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Revd Stephen McWhirter, Rector of Rossorry Parish and Roger Clarke, 1st Rossorry Scouts preparing for the Coronation Afternoon Tea, barbecue and Coronation fancy dress competition for Sunday School children on Sunday, 7th May. Some of the children taking part include Seth, Reuben, Kizzy, Ellie and Laura. They are gathered around a Coronation blanket and crown which were crocheted by Rossorry parishioner, Diane Donaldson.

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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



A Message from the Bishop

CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

'First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity'. 1 Timothy 2: 1-2

The Coronation of King Charles III will be a special moment in the life of our nation and one which many of us are unlikely to see again in our lifetime. The Coronation Service will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey, conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The ceremony is rooted in ancient traditions, but it will also reflect the way the monarchy continues to evolve and the role of the King today.

The Bible has lots to tell us about kings. In the Old Testament we read of Saul the first King of Israel, and the iconic kings David and Solomon whose reigns became legendary. Each of these despite their successes showed human weaknesses and ultimately, they and most of their successors failed to live up to the ideal God had envisaged. We also read of kings of foreign lands who conquered Israel and divided it up its kingdom. Invading armies carried off many of the people into exile where they languished as slaves. Although the people eventually returned and re-established the kingdom, by the time of the New Testament the land of Israel had been subjected by the might of the Roman empire and were ruled by puppet kings and Roman governors.



In Holy Week, we read of the hopes of the Jewish people for a Messiah to come to conquer Israel's enemies and to rule over his people and how the crowd welcomed Jesus as their King into the city. Later Pilate asks Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' to which Jesus replies 'You say so'. As Jesus was crucified Pilate ordered a sign be placed over him reading 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews'. The Christian church came to understand that strange as it might seem, the crucifixion of Jesus was a victory over the power of sin and death, and that by his resurrection and ascension he has been glorified as King who reigns over earth and heaven.

At King Charles's coronation he will be given the Sovereign's Orb (pictured inset). It is a representation of the sovereign's power and symbolises the world with the cross mounted on a globe. During the coronation service, the Orb is placed in the right hand of the monarch as they are invested with the symbols of sovereignty, and it proclaims the reign of Christ over the world.

The writers of the New Testament understood that kings and those who govern society are placed there by God and despite their human frailties, the Christian has a duty to pray for them believing that by the grace of God working in their rule, citizens would enjoy peaceful and dignified lives. In our BCP at Morning Prayer we pray 'O God, save the King – and grant his government wisdom' (NI) or 'O Lord guide and defend our rulers – and grant our government wisdom'. (RI)

In that spirit across the UK and the Commonwealth over the Coronation weekend, churches will at services of worship offer prayers of thanksgiving and bring intercessions for King Charles. We particularly ask for wisdom for the King and his government, for righteousness to flourish in the land and for the gift of peaceful living. And we also commit ourselves to service of Christ as those who are the hands of Jesus today showing his love to the world.

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,



bless His Majesty, King Charles, and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gracious God, in company with our King, we rededicate ourselves to your service. Take our minds and think through them, take our lips and speak through them, take our hearts and set them on fire with love for you and your kingdom; that here we may have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GENERAL SYNOD 2023

The month of May also brings the meeting of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland. This is the central legislative body for our church and comprises Bishops, clergy and laity representing every diocese. It will meet this year in Wexford from 12th – 13th May. We seek God's blessing upon the Synod and pray for all who take part, that they may seek the will of God in their debates and decision making.

Archdeacon Brian Harper

Recently we have learned of the appointment of Archdeacon Brian Harper to the parish of Dunluce in the Diocese of Connor. We offer our very best wishes to Archdeacon Brian and his wife Heather for all that the future holds, yet along with the parishioners of Magheracross, we are saddened that they will be leaving Clogher Diocese.

Archdeacon Brian joined the diocese in 2012, was made Archdeacon in 2016 and was commissary of the diocese during the interregnum following the translation of our former Bishop John to Archbishop of Armagh. The Archdeacon has given faithful leadership and service to the Diocese and he had the unenviable task of leading us through the difficult times of the coronavirus pandemic. We wish him to know how much we have appreciated his ministry at parish and diocesan level and pray for God's blessing as he follows the call of God and takes on a new chapter in his ministry.

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Services

Sunday 7th May

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

Sunday 14th May

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer
Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer
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Sunday 21st May

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer
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Sunday 28th May

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer
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Easter Services

A fantastic afternoon of Easter crafts and activities for the young people of the group was held in Aghadrumsee on Good Friday, sincere thanks to Ellie Annon for organising it. While the children were busy the senior folk enjoyed a cup of tea and a chat downstairs, thanks to Emma and Sarah Elliott. Everyone then went across to the Church for a short informal service led by Marina Elliott.

Later in the evening our congregation joined with Drumady Methodist Church for a service of reflection.

The weekend concluded on Sunday with All Age Services in the three churches as we celebrated Easter Day together.

Easter Vestry Meetings

Easter Vestry Meetings are due to take place before the end of April. Full details will be in next month's edition.



Easter crafts at Aghadrumsee Church during the Good Friday event.

Big Spring Sing

At the time of writing, we are preparing for our Big Spring Sing to be held on 23rd April in Aghadrumsee Church. We look forward to welcoming our special guests, Revd Peter Ferguson, organist Gordon Speer, choirs, children's group and musicians.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the Murray family following the death of Dereck, whose funeral service took place in Aghadrumsee Church. To the Robinson family on the death of Margaret's sister and to the Doonan Family on the death of Betty's cousin.



The short service which took place after the crafts where the children took the prayers they had created and hung them on the tree as part of the Easter praise service.



Photo taken at Clogh Mothers' Union 'Visitors Night' on Monday 27th March where the speaker was Mrs Dorothy Jones from Cavan who spoke from her experience of learning to look to the Lord of heaven and earth. Pictured are Clogh President Mrs Florence Graham and some of those members present.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Sunday 30th April

9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer

3.00pm Colebrooke Friends' Service

Sunday 7th May

11.00am Colebrooke Coronation Celebration Service

Sunday 14th May

9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer

11.00am Colebrooke Morning Prayer

Sunday 21st May

11.00am Colebrooke Family Service

3.30pm Mullaghfad Friends' Service

Sunday 28th May

9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer

11.00am Colebrooke Morning Prayer

Sunday 4th June

9.30am Cooneen Holy Communion

11.00am Colebrooke Holy Communion

Mullaghfad Service

Mullaghfad Friends' Service makes a welcome return on Sunday 21st May 2023, at 3.30pm, when we will have The Revd Abraham Storey as our guest preacher. Looking ahead to our Harvest Service on Sunday 17th September 2023, at 3.30pm, our preacher will be the Bishop of Clogher, The Rt Rev Dr. Ian Ellis. We are delighted that both Abraham and the Bishop will be joining us for our services. As we look even further ahead for your diary, our Service of Remembrance will be at the slightly earlier time of 3.00pm on Sunday 15th October, and we will again be joined by the Fivemiletown and Lisburn Branches of the Royal British Legion.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

On Monday 27th March 2023, at St



Enjoying the Food and Fellowship event.

Ronan's, Colebrooke - Yin Hui and Mark McClenaghan entered into the covenant of Holy Matrimony. Maid of Honour was Cathy Chen and Best Man was David McClenaghan. May God's blessing be on Yin and Mark as they begin a new journey in their life together.

Most of our parish organisations have now stopped for the summer holidays. When they resume in September (please speak with the relevant leaders), they will operate as follows:-

GFS

Girls Friendly Society every Monday, at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall for girls 3 years and upwards.

The Closing Service this year will be held on Monday 13th May 2019.

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Group meet every Tuesday from 7pm-9.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-14 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)



Enjoying the Food and Fellowship event.



Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meets on Thursday evenings at Colebrooke Parish Hall. New members of all ages are welcome to join in the new bowling season beginning in September.

Mothers' Union

The third Friendship and Food was held in March when Davina Coulter, from 'Oak Healthy Living Centre' brought the game 'Boccia' for everyone to play. There was much rivalry as the teams tried to roll the red or blue bowl nearest to the white jack. The reds seemed to fare best each time. Then the bowls were rolled onto a target board where the blue team scored higher so a draw was called. The teams enjoyed some sweets and tray bakes as prizes after their meal of Irish Stew and Trifle. As the event was just after St Patrick's Day, suitable Irish and Ulster Scots music was played by Malcolm Cathers, allowing for dancing, when Bertie and Meta took to the floor.

The fourth event was held on 4 April when Davina Coulter shared some useful 'Health and Nutrition' information including a taster session, comparing foods from well



known labels and the same item from a shop's own label. The participants found there was little between the tastes but Davina outlined that there was a difference in price. This was most helpful for the pensioners gathered as the cost of food shopping has increased weekly in the past year.

As it was Holy Week, Charlene Elliott, played some well known Easter hymns for people to sing along to. The music was much appreciated.

Once again Edfield Restaurant staff served a tasty Turkey and Ham dinner followed by fresh fruit Pavlova and tea coffee and buns. Those present showed their appreciation for the meal by applauding Kim and her staff. This was the last of the Friendship and Food events for this session.

The members of the Mothers' Union branch had provided the refreshments each session with fresh scones on each of the four mornings. They wish to express thanks to all of the parishioners and friends who faithfully supported the events and gave

Enjoying the Food and Fellowship event.

donations towards the cost of the main meal.

Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union had received a funding grant from The Fermanagh Trust, through their association with Tiegies Hill Wind Farm, Brookeborough. The funding was used to cover costs for speakers, heat and light and a portion of the two course meal expenses. The generous donations from the participants each time had allowed the events to take place and all expenses have been met.

The members plan to attend the Festival Service in Monaghan on 19 May.

Table Quiz

The table Quiz held in Colebrooke Hall on Friday 31 March raised £545 at the



last count, on the evening. Proceeds are going towards the Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal.

Thank you to Victor and Davy for organising the quiz, everyone who donated prizes, the ladies who provided and catered the refreshments, and the very willing group of 'quizers' who turned up on a very wet evening with their enthusiasm. Well done all.

Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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Children making crafts on Good Friday.

Children's activities and service on Good Friday

It was great to see so many at our children's activities and service on Good Friday in Christ Church, Ballybay. The children made some beautiful crafts and then participated in the service by bringing forward symbols to represent Christ's passion and death. Many thanks to the children, the Sunday School teachers and all involved.





Donna Geary's missionary work in Papua New Guinea.



Holy Week and Easter in Ballybay Group of Parishes

Our Holy Week liturgies this year were truly prayerful and reverent and our services on Easter Sunday were joyous! Many thanks to all those who participated in our liturgies and also to those who helped to prepare and decorate the churches - your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

Births of Baby Evan and Baby Ava

Congratulations to Tamara and Ciarán on the birth of their son, Evan James. He is the first grandchild for Martha O'Connor and the first great-grandchild for John Montgomery, Castleblayney.

Congratulations also to Courtney Boyd and Michael Gleeson on the birth of their daughter, Ava Hope Gleeson, on Tuesday 4th April. Baby Ava is the first grandchild for Allan and Caroline Tate and the first great-grandchild for Martin and Diane Tate, Clontibret.

Update from Donna Geary

The last few months have been full-on staffing a Discipleship Training School (DTS) here in Townsville and taking my team to Papua New Guinea on the second part of their outreach. The school just wrapped up in March and I wanted to give you an update on how it went!

The lecture phase of the DTS involved the students delving into topics such as the nature and character of God, relationships, effort, Lordship, mission, bible and worldview, sharing Jesus, spiritual warfare and identity. It was an opportunity for students to solidify their foundations and gain teaching from people with years of experience in living for God.

The first part of outreach for this group was

in Townsville, lending a hand in the lead-up to Christmas with an event called "Stable". This event is an opportunity for people to hear the Christmas story by walking through the Town of Bethlehem and seeing the story unfold for themselves. It's a hard one to explain unless you've seen it, but I've included a few photos of our team setting up the event. They also had the chance to be a part of the production and serve within it right up to Christmas Eve.

After the Christmas period we headed to Papua New Guinea for the next part of our outreach. We spent seven weeks in the country and were able to pack so much into this time and connect with so many communities.

Some of the stand-out stories for me from this outreach were:

- After we showed a movie about gender-based violence in one of the villages we visited, a man with a passion to see change for the women in his community had the idea to create a safe house for those women in violent marriages so that they would have somewhere to go. I look forward to seeing how this goes during future visits.
 - Seeing my team come together, organise programmes, speak on various topics and even overcome some of their own fears.
 - Being able to go back to one village and reconnect with a friend I had made there and see her bring her two-month-old in for her first injections.
 - Speaking to young girls in a school in Western Province, hearing their hopes for the future and being able to encourage them in these.
- Overall, staffing this DTS has been such an amazing experience and I look forward to being a part of more schools in the future. Being able to walk alongside the students in the school as they discovered new things about God and the bible, and then take

what they learnt and apply it on outreach, was really special.

If you want to know more, never hesitate to reach out. I've only covered a small snippet of the last few months so I would love to answer any other questions you may have.

God Bless, Donna.

Supporting Donna and her work

If you would like to support Donna 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.

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You can also donate through PayPal using the following link: <https://www.paypal.me/donnageary1533>. If you would prefer to donate in another way, please email Donna at donnainmissions@gmail.com.

Coffee Morning in Ballybay

The next coffee morning in Ballybay will be held on Tuesday 9th May in the Parish Hall from 11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. All parishioners and friends welcome!

Easter Vestry results

– Ballybay

The 2023 Easter Vestry meeting for Ballybay Parish was held on Monday 27th March. The following appointments / elections were made at same:

Incumbent's Churchwarden: Lucas Gray

People's Churchwarden: Stanley Moffett

People's Glebewarden: Elizabeth Gray

Members of the Select Vestry:

Joseph Crawford

Julie Crawford

Gary Dixon

Anne Gray

Jean Lancaster
 Elaine McKenna
 Astrid Moffett
 Tanya Pratt
 Rev. James Stevenson

At a subsequent meeting of the Select Vestry, Tanya Pratt was elected as secretary and Joseph Crawford was elected as treasurer.

In addition, as 2023 is a triennial year, the following were also elected:

A Parochial Nominator: Gary Dixon
 A Diocesan Synodsperson: Julie Crawford
 A Supplemental Parochial Nominator: Julie Crawford
 A Supplemental Diocesan Synodsperson: Elaine McKenna

Flower arranging demonstration in Clontibret

A very sincere thank you to all who contributed to our flower demonstration in Clontibret on 27th March. The event was very well supported and, following the demonstration, everyone enjoyed the opportunity to have a good chat over a lovely supper. We are indebted to our friends, Bridie McCadam and Bríd Clerkin, from “Monaghan Flower and Garden Club” for entertaining us, sharing their expertise and knowledge, and giving some lucky supporters the opportunity to go home with a beautiful arrangement. Jennifer Leathem

“Gift Day” in Ballybay

Ballybay Select Vestry has decided to hold a “Gift Day” to raise much needed funds for the parish. Funding has recently been received which will enable the parish to replace the existing windows and doors in the hall, but this will not cover other



The recent flower arranging demonstration in Clontibret.



associated works such as plastering. In addition, the sound system needs to be replaced / upgraded and the organ has to be repaired. Furthermore, the stonework near the main door of the church was recently restored and must be paid for. It would be greatly appreciated if those who wish to contribute to the “Gift Day” could forward their donation to Joseph Crawford, Main Street Ballybay, by Sunday 28th May (Pentecost Sunday).

Email

If you have an email address and would like to receive emails relating to our group of parishes, please speak to the Rector.

Prayers

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

Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh



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Easter services - Maundy Thursday

We began on Maundy Thursday with a light supper in the St Finbarr’s Carrickmacross followed by a service of the ‘Stripping of the Altar’. It was an occasion where we enjoyed fellowship around tables adorned with simple by quality food, but finished the evening in barren quietness, reflecting on the abandonment faced by Jesus among his friends. Many thanks to all who contributed in different ways to make the evening possible and so meaningful.

Good Friday

Moving onto Good Friday where we gathered for two services, noon in St Molua’s Magheracloone, and 7.30pm St Patrick’s, Ardragh. The services gave us time to reconsider the price paid for us

which can never be fully appreciated this side of Glory.

Stuck in Saturday

“It’s Friday but Sunday’s coming” is a powerful sermon by pastor S. M. Lockridge which has been used and adapted by many famous preachers over the years. However, it excludes Saturday. There was no smooth transition from Friday to Sunday for the first disciples and for us today there is still Saturday to go through. For the first disciples it was a time of grief, dismay, loneliness, unknowing. They had been prepared to expect the Sunday event, but they still had to work through the rawness of Saturday which is part of us all. For this reason, this year as part our Easter services we had a time together in St Finbarr’s 10am on the Saturday between Good Friday and Easter



The baptism for the Sweetnam family.



Collecting for the Daffodil Society.



Sunday. Called it Stuck In Saturday, a space to be honest and acknowledge that although we have faith we can get stuck in a place between pain, questioning, uncertainty and a time of getting through to the other side.

Dawn Service

Many thanks to all who gathered together in God's Acre Carrickmacross to witness the rising sun and celebrate the risen Son.

Easter Sunday

In all three churches we heard the proclamation that Christ had Risen. It was a special time of remembering the change that the resurrection of Christ brings to all creation. Many thanks to all who brought vibrance to the occasion with magnificent floral displays.

Various local charities

Since arriving in Carrickmacross I have been able to attend various functions and events that have helped me to get involved with the wider community. At Carrickmacross Emmets, I was delighted to attend a special evening celebrating 40 years of the annual Christmas Day swim in aid of local charities. There was a real sense of support and passion for the team, the club and the area of Carrickmacross, with commitment from young and old alike. There is a

chance, that God willing on Christmas Day 2023, the stories of Nessie gliding through the waters of Loch Ness will be overshadowed by a new Scottish Swimming Sensation. (Is walking on the water allowed?)

Carrickmacross Cancer Society - Another opportunity to draw alongside the local community by attending the annual general meeting of the Carrickmacross Cancer society. The scale of work done by such a wide range of people with varying gifts and talents was extraordinary. A few weeks after the meeting, was the annual Daffodil Day when volunteers helped to collect from a generous public to raise funds for and awareness of the Irish Cancer Society. I was pleased to meet amazing people and help a wee bit on the day.

The Down Syndrome Centre North-East, known as 'A Place To Thrive' held an open day which was attended by various people from the Carrickmacross area. They cater for families with practical facilities, and support not always available and again I was delighted to attend.

A Great Occasion

First Palm Sunday, First Baptism. Truly a memorable service as we celebrated the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem with the cheering and excitement of the crowds to the extent of giving their all, in

adoration, the laying of their coats on the ground. Eoin Gordon Sweetnam received his baptism as he was warmly welcomed into the body of the church. As the two events were celebrated together, may Eoin live a life of giving his all for Christ in simple but profound ways. Huge thanks to Siobhan, Darren, Helena, Dara, other family members and the congregation for making it a great occasion.

Bible Studies

Thursday evenings beginning 20th April, going through Paul's Letters in the New Testament. Getting new people to come along to church can be daunting for the people involved, not really knowing what to expect, and often can have preconceived negative ideas. The 'church' primarily are the people not the building and therefore we can take the 'church' to where the people are. So, as well as a bible study in St Finbarr's Hall I will be holding a study in Markey's Bar, 'A Pondering Pint with Paul'. Obviously, alcohol is not the main thing, as the title suggests a time for Pondering on the riches of the bible and looking at the life of Paul in a setting where anyone may listen in on the chat. St Finbarr's Hall 7.30-8.30pm and Markey's Bar 8.45-9.45pm. **Prayer** is one of the most important parts of who we are, like breathing. As well as prayer itself we can learn different aspects



At God's Acre Cemetery on early Easter Sunday



St Patrick's day challenge in Carrickmacross in front of the viewing stand, during the Ireland v Scotland low hurdles. Photo finish great debate still continues as to who won.



During the Jewels evening.

to a prayer life. Commencing Sunday 16th April rotating between churches. St Patrick's 7.30pm.

Monaghan Collegiate

Had the delight of sharing at the Easter Service in Monaghan Collegiate. Spoke on the theme Stuck in Saturday using Lewis Capaldi's song Someone to Love as a bridge into the chat.

We have Recommended

Wednesday 10.30 Holy Communion with Fellowship Tea In St Finbarr's, Carrickmacross.

Jewels Women's Group get together

Thank you to the hosts and contributors

made the first meeting of the Jewels for a while a great evening. Long may they meet and prosper.

Carrickmacross Darkness into light

Saturday 6th May - 4.15am 5Km Run/Walk/Crawl. Founded in 2009 by psychologist Joan Freeman as a fundraiser in the Phoenix Park for Pieta House suicide prevention and counselling, 400 attended the first event while the 2017 event was attended by an estimated 150,000 participants at more than 150 locations. This will be my first experience of the walk joining other parishioners and wider community.



Welcoming the dawn on Easter Sunday.

Cleenish & Mullaghdun



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Canon Jen writes...

Holy Week and Easter proved to be busy and offered something of a baptism of fire as I was instituted just the week before Ash Wednesday. It was lovely to have the midweek services each week, with parishioners in both churches supporting those very well, and making me feel very welcomed to the parishes. March also saw my first Select Vestry meetings in both parishes and a chance to see how



Taking part in the Mothers' Day service.



things work. While styles of chairing differ between clergy I think as we get to know each other Select vestry meetings will run well. I always say that the first year in a parish is like baby's first year, ticking off milestones as we go along, and I'm looking forward to the next milestones which are Easter Vestries next week (at least, next week at the time of writing!). Easter also provided an opportunity for visiting the elderly and housebound in the parish as I visited with Holy Communion. It was lovely to visit so many people who have given so much to the parish in the

past and now find themselves unable, through age, sickness or infirmity, to come to church anymore. As the weather has warmed a little so I've enjoyed time in the garden, planting out pots and hanging baskets and this activity has served as a reminder of how the seasons turn and spring is in full flight but our God is never changing. We are loved by God through all the changes in our lives, in the words of a well known hymn, "thou changes not, thy compassions they fail not, as thou hast been thou forever wilt be."

Mothering Sunday

In Cleenish, Mothering Sunday was celebrated by all the ladies receiving a bookmark and a little treat. Kara-lily read one of the Lessons. Kara-lily and Kizzy had the pleasure of giving out the little gifts. In Mullaghduin the ladies were given a bookmark and treat and the children from the Sunday School said a poem together about their mums. Carson read one of the Lessons. They were also given a cupcake to give to their mums. Thank you to Canon Jen for arranging these gifts as thank you to all mothers, grandmothers, aunties and all other ladies who work with our young people.



Some of the Easter decorations.



The coffee morning in full flow in Mullaghduin Hall.

Easter Sunday

The Easter celebrations began with a Dawn Service at the Cleenish Centre, Bellanaleck, where Canon Jen celebrated Holy Communion. It was wonderful to see so many people there, including a few new faces. Canon Jen really enjoyed her first Dawn Service at the Cleenish Centre and was pleased to meet so many folk there. What a way to welcome Easter Day!! A welcome breakfast was served in the Centre afterwards which allowed the space to meet new people and chat. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to sort out everything from the sound system to the fire to the bacon and eggs!! A Service of Holy Communion was held in each parish, led by Canon Jen and assisted by Robert Watterson, Parish Reader, Mullaghduin and Rowena Sheridan, Parish Reader, Cleenish. Both churches were suitably decorated with Easter floral decorations by the dedicated floral arrangers in each parish. Many thanks to these volunteers who give their time and talents in decorating our churches.

for vulnerable children in the Wakiso district of Uganda. Thank-you to everyone who baked, made items for the craft stall, helped on the day, attended the Coffee Morning or sent donations. To date £1800 has been raised for University College Dublin Volunteers Overseas fund.

Bellanaleck Community Group

Moving on from last month's notes, the old quarry is a tremendous asset to those interested in the environment. It has the quarry face on its western side, the southern side is open to the mid-day sunshine, and the other two sides are reasonably protected from the prevailing winds. There is a wooden shelter ideally positioned to catch the midday sun, which all adds to a relaxing time in the garden. When leaving the garden turn right and continue walking past the trees to where the path continues along the Loughshore where there is an abundance of wild

flowers during the flowering seasons. Then pass the pedestrian gate into The Moorings Restaurant and follow the path before it enters the vehicular/pedestrian road gaining access to the main road. This length of road is subjected to a dispute at present, therefore be extra careful due to the vehicular/pedestrian mix. Should any assistance be required contact Owen Wilson (Secretary) Tel: 02866349602 or Bellanaleck on Facebook.

Dates for the Diary!!

A Barbecue and Dance will be held in Mullaghduin Hall on Friday 23rd June 2023 at 8.00pm. Music by Curtis Magee. Tickets will be available shortly for this event.

Best wishes

Our best wishes to Parishioners who are unwell at present.

Mothers' Union

Members were busy during April attending Visitors' Evenings, including our own, when Canon Jen shared her experiences of her visit to Kenya. We are looking forward to attending the MU Festival Service in Monaghan on 19th May and we will not have a Branch Meeting that week.

Coffee Morning in Mullaghduin

A Coffee Morning hosted by Victoria Watterson was held in Mullaghduin Church Hall on Saturday 18th March. Victoria is volunteering as a student physiotherapist to provide paediatric physiotherapy care



Mothers' Day gifts.



Lough Erne and the marina at Bellanaleck.

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.

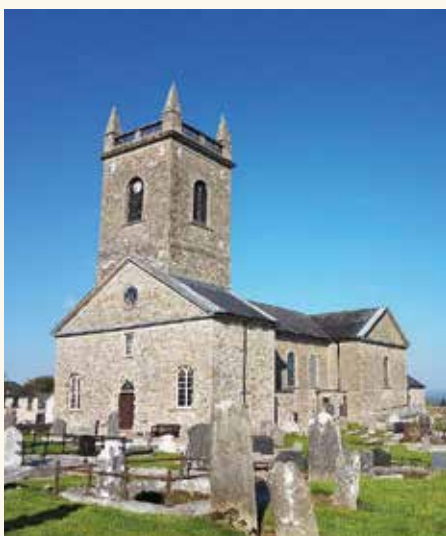
Diocesan Pastoral Assistant:
Miss Isobel Stewart

Mrs Hilary Keys at York Minster

Congratulations are extended to Mrs Hilary Keys on receiving her Maundy Money from King Charles III on Holy Thursday. Mrs Keys accompanied by her daughter, Mrs Rachel Robinson attended the ceremony in York Minster along with Mr Paddy Maguire from Enniskillen. Mrs Keys said she deemed it a great honour to have been nominated by Bishop Ellis to receive the award. Mrs Keys was Parish Recorder for 45 years and has served the parish as a churchwarden, synodsperson and parochial nominator. She was also one of the principal organisers of the 'Stitch, Knit and Natter' group that created the much admired model cathedral.

Westway Films and the Scottish Bishops

Westway Films have visited Clogher Cathedral to make a documentary on the two Scottish bishops who came to the Diocese of Clogher at the time of the



Mrs Hilary Keys and Mr. Paddy Maguire, the two nominees from Clogher Diocese attending the Maundy Thursday service in York Minster.

Plantation of Ulster. They were interested in Bishop George Montgomery who occupied the See from 1605 to 1621 and his successor, James Spottiswood, bishop from 1621 until 1645. Montgomery was a pluralist and held Derry and Raphoe along with Clogher. Spottiswood was responsible for the rebuilding of the cathedral in 1628 and the datestone of this building with his initials engraved thereon is preserved in the present cathedral. The Archive Room holds a scarce copy of his 'lyfe and tryals'. Spottiswood, who was buried in Westminster Abbey was a brother of John Spottiswood, the Scottish archbishop who crowned Charles I at Holyrood. There are portraits of both Montgomery and Spottiswood in the collection of portraits in the cathedral.

Easter Sunday

A service of Holy Communion was held in the Cathedral on Easter Sunday. The service was conducted by the Revd Alison Irvine and Bishop Ian Ellis, who was the celebrant, also preached the sermon. He used the 3 "p"s – powerful, pledge and presence to convey the essential message of the Easter story. Mr Harry Alexander sang "Jerusalem" with the Cathedral choir joining in the choruses. Mrs Diane Simpson played the organ and was also the accompanist for the anthem.

Easter Egg Hunt

A very successful Easter Egg Hunt was held on Easter Monday in Knockmany Forest. The event was very well supported by the whole community. Despite the damp conditions everyone enjoyed the hunt and the tea afterwards. Special thanks to Julie and Heather who were responsible for all the arrangements. Thanks also to everyone who helped on the day. A very good sum was raised for Sunday School funds.

Model Cathedral

Two groups of ladies are visiting the Cathedral in April to view the 'Model Cathedral'. They are Lisbellaw Mothers' Union and a group of ladies from Dungannon. Mr Jack Johnston will give a talk on the history of the Cathedral of St. Macartan to the ladies from Lisbellaw. The Model is on view in the Cathedral all the time. If anyone would like to view it please contact either of these numbers. 02885548 885/07901768842/07835977904.

Augher

Baby Isaac, the son of Ashley and Tracey McFarland, was baptised on Sunday 2 April by Revd Alison Irvine, His godparents were Lee McFarland and Victoria Gourley. We wish Isaac, his parents and brother Alfie every blessing in the future.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

Sunday 7th May

Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion
Newbliss 11.30am (in Hall): Holy Communion

Sunday 14th May

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

Sunday 21st May

Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer
Newbliss 11.30am (in Hall): Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th May

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

Newbliss Church temporarily closed

Following a fall of plaster from the ceiling we have had to close Newbliss Church until we carry out some safety repairs. For now, Sunday services will take place in the church hall instead.

St. Tighernach's Day Celebration

People from across the community came together on 4 April 2023 in St. Tighernach's Church of Ireland for their annual celebration of "The Clones Saint". The service was organised by the Clones Community Forum and expertly led by our own Walter Pringle, with music provided by The Graham Memorial Clontibret Pipe Band and the "Different Keys" Clones Community Choir. Local guide George Knight shared some of his wide historical knowledge during the service, and Bishop Ian Ellis gave a devotional address. Afterwards we held a torch-lit procession to the round tower graveyard, where we gathered around the sarcophagus of St Tighernach for prayer and listened as the pipes sang out the melody of 'Amazing Grace'. To end what was a lovely evening,

all retired to the Cassandra Hand Centre for delicious refreshments and hot tea.

Baptism

We were delighted to welcome into the Church family baby Adam Genoe, son of Jason and Jenny, as well as a little brother to Amy who was baptised in Killeevan on 23 April. This date was also the birthday of his grandfather, William, a much-loved and long-standing parishioner who served for many years as a Church Warden in Killeevan. It was a day of great celebration, and we pray that the Lord will bless Adam and his family richly as they walk onwards in faith.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union met on Wednesday 26th April at 8.00pm in Killeevan. A great time was had by all present as Roberta McConkey showed members how to use recycled materials such as cards or paper to make a host of lovely new items. This meeting was the last here until September – but all our MU members are invited to a festival service in St Patrick's Monaghan on Friday 19 May at 8.00pm when we will offer our Worldwide and Relief Fund donation.

Annual General Vestry meetings

These were/are to be held as follows: Newbliss (28 March), Clones (17 April), Currin (27 April) and Killeevan (2 May). It was good to see all who attended, and our thanks go to those who have been elected for service over the coming year in the different churches of our Group. Joint Group Services in April Over the Holy Week / Easter period we held a number of much appreciated Joint Group Services. On Palm Sunday we gathered together and listened in silence to the Passion Gospel in Clones; on Good Friday we sat together for a deeply moving service of music and meditation in Newbliss; on Easter Sunday we celebrated together the joy of the resurrection in Killeevan; and on the final Sunday in April we joined together for our usual rotating 5th-Sunday-in-the-month joint worship, this time in Scotshouse. Throughout these services, the music was led by our dedicated organists along with the beautiful singing of our joint choir members, and our thanks go to them all – as well as to the Rector, and to the many other parishioners who took part.

Garden Party in Hilton Park

The Madden family will be holding a garden party in aid of the Cavan-Monaghan Hospital Cancer and Oncology



Department on Sunday 21 May from 2.30 – 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.

Coffee/Tea morning and light lunch at Bishopscourt

The County Monaghan Church of Ireland Children's Society (formerly The County Monaghan Protestant Orphan Society) will be holding a Coffee/Tea morning (which will include a light lunch) at the home of Mrs Miriam Moore, Bishopscourt, Clones H23 R773 on Friday 26th May from 10.30am – 2.00pm. There will be a plant and cake stall, and Mr George Knight will give a fascinating historical talk at 12 noon. All are invited, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at what promises to be a lovely occasion.

Clones Family Resource Centre Information

Low-Cost Counselling / Psychotherapy Service

The above service is available for adults and young people from 13 to 18 years of age in the Clones Family Resource Centre. This confidential service is only a phone call away. All our counsellors are professionally qualified and registered with IACP or BACP. Prompt appointments are offered, and may be either face to face or by telephone as preferred – with no waiting lists. For further information or to make an appointment call Angela on 047 52919 or mobile 086 1785710. This service is supported by Tusla, Child and Family Agency.

Panic Buttons for older people

If you are aged 66 or over and are interested in applying for a Panic Button under the SAS Pobal scheme please contact Anne Davey, Clones Family Resource Centre on 047 52919 for more information or to make your application. Areas covered include Clones, Smithboro, Newbliss, Drum, and Scotshouse. The Panic Buttons can be used with either landlines or mobiles – and different charges apply.

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Services

MAY

7th - Holy Communion 11.30am
14th - Family Service 11.30am
21st - Morning Prayer 11.30am
28th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

JUNE

4th - Holy Communion 11.30am
11th - Family Service 11.30am
11th - Orange Service 7.00pm
18th - Confirmation Service 11.30am
25th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

Christian Baptism

William Kenneth James Reid, son of James and Joy, Kesh.

Coronation

Before you read these notes, the Coronation of King Charles III will have taken place in Westminster. The commentary, before and after, undoubtedly focuses on the positive and on the negative, on the historical links with our past, and of history being made. So much will be made of who is in attendance on the day, who does what, where they are seated etc. The importance of the Christian aspect of the service will be all but lost within the media coverage. While



we acknowledge allegiance to Charles as King of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, the Commonwealth, and other overseas dominions, let us not forget the sovereignty of God under whom kings and queens' rule. *"Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God."* Romans 13: 1. Our true allegiance is to the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ to whom one day every knee will bow, and every tongue confess that He is Lord. *"...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* Philippians 2: 10 – 11. Let us hold the King and his family in our prayers, praying for wisdom and godly leadership, and that the bible will be the rule and guide of his faith and practice and in all things he will seek its counsel and provide encourage whereby we may see again a nation devoted to God and His word of truth.

Easter General Vestry

This took place prior to Easter with a few changes in the triennial office elections. The Hon. Treasurer presented the financial report for the year end 2022, which was favourably received

and approved by those present. Sincere thanks were extended to those who had served faithfully over the years and had taken a step back. On the Sunday morning after, prayers were offered for the members of the Select Vestry and everyone who has a role within church life. Please continue to keep all in your prayers going forward.

Spring Clean-up

At the beginning of April, the annual spring clean of the hall and grounds took place, with a good number of parishioners coming along to help, within and without. The rain had a positive result in that it kept the dust from getting into eyes as they swept around the walls. It was certainly noticeable the difference it has made. It has often been said that many hands make light work, though the thinking is that many vehicles and equipment must have a similar saying.

Women's Fellowship

A very encouraging and enlightening presentation from Alison Brown on the 'Garden to the Cross', which resonated with those present especially coming up to Easter, and hope we have in Christ. The next get together is the Fellowship meal in May of which everyone is looking forward to. Sincere thanks to the outgoing committee, Jean Anne, Barbara for all that



Presentations are made to Mervyn and Barbara.





they have done and a warm welcome to the new committee, Doreen, Edith, and Clare.

Presentation

On Easter Sunday morning on behalf of the parish family, the churchwardens, and glebewardens presented gifts to Mervyn and Barbara who stepped down from the role of sexton at the end of 2022. A small token of appreciation from the parish for all that they and their family have done throughout the years, much of which went unseen.

Young at Heart

The pottery class has finished, and some wonderful creations were shaped, and painted. Well done to all who participated it was wonderful time of fun and creativity.

Thanks again to those who organised these classes for members. At the end of March members surprised the chair, Gertie and Robert with a cake marking their 50th wedding anniversary.

Bowling Club

Club members have been engaged in the club singles and doubles competitions. The singles saw many closely contested matches, with some surprises, with the overall winner being Nelson. The doubles competition turned up some exciting play with some reaching the semi-finals in closely run games only to have been given an early shower. The Doubles final proved to be just as exciting for those watching, while those playing aimed for overall victory. The doubles were won by Nelson Kilfedder and Jean Woods, just



The party at Young at Heart.

marginally beating Isobel Kilfedder and Gladys Ewing.

Crosslinks

As we look forward to having Trevor with us on the 14th May to give us an update on his work within Crosslinks, please plan to come along. Our support to the Watson's through Crosslinks is a part of our missional outreach and one that we support annually as a church family.

Dates for the diary

- Local Lodges Anniversary Service 11th June 2023 – 7.00pm
- Confirmation 18th June 2023 – 11.30am
- Parish Sizzlers/burgers 22nd July 2023
- Harvest Weekend 6th – 8th October 2023

Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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Sunday Worship

Sunday 14th May

(special singers at each service)
10.30am Derryvullen North, Informal Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism
11.45am Castle Archdale, Informal Morning Prayer

Sunday 21st May

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

Sunday 28th May (Pentecost)

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

Sunday 4th June (Trinity Sunday)

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

Confirmation

The Bishop will administer the Rite of Confirmation and preside at the candidates' First Communion on Sunday 11th June at 11.00am in Derryvullen North Church. On that day there will be an earlier than usual Service of Morning Prayer in Castle Archdale at 9.00am.

Easter in our parishes

It was wonderful to see such good crowds of people attend each of our churches for the Easter Worship and to enjoy the beautiful decorations that proclaimed the life of God all around us and especially the Resurrection Life of Christ.

Derryvullen North at Easter - Thank you to all our decorators, to Rachel and David who provided the music, to Alice for the solo, to the choir for the anthems during communion and to Amanda for the



Easter in Derrylvullen North.



Easter in Castle Archdale.

reading and assisting with the distribution of the sacrament.

Castle Archdale at Easter - Thank you to all our decorators, to Billy for the music, to the Singing Group for "Because he lives" and to Sylvia for assisting in the distribution of the Sacrament. We were joined by several families on holiday in the area and it was good to share fellowship with them

An Easter reflection

The message of the resurrection of Jesus is one of hope, victory, and life. It reminds us that even in the face of the most difficult and trying circumstances, we can find strength and encouragement in knowing that death has been conquered and that new life is possible. As we deal with the issues of life - illness, loss, or uncertainty -

we can take comfort in the fact that Jesus has gone before us and paved the way. His resurrection assures us that we too can experience new life and that nothing, not even death, has the final say. The resurrection of Jesus also reminds us of the power of God to overcome even the most difficult of situations. It speaks of God's love and grace, and is a witness to his faithfulness and goodness.

Dernasesk Old School

The Rector was invited to lead the Meeting on the evening of Palm Sunday 2nd April in Dernasesk Old School. The special singing was by Derrylvullen North parishioners Marion Faris, Iris Robinson and Carol Clarke with David McDowell. It was great to see the Room packed to capacity and to see everyone enjoying themselves and having time to linger and chat over a lovely supper. Well done to those who keep the place looking so well

Shoppers' Service

The April Service was held on Wednesday 12th in the Parish Centre, Irvinestown. Richard McGonigle kindly provided the music on the guitar, Marion Faris did the Bible reading and Iris Robinson assisted with the distribution of holy communion. As this was within the Easter Octave we focused very much on the Resurrection of our Lord and how he is experienced and known by us today. We also enjoyed a time to chat and share in a cuppa. The next Service will be Wednesday 10th May.

Boys' Brigade Display

The BB held their end of season Display yesterday evening - the first one since

2019! It was a great evening and it was wonderful to see a packed hall and there are photos of the occasion available on the Rector's Facebook page. The Inspecting Officer was Nigel Booth of 1st Fintona BB.

Thank you and well done to Captain Joe, the Leaders, Boys, parents and friends for all the commitment to the BB.

Castle Archdale Gift Day

Our work and planning for the new Parish Room is continuing (the planning and heritage phase is currently progressing behind the scenes) and the Select Vestry held a special Gift Day on 9th April to support the development. Envelopes were distributed to subscribing parishioners and we are very appreciative of any support that may be given – donations may be made either anonymously or people may state their name on the envelope and if they already Gift Aid their donations, then any donation



Dernasesk Old School.



Anchor Boys at the BB display.

made for the gift day will also be Gift Aided too. Anyone who is not currently a subscriber to the Church may also make a donation if they wish this too may be made anonymously or Gift Aided. It is important to remember that Gift Aid is a way to increase a donation at no expense to yourself.

Mothers' Union

The members met following the Lenten Service on Wednesday 22nd March. After some refreshments there was a short presentation using a video of some aspects of the history and experiences of WW2 in our locality. There was a display of photos kindly loaned by Breege McCusker, our local well known historian, and also some artefacts of the era kindly by Raymond Scott. Our thanks to each them. The evening ended with a short business meeting and closing devotions.

Looking back at Lent

Throughout Lent we examined the studies "The Messiah Mystery – following the clues" and focused on the prophecies and promises of the coming Messiah in the Old Testament, as well as the fulfilment of those prophecies in the New Testament. The word "Messiah" is from Hebrew and is the equivalent of "Christ" which is from the Greek – both words mean "Anointed One" and are titles of Jesus. We covered a variety of topics,



The Mothers' Union meeting about WW2.

including the birth of Jesus, his ministry and teachings, his death and resurrection, and his ultimate return. Overall, this series was aimed at helping us deepen our understanding and appreciation of Jesus Christ as the promised Messiah and Saviour of the world.

Derryvullen South and Garvary

Vacant:

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

Services

Sunday 7 May

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

Sunday 14 May

10.30am – Holy Communion Derryvullen South
12 Noon – Holy Communion Garvary

Sunday 21 May

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

Sunday 28 May

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

Garvary

Parish Auction

The parish auction took place on Saturday, 25 March and proved to be a successful venture with over £4,000 being raised



Easter at Garvary church services.



Garvary Sunday School Easter egg count/hunt decorating and the story of Easter.

for church funds. We wish to express our thanks to all those people who helped with the setting up of the hall, all those who donated items for the sale and those who assisted at the auction itself.

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.

Devenish & Boho



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Services

Sunday 7th May 2023

10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 14th May 2023

10.00 am Morning Prayer Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 21st May 2023

10.00 am Morning Prayer Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 28th May 2023

10.00 am Family Service Boho Parish Church

11.30am Family Service Devenish Parish Church.

Confirmation Service Sunday

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

Burials

■ 30th March 2023 - Margaret Sarah (Peggy) Cathcart, late of the Tilery Nursing Home and formerly of Drumsillagh, Enniskillen. The Funeral Service was in Ballycassidy Funeral Home. Burial was in Devenish Parish Churchyard.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Peggy's sons Ian and Malcolm, daughter Joan and the wider family circle.

■ 11th April 2023 - George Edward Gott, 293 Derrygonnelly Road, Monea, Enniskillen. The Funeral Service was held in Enniskillen Free Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Devenish Parish Churchyard.



Sunrise at Lough Navar Viewpoint on Easter Morning.

We extend our deepest sympathy to George's wife Diannah, daughters Catherine, Tori, Alexandra, son William and sisters Florence, Betty, Evelyn, Amy and the wider family circle.

Baptism

■ Saturday 15th April 2023 in Devenish Parish Church; Chester Welsh, son of Thomas and Sarah Welsh.

We wish God's blessing on Chester, his parents and Godparents.

Mothers' Union

At our meeting on 12th April, Pearl, Branch Leader, welcomed those present and led us in prayer remembering everyone in our community who had been bereaved, especially the Corrigan and Gott families. Joan read a passage of scripture from

Matthew Chapter 25. Pearl then introduced our speaker, Karen Harron. Karen thanked Pearl for giving her the opportunity to speak on the benefits of using Tropic Skincare products, which use the very best in green skincare science as well as organic plants, fruits, and flowers. Tropic financially support several charities and as a Christian, Karen said this was very important to her. Karen treated one of our members to a lovely facial and at each stage spoke about the Tropic product she was using before passing it round. A vote of thanks was proposed by Pearl. Members were asked to attend the Area Service on Friday 19th May 2023 at 8pm in St. Patrick's Church, Monaghan. Please contact Pearl or Carole if you need transport.



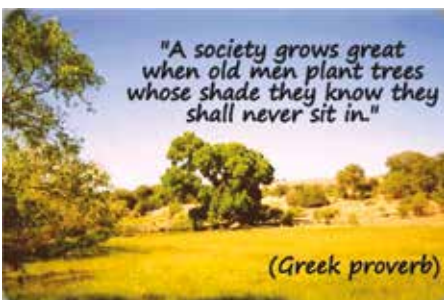
Donacavey and Barr



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Services

Sunday, 7th May

Barr: 10.00am Coronation Service
Celebrations

Donacavey: 11.30am Coronation Service
Celebrations

Sunday, 14th May

Barr: 10.00am Holy Communion

Donacavey: 11.30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 21st May

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer.

Donacavey: 11.30am Morning Prayer.

Sunday, 28th May

Barr: 10.00am Holy Communion.

Donacavey: 11.30am Holy Communion



Tree planting in the church grounds.



Augharonan Pipes and Drums members on their walk at Cuilcagh.

COLLECT OF THE WORD FOR 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Everliving God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life:
give us grace to love one another,
to follow in the way of his commandments
and to share his risen life;
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Indoor bowls

We are playing on a Thursday night and are always looking for new members. This is always a fun evening and a great way to catch up with friends. A cup of tea is served and this is always very welcome. Come along and give it a go.



At the Leprosy Mission meeting.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Services

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

Sunday 14th May The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – Morning Prayer (Order 1) with Anglican Chant, Hymns, Sermon and Sunday School

12noon St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh – The Holy Communion (Order 1) with Hymns and Sermon.

Sunday 21st May The Seventh Sunday of Easter

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – Confirmation with The Holy Communion. Bishop Ian Ellis Presiding and Preaching

Sunday 28th May Whitsunday – Pentecost

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough –



The Girls' Brigade Display.

Eucharist for Pentecost with Hymns and All Age Sermon

12noon St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh – The Holy Communion (Order 1) with Hymns and Sermon.

Sunday 4th June Trinity Sunday

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

St Patrick's Day Community Pilgrimage Walk

To mark the feast day of our nation's Patron Saint we held a Community Pilgrimage Walk. We met in the grounds of St Salvator's at 11am on 17th March on a dry, warm (and very humid) early spring morning for a short Prayer Service before heading off with our friends and neighbours (made up of parishioners from the Donagh Group, St Mary's, Glennan and members of the congregation from Glennan Presbyterian Church) for the first leg of our ecumenical pilgrimage. The drumlins of north Monaghan proved a stern challenge for those of us who operate

optimally on flatter terrain and we were very glad to reach Glennan Presbyterian Church where we were greeted by some of the elders who led us in a brief moment of prayer (and breath catching!) before we set off on stage two of our pilgrimage. Fortunately stage two was less challenging for the more cholesteroly compromised among us and we were greeted at St Mary's by Fr Hubert fresh from Mass at Corracrin who joined us on our final leg (for some of us this was quite literal!). Somehow the knowledge that homemade soup, brown bread and Eunice's coffee cake awaited us back at the Parochial Hall in the village gave us a second wind. The hospitality and the craic was



The Palm Sunday procession and the outdoor service on Easter Sunday.





Enjoying the table quiz for Billis NS.

mighty. Thank you to: Ron and the local motorcycle club that arranged outriders to keep us safe along the way; the Oakland Community Centre who provided the facilities and person power for making the vegetable soup; the ladies who baked the bread, readied the hall, served and tidied; to George for the health and safety announcements; to God (and Eunice) for the existence of coffee cake. I think it is safe to say that we all enjoyed ourselves and an annual community event has just been established.

Mothering Sunday

Thank you to our Sunday School for the beautiful potted bulbs that were given to everyone after church to celebrate Mothering Sunday.

Billis National School

Our wonderful National School's PTA held a table quiz (by generous permission in the splendid hall of Ballyalbanny Presbyterian Church) on Friday 24th March. Billis NS may be relatively small in number but we are truly blessed by the support which our school gets from parents, ex pupils, friends and neighbours. An astonishing €4500 was raised towards the setting up of an afterschool club. Congratulations to Marina and her enthusiastic team from the PTA, Diane and the ever supportive BOM and our magnificent Principal Ruth and her colleagues. Our convivial quiz master Councillor David Maxwell was his usual



warm and wonderful self and a great night was had by all.

All Age Family Service

On Sunday 26th March we had our monthly All Age Family Service when Revd Tim is joined by children from the Sunday School who help in the reading of Morning Prayer for Use on Sunday. It is wonderful to note how confident the children are becoming in helping to read the words of the confession, the introduction to the readings, the intercessions and the thanksgivings. Thank you to all the Sunday School children who help Revd Tim each month and to the mummies, daddies and grandparents who oversee the home practice...and not forgetting our fantastic Sunday School teachers who coordinate it all.

Easter General Vestries

The first of our Easter General Vestries was held on Monday 27th March in the home of Wilfie and Elizabeth Garland. A big thank you to them for their generous hospitality in their beautiful home; it is wonderful to have our oldest parishioner and vestry member present at our meetings. Thank you to everyone who prepared sandwiches, baked cakes and scones and blessed be she (or he) who made one of the great culinary proofs of the goodness of God: Fifteens.

Our second Easter General Vestry was held in Donagh Parochial Hall on Tuesday

28th March where the greatest controversy was caused by speculation over what "added extra" Mr Ron Kendrick puts in his sausage meat to give his sausage rolls that extra special flavour kick. It was eventually decided that Revd Tim's hypothesis of the addition of Onion Relish had much to commend it and it was agreed that as he looks like he has had a great deal of experience with savoury pastries that Revd Tim is unquestionably in a position of some eminence in this field and most likely correct in this instance. Revd Tim, diligent to a fault, continued to investigate the matter even as tables and chairs were being stacked away around him.

Thank you to everyone who participated in these important meetings and our appreciation to those who continue to serve our parishes on the Select Vestries and to those office holders who do so much to ensure the smooth running of our parishes: you are a joy and a delight to work with.

Confirmation Class

Seven children (six parishioners and one from a nearby parish) were prepared by Revd Tim for confirmation during Lent. The final Class was held on Thursday 30th March in the Rectory which has already entered into parish lore due to Revd Tim's wee dog, Crispi, getting a little too excited on the last night and leaving everyone gasping for fresh air and Revd Tim rushing for the poo bags and Febreze. As well as the six classes the confirmation candidates were given three podcasts each week to help them think a little more deeply about the faith of the church and what it might mean for them to grow in faith and they grow into young adulthood. Thank you to the candidates for being such good fun and to the Safeguarding Aunties Maureen, Jean, Gwen and Robert (he was auntie Bob for a night) with his wonderful assistant Victoria. Bishop Ian will be confirming our candidates on Sunday 21st May at 10.30am in St Salvator's.



Crispi, the Rector's pet having fun.



Girls' Brigade Display at Donagh.

Girls' Brigade Display

It has been wonderful to be able to leave the era of lockdowns behind us and to be able to celebrate those things which we once took for granted. The Donagh Company has had a wonderful return after Covid as evidenced by the variety of activities that appeared in the photo reel projected on the wall before this year's GB display held in Donagh Parochial Hall on Wednesday 29th March at 7pm. The talents on display on the night were rich and varied. This year's display was a bitter-sweet one as it marked the final display of six girls who have been members of the company for the past 12 years. The girls will be missed but the company is in good health, blessed as it was this year with a number of fantastic new leaders coming forward to carry out this exceptional ministry with the young girls and teenage girls of our parish and our neighbouring sister churches. A special word of thanks must be given to Captain Margaret Dudgeon whose dedication and commitment to her ministry with our girls over such an extended period has made her synonymous with the GB in Donagh:

Margaret you are a gem! A fantastic display full of fun and very happy girls and leaders.

Holy Week and Easter

We began our celebration of Holy Week with our Palm procession through Glaslough village on Passion Sunday before we had a dramatised reading of the Passion Gospel read by Marina Waller, Eileen Fielding and Rachel Dudgeon with the congregation standing up to lustily shout their lines. Thursday 6th March at 8pm marked the beginning of The Three Days of Easter and found us gathered in St Sillian's, Tyholland for the Last Supper, the Maundy (an act of recommitment to Service in response to our Lord's washing of his disciples' feet), the stripping of the altar and the Watch in the Garden of Gethsemane. Good Friday found us gathered at the foot of the cross in St Salvator's, Glaslough for The Liturgy of the Passion. On Easter Day we gathered among the tombs in the churchyard at St Salvator's for the kindling of the Easter fire, the lighting of the Easter candle (beautifully decorated for us by Marina and the Sunday School children) before we processed into church to hear

the story of the Israelites flight across the Red Sea, read for us in dramatic form by Jack, Daniel, Eve and Matthew, four of our confirmation candidates. After this the Exsultet was said before the resurrection of Christ was announced, accompanied by a banging of pots and pans and hammering of pews. The Choir lead us in Archdeacon Peter Thompsson's beautiful Armagh Setting of the Gloria (which we will now sing at each Sunday celebration of the Holy Communion) and Jessica read the epistle for us. As our celebration of The Holy Communion Revd Tim was convinced that he heard activity in the church yard. On sending the children out to investigate, it was discovered that the Easter Bunny had come along to help us celebrate our Lord's resurrection. Our wonderful Junior choir had been practicing especially hard with Ethne McCord for a number of weeks before Holy Week and they sang beautifully on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Day. Special note must be made of Ethne and Jean's glorious Easter bonnets...I sense a tradition in need of reviving....



Activities in Donagh Group of Parishes over Easter.



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The Three Trees

Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when **the first tree** said, "Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty.

Then **the second tree** said, "Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take kings and queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull."

Finally, **the third tree** said, "I want to grow to be the tallest tree and straightest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will

always remember me."

After a few years of hoping that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to **the first tree** he said, "This looks like a strong tree. I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter." This made the first tree happy because he thought the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest.

At **the second tree**, a woodsman said, "This looks like a strong tree, I should be able to sell it to the shipyard." The second tree was happy because he thought he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship.

When the woodsmen came upon **the third tree** the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down, his dreams would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, "I don't need anything special from my tree so I'll take this one and cut it down.

When **the first tree** arrived at the carpenters, he was made into a feed-box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had dreamed.

The **second tree** was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship had come to an end.

The **third tree** was cut into pieces and left alone in the dark.

The years went by, and the trees forgot about their dreams. Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from **the first tree**. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and it knew that it had *held the greatest treasure of all time*.

Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from **the second tree**. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man, and he stood and said, "peace" and the storm

stopped. At this time, the tree *knew that it had carried the King of kings in its boat*. Finally, someone came and got **the third tree**. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they stopped, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the tree came to realise that this was *as close to God as was possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it*. Jesus was the one who made the difference – making each of the trees special. When we accept what he did on the cross for us and invite him into our lives we become born again and dependent on him (like a little child). He makes a difference in our lives and, like the three trees, we see it as such a privilege to have him in us (by his Spirit).



GFS and CLB Enrolment

Our GFS and CLB Enrolment was carried out during our Family Service on Palm Sunday. The GFS and CLB sang 'Our God is a great big God' and 'Faith as small as a mustard seed' after the Enrolment and the badges, etc were handed out after the service, while the congregation saw images of what they had been doing. Since the last Enrolment Service, held before Covid, the children worked towards badges in the various age groups. The GFS completed their GFS Knowledge Badge, Home Making Badge, Cookery, Bible Study and Photography Badges as well as completing their Bible Study Programmes each year. The CLB completed their games, nature, scripture and 'doing' badges.



GFS and Church Lads enrolment during the family service.





The Easter Sunday sunrise service on Pigeon Top and the new dawn on Easter Sunday.

Joint Services

It was great to be able to join with brothers and sisters in Christ from other



churches on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and for an Easter Sunrise Service on Pigeon Top. Revd Leah McKibben (Togherdoo Methodist) spoke about the love that Jesus showed by washing the disciples' feet, even the feet of Judas Iscariot. We as disciples of Jesus need to show love to others as Jesus has shown to us – even those who don't love us. On Good Friday we had a service of reflection using readings and hymns/songs to help us to focus on the cross and then finishing with a video of the crucifixion from the Miracle Maker to the song 'Oh, to see the dawn'. Revd Andrew used three words being with 'L' to remind us that the cross shows God's LOVE, and that God couldn't LEAVE our sins to go unpunished, but he took the punishment himself. As we accept what Jesus did on the cross, he then leaves us an example for how we should LIVE. As he went to the cross for us, we who follow, must dent ourselves and take up our crosses daily. Davie Graham spoke at our joint Easter Sunrise Service about John running to the tomb, but that it wasn't until he went in, that he saw and believed.



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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It is the time of year when the days are getting longer and we think about warmer weather. I wrote these notes on 12 April and by the time you get to read them



Evelyn Smith who led an Easter Crafts demonstration for members of Women Together.

I hope that the weather has improved significantly as summer was far away that day.

We are and will still be in the Season of Easter at the beginning of May and just as month follows month each season gives way to the next so the church year

progresses and having left the penitential season of Lent behind we should be filled with joy as we think about Easter and all that means to our lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

One thing that I did in my Easter sermon for a few years (although not this year)



Easter Sunday services.



was to quote our former bishop, now Archbishop John. This related to the greeting that is used in Holy Communion 2 in the Season of Easter. Archbishop John posed the question that when we use this greeting did we say the words with gusto and with hearts that were filled with joy (not his exact words but you get the gist of what I am trying to say). While we can only answer that question for ourselves I hope that everyone does have a sense of joy at this time of year as we remember particularly all that Easter means with regard to our faith. On Easter Sunday I posed the question **What if Easter did not exist** and shared some thoughts about the impact that would have on our faith and our lives. Of course Easter does exist and we should see that in our lives. We had our usual services over Easter with family services in Templecarne and Tubrid on Palm Sunday (I have included a couple of photos from the service in Tubrid when the Sunday School children took part in the service.

Women Together

Our ladies group continue to meet together and at the meeting in March Evelyn Smith gave a demonstration on Easter Craft and Flowers. I have included a photo from that meeting as well as a photo of an arrangement made that night which was on display in Templecarne for Easter. The April meeting which will have been held before you read these notes will take the form of a Pot Luck Supper and Silent Auction. In May the ladies visiting Innovations Beauty Salon on Tuesday 16 May. And they are also looking forward to their outing on 17 June when they will visit Cookstown.

Collection

We decided to provide an opportunity for parishioners to make a donation to help those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria recently. I was delighted when we raised over £1000 initially with a late donation bringing the total up to £1110 with £555 being given to Samaritan's

Purse and Open Doors to support their work among those affected by these natural disasters.

Diary

Sunday 7 May 2023

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 14 May 2023

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckcross, Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 21 May 2023

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 28 May 2023

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckcross, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

There will be no meeting in Dernasesk in May as the date we would normally meet is the weekend of the coronation of King Charles III and there is an open air service in Kesh that afternoon. We will meet as usual on 4 June when Canon Alan Irwin from our neighbouring parish of Colaghty will be the speaker.

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.



Celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

Aughnamullen

Our Annual Coffee morning and cake sale will be held on Saturday 13th May 10.30 am – 1pm in the schoolhouse. All are welcome. Thanks to Revd Margaret Pringle for conducting a very pleasant Easter Communion service on Easter Sunday morning.

Our sympathy goes to the Rev Abraham Storey and his family on the death of his brother Noel.

Best wishes to Cynthia Lightburn for a speedy recovery after her recent fall.



Celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

Aghabog

Social evening

Ematrix Group of parishes held a social evening in Aghabog Parish hall on March 17th which was very well supported. A big thank you to Walter and Rev Margaret Pringle for all the work they put into organising same, also a big thank you to all the people who helped and brought hot food, sandwiches, pastries etc. it was a good evening of singing hymns, prayers and fun quiz. Thank you to all the musicians who took part Angela, Sandy, Megan, Davy, Ruby and Andrew which added to the night. Donations on the night going towards the Bishop's Appeal.

Mothers' Union

Our Mothers' Union meeting was held in Rockcorry on Thursday 23rd March at 7.30pm. We were delighted to welcome Chrissie to the meeting and also Linda Keating. We were glad to see Emma Middletown return from her break



John Boyle with his wife Sadie celebrating his 90th birthday with neighbours and friends.

and during our meeting our secretary Shirley presented her with a small gift in recognition of all her work as branch leader in the past. Our grateful thanks to Lorna Soden who came along on the night and showed us how to do glass painting, everyone had a chance to paint their own jar. Our thanks to the ladies who served the supper, next meeting was arranged to be held in Drum as a closing service for the season on Thursday 27th April at 8pm.

Congratulations

Congratulations to John Boyle who recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

Prayers

Please remember in prayer those are ill in hospital or recovering at home from an illness.

Dartrey and Rockcorry Mothers' Union

Lorna Soden was the guest speaker

and demonstrator at a well - attended meeting of the Mothers' Union recently. Glass painting was the subject and the practical aspect of same was much enjoyed and appreciated by the members. Our grateful thanks to Lorna and to the ladies responsible for the lovely tea which was enjoyed by all.

"Friends are those rare people who ask how we are and then wait for an answer." Best wishes to all those who are unwell at home or in hospital.

Rockcorry School

We are looking forward to starting our final term of the school year. To start the term off, the senior room boys are playing a soccer blitz in the Monaghan Football grounds. We are looking forward to better weather and doing more outdoor learning this term.

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Services May 2023

Thursday 4th May:

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 7th May: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.00am - Holy Communion
 11.00am - Holy Communion

Thursday 11th May:

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 14th May: The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)

9.00am - Holy Communion
 11.00am - Morning Prayer

Thursday 18th May: Ascension Day

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 21st May: The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension)

9.00am - Holy Communion
 11.00am - Holy Communion

Thursday 25th May

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 28th May: The Day of Pentecost (WhitSunday)

9.00am - Holy Communion
 11.00am – Flower Festival Service



The Palm Sunday procession.

Holy Baptism

22nd April - Milo Charles Adam Morrell

Cremation

8th April - James Alexander Pratt, 26 Shankill Road Enniskillen.

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday we saw the biggest Palm Sunday procession ever! This truly set the scene for Holy Week. We are grateful to Matthew Hall for bringing his donkey, Tom.



and by Ms Karen Hargan, Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development. Since it had been four years since the previous awards had been given, there were many names included in the successive video clips of individual nominations. Among those nominated and highly-commended for the Championing Our Health and Wellbeing Award was the WHSCT Chaplaincy Team from across the entire Trust. Other awards were warmly acclaimed and welcomed across the Trust including in Social Care, Nursing Care, Surgery and the Pandemic Vaccination Campaign Team.

The final award of the afternoon was the Chair's Award which he gave to the Chaplaincy Team across all the Trust hospitals.

And as the Chair of the Trust gave his award - the final award - to the Chaplaincy Service, he mentioned several instances of what chaplains do and the appreciation that staff have and particularly during the Pandemic.

Included were Dean Kenny Hall and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly who represented the local SWAH team in receiving the Chair's Staff Recognition Award.

The Coronation of King Charles III

On 6th May His Majesty King Charles III will be crowned alongside Camilla, The Queen Consort, in Westminster Abbey. How can we pray for him, as he approaches this important event? Paul says: 'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions,



The Hospital Chaplaincy Awards. In the photo are; Mr Neil Guckian, Chief Executive WHSCT, Ms Anne Love, retired WHSCT Volunteer and Work Experience Manager, Mrs Donna Keenan, WHSCT Interim Executive Director of Nursing / Primary Care and Older People's Services.



Ladies Singles winner, Ruby Allen.



Men's Singles winner, George Irvine.



Pairs winners, Felice Fiamingo and Maud Shaw (Missing from the photo is Felice Fiamingo).



Triples winners, Ernie Vance, Felice Fiamingo and Ruby Allen (Missing from the photo is Felice Fiamingo).

prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.' (1 Timothy 2:1,2).

For God's presence – to guide every aspect of King Charles' life as he prepares for his Coronation and future roles. At his Accession, he was proclaimed Defender of the Faith, the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Charles has talked about 'the Sovereign's particular relationship and responsibility towards the Church of England – the Church in which my own faith is so deeply rooted.'

For God's wisdom – as he provides leadership that will honour God and promote the wellbeing of our society. King Solomon prayed for wisdom for himself: 'So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.' (1 Kings 3:9). For God's love – to strengthen all relationships within the Royal Family; for reconciliation, understanding, forgiveness and good communication.

For God's purpose – to be fulfilled through the work of the King and Queen and their family in the years to come. He has said: 'and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.'

A Prayer for the new King:
Everlasting God, we pray for our new King. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At St Macartin's Cathedral we will have a special service to mark the Coronation at 11.00am on Sunday 7th May. The special preacher will be the Bishop of Clogher. This will be followed by a Sunday Lunch in the Cathedral Hall.



The Dean handing over awards to winners of the bowling tournament.



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. Teas will be available all day for everyone. However lunches and evening meals need to be booked, to allow the catering team to prepare. 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.

Bowling Tournament

The mixed pairs tournament was held on the 20 and 21 March with an entry of 64 pairs. The finals were held on Wednesday 22 March with eight pairs returning. After supper, the Dean thanked all clubs for supporting the tournament and all club members for their help all week. The final was between Alan Graham and Lisa McVitty who played Kate Vance and Colin Short and the winners were Alan and Lisa. Dean Hall presented the prizes.

The club players had their own competitions and the winners were:
Ladies Singles' - Ruby Allen
Men's Singles - George Irvine
Pairs - Felice Fiamingo and Maud Shaw (Missing from the photo Felice Fiamingo)
Triples - Ernie Vance, Felice Fiamingo and Ruby Allen (Missing from the photo Felice Fiamingo)

Messy Church

The next Messy Church is on Thursday 18 May 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 11th May.

Sunday Lights (Sunday School)

Sunday Lights ended for the season on Sunday 23rd April with a Family Service and gift distribution for those

who attended. While Sunday School has ended for the summer, Church continues and it would be nice to see families (parents and children) worship together in the Cathedral. Sunday Lights will recommence with a Family Service on Sunday 24th September at 11.00am.

St Macartin's Cathedral Parenting Wellness Group

The next gathering of St Macartin's Parenting Wellness Group is on Saturday 13th May at 3.00pm in The Cathedral Hall with The Afternoon Tea Fairy. There are no more available spaces at present but if you wish to be added to the cancellation list or to join the What's App group for future updates, please contact Linda Kingston on 07342045474. Future dates!
17th June at 2.00pm - Art and Craft
29th July - Large Hall Decluttering Talk

Mothers' Union

For our April meeting we met in church for the Holy Week service. We had an excellent turnout from our members. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9th May for our end-of-year outing to the Killyhevlin. Dinner is booked for 6.30pm in the Riverside Suite. We look forward to seeing everyone there. (A wee reminder that all knitted/sewn items and Overseas monies to be in by 9th May).



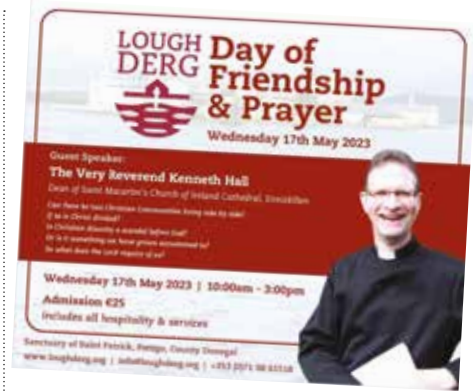
June McIlfratrick, speaker at the Tuesday Club.

Tuesday Club

On Tuesday, 28th March, our guest speaker was Mrs June McIlfratrick. The meeting commenced with prayers, led by Revd Colin Brownsmith. June made some lovely floral arrangements suitable for Easter. She also gave us information and tips on flower arranging and seed planting. The meeting ended with 'The Grace.' The next meeting is on 25th April when the speaker will be Frankie Roofe on 'Old Enniskillen.' The May meeting will be a visit to the Flower Festival, followed by tea in the Cathedral Hall.

A Day of Friendship and Prayer

The unique day on the Island sanctuary of Lough Derg offers an opportunity for friends and neighbours from different churches to celebrate their Christian faith together in prayer and friendship. Each year there is a keynote speaker and a special theme for the day. The Very



Rev Kenny Hall, Dean of Clogher has been invited as the speaker this year on Wednesday 17th May. The ecumenical day will be of particular interest to inter-church groups to celebrate together and enjoy the peace and beauty of the Island sanctuary. Boats to the Island are available from 10.00am. The crossing is less than 10 minutes from the lakeshore. Tickets are available in the lakeshore reception. On arrival on the Island refreshments are served and ahead of the Keynote Address at noon, there is time to experience the peace and tranquillity this sacred space offers.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, help us to see differences in others not as a threat but as an opportunity, and so help us to live in unity with all your people, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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Your invitation to a Prayer Morning

Creative Prayer Morning: 'Come To The Waters' Isaiah 55.

9.30/10am Saturday 10 June, 2023,
Fivemiletown Parish Hall.

Fivemiletown Parish are hoping to host a creative prayer morning on Saturday 10 June, in the Parish Halls. You would be very welcome to join us.

Over many years the parish has been supported by a wide range of prayer ministries who have been helping us develop ways of praying. On this prayer morning guest speakers from the parish will share their ways of prayer including praying through craft for those who receive the items, silent prayer or prayer of the inner heart, praying for others, and praying at home.

In a second session, we will share a quiet

time called 'Breathe', which has been a ministry of the parish now for seven years. It is a quieter time to pray, as we listen to a Bible passage, supported by music and a time of reflection.

The times for the morning are below, and we would love for you to join us.

Book through the parish office by email fivemiletownparish2@gmail.com or phone 895 22422, during office hours. By donation.

9.30am Coffee/ Tea served

10-11am Prayer One: input including

- Creative Prayer with Michele Magee of Knit, Pray, Love.
- Prayer for Others with Mamie Alexander
- Prayer of the Inner Heart/ Contemplative Prayer with Kyle Hanlon, including Fellowship Of Contemplative Prayer.
- Praying at Home in daily life with Hilary Kenny.

• Closing prayer reflection from William Morrow, Parish Prayer Secretary.
 11am Stretch Break: T/C served.
 11.30-12.30pm Breathe: Gathering around St John Chapter 5, the stirring of the Pool of Bethesda. A quieter time of worship, reflective prayer, and listening.
 No one is asked to pray aloud in this group setting, except in saying the closing collects.
 12.30pm A light lunch of soup and bread will be served: please advise when booking of special dietary requirements or allergies.
 Do join us for what we hope will be a morning of sharing in prayer and encouragement.

Impressed by Hard Work

Recently two events have reminded me that hard work is its own reward. One is the ministry and commitment of mission societies, and the other is the work of uniformed organisations. In early February I had the privilege to attend the SAMS Ireland, (South American Mission Society) conference, this year held in Annaghmore parish, in County Armagh. The parish have a very impressive suite of halls built beside their Church building. But the greater interest that evening was the conference speakers who instead of a usual keynote speaker, were a series of individuals who have volunteered their time to either support the South American Church or were guest speakers both in person and on-line who have come to a faith in Jesus through the Church there. As I listened, I was reminded of a similar conference I had attended many years before in the Seagoe Hotel, led by WEC, the World Evangelism Crusade mission society. Both conferences were bearing witness to the Holiness of God, and to the labour which many are called to give in His Name. Following the February conference I emailed WEC, not realising that they are based locally in Portadown. Consequently, two from the parish attended a reflection day at their base near Scotch Street, based on the Japanese repair craft of Kintsugi. Their Arts Outreach Workers led the day explaining the craft of repairing broken pottery with precious metals and reflecting on passages of the Bible which speak of God's repair and restoration in our lives. For me, the best part of the day was meeting people from a new Church-plant in Portadown and hearing about their coming to faith. It allowed me to appreciate that God's household is indeed a broad Commonwealth. My awareness of WEC happened because someone from the town here who had served with them overseas, some time



Maud Kells.

ago gave me a copy of their magazine. It also introduced me to the ministry of Maud Kells, who spoke in Fivemiletown Methodist Church in March. She was very impressive, and I will remember for some time how she described the hospital ward's mud floor and walls which greeted her in DR Congo some 50 years ago, and the years of hard work to cement render and built better facilities for the good of the patients. I include a quote from her book, *An Open Door*, in which she writes about the time she said farewell to those in DR Congo, after 50 (yes, 50!) years of missionary nursing service there. 'As I looked out I saw the sea of faces and waving hands, the majority were born in our little maternity unit and most were born again by God's Holy Spirit in the Church in our back yard: a truly precious and wonderful Harvest.' And at the close of the Easter holidays, I had the great opportunity to drive my parents to the Ards peninsula. Driving to a favourite garden centre and café for lunch, possibly stopping at Mount Stewart and along the peninsula to make our way to Portaferry to catch the boat across the Strangford is a very favoured day away. But this day had a different mission. It's aim was to find the BB Boys Brigade Centre at Millisle, County Down. The garden Centre happened, as did a new pottery find, and an unexpected stop at the Ballycopeland Windmill (v impressive new visitors Centre.) But the most unexpected find of the journey was how expanded the once small BB camp site now is. 35 years on from a last visit, the centre now is very similar in scale to The Share Centre, Co Fermanagh. Owned and managed by the Belfast District of the Boys Brigade, the centre exists to promote and support BB across Northern Ireland and beyond. Our purpose in visiting was to gift to their museum an item for display. But instead of a small area

dedicated to this, we found a purpose-built exterior copy of Charlotte Street Church, which had hosted the first company in Belfast. Within has a vast display of items from the 140-year history since BB was founded in 1883 by Sir William Alexander Smyth in Glasgow, to support Sabbath School children in their daily life, through organised events and Bible teaching. The museum artifacts area is a great insight into many years of dedicated work by many leaders and young people to see the aim of BB achieved.

This organisation and the camp in Millisle, its growth and outreach bear witness to the value of dedication and hard work we see in many of the Church's uniformed organisations and ministries. Sometimes the only response in mission and ministry to a task is to get on and do it. I value prayer and reading and reflecting and thinking. But these recent visits have reminded me again that at times we need to graft for what we want to see achieved. Hard Work and enthusiasm are an appropriate summary of the activities associated with the parish's Holy Week. Many people worked hard to provide all of the aspects of this week in order to encourage and engage a broad range of ages across the parish's life and beyond. The week included beautiful flower displays, a prayer morning, a very thoughtful mime from the teens, a brunch for primary age children attended by 60+ children, a lamb, a meal with the local Churches, guest preachers, a full week of services, home-made Palm crosses, large scale colourings of the week's events described in the Gospels, a youth visit to the cinema, a craft day, the parish choir, musicians, Palm Sunday buns, a donkey called Lucy, and on Easter day itself - hours old fluffy chicks from the Clogher Valley. We do appreciate all that many do to allow us to meet in this way as a Parish.

Mission Trip To Uganda

Patrick Hanlon is hoping to travel to Uganda with leaders and students from the Church Of Ireland + Methodist Chaplaincy at Queen's University Belfast, to further the work there of Abaana. This follows on from visits by Hayley and Julie Corbett, Muriel Henry and Elliott Hanlon. Patrick is hosting a coffee morning from 10.30am – 1pm



on Saturday 29 April in the Parish Hall to support his visit and the work of Abanna and Waakissa.

Coronation

A Service marking the Coronation is planned for 11am on Sunday 7 May at St John's.

Youth and Children's Day

Youth and Children's Day, 11am Sunday 11 June Look forward to hearing from Sunday School about their year's activities, including their work on the Miracles Of Jesus, for the Bishop's Medal.

Thank You

Thank You Sunday School for leading the Palm Sunday service, providing decorations and helping with Kids' Brunch.

RE-Active Church Schools' Programme

Thank you to Angela, Florence, Gail, Heather, Hilary and Sheila who joined

local churches to deliver this Holy Week programme to FMT PS.

Christian Book Drop

Would you gift unwanted Christian books? Until June-end leave them on table in Minor Hall for anyone else to take away and re-read. After June, unwanted books will be gifted to Drop Inn, Enniskillen.

Celebrating King Jesus

4 Sunday Evenings at Kiltermon 7pm Sundays 7, 14, 21, 28 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
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Sunday Services

9.30am Kiltermon 11am St John's With Sunday School and Creche
7pm Breathe quiet prayer+ worship. Next on Sunday 6th May, and Saturday 3rd June.
Parish Prayers 15 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 Wm Morrow. Prayer Ministry Secretary.
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

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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Beautiful Easter flowers arranged by Linda Kelly.



You are an Heir of the World

Romans 4:13—"For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith." The Coronation will be a historic moment in the life of our nation, a time to reflect on our history, celebrate who we are and look to our future. Looking ahead to this historic moment in the life of our nation, we give thanks for His Majesty The King's example of lifelong public service to others. The call to service is central

to our understanding of the monarchy. King Charles has already pledged himself to that vocation. Speaking just after the death of his mother Queen Elizabeth II, he made a commitment to follow the pattern of loving service that she demonstrated, a service of 'loyalty, respect, and love'. "The Coronation will be a time to celebrate community, faith and service. King Charles III ascended to the throne following the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, on the 8th September 2022. It marks the formal investiture of a monarch's regal power. The coronation ceremony is an occasion

for pageantry and celebration, but it is also a solemn religious ceremony and has remained essentially the same over a thousand years. For the last 900 years, the ceremony has taken place at Westminster Abbey, London. There are certain "objects of the coronation"- coronation regalia. These are the sacred objects used in the coronation ceremony. The collection includes St Edward's Crown, the Imperial State Crown, the Sovereign's Sceptre with Cross and the Sovereign's Orb. The sceptre is a symbol of a monarch's power. The sceptre represents the sovereign's temporal power and is associated with good



Flowers and cup cakes (made by Linda) for Mothering Sunday.

governance. The orb and cross represent the power of God and it's a reminder to the monarch that their authority derives from above.

King Charles was three when his mother, Queen Elizabeth II acceded to the throne in 1952, making him the heir apparent. He was the longest serving heir in history and became the oldest to accede to the British throne at the age of 73. Every believer in Christ is an heir. Whenever you hear the word "heir," it speaks of something good. It speaks of an inheritance that you don't work for, an inheritance that is yours not because of what you do, but because of whose you are. In Romans 4:13—"For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith." The promise to Abraham and his seed (you and I) is that he would be "the heir of the world"! In the original Greek text, the



King Ivan 1 and his two Princes, Matthew and Joshua.



Churchwardens Eileen Hall and Linda Kelly admire the beautiful floral art in Drummully.

word "world" here is kosmos. Its meaning includes, "the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments, riches, advantages, pleasures." Now, that is what you are an heir to through Jesus' finished work! In Christ, you are an heir of the world—its goods, its endowments, its riches, its advantages, and surely this is good news. As The King prepares for this lifelong task, we pray for The King, The Queen Consort and the Royal Family and their calling to a life of public service. God save the King.

Services in May 2023

Sunday 7th May 2023 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

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Sunday 14th May 2023 - The Sixth Sunday of Easter



King Brian 1.

of Easter (Rogation Sunday)

9.00am: Drummully Parish Church:

Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church:

Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church:

Morning Prayer

Sunday 21st May 2023 - The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after the Ascension Day)

9.00am: Drummully Parish Church: Family Service

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Family Service

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Family Service

Sunday 28th May 2023 - The Day of Pentecost

9.00am: Drummully Parish Church:

Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church:

Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church:

Morning Prayer

Mothering Sunday

We celebrated Mothering Sunday in all three of our churches. Rev Lorraine reminded us to give thanks for all the things our mothers or mother figures had taught us. We had a rich range of answers to: Tell me something your mother taught you? We acknowledged how our mothers had taught us many practical skills from washing the dishes, baking, cooking, tying our laces and gardening. She had helped us in our education with our homework and study. She had offered us spiritual guidance teaching us to pray and read God's Word. She had taught us many values of life-kindness, love and caring. At each service a gift was given to each lady present.

In Galloon Parish we were all welcomed by Matthew and Harri. Prayers were offered up for our mothers by the children. Led by Rubie, Esther, Zoe and Alfie. The collection was lifted by Matthew, Joshua, Alfie and Jonathan. Our Scripture reading was led by mother and daughter Dawn and Esther.

Mothers' Union

Galloon and Drummully Mothers' Union had a visit from Davy Phair from Lisnaskea Food-bank. The ladies were delighted to support this ministry.

Sallaghy Mothers' Union had a very interesting meeting led by Margaret McCauley who shared her dedicated work amongst people in prison.

Galloon Parish Auction

A lot of hard work was done behind the scenes preparing for Galloon Parish



Albert Morrow registering the bidders.

Auction. We are thankful to all who worked so hard for this community event. A great day was had by one and all! The event was tinged with sadness as we missed the presence of Mr William Little who had been dedicated to the Parish Auction for many years. Well done to all the team involved!

Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers are with all who have been recently bereaved. We offer our sympathy to Patricia Hutchinson and her family on the passing of her mother Annie.

"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

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.

A Group Parish Meal

We are looking forward to joining as one 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! It takes place 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



Auctioneer Richard Bell assisted by clerk, Pearl Leary, and churchwardens, Ivan McAlister and William Heaslip holding up the lots.

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.

Sallaghy Bowling Club

The Bowling Club ended their season with their annual internal competitions. Brian McWilliams and Paul Dunning won the doubles competition and John Fleming won the singles competition. Both trophies were presented by Howard Crawford.



John Fleming receives the singles trophy from Howard Crawford.



Tea ladies, Florence, Pearl, Patsy and Mairead.



Sheila, Eileen, Jean and Anna enjoying a cup of tea.



Paul Dunning and Brian McWilliams win the doubles.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Church Services Diary

MAY

Sunday 7 May

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, both HC

Sunday 14 May

Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both HC

Sunday 21 May

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, both MP & FS

Sunday 28 May

Belleek 10am Dedication Service, see notes.

JUNE

Sunday 4 June

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, both HC

WEEKLY DIARY

■ Tuesdays - Bible study in the Rectory at 8pm



Lowry and May Somerville celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

■ Wednesdays - Parish Prayer, 9:30am at the Rectory

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

From Rev. Rebecca:

Notes from the Rectory:

In Oxford, where I come from, May Day is a 'bit of a thing'. In a tradition originating from the blessing of the fields, choir boys sing from towers, Morris dancers dance, and people jump of bridges into the river Cherwell, who knows why. Mostly, the streets are filled with tourists and students, fresh from their college balls, in full regalia, listening to the dawn chorus of choir boys from Magdalen College Tower – who do a gallant job of trying to be heard over the beery throng below.

I remember my old youth leader told me of one year when he, surrounded by students, had stood listening to the choir boys. Their singing finished, he started on his way home, but found himself



immediately walking against a tidal wave of students pushing their way up the high street. Where were they going, with such determined singlemindedness? What did they know that he didn't? Curious, he stopped pressing ahead in the opposite direction, and instead turned and allowed himself to be swept up in the crowd. He moved with them en masse, down the high street, around the corner to Cornmarket Street, where he found the goal which they had been moving towards - McDonalds.

And herein lay a valuable lesson – don't follow the crowd, unless you want to go where they're going.

So much of our Christian walk feels like pushing against the tide, cutting a different path to those around us. It can feel disconcerting – are we missing out on something? Would our lives look better somehow if we went along with the collective wisdom of the crowd? It can be tempting to turn around and be swept up in what everyone else is seeking after. But singlemindedness towards our goal is among the key Christian virtues. And what a goal it is – light for those who dwell in darkness; eternity in the arms of a loving saviour.

As Jesus said 'nobody who sets his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.'

I recently watched 'Inventing Anna' – the semi-fictional biography of Anna Delvey, the fake New York socialite who conned friends and acquaintances out of a fortune. What is clear in the series is the draw that





Above and below: Easter services at the various churches in the group.

luxury and wealth have on Delvey, but also their evasiveness – as soon as she has them, they are gone, and she needs to hatch a plan to acquire more, eventually ending up behind bars. As Proverbs 23 puts it: ‘Do not wear yourself out to get rich;

do not trust your own cleverness.

Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone,

for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.’

Whatever sympathy you might have for Anna – a girl from humble, working-class roots, swept up in the crowd and deposited at McDonalds – you feel far more for the people who she hurts in pursuit of her goal. The Christian path, by contrast, blesses those around us as much as it blesses us. Perhaps for you, like me, it’s time to turn away from Instagram, turn off the TV ads, and set your face towards the goal once more.

Easter General Vestry

Below are the election results from Garrison and Slavin Easter General Vestry meetings.

Belleek and Kiltyclogher details will be included next month.

Rector’s CW

Garrison - Helen Gunner

Slavin - Noel Meehan

Rector’s GW

Garrison - Austin Acheson

Slavin - George Earls

People’s CW

Garrison - Adrian Elliott

Slavin - Tom Ovens

People’s GW

Garrison - Neville Elliott

Slavin - Robert Earls

New Vestry Members

Garrison - Philip and Helen Gunner

Slavin - Noel Meehan

Synods Person

Garrison - Dot Barlow

Slavin - Doreen Earls
Supp. Synods Person
 Garrison - Philip Gunner
 Slavin - Robert Ovens
Parochial Nominator
 Garrison - Eddie Graham
 Slavin - George Earls
Supp Parochial Nominator
 Garrison - Austin Acheson
 Slavin - Tom Ovens
Honorary Secretary
 Garrison - Joy Graham
 Slavin - Florence Earls
Honorary Treasurer
 Garrison - Lorraine Boyd
 Slavin - Elizabeth Ovens

Mothers’ Day

In Slavin we were very pleased to have Marina on guitar and Audrey and Gwen on vocals for our Family Service on Mothers’ Day. We had excellent congregational singing for the lively hymns. Revd Rebecca gave a very interesting address based on

Moses who was found in a basket in the River Nile by Pharaoh’s daughter. All the mums were given a gift.

In Garrison church we had our Praise Band providing the music and tea was served afterwards by the men of the parish giving the ladies a rest on Mothers’ Day. The ladies all received a primrose and chocolate.

Diamond Wedding Anniversary

We send our hearty congratulations to May and Lowry Somerville who have celebrated 60 years of marriage. What a milestone! They were married in Belleek Parish on 27th March 1963.

Amongst many cards from their family and friends was a card from HM King Charles and Queen Camilla. We send them our very best wishes from all in our Group of Parishes.

Easter Sunday

Belleek Church was beautifully decorated





Above and below: Easter services at the various churches in the group.

for Easter with a wonderful array of flowers and Easter bunnies. Thank you to Rachel and Donna for all their hard work. We were pleased to welcome a good number at the service along with some visitors. Worship was led by Marina on guitar, accompanied by Audrey and Gwen on vocals. Revd Rebecca gave an address where she challenged us to go out and tell where we have seen God at work in the midst of our darkness, and to tell the Easter story of Christ risen. Easter is not the end, just the beginning. Everyone appreciated the Easter eggs provided for everyone and distributed by William.

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 Gladys Graham who has been in hospital for surgery and has come through a difficult time. Please remember her in your thoughts and prayers as she is now making good progress. We also pray for a continued recovery for Sally Carson who is improving well each day.

Dedication New Church Window

The Belleek church window will be dedicated on 28th May, 10 am by Bishop Ian Ellis. It will be followed by a tree planting by Revd Canon Noel Regan, and tea and cake in the Wark Hall. All

welcome, please come along and support Belleek Church.

Future Events Planned this year

Coronation Hog Roast from 2pm-5pm (note time change) on Saturday 6th May at the Rectory. Proceeds to Bishops Appeal





Slavin church Mothers' Day service.

worthy cause, everyone welcome!

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

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.



for Syria and Turkey Earthquake Relief, and the Rectory Fund. No RSVP required but volunteers needed!

Quiz for AANI

Thanks to Dot and Kevin Barlow for

organising a table quiz for AANI funds.

It is being held on Saturday 13th May at 8pm in the Gillaroo Centre, Garrison. Entry fee is £5 per person, 4-6 persons per table.

Supper will be served. Please support this

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Gillian Rutherford, the choir, soloists and Sunday School who sang so beautifully on our Evening of Hymns Old and New. Thanks to all who came and joined in the singing particularly those who shared their favourite hymns and spoke so eloquently on the reasons why. Thanks to all who helped especially Ian Rutherford who operated the screen and sound system.



Our amazing Musical Director Gillian Rutherford who brought the whole evening into being with her hard work and incredible talent.



Zara Ferguson, one of the soloists at the Evening of Hymns Old and New.



The Sunday School sang a beautiful medley of songs.



Some of those who attended the evening.

Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the late Michelle Shaw formerly of Hillsborough and the late Nigel Corrigan, formerly of Church Hill.

Parish Register

HOLY BAPTISM

12th April 2023 - Sully Norman James Elliott, England




Richard Elliott with his partner Bernadette McInnes who brought their son for baptism.

HOLY BURIAL

8th April 2023 - Michelle Shaw (ashes)
12th April 2023 - Nigel Frederick Corrigan, Church Hill

Kilskeery and Trillick



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catching a fresh glimpse of what it is about for ourselves and humanity and been convinced, all over again of the necessity of preaching about the cross and resurrection and sin and our need of a Saviour. As we move towards Ascension, the lever that enabled the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost we do well to consider the need for this event as much as the need for the former. The Passover was about freedom from slavery, an illegal contract of enslavement and ownership legally broken, and a journey begun to enjoy that freedom and ultimately head to a promised land. Not far into that journey, 50 days after it started, and now that the Israelites were without a master and free agents, a marriage contract between God and Israel was made and their relationship became official. With Pentecost, post-resurrection, this anniversary celebration became a renewal of vows with some



entering in to it for the first time. The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost brought close the love of the bridegroom for his bride and also in the experience of that love, he deposited that same love into the heart of his bride. On Good Friday we see something of God's love demonstrated towards us in this that while we were still sinners that Christ died for us but at this feast of Pentecost God's people experience something of God's love towards them and then after receiving this Holy Spirit and love are told to go to the ends of the earth and tell everyone on the way of that love and demonstrate it in acts of loving power. Where have you been? To the cross and the resurrection! Where are you going? To Pentecost and into all the world!

St. Patrick's Day Quiz Night

On St. Patrick's Day we enjoyed a night of

good craic for all the family and it was great to see so many families with friends and neighbours coming along. Brains were well used for the quiz rounds that mixed a bit of fun and music with a chance to put your knowledge on a variety of topics to the test. At the interval tea and coffee and treats were served and at the end of the night the winners were crowned and received their prizes.



Mothers Sunday

On Mothers Sunday, we enjoyed All-age Church Family Services with a focus on the blessing of mothers under the theme, "Mother's: Not just for Christmas!" Giving thanks for family life and the role that our mothers have played in our lives. We appreciate that we have all had different experiences of our mothers, some more positive than others, but we give thanks for those who have been our biological mothers and even our spiritual mothers in the faith, who have cared for us and enabled us to become the people we are today.



Discover Jesus

Our "Discover Jesus" evenings took us up until Easter as we spent some time looking a little more closely at particular aspects of the life of Jesus. It was helpful to think again concerning who this Jesus was and is and the context of his life and ministry that led him to the cross and then to beat death itself, through the resurrection. The invitation remains that for those who want, the risen Jesus can still be found.

Messy Kids

It was great to have another Messy Kids centred around the theme of Easter. On the Saturday before Palm Sunday, we gathered to get our hands not too messy with Easter crafts and activities. Eggs were coloured, Easter masks made and worn,



and a variety of other crafts were stuck together, coloured in and taken home to hang on the wall. Our Easter Egg hunt had to be cancelled due to bad weather but one person loss is another's gain as they appeared on Easter Sunday and were handed out to all.



Holy Week

It was a blessing to be able to gather together throughout Holy Week to remember and reflect upon what God has done for us in Jesus, his only begotten Son. On Maundy Thursday we gathered around the Lord's Table and remembered that last supper before Good Friday. On Good Friday we had a service of Reflection where we were able to watch some of that Easter Story interspersed with worship and prayer and ask again what it all had to do with us. And on Resurrection Sunday we gathered to rejoice that our King is alive and still looking for followers, such as Mary, to go tell the world that He is alive. Thanks to those who took part in our services and a special thanks to the singing group for their practicing and performing and how they added to our Easter Celebrations.

GB Food and Fun night

On Saturday 15th April we enjoyed a night of food and fun and entertainment all organised and put on by our Girls' Brigade Company. It was great to see our hall full with friends and family of the girls and many other parishioners too. It was also great and encouraging to see the girls receive their prizes and cups and badges for their achievements over the year and in the sketches and poems and singing

display something of their confidence and talents. It has been a great year for the Girls Brigade and many thanks must go to the leaders and helpers, the girls and of course the parents for bringing them along so faithfully each week. We look forward to another great year starting in September.



Sunday Sermon Series

Our Sunday Sermon Series over the next number of weeks, and as we make our way towards the Ascension, will focus on particular characters who met with Jesus after the resurrection. Some of these encounters were gentle and tender whereas others, like that of Saul and John were dramatic and even fearful. As we look at the experience of others may it create a hunger in our own hearts for more of Jesus in our lives too.



Fellowship Series

New Midweek Fellowship Series on the letters to the seven churches of Asia Minor. Each Wednesday evening at 8:00pm, alternating each week between Trillick and Kilskeery.

Church Schedule

Monday: Mothers Union @ 8:00pm (3rd Monday of the month)

Tuesday: Senior Citizen's Club @ 2:00pm

Wednesday: Midweek Fellowship @ 8:00pm

Thursday: Prayer Meeting @ 9:00am

Friday: Bowling Club @ 8:00pm

Saturday: Messy Kids (Once a month as arranged)

Sunday: Christ Church Parish, Trillick @ 10:30am

Kilskeery Parish Church @ 11:45am

(Sunday Schools take place during the services)



Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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Looking Back

Mothering Sunday

Recent weeks in the life of Lisbellaw with Coolbuck have been both busy and blessed. Mothering Sunday I find is always a special occasion in the life of the parish when we get the chance to reflect and be thankful for all the good Christian women in the church and in our lives that make all the difference. It was a joy to be able to say a big thank you to all our women through the gift of a plant and lovely craft work undertaken by our Sunday School children and teachers.

Holy Baptism

It was a privilege to welcome my eldest son Paul, daughter-in-law Amy and their firstborn child and son, William Patrick Isaiah who was born on Christmas Day 2022 to Lisbellaw Parish on 26th March 2023 to be baptised. We were joined on the day by family members who had travelled from all arts and parts as well as local which added to this most blessed occasion.

Midweek Lenten, Holy Week and Easter Services

It is always important to make the most of the big festivals which fall within the Christian calendar. To that end I want to thank our parishioners and community for their support over recent weeks. Be that by attending our midweek Lenten services when we reflected on Archbishop Stephen Cottrell's recent book for Lent and Holy Week entitled *Godforsaken*; or by attendance and engagement with the events and services of Palm Sunday – through Holy Week – to joyful celebration on Easter Day. It was particularly pleasing to see families and children taking part – and learning and growing together in the Faith.



Looking Forward

At my time of writing, we look forward to another Holy Baptism at the end of April and separately an April wedding which we hope to report on in the June Diocesan magazine.

Our treasured midweek Holy Communion Services at 1030am in Lisbellaw Parish recommence on Wednesday 3rd May. All members of the parish and community are extremely welcome as well to the 'Communion after The Communion,' a further short time of friendship, fellowship and chat over a coffee or tea in the corner village tea shop!

In marking the **King's Coronation**, we are planning to hold a service in Coolbuck on Friday 5th May at 5.00pm on the Eve of Coronation Day to offer prayer for King Charles III and the Royal Family. We will gather again in Lisbellaw Parish on Sunday 7th May at 11.00am to offer prayer and thankfulness for the King and Royal Family. (*There will be no 3.00pm service



Celebrating Mothers' Day.

in Coolbuck on Sunday 7th May due to Friday's service, but all are warmly invited to the 11.00am service in Lisbellaw on Sunday 7th May!

**Every Blessing,
Rev'd William**



The Jeffrey family at the baptism.



The Palm Sunday procession.



Good Friday.



Services

Wednesday 3 May

1030am Midweek Holy Communion Lisbellaw - *recommences today.

Friday 5 May

5pm - Service in Coolbuck on Eve of King's Coronation - to include prayers for King Charles III.

Sunday 7 May

11am Holy Communion Lisbellaw to include prayers for King Charles III following his Coronation on 6 May.

*NB – No 3pm Service in Coolbuck today owing to additional Friday 5 May service outlined above. Please note all are warmly welcome at the 11am HC Service in Lisbellaw.

Wednesday 10 May

1030am midweek HC Lisbellaw

Sunday 14 May

11am MP Lisbellaw

3pm EP Coolbuck

Wednesday 17 May

1030am midweek HC Lisbellaw

Sunday 21 May

945am HC1 Lisbellaw

11am SOTW/Family Service Lisbellaw

3pm EP Coolbuck

Wednesday 24 May

1030am midweek HC Lisbellaw

Sunday 28 May – Pentecost/Whit Sunday

11am MP Lisbellaw

3pm EP Coolbuck

Wednesday 31 May

10.30am midweek HC Lisbellaw



Easter Day.



Marking Easter Sunday with a sunrise service at Coolbuck.



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Services for May

Sunday 7th

10.30am Holy Communion
3.00pm Service of Celebration for
The Coronation of King Charles 111

Wednesday 10th

3.00pm Holy Communion in Trinity Hall
for Seniors

Sunday 14th

10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 21st

10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th

10.30am Morning Prayer
(Collection for sponsored children)

Marriage

Saturday 25th March - Jayne Johnston and
Barry McDermott. Congratulations to the
happy couple.



The marriage of Jayne Johnston and Barry McDermott.



Sunday School activities.



Burial

Saturday 1st April - Rosemary Margaret
Fawcett, 9 Cherryhill, Lisnaskea.
Our thoughts and prayers are with the
Fawcett family circle.

Seek first the kingdom of God

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His
righteousness, and all these things shall be
added to you." (Matthew 6:33)
Life is getting busier and busier. So many
options of things to do to fill up our time.
Demands on children and young people,
pressures to encourage them to make
choices to help with their future careers and
employment prospects.
Many of these "things" are fun and healthy
but "fitting in" time for God can seem to be
next to impossible.

God, however, has made the solution
simple: "SEEK Him FIRST".
When you get out of bed in the morning,
how long does it take you to THINK about

God? Surely it shouldn't take you too long.
All I am suggesting is a "thought", as a
"thought" is the first step to changing your
entire day. The thought might be: "Good
morning Lord". Which when you think about
it, is simply a short prayer.

From that one thought may come other
thoughts and a conversation can develop.
But then again, it may not. Whatever the
result you will have started the day by
seeking God first...

Stew night

It was great to see so many people
attending and enjoying this event on
St.Patrick's night. Thanks to Sharon Finlay
and her team for serving up the lovely
food and to "Embrace Socials" for getting
everyone together for some fun dances.

Sunday School

Thank you to the members of the Sunday
School who took part in our service on



The Easter Egg Hunt.



Taking part in the Stew Night and dance.

Mothering Sunday and distributed flowers to all the ladies in the congregation. The children also enjoyed an Easter Party and Egg hunt at Trinity Hall on Saturday 1st April. Once again thank you to the leaders who organised all this.

Coronation Service and Afternoon tea

Plans are underway for this occasion as we look forward to celebrating a moment on history. Everyone is very welcome to attend the short service and refreshments afterwards in Trinity Hall.

Magheracross

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Bishop Ian Ellis, the Rector and Churchwarden with the Confirmation candidates.

Leading up to Easter

The end of March and beginning of April have been fulfilling weeks in Magheracross. We continued our Wednesday Lent Services looking at some of the words in our Scripture and worship that might not seem important but were actually packed with challenge. At the same time, our Confirmation Class were preparing for their Confirmation and first communion on Passion Sunday and the Sunday School children were preparing art and craft work for Easter. They had created a large cross decorated with their finger prints which tied in very well with Bishop Ian's illustration for the candidates that they were, like their fingerprints, individually and uniquely, known to God. On the following Sunday, we welcomed

Jenny to the door of the Church. Jenny, the donkey, had been with us last year along with her owner, Victor Beatty. Victor died a few months later and for this year she was accompanied by Victor's son, Arthur and grandchildren, Ben and Harry and, as expected, behaved impeccably for the parishioners as they left church. Following Palm Sunday, Holy Week progressed with services on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and then our celebrations on Easter morning when we welcomed back parishioners from England and Scotland, home for the holiday.

Easter Vestry

At the time of writing, we are hoping to hold our Annual General Vestry meeting

on April 17th – details of the election of our new Select Vestry, Diocesan Synod Representatives and Parochial Nominators will be revealed next month.

GFS Service

We are also looking forward to hosting the Diocesan GFS service which is taking place on April 21st in the Archdale Hall. This will be a blend of games, activities, worship and message – more on this next month!

Football tournaments

In the month of May, in between all the holidays, we have some special activities. On May 4th, there is a planned under 16's churches' football tournament at Fisher Park (beside Ferney Park). This

will be followed on June 8th by the over 16s tournament aka The Barnabas Cup currently held by Castlederg. Teams can be entered from any of our local churches or combinations of churches and hopefully we can bring this Cup back to Clogher Diocese. For further information, email magheracross@gmail.com.

Raft Race

On May 27th it is our plan to enter the Portrush Raft Race. Using the skills and talents of our top craftspeople, we need to build the raft and then paddle it from the West Strand through the waves and into the harbour. Sponsorship of the craft and team will be raised for the benefit of RNLI (though hopefully we won't need their help on the day).

Looking further forward into June, our annual outdoor service in unity with our Methodist neighbours will take place on June 4th.

Mothers' Union

There was no Mothers' Union meeting during April as members were attending the Holy Week services instead. We held a very successful coffee morning and cake sale on Saturday 1st April which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The total raised at this popular event was £1,024. Thank you to all who attended or supplied their home baking.

On Thursday 4th May we are looking forward to welcoming Caroline Condy who will show us some of her family favourite bakes. This will be followed by our Annual General Meeting.



Palm Sunday with Jenny the donkey.



Easter art.



Ronnie and Maggie Briggs received some of the funds raised at the Christmas sit out.

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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Date for your diary

Ladies Night with Maureen Ross Jones at 7.30pm on 17th May 2023. 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 28th May; Prize Giving 25th June)

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

Friends in the Afternoon 2.00pm at Ardess Parish Centre: 9th May Quiz and Bring and Buy Sale; 13th June Outing.

WEDNESDAYS



Wednesday Prayer (weekly): 10.00am - 11.00am at Ardess Parish Centre. Magheraculmoney Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at The Fountain Centre

THURSDAYS

Ardess In-Stitches 8.00pm at Ardess Parish Centre (excluding third Thursday)

of the month) Mothers Union 8.00pm at Ardess Parish Centre - May outing details TBC

FRIDAYS

Fountain Youth Club (ages 11-14) every first and third Friday of the month: 5th and 19th May.

OTHER EVENTS

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

Funerals

1st April 2023 - William Black (82), Kesh
4th April 2023 - Annabella Kearns (68), Ederney.

Baptisms

26th March 2023 - Alfie Lee Armstrong, son of Lee Armstrong and Gail Hunter, Kesh
2nd April 2023 - Freddie Henry Gibson, son of William and Harriet Gibson, Kesh.
2nd April 2023 - Charlotte Daisy Little, daughter of Gary and Laura Little, Kesh.



Revd Abraham Storey at Alfie's baptism and his family on 26th March 2023.



The Gibson family at the baptism on 2nd April 2023.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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***Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.***

This great hymn was written 250 years ago by the renowned hymn writer and Anglican clergyman John Newton. The hymn was written initially as a poem to illustrate a New Year's day sermon given by Newton in 1773. Because of its growing popularity, the poem was later set to music and published as a hymn



Brownies during one of their meetings.

in 1779. This hymn remains one of the most popular, and indeed one of the most poignant hymns that we continue to use regularly today. It is a wonderful hymn of salvation, that speaks powerfully to us as individuals, but also tells the often dark story of its' writer. John Newton was born in 1725. He joined the navy at a young age, and he quickly became renowned for his stubborn, and defiant nature. After a time in the navy, he got involved in the slave trade, and was captured and enslaved himself for a time in West Africa. Upon his release, he quickly returned to sea, working once again in the slave trade and becoming Captain of a number of ships. While serving as Captain, his ship hit a violent storm off the coast of



Donegal. Despite his lack of faith up to that point, he cried out to God for mercy and he and his men were brought to safety. This marked a turning point in his faith, and although his continued working in the slave trade for a few more years, he soon gave it up to work towards ordination in the Church of England. He also became a prominent supporter of the abolition of the slave trade. He wrote a number of hymns whilst working as an Anglican clergyman, the most famous being 'Amazing Grace'. This hymn, and Newton's story, show the power of God's grace at work within us. It shows the power God's grace has to bring about complete transformation, regardless of the sins we have committed. And this



Mothers' Day gifts.

hymn shows God's grace to us in opening our eyes to see Him, to see His love, his goodness and his mercy towards us, his precious children. As we mark 250 years since the writing of this wonderful hymn of salvation, may we always remember the power of God to transform the world, and all who are broken within it.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter

Our journey through Lent has continued each Wednesday night as we reflected on the idea of 'giving up' certain negative qualities including anger, doubt, fear and guilt. We considered the Biblical perspective and how these qualities



might be channelled in a positive way to build us up, rather than to pull us down. Our Midweek reflections were well attended, and the short services provided a space in the week for us to draw close to God and to take time away from the busyness of our weekly routine. We held Easter Communion in the hall for all who would be unable to attend on Easter Day. This provided a great opportunity to come together for Communion, but also for fellowship and friendship. Our catering team provided refreshments after the service, which allowed us to continue our time together. On Monday night of Holy Week we held another fun night in the parish. It seems strange to promote fun during Holy Week, but this was primarily an opportunity to draw in our primary school aged children and to enhance our teaching of the Easter message. This too was well attended, with children coming from across the community. With the help of our Sunday school teachers, we played games, watched a video, did some action songs and did an Easter craft. Everyone had a great night and learned a bit more about the importance of Holy Week. As I write these notes, our Mother's Union



branch in Derrybrusk are preparing for our Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion, where they will provide refreshments after the service. This service focuses very specifically on Christ's call for us to serve, as he washes the disciples' feet. We look forward to welcoming ladies from both branches, and of course all parishioners. Our Church wardens in Maguiresbridge are also preparing to strip the Church ahead of our Good Friday service. This notable action provides a powerful image for all in attendance at this service, and it is a sharp reminder of the need for the presence of Christ in our lives. We are very much looking forward to celebrating Easter Day in both Churches, as our hope is renewed and we walk with Mary Magdalene to view the empty tomb and the fulfilment of our faith once again. Activity Across the Parish On Monday 27th March a number of our Brownies made their Brownie Promise. This was a great achievement for each of them, and a credit to our leaders who have worked so hard to get the group up and running again after the pandemic. The group is doing so well that it is at full capacity, and it has been wonderful



Palm Sunday.



Mothers' Day.





to see the girls learning and growing together over the year.

Rainbows

On Thursday 30th March 2023 the Rector had the privilege of handing out badges attained by our Rainbows. Under great leadership the girls have achieved so much this year, and these badges are a fitting reward for all of their hard work. The girls were so proud of all they had done throughout the year and it was so encouraging to see their enthusiasm and commitment. Thanks to our leaders for all of their hard work in this - a great team!

Family Services

On Mothers' Day we held family services in both Churches. This was a wonderful opportunity to involve our young people in the running of the services, and to allow them to participate in a number of ways. Sincere thanks to our organists and to our Sunday School teams in both churches for co-ordinating these services. In Derrybrusk, the Mothers' Union branch handed out a small plant for each lady within the parish. A very uplifting morning as we celebrated the role that each of us play in the family of God. We also had a family service in Maguiresbridge on Palm Sunday –

complete with Jesus arriving on a donkey – of sorts! It was wonderful to see so many in attendance as we came together to begin our Holy Week journey. Thank you again to all who helped in the co-ordination of this service.

Bishops' Appeal

Following the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria in February, our parishes were keen to offer support and to show the love of Christ. In the weeks that followed, contributions came in via the Church plate. The response was very generous, with £800 coming from Maguiresbridge, and £275 from Derrybrusk. In addition to this, Ballindarragh Accordion Band held a concert, the proceeds of which were donated to the Bishops' Appeal for Turkey and Syria. This event raised a further £395. A very powerful demonstration of Christian love in response to such a tragic disaster.

Coronation of King Charles III

We are looking forward to celebrating the coronation of our new king in May and we pray for him ahead of this important event:
Heavenly Father, we pray for your servant Charles on his coronation. We

give you thanks for this call to serve, and ask that you would bestow upon him the gifts of grace, humility and righteousness. Strengthen him to meet this new chapter in your service, and may all that he does be guided and directed by you, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

From the Registers:

On Friday 14th April 2023 Craig and Linzi were married in Derrybrusk. We wish them God's richest blessing as they begin their married life together.
'God is love, and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.' 1 John 4:16

Looking Ahead:

- Thursday 4th May 2023 – Diocesan Football Tournament at Fisher Park at 6.30pm for Yr 8-Yr14;
- Sunday 7th May 2023 – Joint Service in Maguiresbridge at 11am followed by Barbecue to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III
- Friday 12th and Saturday 13th May 2023 – General Synod in Wexford.
- Sunday 21st May 2023 – Family Service in Maguiresbridge;
- Saturday 27th May 2023 – MU outing to St. Macartin's Flower Festival.



The Rainbows who received their badges.



Craig and Linzi who were married in Derrybrusk.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

7th May Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

14th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

21st May Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

28th May Pentecost Sunday

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12.15pm Ballinode
5th June Trinity Sunday
10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12.15pm Kilmore

Mothers' Union

Our thanks to the Mothers' Union who provided flowers for all the ladies in the congregation for Mothering Sunday. The branch met on Tuesday 11th April for an evening of Easter Crafts with Roberta McConkey. In May we look forward to welcoming members of other branches for a Diocesan Mothers' Union Service.

Ladies Group

This group met on Tuesday 21st March for a demonstration by local artist Olivia Johnson on small jewellery making and dried and pressed flowers from local area. Their AGM was held in Andy's Restaurant on Tuesday 18th April.

Lent and Holy Week

After gathering together for midweek services in Lent on Wednesday evenings and communion on Thursday mornings, it was good to meet each night of Holy Week with the other churches in the town. Each night had a good congregation from



Easter celebrations and Easter crafts.

churches in the town as we worshipped together working through the Suffering Servant's Song in Isaiah 52 and 53. During the week we also heard about the work of Riste and Tea Micev with Project Timothy in Serbia and took an offering to send to support their work.

Easter

Our Easter celebrations began on the Saturday before Easter with an Easter party and egg hunt for younger Sunday School and creche. There were Easter crafts to decorate the church along with games and searching the church for some Easter eggs. (There were still some unfound eggs for lucky parishioners on Easter morning.) Our Easter services began at Monaghan Collegiate School for a sunrise service at 7am followed by breakfast in the school. They continued with an all-age communion service in St Patrick's at 10.30am and then in Ballinode at 12.15pm.

Illness

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



Condolences

We offer our prayerful sympathy and condolence to Dick Shirley and family on the death of his brother.



Some of the Easter crafts at the Mothers' Union meeting.

Rossorry



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Services for May

Wednesday 3rd May

10.30am – Holy Communion

Saturday 6th May - Coronation Day

6.00pm - Prayers for the King and Queen

Sunday 7th May - The Fifth Sunday of Easter - Coronation Sunday

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Holy Communion with Holy

Baptism

Wednesday 10th May

10.30am – Holy Communion

Sunday 14th May - The Sixth Sunday of Easter - Rogation Sunday

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Morning Prayer

Wednesday 17th May - The Ascension Day

(transferred)

10.30am – Holy Communion

Sunday 21st May - The Seventh Sunday of Easter - Sunday after The Ascension Day

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Morning Prayer

Wednesday 24th May

10.30am – Holy Communion

Sunday 28th May - The Day of Pentecost - (Whit Sunday)

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 31st May

10.30am – Holy Communion

A busy Lent and Easter is now behind us. We find ourselves in the full bloom of spring and we've even had a few days of very pleasant weather and the promise of more to come. This is always a time we can rest a while following a time of great preparation. I'm thinking particularly of Catherine and the choir who have worked consistently since Christmas in the preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We enjoyed a wide range of well attended services during Holy Week and special mention must be made of Nigel Irvine who cantored for our service of Choral Evensong. The week culminated in the Good Friday service 'The Way of the Cross' - very well done to you all for your commitment and support. On Wednesday of Holy Week we enjoyed a service of Tenebrae; a liturgy of shadows and darkness for which we had a candelabra made through which the lessons were read. The candelabra was made by Glen Walker and is a work of art in itself. Thank you to Glen, Reuben and Seth for all their hard work.

Old Rossorry Dawn Service

The Dawn Service at Old Rossorry was well attended by a faithful bunch, it was a cold but pleasant morning. We arrived in the dark to a raucous chorus of birdsong which brightened our worship, concluding in the morning, dawn having broken during the reading of the Gospel. Following the service we arrived at the hall for a very welcome breakfast hosted by the scouts, best hotdogs ever! Thank you and well done to



Garry and Rodger. As we leave the Easter season we reflect with a poem:

PRAISE BE TO GOD

The fire is lit on the steps outside
Creation, darkness to new creation
From it a candle lit, carried with style
Carried inside to light Pascal candle

A journey of purpose, affirming vows
A member of Christ, a child of God
An inheritor of the Kingdom of God
Dying to Christ, rising to new life

Sometimes an inhospitable world
Sometimes the reality of evil present
Sometimes loneliness, not solitude
Sometimes loss, the mode of despair

A flame gives out light, brightness
A glow pervades the faces around
Real shadow, risen one a real presence
Laus Deo! Praise be to the life giver

*Canon Raymond Fox
Eastertide 2023*



The Sunday School preparing for Easter.



Mid-Week Holy Communion

Over the period of Lent there was a midweek service of Holy Communion at 10.30am in which we concentrated our prayers on those who are sick and in need. These services have been well attended and appreciated and we will be continuing 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.

Coronation Weekend

We look forward to the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla on Saturday the 6th May. There will be a service of prayer for the new King and Queen on Saturday evening at 6.00pm. Following our 10.30am service on Sunday in the afternoon we will enjoy an Afternoon Tea and Barbecue to celebrate the Coronation and invite the Sunday School children to participate in a Coronation Fancy Dress Competition.



The inscription on the Richardson Window.

of CWS Stained Glass for the beautiful work and the manner in which they handled the preparations and fitting. The Rector was assisted in the dedication by Parish Reader Nick Hambly, John's Son-in-Law,

Sunday School - Messy Church

The Sunday School hosted Messy Church on Good Friday in the hall, the kids had a great time with Easter crafts singing and the telling of the Easter story followed by snacks and home. A huge thank you to Carol and the Sunday School teachers for their preparations. The Children then sang at the Easter Day Service.

Rossorry Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union met in the Hall on 20th April when the speaker was Helen Thompson who explained about her creation of "Coyagh Bears."



Helen Thompson with some of her Coyagh Bears.

Richardson Window

A service of dedication took place in Rossorry on Sunday 2nd April 2023 to dedicate a new window in the Church, kindly presented by Mrs. Mary Richardson, the widow of the late John Eric Richardson who died on 1st April 2020. John's funeral was the first which took place after the strict Covid regulations were imposed and it was a fitting occasion for family, friends and parishioners to give thanks for his life. The beautiful window depicts Jesus nursing a lamb, 'The Lord's my Shepherd'. The Rector, Revd. Stephen McWhirter, conducted the service of dedication and he thanked the family for their generous gift. He also thanked Colin and Stewart Suckling



Scouts lighting their campfire.

Meetings will resume after the summer on the following dates;

- 21st September
- 19th October
- 16 November

Scouts

Scouts continued with their meetings and learning. On 14th March the Scouts were shown how to make and use a Swedish log (a clever device made by cutting a wedge out of a log and lighting a fire inside it which produces a good-sheltered flame and a base to set your pot or pan on).

At their meeting on 28th March, Scouts completed the manufacture of their Bird boxes, which they brought over to the Church. They erected them in the tall trees around the Church and Churchyard, to encourage nesting by small birds (Sparrows, Blue Tits, Great Tits etc).

PS – no sign of an Owl, yet, but fingers crossed.

Scouts had their Camp organised for 14th to 16th April at Cladagh Glen. Always a good experience and opportunity to learn new skills – they are really excited.

Cub Scouts

On 15th March the Cubs went off to visit the Police Station to learn about the work of a Police Officer and to see the equipment available to them.

The Cubs met on 29th March in the Hall to earn their DIY Badge. They learnt how to



Scouts and their leaders erect birdboxes in the church grounds.



Scouts with some of their activities.



The Walker family with their impressive candlebra used in the Tenebrae Service in Holy Week.



The Scouts on one of their hikes.

handle timber, measuring carefully with a tape measure or ruler, marking the wood and cutting, (measure twice – cut once). They learnt how to handle a hammer and nails to put the final product together. Hopefully we will have pictures of the end product in our next report! The Cub Camp takes place at Cladagh Glen on 13/14th May 2023.

Rossorry Guides

The Brownies and Guides 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 a meeting in Enniskillen Castle on Wed 15th March at 10.30am for an Irish Stew morning. They crocheted some Shamrocks to mark the occasion of St Patrick's Day. On 5th April they were back in the Hall for their meeting and a Service of Holy Communion, conducted by the Rector, Revd. Stephen McWhirter. They held their Easter raffle and the winners are pictured, below. Next Meeting:- Wed 10th May at 10.30am, when they will meet at The Moorings for a picnic. New members most welcome

Rossorry Bowling Club

The Bowlers meet on Monday evening at 8pm in the Parish Hall. They have completed their programme for the season now and will begin again in September.



Wednesday Club members with their crocheted Shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day.



Winners of the Easter Raffle.

Rossorry Parish Profile – Geoffrey Kennedy

I am privileged to be the newest member of Rossorry's Safeguarding Trust Panel and am grateful to be able to provide support for implementing and maintaining safeguarding practice within our Parish. My role requires me to remain abreast with current and relevant legislation, to include Clogher Diocese policies and procedures. I am passionate about maintaining high standards and I strive to ensure that I fulfil this role to the best of my ability. I am a Chartered Property Management Surveyor who is also currently studying a Social Work degree at Queen's University in Belfast; I will be a qualified social worker by this summer. To improve my own wellbeing and self-care I enjoy spending time outdoors with my family and playing football and golf in my spare time. I got married in Rossorry Parish church in 2014 and, together with my wife, have welcomed and baptised three beautiful daughters into the church family. We enjoy attending Rossorry Parish Church as a family unit and feel blessed to be part of such a welcoming congregation.



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. Tel: 02866 329889 email: rossorryoffice@btinternet.com Website: rossorryparish.com facebook: Rossorry Parish Church

Parish Registers

BURIALS

■ FLETCHER, Joy Edith (nee Graham) of Castlecoole Manor, Enniskillen, passed away, peacefully at home on 18th March 2023. Her Funeral service took place in the Eilim Church in Brookeborough on 21st March 2023, followed by Cremation. The Burial of ashes took place on 23rd March 2023 at Rossorry Parish Churchyard. Revd. Stephen McWhirter and Mrs. Sarah Maguire officiated.

■ THORPE, Eva Emma (nee Trotter), of Gngangara and formerly of Cloonaveel, Letterbreen, who passed away, peacefully, at Atnagelvin Hospital on 25th March 2023. Her Funeral service took place at Rossorry Parish Church at 2.00pm on Tuesday 28th March 2023, followed by interment in Rossorry Churchyard in the family plot. Revd. Stephen McWhirter and Mrs. Sarah Maguire officiated.

Dates for the Diary

■ Sunday 7th May Coronation Celebrations, Afternoon Tea and Barbecue.

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Funeral

17 March - Thomas Ernest (Ernie) Armstrong, Gardiners Cross Road, Maguiresbridge. We extend our sympathy to Ernie's brothers Albert and Norman on his death, Ernie was one of our oldest parishioners in Tempo aged 90. On leaving School he farmed all his life along with Albert. He was a regular attender at Church until failing health and advancing years prevented him.

Mothers' Day services

A word of thanks to all who took part in our special Mothers' Day services in both churches. A number of women of various ages took part in the scripture readings, poems and prayers. The organists were Mrs. Ann Bloomfield (Clabby) and Mrs. Carole Graham (Tempo). Flowers were distributed to all ladies in church.

Future Events in May

- Sunday 7th May - Coronation Celebration Service in both churches.
- Saturday 20th May - Clabby Tractor Run. Registration from 5pm leaving Clabby Church Hall at 6pm. Further details Jim Monteith 02889521167 or by mobile 07751803660. Proceeds towards Church Funds.
- Friday 19th May - Mothers' Union Festival Service at 8pm in St. Patrick's Church, Monaghan.

Thank you

Thank you to Mr Walter Bottom, our oldest parishioner, now in his 100th year for recently presenting the Rector on a recent visit to him in the Tilery Care Home with a beautiful wall hanging which he requested to be hung in the welcome area of Clabby Church. This wall hanging had pride of place in his home prior to his admission to the Tilery last year.



The wall hanging presented by Mr. Walter Bottom.

Milestones on the Way

During the month of May two important milestones in the Christian Faith take place. The first Ascension Thursday marks the return of Jesus to Heaven. It marks the completion of Jesus' ministry and purpose of His coming namely his death on the cross for our sins and His Resurrection triumphant over death. As He would pray prior to His death, I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory. I had with you before the world began" (John 17 v 4) The Ascension secondly means that the disciples are now in waiting for the promised coming of the Holy Spirit to equip and empower them to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28 v 19-20) "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1 v 8) Jesus' Ascension also marked the promise of His return. One day as judge of all peoples, his acknowledgement as Lord

and establishment of a new heaven and a new earth, to claim his bride the Church (Revelation 21)

The other milestone commemorated by the Church is Pentecost, the coming of the Promised Holy Spirit "It is for your good that I am going away, unless I go away, the counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you" (John 16 v7)

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of violent wind came from Heaven and the house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the spirit enabled them" (Acts 2 1-4)

This startling, noisy, life transforming event had dramatic, marvellous results due to the preaching of the gospel and the Holy Spirit's moving, 3000 people became Christians. Today we are a waiting people, a waiting Church for the return of Christ. God calls us to be ready by a living active faith alone in Christ alone. We are to be committed to Christ and then alert for his return active, serving Christ in our words and by our actions.



Trory and Killadeas



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Gallagher**

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Easter in the Parishes

Once again we had a fantastic Lent, Holy Week and Easter in our parishes. Our midweek services had a fantastic turnout, with dozens of parishioners turning out every week. Huge thanks are due to our local dramatists for bringing the people and materials of the passion to life so vividly. It was also great to see so many people coming out for the dawn communion at the edge of the lough followed by delicious bacon baps, and even more wonderful to see so many of our families out on Easter Sunday enjoying the Easter Egg hunts and learning about the true meaning of the empty easter egg representing the empty tomb.

Coronation of King Charles III

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, children's crafts, lawn games and inflatable obstacle courses. More details will be on social media and announced in church. We are very grateful to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council for the seed money sponsorship for this event. 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.



Easter Dawn Service on banks of Lower Lough Erne, with bacon baps and coffee afterwards.



Tuesday Fitness Classes with Harry

On 18th April we started Tuesday evening fitness classes with Harry Anderson in Ballycassidy Hall. Classes begin at 8.15pm and are approximately 45mins -1 hour in duration. They are a complete body workout and open to men and women. Classes cost £7. Although we have procured a few of mats on loan from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, it is advised that all participants bring their own, as well as a water bottle.

Emergency Cover

Over the next couple of months, Revd. Mark has some work commitments which include overnight stays in Dublin, Wexford, and Leeds. On these days emergency cover details will be on the answerphone of the rectory landline.

Sunday School and Children's Day Services

The annual Sunday School prizegiving and Childrens Day in Trory will be held on Sunday 28th May. We look forward to celebrating with our young people on this special day for them.

Mothers' Union

On Monday 17th April, Trory and Killadeas Mothers' Union were delighted and enthralled when Mrs Evelyn West brought to life our local history of Trory and Killadeas. The next meeting will be on



Monday 15th May when we hope to visit the new RNLi building. This will be followed with afternoon tea in Mahon's Hotel, which will bring the meetings for this academic year to a close.

Easter General Vestries

This is just a quick note from Revd. Mark to say thank you to the select vestries, both old and new in both parishes.

To those returning to either select vestry, and those returning to positions of office, an ongoing heartfelt thank you for your continued work and support behind the scenes.

To those taking on seats in either vestry for the first time, thank you for making yourself so freely and willingly available in service of the church.

To those who have taken on offices within the vestry for the first time, thank you. You are well capable for the office, you also have very capable forebearers, and people round you, who will help you every step of the way as you settle into your new position.

To those who have decided it to step down after years of dedicated service, from positions of office, or from either select vestry, thank you for all of the time and commitment you so generously gave in service. Well done good and faithful servant. Enjoy the well-earned time to put your feet up... but not too much time off as we still need to call on your expertise, and skills.

Local Football Tournaments

We want to wish all the best to our young people taking part in the Junior Church



Football Tournament. For those who would like to support them on the day, the tournament is in Fisher Park, Ballinamallard, on 4th May at 6.30pm, and organised by Naomi Armstrong, the Magheracross/ Ballinamallard youth worker.

For the men who will be competing in the Barnabas cup tea, we haven't forgotten about you. We will be in contact soon.

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.

From the registers

HOLY BAPTISM

- 16th April, Priory Church, Killadeas - Louis Collin Magwood

- 30th April, St. Michael's - Trory Dylan McMurray

Looking Ahead

If you usually attend the loyal order services in either Trory or Killadeas, please put the following dates in your diaries;

- Trory annual LOL Service, Sunday 11th June
- Killadeas annual LOL service, Sunday 25th June
- RBP 1239 annual service, Sunday 30th July

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 6th

- Coronation Street Party at the rectory, 2-5pm. At the time of sending notes for printing, times are dependent on and



Easter Egg Hunt after All Age Eucharist.



awaiting announcement of coronation timings on the day.

Sunday 7th

- 10am Holy Communion celebrating the coronation of HRH King Charles III, Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am Holy Communion celebrating the coronation of HRH King Charles III, St Michael's, Trory

Sunday 14th

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

Monday 15th

- 2pm MU at new Killadeas RNLi base followed by afternoon tea in Mahon's Hotel.

Sunday 21st

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

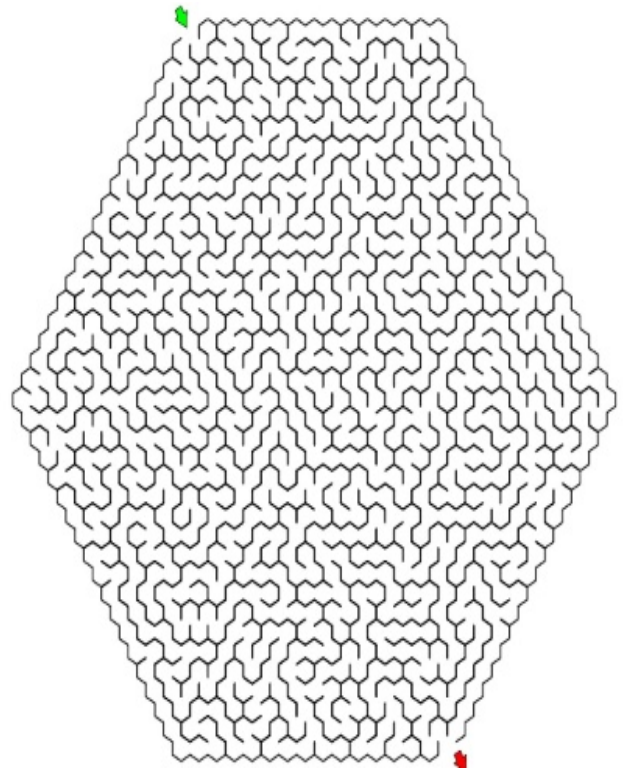
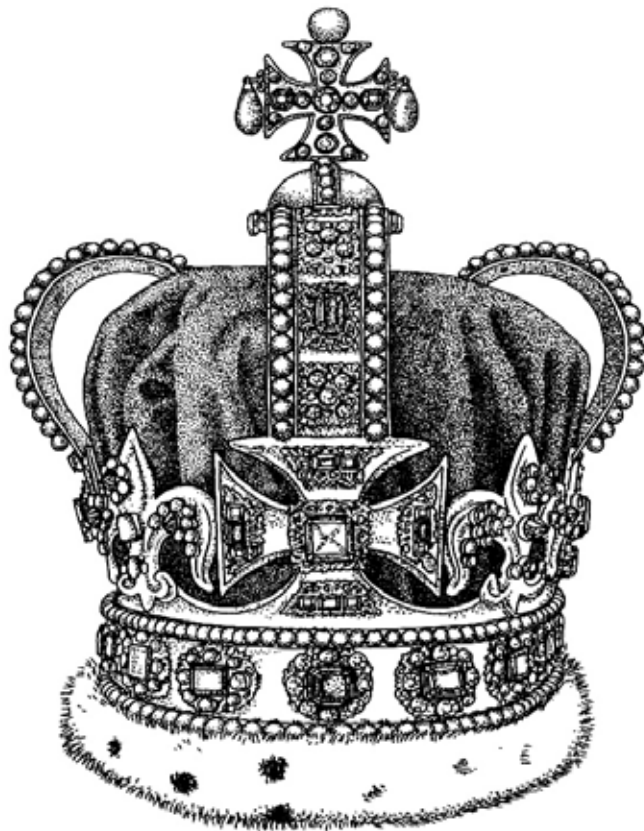
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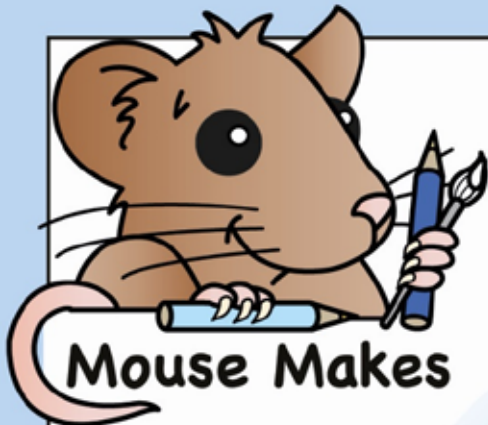
- 10am Morning Prayer, Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am Morning Prayer with Sunday School prizegiving and Holy Baptism, St Michael's, Trory

CHILDREN'S SECTION



Pentecost





Mouse Makes

Find the answers in the word search

Forty days after His resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles one last time. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come, then He blessed them and ascended into heaven.



READ Acts 1 4-17

What did Jesus say that the Holy Spirit would give the Apostles?

_____ to be Jesus' witnesses. Acts 1:8

What did Jesus hid from the Apostles?

a _____ Acts 1:9

Where was Jesus taken up to? _____ Luke 24:51

Who appeared to the Apostles? Two _____ and what were they dressed in? _____ Acts 1:10

Where did the Apostles return to? _____

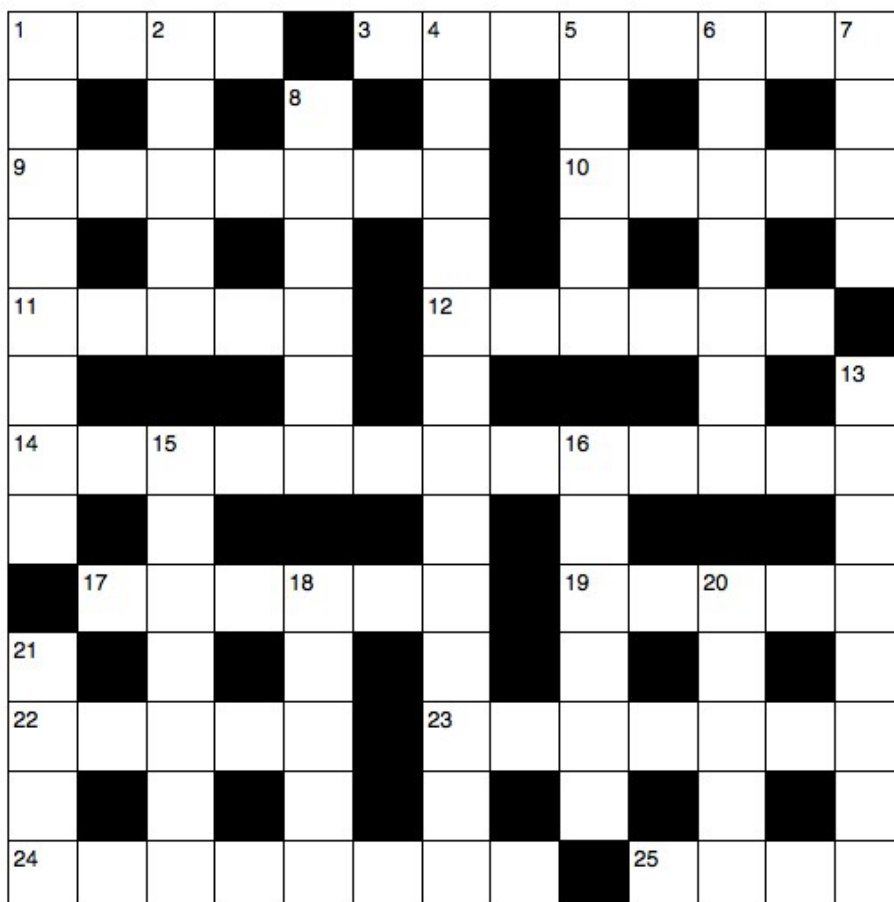
Acts 1:12

Where is Jesus seated? At the _____ of God. Mark 16:19

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PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
- 3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
- 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
- 10 Group of eight (5)
- 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
- 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
- 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
- 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)
- 19 Attend to (3,2)
- 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
- 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)
- 24 Rule of sovereign (8)
- 25 Test (anag.) (4)

DOWN

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)
- 2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)
- 4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
- 5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
- 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)
- 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)
- 8 Minister of religion (6)
- 13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)
- 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)
- 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)
- 18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)
- 20 Establish by law (5)
- 21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 70

DIOCESAN NEWS



Taking part in the 64th Annual Friends Service in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher are (front from left); Revd Alison Irvine, who conducted the service; Bishop Ian Ellis and Dean Kenneth Hall. Back row (from left); Mr Harrison Boyd, treasurer; Mrs Isobel Gilmore, secretary; Mr John Irvine, Diocesan Reader and Mr Jack Johnston, former secretary.



The Tully Meadow singers.



Mr. Jack Johnston reading a lesson.



Mrs Beryl Boyd reading one of the lessons.

Annual Friends Service is held in Clogher Cathedral

The 64th Annual Friends Service took place in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher on Sunday, 26 March, the first such service since 2018, mainly due to the Covid pandemic.

The service was conducted by Revd Alison Irvine, who was joined by fellow clergy and laity, the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis; the Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall; Canon Noel McGahan, Parish Priest of Clogher and Mr. John Irvine, Diocesan Reader.

The hymns were; "God is here," "Thy hand, O God, has guided" and "Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise." The organist was Mrs Diane Simpson and guest music was provided by Tully Meadow Singers accompanied by Roisin McCurry with conductor, Siobhan O'Neill.

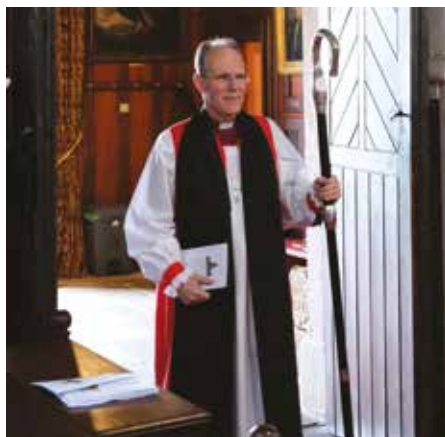
The lessons were read by Mr Jack Johnston and Mrs Beryl Boyd.

The preacher was the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis who said it was good to be associated with a body of supporters of the Cathedral extending beyond its congregation and across denominational boundaries.

He said the group, Friends of Clogher Cathedral spoke of their common desire to support, care and love this historic place of worship and of their belief that together they could help to maintain its witness and role in the community.

Bishop Ellis went on to expand on the meaning of "friend."

"St Macartan as you all know, has historically



Bishop Ian Ellis enters the Cathedral during the processional hymn.

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 Bridget 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.

"Perhaps today we could learn from the 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'.

Following the service, afternoon tea was served in the Cathedral Hall by members of the Mothers' Union.

The annual meeting of the Friends of Clogher Cathedral then took place with Bishop Ellis presiding.

Reports were presented by the Secretary, Mrs Isabel Gilmore and the Treasurer, Mr Harrison Boyd. The committee was re-elected with the addition of Mrs Hilary Keys. The Bishop paid tribute to the work of Mr Boyd, the retiring treasurer and closed with the Grace.



The Cathedral Choir leading the praise.



Archbishop Michael Jackson leading the prayers.

Bishop of Clogher and two Archbishops help celebrate 400 years of worship in Enniskillen

St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen hosted a magnificent service to mark the Quadricentennial Year of the Parish of Enniskillen on Friday, 24 March, the Feast Day of Saint Macartin.

The uplifting service marking 400 years of worship on this site, was attended by many parishioners as well as people from across the Diocese and local community. They included the Lord Lieutenant for Fermanagh, Viscount Brookeborough and Lady Brookeborough.

The service was conducted by the Dean, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall and the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis and two former Bishops of Clogher, Archbishop Michael Jackson and Archbishop John McDowell also took part.

Bishop Ian Ellis gave the Absolution and the Blessing, while Archbishop Michael Jackson led the prayers and Archbishop John McDowell, Primate of All Ireland preached the sermon.

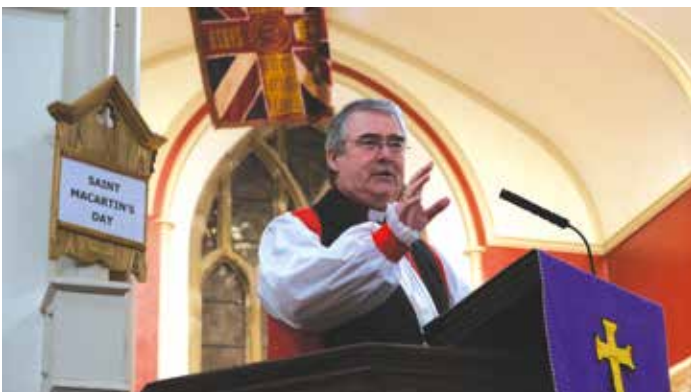
The Old Testament Lesson was read by



The Churchwardens, Alanna Williamson and Nathan Clyde with (from left); Archbishop Michael Jackson, Bishop Ian Ellis, Archbishop John McDowell and Dean Kenneth Hall.

Viscount Brookeborough, KG KStJ and the New Testament Lesson was read by Mr. Sam Morrow OBE, Honorary Secretary of Enniskillen Parish.

The organist, Mr. Glenn Moore and the Cathedral Choir conducted by Mr. David Baxter led the praise which included the hymns; "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,"



Archbishop John McDowell preaching at the service.



A special flower arrangement for the occasion by Mrs Sabrina McCabe.



The churchwardens cut the anniversary cake with Dean Kenneth Hall.



The 400th anniversary service was attended by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis (centre) and two former Bishops of Clogher, the Most Revd Dr. Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Glendalough and the Most Revd John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland.

“We love the place, O God; “Be thou my vision” and “Nearer, my God, to thee,” as well as the anthem, “The Church’s One Foundation” arranged by Dan Forrest in 1978, the Magnificat, Psalm 84 and the Nunc Dimittis.

Archbishop McDowell, in his address, paid tribute to the Dean, Select Vestry, parishioners and local community for their support to maintain the fabric of St. Macartin’s Cathedral and outlined the history of churches in Ireland from the early days through the Reformation and Disestablishment.

He spoke of the early church practice of giving the First Fruits and tithes for the establishment of a church but said nowadays the cost of refurbishment of churches was borne by the parishioners and local community themselves such as those connected with St Macartin’s Cathedral, praising them for the remarkable way they reroofed and refurbished the building, without which the witness of God would not go on.

The witness of God was the reason church buildings were important to people over the centuries and why following the ending of Covid restrictions, people were delighted to be back in church, he said.

“They came back to church with great devotion because these were places where they encountered the holiness of God,” said the Archbishop.

As the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Good Friday Agreement was approaching shortly after the service took place, he said; “I think we need to equip ourselves for the building of peace because we are at the point in the life of this country which will

either be a breakdown or a breakthrough.” He said that despite all the promises that were made 25 years, everyone had not tried in their personal lives to build on those because the church of Christ in Ireland and in these islands were in particular a vocation of peacemakers and peacebuilders.

“All we have done is we have stopped the war but we have not built the peace.” He suggested; “We need always to speak a word of peace into every violent or fractious or uncivil conversation or attitude.”

He then quoted the familiar passage from the Book of Matthew; “Blessed are the Peacekeepers for they will be called the Children of God.”

During the service, the two Churchwardens Mr. Nathan Clyde, Rector’s Churchwarden and Miss Alanna Williamson, People’s Churchwarden assisted by the Dean, cut the Quadricentennial Anniversary Cake.

The congregation was invited to tea in the Cathedral Hall following the service for food and fellowship.



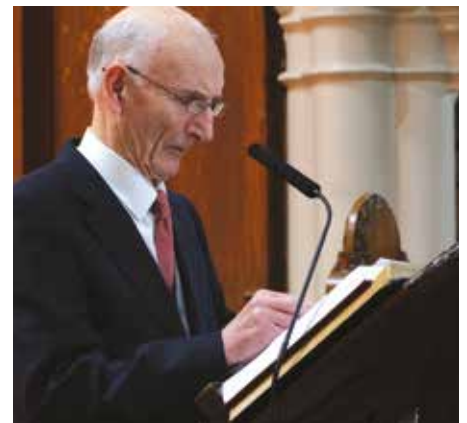
Viscount Brookeborough reading a lesson.

CHURCH HISTORY

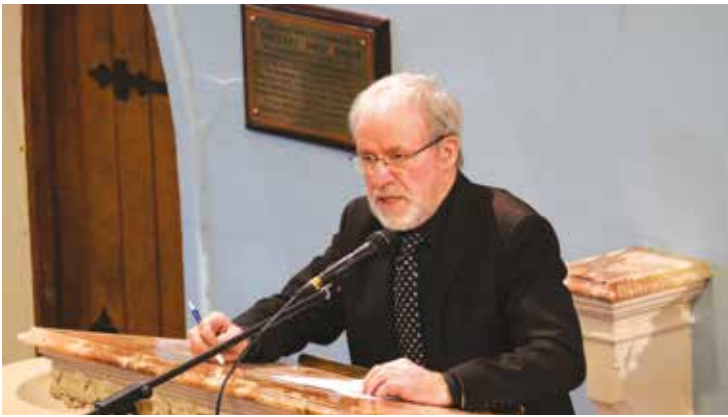
The first church was built on the site during the 1620’s with the tower completed in 1637. Following an extension in the early 1800s, St. Anne’s Parish Church was reconsecrated in 1842. The church was dedicated as St Macartin’s Cathedral in 1923, as the second cathedral in Clogher Diocese.

There have been many improvements carried out over the years, the most recent being a £550,000 restoration which included re-roofing, repair of stonework, internal redecoration, rebuilding of the organ and enhancement of the Cathedral precincts. This was carried out with the financial support of parishioners, members of the community, local businesses along with grants from the National Churches Trust and AllChurches Trust.

The Cathedral is named after St. Macartin, a “strong man” who supported St. Patrick in his mission in Ireland. Macartin was the first Bishop of the Diocese in 454 and is the patron saint of the diocese.



Mr Sam Morrow reading a lesson.



Walter Pringle conducting the service.



Anne Corley from Clones Community Forum explaining the history of St. Tighernach.

Clones patron saint is remembered on St. Tighernach's Day

St Tighernach's Parish Church stands prominently at The Diamond in Clones and on Tuesday, 4 April it was the focus of a special event to commemorate the patron saint of the town.

St Tighernach was Bishop of Clogher from 506-549 and the cultural event marks the anniversary of his death.

Mr Walter Pringle, of Clones Community Forum, organisers, introduced the service in the church where musical items were provided by the Different Keys Community Choir and the Graham Memorial Pipe Band, Clontibret.

There were a number of talks, the first by Anne Corley, from Clones Community

Forum on St. Tighernach.

She said; "In addition to Clones, Rosslea and Galloon there are a number of other Parishes, such as Derryvullen, Aghalurcher and Killtierney, who claim St. Tigernach/ Tiarnach/Tierney as their Patron Saint. "Saint Tigernach is said to have been born in 506AD. His mother Derfraigh was a daughter of Eochaid who held the Royal seat in the city of Clogher. His father was Coirbre, a nobleman from Leinster, and a high ranking officer in Eochaid's army. The two fell in love and had a son. The boy child was brought back to Leinster by his father. When they entered Kildare they were met by Saint Bridget and he was brought to the

Bishop of Kildare to be baptised. Bridget became his godmother and it was she who gave him the name Tigernagh 'meaning Princely' because he was the son and grandson of many generations of Gaelic lords and kings. Tigernach's father, Coirbre took his son home to his father's lands to be brought up and educated.

In his youth Tigernach was captured by pirates who had come to plunder Leinster. He was brought to the King of the Britons. Here he was loved by his captors for his virtue and eventually Tigernach was given his freedom. Instead of returning home Tigernach went to the Monastery of Rosnat, a dual monastery, and an important centre



Pipers from the Graham Memorial Pipe Band, Clontibret leading a parade from the service in St. Tighernach's Church, Clones, in the background.

in early Celtic Christianity.

It was while he was here that he had a vision that told him *"in the land of his mother he would found a famous church"*. On leaving Rosnat, Tigernach travelled to Rome where he acquired relics of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. He then returned to Ireland, first to Kildare, where Bridget made him a Bishop before continuing his journey to Ulster, in particular to Clogher the land of his mother. He went to his maternal grandfather Eochaid who was delighted to see his grandson, whom he considered as *"no ordinary man but a great and gentle Holy Man"*.

In an apparition Tigernach was told *"go to the ultimate boundaries of the land over which your grandfather Eochaid presides and found a Holy Place with Gods help"*.

It was at this time that he founded the Monastery of Galloon on Lough Erne.

Leaving Galloon in the safe hands of one of his beloved monks Comgall, Tigernach travelled eastwards to a more spacious and fertile land, not far away on the boundary of his grandfather's kingdom to build a bigger Monastery. It was here that the Great Monastery of Clones was founded under the shadow of the magnificent Royal Moat, Rath or Hill Fort that still stands sentinel over the town. Tigernach became Abbot of Clones and Bishop of Clogher with a college of holy men and a convent of nuns in both active and contemplative life.

St. Tigernach is said to have taught a great many to serve God in primitive purity and simplicity which was the way of the Coptic Church before the influence of the Roman Empire. In later life he suffered from blindness and died of the plague in Clones in 549AD. His remains are reputed to have been buried in the Stone Sarcophagus in the Round Tower Graveyard.

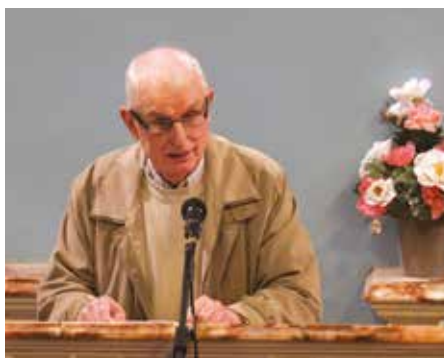
Clones Stone Tomb, House Tomb or Sarcophagus is a unique feature in Ireland as it is a monolith (made from one stone), in the shape and design of an early church most probably taken from the design of an earlier wooden reliquary box. The Sarcophagus is located in the same graveyard as an almost intact 9th Century Round Tower, nearby is the 12th Century Abbey dedicated to Saints Peter and Paul, built after the 5th Century Abbey was destroyed. On the Diamond in front of St. Tigernach's Church of Ireland is a beautiful High Cross, a Scripture Cross, engraved with scenes from the old and New Testament.

The second talk was local historian, George Knight on St. Erc's Hermitage, Slane.

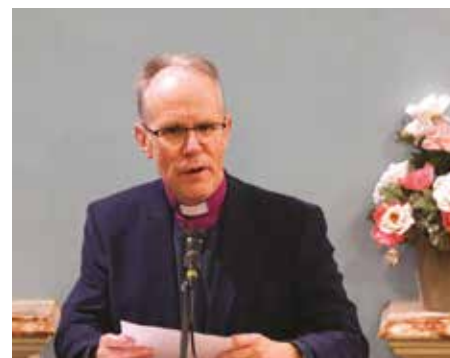
The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis gave an Easter homily and made reference to the Christian images of crosses and referred to the High Cross in the centre



Members of Clones Community Forum dressed as monks, gathered for a ceremony around the grave or Sarcophagus of St. Tigernach, beside the Round Tower in Clones.



George Knight giving an historical perspective.



Bishop Ian Ellis preaching at the service.

of Clones which dates from the mid 9th century. Like many other crosses it has illustrations of biblical scenes such Daniel in the Lion's Den as well as Adam and Eve. "Because they are retained today speaks so much for their cultural significance so that people can be inspired to faith," he said.

Following the church service, the ensemble

from Graham Memorial Band led a parade of people dressed as monks carrying lanterns followed by the congregation to the Round Tower graveyard, assembling close to the Sarcophagus, where St Tigernach is said to be buried. Everyone attending were invited for refreshments in the Cassandra Hand Folk and Famine Centre.



Pipers from the Graham Memorial Pipe Band.

CATHEDRAL FLOWER FESTIVAL INSPIRED BY JOHN'S GOSPEL



The Dean, churchwardens and some parishioners who are involved in the organising of the forthcoming Flower Festival.

The forthcoming Flower Festival in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen 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. Teas will be available all day for everyone. However lunches and evening meals need to be booked, to allow the catering team to prepare. 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.

Chaplaincy team wins Health Trust's Chairman Award

The Chaplaincy Service in the Western Health and Social Care Trust area has won the Chair's Award at the Trust's awards for 2022/2023.

Included in the Chaplaincy team are Dean Kenneth Hall and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly from Enniskillen, who represent the local South-West Acute Hospital team.

The awards ceremony in the Silver Birch Hotel, Omagh on Tuesday, were compered by Barra Best with speakers including Sam Pollock, Chairman and Neil Guckian, Chief Executive of the Western Trust and Peter May, Permanent Secretary of the Department of Health

These were the first awards handed out since the last ceremony four years ago and there were many names included in the successive video clips of individual nominations.

The Chaplaincy Team in the Western Area was highly commended for the 'Championing Our Health and Wellbeing Award' and the final award was the Chair's Award which was given to the Chaplaincy Team across all the Trust's hospitals. The Chairman made reference to the work of chaplains and the appreciation of staff for what they did and particularly during the pandemic.



Dean Kenneth Hall and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly who represent the South-West Acute Hospital chaplaincy team with their award.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

May 2023

- Thursday 4th May – **Junior Church Football Tournament** organised by Ballinamallard Youth Ministry at Fisher Park, Ballinamallard. The under 5-a-side football competition is open for Year 12 and below and open to all church denominations in Fermanagh with sections for boys and girls. More info from; naomi.armstrong@irishmethodist.org
- 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 Troly 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 Troly 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 Celebration** in Kilskeery Parish Church at 1pm.
- Sunday 7th May – **Service of Celebration for Coronation of King Charles III** at 3.00pm in Holy Trinity Church, Lisnaskea followed by afternoon tea in the Trinity Hall.
- Sunday 7th May – **Coronation Special Service** in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 11.00am. The special preacher will be the Bishop of Clogher. This will be followed by a Sunday lunch in the Cathedral Hall.
- Sunday 7th May – **Coronation Weekend** Joint Service in Maguiresbridge followed by barbecue.
- Tuesday 9th May – **Coffee Morning** in Ballybay in the Parish Hall from 11am. - 12.30pm. All parishioners and friends welcome!
- Wednesday 10th May – **Derryvullen North Shoppers' Service** in the hall.
- 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 third day's business will be conducted remotely on the evening of Tuesday 16th May and the evening of Thursday 18th May (if required).
- Saturday 13th May – **Aughnamullen Annual Coffee Morning and cake sale** from 10.30 am-1pm in the Schoolhouse. All are welcome.
- Wednesday 17th May – **Day of Friendship and Prayer on Lough Derg** from 10am - 3pm with guest speaker; Dean Kenneth Hall, of St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. Boats leave from 10am. Booking essential with Lough Derg; www.loughderg.org



- Friday 19th May – **Police Choir in Concert** in Colaghty Parish Church at 8pm with retiring collection for Air Ambulance NI.
- Saturday 20th May – **Clabby Parish Tractor Run** with registration from 5pm and tractors leaving Clabby Church Hall at 6pm. All tractors welcome. For further details, contact Jim Monteith 02889521167/ Mobile 07751803660
- 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 May – **Coffee/Tea Morning and Light Lunch** in aid of County Monaghan Church of Ireland Children's Society (formerly County Monaghan Protestant Orphan Society) at the home of Mrs Miriam Moore, Bishops court, Clones H23 R773 from 10.30am to 2pm. Historical talk by Mr George Knight at 12 noon. Everyone welcome. Plant and cake stall



- 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.
- Wednesday 31st May – **Installations to Cathedral Chapter of St Macartin's, Clogher and St Macartin's, Enniskillen** on Feast Day of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 7.30pm in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. Preacher is the newly appointed Archdeacon of Armagh, The Venerable Peter A Thompson.

June 2023

- Saturday 3rd June – **Car boot sale** in Drummully Parish with gates open from 8am.
- Thursday 8th June – **Barnabas Cup inter-church football tournament** for over 16s at Ferney Park, Ballinamallard hosted by Magheracross Parish. Teams can be entered from any church or combinations of churches. For further information, email magheracross@gmail.com.
- Saturday 10th June – **Creative Prayer Morning** 'Come To The Waters' (Isaiah 55) in Fivemiletown Parish Hall from 9.30am with tea/ coffee and ending with a light lunch at 12.30pm.
- Friday 23rd June – **Mullaghduin Parish Barbecue and Dance** in Mullaghduin Hall at 8.00pm. Music by Curtis Magee. Tickets will be available shortly for this event.



- 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.

MOTHERS' UNION

Daffodil Tea is held to raise money for Worldwide Funds



Photos from the successful Daffodil Tea held in Colebrooke.

Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union held a 'Daffodil Tea' event to raise money for Mothers' Union Worldwide Funds, which supports projects in literacy, financial education, parenting skills, safe spaces, disaster relief and more. Betty Foster, a faithful parishioner of Colebrooke had kept the original invitation to a Daffodil Tea in April 1958 and this sparked the idea for a similar event 65 years later. Betty Foster's family donated money to Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union and gave items of craft and literature which were displayed. A table cloth for use at Mothers' Union meetings, purchased from the donation, was also on display. Betty's sister-in-law, Rhoda, and nieces Jean and Gillian visited from County Antrim to celebrate the event. Mothers' Union members and friends, from around counties Fermanagh and Tyrone, generously supported the morning tea, enjoying the tasty treats to eat and purchasing cakes and jam from the produce stall.

Mrs Doreen Earls, the Worldwide Representative from the Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union Trustee Board, explained how the money raised would be used and she specifically mentioned the relief work ongoing in Sudan, where there are a large number of Mothers' Union members. Mrs Valerie McMorris, Faith and Policy Co-Ordinator on the Trustee Board, outlined the important work of the 'prayer chain' on going in the diocese, which has brought much comfort and help to people over the years. All these aspects of Mothers' Union are in line with their motto 'Christian Care for Families.' The event also featured a colouring and drawing competition for children from the parish families and a Floral Art competition – an arrangement in a tea cup – for everyone. Local artist, Beverley judged the 25 entries and Floral Art expert Mamie judged the children and adult entries of floral arrangements and the prizes were awarded on Saturday. The amazing sum of £760 has been raised. Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union members send a huge, sincere thank you to everyone who supported the 'Daffodil Tea' and gave donations. Your efforts will make a difference in so many lives around the world.



DIOCESAN MU TEAM HELP CELEBRATE ETHEL'S BIRTHDAY



Mrs Ethel Stewart, aged 101 in April pictured with Irene Boyd, Clogher Diocesan Indoor Members Contact and Heather Ellis, Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union President.

CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

CELEBRATING THE CORONATION IN CLOGHER DIOCESE

There will be many wonderful events organised around the country to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and many of our parishes will be marking the occasion with special services and social events including lunches and afternoon teas. The following is a list of those in Clogher Diocese who have organised services and events;

Friday, 5th May

- King Charles has asked that on the eve of his Coronation, the prayers of the peoples of the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and beyond will be offered to God for the reign he has begun in our name
- Parish Fun Evening in **Clabby**, Co. Fermanagh, at 6.30pm to celebrate the Coronation.
- To mark the King's Coronation, a service will be held in **Coolbuck** Church (part of Lisbellaw Parish) at 5pm to offer prayers for King Charles III and the Royal Family.

Saturday, 6th May

- Coronation Hog Roast from 12.00noon to 3.00pm at the **Garrison Group of Parishes**



Rectory, Co. Fermanagh. Proceeds to Bishops' Appeal for Syria and Turkey Earthquake Relief and the Rectory Fund. No RSVP required.

- Coronation Street Party at the Rectory of **Troy and Killadeas** Parishes, Co. Fermanagh. In the morning, large screens in the

Rectory will be showing the Coronation followed by a street party, with food, fun, lawn games and inflatable obstacle courses.

- Prayers for the King and Queen at 6pm in Rossorry Parish Church.

Sunday, 7th May

- Coronation Weekend Joint Service in **Maguiresbridge**, Co. Fermanagh, followed by barbecue.
- Coronation Service Celebrations in **Barr and Donacavey** churches.
- Special service to mark the Coronation in **St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen** at 11am with the Bishop of Clogher being the preacher followed by a Sunday lunch in the Cathedral Hall.
- A Service marking the Coronation in **St. John's Parish Church, Fivemiletown** at 11am.
- Coronation celebration at 1pm in Kilskeery

Parish Church.

- Service in **Lisbellaw Parish Church** at 11am to offer prayers and thankfulness for the King and Royal Family.
- Service of Celebration at 3pm for the Coronation of King Charles III in **Holy Trinity Church, Lisnaskea** and afternoon tea afterwards in Trinity Hall.
- **Rossorry Parish Church** celebrates the Coronation following the 10.30am service with Afternoon Tea and a Barbecue and inviting the Sunday School children to part in a Coronation Fancy Dress Competition.
- Coronation Celebration Service in both **Tempo and Clabby** Churches.

Prayers for the Coronation

The Liturgical Advisory Committee has published several prayers for use in churches in Northern Ireland marking the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III on Saturday, 6th May. The material includes two prayers for the King, one of which has been used at Coronations over the centuries (available in traditional and contemporary language), a prayer for Queen Consort, and a short series of intercessions.

New study of Church of Ireland architecture launched in Armagh

The launch of Dr Michael O'Neill's *'An Architectural History of the Church of Ireland'* took place in the Armagh Robinson Library in April. The event followed a Dublin launch

The Dean of Armagh and Keeper of the Library, the Very Revd Shane Forster, warmly welcomed those attending at the Library, which is named after Archbishop Richard Robinson who founded it in 1771. "Those links and those connections are so important – the stories and the histories of our buildings," Dean Forster remarked, "so as we celebrate the architectural legacy of the Church of Ireland and the publication of this new book, it is wonderful to gain insight into the thought processes, the history and traditions that went into the design and the layout of some of our most familiar church buildings, cathedrals and glebe houses. We have much to be thankful for and a wonderfully rich heritage to celebrate, to protect, and to preserve for future generations."



From left: Dr Raymond Refaüssé (Church of Ireland Publishing), Mrs Primrose Wilson (President, Ulster Architectural Heritage), Dr Michael O'Neill, the Very Revd Shane Forster, Keeper of Armagh Robinson Library and Carol Conlin, Assistant Keeper of Armagh Robinson Library.

The book was launched by guest speaker Primrose Wilson, President of Ulster Architectural Heritage.

An Architectural History of the Church of Ireland is available from the Church of Ireland's online bookstore at £50/€55.

PIONEER MINISTRY INTRODUCED TO CLOGHER CLERGY TEAM



The Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis with Revd Rob Jones, National Director of Pioneer Ministry; Revd Rebecca Guildea, Rector of Garrison Group of Parishes and Revd William Jeffrey, Rector of Lisbellaw with Coolbuck, at the Maundy Thursday service in St. Patrick's Church, Monaghan.

Clergy in Clogher Diocese were given an insight into Pioneer Ministry, the new Church of Ireland initiative by Revd Rob Jones, National Director for Pioneer Ministry at their Maundy Thursday gathering in St Patrick's Church, Monaghan.

Also the Clogher candle representing sending out the light of this new programme was presented by Rob having been lit at the service in St Patrick's Dublin where Pioneer Ministry was launched.

Meanwhile some of the Pioneer Ministry team were privileged to sit down with the Archbishop of Wales, the Most Revd Andrew John; the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson and the Archbishop of Canterbury's former Missioner and Fresh Expressions Team Lead in the Church of England, Canon Phil Potter, to have a conversation about all things pioneering.

Both archbishops shared their vision and hopes for new life in Wales and Ireland, whilst Phil shared some stories and his experience of pioneering across the Anglican Communion. The discussion can be viewed on 'Across the Church' playlist on the YouTube website: www.youtube.com/churchofireland

Pioneer Ministry is an initiative of the Church of Ireland to reach those with little or no connection to church. Emerging from within to encourage, support and release a movement that has the capacity to reach people in new places and in different ways.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Holy Land tour 'exceeded expectations'

Geoffrey and Eleanor Kerr from Lisnaskea were among 11 people from Clogher Diocese who travelled on the recent tour of the Holy Land led by Revd William Bennett, former rector of Lisnaskea parish. The 48 people travelling included people from throughout Ireland, France, Hungary and Canada staying at an hotel on the shores of the Sea of Gallilee. This is their report.

"The first few days were spent in the region of Galilee as we visited many of the very well-known places associated with the early life of Jesus but also places given great importance in the Old Testament.

"There were also numerous historical and archaeological sites visited. A few highlights which left lasting memories and enriched our understanding of the Gospel included;

- Nazareth Village is a wonderful construction of a patch of ground near Nazareth where life is depicted as it would have been 2000 years ago.

- The Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the most famous sermon (Matthew Chapter). Mount Tabor where the transfiguration is celebrated and Mount Carmel where Elijah saw a wonderful victory over the prophets of Baal.

"The views of the Jezreel Valley were brilliant and in the distance one could see Megaddo. Driving up to the Golan Heights the views were breathtaking and as far as the Temple of Pan where Jesus asked 'Who do people say I am?' and Peter's reply 'you are the Christ the son of the Living God'.

"We called at the recently developed site in the ancient city of Magdala where Mary Magdalene was born and is a fascinating discovery and most interesting tour.

A boat ride on the Sea of Galilee was very special where we got a panoramic view of the countryside and mountains as they were 2000 years ago.

"Leaving Galilee we travelled south and on the way to the Dead Sea we visited a baptismal site on the River Jordan where a number of our group renewed their baptismal vows or may have been baptised for the first time.

"Floating in the Dead Sea is always great fun and even though the weather there was a little cooler than normal, people who never could swim could swim for the



Above: The tour group on the Mount of Olives.

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(Inset) Revd William Bennett with his granddaughter, Abbie at Nazareth Village.

first time. We saw where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found and then ascended Massada by cable car to hear its amazing history revealing much

of the lifestyle of King Herod and the gruesome story of the fall of Masada at the hands of the invading Roman Army.

"Jerusalem is always special starting with the panoramic view of the city from the Mount of Olives. Then to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus spent his last hours before his arrest. The Church of all Nations is a beautiful building at the Garden. "The places visited are too numerous to mention in this small resume but some very special places must be mentioned; St Ann's Church at the pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the crippled man, is an amazing place. Groups queue to take their turn to sing in the church.

It is one of the best, most exciting and moving places to sing that I know of and of course the Irish made great sounds of praise there.

"The Via Dolorosa, the way of the Cross, leads from the Pool of Bethesda to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and is punctuated by the stations of the Cross which gave visible expressions of the suffering of Jesus as he walked to Calvary. We visited The Upper room where Christians celebrated the Last Supper and the coming of God the Holy Spirit on those assembled on the day of Pentecost and we went to the western Wall (Wailing Wall) where there is almost continuous prayer

offered either audibly or written on paper and inserted between the great stones in the wall.

"One of the great highlights of the tour was a visit to The Garden Tomb. This is a garden site beside what was a marketplace in Jerusalem and is adjacent to a quarry where there is the very obvious shape of a skull on the rock face. In this garden there are many things that lead people to believe that it may have been here that Jesus was buried, having been crucified in the marketplace outside the garden.

"We all had an opportunity to enter the tomb which is one that answers the description given in the Gospels. This was a special experience which was followed by a very meaningful culmination of our tour in the celebration of Holy Communion in a small-enclosed area at the Garden Tomb.

"This tour was much more than we could have expected. Yael, the guide had a great understanding of 'us Irish' and excelled in her guidance with amazing knowledge, deep insights and a passion for scripture.

"We had an excellent driver, comfortable hotels with delicious food to suit all tastes and weather was very comfortable and dry.

"Sincere thanks is due to all who helped out in any way. We had lots of talent who entertained us most evenings but very special thanks to Garth Peel who, with his wife Gena, showed no hesitation in their generosity by providing top class and appropriate entertainment for the tour. Clogher Diocese was well represented having 11 people on this tour.

GIVING PEAS A CHANCE IN MALAWI

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Malawi is Africa's largest producer of pigeon peas. This versatile, low-cost, protein-rich and drought-resistant crop has been maligned in Malawi - regarded as 'desperation' food and only eaten when there is no alternative. But with the support of Christian Aid's local partner, one widowed grandmother is making her children's dreams come true with this humble pulse.

Esther Saizi is lively, chatty and full of laughter. When we first meet the 54-year old grandmother, she is baking bread with pigeon pea flour. She shows us the bread oven, opening the front door to reveal the rolls inside and the place where the firewood fits at the back.

But Esther's broad smile hides much sorrow and hardship. Two years ago, Esther's husband passed away and she struggled to come to terms with his loss.

On top of that, Esther lives in Malawi, one of the most climate-vulnerable countries in the world and smallholder farmers like her are on the frontline, beset by harsh drought and extreme weather.

Thankfully she was spared the worst effects of Cyclone Freddy, the longest-lasting tropical cyclone on record, which devastated Malawi in February and March. However, just a year earlier, Cyclone Ana washed away many of Esther's crops, leaving her feeling desperate.

Even the war thousands of miles away in Ukraine impacts Esther, driving up the price of food and fertilizer.

Despite these difficulties, Esther has seen a remarkable reversal in her fortunes since 2019 when she joined a pigeon pea cooperative run by Christian Aid's local partner, the Nandolo Farmers' Association. Esther had been growing pigeon peas for eight years before joining the cooperative, but she'd never been able to secure a fair price for her crop. Exploitative middlemen target isolated farmers like her to gain a sale at very low prices. But when Esther started selling as part of the cooperative, she was connected to better buyers and was able to fetch much more. She is one of more than 3,300 farmers helped by the Nandolo Farmers' Association to get a better price for their crop.

Another benefit of Esther's membership of



Esther Saizi with her grandsons Nespo (4) and Emmanuel (4 months). With her pigeon peas, Esther bakes delicious bread, cooks nutritious meals and snacks, supports her daughters' dreams and sends Nespo to nursery school.

Credit: Christian Aid/
Adam Haggerty

the cooperative is that she is able to store her pigeon peas in a communal warehouse, safe from storms and floods. Instead of having to sell her crop immediately after harvest and accept a bad price, the store allows her to wait until prices have improved. The programme also helped Esther to restore her soil fertility and boost her harvests.

With the profits from her pigeon pea crop, Esther began buying goats and today her herd has grown to 13. The goats provide milk and meat to support her family as well as manure for her crops, which saves on expensive fertiliser. Esther even used her income to buy a sewing machine and now she makes clothes for her family.

With the money she earns growing pigeon peas and selling bread made from pigeon pea flour, Esther is helping her elder daughter develop her carpentry business and supporting her younger daughter's education, hopeful that one day she will become a nurse. The money is also paying nursery school fees for her 4-year-old grandson.

Pigeon peas are drought-tolerant, so they thrive in the dry fields of southern Malawi. They're cheap to grow from recycled seed and require only minimal amounts of fertiliser and pesticides, making them an ideal crop to grow in a region where over

60% of families live in poverty. And because pigeon peas fix nitrogen, they improve soil quality, boosting the yields of crops like maize, sorghum and peanuts.

The pigeon pea is an essential part of the diet of millions of people around the world, particularly in India where dhal is eaten as a staple alongside rice and roti. But the pigeon pea has been maligned in Malawi where it's regarded as 'desperation food', eaten only when there is no alternative.

Just 10% of the 400,000 tonnes the country produces each year is consumed domestically. The Nandolo Farmers' Association has produced a recipe book in the hope of rebranding the pigeon pea as quality, healthy food.

Baking bread from pigeon pea flour is just one initiative Esther is involved in to support her family. Recently, Christian Aid provided a machine to process fish food from a blend of pigeon peas and soya, and this busy grandmother plans to start a fish farm, growing fish in small ponds and selling them to earn an additional income.

This transformation in Esther's fortunes has only been possible because of the generosity of Christian Aid's supporters. By giving this Christian Aid Week at caweek.ie, you can help more farmers like Esther secure a fair price for their crops and make their children's dreams come true.

There's still time for you to join with us this Christian Aid Week (14-20 May). Visit caweek.ie to find out more about our family-friendly Big Pea Challenge. You can download a range of resources to help you knit, grow, crochet and cook your own peas to raise funds for farmers in Malawi and beyond.



THE ART OF REMEMBERING

General Synod takes place this month in Wexford

The General Synod of the Church of Ireland will take place on Friday, 12th May and Saturday, 13th May 2023, in White's Hotel, Wexford. A third day will be taking place remotely on the evening of Tuesday 16th May and the evening of Thursday 18th May (if required).

More information will be published nearer to the time on the General Synod website: <https://synod.ireland.anglican.org>
The General Synod 2024 will take place in Armagh.

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