to step forward in

Join us for Holy Week and Easter Day:

Monday (3 rd April)	Christ Church Hall	7-8pm	Sunday School Fun Night
Maundy Thursday	Derrybrusk	7.30pm	HC
Good Friday	Maguiresbridge	7.30pm	EP
Easter Day	Maguiresbridge	10.30am	HC
Easter Day	Derrybrusk	12 noon	HC



Geraldine Beatty speaking to the Mothers' Union.



Dancing returned to Curtis Magee.



confidence and hope at all that Christ has prepared for us ahead. Time is short. We move through the seasons so quickly. Don't let time slip by so quickly that you miss the call of God, you miss walking His path, and you miss the preparations He has made for you for the seasons yet to come.

Parish Activity

Meals for the Over 60s

There was a fantastic turn out for the meals which we held over three consecutive weeks in late February and early March. It was wonderful to see so many in attendance from across the entire community and beyond! Our catering team worked incredibly hard and provided a three course meal on each Saturday which would rival any hotel! A sincere word of thanks to all who helped out, and especially to Lorna and Lorraine. We hope to continue this venture on Saturday 1st April 2023.

Return of Maguiresbridge Annual Parish Dance!

Friday 24th February saw the return of our Parish Dance after a break due to the pandemic. Curtis Magee was back in fine form as he kept us entertained throughout the night. Our catering team stepped up again to provide much welcome refreshments and our Treasurer conducted the raffle on the

night. Thank you to all who supported this event, to all who helped to organise it, to all who contributed prizes for our raffle and to those who helped in any way. A wonderful night of fun which we hope to do again next year!

Mothers' Union

On Monday 6th March 2023 we welcomed Mrs Geraldine Beatty to our Visitors Night in Christ Church Hall. Both branches within the parish came together for this event, and we welcomed a number of other neighbouring branches on the night. It was very encouraging to see so many in attendance. Geraldine talked about her trip to Uganda with the charity 'Fields of Life', and we were all both humbled and encouraged by the work being done there to alleviate poverty and bring blessing. We enjoyed refreshments and are looking forward to coming together again for a Maundy Thursday Service in Derrybrusk at 7.30pm.

Bishops' Appeal

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Bishops' Appeal following the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria in early February. There was an overwhelming response and all contributions received will make a significant difference to those directly affected. This is a very powerful way to show the

love of Christ across the world. Thank you!

From the Registers:

On 22nd February 2023 the funeral of Dick Crawford was held in Maguiresbridge. On 12th March 2023 the funeral of Tom Alexander was held in Maguiresbridge. On 14th March 2023 the funeral of Martha South was held in Derrybrusk. We continue to pray for the Crawford, Alexander and South families. *'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, they are blessed indeed says the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.'* Revelation 14:13

Still to come

Over 60s Meal in the hall on Saturday 1st April 2023 at 12.30pm
Holy Week and Easter activities listed above.
Wedding in Derrybrusk on Friday 14th April 2023.
Baptism in Maguiresbridge on Sunday 23rd April 2023.
Easter General Vestry Maguiresbridge: Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 7.30pm.
Easter General Vestry Derrybrusk: Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 7.30pm.
Diocesan Football Tournament: Thursday 4th May 2023 at 6.30pm at Fisher Park.
Coronation Weekend: Sunday 7th May 2023 – Joint Service in Maguiresbridge followed by Barbecue.



The meals for over 60's was a great success.



Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

9th April Easter Day

7am Sunrise service at Monaghan
Collegiate School, followed by breakfast
10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12.15pm Ballinode

16th April Second Sunday of Easter

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12.15pm Kilmore

23rd April Third Sunday of Easter

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12.15pm Ballinode

30th April Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)

7th May Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12.15pm Kilmore

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union held their visitors' night on Tuesday 7th March welcoming members from other local branches along with members of sister groups in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. The guest speaker was Geraldine Beattie who gave an inspiring talk on the work of Fields of Life. The next meeting is on Tuesday



11th April at 7.30pm for an evening of Easter Crafts with Roberta McConkey.

Ladies Group

The Group met on Tuesday 21st March for a visit to Monaghan County Museum. Their next meeting is the AGM which will be held in Andy's Restaurant on Tuesday 18th April.

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer service was held in St Patrick's church on Friday 3rd March. The service had been prepared by the women of Taiwan. We welcomed members from St Joseph's Roman Catholic Parish, 1st Monaghan Presbyterian church, Monaghan Methodist Church and Shalom Christian Fellowship with members from all the churches helping to lead the worship.

Christian Burial

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of Jean Graham on 27th February. Her funeral service took place on Wednesday, 1st March in St. Patrick's Church conducted by the Rector, followed by burial in Coolshanagh Graveyard.

Lent and Holy week

In our Lenten services on Wednesday nights we have focused on the theme of "the rest is worship" using material from www.engageworship.org Then on Thursday mornings at our Holy Communion Services we have considered the Psalms set for the Sundays in Lent. For Holy Week we are coming together with other churches in the town (Monaghan

Methodist Church, First Monaghan and Ballyalbany Presbyterian Churches, Monaghan Elim Church and Shalom Christian Fellowship). The services are in St Patrick's at 8pm each night. Our theme is "the suffering Servant" and we will be working through Isaiah 52v13 to 53v12 and learning what they say to help us understand why Jesus came to die. The services won't be live-streamed but we will put up recordings on the Facebook page later each night. The services will be each night in Holy Week with the now traditional pattern of a more informal praise service on the Wednesday night and a celebration of Holy Communion on the Thursday night.

Easter Sunday Services

On Easter Morning, as well as our usual morning services, we will meet with the other churches at Monaghan Collegiate School for a Sunrise Service at 7am followed by breakfast.

Illness

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

Ballinode grants

Ballinode Select Vestry has been awarded grants by the Community Centre Investment Fund and the Built Heritage Investment Scheme.

The Community Centre Investment Fund Grant will be used to install new windows and floor in the parish hall kitchen and assist with replastering the exterior walls. The Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2023 grant (facilitated by Monaghan County Council) will be used towards the repair and electrification of the clock in the church tower which has been out of use for many years.

We wish to thank both bodies for considering us for funding. It is very much appreciated and we look forward to the completion of the work.



At the Mothers' Union and World Day of Prayer Service.



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SERVICES for April 2023

Sunday 2nd April

9.00am – Holy Communion.
10.30am – Holy Communion (Palm Sunday)
and dedication of the Richardson Window.

Holy Week Services and Events

Further information regarding each Holy
Week service is detailed below.

Monday 3rd April

8.00pm - Choral Evensong.

Tuesday 4th April

8.00pm - Compline.

Wednesday 5th April

8.00pm – Tenebrae (Service of ‘Shadows
and Darkness’).

Maundy Thursday 6th April

8.00pm – Maundy Thursday Holy
Communion.

Good Friday 7th April

10.00am to 11.30am – ‘Messy Church’ in the
Hall (for primary school age.)

Holy Saturday 8th April

7.00am to 12midnight - Church open for



Jones Memorial School Choir, winners at Fermanagh Feis.

quiet prayer. The Rector will be present
throughout the day.

Easter Day Sunday 9th April

6.00am – Dawn Service of Holy
Communion at the Ruins of Old Rossorry
Church.

10.00am – Family Holy Communion, in
Church.

Sunday 16th April

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd April

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 30th April

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Morning Prayer

As we publish the magazine we’ll be right
at the beginning of Holy Week - a busy and
exciting time in Rossorry. We look forward to
a number of services and events throughout
the Holy Week and Easter season. There
is something for everyone and something
for all ages to take part in. Engaging in the

services over this period serves to increase
our appreciation of the glory of Easter Day.
We look forward to our first celebration on
Easter Day, at 6.00am, which for us is in the
surroundings of our ancestral beginnings
with a dawn service at Old Rossorry. It’s
an early start but a great way to begin the
celebration and glory of Easter, and after
such an early start you can join us back at
the hall for a hot-dog and cuppa hosted
by our Scouts. Do please come along and
journey with us towards the cross and
resurrection.

A Prayer for Easter Day

Almighty and everlasting God, we meet with
joy
to worship you this Easter day;
and our joy is this,
that he who was crucified, dead and buried
is now alive for evermore,
our risen and reigning Lord.
Ae we celebrate his triumph
we pray that his joy may abide in our hearts
and that our lives may proclaim his praise.



The Johnston family with Bishop Ian Ellis and Rector Revd Stephen
McWhirter at the baptismal font for the dedication of the Ewer in
memory of Rebecca Johnston.



The Ewer at the baptismal font which
was dedicated.



Scouts cooking pancakes.

To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Confirmation

Rossorry was packed on Sunday 12th April as the congregation, family and friends of the 20 young people to be confirmed gathered to support them in their profession of faith. In taking part in the service Charlie Johnston and Aimee Turner read the lessons for us. During the service the Bishop dedicated a Baptismal Ewer in memory of Rebecca Johnston, a gift of the Johnston family. We were delighted to have Bishop Ian Ellis and Mrs Heather Ellis with us for this important occasion and happily offered them time to meet longstanding friends in this, the Bishop's former parish.

Mid-Week Holy Communion

Over the period of Lent there has been a midweek service of Holy Communion at 10.30am in which we have concentrated our prayers on those who are sick and in need. These services have been well attended and although the commitment has been for the season of Lent it would seem appropriate to continue in this pattern of Holy Communion with Healing Prayer in the weeks to come. It is our intention to continue in this way until the end of June. These services last only half an hour and offer a time of quietness and reflection and of prayerful intercession for those who need it most. If you have anyone who you would like to add to the list for prayer, do please pass on their Christian name to the Rector or Sarah.

Jones Memorial Primary School

Congratulations to Mrs Bailie and the choir of Jones Memorial Primary School who



The Confirmation candidates with Bishop Ian Ellis; Revd Stephen McWhirter, Rector; readers, Nick Hambly and Sarah Maguire and Churchwardens, Joy Coalter and Gary Johnston.

won first place in the Fermanagh Feis. Very well done to so many of our young people involved.

Rossorry Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union met in the Hall on 16th March. The speaker was Mrs. Daphne McCrabbe from Crabtree Cottage on Spring / Summer Fashions and Scarf tying.

Future dates: 20th April, 21st September, 19th October, 16 November at 7.30pm.

Cub Scouts

Cubs are back after their short break for mid-term. On 26th February they took part in the Founders' Day / Thinking Day Parade and Service.

On 11th March they went to Florence Court to volunteer in the gardens.

The Cub Camp takes place at Cladagh Glen on the 13/14th May 2023.

Scouts

After a well-earned break for half-term, the Scouts are back in full flow with lots of activities.

On 21st February Scouts tried their hand at making pancakes for Pancake Tuesday. They looked good and must have tasted ok – because they scoffed the lot!

Sunday 26th was a big day for Scouts and Guides as they celebrated Founders' Day and Thinking Day. Following a parade from the Hall to the Church, their flags were presented and they took an active part in the readings of the service. Everyone got a chance to renew their Scout and Guide promises. There was a surprise for the Rector as Scouts presented him with an 'Owl Box'. He had talked about it at meetings – so they made him one! After the Service, their flags were returned and they paraded back to the Parish Hall.



Scouts clean up team.



Diane Armstrong, member with Rebecca McCrabbe at the Mothers' Union evening.



Rebecca and Daphne McCrabbe who demonstrated fashions at the Mothers' Union meeting.



Marking Founders Day.

On 7th March, Roger erected the Owl Box on the 'big tree' at the front of the Church. It looks really well – all we need now is to attract an owl to set up home.

Later in the evening the Scouts formed a work party to clean up around the Scout Hut and The Parish Hall.

As it got dark – there were floodlights, wheelbarrows, shovels and tired scouts everywhere! Well done 1st Rossorry Scout Troop.

A note from the Rector:

A huge thank you to Roger and the Scouts for the Owl Box now situated on the big yew tree at the front of the church. Roger put a lot of research and work into the building of the box which is the correct size, height and



Rector's little helper.



The parade from the church to the hall after the Founders' Day service.

direction for owls. It's our great hope that in the coming weeks and months we'll be able to attract an owl to nest. Keep watching!

Rossorry Brownies & Guides

Registration for Brownies and Guides remains open and we encourage girls to come along with their friends and join in the fun – still time to join! Brownies 7-10 years, Guides 10-14 years. The Brownies and Guides will meet together on Thursday evenings from 6.30 – 7.45pm in the Parish Hall. This may change as the numbers grow.

Rossorry Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club held their March meeting in Rossorry Parish Hall on Wednesday 1st March and the speaker was Janet Carruthers on "Infection Control". The Club met on Wednesday 8th March at The Barrack Store in Enniskillen Castle for lunch and a quiz and some funny stories. Next Meeting: Wed 5th April at 10.30am, when Revd McWhirter will celebrate Holy Communion in the Committee Room. New members most welcome.

Rossorry Bowling Club

The Bowlers are meeting every Monday evening at 8pm in the Parish Hall. They would love to have some new members. It is never too late to start and you need not have any level of proficiency, as training will be provided. Why not come along and give it a try?

Safeguarding Parish Panel Profile

Over the next few months we will be introducing you to the members of Rossorry's Safeguarding Trust Panel. We begin with Sarah Maguire who serves as



The Rector thanks the Scout Group for the gift of an owl box.



Right: The owl box in place in the grounds of Rossorry Church.

Secretary to the panel and as a Parish Reader in Rossorry. She said: "It is a great privilege to support the Church of Ireland, with Safeguarding Trust in the Ministry of protecting the welfare of all children. In my career my background involved working on a daily basis with child protection which has equipped me to understand legislations that rationalise safeguarding policies and procedures. "My role as a Parish Panel Member in Rossorry Parish Church is to assist in ensuring the implementation and maintenance of good Safeguarding Practice within our Parish. Adhering to the current Clogher Diocese safeguarding policies and procedures, which involves recruitment and assessment of new applicants, training, accurate and timely record keeping,



Sarah Maguire, on the Safeguarding Panel.



Cub Scouts helping in Florence Court Kitchen Garden.

ensuring any complaints are dealt with in accordance to policy guidelines.

"Baptised and confirmed into the Church of Ireland faith 59 years ago I have been a parishioner in Rossorry Parish Church for almost 40 years. Worship has been an integral part of my life.

"Responding to God's call I became a Parish Reader nine years ago, assisting in leading public worship by reading the liturgy, scripture readings, prayers and intercessions and assisting at Holy Communion. I am extremely grateful for the ongoing support and encouragement given by my Rector, Revd McWhirter.

"Each day is an opportunity to follow Jesus, a life of ongoing dependence on God. It is a journey of thanksgiving, praising God for joy and abundant love and his steadfast



The Wednesday Club quiz.

presence in my life."

The Parish Office

The Office is open 9am-1pm, Monday to Friday, keeping the day to day machinery moving. Gerry will be delighted to take calls, emails or a note or envelopes through the door or in the post.

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Parish Registers

BURIALS

DICKSON, Noreen Margaret, of Drumlin Court who passed away (peacefully) at the South-West Acute Hospital on 18th February 2023. Her funeral service took place at Rossorry Church on Monday 20th February 2023 at 2pm, followed by burial in the family plot in the adjoining graveyard. Service conducted by Revd Stephen McWhirter.

Dates for the Diary

Mid-Week Lenten Services

Each Wednesday throughout Lent

Holy Communion at 10.30am

Evening Prayer at 8.00pm

The Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

Sunday 2nd April 2023

A service in which we begin our walk with Jesus towards the cross and begins today with his triumphal entry to Jerusalem.

Monday in Holy Week

Monday 3rd April 2023 - 8.00pm

We begin our Holy Week services with a service of Evening Prayer.

Tuesday in Holy Week

Tuesday 4th April 2023 - 8.00pm

The mood of the week begins to shift as we join in a contemplative service of Compline.



Adele Moore and Yvonne Bowls handing over a Starter Pack to Claire Pringle and Rossorry Rainbows on behalf of Fermanagh Trefoil. We're delighted to see them up and running and such great enthusiastic leaders and girls.

A service with plenty of space and quiet for private reflection.

Wednesday in Holy Week

Wednesday 5th April 2023 - 8.00pm

Tenebrae, the latin word for 'darkness', is a service of the reading of the passion, as each reading proceeds light, and finally, all noise is extinguished leaving the church in silence and darkness. As the clergy leave the sanctuary at the conclusion of the service the congregation is asked to leave the church in silence.

Maundy Thursday (The Institution of the Lord's Supper)

Thursday 6th April 2023

This is traditionally the service in which we Celebrate the institution of Holy Communion as we remember Christ sharing in the 'passover meal' with his disciples; which was to become the Last Supper. This is a poignant service in our liturgical year as Anglicans are traditionally denied the Eucharist from now until Easter Day. The service concludes with the stripping of the altar in our preparation for the events of Good Friday. Finally all light is extinguished and as the clergy leave the sanctuary at the conclusion of the service the congregation is asked to leave the church in silence.

Good Friday

Friday 7th April 2023 - 10.00am - 11.30am

'Messy Church' in the Parochial Hall. An event for our young people (primary school age) with singing, crafts, the Easter story and some refreshments. All children are welcome to attend.

Friday 7th April 2023 - 8.00pm

'Lift High the Cross' a meditation in words and music for Good Friday. Finally all light is extinguished and as the clergy leave the sanctuary at the conclusion of the service the congregation is asked to leave the

church in silence.

Easter Eve

Saturday 8th April 2023 - 7.00am - 12.00pm
The church will be open all day for quiet personal prayer, the Rector will be there throughout the day.

Easter Day

Sunday 9th April 2023 - 6.00am
Dawn breaks today at Enniskillen at 6.07am. We return to our spiritual home at the ruins

of Old Rossorry for the first Celebration of Holy Communion at 6.00am as we have the opportunity of sharing together in the dawning of a new Easter Day. We return to the Parochial Hall for a hotdog and a cup of hot tea!

Sunday 9th April 2023 - 10.00am
We come together as a parish community the Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in Parish Holy Communion.

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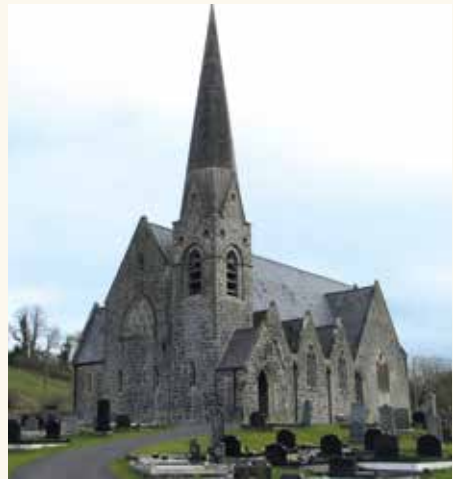


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Holy Week and Easter Services

You are all invited to the following services. Please plan to attend and reflect on the cross and rejoice at the empty tomb.

Wednesday 5th

Clabby 8pm - The Cross Freedom – Isaiah 53, Romans 3 v 21-26

Maundy Thursday 6th

Tempo 8pm-The Cross Freedom – 1st Corinthians 5 v 1-8, John 1 v 29-34

Good Friday 7th

Clabby 8pm. - The Cross – Forgiveness – Leviticus 16 v 1-10, 15-17 20-22, Luke 23 v 32-43.

Easter Sunday 9th

At usual times in both Churches - "He is Risen" 1st Corinthians 15 v 1-19, Luke 24 v 13-25.

April Diary

- Tuesday 18th April - Mothers' Union Clabby 8 p.m. "It's Good to Talk."
- Wednesday 19th April - Tempo Annual General Vestry Meeting 8pm.
- Thursday 20th April - Clabby Annual General Vestry meeting 7.30pm.

May Diary

- Friday 5th May - Clabby Fun Evening 6.30pm to Celebrate the King's Coronation.

■ Sunday 7th May - Special services to celebrate the King's Coronation in both churches.

■ Saturday 20th May - Clabby Tractor Run. Meet Clabby Church Hall at 5pm for registration, leaving 6pm.

For further details contact Jim Monteith 02889521167/07751803660.

Victim to Victory

Good Friday reminds us of Jesus the innocent, made guilty victim who died on the cross; He was the victim put on trial, accused by false witnesses, the Scapegoat. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, But they could not find any, though many false witnesses came forward" (Matthew 26 v 59-60). As we know that at the feast of the Passover a prisoner was to be released on the request of the people, Barabbas revolutionary was released instead of Jesus. The religious authorities felt they had achieved their goal with the illegal mock false trial of Jesus, the declaration of his guilt, his crucifixion and then verification that he was dead. His body buried and sealed in the tomb. The words "It is finished" seemed to all who stood at the cross the cry of defeat of the victim.

But three days later those words were to prove the beginning of Victory. "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, he has risen." Remember how

he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee. "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of the sinful men, to be Crucified and on the third day be raised again" (Luke 24 v 6-7)

To-day the risen Jesus speaks to us. He offers hope, new life forgiveness and a glorious perfect future with himself forever one day in the New Heaven and Earth. Through Christ's death and resurrection."We are more than conquerors through him who loves us" (Romans 8 v 37)

"But thanks be to God, He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ". (1st Corinthians 15 v 57)

The Christian faith centres around an empty cross and tomb. "He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquitous, and by his wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53 v 5)

Rich Warren puts it this way "Jesus did not die on the Cross just so we could live comfortably, well – adjusted lives. His purpose was far deeper; He wants to make us like himself before he takes us to Heaven. This is our privilege, our immediate responsibility and our ultimate destiny". Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live forever. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this? (John 11 25-26) Easter is the time to rejoice and be thankful for the gift of Life, Love and joy.

Trory and Killadeas



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St. Patrick's Night

Our first big event back in the Ballycassidy hall after the major kitchen renovation was our St Patrick's Stew and Fun Night celebrating Ulster-Scots heritage (as Patrick was an Ulsterman, while he was in Ireland.) Many thanks to all who performed and helped on the night including an ensemble from Trory Accordion Band and friends, The Brownlees on pipes and Drums, some wonderful Gospel Hymns from Lynda Lindsay, Revd. Mark's illusions and everyone there joining in singing a few well-known airs. Many thanks also to all who provided the Irish stew, wheaten bread, and desserts (every bit homemade!) as well as everyone who helped on the night, and with setting up the hall. A great evening was had by all.

Holy Week Services

It has been wonderful to see our midweek services being so well supported this year,

with congregations frequently over two dozen. Let's keep the momentum up as we move into Holy Week and move venue to Trory. Like with the drama which has been played out so excellently by our actors who have brought the characters Christ touched during our lent midweek services, we are exploring Holy Week through the materials which 'touched' Christ. Trory church will become a courtroom for part of the service, as we put on trial those accused of the murder of Christ, the metal nails from the cross, the wood of the cross, the 30 pieces of silver. There are also multisensory 'touch' aspects of these services. Then on Maundy Thursday we focus on the part we play, how Christ touches us, and we touch him through a service including the washing of feet, and we will culminate on Good Friday with a service reflecting on the wounded body of Christ, given up for us through words of St. Teresa of Ávila "Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes with which Christ looks out his compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now." Hopefully that is enough to whet your appetite, for joining with us during Holy Week. We look forward to seeing you there.

Easter

As usual, we begin Easter Sunday at dawn on the banks of the lough behind Killadeas Church, and then warm ourselves up with coffee and bacon rolls in the hall. Time TBC, but be prepared for somewhere in the region of 6am. Then both our 10am and 11.30am Easter Sunday Holy Communion services will conclude with an Easter Egg hunt for our young people (and the young at heart).

Call for Volunteers

We are currently looking for volunteers to help in both parishes with the count team (counting collection money after church) and parish communication deliveries (delivering Free Will Offering envelopes, parish letters, statement of accounts, etc. to those within your area.) Please can you make yourself known if you would be willing to assist, or be put on a rota to assist with these essential tasks.

Trory Smarties Tubes

The annual Smarties tube Lent fundraiser for Trory is now ready for collection. I am sure the contents of the tubes were enjoyed long ago. Please remember to now complete the second half of the task, and return the tube filled with 20p's or £1 coins to church on Easter Sunday or as near after as you can.



Pancake Party at the rectory.



Tuesday Fitness Classes

By the time you are reading this, Tuesday fitness classes with Harry Anderson will have started in Ballycassidy Hall on Tuesday Evenings. These are £7 per person per class and are booked in blocks of four classes. More details will be posted on social media and announced in church in due course.

Basic Food Hygiene Course

Now that the Ballycassidy Hall is fully up and running again we want to make sure we not only use it to its fullest potential, but also in line with all best practice safety procedures. This includes making sure that everyone who uses the kitchen on a regular basis is trained to at least Level 2 Food Hygiene and Safety (commonly called the Basic Food Hygiene Certificate.) As this qualification only lasts for three years, please make sure you sign up for this if you use the kitchen in any of our church properties, even if you have done it before, as if you completed it before Covid, it will now be out of date. The Erne Campus of the South West College has agreed to deliver this training in Ballycassidy Hall for a group of approximately 12 volunteers, timed around when suits us best. If you are interested in doing it, please speak to Revd. Mark and give him your preferred days and times so we can get this organised.

An Evening of Sacred Music

We are delighted to host An Evening of Sacred Music with Chamber Choir West in Priory Church, Killadeas on Sunday 30th April at 6pm.

Chamber Choir West are an elite group of singers from across the west of Northern Ireland, and we are delighted with their long association with Priory. Their first ever concert was held in Priory, and since Covid, we have become their rehearsal venue (and in the words of the choir themselves) their spiritual home. We had a delightful concert with them last year when we filled the church almost to capacity, and we excitedly look forward to the musical delights this year's concert will bring as the choir continues to go from strength to strength.

Please note, this is a change to the usual Sunday structure for our April timetable. What has been the Choral Evensong slot for the last year will be moved this month only to April 30th (the 5th Sunday instead of the 4th Sunday.)

An Evening of Favourite Hymns

On Sunday 28th May at 6pm, in the usual Choral Evensong service slot in Killadeas we will be having an evening of favourite



Some Lent fun and activities in Sunday School.



hymns along with the stories behind them. To make sure your favourite is included, please send it to Revd. Mark or Joan Nelson. This promises to be a popular and rousing end to these music-based services before they take a short break for the summer months.

Coronation Garden/Street Party

On Saturday 6th May as a combined parish group we will come together to celebrate the coronation of His Royal Highness King Charles III. This will take a very similar structure to the Barbecue and Bounce event at the rectory last year for the Platinum Jubilee, but with street party food in place of the barbecue. In the morning the large screens in the Rectory will be showing the coronation for anyone who wants to come along to watch it, and once the ceremonies are over we will use the vast concrete around the rectory as our

own 'street' for a street party, with food, fun, lawn games and inflatable obstacle courses. More details will come in due course. Then on the Sunday we will have special Eucharist celebrations in both churches giving thanks for coronation of King Charles III, and praying for his leadership during his reign as monarch.

Looking Ahead

Bishop Ian has graciously agreed to celebrate the rite of confirmation for our young people after Easter in 2024. This is a six-month longer gap than usual to facilitate getting back to the usual parish timetable. If you know of anyone who will be seeking confirmation at this time, it is important that they attend church regularly, or start attending regularly quite soon. It is very hard for Revd. Mark to present candidates to the bishop and answer truthfully that they have been well



A cup of tea after one of the ecumenical Sung Compline services in Killadeas, with neighbours from Sacred Heart, Irvinestown.

trained and they know and understand the promises they are about to make if he does not see them engaging with church on a regular basis.

SEARCH Colloquium

SEARCH (the Journal of the Church of Ireland) is holding its biannual colloquium, this year focussing on "A New Look at the End Times" featuring young Irish thinkers on the relevance of biblical apocalyptic writings today on April 22nd in Trinity College, Dublin School of Religion from 10.15am - 5pm.

Among the speakers there are some names you will recognise from their links with Clogher Diocese and Omagh. Dr Julia McKinley (NBSI) will speak on the apocalyptic texts, Revd Mark Gallagher and Paudie Holly speak on perspectives of science and theology, Eric Hughes (DCU chaplain) and Dr Allison Campbell (psychologist) on young people's issues today, Revd Chris Mac Bruithin and Revd Sean Hanily lead us on pastoral insights regarding hope and fear. A final panel discussion will feature contributions from the faculty of the TCD School of Religion, Theology and Peace Studies.

If you would be interested in attending, tickets are £40, and can be purchased through subscriptions@searchjournal.ireland.anglican.org

From the registers

HOLY BAPTISM

- 12th March Constance Elizabeth Mary Brock in Priory Church, Killadeas

Dates for your diary

Sunday 2nd April – Palm Sunday

- 10am Holy Communion in Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am Holy Communion in St Michael's Troy

Monday 3rd

- 7pm Holy Monday Service, St Michael's, Troy

Tuesday 4th

- 7pm Holy Tuesday Service, St Michael's, Troy

Wednesday 5th

- 7pm Holy Wednesday Service, St Michael's, Troy

Thursday 6th Maundy Thursday

- 7pm Washing of feet Service, St Michael's, Troy

Friday 7th Good Friday

- 7pm A Good Friday service based on the words of St. Teresa of Avila, St Michael's, Troy

Sunday 9th Easter Sunday

- 6am (time TBC) First Holy Communion of Easter, on the Killadeas bank of Lough Erne followed by bacon and coffee in Killadeas Hall
- 10am Holy Communion followed by Easter Egg Hunt, Priory Church Killadeas
- 11.30am Holy Communion followed by Easter Egg Hunt, St. Michael's, Troy

Sunday 16th Easter 2

- 10am A Service of Easter Readings and Hymns, followed by tea and chat in Priory Church,

Killadeas

- 11.30am A Service of Easter Readings and Hymns in St. Michael's, Troy

Sunday 23rd Easter 3

- 10am Morning Prayer in Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am Morning Prayer in St Michael's, Troy

Sunday 30th Easter 4

- 10am Morning Prayer in Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism in St Michael's, Troy
- 6pm An Evening of Sacred Music with Chamber Choir West in Priory Church, Killadeas

Saturday 6th May

- Coronation Garden/Street Party at the rectory

Sunday 7th May Easter 5

- 10am Festal Holy Communion celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III in Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am Festal Holy Communion celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III in St Michael's Troy

Sunday 14th Easter 6

- 10am Morning Prayer in Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism in St Michael's, Troy

Sunday 21st Easter 7

- 10am Morning Prayer followed by tea and chat in Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am Morning Prayer in St Michael's, Troy

Sunday 28th Pentecost

- 10am Morning Prayer in Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism in St Michael's, Troy
- 6pm An Evening Favourite Hymns in Priory Church, Killadeas
- Baptism of Constance Elizabeth Mary Brock



Baptism for the Brock family in Killadeas with Revd. Mark Gallagher.

MOTHERS' UNION



Some of those attending the Training and Fellowship event in Cleenish Hall.



Dorothy Barlow, Leader of Garrison Group with the Diocesan President, explaining to those present how the Busy Bag was created for children in church on the theme of Noah's Ark. The knitted figures were made by Revd Maureen Desborough. A 'Mums in May' MU grant of £300 funded Garrison group MU to create these wonderful-themed packs.

Spring into New Life

Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union Trustees organised a Training and Fellowship morning on Saturday, 11th March entitled "Spring into New Life"

It was held in Cleenish Parish Hall and was attended by Mothers' Union branch leaders, treasurers and secretaries as well as Trustees from across the diocese.

Those who attended were welcomed by Cleenish Mothers' Union with tea, coffee and sumptuous scones. They mingled together and were given the opportunity to write their prayers for sharing later in the morning.

The opening worship had been written by Revd Maureen Desborough from the Garrison group of parishes and was led by Canon Jen McWhirter as Revd Desborough was not able to be there due to a family bereavement. The keynote speaker was Mrs Sonya Johnston, Deputy Director of Fermanagh Trust.

Sonya has 30 years of experience working and leading in community/family/voluntary sectors in England and Northern Ireland in a wide range of settings.

She told those present of her experiences in establishing services and working across boundaries in challenging areas with the homeless, youth care leavers, women's groups and education projects for children and young people. She also advised us of how Fermanagh Trust could be a resource for Mothers' Union branches and of the training they offer for community groups. She added that there are many opportunities for volunteering in the community and she encouraged Mothers' Union members to sign up for the Trust's telephone helpline.

The Diocesan President, Heather Ellis, reminded those present that this was International Womens' Week and we then gave thanks for the inspiring women who

work with us in Mothers' Union here and across the world.

She then told us of Rebecca's story (a MU member from Africa) and the Mothers' Union Literacy and Financial Education programme which had arranged to teach Rebecca to read and write.

After she became literate, Mothers' Union helped her to start a business making and selling ice cream and juice and the income from this supported her family.

Revd Charles Eames led Midday Prayers. During the second part of the morning, Branch Committee member role outlines were shared by Trustees and those present asked questions about their new roles and learnt more of where they could get help and advice.

The morning closed with prayers led by Mrs Valerie McMorris and the Trustees in the Faith and Policy unit.

The President thanked all who took part.

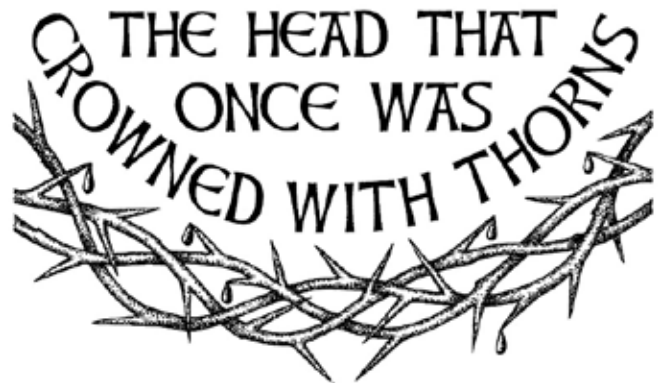
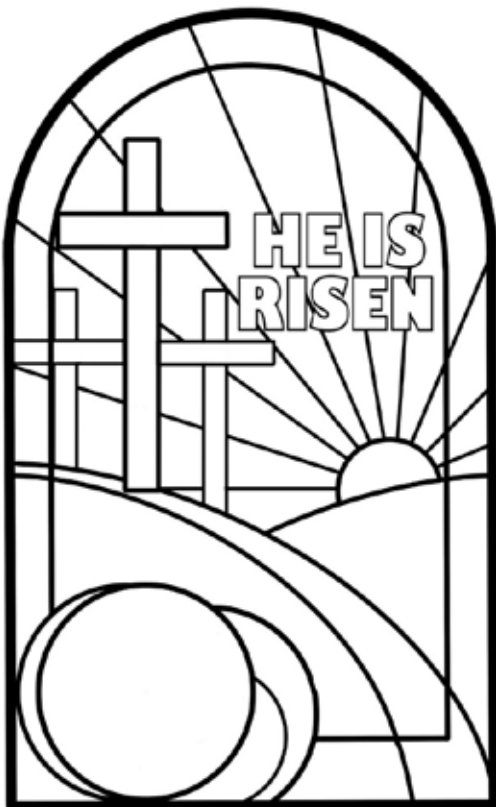


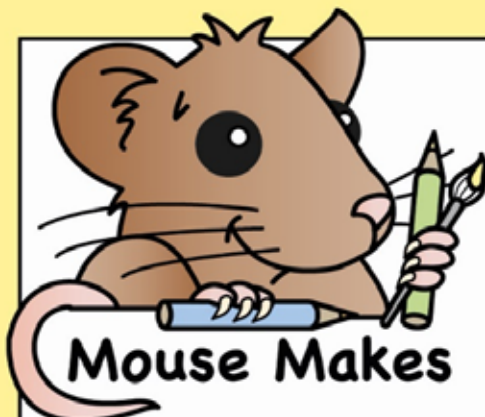
Some of those attending the Training and Fellowship event in Cleenish Hall.



CHILDREN'S SECTION

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the resurrection
and the life.
Those who believe
in me,
even though
they die, will live,
and everyone
who lives and
believes in me
will never die.

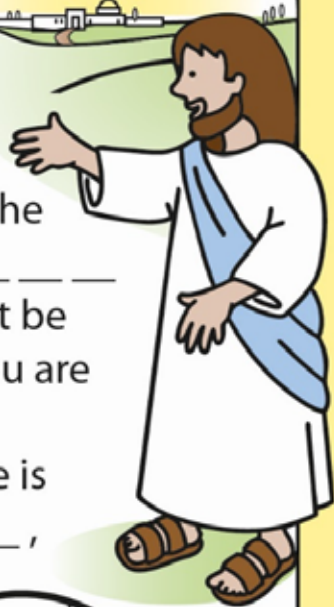




HE IS RISEN!
Read the story of
The Resurrection in
Matthew 28:1-20



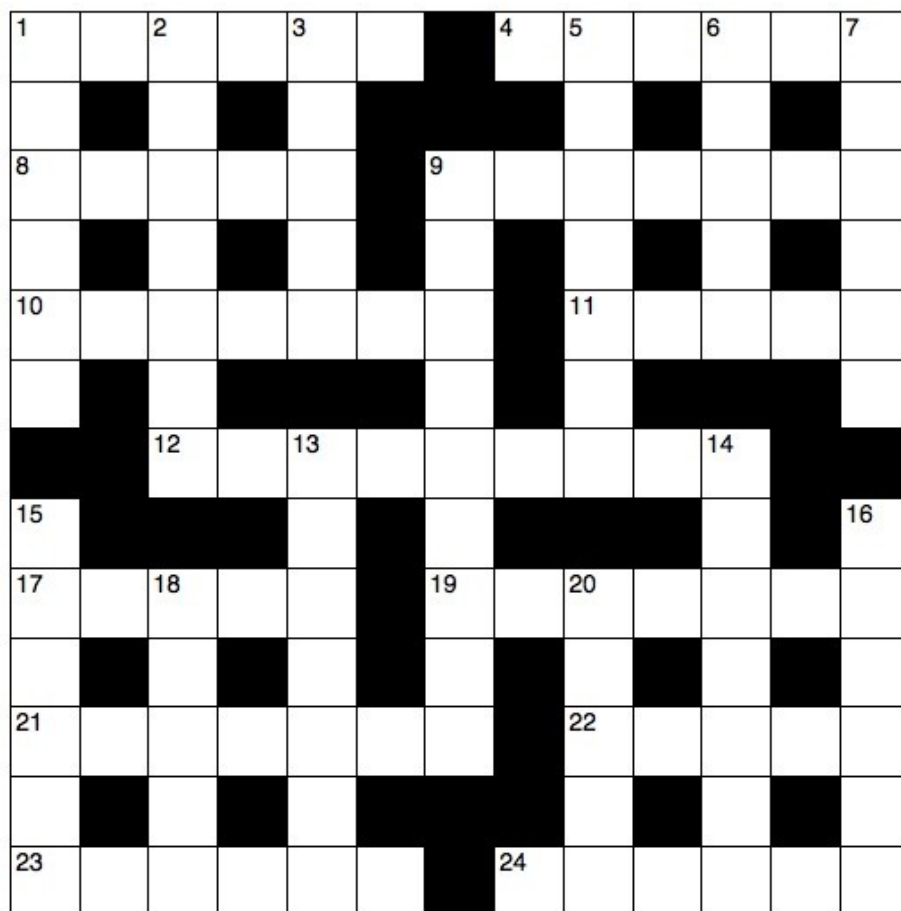
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looking for Jesus who was
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not here; he has _____,
just as he said."



Glue this page onto card. Cut out the ovals then colour in. Punch a hole at the top and hang up for Easter

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PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3–4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

DOWN

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 63

DIOCESAN NEWS

Monaghan Collegiate Board member retires after 30 years' service

Mrs Muriel Treacy retiring from membership of the Board of Governors of Monaghan Collegiate School. This photo was taken at her last Board meeting alongside the Principal, Mr Johnston Reid and the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis, when she was presented with a gift in recognition of her service for over 30 years as a member. She also cut a cake in honour of the occasion which along with a cup of tea was enjoyed by Board members at the commencement of their meeting. We thank Muriel for her outstanding contribution to the work of the school and wish her a long and happy retirement.



Archdeacon Ruddell Prize and Bishop's Medal Competitions 2022-2023

Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education invites children and young people to enter the following competitions. This year's theme is:

Miracles

A miracle is often described as "a wonderful work of God." There are many miracles described in the Bible.

Archdeacon Ruddell Prize

This competition is open to children of primary school age and can be either an individual or a group entry

1. Name as many of Jesus's miracles as you can, giving the Bible references please.
2. Jesus performed different **types** of miracles. For instance, sometimes he healed people, sometimes he used his power over nature and sometimes he raised people from the dead. Choose an example of **each** of these **three** different types of miracles and retell the stories in your own words.
3. What have you learned about Jesus through exploring the miracles?



Bishop's Medal

This competition is open to young people of secondary school age and must be an individual entry

1. Name as many miracles as you can from **both** the Old Testament and the New Testament, giving Bible references please.
2. Select two different types of miracles from the **Old** Testament and retell the stories of these. What do they teach us about the nature of God and the relationship He has with His people?
3. Select and retell in your own words two different types of miracles that Jesus performed. What do these teach us about the person and work of Jesus then and today?

The sections should be covered in the order given above please.

Use whatever media you choose - handwriting, cartoon, story board or IT, including video etc
All entries must be original, the work of those entering.

All entries should please be left in the Diocesan Office by **Wednesday 26th April 2023**

closing date reminder

MAUNDY THURSDAY: TWO PEOPLE FROM CLOGHER DIOCESE AREA LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING KING CHARLES AT YORK MINSTER

Two people who have contributed significantly to their community over many years have been nominated this year by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis, to receive Maundy Money from King Charles III.

This year King Charles III and the Queen Consort will distribute Maundy money in York Minster. During the service 74 men and 74 women, signifying the King's age, will be presented with Maundy money.

This year, Mrs. Hilary Keys, a leading member of St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher and Mr. Paddy Maguire, a member of St. Michael's Parish, Enniskillen, will be travelling to York for the service on Maundy Thursday, 6th April.

A commendation from Bishop Ian, stated; "Hilary Keys works tirelessly within Clogher Parish in various roles from parish recorder, select vestry member, Mothers' Union branch treasurer and co-ordinator of the Grouped Parishes Knit, Stitch & Natter group. Hilary also is a leading committee member of the local 'Cancer focus group' and a long-time member of the local Women's Institute. Bishop Ian also nominated Paddy Maguire; "Paddy Maguire has been involved in education long past his retirement, having served as a vice-principal and now for at least eight years as chair of a local Board of Governors. He has also written and published a book recently on his classmates from school days.

Hilary said the first she knew about her nomination was when she received a letter from the Royal Almonry's office at Buckingham Palace which oversees the distribution of alms to the poor, inviting her to receive Maundy money in York Minster.

"It took me a couple of days to get over the shock," said Hilary, who is Rector's Churchwarden at Clogher Cathedral.

Hilary said she has been involved in many aspects of church life, just recently stepping down as Recorder after almost 50 years.

She is well known in the area as one of the founder members of the Knit, Stitch and Natter group, which meets twice a month in the Cathedral Hall to produce a range of garments and items from needlecraft.

In the past they have produced knee blankets for residents from their group of parishes, now in the nursing home in Clogher, each one personalised with their name. They have also produced bags filled with goodies for the local Women's Aid group as well as bags for children.

However the group became best known for producing the knitted model of Clogher Cathedral unveiled last summer and which is on display inside. That project took members two years to complete. Recently, they have been involved in producing scarves and hats for victims of the Turkey and Syria earthquake as well as knitted cardigans and blankets for premature babies at the South-West Acute Hospital.

They are now planning their next project to produce poppies for the Royal British Legion.

Hilary, whose husband John passed away seven years ago, has a son, Jonathan who is married and two daughters, Alison (Burrows) and Rachel (Robinson), living in the Fivemiletown, Castlecaulfield and Augher areas.

Hilary is now looking forward to travelling to York Minster with her daughter, Rachel for this historic occasion when it will be King Charles' first time to distribute Maundy money as Sovereign. Hilary said she had visited York Minster previously on a trip but never dreamed of being invited back to this service.



Mrs. Hilary Keys



Mr. Paddy Maguire

Paddy Maguire, who lives close to Enniskillen and is member of St. Michael's Parish, said he appreciated the significance of the cross-community aspect of his nomination.

"It was a big surprise and something I would never have thought of," he said.

Paddy, a graduate of Queen's University, Belfast, is originally from Kinawley and attended St. Michael's College and in 2022 produced a book of reflections, "Whatever became of the class of 1957?" from more than 40 classmates as they began second level education in 1957.

Paddy's long career has been steeped in education, firstly as a teacher for more than 20 years in St. Mary's Secondary School, Irvinestown and Vice-Principal for the last 15 years. He then moved to the Western Education and Library Board working in Curriculum Development and as a Schools Inspector. In 1994 he led the CLASS (Computerised Local Administration System for Schools) project as manager of the team introducing it in schools across the Board area. It was expanded across Northern Ireland and by 2000 became C2K when Paddy became Service Delivery Manager of all the schools across the five area boards in Northern Ireland.

Following his retirement, Paddy continued his involvement in education and now serves as Chairman of the Board of Governors at St. Fanchea's College, Enniskillen and is also a member of the Parish Council at St. Michael's. He has been involved in producing a parish newsletter over the years.

Paddy and his wife, Kathleen have five children; Shauna, twins Manus and Claire, Maeve and Niall, all married with their own children.

Paddy and Kathleen are now looking forward to visiting York Minster on 6 April for the Maundy Thursday service.

History and significance of Maundy Money

The service dates back to 600AD and the special coins have kept much the same since 1670.

Each recipient of Maundy money is given two small leather purses by The Sovereign, 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.

Clones community ready to celebrate life of St. Tighernach

On 4 April, the community in Clones will gather at St Tighernach's Church at the Diamond to remember the saint. In this article, Walter Pringle outlines some of the historical facts connected to St. Tighernach and describes the inter-denominational event.

"Derryvullen North Parish Church in Irvinestown and Derryvullen South Church at Tamlaght, like the big church in Clones which towers over the town centre, are all dedicated to St. Tighernach.

The 8th to 9th century Round Tower graveyard at Cara Street in the townland of Crossmoyle in Clones is also known as St. Tighernach's graveyard. It has a church shape tomb where the saint is understood to be buried. The primary school and the famous venue for Ulster Final football matches are also named after the Clones Saint, although different spellings have been used as so often happened in earlier years.

St. Tighernach was known to be helper to St. Macartan to whom our cathedrals in Enniskillen and Clogher are dedicated.

The Clones community, under the leadership of Clones Community Forum, in conjunction with the parishioners of St. Tighernach's have (before Covid restrictions) remembered and celebrated the life of St. Tighernach on 4th of April, the date the church recognises as the saint's day.



The Sarcophagus which is believed to be the burial place of St. Tighernach.

The celebrations always begin in the church with prayers, scripture readings as well as special singing by a choir or by soloists or by a singing group.

Former bishop, Archbishop John McDowell, attended previous occasions and Bishop Ian has kindly committed to being with us this year. Clergy in the area are always invited to attend this occasion for it's a celebration of Christianity for a much bigger area than the

parish of Clones. Those attending are led by volunteers dressed as monks to the burial place in The Round Tower Graveyard. Last year pipers from The Graham Memorial Clontibret Pipe Band, followed the monks with the pipe music of hymns such as Amazing Grace. Pipe music could be heard not just throughout Cara street and Crossmoyle, but much further afield, in the April night air.

Many people in the diocese may not be aware of the contribution St. Tighernach made to the Christian faith, not only in the Clones area, but also in Fermanagh and into Tyrone. This is an opportunity for people across the diocese, of any Christian tradition, to be part of what, with the exception of the Covid years, has been an important celebration to an important saint, without whom Christianity in these border counties may not have become central to the lives of people down through the centuries, before any of us were born. Worship or church activities are too often traditional and confined to Sunday mornings. We want you to join us on 4th of April in Saint Tighernach's church on The Diamond in Clones, and then for the short walk to the Round Tower which the Council have so beautifully floodlit and of which we in Clones are so rightly very proud. After that its across the road to the beautifully restored Cassandra Hand Centre for a cup of tea," said Walter.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

April 2023

• Tuesday 4th April – **St. Tighernach's Day commemoration** in St. Tighernach's Parish Church, The Diamond, Clones at 7pm organised by Clones Community Forum and the parishioners of St. Tighernach's Church, followed by a short walk to The Round Tower. Tea will be served afterwards in the Cassandra Hand Centre.



- Sunday 9th April – **Easter Sunday Holy Communion** at 7am at Aghavea Church garden beside the Parish Hall conducted by Revd Johnny McLoughlin.
- Sunday 9th April – **Easter Easter Sunday Sunrise Service** at 6am at God's Acre Cemetery, Dundalk Road, Carrickmacross led by Revd Ian Cruickshank.
- Sunday 9th April – **Easter Day Sunrise Service** at 6.00am with a Service of Holy Communion at the ruins of Old Rossorry.
- Monday 10th April – **Easter Monday Egg Hunt and walk** organised by Clogher Cathedral Parish in Knockmany Forest. More details later.
- Wednesday 12th April – **Shoppers Service in Derryvullen North Parish Centre**, Irvinestown at 11.00am led by Canon Paul Thompson with Richard McGonigle providing the music on the guitar as people meet for praise, communion and friendship rounded off with a cuppa and time to chat.
- Saturday 15th April – **Galloon Parish Auction** at 12 noon in The Church Hall, High Street, Newtownbutler with viewing from 11am. We look forward to welcoming you all back. We have a large selection of items for sale. Refreshments will be on sale.
- Sunday 23rd April – **Dedication Service of Plaque** detailing Rectors of Devenish and donated in memory of The Lucy Family at 11.30 am in Devenish Parish Church. The Preacher is the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd. Dr Ian Ellis.
- Saturday 29th April – **Colaghty Parish Auction** in the Parish Hall. Further details later.
- Sunday 30th April – **An Evening of Sacred Music with Chamber Choir West** in Priory Church, Killadeas at 6pm.

May 2023

- Friday 5th May – **Clabby Parish Fun Evening** at 6.30pm to celebrate the King's Coronation.
- Saturday 6th May – **Car boot sale in Drummully Parish** with gates open from 8am.
- Saturday 6th May – **Garden and Street Party for the Coronation of King Charles III** in the grounds of Trory and Killadeas Rectory.
- Saturday 6th May – **Coronation Hog Roast** from 12 Noon to 3pm at the Garrison Group of Parishes Rectory. Proceeds to Bishops Appeal for Syria and Turkey Earthquake Relief and the Rectory Fund. No RSVP required but volunteers needed!
- Saturday 6th May – **Coronation Street Party** at the Rectory of Trory and Killadeas Parishes to celebrate the coronation of His Royal Highness King Charles III. In the morning the large screens in the Rectory will be showing the coronation followed by a street party, with food, fun, lawn games and inflatable obstacle courses.
- Sunday 7th May – **Coronation Weekend Joint Service** in Maguiresbridge followed by barbecue.
- Friday 12th May – **Music Extravaganza in Galloon Parish Church**



with a special evening of hymns and music at 7.30pm. A guest organist will give recitals on the Lewis Organ along with local talent of all ages.

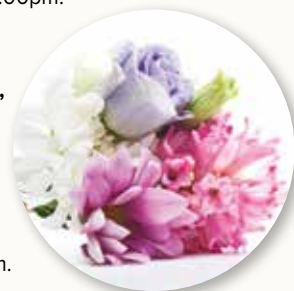
• Friday 12th - Saturday 13th May 2023 – **General Synod of the Church of Ireland** takes place in person at White's Hotel, Wexford, a change of venue from the earlier listing of Croke Park Events Centre which is not now available. A third day's business will be conducted remotely on the evening of Tuesday 16th May and the evening of Thursday 18th May (if required).

• Friday 19th May – **Colaghty Parish Auction featuring the Police Male Voice Choir** in the Parish Hall with all proceeds to Air Ambulance NI.

• Sunday 21st May – **Garden Party at Hilton Park, Scotshouse** hosted by the Madden family in aid of the Cavan-Monaghan Hospital Cancer and Oncology Department from 2.30pm - 5.00pm. Everyone is warmly welcome.

• Friday 26th - Monday 29th May 2023 – **Flower Festival in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen** with the theme, "Signs and Sayings in John's Gospel." More details later.

• Sunday 28th May – **Evening of Favourite Hymns** at 6pm in the Priory Church, Killadeas along with the stories behind them.



June 2023

- Saturday 3rd June – **Car boot sale in Drummully Parish** with gates open from 8am.
- Friday 23rd June – **KEEP FREE - Mullaghduin Parish Barbecue** - Please mark this date on your calendar!

July 2023

- Saturday 1st July – **Car boot sale in Drummully Parish** with gates open from 8am.
- Saturday 22nd July – **Colaghty Parish Summer Event** with sizzlers/ burgers.

August 2023

- Saturday 5th August – **Car boot sale in Drummully Parish** with gates open from 8am.

September 2023

- Friday 1st September – **Evening of 'Our Favourite Hymns' in Clontibret Parish Church** when Glenn Moore will be the organist and joined by the Donagh Community Choir, Donagh Cantari and other guests.

November 2023

- Saturday 18th November – **Christmas Craft Fair in Galloon Parish Hall.**

December 2023

- Friday 8th - Sunday 10th December 2023 – **Winter Wonderland Christmas Tree Festival in Galloon Parish Church.** Viewing will begin on the Friday and the weekend will conclude with a carol service on the Sunday. More information will follow.



May 2024

- Friday 10th - Saturday 11th May 2024 – 2024 **General Synod will be held in Armagh** with the third day's business to be conducted remotely on the evening of Tuesday 14th May and the evening of Thursday 16th May (if required).

Big Community Paddle and Big Lunch organised for Coronation Bank Holiday

Community groups, charities and their followers are invited to take part in the "Big Community Paddle and Picnic and Volunteer Village at Enniskillen Castle on the weekend of the King's Coronation in the UK.

The event takes place on the Coronation Bank Holiday Monday, 8 May at Enniskillen Castle Museums in association with the Eden Project (Big Lunch) and (The big Help Out). With free admission to Enniskillen Castle Museums, the day will be filled with live music and entertainment for all the family, with an opportunity to explore the volunteer village, showcasing our fabulous local groups, charities and societies within our community, and a chance to get involved and find out more about how you can become a volunteer.

There will be volunteer representatives from health, heritage, sport, youth, church and wellbeing groups and a chance to experience traditional cookery demonstrations, vintage steam traction engines, Clayful Minds, The Erne Hyland Dancers and much more. You can bring a picnic as part of 'The Big Lunch' and enjoy listening to Fermanagh Concert Band and other musical entertainment. The highlight of the afternoon will be 'The Big Paddle' around



the historic Island town of Enniskillen organised by the RNLI and supporting their fabulous volunteers. An invitation has been extended to all youth, sports, voluntary, charitable and community groups to register for 'The Big Paddle', with canoes, kayaks, paddle boards or hydro-bikes available to hire on the day. Watch the flotilla from the walls of Enniskillen Castle and help us get hundreds of paddlers onto Lough Erne for a fun filled afternoon celebrating volunteering and connecting with our neighbours, family & friends within our community.

The Big Community Paddle, Picnic and Volunteer Village is supported by the Lough Erne Landscape Partnership, RNLI and local community/voluntary/charitable organisations. For Further Information contact: 'Big Community Paddle' – peter_scott2@rnli.org.uk
Volunteer Village, 'Big Lunch' & 'Big Help Out' info@headhuntersmuseum.com

Parishes celebrate King's Coronation

There are a number of parish events taking place over the weekend of the King's Coronation. Some of these include;

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For up to date information on parishes in Clogher Diocese, see the Facebook page.



St Macartin's Cathedral,
the Parish of Enniskillen

Flower Festival

*Signs & Sayings
in John's Gospel*

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Music making at Aghabog Parish Hall on St. Patrick's Day.



Dressing up at Aghabog Hall.



Parishioners and guests enjoy some food in Aghabog Hall.

Music and Irish stew on the menu for St. Patrick's Day

There were events held around Clogher Diocese to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The Ematrix Group of parishes held a social evening in Aghabog Parish hall on March 17th which was very well supported. It was organised largely by Walter Pringle and Revd Margaret Pringle with a number of other people who helped and brought food. It comprised of hymn singing, prayers and a fun quiz.

At Glaslough, the parishioners of St. Salvator's Church, Glaslough and St. Sillian with St. Muadain's churches joined in the St. Patrick's Day Community Pilgrimage Walk in Glaslough. Hot food of soup and cakes was provided and proceeds from the walk is going to the Bishop's Appeal Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal.

At Ballycassidy Hall, the parishioners of Trory and Killadeas gathered for a night of Ulster-Scots cabaret with Irish stew and wheaten bread served to those present. A large crowd turned up to enjoy the evening.



Parishioners from the Donagh Group of Parishes, Glaslough take part in the St. Patrick's Day Community Pilgrimage Walk.



The Rector and parishioners of Trory and Killadeas enjoy Irish Stew and music on St Patrick's Day.

‘Recollections of a country life’ is a popular bestseller

A FARMER and member of Killeevan Parish in Co. Monaghan has published a book on his life, his family’s connection with the countryside for 300 years and the rural community he has known well.

William Ritchie (85), now living at Glenvar House, Cara, Newtownbutler, Co. Fermanagh, launched his book, “Recollections of a Country Life” at a special event in Newbliss. The first print run has already sold out and a second print run is now being completed by the Castleblayney printers, such has been the popularity of the publication.

In a foreword in the book, Brian MacDomhnaill described the book as unashamedly local and all the more valuable for that with its epicentre in the townland of Garron in the Greenan’s Cross area of Co. Monaghan between Newbliss and Threemilehouse. The Ritchie family belonged to Aghabog Parish Church and William said it was the foundation of his faith. He said William Ritchie’s family’s sense of place and love of community was illustrated in the account of the enduring relationship that William’s father, also called William, had for the local school. Brian said that having farmed in the townland for 300 years and more, the Ritchie family already had very deep roots in the land and in the local community by the time William was born in 1937.

He said William Ritchie described with love and affection some of the characters of the area which were part of the colourful tapestry of diversity he wrote about.

“Human interaction was the glue that kept communities together and a striking feature of these recollections is the range of people with whom the author interacted while growing up in Carron. Tyrone Guthrie, Peter ‘the Tangler’ Connolly, the Nesbitt brothers, the Gavans and many more besides added to the colourful tapestry of life in this corner of Monaghan through the 1940’s,” Brian said.

“But there is much more to recommend it, descriptions of fair days, of hiring fairs, of the various stages of flax cultivation and processing, butter making and the growing and harvesting of potatoes and oats are set in landscape rich in natural biodiversity. The horse and plough worked in a landscape where the call of the corncrake was present in summer and there was a rhythm to the seasons.

Through his life as a progressive farmer, Willie Ritchie never lost sight of the simple pleasures that make life worthwhile and this book is both a celebration of such simplicity and a requiem for its passing,” said Brian.

“His recollections also challenge any preconceptions we might have about someone born and reared a Protestant in one of the ‘lost counties’ of Ulster after Partition. Far from being embittered and ‘sticking to their own’ the Ritchies were fully immersed in the life of the wider community of all faiths. Theirs was a house for the ceillidh where traditional musicians were warmly welcomed and where Willie Ritchie developed his love for the Uilleann pipes.”



William Ritchie with his book.

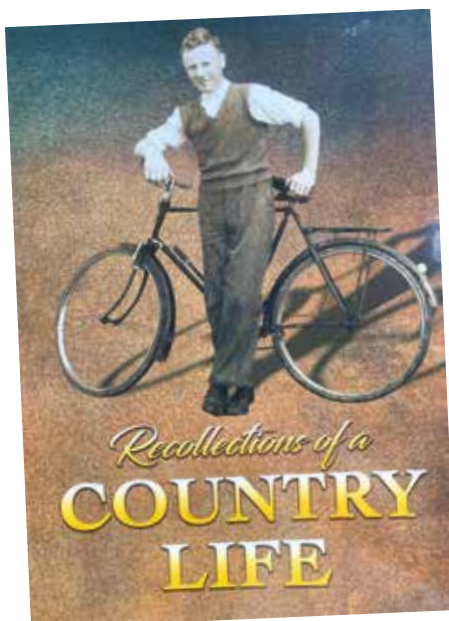
William told Clogher Diocesan Magazine said that inspiration to write his stories came from family members.

“I would be telling my family about things that happened in the past and they kept saying they should be recorded or written down or they would be forgotten. So about two years ago I decided to do it,” William explained.

While Garron townland is where William grew up (his brother John farms there now), he bought the farm at Cara in Co. Fermanagh in 1972 where he and his wife, Ivy, who is organist in Killeevan Church, had a family of one son, John and two daughters, Yvonne (Mrs Breen) and Helen (Mrs Johnston). William and Ivy have 12 grandchildren.

Books sold at the launch have found their way to the USA, Australia and all over the British Isles.

More copies will soon be available for sale following a second print run. Proceeds after costs will go to the National Council for the Blind of Ireland.



CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

Children and Families resource for Easter

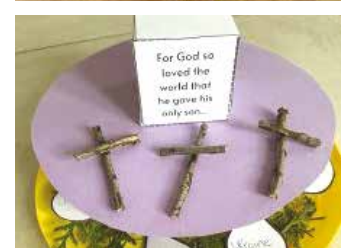
The Church of Ireland Board for Ministry with Children and Families have resources to help parishes through Lent and Easter. Below is an example of their resource for Easter called Easter Tiers.

This is an intergenerational activity that can be used either in your home or at church as part of an intergenerational service. Together you create each tier and read a section of the Easter story. Using the templates provided you make the boxes that separate each tier – each box has Bible verses and a question to fill in if you choose. At each stage you stop to reflect on what that section of the story means to you, and you pray together.

The bottom tier reflects on the garden of Gethsemane and we think about things that are difficult in life, things we want to pray for. The middle tier reflects on the crucifixion – the sacrificial love of God.

The top tier reflects on the resurrection – new beginnings, things to rejoice and give thanks for.

All instructions and templates can be found in the PDF which you can download by clicking on the link below;
Easter Tiers (anglican.org)



‘DO NOT TURN YOUR BACK ON PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS’ – NEW GLOBAL GUIDE LAUNCHED

A growth in extremism and increasing government control over religion in some regions are among the trends noted in the fourth edition of the Church in Chains Global Guide. The Global Guide aims to raise awareness in Ireland about the situation of persecuted Christians around the world by giving an overview of what is happening in 60 countries. It also seeks to motivate people to respond. The Global Guide was launched in Dublin by Revd Trevor Sargent, Rector of Bunclody Union, who appealed to Christians not to ignore the plight of persecuted Christians but to “be a voice for those who cannot speak or seek justice the way we can”. The Guide divides the countries into three colour coded categories – severe (where many or all Christians face persecution including imprisonment, torture, murder or violent mob attacks), significant (where some, but not all, Christians face arrest, attack

or serious restrictions) and limited (where some churches or individual Christians face restrictions or discrimination).

David Turner, director of Church in Chains, explained that the new Global Guide documents how persecution of Christians is increasing right across the globe – from Latin America to some countries in Europe; from the Middle East to a growing number of countries in Sub-Saharan Africa; from the former Soviet states of Central Asia through the religiously diverse countries of South Asia to the communist-led countries in East Asia. A number of TDs and people working in Government departments attended the launch and Mr Turner said: “The persecution of Christians worldwide has been ignored for far too long by successive Irish governments which have repeatedly stated a commitment to prioritising freedom of religion or belief in foreign policy.”

Archbishops lead service of prayer and reflection for Ukraine

On Friday, 24th February 2023 the two Archbishops of Armagh, the Most Revd John McDowell and the Most Revd Eamon Martin, led a service of prayer and reflection in Armagh on what was the first anniversary of the start of the war in Ukraine.

The Archbishops were joined by members of local churches and schools and representatives of the Ukrainian community who have now made Armagh their home. Prayers for peace and reconciliation were offered and a time of quiet reflection and remembrance was observed as the devastating impact of a year of conflict was recalled.



THE ART OF REMEMBERING

Ulster Scots funding for Coronation events

For parishes in Northern Ireland, the Ulster Scots Agency Small Events Grant 2023 is supporting events from 1 April to 31 December 2023, including Ulster-Scots events to celebrate the forthcoming Coronation in May. The maximum grant available is £1,000 (minimum of £500) and this can be used to fund one to two events. Groups must provide match funding of at least 10%. Support is available from the Ulster-Scots Community Network if groups require assistance with their submission. Projects must be delivered up to 31 December 2023 and groups should submit an application form at least one month before their planned event. Further information available at: <https://www.ulsterscotsagency.com/> Please note: Funding is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until the fund is fully allocated

CROSSWORD ANSWERS *from page 53*

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Delaiah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.

DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.

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