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A young member of 1st Rossorry Rainbows presents a posy to Queen Camilla during her visit with King Charles III to Enniskillen while Mrs Rosemary Forde, of Fermanagh Scout Association looks on.

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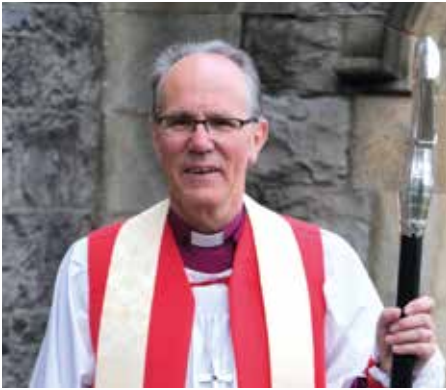


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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



A Message from the Bishop

REFLECTIONS ON GENERAL SYNOD

I write this note having just returned from the General Synod of the Church of Ireland held for the first time in Wexford, in the Diocese of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory. The bishop of the diocese, Right Revd Adrian Wilkinson welcomed members warmly to Wexford town which is in a beautiful part of the country often referred to as the 'sunny southeast'. For those of us who travelled from NI through driving rain on the Thursday we were indeed treated to marvellous sunny weather on the two days of Synod!

The hotel and conference centre were very suitable and provided a wonderful setting for meeting people from all over Ireland once again being the first 'normal' Synod since the ending of the pandemic. General Synod is principally a legislative body which meets to make laws and make other decisions for the Church of Ireland. Apart from that formal purpose it also provides opportunity for members to meet from all over Ireland in a social setting. It is a great gathering of the clan and allows friendships to form and be renewed.

General Synod also provides inspiration as we hear reports of the work of the church across Ireland in so many aspects of life. Speeches and presentations give us an insight into the work of God in every corner of the land and can serve to lift our minds from the parochial to consider national issues and hear how others are tackling challenges in other settings.

This year's Synod had some memorable highlights. One was the opening Holy Communion Service in the lovely setting of St Iberius's church, Wexford. The bishops and participating clergy processed through the narrow streets to join with a full congregation to worship God in a beautiful sunny morning. It was a wonderful occasion showing the Church of Ireland at its very best - a beautifully prepared liturgy, well sung hymns, and lovely music. In his address Bishop Adrian spoke of the emerging technology of Artificial

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Intelligence (AI) and made the point that *'it may be intelligent, but it cannot be compassionate, and it cannot love'*. Bishop Adrian went on to say that *'as the Church seeks a fresh vision of God and his will for humanity, unlike the world of artificial intelligence, this requires real intelligence, empathy, commitment and most of all faith in the living God and his incarnate Son, Jesus Christ'*.

There were many memorable speeches arising under different reports of the General Synod covering topics such as education, youth work, children's ministry, liturgical developments, mission, Christian unity and dialogue, and ministry. Like annual general meetings of most large organisations, much of this business is routine and necessary administration. Thankfully there are also uplifting moments, and we had several such this year.

A memorable presentation was made by 16 young people from Mullingar who staged a dramatic work telling of their concerns for the planet in the context of climate, change, global warming, and the despoiling of the earth by mankind. They presented a project they had devised in their parish entitled *Lighten our Darkness by Numbers*, which is a visionary initiative to repair God's world. They told us of their Garden of Hope - a project to audit each churchyard and a plan to plant trees and create wild spaces for biodiversity. The young people were given a standing ovation at the end of their presentation which certainly challenged and inspired members in equal measure. Perhaps too something young people in parishes in this diocese might take forward.

In an acknowledgement of more effective means of communication in the modern age, the passing of one Bill brings a small change to the Constitutional requirements around giving notice of the revision of vestry members and of the Easter vestry. In future it will no longer be necessary to affix to the principal door of the church, notice of the revision or calling of the meeting. Instead, it shall be sufficient to 'widely communicate in advance and announce at all services in the parish for at least two Sundays next preceding the day appointed for the meeting of the vestry'. So, the centuries old tradition of fixing notices to church doors in the manner of Martin Luther will vanish!

Two private members motions realised some very moving and heartfelt speeches from members. One requested the Church and Society Commission to explore and if necessary, recommend resources which will

enable parishes to engage pastorally with and care for individuals and communities still deeply affected by the trauma of the Troubles. Several speakers spoke of personal experiences of trauma carried forward from the time of conflict in Northern Ireland and how they had little or no support and also how clergy felt under resourced to offer an appropriate pastoral response.

Finally, an impassioned set of speeches arose around a private members motion on behalf of the Primate's diversity reference group, to acknowledge the impact of anti-refugee and migrant hatred in our communities. The passing of the motion asks the group to write to all Diocesan Councils seeking suggestions of ways the Church can counter such language at local level and communicate a strong message of Christian welcome to all.

This motion chimed with some remarks the Primate, Archbishop John McDowell made in his presidential address about inclusion: *"It has been said again and again that the ethnic and cultural make up of this island has changed almost beyond recognition. That begs the question of why so few people of colour are in our Sunday congregations or on vestries, committees and synods. I make many excuses to myself about why this is so and have come to the conclusion that prejudices – including my own – are very deep seated and therefore out of view. As such I should treat prejudice a bit like I treated Covid: assume I have it, realise how poisonous and infectious it is, and do everything to guard against it in order to eradicate it'*.

I'm sure we will agree the challenge of dealing with our prejudices is real even in this most westerly part of Ireland. Our famous Irish 'welcome on the mat' should go further and extend to all parts of our society and to our churches. Let us look to ourselves more closely and see if we need to change our attitudes and practices.

I close my reflections with a prayer from the young people of Mullingar prompting us to consider the creation and walk gently on this earth.

Lord of the universe, we pray for your creation. For the wonder of space, the beauty of the world, the value of earth's resources. Keep us from spoiling these gifts of yours by our selfishness and help us to use them for the good of all people and to the glory of your great name. Amen

Yours in Christ's service,

+Ian Clogher

PARISH NOTES

Aghadrumsee, Clogh & Drumsnatt



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Services

Sunday 4th June

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

Sunday 11th June

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer
Clogh 10.45am Children's Day
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Children's Day

Sunday 18th June

Drumsnatt 3.00pm Children's Day
Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 25th June

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

Easter Vestry

Further to recent Easter Vestry Meetings, the Vestries for 2023/2024 are:

Aghadrumsee

Rector's Churchwarden: Brian Annon;

People's Churchwarden: Kenneth McCauley; Rector's Glebewarden: James Elliott; People's Churchwarden: Edwin Keenan;

Select Vestry: Leslie Annon, Andrew Elliott, Sarah Elliott, James Elliott (Junior), Wesley Elliott, David Johnston (Treasurer), Moira Johnston (Secretary), Alan Madill, Cheryl Madill and Matthew Moran

Clogh

Rector's Churchwarden: Harry Blakely; People's Churchwarden: Thomas Nelson; Rector's Glebewarden: Gordon McCoy; People's Glebewarden: John Egerton; Select Vestry: Ronald Egerton, Walter Egerton, William Forster, Florence Graham, Amanda Kilfedder, Andrea Nelson (Secretary), George Nelson, Margaret Nelson, William Nelson, Eric Nicholl, Andrea Wiggins (Treasurer) and Gordon Wiggins.

Drumsnatt

Rector's Churchwarden: Yvonne Martin (Treasurer); People's Churchwarden: Richard Moore; Rector's Glebewarden: Irwin Martin; People's Glebewarden: Norma Martin (Secretary).

Select Vestry: David Graham, James Graham, Roberta Graham, Elizabeth Haire, Nigel Martin, Stephen Martin, Ian Moore,

Joanne Moore, Lynda Moore, Robert Moore and Joan Sterrit.

Big Spring Sing

A wonderful afternoon of praise was enjoyed by all at our Spring Sing in Aghadrumsee. A very big thank you to all who took part, to our guest speaker, Revd Peter Ferguson, guest organist Gordon Speer, Hillhouse Choristers, our own choir and the Sunday School children.

Children's Day Services

Aghadrumsee and Clogh on Sunday 11th June at normal service times with Drumsnatt



Gordon Speer guest organist at the Big Spring Sing at Aghadrumsee.



Revd Peter Ferguson, Guest preacher at the Big Spring Sing at Aghadrumsee.



A small group brought together singing at the Big Spring Sing at Aghadrumsee.



Hillhouse Choristers at the Big Spring Sing at Aghadrumsee.



Some of the children singing at the Big Spring Sing at Aghadrumsee.



St Mark's Church, Aghadrumsee ready for the Coronation Praise Service.

on Sunday 18th June at 3.00pm.

Parade Services

Annual parade services will take place in Aghadrumsee on Sunday 2nd July at 12.05 pm with no service in Clogh, and in Clogh on Sunday 9th July at 10.45 am with no service in Aghadrumsee.

Holiday Club

Monday to Friday, 14th - 18th August 2023 in Aghadrumsee Old School.



Above and below: Sharing a toast to the King after the Coronation Praise Service at Aghadrumsee.



Ellie who decorated Aghadrumsee church for the Coronation Praise Service with her family and Dean Raymond Ferguson after the service.



Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Services

JUNE

Sunday 4th June

9.30am Cooneen Holy Communion
11.00am Colebrooke Holy Communion

Sunday 11th June

9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer
11.00am Colebrooke Morning Prayer

Sunday 18th June

11.00am Cooneen Joint Family Service for Father's Day with Sunday School Closing

Sunday 25th June

9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer
11.00am Colebrooke Morning Prayer



JULY

Sunday 2nd July

11.00am Colebrooke Holy Communion
3.00pm Cooneen Annual LOL 1010 Service

Sunday 9th July

11.00am Colebrooke Annual LOL 215 Service

Colebrooke Friends' Service

The annual Friends' Service returned to Colebrooke this year. On Sunday 30th April Colebrooke hosted the Friends of St Ronan's for an afternoon service, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. The service was very well attended, and acquaintances were renewed over an excellent tea. Thank you to everyone who



supplied the refreshments and helped on the day.

Coronation Celebration Service

On Sunday 7th May 2023, the group held a service in Colebrooke to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. Following the very well attended service, we enjoyed a lunch of a choice of various soups, breads and a large range of desserts, followed by cake. Thank you to everyone who helped make this, and the Friend's service refreshments, possible.

Mullaghfad Service

At the time of writing, our 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 Right Revd 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.

Forthcoming Event

Colebrooke Parish Church, Friday 29 September 8.00pm. "Autumn Praise in Colour," a restful, fun evening of music and messages with 'Prizes and Surprises' with Revd Dr. Jean Mackarel as well as musicians and soloist. Further details to follow. Most of our organisations have stopped for the summer break. When they return in the Autumn (please see individual leaders for details), they should operate as follows:-

GFS

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

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)

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meets on Thursday evenings at Colebrooke Parish Hall. Although the season has now ended, new members of all ages are welcome to join



Celebrating the Coronation at Colebrooke.



in the new bowling season beginning in September.

Mothers' Union

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 Places, Disaster Relief and more.

Betty Foster, a faithful parishioner of Colebrooke Parish, 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 tablecloth 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. The children from both Parishes submitted daffodil artwork and prizes were awarded on the day after being judged by Beverley. A Floral art competition was judged by Mamie and prizes awarded.

Pre-school colouring: Leah Primrose and Macy Clarke.

Year 1 - 3 colouring: Jake Morrison and Ada-Grace Speer.

Year 4 – 7 drawing: Lexi Carson, Miah Kavanagh and Sadie Clendenning.

Secondary School: Hannah Dunn, Katie Dunn.

Floral Art – an arrangement in a cup – Hollie O'Malley, Macy Clarke, Ollie Clarke, Leah Primrose, Katie Dunn and Emma Gould.

Mothers' Union members, parishioners and friends supported the morning tea, enjoying tasty treats, purchasing cakes and jams from the produce stall and generously donating £780 to the Worldwide Fund.

Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union members send a sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to the event.

Your efforts will make a difference in so many lives around the world.

The next meeting on 21st June will be an outing to Poliwoogs to paint items which will be used to help celebrate Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union 60th Anniversary.

There will be one more 'Friendship and Food' event on Tuesday 27 June from 11 am to 2 pm.



Colourful entries at the Daffodil Tea.

Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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Ballybay Parish Hall

We have been extremely busy these past few months revamping our church hall and are delighted to let you know that the works are almost completed! Our thanks go to the Community Centre Investment Fund (the funding they are providing is enabling us to replace all the windows and exterior doors, something that has been long overdue).

Dermot and his team at Archworks Joinery have done an amazing job carrying out this work and it will be greatly admired as it makes such a difference. Thanks also to Paul Mehaffy and his work team for all the groundwork and for plastering in around the windows. Furthermore, sincere thanks to Brennan's Furniture Store, Clontibret, who very kindly donated the floor covering and fittings for the porch in the hall. We are also in the process of having CCTV installed by CMG Security and hope to have it completed in the coming weeks. Finally, thanks to the Select Vestry members of Christ Church for making all of this happen and for all the time they committed to getting the hall back in shape - their endless hours of cleaning hasn't gone unnoticed! If anyone would like to help us with donations towards the works which were undertaken recently, it would be greatly appreciated. Donations may be given to our treasurer, Mr. Joseph Crawford, Ballybay. Tanya Pratt

Monthly Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning in Ballybay will be held on Tuesday 13th June in the Parish Hall from 11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. All parishioners and friends welcome!

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Albert and George Jordan of Clontibret Parish following the passing of Albert's twin sister (and



The newly refurbished parish hall at Ballybay.

George's aunt), Mabel Gillanders, on Friday 14th April. Her funeral service took place in First Monaghan Presbyterian Church on Monday 18th April.

Sympathy is also extended to Anna-Marie and Gary Dixon, Ballybay, and their family, following the passing of Anna-Marie's father, Henry Myles, on Thursday 11th May. His funeral Mass took place in St. Mary's Church, Latton, on Saturday 13th May. May Mabel, Henry, and all who have died, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Supporting Donna and her work

Donna Geary, a parishioner of St. Colman's Church, Clontibret, is currently undertaking missionary work in Papua New Guinea. If you would like to support Donna and her ongoing work, you might consider donating a regular sum of money on a monthly basis or a once-off amount.

You can set up a recurring monthly donation or a one-off donation through the following link (make sure to include the name "Donna Geary" in the additional comments box): <https://ywamships.org/donate/medical-ship/>. 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.

Note: Donna will be home in Ireland for a few weeks in June and will be updating

parishioners on her work in Papua New Guinea at services on Sunday 4th June.

Easter Vestry meetings Clontibret Vestry

The 2023 Easter Vestry meeting for Clontibret Parish was held on Monday 17th April. The following appointments/elections were made at same:

Incumbent's Churchwarden: Eric Dickson
Incumbent's Glebewarden: Mark Leathem
People's Churchwarden: Allan Tate
People's Glebewarden: Nigel Lowey
Members of the Select Vestry: Christine Dickson, Kenneth Dickson, Alison Donaldson, Yvonne Donaldson, John Duffy, Sandra Geary, Elizabeth Graham, David Johns, George Jordan, Isaac Leathem, Jennifer Leathem and Adam Tate.

At a subsequent meeting of the Select Vestry, Jennifer Leathem was elected as secretary and Yvonne Donaldson was elected as treasurer.



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

A Parochial Nominator: John Duffy

A Diocesan Synodsperson: Kenneth Dickson

A Supplemental Parochial Nominator: Kenneth Dickson

A Supplemental Diocesan Synodsperson: John Duffy

Muckno Vestry

The 2023 Easter Vestry meeting for Muckno Parish was held on Wednesday 19th April.

The following appointments/elections were made at same:

Incumbent's Churchwarden: John

Montgomery

Incumbent's Glebewarden: Rachel Collie

People's Churchwarden: Nathan Cross

People's Glebewarden: Janet Hill

Members of the Select Vestry: John Adair, David Flack, Margaret Flack, Audrey Hill, Harriet Hill, Martha O'Connor, Shirley Rusk. At a subsequent meeting of the Select Vestry, Audrey Hill was elected as secretary and Janet Hill was elected as treasurer.

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

Two Parochial Nominators: Harriet Hill and Martha O'Connor

A Diocesan Synodsperson: Harriet Hill

Two Supplemental Parochial Nominators: David Flack and Rachel Collie

A Supplemental Diocesan Synodsperson: Nathan Cross

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, Magheraclone and Ardragh



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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.

Bible Studies

This began on Thursday evenings from 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



Some scenes from "Darkness into light" event.

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 Markeys 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

Prayer is one of the most important parts of who we are, like breathing. As well as prayer itself we can learn different aspects to a prayer life. Commencing Sunday 16th April this is rotating between churches. St Patrick's 7.30pm.

We have recommenced Wednesday 10.30 Holy Communion with Fellowship Tea in St Finbarr's, Carrickmacross.

Carrickmacross Darkness into light

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the



light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. Genesis 1:3-5 We tend to overlook, that from the very beginning with creation, our daily journey has been from evening (darkness) to morning (light). It is our default, our desired setting. On Saturday 6th May at 4.15am 'Darkness into Light' 5Km Run/Walk/Crawl was held in Carrickmacross leaving the Emmets grounds, heading round the streets of the town. The people of the area gathered in great number to fundraise and remember friends and family, who had died from suicide. Huge thanks to all who took part, contributed, and organised to make the event such a success.

Cloughvalley Day Care

Their day care centres provide dementia specific, person-centred care to meet the needs of the person with dementia in a warm, welcoming and safe environment while providing support and stimulation.



The Rector visiting Cloughvalley Day Care Centre.

They work with each person to ensure they feel comfortable and supported and their individual needs are met as far as possible. They offer a wide range of activities including reminiscence therapy, music sessions, gentle exercises, arts and crafts and personal care.

I was delighted to be invited along to the Cloughvalley Day Care Centre for a wee cup of tea and a chat and see at first hand the care and support they provide. I dare say some of the good-looking fellas in the photo may be known by many if not all.

Cabra National School

Cabra Central National School is a co-educational School situated in a lovely rural setting outside Kingscourt, County Cavan. who operate under Church of Ireland patronage but who welcome pupils from all religious denominations and none. They have three mainstream class teachers and a shared Special Education teacher based in Cabra. The school offers a caring, family type learning atmosphere, and a low pupil teacher ratio enables all within their care to realise their



The tennis double and mixed doubles winners.

full potential. They are serviced by clergy from the area, who take assemblies on a Tuesday morning. I had the pleasure of taking my first assembly at the beginning of the month which was amazing craic as we spoke about generosity and how God has no favourites and offers his generosity equally to all. This was shown in a practical manner as all the students, staff, all were given the same gift; a packet of shortbread. Even a packet was left for any visiting bishop. So from the youngest student to a visiting bishop all received the same. It is the first time I have ever had a spontaneous round of applause for handing out shortbread, and that has been well over 5000 packets.

Carrickmacross Cancer Society

As one of its fundraisers, the Carrickmacross Cancer Society held a 5km fun run/walk on Monday the 1st May around Carrickmacross. Their volunteers continue to give of their time, energy and enthusiasm which is catching. A large number of all ages turned up to take part in the event. As you can see from the photo various levels of athleticism was also on show.



Congratulations to a budding young star

Congratulations to our young budding star Caroline Merrin, who won the mixed doubles and ladies doubles at a recent tournament at Dundalk Tennis Club. Without giving the score, enough to say that Caroline and her partners smashed it, with style and humility. Great when all the hard work pays off.

Change in Service Times

As well as the name of Rector and phone number being changed the notice board at St Finbarr's, Carrickmacross will have an additional change. Due to certain changes in the services, it has meant that the rector is finding it tight on occasions to make the 12:00 service and 1:15 on time. The parishioners in St Molua's and St Patrick's have been very gracious and patient with this. When the opportunity arises, it is indeed a wonderful thing when Grace abounds. Sensing the difficulties some of the parishioners from St Finbarr's suggested having their service earlier, thus accommodating the follow-on services. It was brought before and passed at the last vestry meeting that



The Carrickmacross fun run and walk.



St Finbar's would change their service time to 10am. It certainly isn't a common occurrence when churches are willing to show such grace and understanding to each other.



Pop-Up Shop

As with other years, fundraising events help to sustain the finances of the church. This year the first fundraiser will be a Pop-up Shop from Thursday 25th May –Saturday 27th May, with the Monday



- Wednesday spent setting up in the premises being used at 22 Main Street Carrickmacross.

We are most grateful to be given the use of a location which is in such a prime site with suitable size premises for our needs. A few photos of the Original Max, he's the 'staffie', a companion to all, especially myself. Unfortunately, he suffered a major liver infection which despite treatment in the Cork animal hospital it proved to be fatal. Often our pets by their loyalty, affection, acceptance, and sensitivity of our feelings prove to be almost soulful companions on our life journey and are missed greatly by their passing. Bearing this in mind I am unaware of any time where we can come together and thank God for part of his creation that plays such an important part in our lives. We have a Blessing of Animals Service, but a time to give thanks and perhaps complete a time of grieving, I have yet to see. Therefore, on Wednesday 7th June we will be holding a simple Pet Remembrance Service in St Finbar's, Carrickmacross at 8.00pm.

Bikers' Memorial

The Rector, the Revd Ian Cruickshank was among a number of clergy to take part in the 19th Annual Bikers' Memorial in Clones on 5 May.

It attracted bikers from all over the country and began with Clones Film Festival Committee and Monaghan County Council hosting a short documentary in Courthouse Cinema which explores loss, grieving and coping with a group of biker friends.

The service took place in Sacred Heart Church, Clones with large crowds gathered and hundreds of motorbikes parked with six bikes at the altar.



The mass was concelebrated by Fr Stephen Joyce, Scotstown, officiating for his second year, and Fr Tony Conlon, returning for his seventh year. Attending for their first time was Clones Parish Priest Fr Jim Moore and Revd Ian Cruickshank, Church of Ireland minister based in Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan. Music was provided by Caroline Adamson, Maureen O' Shaughnessy, Cathy Kirke and Dez Murphy, and chairperson of the Bikers' Memorial committee, Anne Marie Marshall, thanked everyone for their help in the run up to and during the service itself.



Revd Ian Cruickshank taking part in the Bikers Memorial in Clones.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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Canon Jen writes.....

It's that time of year currently when we have heavy rain one minute and lovely sunshine the next. Thankfully the weather stayed in reasonable form for Kizzy's first cub camp. She, together with another child from Mullaghduin, are members of 1st Rossorry cub pack and they had a great time. I am grateful that she has made lots of new friends since moving here six months ago, in school, in church, and in the organisations she attends. A happy girl certainly makes for a happy mummy! I'm hopeful that the sun will shine on us for the Barbecue in Mullaghduin in June - more details below.

As I continue travelling round the parish I am overwhelmed by the continuing welcome from parishioners. I'm enjoying gradually getting to know you all! My wee office in the parish hall is now complete and fully functional and it's great to have a 'base of operations' so to speak. My thanks to everyone who made that possible.

Easter General Vestry Meetings Mullaghduin

The Easter General Vestry for Mullaghduin Parish was held on 20th April 2023 in



The children at Mullaghduin celebrating the Coronation.

the Parish hall. Revd Canon Jennifer McWhirter presided and the following appointments were made:
Rector's Churchwarden: Mrs H Carson;
People's Churchwarden: Mr A Humphreys;
Rector's Glebewarden: Mr T Elliott;
People's Glebewarden: Mr S Moffatt.
Select Vestry: Mrs H Benson, Mrs C Nixon, Mrs A Wilson, and Messrs D Benson, G Carson, J Clements, D Coalter, M Coalter, T Gallagher, R Gibson, G Lucy, and R Watterson.

Mr R Gibson was appointed as Honorary Secretary, Mrs E Clements as Assistant Secretary and Mrs C Nixon as Honorary Treasurer. Appointments to Diocesan Synod: Mr R Watterson and Mr A Humphreys, Supplemental: Mr M Coalter and Mr T Elliott. Parochial Nominators: Mrs H Benson and Mr J Clements, Supplemental: Mr R Gibson and Mrs H Carson.

Cleenish

The Easter General Vestry Meeting for Cleenish Parish was held on 19th April 2023 in the Parish Hall, Bellanaleck with Rev dCanon Jen McWhirter presiding. The

following appointments were made:
Rector's Churchwarden: Mrs R Forde;
People's Churchwarden: Mr William Stinson; Rector's Glebewarden: Mr O Clements; People's Glebewarden: Mr B Hoey. Select Vestry members: Mrs J Dowson, Mrs A Graham, Mr R Forde, Mrs C Balfour, Mrs S Connolly, Mr I Crawford, Mr E Keys, Mr T Kingston, Mr L Nixon, Mr C Smyth, Mr O Wilson, Mrs J Wylie.
Honorary Secretary: Mrs J Dowson;
Assistant Honorary Secretary: Mrs A Graham; Honorary Treasurer: Mr R Forde.
Appointment to Diocesan Synod: Mr O Wilson, Supplemental: Mrs A Graham.
Parochial Nominators: Mr C Brownlee, Mr R Forde; Supplemental: Mrs J Dowson, Mr O Clements.

Coronation of King Charles III

Both parishes celebrated the Coronation with prayers for the King and Royal Family on Sunday 7th May. The children dressed up as Kings and Queens and decorated crowns during Sunday School. In Cleenish an oak tree was planted to commemorate the occasion.



The Mothers' Union visitors evening.



Cleenish Vestry members with the Rector.



Celebrating the planting of a tree at Cleenish to mark the Coronation.



The newly elected Vestry at Mullaghduin.

Mothers' Union

We had a very successful Visitors evening in April when Canon Jen McWhirter shared her experiences of her visits to Kenya. She told us of the work of Mothers' Union in that area and of her role as one of the Directors of "Water Drops Partnership". She also had a wonderful display of artefacts from her visits. We look forward to attending the Festival Service in Monaghan on 19th May and are planning an Outing in June.

Bellanaleck Community Group

Due to unseasonable weather last Autumn, and again in the Springtime this year, our farming community have had difficulty with their routine duties as both periods consisted of drought conditions followed by extreme wet periods. One of the greatest hazards for farming is extreme weather. FODC have promised to clean the Village nameplates at the three main entrance

roads leading into the Village, and again it is hoped they will supply the beautiful flowers which have been a feature for many years past.

Pedestrians walking the paths within the Community Garden should take the opportunity to look out for the many bird and bat boxes which are a feature on the many trees within the Garden. This does not include the ground mammals which also begin their natural life on earth. Finally pedestrians walking the Lough Erne footpath will notice the general increase in pleasure boats moored along the shoreline.

Should any assistance be required contact Owen Wilson (Secretary) Tel: 02866349602 Bellanaleck on Facebook.


Dates for the diary

Sunday 11th June, 10.00am - Mullaghduin Sunday School service and prizegiving.
 Sunday 11th June, 11.30am - Cleenish Sunday School service and prizegiving.

Friday 23rd June - Mullaghduin Barbecue with music by Curtis Magee. Tickets £15 each, available from the Rector or Select Vestry members.



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

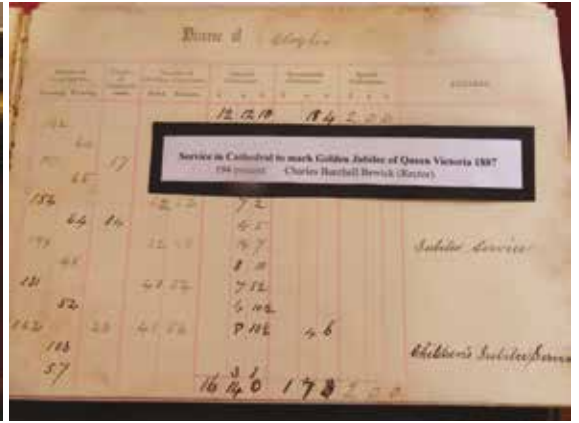
Easter Vestry

The annual Easter Vestry for Clogher Parish was held in the Cathedral Hall on Tuesday 25th April. It was conducted by the Rural Dean, the Rev Johnny McLoughlin the Rector of Aghavea . The following appointments were made: Churchwardens - Rector's Mr Nigel Robinson, People's Mrs Sharon Fannin. Glebewardens – Mr William Crawford and Mrs Hilary Crawford. Select Vestry: Mrs Hilary Keys, Mrs Audrey Johnston, Mrs Heather McKeown, Mrs Sharon Fannin, Mrs Julie Armstrong, Mrs Joyce Stafford, Mrs Avril Robson, Mrs Rachel Armstrong and Messrs Ivan Domer, Trevor McNeill, William Fannin, Jack Johnston and Andrew McLaren. Synodspersons: Mrs Hilary Keys and Mr Jack Johnston , Supplemental Mrs Heather McKeown) Parochial Nominators: Mr Jack Johnston

and Mrs Avril Robson (Supplemental Mr Wm Fannin) Mrs Julie Armstrong was re-elected Honorary Secretary and Mrs Avril Robson as Honorary Treasurer. Mrs Hilary Keys retired as Honorary Recorder after almost 50 years in the post. She has been succeeded by Ms Cheryl Stafford.

Coronation

Clogher Cathedral marked the coronation of King Charles with a service of Holy Communion and a sermon preached by the Revd Alison Irvine. This was followed by a display of coronation memorabilia which included the Cathedral preacher's books from the Diocesan Archive Room going back to 1887. Other items on display included a large family tree tracing the royal lineage from King Egbert, coins, commemorative ware in china, silver, bronze and glass as well as newspapers



Left; the Coronation cake and above; The preacher book from the Diamond Jubilee (1887).

from 1902 and 1911.

The Preacher's books recorded services held for the Diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria, for the coronations of Edward VII, George V, George VI and Elizabeth II as well as a Silver Jubilee service for George V and Queen Mary. It was interesting to note that in 1887 the rector, the Revd Charles Burchell Bewick held two services for the Diamond Jubilee - one in the morning for parishioners and one in the evening when over 100 children were present.

The exhibition was put together by Hilary and William Crawford and Jack Johnston. After the special service to mark King Charles III's Coronation we had a cup of tea with the addition of a beautiful Coronation cake baked and decorated by Mrs Lynn Winslow. Thank you very much Lynn.

Dates for your Diary

- 3rd June - A group of Ladies from Magheracross Mothers' Union will visit to view the' Model Cathedral.
- 11th June - Fivemiletown District Orange Service at 3.00pm. in the Cathedral.
- 18th June - Children's Service at 11.30 a.m. followed by the Parish Barbecue at the Cathedral Hall.

Please make every effort to attend both the service and barbecue.

Augher Sympathy

It was with great sadness that we learned that our esteemed Vestry member, Churchwarden and parishioner, John Ernest Roy Egerton had passed away on Saturday, 6th May.

John was interred in Augher cemetery on 11th May after a service in St. Mark's Church, Augher.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Carol, sons; Dale, Kieran, daughters Kerry and Danielle and their families at this very sad time.



A framed handkerchief for the king that was spooked by Mrs Simpson! The handkerchief was loaned by Margaret McCloughlin.



Celebrations on Sunday 7th May 2023 at St Mary's Church, Errigal Portclare for the Coronation of King Charles III.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

Sunday 4th June

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

Sunday 11th June

Currin 10.00am: Morning Prayer with Baptism

Killeevan 11.30am: Holy Communion

Sunday 18th June

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

Sunday 25th June

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

Sunday 2nd July

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

Baptism

We are all very much looking forward to the baptism of baby Lily Hall in Scotshouse Church on Sunday 11 June at 10.00am. It will be a great joy to join with Glenda, Ivan, Isabella, and Emily as we gather together to welcome their new daughter / sister into the Church family – and please continue to hold Lily and the entire Hall family in your prayers as we prepare for the service.

Newbliss Church remains temporarily closed

Following the fall of plaster from the ceiling, Newbliss Church remains closed at the moment until we carry out the necessary repairs. For now, Sunday services will continue to take place in the church hall instead.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union rounded off their 'term' by attending the Clogher Diocese Mothers' Union Festival Service in St. Patrick's Church, Monaghan, on Friday 19 May. A lovely service was followed by a fine tea, and as usual a good time was had by all present. The next meeting of the Mothers' Union in our Group will now take place after the summer holidays.



Garden Party Fun

In May, parishioners from two of the parishes within our Group organised highly successful and enjoyable garden parties in their respective beautiful gardens. On the afternoon of Sunday 21 May, the Madden family of Currin Church held a garden party at their home in Hilton Park, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended – and raised funds for the Cavan-Monaghan Hospital Cancer and Oncology Department. Then, on Friday 26 May, Miriam Moore from Clones Church held her ever-popular annual Coffee / Tea Morning with delicious light lunch at Bishopscourt. This included a fascinating talk on 'The Crozier Case' by local historian, George Knight, and all monies raised went to support The County Monaghan Church of Ireland Children's Society. Our thanks go to both sets of organisers for organising such lovely events in aid of such worthwhile causes.

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Services

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

25th - Evening Praise 7.00pm

JULY

2nd - Holy Communion 10.30am

9th - Morning Prayer 10.30am

16th - Morning Prayer 10.30am

23rd - Morning Prayer 10.30am

30th - Morning Prayer 10.30am

Please note change of times during July and August, services at 10.30am.

Christian Baptism

30th April 2023

Emilia Florence Woods, daughter of Jason and Emma Jane, Lack.

Burial of Ashes

2nd May 2023 - Samuel John Foster, Bangor.

What value have words, whether written or spoken if not backed up with action. As they say, 'actions speak louder than words.' Is there any depth to the words we speak or read, or write? We know that words are used to teach and encourage,

to build people up "The words of a man's mouth are deep waters; The wellspring of wisdom is a flowing brook." Proverbs 18: 4. As words are used to mock and destroy and to tear people down. It's always good to remember what James said of the tongue, "Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles!" 3: 5. Best to think before we speak, to consider our words carefully as to what the outcome might be, for what is spoken cannot be taken back, and there may be forgiveness, I say again may be forgiveness. Never forget, there is power in words both written and spoken, and we must choose our words wisely. "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit." Proverbs 15: 4. However, words do have a positive impact on lives, on democracies, on church, but not if they are prone to selfishness or taken in or use in an unworthy manner. What value then do words have in an oath, or a promise, or a profession of faith, if there is no sincerity



The Parish Auction.

or practical application of the same? So, what value have words, whether written or spoken if not backed up with sincere action when it comes to our professions of faith? Do we care? Is it because? I have a right. No-one will know. Yet, God knows what is on our lips, what's in our hearts, on our thoughts, even before one word is even spoken. (Psalm 139). If we value the words of scripture, then it teaches us very clearly what will one day happen, *"But I say to you that for every idle word, men may speak, they will give account of it on the day of judgment."* Matthew 12: 36. One day everything said, every oath, every promise, every profession of faith, whether as kings, queens, presidents, world leaders, politicians, church leaders, and yes, every one of us will be held to account. How will any of us stand before a holy and righteous God, if we knowingly have made a promise, a profession of faith and it wasn't sincere and from the heart. One thing we can be sure of is this, when it comes to the word of God, *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away."* Matthew 24: 25. God's word is truth, God does not lie, and His word will be fulfilled. Let us trust and rely in the word of God as our guide and practice in life. Let it be that which we look to before we speak or act, and may what we profess, or promise be sincere and lived out in practice faithfully each day. Let it not be mere lip service for such is contemptible before God and it will be

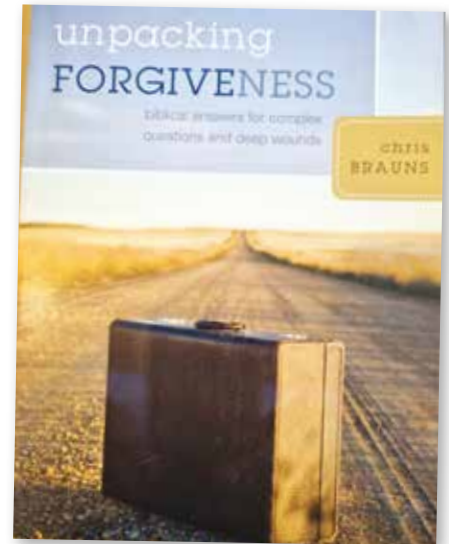
held to account. As you reflect on these words, remember what it says in Matthew 7: 1 – 5.

Auction

What can be said about the parish auction, other than it was a resounding success. No words could fully express the deep appreciation to all involved with the preparation, beforehand, on the day in question, and the clear up at the end. To all who provided the scrumptious cakes, traybakes, pavlova, tea and scones, soup, and burgers, a delightful treat to take home and the hungry bidder to consume on the day. A huge thankyou to everyone who left in items for the auction, and give pledges, and to all who purchased the same. To Derek our auctioneer for his swiftness as he worked his way through over 450 lots. The tellers and others who helped in ensuring everyone got their goods to their vehicles. To everyone who came along and supported us on the day from far and near, who were generous with their comments as with their giving, without which the thrill and fun of the auction wouldn't be the same.

Women's Fellowship

A very enjoyable meal was had for the members and their guests in the Drumrush Lodge, as they brought meetings for the year to a close for the summer. During the night, a message relating to the coming coronation was



The SEFF conference.

shared, with all present receiving a coronation themed gift bag, to help focus thoughts of the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ. Some games to conclude the evening included dingbats and a match the profession to a line of a hymn. The committee would like to express thanks to everyone for their support and to wish the new committee every blessing going forward.

Coronation

The coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla was marked at the service of Holy Communion with the rector speaking on aspects of the coronation service, with specific reference to the words that accompanied the handing over of the orb. At the close of the service, families present were given two books, a souvenir Gospel 'Crowned King' and a pocket St John's gospel featuring King Charles.

Many of our parishioners were involved in, or went along to the Pettigo District No. 10 Coronation service on the Sunday afternoon followed by gospel praise. Monday festivities continued at the Play Park in Lack with a 'Tea Party' organised by the community group.



Womens' Fellowship members at their recent event.





Crosslinks

On Sunday 14th May, we were delighted to have Trevor Watson, our Crosslinks mission partner to come along and talk of his experiences of delivering the Christian gospel in and around the city of Gothenburg in Sweden. He raised some of the new difficulties facing the churches out there, which are similar to our churches here at home. We encourage everyone to pray for Trevor, his family and his colleagues in Sweden for help to overcome these difficult times.

Orange service

This year the Annual Orange Service has been brought forward to Sunday 11th June 2023 at 7.00pm. Our thanks to the local lodges; Lack, Colaghty, and Glassmullagh for willingly agreeing the change of date to facilitate other events in June within the parish. We trust that they will have an enjoyable and fruitful year as they prepare for the service and for the 12th July as we remember and mark the civil and religious liberties secured for all.

Cow for Peace

We are looking forward to welcoming Christophe Mbyonyingabo of CARSA ministries Rwanda on Saturday morning 17th June 2023 – 10.30am. Christophe was host to the rector along with five others from SEFF on a trip to Rwanda on how they moved forward after the genocide. It will be an opportunity to hear more about the work of Cow for Peace and how this aids reconciliation after the genocide, something of which we as a parish contributed to you. Light refreshments will be served and there will be a freewill offering towards missional work. Add the date and plan to come along.

Confirmation

A service of confirmation will take place on Sunday 18th June 2023 at 11.30am

when we will welcome Bishop Ian back to Colaghty for this important step in the life of our young people. As they prepare to publicly take on themselves the promises that were made for them, we ask that you please pray for Katie, Hannah, Ryan, Alan, Callum, Nathan, and Ethan.

Praise service

We are pleased to have on Sunday 25th June 2023 at 7.00pm DV as guest speaker, Revd Dr Chris Brauns. He is a pastor, author, and ministry consultant. He is in his 30th year of pastoral ministry including the last 18 years at the Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley, an independent evangelical church in Illinois. He loves being a shepherd to people of all ages. Chris is the author of *Unpacking Forgiveness: Biblical Answers for Complex Questions and Deep Wounds* (Crossway, 2008), *When the Word Leads Your Pastoral Search: Biblical Principles and Practices to Guide Your Search* (Moody, 2011), and *Bound Together: How We are Tied to Others, in Good and Bad Choices* (Zondervan, 2013). He is the author of numerous articles and reviews. The focus of Chris's speaking and writing ministry is

Enjoying the Coronation Service and event.

to take deep theological truth and show its relevance for life." In an addition to the Rwanda trip, the rector as part of a group in SEFF developed engagement with churches, media etc, around the theme, 'The unwanted baggage of forgiveness'. This took place as three online events and one in house event in the Long Gallery at Stormont. Revd Chris was one of those online participants and we are delighted to be able to host him in Colaghty, where he will speak on forgiveness. Please do plan to come along for this service. Light refreshments served at the conclusion.

Dates for the diary

- Parish Sizzlers/burgers 22nd July 2023
- Harvest weekend 6th – 8th October 2023



The Cow for Peace (left) and on the SEFF trip to Rwanda (above).

Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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Sunday Worship

Sunday 11th June

9.00am Castle Archdale, Morning Prayer
11.00am Derryvullen North, Confirmation
and First Holy Communion

Sunday 18th June

10.15am Castle Archdale, Sunday School
Prize Day
11.30am Derryvullen North, Sunday School
Prize Day

Sunday 2nd July

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

Sunday 25th June

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

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.

Shoppers' Service

The May Service was held on Wednesday 10th in the Parish Centre, Irvinestown. Richard McGonigle kindly provided the music on the guitar, Carol Clarke did the Bible reading and Joy Loane assisted with the distribution of Holy Communion. The theme of the Service, based on the Gospel for the day (John 15:1-8), was "Staying connected – to Christ and to each other." We also enjoyed a time to chat and shared in a cuppa. Thank you to Edna Ferguson for preparing the refreshments and to all who helped clear away. The next Service will be Wednesday 14th June.



Enjoying the Coronation barbecue.

Coronation Barbecue and Ceilidh

A very enjoyable and successful Coronation Celebration Barbecue held on Saturday 6th May at the Orange Hall, Irvinestown. The musical entertainment was provided by the Alastair Scott Ceilidh Band with Joe Graham as compere. The evening was a great success and everything was first class. It was also good to see the hall completely full. Well done to the committee for putting on such a great evening.

Women's Group

The members met on the evening of 19th April at Millar Meats and Fine Foods, Irvinestown. Here is a summary of the event from Elaine and Caroline - Thank you so much to the Millar Family; Stephen, Clare, Lily, Sam and Rosie for hosting



Members of the Women's Group at Millar Meats.



us for our April Meeting. We had a tour of Millar Meats' new premises, what a transformation while in keeping with the history of the Old Bank Building. It was very interesting to hear about the history of the building, the work that has been carried out and we got to view and sample a wide range of the products that Stephen has for sale. A beautiful supper was provided and a collection was taken and we are pleased to announce that £150 will be presented to Marion for Marie Curie. We wish the Millar family God's richest blessings in their new premises and encourage everyone to support this wonderful local business.

Churchwardens

On the Sunday following the Easter Vestries each of the churchwardens were presented by members of their families with their respective wands of office. Castle Archdale – Bryan Thompson and Derek Anderson. The Rector welcomed Raymond Scott who had been newly elected to the Select Vestry.



Castle Archdale Church at sunset.

Derryvullen North – Stephen Allister and David Robinson. The Rector also thanked Avril Stubbs who had completed two years as a warden and also Bertie Gray and Eric Ferguson who had stepped down as Select Vestry Members. He also welcomed Derick Dunlop who had been newly elected to the Select Vestry. In addition, Avril Stubbs was also elected to the Select Vestry.

The Rector's Warden is topped with a bishop's mitre, representing ecclesiastical authority while that of the People's Warden is topped with a crown surmounted by a cross, representing civil authority. We are grateful to our Churchwardens, all vestry members and office holders for all they do for the Parish.

Bowls Club

At the time of preparing these notes, the Club plans to hold the annual dinner and awards night on Friday 12th May. Usually this would end the activities of the Club until September but this year there will be a new venture that aims to bring people together over what can be a quiet part of the year.

This will be Summer Bowling Sessions starting from Monday 15th May when the Bowls Club will be holding day-time bowling sessions over the summer period. These will take place in Derryvullen North Hall 10.30am until 12noon. The cost will be £2 per session. You do not need to be a seasoned bowler and the sessions are about having fun, giving it a go and meeting up for a chat and friendship.

Castle Archdale Gift Day

The Rector and Select Vestry are very grateful to everyone who contributed in any way to the recent Gift Day appeal. This is in aid of the Parish Room building project. By the time you read this we will have been able to announce the final total but all the signs are that people have been very generous as they are able resulting in a very good sum of money indeed. Thank you everyone.

Mothers' Union

Our Branch held an enjoyable Coronation Quiz evening in Derryvullen North Hall on

Wednesday 26th April. The quiz featured two rounds about Royal related matters and a further three covering general knowledge, the MU and the Bible. The winning team were the "Bluebells" - Pam, Carol and Margaret. Well done to them! Members also brought along some memorabilia of this and previous Royal occasions for everyone to browse and enjoy looking at. A lovely supper was provided by Avril and Alice. Thank you to them. To end the evening Lorraine and Violet led a short business meeting.

Craft Group

The members have resumed their weekly sessions following the break over Easter and it is always great to see everyone enjoying themselves! For the session on Thursday 4th May, Laura had completed her Coronation Blanket while Edna, Hazel and Heather all had completed items as well. The group is about crafts but the time to chat, enjoy friendship and have a cuppa is also important too.

Rogation Sunday

At the time of writing these notes we are planning to observe Rogation Sunday in a new way. We will have a real tractor at each church (thank you to Craig Anderson and Victor Thompson) and part of each Service will happen outside around the tractor. Children were invited to bring to church a farm themed toy or something related to the outdoors. Rogation Sunday is when the Church traditionally prays for God's blessing on the farming community and all engaged in agriculture. There will be a full report in the next edition of the magazine.

St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin

At the Service of Choral Evensong on Sunday 7th May at the National Cathedral of St Patrick, Dublin the Rector was installed as Prebendary (or Canon) of Donaghmore having been nominated



Laura's Coronation blanket.

by our Bishop to be the representative canon for the Diocese of Clogher. The Installation was carried out by the Dean, the Very Rev Dr William Morton. The gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir sang the Service beautifully. The boy choristers would usually also have been present but they had been given the day off due to having spent much of the past week recording a new CD. There is also a Girls' Choir and all contribute together and separately to the choral ministry of the Cathedral

A great number of parishioners were able to make the journey and all were very appreciative to David Robinson and Robert Allen for making the arrangements relating to the journey - it was all much appreciated by the Rector and those who were able to attend. The Parishioners were also very grateful to Mrs Cutler for leading worship in our parishes to enable the Rector to make the journey to Dublin.

From the registers

Baptism of Levi Cecil Hunter on 14th May (Derryvullen North).



The winning team at the MU quiz.



At the Mothers' Union quiz evening.

Derryvullen South and Garvary

Vacant:

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

Services

Sunday, 4th June

10.30am Morning Prayer, Garvary

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

Sunday, 11th June

10.30am Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

12 Noon Holy Communion, Garvary

Sunday, 18 June

10.30am Morning Prayer, Garvary

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

Sunday, 25 June

10.30am Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Garvary

Garvary

Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Ann Rowley and all her family circle following the passing of her brother, Robert Carson.

Prayers

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

Derryvullen South DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parish barbecue

Barbecue at Derryvullen South Parish Hall, Tamlaght on Friday 8 September at



Robert Boles and Kathleen Kettles, churchwardens at Derryvullen South with Lynn Black and her coronation arrangement.



Attending services on Coronation weekend in Derryvullen South.



6.30pm. All welcome.

Confirmation

Confirmation in Derryvullen South Parish Church on Sunday 8 October. Classes commencing late August.



Derryvullen South Mothers' Union had a special celebration at Ardhowen for Betty Little, outgoing treasurer after 27 years. She was presented with a vase with a MU emblem.



Coronation tea party after church in Derryvullen South



Enjoying the Coronation events at Garvary Church.



Devenish & Boho



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Services

Sunday 4th June

11.30am Confirmation Service, Devenish
Parish Church

Sunday 11th June

10.00 am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish
Church

11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish
Church

Sunday 18th June

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish
Church

11.30am Morning Prayer Devenish Parish
Church

Sunday 25th June

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish
Church

11.30am Sunday School and Family
Service, Devenish Parish Church

General Easter Vestries

Boho Parish

Rector's Churchwarden; Innes Redmond,
Peoples Churchwarden; David Little.
Rectors' Glebewarden; Trevor Irwin,
People's Glebewarden; Eileen Little.

Select Vestry; Hilary Redmond (Honorary
Secretary), Enid Redmond (Honorary
Treasurer) Denzil Cluff, Austin Stronge,
Emily Graham, Melanie Irwin, Nigel Little,



The Bishop of Clogher at Devenish Church for the dedication of gifts.

Danny Redmond, Marian Saunderson,
Jean Smyth and Trevor Smyth.
Diocesan Synodperson Enid Redmond:
Supplemental Trevor Irwin
Parochial Nominator Danny Redmond:
Supplemental Eileen Little

Devenish Parish

Rector's Churchwarden; Jonathan
Fallis, People's Churchwarden; Kenneth
Ferguson

Rector's Glebewarden; James Kells,
People's Glebewarden; Gerry McDermott.
Select Vestry; David Scott (Honorary
Secretary), Stuart Brooker (Honorary
Treasurer), Albert Connor (Gift Aid
Secretary), Raymond Bell, Nigel Daley,
Colin Ferguson, David Ferguson, Norma
Ferguson, Alan Gault, Ken McKeown, Brian
Reilly, Eric Whittaker. (Graveyard Treasurer)
Diocesan Synodpersons: Ken McKeown,
David Scott. Supplementals Norma
Ferguson, Alan Gault.

Parochial Nominators: Stuart Brooker,
David Scott, Eric Whittaker. Supplementals
Joan Cathcart, Albert Connor, Ken
McKeown

Service of Dedication and Gifts

On Sunday 23rd April 2023 we welcomed
a number of former parishioners and
their families to Devenish Parish Church
for a service of Dedication and Gifts.
During the Service The Bishop of Clogher,
Right Revd. Ian Ellis dedicated a number
of gifts;

- Exterior lighting in memory of Ruth
Brooker, the gift of her family and friends.
- An Incumbents Board listing former
Rectors of Devenish in memory of the
Lucy family, Cullen, the gift of Mrs. Ethel
Dickson.
- Re-building and restoration of the arched
graveyard entrance gate, in memory of
Mrs.Violet Scott, the gift of Mr. Wesley
Scott.
- A Clavinova piano in memory of Mrs.
Phyllis Ford, the gift of her daughter, Mrs.
Gill Spence.



Donacavey and Barr



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Services

Sunday, 4th June

Barr: 10:00am Holy Communion
Donacavey: 11:30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 11th June

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer
Donacavey: 11:30am Morning Prayer

Sunday, 18th June

Barr: 10.00am Children's Service with
Sunday School Prizegiving.
Donacavey: 11:30am Children's Service
with Sunday School Prizegiving.

Sunday, 25th June

Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer
Donacavey: 11:30am Morning Prayer

Collect of the Word for the Sunday after Ascension Day

O God,
whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples,
and sent them into the world
to proclaim the coming of your kingdom:
by your Holy Spirit,
hold the Church in unity,
and keep it faithful to your word,
so that, breaking bread together,
we may be one with Christ in faith and love



Augharonan Pipes and Drums on their trek.

and service, now and for ever.

Augharonan Pipes and Drums

A sponsored walk/hill climb of Cuilcagh took place on Saturday 8th April in aid of Cancer Research and Alzheimers. Well done to all those who took part in this event to raise awareness and funding for two very worthy causes. Sadly, most families know from experience the effects cancer and Alzheimer's can have on a loved one. It is a very difficult time for those suffering with the disease but also a traumatic time for those who draw alongside and offer support and help. To those undergoing treatment – persevere, to those offering help – be patient. An amazing amount of £5,000 was raised. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

Donacavey Indoor Bowls supporting Leprosy Mission

Donacavey Indoor Bowls were delighted to present a cheque for £300 to Dean Hay for the work of Leprosy Mission. The Dean has had a long connection with Leprosy Mission over the years and it is still very close to his heart. He explained the tremendous difference the money raised will make to the lives of at least 12 people who could be treated and cured from this awful disease.

“Leprosy is an age-old disease and is described in the literature of ancient civilizations. It is a chronic infectious disease which is caused by a type of bacteria called Mycobacterium leprae. The disease affects the skin, the peripheral nerves, mucosa of the upper respiratory tract, and the eyes. Leprosy is curable and treatment in the early stages can prevent disability. Apart from the physical deformity, persons affected by leprosy also face stigmatization and discrimination.” (World Health Organisation).

Leprosy facts

- “Today, millions of people are affected by leprosy, including those yet to be diagnosed and people cured but permanently disabled
 - According to the World Health Organization (WHO), there are more than 200,000 new cases of leprosy diagnosed globally each year - 202,185 in 2019. This number fell dramatically in 2020, to 127,396, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has led to less new case detection and fewer countries reporting on new cases. It then rose to 140,594 in 2021.
 - 53 per cent of new cases of leprosy diagnosed in 2021 were found in India.”
- Is there a cure for leprosy?
A cure for leprosy has been available since 1982. Multidrug therapy is a combination of three drugs taken daily for six or 12 months,



At the evening to raise funds for Leprosy Mission.



The Church Field.

depending on the severity of the disease. But while treatment stops leprosy progressing, it can't reverse disability.

- This is why the specialist services we provide are vital. A clawed hand, dropped foot or damaged eyelids can be restored with surgery. Ulcers can heal with effective treatment. Custom-made protective footwear can reduce the chances of injury and stop ulcers developing. However, some disabilities caused by leprosy are too severe for surgery to have much effect."

Leprosy Mission

Church Tree Plant

There have been remarkable changes in the area adjacent to Donacavey church in the past year. Lots of trees that have reached their life expectancy needed to be harvested. Now it is a time of replanting and new growth. Some members of the church have donated money towards new trees and we are open to anyone wishing to make a donation towards a tree in memory of someone or just to have the pleasure of seeing a new tree planted and mark its growth whenever you pass by.

Boys' Brigade

Members of Fintona Boys Brigade took part in the recent Belfast Marathon. Five runners took part in a fundraising event to raise awareness and funds for Air Ambulance. Well done to Alfie, Peter, Jack, Nigel (Boy's Brigade Captain) and Joanna for the huge effort made to complete the



GFS members receiving their awards



marathon and congratulations for an the amazing amount of £1,800 raised.

Girls' Friendly Society

The end of year prize giving took place on Thursday 11th May and this marked the end of meetings for the year and also a time to congratulate those girls who achieved so much over the past year. It is also a time

commend the leaders to your prayers and to say a huge that you to all of them for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Upcoming event

Vintage Car and Tractor Run on Saturday 24th June at Ecclesville Centre with breakfast being served in Donacavey hall.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Divine Service times for June

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

Sunday 11th June The First Sunday after Trinity – Children's Day

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough - All Age Family Service of Morning Prayer for use on Sunday (Order 3) led by The Revd Tim with the help of children from our Sunday School - with Hymns, Junior Choir, Anglican Chant and All Age Sermon

12noon St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh – Morning Prayer (Order 1) with Hymns and Sermon

Sunday 18th June The Second Sunday after Trinity

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

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

Sunday 25th June The Third Sunday after Trinity

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough - All Age



The Revd Aaron and Mrs Melanie McAlister visiting St Salvator's while celebrating their 30th Wedding anniversary at Castle Leslie.



The crypt and church of St. Sillian's.



Family Service Morning Prayer for use on Sunday (Order 3) led by The Revd Tim with the help of children from our Sunday School - with Hymns, Junior Choir, Anglican Chant and All Age Sermon

12noon St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh – Morning Prayer (Order 1) with Hymns and Sermon

Sunday 2nd July The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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

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

Sympathies

We offer our sympathies to Mrs Dolly Breakey and her family on the death of her sister-in-law. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Heritage Council Grant

We were delighted to receive a grant for €4123 from The Heritage Council to allow us to engage the services of a professional historian to carry out research on the history of our church sites. The site which we believe to be of longest continuous use for Christian worship within our parish group is St Sillian's, Tyholland. A longtime friend of St Sillian's, who grew up in the parish, Papal Nuncio Archbishop Noel Treanor, carried out some research ahead of a preaching engagement at St Sillian's when it was the location of the cross border ecumenical Pentecost Service and his research suggests that further research is warranted to establish the full historical significance of this site. It is our hope that the research would be published and presented as part of a heritage week event in the future.

St Muadain's Parish Records

We were contacted recently by a gentleman carrying out research into his family, the Anketells. The name is familiar to anyone

with a passing acquaintance with the history of north Monaghan. Sadly we all know what happened to most of our parish records predating 1800 following the fire in the Public Records Office. However, on looking through the parish chest to see how far back our records went, we were fascinated to discover a book of the one-time rector of Errigal Truagh and Errigal Shanco, a Revd Taylor (whose great [or is it great great] grandson and his family are parishioners within the Donagh Group Today). It would appear that Revd Taylor, in 1907 (15 years before the fire at the PRO) travelled to Dublin to carry out some research from the volumes of Parish records held in the Public Records Office. He records that there were three volumes of records which date back to 1649 and there then follows nine pages in which he records the earliest records in those volumes. Sadly his research was not comprehensive or exhaustive, but it is fascinating to think that the only extant record of those births, marriages and deaths from nearly 400 years ago exist because of the historical curiosity of a previous rector.

The Mothers' Union Closing Service

The Mothers' Union Closing Service was held in St Sillian's, Tyholland on Wednesday 26th April at 8pm. Revd Tim presided at a celebration of The Holy Communion with Mrs Lynne McBride providing accompaniment on the organ for the hymns. A splendid supper was enjoyed following the service: the sandwiches were full to bursting, the scones plump with sultanas and the pineapple delights were positively bacchanalian. Our thanks to Mrs Dorothy Keith for arranging such a fun calendar for the past year; to everyone who has made the suppers so memorable; to the members for being such great fun; and, to anyone who isn't a member, what's wrong with you?! It's such great fun! New members are always welcome.

Billis National School

It is a pleasure to have such a beautiful parish school, it is a genuine treasure. Revd Tim attends assembly three times a month and he is always impressed by what a happy place the Billis is. Recent assemblies have been about physical and mental wellbeing, the joy of spring and a fantastic retelling of the events leading up to Easter. The Juniors and Seniors always have a wonderful topical sermon, with beautiful prayers and fantastic songs. Please remember our school in your prayers, it is an absolute gem.

General Synod

General synod was held in the Dioceses of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory this year at White's Hotel, Co Wexford. Attending from the Donagh Group were Mrs Ethne McCord, accompanied by her husband David and Mr Michael Hall accompanied by his wife Eunice. Synod is concluding as these notes are being written so more details to follow next month, however, a picture received from the dining room suggests that the delegates from Donagh are enjoying the wonderful hospitality of White's Hotel.

St Salvator's, Glaslough

We are fortunate to be located in an area with such a high number of visitors and we love to be able to greet visitors and show them around our beautiful church. We have been experimenting to see the best time to open to offer our hospitality to visitors. We thought that the obvious time would be Sunday afternoons, however, with weddings taking place in the Castle on Sundays all visitors to the estate are otherwise occupied and there is no one walking in the grounds. As a result of having had no visitors (or sightings of potential visitors) on Sunday afternoons we have had to modify our plans and we will not be open for visitors on Sunday afternoon as previously announced. Curiously enough, Monday mornings are one of the busiest times for visitor footfall in the estate: guests at the Sunday wedding reception are stretching their legs after a leisurely breakfast and making the most of the end of their stay and couples arriving for their Monday night to Wednesday morning mini break and while waiting for their rooms to be ready they take a walk in the grounds and are delighted to find the church open and a friendly welcome. We are open to visitors during the summer season (May to September) on Monday mornings from 11.30am to 12.30pm. Our thanks to Mrs Jean Wallace for being our most welcoming host.

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The Sound of Many Voices

A seasoned news commentator took a much-needed vacation to a working ranch in a western state of America. He learned to ride, rope, mend fences and herd cattle. During his stay, a ranch hand's horse was injured, and turned out to pasture to heal. Wild horses entered the pasture one night, and the stallion ran away with them. The newsman asked to tag along the next day when the hand went to try to catch his horse and it was an experience he said he'd never forget. They found the horse running with the wild herd, and the ranch hand wasted no time trying to woo him back. He got close enough for the horse to hear him and began to whistle softly and call his name. When he did this, the wild horses bolted and headed for a canyon, leaving the young stallion torn between two desires. He would trot toward the canyon, then move back toward the young man. He was caught in a cross pull: he wanted to follow his master, but the lure of the wild herd was strong. Neither man could tell which way the horse would go until he finally lowered his head and began walking toward his master. "As I watched



A view of the Service of Holy Communion before the General Synod in St. Iberius's Church, Wexford.

this drama," the newsman said, "I realized I was like this stallion. I hear the voices of the world, and I sometimes long to run with them, but the voice of my Master, Jesus Christ, never fades away." What he had witnessed strengthened his resolve to resist the pull of the world. "I prayed that day that I would never lose my sensitivity to that still, small voice of God." How about you? Have you felt the cross pull? Whose voice will you follow?" (YouVersion Reading Plan, 'Everywhere I Go: Learning to See Jesus', Friday 15th June)

The Bible teaches us that to be a Christian means following the road less travelled (Matthew 7:14) and not running after the things of the world but instead seeking God's Kingdom first (Luke 12:30-31). When Paul returned to disciple and strengthen Christians in Lystra, Iconium and Antioch we read:

'...encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22)

As Christ's followers we have never been promised an easy life (ref. Matthew 10:22; 2 Timothy 3:12, etc.) but we have the promise that Jesus will always be with us (Matthew 28:20) and he desires to lead us as the Good Shepherd. Let's listen to

his voice and let him lead us (John 10:3-4) to fullness of life (John 10:10) and for our good (Rom 8:28)!

Coronation Celebrations

We held a special service on Sunday 7th May to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. Those who attended the service were encouraged to pray for King Charles (ref. 1 Timothy 2:1-4) and were reminded of The Five Fingers of Prayer. After the service, a 15-minute summary of the Coronation was played in the Church (a mixture of photos and video clips put to music), before going through to the hall to enjoy a meal together. A big thank you to all who made this special celebration possible.

General Synod

Alison Jackson, Jonathan Keys and I attended General Synod in Wexford on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th May and also online on Tuesday 16th May. It was great to be able to have a proper chat with individuals during the breaks to catchup with people and to share ideas as chatting over Zoom isn't quite the same. Mothers' Union got the opportunity to share about their goal to end domestic abuse and violence, to highlight the shocking statistics (PSNI gets 1 call every



Enjoying the Coronation celebrations.



Alison Jackson, Revd Andrew Quill and Jonathan Keys attending General Synod.



16 minutes related to domestic abuse) and to raise awareness of what they are doing to help the Church to do more to address this. *'Equipping The Church To Take Action and End Domestic Abuse'* is a practical, insightful, informative and explorative programme created by Mothers' Union, Bishops' Appeal and Tearfund Ireland. Accompanying the 5-part programme is an Irish edition of the Restored manual, *'A Guide for Churches to Address Domestic Abuse'*.

The Big Sing

We hope to hold 'The Big Sing' at a local level on Sunday 25th June at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church, Dromore. This will be an opportunity to join together in singing to the Lord who is worthy of our worship as

well as listening to some choir pieces.

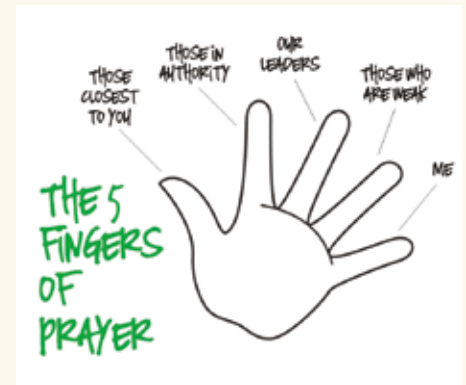
Social Events

We hope to hold a number of social events over the next year starting with a Treasure Hunt on Friday 30th June (details will be on Facebook and on the notice sheet nearer the time).

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.

Drumkeeran, Muckcross and Templecarne



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As I wrote these words just a few days after the Coronation I reflected on the events of last weekend. I am sure that everyone enjoyed the spectacle and all that we were privileged to witness. As there was a parade and service in Kesh to mark the Coronation on Sunday

afternoon it was decided that we would not have an event to mark the occasion within our churches but everyone who was at the services in Templecarne and Tubrid was treated to a special cupcake to mark the event and judging by the feedback these were greatly appreciated. The Parade and Open-Air Service in Kesh on Sunday afternoon was organised by Pettigo LOL District No 10. This event was very well attended and we were joined by brothers and sisters from Tyrone, Donegal and Cavan. The local bands were on parade alongside bands from neighbouring districts and there was a service conducted by various clergy from the area including the one and only Worshipful Brother Revd Canon Dr William Johnston.

After the return parade there was food and entertainment. I would like to place on record my thanks to the District Master and Officers of No 10 District for their hard work which provided an enjoyable opportunity for the community to celebrate this special occasion.



I want to share a few pieces of information that I discovered when researching my sermon for Sunday 7 May. I shared some of these that day but have added a couple more to my words for June.

Charles was born at Buckingham Palace on 14 November 1948 at 9.14pm, by caesarean section, after a 30-hour labour. His birth was the first of a senior member of the royal family not to be attended by



Enjoying the Coronation cupcakes.



a senior politician – to ensure that the newborn was a genuine descendant of the monarch – since the 17th century. Philip was not present, and at one point, went to play squash. He is said to have declared that his son looked like a plum pudding. Good old Philip. Charles said in 1969 that as a child he first “thought of being the proverbial engine driver or something. Then I wanted to grow up to be a sailor ... and, of course, a soldier ... When I started shooting, I thought how marvellous it would be to be a big-game hunter. I went from one thing to the other until I realised I was rather stuck”. He added: “It’s something that dawns on you with the most ghastly, inexorable sense. I didn’t suddenly wake up in my pram one day and say, ‘Yippee,’ you know.” Prince Philip laughed out loud watching his 17-year-old son play Macbeth (above) in the school play, later telling a tearful Charles that he “sounded like the Goons”. Charles also played the cello, and although he said he was “hopeless”, he gave recitals at local aristocrats’ homes. He once gave Ozzy Osbourne, a recovering alcoholic, a bottle of Scotch as a get-well-soon present after Osbourne fractured his collarbone. King Charles

obviously inherited some of his late father’s skills. I mentioned these facts to highlight that life in the Royal Family is far from what we would consider to be normal. I thought about the ceremony itself but did so to use the readings for the day to remind us that there is a heavenly king who we need to think about as we celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. Less than a year ago we mourned the loss of Queen Elizabeth II which reminds us that no one will escape death and it is important that we do so prepared. If we are prepared and have placed our faith and trust in Jesus Christ then we need have no fear and in Revelation 21 we see familiar words that shows us what to expect. We see that all of the things that might trouble us in this world and in this life will be no more but more importantly we read that - those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. As we celebrate a new king for the United Kingdom I hope that these words inspire us and give us hope.

their meeting on 18 April took the form of a Pot-Luck Supper and Silent Auction. I have included some photos from this evening. The next meeting will take the form of a visit to Innovations Beauty Salon on Tuesday 16 May. The ladies are also looking forward to their outing on 17 June when they will visit Cookstown and Dungannon as well as enjoying a meal together.

Diary

Sunday 4 June

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne,
Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 4 June

Dernasesk 7pm Preacher Canon Alan Irwin

Sunday 11 June

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckcross,
Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 18 June

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne,
Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 25 June

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckcross,
Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid



The Women Together members at their meal.



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.



The Norris family at the baptism.

Dartrey and Rockcorry Mothers' Union

To mark the end of the current season, a service of Holy Communion, conducted by Rev. Margaret Pringle, was held in Drum Church. Following the service, a lovely tea was served by the Drum ladies. A sincere thank you to one and all.

Dartrey Picnic

The annual picnic is being held, as usual, on the third Friday in June, which this year falls on 16th June. We are hoping for good weather, lots of bands and a good crowd to support them. The teas will be served in Rockcorry School.

Dartrey District L.O.L. No 4

Annual Service will be held on Sunday 25th June at 3.30pm in Dartrey church. The speaker will be Dean Raymond Ferguson. Tea afterwards.

Aughnamullen

It was a lovely morning for our annual coffee morning and cake sale held on Saturday 13th May at the schoolhouse. Our thanks to all those who came along and supported it and also to all those who supplied cakes, give prizes for the raffle and to those who gave donations. A special thank you to the magician who came along and entertained the children and to the other special guest.

Aghabog Bowling club

Our bowls finals were played off on Wednesday 26th April and the evening finished off with a presentation of prizes and supper and thanks to all who helped in any way. The pairs competition was won by Brian (sub) Lee and Violet and runners up were Andrew and Daniel. The Knockout singles won by Jason and runner up Lee. League singles won by Lee and runner up Jason and the Fred Norris Memorial cup won by Noel and Richard as runner up. Congratulations to all the winners and we look forward to a new start again in September.

Drum/Ematris Mothers' Union

The Mothers' union held their closing Service of Holy Communion in Drum Church and a big thank you to the Revd Margaret Pringle for conducting the service, also a special word of thanks goes to Sharon for providing the music and helping out. A short meeting was held afterwards to make plans for the next few events taking place and the evening finished off with a lovely supper provided by the Drum ladies.

Baptism

16th April 2023 - Sophia, infant daughter of Nigel and Alison Norris.



Winners of the Aghabog bowling competition.

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June Services

Thursday 1st June

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 4th June: Trinity Sunday

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion

Thursday 8th June

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 11th June: The First Sunday after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Morning Prayer

Thursday 15th June

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 18th June: The Second Sunday after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion

Thursday 22nd June

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 25th June: The Third Sunday after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Morning Prayer



Pictured are the girls who were confirmed, in alphabetical order: Victoria Benson, Madison Boyd, Ellen Clarke, Eva Evans, Bethany Fawcett, Jane Gault, Lauren Lindsay, Victoria Moore, Lilly-Ella Morrison, Lily Shaw and Maddy Virtue.



The boys who were confirmed are Alex Clarke, Charlie Clarke, Jake Crawford, Adam Elliott, Charlie Elliott, Jamie Ellis, Harry Hoy, Alfie Lucy, Sam Lutton, Samuel Nixon, Adam Thompson and Bradley Vance) Also in the photos are Bishop Ian Ellis, The Dean, Verger Andrew McCabe and Revd Colin Brownsmith, the Rector's Churchwarden, Vanessa Elliott and People's Churchwarden, Arnold Graham.



The new Rector's Churchwarden, Vanessa Elliott and People's Churchwarden Arnold Graham are pictured with the Dean on the first morning in their new role - Sunday 23rd April.

Thursday 29th June
11.00am – Holy Communion

Marriage
20th May – Callum Ramsey and Becky Johnston
27th May – Niall Frederick Marshall Woods and Diane Margaret Ferguson

Confirmation
Confirmation took place on Sunday 30th April. Twenty-three of our young people who had been attending confirmation classes with the Dean and Revd Colin Brownsmith since last autumn were

presented to the Bishop for confirmation. The lessons were read by Charlotte McGuigan and Revd Nigel Kirkpatrick. The Bishop was the preacher who told the candidates that they would always remember their confirmation as it was the same week as the Coronation! He told them how they were all unique and to allow the gifts skills and abilities they were given by God to be fulfilled to their full potential.

The New Churchwardens
We welcome our new Churchwardens, Vanessa Elliott and Arnold Graham and also wish to thank the outgoing Churchwardens, Nathan Clyde and Alanna Williamson.

The Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla
A large congregation attended the service of Thanksgiving for the Coronation of His Majesty the King on Sunday 7th May. The lessons were read by Adam Elliott, Robin

Hogg and Lord Brookeborough. Bishop Ian Ellis was the preacher. A three-course meal was served by Norman Coalter and his staff in the Cathedral hall afterwards. We were joined by Viscount and Viscountess Brookeborough for the celebration. The Hall had been decorated for the occasion by the caretaker, Andy McCabe and his family.

Messy Church
Messy Church finished with a party on Saturday 20th May as part of a Family Fun Day, in the Cathedral Hall.

Sunday Lights (Sunday School)
Sunday Lights will have an outing to the Cinema on Saturday 3rd June. Afterwards they will travel by minibus to the Cathedral Hall for a McDonald's Happy Meal and a Maud's ice cream. Consent forms must be returned prior to the outing. (Spare forms available from the Cathedral Office). While Sunday School has ended for the



Enjoying the Coronation service and meal afterwards.





summer, church continues and it would be nice to see families (parents and children) worship together. 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 17th June at 2.00pm in The Cathedral Hall for Art and Craft.

There are no more available spaces at present but if you wish to be added to the cancellation list or to join the Whatsapp group for future updates, please contact Linda Kingston on 07342045474. Future date - 29th July - Large Hall Decluttering Talk

Mothers' Union

We had a great attendance at our Mothers' Union outing to the Killyhevlin Hotel on Tuesday 9th May. The Dean said grace before a superb meal. The Branch Leader, Jenifer was presented with a

basket of flowers on the occasion of a recent significant birthday. Claire Holmes and her daughter organised a quiz about the recent Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

A great night was had by all with plenty of fun, chat and laughter. The evening closed with prayer. We wish all our members a very relaxing summer, enjoying time with family and friends. Next meeting is on Monday 11th September at 7.30pm with First Aid in the home.

Bowling Club

St. Macartin's Cathedral Bowling Club kindly presented a cheque for £100 to Air Ambulance NI.

Included in the photo are members of the bowling club, some of whom are also Air Ambulance volunteers.

From left, George Irvine (AANI volunteer) Sandra Richmond, Maisie Morrow, Alec Morrow (Bowling Club Chairman) Maud Shaw (Bowling Club Secretary and Air Ambulance volunteer) Ernest Vance and

Karen Clyde (Air Ambulance volunteer).

Organists' visit

The Ulster Society of Organists and Choirmasters was founded in 1918 as a forum for church musicians of all denominations, amateur and professional, in Northern Ireland. Its principal aims:

- i. to promote high standards in the selection and performance of church music, organ and choral;
- ii. to uphold the status of the profession and safeguard its interests;
- iii. to promote a wider public interest in organ and choral music.

The Dean was pleased to welcome them to St Macartin's Cathedral on Saturday 13th May as part of their tour to Fermanagh. They were pleased to see and hear our newly upgraded organ. The upgrade costing around £25,000 is almost completed.

During the tour they also visited St Michael's Catholic Church, Enniskillen Presbyterian and the Priory Church, Killadeas.



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Dean Kenneth Hall, speaker at Lough Derg with Monsignor La Flynn and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly.



Dean Kenneth Hall speaking at the event.

Day of Friendship and Faith

Dean Kenneth Hall was the speaker at this year's Annual Lough Derg Day of Friendship and Faith earlier in May. Upon arrival, participants travelled together by boat for the five-minute journey across the lake where they were greeted by the Prior of Lough Derg, Monsignor La Flynn and treated to refreshments. In the McSorley Hall of St Davog House. Monsignor Peter O'Reilly gave a warm welcome and introduction to the main speaker, Dean Kenny Hall, St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen who based his address on Micah 6:8, with particular emphasis on the

value of friendship and potential for united witness to Christ in today's world. There followed time for interaction and general questions with the 120 or so attendees from the various Christian denominations present.

Prayer

Father, You sent your Word to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy. Through them we come to know the mystery of your life. Help us to worship you, one God in three persons, You reveal yourself in the depths of our being, by proclaiming and living our faith in you.

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It is a quieter time to pray, as we listen to a Bible passage, supported by music and a time of reflection. Book through the parish office by email fivemiletownparish2@gmail.com or phone 895 22422.

Marriage Preparation

Christian Guidelines presenters, Ian and Lorraine Stewart were joined by 12 couples from the parish, diocese and other churches on 11th March 2023 for a one-day marriage preparation course. Again this year we were able to offer Kiltermon Church for this special day which gives couples the opportunity to consider God's intention in marriage, and their own hopes and expectations. The parish has supported this for 14 years and we greatly appreciate the commitment of Bertie and Joyce Bleakley as caretakers there in preparing the building for our guests, as well as Louise Graham who provided light catering.



Pastoral Visiting Reflection from Canon Dennis

On deciding to join the Parish some 12 years ago the Rector asked me if I would consider taking up the role of pastoral home visiting, ministering mainly to the 70+ group which in itself includes quite a large number of parishioners and homes as I was to discover. As pastoral care is a most important element in the Church's overall ministry to its members, it is vitally important for Church leaders to maintain close and regular contact with its members to show that the Church does care for them. Alongside other methods of communication the Church employs, such as regular Church bulletins, flyers and recordings of Church services, regular home visits, especially to those members who through age or ill health are unable to attend Church services. Home visits allow both the time and space for pastor and church members to really get to know

one another better, to share their joys and any concerns they may have, to read and discuss the scriptures and to seek God's help and comfort in prayer together. There's no better way of sharing and showing that their joys, their concerns, are also the Church's joys and concerns too. Jesus said, "I am the good Shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. St John.10. 14-15. Knowing all this, how could I with time and space to share, turn down such a wonderful and important opportunity to be part of the caring ministry to God's people here in St. Johns with Kiltermon. I saw the Rector's invitation as an opportunity where I could usefully undertake this vital ministry for the parish. Initially I set about my home visits allowing for one or two afternoons a week throughout the year (with the exception of the summer months) mainly aiming to visit all on my general list of parishioners once yearly. In the case of the long-term sick,

Creative Prayer Morning 'Come To the Waters'

Fivemiletown Parish are hoping to host a creative prayer morning on Saturday 10th June in the Parish Halls.

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.

the pastoral team of Rector, Elvina Funston and myself made it our aim to make four or five visits interspersed throughout the year when for some the service of Holy Communion was shared at Christmas and Easter.

Until the onset of the Covid epidemic which made home visits a non-starter for us while using telephone calls to keep in touch for the most part my planned home visits to those parishioners on my lists were keeping to schedule. I got to know parishioners better and they got to know me better as a friend. They made me feel very welcome in their homes often with a cup of tea and cakes at the ready to enjoy and encouraging words of appreciation for my visits and prayers. It means a lot for the clergy to know that their ministry is gratefully received and valued. For us our pastoral visits are not only a joy but also a privilege to be welcomed into the homes and privacy of your everyday lives and families. Now that we on the other side of Covid (though we still need to exercise care) I hope to start back to some home visiting sometime soon. In the meantime I look forward to meeting and sharing with you once again in your homes. God Bless you and keep you all. Canon Dennis

Summer Church For Your Family

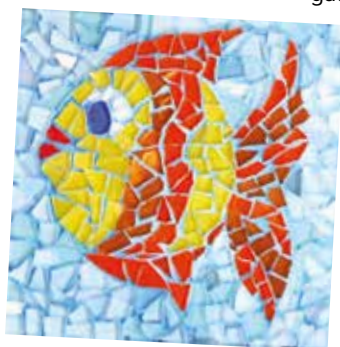
Summer is a great time away together as a family. School is out, and Creche, Sunday School and most Youth Ministries close for a few months. This year we have some special events planned to help keep us together as a church family during the summer;

Kids' Church On Sundays in July and August there will be a mini kids Church programme. Numbers might be small, but every week we will plan to have two leaders to organise a Kids' Bible based DVD, juice and crisps held in the Church Vestry during sermon time. There will be also be a Kids' song and talk at most services. As a parent, if you can help with the rota of leaders, let the Rector know.

2 Day Kids' Club + Mosaic Workshop

10am-1pm - Parish Hall
Monday and Tuesday, 21 and 22 August

It's been a while since we hosted a summer club. This year we're planning for a two-day club to encourage our kids, and to let our young people have a go at kids songs,



memory verses, games, quizzes and craft. Same format as the Good Friday Brunch – meet in St John's from 10am for songs and story, before games, craft and food in the Parish Hall. This year the theme is New Life With God and we're trying our Mosaic Crafts. For P1 -P7 parish kids and friends. Book soon with Parish Office + complete booking form on request. Spaces limited.

Day Trip To Sligo

If you are YR8+ plan to join us for a day trip to Standhill Beach and Mama Johnston's ice-cream parlour with an evening visit to the New Wine Christian summer conference and the teen worship programme. A late evening Theatre Group are booked to perform. Details to follow to Seniors and CONNECT.

Youth Barbecue and Water Games Evening

7.30-9.30pm Friday 25 August
Now an annual event, members of Connect and Seniors and those from P7 who are starting Big School in September are invited to Water Games and Barbecue at the Rectory. Bring a dry change of clothes and look forward to some worship and our guest speaker. Book with Yvonne or office.

Summer Epilogue Services at Kiltermon

8pm Sundays 2, 16 July and 6, 20 August
God willing, this summer we hope to create some space to think and reflect in the evening-time a few Sundays. Epilogue services allow time at the end of the Lord's Day to look back on our prayers and thoughts, on the Bible reading and the Psalm, asking what God has been speaking to us about. Join us in Kiltermon for these informal and quieter times across July and August.

During July and August we are planning for a Summer Church programme, one service at 10.30am in St John's, a kids' programme at each Sunday service, Youth and Children's days planned, an open air service and four summer Epilogue services.

But it all depends on the household gathering for our first purpose, which is to magnify God. The Psalmist reminds worshippers that our first calling is to worship God and to uplift His Name when we gather. And we are also designed by God to both work and rest. Having time each week for a Sabbath rest is important to us. And also, to have

time with ourselves, friends and family is a welcome recharge during summer months. This summer plan to worship and to rest, trusting that God's intended rhythm for life will benefit each of us.

Summer Reading Christian Book Drop

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.

Parish Youth Weekend

The parish's youth leaders from CONNECT and Senior Sunday School were pleased to be able to organise and host a Parish Youth Weekend after missing two years with the restrictions. As before we travelled to The Castlewellaan Castle Christian Conference Centre in County Down. 10 Young people and six leaders gave their time to the weekend away, when our guest speakers were former parishioner Elliott Hanlon, and his wife Rosie Hanlon.

This reinforces the importance of youth work both at Parish and Diocesan level,



and the value of the Diocese investing in having someone employed at a diocesan level to help deliver youth programmes in parishes.

The parish youth leaders greatly appreciate the financial and spiritual support which the Select Vestry give to this work, and the support of parents in encouraging their young people to engage in their faith through the parish programmes. May I also thank again our own leaders for their time given to support young people across the parish, and their friends who visit our programmes.

Next year's weekend away has already been booked for Friday 26- Sunday 28 January 2024 - we commend the Castlewellaan Castle for its refurbished centre and thank them for the ministry which their previous warden Andrew

conducted across many years, while sending our kind regards to their new warden John Nixon.

Coronation Events: Senior Adults' Coronation Meal

The Coronation lunch and communion held on Wednesday 26th April was attended by 45 people. The main course was provided by Edfield Restaurant and was of their usual high standard. The ladies of the parish kindly provided the desserts and traybakes which we were very grateful for. Following lunch the entertainment was provided by Mr Malcolm Cathers who played the piano accordion. He played many well-known tunes and told some of their history. It was a most successful and enjoyable afternoon. Billy, Irene and Muriel

Sandstone Tablet to Commemorate the Life of Queen Elizabeth II and Dedication of Walkway

On Sunday 7th May the parish gathered for morning worship at both Kiltermon and St John's Church. We used a liturgy from the Church Of England written for the Coronation Weekend, which included prayers for the Royal Family, and prayer for the new Sovereign.

We were pleased to be joined at 11am by the Primrose family from Newtownards, as we were dedicating to God's Glory the walkway at the entrance to St John's which had been resurfaced with decorative cobble. This was in memory of David and Angela's brother Roland who passed away last year. Also at the service we dedicated a circular sandstone tablet to commemorate the life Of Queen Elizabeth II. The Tablet bears the inscription from Ecclesiastes 3, 'A Time For All Things.' Also, A Coronation Cake, baked by



Graydon's Bakery in Maguiresbridge was served after the service in the Parish Hall. We greatly enjoyed the May Sunday evenings with the theme of 'Celebrating King Jesus.'

We gathered in the lovely setting of Kiltermon Church on four special Sunday evenings in May for praise, teaching, encouragement and fellowship, and thought about The Royal Law to Love Your Neighbour from Galatians, He Who Sits On The Throne from Ephesians, The Humble King of Philipians The Kingdom Of His Son from Colossians. This was a shared ministry of Fivemiletown Methodist Circuit, Cavanaleck and Aughentaine Presbyterian Churches and ourselves, and is part of the ongoing ministry we have together. Other events as announced.

Youth Sunday

Youth and Children's Sunday is planned for 11am on Sunday 11th June in St John's Church. The Sunday School have been working very hard during Spring to complete their projects for the Bishop's Medal and Archdeacon Ruddle prize. Using the same theme of The Miracles Of Jesus, we look forward to seeing a video presentation of their work as well as colourful displays. The guest speaker will be Claire Holmes, who served the people of Paraguay for 23 years, through the ministry of SAMS. Also, we look forward to a Parish Barbecue that same morning, kindly organised by the members of the Select Vestry.

Fight the good fight: Church Lad's Brigade meets from 6.45pm -8pm each Tuesday fortnight

CLB reopened in January after our Christmas break, with both groups continuing to work towards completion of their badges. The Martins are doing scripture (Me and God) and an animal welfare/ nature badge (Me and God's world). The Y team badge work includes

Sports/agility 3rd year gold, Scripture and nature, gold discovery badge. CLB have guidelines on badge work which enables us to let all boys work together in teams and to encourage each boy to bring his own individual gifts to all aspects of our programmes. We welcomed Johnny back with all his wonderful animals which was a very entertaining and educational evening.

February 14th – This was our pancake night with all boys trying to beat the world record, how many pancakes could be eaten in an hour! We were delighted to hear that Victoria (previous Captain) and Paul had a little baby girl in April, named Emma Jean.

March - the boys made flower planters for their Mum or Grandmother taking part with great enthusiasm. In May we got on a coach and travelled out to The Cowan's amazing goat farm. Linda made us so welcome and we all had an informative and happy evening. On return to the hall via coach we had a delicious supper of hot dogs and juice supplied by Edfield restaurant.

Our Final Night started with two bouncy castles and a medieval stock/ wet sponge throwing game. We were delighted to welcome Willie and Sally Clayton (Battalion Commander), Percentor Hanlon and all parents. Christine presented Joyce and Len from the Hope Centre with a cheque (proceeds from our fair) and Len give a talk on how the money would be used. We had a short "photo show" which included photos over past five years with the boys and some of the leaders stars of the show!

Willie presented all boys with their hard-earned badges and certificates, the Bible cups went to Micah and Abel, exemplary service badges to Nathan and Harry. Precentor Hanlon and Willie give encouraging talks and our evening concluded with a lovely tea.

We have had a truly wonderful year and special thanks to all the leaders Christine, Claire, Andy, Neil, Neville and Angela.

Thanks to Stephen and Precentor Hanlon. A very, very special thank you to all the parents and boys for great attendance, enthusiasm and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you and all your friends when we reopen in early October. Sandra McConnell

Mothers' Union

At our opening meeting in January we had 11 members who received long service certificates within Mothers' Union. Three new members were enrolled and two welcomed from other parishes. February was invite a friend evening. Our speaker was Ruth Blair who runs fitness classes from her home. Ruth had us all doing armchair exercises and advised, no matter what age, that exercise was so good for our physical and mental health. In March members attended Lenten Service followed by a Fire Drill in the Parish Hall. Missionary money, stamps and knitted items were collected. At the April meeting, Andy Little was our speaker. With the aid of slides Andy told us about his visit to Peru in 2016 with SAMS and

several members of the parish including Precentor Hanlon. The slides showed the dreadful poverty making us realise how we have, and parts of this country so little. Andy was able to send out 1,800 pounds raised at the Coffee Morning. The speaker for our Visitors' Evening in May was Revd Derek Kerr, who spoke on Royalty and his recent visit to the Coronation. Revd. Derek brought a wonderful display of memorabilia he has gathered for many years including a tiny pin cushion in the shape of the crown, that his mother treasured. He shared with us great knowledge of the history of the Monarchy and told it with such humour that we were all in stitches laughing. Before we finish in mid-May we have our Annual Outing to Enniskillen Castle and Museum, followed by a meal in Saddlers. Evelyn Irwin, Secretary

Midweek Intercession and Prayer For Healing

This takes place many times each month. A group of 15 people receive the requests for prayer each week and are committed to praying at least each Wednesday. And

each second month we gather with others for a service of Holy Communion when all the names prayed for since we last met are prayed for again. Leave a name for prayer with the office or with Precentor Hanlon or William Morrow.

Breathe

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

Within our time of prayer, we pray the beautiful words of A Scotti

Knots of Faith

Lord, please bless the hands that weave Your love.

Bless the needles that hold us all together.

Bless the yarn that loops our lives into one.

Lord, bless the heart that forever works in Your name.

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The Servant King

The Prince of Wales paid a touching tribute to his father, King Charles III, at the Coronation Concert at Windsor Castle, saying: "Pa, we are all so proud of you." He went on to add "For all that celebrations are magnificent, at the heart of the pageantry is a simple message: Service. My father's first words on entering Westminster Abbey yesterday were a pledge of service. It was a pledge to continue to serve. Because for over 50



Mrs Grace Rickey with guest organist, Stuart Nelson and all the young musicians who took part in the evening.

years, in every corner of the UK, across the Commonwealth and around the world, he has dedicated himself to serve others, both current and future generations, and those whose memory must not be neglected". At the heart of the coronation service was a reflection on King Charles' life of service. Justin Welly, Archbishop of Canterbury in his sermon says "We are here to crown a King, and we crown a King to serve...The King of Kings, Jesus Christ, was anointed not to be served, but to serve. He creates the unchangeable law of good authority that with the privilege of power comes the duty to serve". Jesus Feeding the Five Thousand is one

of the most renowned miracles of Jesus in the Bible. It is also one of the clearest examples of Jesus' commitment to serving others. Service is love in action. The story goes that Jesus was in a remote area with his disciples and a large crowd of people who had come to hear him preach. When it became clear that the people were hungry, Jesus took five loaves of bread and two fish and commanded his disciples to have the people sit down in groups. He then blessed the food and broke it, and miraculously, the food multiplied and everyone was fed. This story is a beautiful example of Jesus' selfless service and dedication to helping those in need. Jesus chose to lay aside His rights as God



The "Young Musicians" watching our guest organist, Stuart Nelson, as he finishes the evening with a beautiful Encore.



Esther and Kayla who led the prayer at the Family Service.



Helen, Dawn and Cynthia serve light refreshments before the musical evening.

and became a servant to the very ones He created who would take Him to His death. The God-man "became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross (Philippians 2)." He laid aside all of His power to take our sins upon Himself so that we might have "abundant" and "eternal" life. He gave up His life so we could have a new life lived in pursuit of God's ways. And in response, we are told to take on the attitude of Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5). What attitude is Paul talking about? The attitude of a servant that considers others more important than self. When Jesus takes up residence in us, He wants us to mirror His attitude, desires, and lifestyle. Are you a reflection of Jesus, the Servant King?

Services in June

Sunday 4th June 2023 - Trinity Sunday

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Children's Day

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Children's Day

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church:

Children's Day

The theme for Children's Day is "Fit for a King", so polish up your tiara and get your crowns at the ready. Or maybe you want to come dressed for a Garden Party or represent one of the King's charities or organisations of which he is a patron.

Sunday 11th June 2023 - The First Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 18th June 2023 - The Second Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 25th June 2021 - The Third

Sunday After Trinity

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church:

Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church:

Morning Prayer

Music in May

"To play a wrong note is insignificant. To play without passion is inexcusable"

- Beethoven -

We were delighted once again to welcome back to Galloon Parish, our guest-organist, Stuart Nelson who thrilled us on our Lewis organ. Mrs Grace Rickey, organist at Galloon Parish, said: "Each of our musicians are here this evening because they wanted to be part of this event. They wanted to come here tonight and share their passion of music with you. From the beginner to the more advanced, each of these individuals have worked hard, spending much time practising to make sure they can be the best they can be".

We had a wonderful evening with Isaac



The youth also assist with serving refreshments. Beth, Emma, Zara and Esther.



Isaac welcomes people on his bagpipes.



Collection at the Family Service was lifted by Noah, Ryan, Zoe and Lily.

Hutchinson on the bagpipes; Barry Hutchinson on flute; Peter Elliott; Jay Johnston; Alfie Noble; Zoe Heaslip; Jamie Bell; Matthew McAlister; Holly Hutchinson and Zara, Emma and Grace Rickey all on piano. Revd Lorraine thanked all who participated in this evening giving up of their time and talents. Special thanks to Mrs Grace Rickey who organised this musical evening alongside Mr Earl Moffitt. She also showed gratitude to all who worked hard behind the scenes serving light refreshments.

A Great Evening in Drumhaw Fold

Drummully and Galloon Mothers' Union had an evening of entertainment planned for the residents of Drumhaw Fold.

They also provided a lovely supper and a gift for each resident. The Mothers' Union were joined by Lisnaskea WI who performed some sketches. James and Sarah Elliott finished off the evening with a good old "sing-along". Revd Lorraine received a lovely thank-you from one resident who said "Thank you Newtownbutler Mothers' Union most sincerely for coming to The Fold to entertain us so beautifully...After all the past months of doom and gloom we all enjoyed a very pleasant evening of fun and laughter".



Drummully Parish Coffee Morning and Car-boot Sale

Why not come along for a lovely morning coffee at Drummully Parish Church on Saturday 3rd June; Saturday 1st July and Saturday 5th August and enjoy a browse around the car-boot sale. Gates for stall holders open at 8am. Proceeds in aid of Drummully Parish Church.

Christmas Craft Fair

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



Meeting and greeting at the family service are Hugo and Harri.

Christmas Tree Festival in Galloon

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

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Church Services

JUNE

Sunday 4 June

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, both HC

Sunday 11 June

Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both HC

Sunday 18 June

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

Sunday 25 June

Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both MP

JULY

Sunday 2 July

Garrison 10am, HC. Slavin 3pm Parade Service

Sunday 9 July

Belleek 11.30am, HC. Garrison 3pm Parade Service

WEEKLY DIARY

Tuesdays - Prayer group in the Rectory at 8pm

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

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

Notes from the Rectory

Sometimes in life, our best-laid plans get stopped in their tracks. Sometimes we're forced to take it slow.

I write this because I'm currently laid up with a cold that won't shift. I have prayed this cold away. I have willed it away. I have

refused to let my timetable be dictated by it, and ploughed ahead as though I was in the best of health.

And, surprise surprise, it turned out that's not how the immune system works.

The cold seems none the worse for my activities, but I'm now feeling distinctly run down. Annoyingly enough, I now have to rest. And this is frustrating for me, because I'm the sort of person who gets cross if I'm not achieving anything. When I have an evening without meetings, I decide that I'm going to clean the oven. Even when I'm trying to keep the Sabbath, I'll decide that gardening qualifies as a leisure activity, and then spend three hours turning the compost heap. You get the idea.

'What will I do!' I railed at God from my sick bed (it had been a whole six hours). 'What about all the stuff I wanted to get done?' Annoyingly enough, I got the sense that the Almighty might actually be laughing at me, as I lay ranting like some kind of Fortune 500 CEO, firing off emails from beneath a mound of duvets. I started to suspect he might even be trying to teach me a lesson. This had been one of several delays over the last couple of weeks - a

shoulder injury when I was meant to be working on the school garden, a car tyre bursting on my way to a visit, all stuff that made me stop in my tracks. And here I was again, laid up, slowed down. Every time I tried to get stuff done, I felt worse. Every time I rested, I felt better. And, two days in, I started enjoying taking things slow. It was nice, not waking up exhausted. It was quite enjoyable, not having to rush places. Maybe rest was a gift, not a burden?

And then I opened my Bible reading this morning: Genesis 2: Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.
3 Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. As the commentator puts it: 'God doesn't rest as one who is weary, but as one well-pleased. This is the joy of achievement, not the relief of fatigue.' (Phil Togwell, Lectio 365)

What would it look like for me to rest not from a place of exhaustion, but satisfaction? Not collapsing because I feel spent, but allowing myself to receive the gift of rest because I have done enough? I'm not sure, but I get the sense it's something God wants me to work on!

Rev. Rebecca

Easter General Vestry

Below are the election results from Kiltyclogher and Belleek Easter General Vestry meetings;

Kiltyclogher

Rector's CW - Edward Stephenson
Rector's GW - Freda Allingham
People's CW - Gordon Carson
People's GW - William McVitty
Synods Person - Freda Allingham
Supp. Synods Person - n/a
Parochial Nominator - Pauline Carson
Supp Parochial Nominator - n/a
Honorary Secretary - Pauline Carson
Honorary Treasurer - Pauline Carson

Belleek

Rector's CW - Rachel Love



Photos from the Group service when young lambs were brought to church.

Rector's GW - James Pye
People's CW - James Pye
People's GW - Robert Johnston Snr
Synods Person - Robert Johnston Jnr
Supp. Synods Person - n/a
Parochial Nominator - Helen Thompson
Supp Parochial Nominator - n/a
Honorary Secretary - Helen Thompson
Honorary Treasurer - Lorraine Boyd

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 continue to remember Gladys Graham and Sally Carson who are improving well each day.

Quiz for AANI

Thanks to Dot and Kevin Barlow for organising the table quiz for AANI funds. It was held on Saturday 13th May at 8pm in the Gilaroo Centre, Garrison. At the time of going to print, a fantastic excess of £1000 had been raised.

Graham Family Thanks

The Graham family from Garrison would like to extend a huge thanks to everyone



The Graham family who ran the Belfast Marathon for Air Ambulance NI



Preparing for the Air Ambulance Quiz.

for their prayerful and financial support in their recent Belfast relay marathon. The generosity of so many including the immediate and extended church families helped to raise a mammoth £17,186 and another £3,040 in Gift Aid for AANI. They completed the event in memory of their much-loved son and brother Neil.

Summer Social Series of Events

Brendan Guildea and Helen Gunner are organising the following social outings for the summer period. Please pass on your names to book.

All welcome!

- 24 June - Parke's Castle Sligo
- 29 July - Cuilcagh Stairway Walk

Holy Baptism

Baby Daniel McCordick, son of Daniel and Megan was christened in Belleek Parish Church on Sunday 30th April at a group service.

Mothers' Union

On Tuesday 25th April, our Mothers' Union Branch admitted and welcomed a new member, our Rector, Revd Rebecca. A service was held in Kiltyclogher Church and Revd. Rebecca was admitted to Mothers' Union by Revd. Maureen Desborough, with Branch Leader, Dot Barlow, also taking part. Joy Graham was the organist.

A delicious meal was served in Garrison Church Hall after the service with all members providing food. The Worldwide Donations were collected, and these will be presented at the Festival Service in May, in Monaghan which eight members plan to attend. Pauline (Secretary) gave us our new programme for September 23 to April 24. We look forward to hosting a good variety of speakers.

Lily Graham presented us with a huge box of little hats and some scarves for the Maternity Unit of SWAH. These will be delivered to Noreen Little, Action and Outreach Unit Co-ordination.



The Mothers' Union closing service and meal afterwards in Garrison Church Hall.



Fifth Sunday Of The Month

Sunday 30th April was a Group Service and was a service of Wholeness and Healing combined with Holy Baptism in Belleek Church. Baby Daniel McCordick, infant son of Megan and Daniel, was welcomed into the church family with his parents, godparents and extended family. We also welcomed two new members of Pauline and Gordon Carson's flock! Revd Rebecca compared them to ourselves where Jesus, the shepherd looks after us. The sheep follow the shepherd because they know his voice. The children greatly enjoyed the address and also petting the little lambs. Thank you to Audrey and Gwen for once again leading the singing of hymns from 'Thanks and Praise.'

Coronation Event

Garrison Group of Parishes celebrated the Coronation with a hog roast, barbecue

and fun day. Everyone enjoyed the lovely sunshine despite an odd thundery shower. Thank you to Revd. Rebecca and Brendan for hosting the event at the Rectory and for providing the hog for the spit.

Thanks to everyone who baked and helped in any way.

To date a total of £1,223 was raised towards the Rectory Fund and the Bishop's Appeal for Syria and Turkey Earthquake Relief.

Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday 18th July from 9am - 1pm, Slavin Annual Sale in the Wark Hall, Belleek. Good Used Clothing, Bric-a-brac, Cakes, Jam and teas will be served.
- Clothes For Recycling- Collection on 31st July. Bags can be left with Doreen.
- KEEP FREE Friday 29th September 8pm for Slavin Harvest and Gospel Concert. Music by Hugh P and Maria Doherty,



Attending the Coronation Hog Roast.

a father and daughter band, based in Buncrana, Co. Donegal. They are very accomplished musicians having appeared on Spotlight TV and Maria has her own Youtube Channel.

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.



The baptism for the McCordick family.



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Mothers' Union

Inishmacsaint Mothers' Union continues to go from strength to strength under the leadership of Robena Elliott. Have a look at the number of teddies Olive knitted for the babies and young children who find themselves in the South West Acute Hospital. Aren't they fabulous? Laura also knitted some clothes for the babies there. The April meeting consisted of a treasure hunt for the energetic and a trip down memory lane for the less energetic!



Celebrating the Coronation.



Celebrating the Coronation after the service.

GFS Service

The GFS service (photo above) was very well attended with leaders Joanne Wilson and Eileen Cutler giving an outline of their work this past year and presenting certificates. Many of the girls took part in the service either reading or leading prayers and all singing. The parish and community extend their heartfelt thanks to these exceptional leaders and to all the parent helpers.

The Coronation

The stops were pulled out in the parish to celebrate the coronation of King Charles. A special service sheet (Holy Communion)



was prepared and tea was held directly after the service. Laura and Gillian made and decorated delicious cakes and many

others helped prepare and serve the tea. Members of the Orange Order read and led prayers.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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Are we there yet?

In Matthew 28 we find Jesus' last words to his disciples just before his ascension and 10 days before the wind and fire of

the Holy Spirit arrives during the feast of Pentecost. So what does he say? Jesus explains to his disciples that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to him and based upon this information they are then to go. All that they have been through, all that they have been witness to, all they have learned has prepared them for this moment, the moment they are to leave home and go out as part of the franchise to help grow the family business. The job description includes making disciples through helping the nations of the world to change allegiance from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light and publicly declare it; and through teaching the nations to obey the commands of Jesus. And in closing, Jesus lets his disciples, those who are about to begin this task like no other, he tells them that even though they are going out on their own adventure, he will always be with them. This meeting happened some time ago now – so are we nearly there yet? Have all the nations of the world been given the chance to become disciples of

Jesus?

Columbanus in one of his letters spoke of the Irish being, "inhabitants of the world's edge." The gospel reached and passed through Ireland, north and south some centuries ago now and has continued to circulate the globe bringing hope, peace, healing, deliverance and salvation to billions. So are we nearly there yet? Is the task near completion? We may have thought that when the gospel got as far as us, who believed to be living at the world's edge, the job was done but there are new generations who haven't heard and been witness to a demonstration of the power of the gospel, and continents further still. Now, post-Pentecost, Christians continue this Great Gospel Commission partnership with the empowering Holy Spirit, at the command of Jesus, in the love of the Father. A commission to go and make sure that everyone in our community, in our parishes, across this island at the world's edge and beyond, knows that there is a Father God who loves them, a Saviour who has died for them, and a Spirit

who will empower them and guide them and comfort them and gift them. To the question, "Are we nearly there yet?", we have at least part of that answer already. Have we went out into our communities to share the gospel, demonstrate the power of the gospel, demonstrate the love of the gospel, to live it, and tell it to those who so desperately need it? Well, if we haven't, we are not there yet, there is still work to do. Yet we face the challenge that Jesus will return again and life has it's own uncertain twists and turns and so we all need to be ready and right before Almighty God. Are we nearly there yet? And is he nearly here yet? May we pray for a Holy Spirit empassioned heart to reach the lost and a focused urgency to do so while there is still time and opportunity, as we move once again from Pentecost and to beyond.

Coronation Tea

Our Coronation Tea took place on Sunday 7th May after church in the grounds of Kilskeery Parish. We had great weather, great food, great company and it was great to have Christ Church, Trillick come along and make it a joint celebration.

Treasure Hunt and Barbecue

We organised our first Car Treasure Hunt last year as part of Christ Church, Trillick's 150 Year Celebration Weekend with great success, and so back due to popular demand is this years new Car Treasure Hunt. It takes place on Friday, 9 June at 7.30pm from Christ Church Parish, Trillick followed by a barbecue. There is no cost for taking part but a donation box will be placed conspicuously for those who wish to help cover costs. We look forward to seeing you there.

Annual Barbecue

Our extremely popular annual barbecue will take place on Friday 30th June in Kilskeery Hall at 7.30pm just before the summer holidays begin. Ticket prices and availability will be made known soon so look out and don't miss your chance to get your hands on some steak and other barbecue goodies.

Midweek Fellowship

Over the last seven weeks our Midweek Fellowship gathering has been taking time out to look at the letters to the seven churches in the early chapters of the book of Revelation. We have found many challenging and hard things to hear and consider for the church today and been invited to pray through each letter and the topics involved. Below is a prayer of reflection and application based on the letter to the church in Ephesus.

The island at the edge of the world



Prayer

Lord God, you have all authority and power and might at your disposal and our church is your church for you are the head and we are the body. Lord, you know what we do and how we do it as we serve in your church. May we work hard and patiently endure as we seek to press forward. Lord, may we recognise evil when we see it in all forms and false teaching that doesn't come from you. Grant us the energy and tireless devotion to always follow you despite opposition in the present and in the future. May what we do be for your glory. Forgive us as a church and as individuals when we fail to love you as we should; when we allow other desires for other things to become more important than you; when you are no longer number one. We decide right now to repent of all and any sinful thoughts and practices and cry out for your forgiveness and mercy. We decide right now to remember the grace and love that you have shown us over the years and we return wholeheartedly to you. We pray that in your grace, you will allow the light of our church to not only shine but to shine more brightly. May we hate those things that you hate and love those things that you love. I pray that our ears would be open to what your Holy Spirit is saying to us. May we be more than conquerors

because of Christ Jesus and granted to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. Amen.

Messy Kids

Our Messy Kids took place this month with crafts connected to Pentecost and the Holy Spirit and a variety of other creative ideas too. It is always great to see the families and children coming along to have fun and for parents to have a bit of a catchup over a cuppa.

Car Boot Sale

This takes place on Saturday, 3 June in Kilskeery Hall from 10am to 2pm.

Church Diary

- Monday:** Mothers' Union at 8:00pm (Third Monday of the month)
- Tuesday:** Senior Citizen's Club at 2:00pm
- Wednesday:** Midweek Fellowship at 8:00pm
- Thursday:** Prayer Meeting at 9:00am
- Sunday:** Christ Church Parish, Trillick at 10:30am
Kilskeery Parish Church at 11:45am
(Sunday Schools take place during the services)



Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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Looking Back

What a packed period we have recently enjoyed in the life and witness of the parish...

Mothers' Union

Our Mothers' Union arranged a wonderful afternoon at Clogher Cathedral. Along with some gents from the parish we joined with our MU in enjoying an historic talk on the life of Clogher Cathedral - before admiring the magnificent, handcrafted model of the Cathedral – resplendent with stained glass windows and lighting. The visit to Clogher Cathedral was preceded with a beautiful lunch in Fivemiletown.

Christian Burial

The parish was greatly saddened by the passing of one of our highly esteemed parishioners, Kathleen Doherty, known as "Ruby". Ruby passed away on 18th April and her funeral and service of thanksgiving was held on 20th April. Sincere love and prayers to Rodney and the family. May Ruby rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.



The Rector with the new Select Vestry.

Christian Marriage

The 22nd April was a day of great joy in the life of the parish when Jodie Collins and Matthew Crawford tied the knot! We offer the young couple our good wishes and prayers for many happy and loving years together.

Holy Baptism

It was a privilege to welcome the Irvine family to Lisbellaw Parish on 30th April and to baptise Mark and Donna's precious baby daughter, Emily Grace. May Emily be nurtured and grow in the faith all the days of her life.

King Charles III - Coronation

The recent Coronation weekend and public Holiday in early May was fittingly marked in the parish and community. Events kicked off with an uplifting school assembly in Lisbellaw Primary School and Nursery Unit. This was followed by a service of Evening Prayer in Coolbuck church before moving to the Parish Centre for much joy and celebrations in Lisbellaw Village.



Mr and Mrs Matthew Crawford following their wedding.

Huge thanks to Ann and Jean; two stalwarts of Coolbuck for having our chapel of ease so beautifully prepared and for Jean's amazing crown. Derryclavin Pipe Band deserve much credit for the effort they put in to arranging a wonderful eve of coronation



The baptism of Emily Grace.



The Mothers' Union at Clogher Cathedral.



Celebrating the Coronation at Coolbuck and at Lisbellaw.



event on Friday 5th May – which also attracted the attention of UTV Live who reported on the evening and were present on the night. Well done to all the bands, floats and participants who contributed to a wonderful community occasion which will live long in the memory. On Sunday 7th May Lisbellaw Parish celebrated The Eucharist - which included special prayers for the King, Queen, and Royal Family.

Birthday Celebrations

Two of our much-loved parishioners reached wonderful milestone birthdays in recent weeks. It was a great privilege and pleasure to along with Bishop Ian visit Mrs Kathleen Sloan to mark her incredible 101st birthday. Days later I had the wonderful opportunity

to call with Mrs May Irvine and convey the good wishes of the parish on her reaching her 90th birthday. Both ladies are an inspiration to us all.

Triennial Easter Vestry 2023

The Lisbellaw with Coolbuck Triennial Easter Vestry recently took place, and I should like to take the opportunity to thank those from the outgoing Select Vestry for their contribution and to congratulate and wish the new Select Vestry and other parish representatives every blessing in their various roles and that we would all seek to perform our duties to the glory of God.

Looking Forward

At my time of writing, we look forward to another possible Holy Baptism at the end of June and separately a May wedding

which we hope to report on in the summer Diocesan magazine.

Our midweek Holy Communion Services at 10.30am in Lisbellaw Parish will finish for the summer after the service on Wednesday 28th June. They will recommence in September – *date tbc.

Confirmation Class 2023

I'm planning a Confirmation Class to commence in September. These will run for approximately nine weeks on a Monday evening in Lisbellaw Parish Church from 6.15pm to 7pm with a Service of Confirmation with Bishop Ian taking place in November DV. Parents and Guardians of young people approaching the stage for confirmation should contact me as soon as possible please, and before the end of August at the latest. Any adults (18+) who may wish to be



The Rector and Bishop Ian Ellis visiting Mrs Kathleen Sloan on her 101st birthday.



The Rector presenting flowers to Mrs May Irvine on her 90th birthday.



confirmed (or explore confirmation) should also contact me to discuss further at their convenience.

**Every Blessing,
Rev'd William**

Services

Sunday 4 June – Trinity Sunday

11am HC Lisbellaw
3pm HC Coolbuck

Wednesday 7 June

10.30am midweek HC Lisbellaw

Sunday 11 June

11am MP Lisbellaw
3pm EP Coolbuck

Wednesday 14 June

10.30am midweek HC Lisbellaw

Sunday 18 June

9.45am HC1 Lisbellaw
11am SOTW/Family Service with Prizegiving - Lisbellaw
3pm Annual Service in *Ballyreagh Hall to



Attending one of the special services.

which Coolbuck is invited.

Wednesday 21 June

10.30am midweek HC Lisbellaw

Sunday 25 June

11am MP or possible SOTW with Holy Baptism Lisbellaw - *tbc



3pm EP Coolbuck

Wednesday 28 June

1030am midweek HC Lisbellaw - **after this service mid-week HC will break for July and August – resuming in September – date tbc.*

Lisnaskea



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Services For June

Sunday 4th

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Kenneth Rutledge

Sunday 18th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Kenneth Rutledge

Sunday 25th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Kenneth Rutledge
(Collection for sponsored children)

Confirmation

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Ellis along to a service of Confirmation and Holy



The Bishop of Clogher with the Rector and Confirmation Candidates.

Communion for our nine candidates on Sunday 23rd April. It was very encouraging to see so many family members and friends present to support these young people on this special day in their lives.

Coronation

The parish was very pleased to host a service on 7 May to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles 111 and Queen Camilla. It was great to see the church so well filled and to have members of the Sunday School and Scouts take part. Thank you to the leaders for organising this. Also

thank you to our organist Letty for the great hymns. Following the service, a beautiful afternoon tea arranged by Lisnaskea LOL District and provided by Sharon Finlay and her team was enjoyed by everyone. During this, Lisnaskea Silver and Accordion Bands provided music and helped make it a very special occasion. A big thank you to all involved. The opportunity for over 200 people to come together and mark this event in this way was refreshing, uplifting and inspiring; bringing together both the divine and friendship through community that benefitted one and all.



The MU Diocesan President with the Branch's new banner.



Knitted toys made by MU members.



Mothers' Union

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Heather Ellis, our Diocesan President to our meeting in March. It was very helpful to hear her words of inspiration and encouragement as we try to cope with the difficulties which

we encounter running a branch in these changing times. We were pleased to show her our new banner which we had made a few years ago. This is an exact replica of the original but much smaller and easier to transport to and carry at Area Services etc.

At our April meeting those members who are blessed with "needle and hook" skills brought in some beautiful blankets, cot mattresses and baby clothes. As a branch we are pleased to pass these on to Noreen and we know they will be appreciated in the hospital or nursing homes.



Enjoying the Coronation event.



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Coronation Celebrations

The parish joined with the rest of the community in celebrating the Coronation of his Majesty King Charles III and Queen Camilla. After both morning services refreshments were served by the ladies with special cakes for each provided by Mary Cashel. A splendid floral arrangement in the shape of a crown was provided by Margaret and Harry Watson



May Sweeney cutting the Coronation cake.



The specially made floral arrangement.

with other arrangements by Olive Nixon and Rita Stewart. The honour of cutting the cake was bestowed on May Sweeney who was to celebrate her 90th Birthday the following day. Also to share a 90th Birthday on that day was Edwin Nixon and the congregation were able wish him a Happy Birthday over the live streamed service. Mr Ernie Fisher, a Deputy Lieutenant for the County, called the toast to the King and Queen at both the 9.30am service and also at the 11am service.

Junior Church Football Tournament

This year there were 12 teams of both boys and girls from across Fermanagh competing for the honours. The weather was favourable and a good crowd of spectators enjoyed the action in Fisher Park Ballinamallard. At the interval Paddy Quinn, a member of the Fire Service and Church of Ireland lay reader, shared his testimony about how he had experienced God's promise throughout his life, a wonderful message



The winning boys team from Irvinestown Independent Methodist Church.



The runners-up from Trory and Killadeas parishes.



The winning girls team from Ballinamallard.



The runners-up in the girls competition from Irvinestown Independent Methodist Church.



At the Junior Football Tournament.



for the young people. Naomi Armstrong, Ballinamallard Youth Worker, paid tribute to all who had helped out with the arrangements especially Gordon Lee, Richard McBride and the referees who ensured everything flowed smoothly. She also thanked those churches who encouraged their young people to take part and to Brian Keys, Leslie Campbell and Gemma Jennings for providing refreshments. We are all very grateful to Naomi for the amount of planning she put into this competition to ensure that it turned out to be the success it undoubtedly was. The Winning Boys Team were: Irvinestown Independent Methodist. Runners Up: Troy and Killadeas. The Winning Girls Team: Ballinamallard. Runners Up: Irvinestown Independent Methodist.

Mother's Union

Mrs Caroline Condy was the speaker at our Mothers' Union meeting on 4th May. We gathered in the kitchen of the Archdale Hall and had a wonderful night of fun and eating. Caroline firstly gave us a talk about her faith and how she was led to creating a cookery book called 'Family



The Mothers' Union members at their cookery night.

Favourites'. Two members, Liz McElhinney and Betty Fisher volunteered to make wheaten bread under Caroline's instructions. We were then given the opportunity to taste a selection of the breads from Caroline's cookery book. Served with cheese, chutney, jam and a cup of tea we

thoroughly enjoyed this treat. Margaret Watson proposed a vote of thanks. Arrangements were made for our annual outing on 3rd June. A lunch stop is planned for 1pm at Rusk's Restaurant, Fivemiletown prior to visiting St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher to see and learn more about their knitted Cathedral.

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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Events

- **Sunday** (weekly) 11am at AP Church Church and Children's Church
- **Wednesday** (weekly) 10am at AP Centre Wednesday Prayer
- Friday 2nd and 16th June 7.00pm - 9.00pm at The Fountain Centre The Fountain Youth Club



- **Tuesday 13th June 2023**
Friends in the Afternoon Outing
Afternoon Tea at Donegal Church of Ireland Cost £10.00
2.00pm Meet at Church Carpark
6.00pm Arrive back at Church Carpark
RSVP to Louie Lee by 6th June 07745 652 140.
- **Thursday 22nd June Time TBC at The Fountain Centre**
Praise Evening and BBQ with YWAM Border Walkers
- **Sunday 25th June 11am at AP Church**
Children's Church Prizegiving
Date and Times TBC, August 2023
Children's Holiday Bible Club

Funerals

12 May 2023 – Joan Topping of Fortview, Kesh.



The Dixon family with Revd Abraham Storey at the baptism.

Baptisms

23rd April 2023 - Arabella Carol Jill Dixon, daughter of Andrew and Lucy Dixon of Tamlaght.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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'Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it'. Proverbs 22:6

June is very much a month to be thinking about our young people. Most Churches across the diocese will take one Sunday to give thanks for our young people and the teaching that has been achieved in our Sunday schools throughout the year. Children are a very important part of our Church life. Many parents, myself included, have struggled with bringing young children to Church. And many families choose to keep their young people out of Church for fear of loud screams and disapproving eyes. But the reality is, that once a child is brought to Church for a few weeks, they soon get used to the running of things and they feel much more settled and much more at ease. So, I encourage our parents to persevere. Bring your young people. They are always welcome, and when they are not there, we miss their presence as part of our Church family. As part of our Baptism service, parents and sponsors make the commitment to raise their young people in the Christian faith, and bringing them regularly to Sunday services allows them to truly feel part of the Church family that they have been baptised into. It is also surprising the amount of information and teaching that our young people take in during services. As a parent, I have often been concerned about the amount that my children take in at Church. And although they won't be able to recite the sermon each week, they will be quick enough to tell me when I have repeated something, or used a children's address before – so they are



The Revd Lindsey Farrell speaking to schoolchildren.

listening! Our Sunday Schools are also a very important asset to our Churches. Our teachers provide powerful teaching to our young people and this forms a firm foundation to their spiritual life, which they will then call on in later years. As members of the family of Christ, we have all committed to play our part in the raising of our young people. When we take time, when we listen, when we smile and show an interest in our young people, it makes a significant difference to them, and it allows them to truly feel part of this very special family. Our young people are the future of the Church, but they also need to be raised, encouraged and strengthened in the faith so that they are properly equipped to face the challenges of this world as adults, with the might of Christ behind them. But this can only be achieved if we stand together, if we support together, and if our parents come together with their children to Church regularly so that they can truly take their place in the family of God, where they belong.



Easter General Vestries

Easter General Vestries took place in Maguiresbridge on Tuesday 25th April 2023, and in Derrybrusk on Wednesday 26th April 2023. I would like to take this opportunity to say a word of thanks to all who work so faithfully and so regularly in our parish life and activities. Your contribution and support makes a significant difference to me, and to all who attend our services and groups. The Select Vestries in both Churches have worked very hard over the last year as we have endeavoured to restore and refresh Church life following the pandemic, and it has been so encouraging to see this work bearing fruit. I thank you all for your commitment to God, and the outworking of that commitment through your dedication to serve so faithfully – it is deeply appreciated.

Coronation

Our coronation activities began with our Brownies, who had an evening of celebration where they dressed for the



Planting a tree for the Coronation.



occasion and made crowns to wear. The girls had a fantastic time and really participated in the coronation spirit! We held a special joint service in Maguiresbridge on the day after the coronation. This was followed by the planting of a tree in the grounds of the Rectory to commemorate the event. We then moved to the Church hall and enjoyed a barbecue together. Sincere thanks to all who helped in the organising of this event, and especially to our barbecue team. Thanks also to our catering team, and to all who helped to set up and clear away. A great morning of fellowship and celebration as we marked this important step in the life of our new king. We commit King Charles, Queen Camilla, the Prince and Princess of Wales and the entire royal family to our prayers as they work together under the



Enjoying the Coronation event.

direction of God for the building up of this nation.

10th May 2023, the Festival Service in Monaghan on Friday 19th May 2023, and their outing to St. Macartin's Flower Festival on Saturday 27th May 2023.

Scripture Union

It has been great to work alongside our local Scripture Union Rep Alastair McFarland to deliver some classes in Maguiresbridge Primary School. These included 'Fist Pump 5' for year 5 and year 6, and 'It's your move' for Year 7. The young people are responding very well and are really enjoying the teaching.

From the Registers

The funeral of Mr Robert Carson took place in Derrybrusk on Wednesday 3rd May 2023. We continue to pray for his sisters Edith, Anne, Veronica, Valerie, Helen and Wendy as they come to terms with his loss. 'Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.' Matt. 5:4

Mothers' Union

Our Mothers' Union branches have had a busy period with the Visitors Night in St. John's, Fivemiletown on Wednesday

Exams

Please pray for all of our young people





The Maguiresbridge teams taking part in the youth football tournament.



who are sitting exams at the moment. This can be a very stressful and anxious time for them. Heavenly Father, be with all young people who are sitting exams at the moment. Help them to keep focused despite the many distractions. Give them confidence in the work that they do. Help them to trust that their hard work will bear good fruit. Give them patience and teach them to turn to you in times of trial and in times of joy. Help them to find time for rest and enjoyment amidst all of the challenges. May they truly believe

that they are precious in your sight, and may they turn to you and remember that you have a very special plan prepared for each and every one of them. This we pray in your name. Amen.

Diocesan Football Tournament

What a night! Huge thanks to Naomi Armstrong for organising this event again this year. Wonderful to see so many in attendance, with great support from families too. We hoped to defend our title from last year when our boys brought home the winning trophy, but this was not

to be. Our boys and girls teams played fantastically well, but were unable to reach the semi-finals, despite their best efforts. Sincere thanks to our coaches, Rodney, Darren, Samuel and Alan. A great night!

Looking Ahead

Special service for Dedication of new Bible for the Lectern in Maguiresbridge on Sunday 11th June 2023. Sunday School Prizegiving and family services in both churches on Sunday 18th June 2023.



Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

- 12th June First Sunday after Trinity**
10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12.15pm Ballinode
- 19th June Second Sunday after Trinity**
10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12.15pm Kilmore
- 26th June Third Sunday after Trinity**
10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12.15pm Ballinode
- 3rd July Fourth Sunday after Trinity**
10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12.15pm Kilmore

Easter Vestries

St Patrick's Easter Vestry was held on Monday 24th April with the following being elected;
Rector's Churchwarden - Mr G Graham
People's Churchwarden- Mr R Lalor
Rector's Glebewarden - Mr B Wedlock

People's Glebewarden - Mr D Shirley
Select Vestry: Mr S Genoe, Mr A Hall, Ms L Hardy, Mrs P Shirley, Mr C Treacy, Mrs M Treacy, Ms F Wedlock, Mrs H Workman
Secretary: Mrs F Crawford; Treasurer: Mrs V Gilmour; Assistant Treasurer: Mrs E Murphy
Synodsman - Mr Chris Treacy;
Supplemental Synodsman - Mrs H Workman
Nominators - Mr Chris Treacy, Mr Dick Shirley
Supplemental Norminators - Mrs Hilary Workman, Mr Bertie Wedlock
Monaghan Collegiate School Governors - Mr Dick Shirley, Mrs Julie Smyth.
Kilmore's Easter Vestry was held on Tuesday 25th April with the following being elected;
Rector's Churchwarden - Mr. R. McBride;
People's Churchwarden - Mr. R. Brown.

Select Vestry; Mrs. R Brown, Mrs I Brown, Mr H Flack, Mrs R Kemp, Mr J Brown, Mr R Anderson, Mr W Anderson, Mr G Anderson, Mrs L McBride, Mrs G Anderson.

Secretary - Mrs Lynn McBride; Treasurer - Mrs Georgina Anderson.

Synodsman - Mrs G. Anderson; Supplemental Synodsman - Mr. R Anderson.

Nominators Mr Robert McBride; Supplemental Nominator Mr Henry Flack.

Ballinode's Easter Vestry was held on Thursday 27th April with the following being elected;

Rector's Churchwarden - Mr H Mollan;

People's Churchwarden Mr T Carson

Select Vestry - Mrs M Hamilton, Mrs H Wilkinson, Mrs D McClean, Mrs R McMahon, Mrs A Reynolds, Ms L McClean, Mrs Pamela Earley.

Secretary - Mrs H Stirrat; Treasurer - Mr R Wilkinson.

Synodsman - Mr R Wilkinson; Supplemental Synodsman - Mrs R. McMahon

Nominator - Mr R Wilkinson; Supplemental Nominator - Ms L McClean.

Sunday school end of year service

This is planned for Sunday 19th June.

Mothers Union area service

This took place in Killeevan Parish Church on Friday 6th May with a number of members attending.

Illness

Please remember in prayer all those from our group who are ill in hospital or recovering the housebound and those in residential care and their families.

Condolences

We express prayerful sympathy to the Sadie and Winnie Jordan and families on the death of their sister-in-law, to our Rector Rev Ian and family on the death of his mother and Chris Treacy and family on the death of his sister-in-law.

Christian Burials

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of Pearl Breaky at Mullinahinch Nursing Home. Her funeral service on Sunday 7th May in St. Patrick's Church conducted by the Rector, followed by burial in Coolshanagh Graveyard.

We express prayerful sympathy to Trevor, Alan and Helen and their families along with the wider Breaky, McElwaine and Hackett family circles on their sad loss.

State exams

These will be underway by the time this magazine is published. We wish all those who are doing their Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate written exams well and pray that they will have time and clarity to study and the ability to call to mind all they have learned as they sit their exams.

Ladies Group

The Ladies' Group held their AGM on Tuesday in Andy's restaurant to elect a committee and start to make plans for the September and the upcoming year.

The officers for 2022/2023 are:

Chairperson - Suzanne Graham; Treasurer - Florence Crawford; Treasurer- Lila Hardy.

Ballinode Barbecue

After a pause of a few years due to the COVID 19 pandemic we are happy that we can once again have what was a very popular and good event in the life of Ballinode parish. The barbecue will take place on Friday 16th June at 7.30pm with tickets costing €12. All are welcome.

Rossorry



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Services for June

**Sunday 4th June, Trinity Sunday,
Childrens Day**

9.00 am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 7th June

10.30am – Holy Communion

**Sunday 11th June, The First Sunday after
Trinity**

9.00am – Holy Communion



Scout leaders cooking burgers and sausages for the Coronation event.

10.30am – Morning Prayer

Wednesday 14th June

10.30am – Holy Communion

**Sunday 18th June, The Second Sunday
after Trinity**

Annual Orange Service

9.00a.m. – Holy Communion

10.30a.m. – Morning Prayer

Wednesday 21st June

10.30am – Holy Communion

**Sunday 25th June, The Third Sunday after
Trinity**

9.00a.m. – Holy Communion

10.30a.m. – Morning Prayer



Wednesday 28th June

(Last service before the summer)

10.30am – Holy Communion

Coronation Weekend

May was a month of refreshment for us all with so many bank holidays and days off. Of course we enjoyed all of the celebrations over the Coronation weekend. The Service on the Sunday following the Coronation was also a celebration of two Baptisms, Holly Graham and Meadow Livingstone. Both families enjoyed the celebrations of the day with a busy service when the uniformed



organisations paraded and presented their flags. We were delighted to have Nigel and Genevieve Irwin present at the Coronation through Genevieve's work with SWELL (Supported we Live Life), a Fermanagh Community Cancer Group supporting local people living with cancer.

Following the service the Mothers' Union hosted an Afternoon Tea in the hall, which was beautifully decorated, with an opportunity to mark the occasion with a photo at the Coronation photo frame. Aimee face-painted the Sunday School children before their fancy dress parade. The Scouts also hosted a barbecue, cooked and served by the Beaver Leaders, Alan and Leo. A lot of hard work went into the weekend but it was all worthwhile and enjoyable effort for everyone involved. A huge thank you to everyone for all their hard work!

A Prayer for Coronation Day

By Rev Professor David Fergusson, Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland

Almighty and everlasting God, exalted above all nations and peoples, today we seek your blessing upon Charles, our King. Anoint him with the gifts of your Holy Spirit as he seeks to fulfil his calling amongst us. Strengthen him with wisdom and justice to serve the people of this land to the honour and glory of your name. We ask you to bless Camilla, our Queen, William, Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the



Genevieve Irvine who was invited to the Coronation in Westminster Abbey with her husband, Nigel.



Decorations and people attending the Coronation tea.



generations of the Royal Family. Grant to them joy and peace on this day, and inspire them by your Spirit in their work.

Balmoral Show

On Wednesday 10th a small party from the parish attended the Balmoral Show in Lisburn. The weather wasn't too kind but certainly didn't spoil the days fun and excitement. Following the Show we stopped off at the Valley Hotel, Fivemiletown for a meal before heading home. A good day for all involved who enjoyed the show, company and craic.

Mid-Week Holy Communion

Following on from our Lenten Services, the parish has now established a faithful congregation for Mid-Week Holy Communion with Healing Prayer. We now pray for a goodly number of people each week. Over these weeks of the summer we will be ceasing services in July and August, looking forward to a new season of worship beginning on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 10.30am. This is a short service of said Holy Communion of only half an hour and is in the traditional language of Form One. Please think about joining us in September.

Annual Report and GDPR

As always happens, following our Annual (Easter) General Vestry we are distributing our Annual Report and Statement of Accounts. As we are making contact with all households within the Parish we

are taking the opportunity to update our parish records and contact details. This is in line with the current legislation on the UK's General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). We would ask that you read the forms carefully and fill them in with as much information as possible, as this allows us to maintain contact with you and your family. There should be a separate form for everyone in your household. If we have not included enough forms we would ask that you photocopy the extra you need – we hope this is not the case though. Once completed please return your forms to the Churchwardens or to the Parish Office.

It is important that each household makes this return to remain 'active' on our Parish database.

Any issues arising – feel free to contact the Treasurer or the Office

Rosorry Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union held an Afternoon Tea and childrens' Fancy Dress to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla on Sunday afternoon, 7th May 2023. There was a good crowd there for the festivities, Thanks to all who prepared food, decorated the Hall and made it such a lovely afternoon.

Meetings continue now each third Thursday

of the month in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Future dates

- 21st September
- 19th October
- 16 November

Cub Scouts

Cubs have been out and about with a wonderful programme of exciting events, learning new skills and teamwork in the best tradition of Scouting.

On 26th April they went to Oakwood Bushcraft in Tamlaght to learn the most necessary of skills – how to build a shelter and light a fire.

On 3rd May they were on Lough Erne in Canadian Canoes learning the skill of canoeing, but also about water safety and teamwork.

Some of the Cubs took part in the parading of their Colours on Coronation Weekend to honour the new King and Queen.

The Cub Camp took place at Cladagh Glen on the 13/14th May. Although the cubs had intended to camp out under canvas in what proved to be a warm and sunny weekend, the weather over the last few weeks left the camp-ground waterlogged and so everyone slept in the centre. None of this impacted on the fun over their time away. With the skills they were introduced to at Oakwood Bushcraft, all worked hard on their bushcraft badge with lighting fires and Kelly kettles cooking potatoes in the embers and twists and dampers on sticks and making their own nettle and lemon cookies. After tea they made shelters and enjoyed a scavenger hunt. There was little sleep on Saturday night! Following a dip of their heads in the Cladagh river to waken them up the kids struck camp and the day finished with a river run. Thanks to all the leaders involved in the camp a great time was had by all.

Scouts

Scouts continued with their meetings and learning.

Scouts had their Camp on 14th to 16th April at Cladagh Glen. As well as the camping and cooking and marshmallows they went on a hike and climbed the Stairway to Heaven on Cuilcagh mountain, then on to the ridge to the Lough Atona buttress and down again.

On 16th April, they erected some new bird boxes they had made in the grounds of the Cladagh Glen Scout camp.

On 25th April they were out and about in Ely Lodge orienteering.

On 2nd May they had an evening in the Hall and garden with Rounders / Football and Tug of War. Indeed they were feeling so strong they challenged the leaders that they could pull a lorry across the car park



The Rainbows at their meetings.

and they did! Some of them took part in parading their colours in celebration of the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla. On Sunday 7th May the Scouts laid on a barbecue to celebrate the Coronation.

Rossorry Rainbows

We were delighted that after three years of Covid shutdown, 1st Rossorry Rainbows re-opened in February 2023. At the end of the Spring Term, 12 new Rainbows made their Rainbow promise, watched by proud parents and grandparents.

The girls have loved the sessions, and there has been lots of badge work to catch up on missed time. We have practised being Brownies and going on camp, so we made our own dens and even had midnight feasts with torches and sleeping bags. We also have been exploring healthy eating as part of our "Be Well" Theme.

As part of the wider guiding family, some of the girls were able to join the Lorne Walk out at Castle Archdale in April, on what was a particularly wet and windy Saturday morning. Well done to all for braving the Fermanagh weather, and definitely a badge well earned.

Arts and crafts are a particular favourite of our Rainbow Reds, and as part of our preparation for making the Rainbow promise, they made a Rainbow potion, which symbolised the three parts of the promise – doing your best, thinking about



The Cub Scouts at their camp.



your beliefs, and being kind and helpful. We are delighted now that we have another three new Rainbows ready to make their promise this term before we finish. If anyone would like to get on the waiting list or make any enquiries, please contact Claire Pringle on 07801199315 or clairepringle@hotmail.co.uk. Meetings are on a Monday evening at 6.30 to 7.30

Rossorry Brownies & Guides

1st Rossorry Brownies are keeping with the Coronation theme this month. The girls enjoyed making outfits fit for a Queen out of old newspaper and modelled them for the Guides and special guests.

1st Rossorry Guides and Brownies were delighted to welcome Patsy Long and Florrie Elliott to their meeting and hear all about Patsy and Florrie's memories of growing up and also their memories of the Queen Elizabeth II coronation. The girls were very appreciative of Patsy and Florrie giving up their time to visit and enjoyed looking at books, pictures and newspaper clippings that the ladies brought with them as well as asking questions.

Rossorry Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club met on Wed 10th May at 10.30am, at The Moorings for a picnic. This was the last meeting before the Summer and we wish them all a peaceful and restful summer break. They will return in



September, rested and raring to go!
New members most welcome.

Rossorry Parish Profile - Sonia Coalter

I am delighted to be part of Rossorry Safeguarding Trust panel, I've been a parishioner of Rossorry for over 40 years and I am passionate about our Church being a warm, welcoming and safe space for all. I am a qualified, Professional Youth Worker and have over 25 years' experience working and leading in the Community / Voluntary Sector across a wide range of settings. I have experience of establishing services for and working with marginalised youth, homeless youth, care-leavers, women's groups, employability programmes, community groups, disability services, education projects for children and young people. Most recently I developed and managed the Youth Homeless Services for Fermanagh and Omagh. Previously I volunteered for 10 years as Children's Friendship Coordinator for Fermanagh developing and facilitating a peace and reconciliation programme for young people and I was a member of the western sexual and domestic violence partnership for five years.

I'm currently Deputy Director of Fermanagh Trust, providing support and capacity building services for community and voluntary groups. I am a Member of the Fermanagh & Omagh District Council PeacePlus partnership, Secretary for



Connect Fermanagh Befriending Service, a Board member for Nationwide Building Society Grants Programme and member of Board of Governors for Jones Memorial Primary School.

I was married in Rossorry Church in 2006 and have three children baptised, two now confirmed into the Parish. We all enjoy being part of the Church family and participating in and volunteering our help in the associated uniformed organisations.

I believe all children and young people have a right to be seen, have their voices heard and that they are protected, respected, supported and have appropriate opportunities to grow up in safety and reach their full potential.

It's both a pleasure and privilege to be able to lend my skills and experience to working with the other Panel members to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in our parish.

The Parish Office

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

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Parish Registers

BAPTISMS

■ GRAHAM, Holly Ann, infant daughter of Alan and Lisa who was Christened in Rossorry on Coronation weekend, Sunday 7th May 2023 at the 10.30am Service of Holy Communion.

■ LIVINGSTONE, Meadow Lilly, infant daughter of Kevin and Megan who was Christened in Rossorry on Coronation weekend, Sunday 7th May 2023 at the 10.30am Service of Holy Communion. *May they grow in the faith in which they have been baptized.*

BURIALS

■ MAGUIRE, Valerie, of Elliott Place, Enniskillen, passed away peacefully at home on 11th May 2023. Her Funeral service took place in Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 14th May 2023 followed by interment in Mullaghdund Parish Graveyard. Service conducted by Revd. Stephen McWhirter and Mrs. Sarah Maguire (sister-in-law of the deceased).

Dates for the Diary

■ Sunday 4th June 2023 - Childrens Day at 10.30am

A service for our young people of the parish with the Sunday School prizegiving and the parading of the colours by our uniformed organisations.

■ Sunday 18th June 2023 – Annual Orange Service at 10.30am

Where members of the local Orange Order are invited to join us for Morning Prayer.

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Funeral

11 May 2023 - Mr William John (Willie) Allen, Edenmore Road, Derrin Tempo. Our sympathy and prayers to Willie's daughters; Wendy (Alan), Ruth (Sam), Elizabeth (Cyril) and son James (Heather), their families and the wider family circle on Willie's death after a long period of suffering. He passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving, caring family. Willie, aged 90, had attended Tempo Church from he was six years old when the family moved from Kilskeery. He seldom missed church except for genuine reasons. He served on the Select Vestry for many years including being a Churchwarden. Willie was a hands on worker when improvements were carried out at the church and church hall. Along with his late wife Nancy, they supported all the events at Tempo and Clabby parishes. They were

both faithful members of the Bible Study Group. Above all Willie was a man of deep living active personal faith in Christ. He was a true Christian gentle gentleman.

Clabby Coronation Family Fun Evening

Many thanks to those who organised, helped and supported this event at Clabby Church Hall on Friday 5th May. Thanks to Irvine Memorial Pipe Band for coming along to play at the event. Special thanks to our Bishop for judging the Coronation Colouring Competition and for coming along to our evening and for presenting the winners with their awards. Thank you to all the children who took part in the competition which were all of a high standard.

The following were the winners: in our Nursery to P3 category was:
1st Ruby Glendenning; 2nd Evie McDowell;



Clabby Parish Bowling Club presenting cheques for £250 each to Parkinsons Support Group and Versus Arthritis. The money was raised at the recent bowling tournaments.

3rd Ella Edwards.

In our P4 – P7 Category winners were; 1st Rose Adams; 2nd Harry McElwaine; 3rd Alice Mary Armstrong.

Coronation Commemorative Services

A special service was held in both Churches on Sunday 7th May with special hymns, readings and prayers. Members of our congregation read the lessons and led the prayers. The sermon was based around some of the symbols used at the Coronation and the meaning they can have in our relationship to God. The organists were Mrs Ann Bloomfield(Clabby) and Mrs Carole Graham(Tempo). Thanks to those who served refreshments at both services.

“One Thing”

The phrase ‘One Thing’ appears three times at least in the Bible. The first in Psalm 27v4 “one thing I ask the Lord, this is what I seek that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty

of the Lord and to seek him in his temple” David’s desire was to spend time in God’s presence daily, for the rest of his life. He desired to worship God, to seek Gods will for his life. He wanted to experience being in the presence of a Holy God. Like Psalm 23 with the Lord as his shepherd he had the assurance of dwelling in God’s house forever.

Our priority should be, our One Thing we desire to spend time in Gods presence daily, time in God’s word, prayer and worship. The one thing we should desire is know Christ personally as our Saviour and Lord and then one day to see him face to face in his presence forever. This picture of what that will be like can be read in Revelation chapters 4,5,7,11 and 12.

The next “One Thing” can be found in Luke 10 v 38-42, when Jesus visits the home of Martha and Mary. Martha becomes frustrated by Mary’s lack of help as she prepares a meal for Jesus. Jesus points out to Martha that she is concerned about Many things in contrast to Mary “but only one thing is needed, Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her” Mary’s priority had been to sit and listen to the teaching of Jesus. Our priority should

be the Word of God, reading it, letting it soak into our lives and impact our lives and the way we live. As Jesus said “Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added onto you” (Matthew 6:33)

The Final ‘One Thing’ is found in Philippians 3 v 13, Paul writes “one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me Heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Paul in using athletic terms is like the athlete whose aim is to win the race and achieve the winning prize. Paul’s goal the one thing is the prize of heaven and seeing Jesus face to face. In 2 Timothy chapter 4 he writes of gaining the Crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous judge will award him. What is our goal or focus in life? Is it to live our Lives by faith alone in Christ, to reach Heaven one day not by our works, but through our faith in Christ alone, to work at our salvation, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith?

What is our “One Thing” in life? Is it the “many things” of this life which crush out the ‘One Thing’ Jesus Christ and enjoying him now and forever?



Clabby Coronation Family Fun Evening pictures which include Irvine Memorial Pipe Band, some of our prize winners with the Bishop and Mrs Vera McConnell(Rector’s Churchwarden) presenting the Bishop with a gift.



Clabby Parish Church Coronation Commemorative decorations.



Tempo Parish Church Coronation Commemorative decorations.

Trory and Killadeas



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Coronation Street Party

A fantastic street party was held on Saturday 6th May using the vast concrete paths and roads in the rectory grounds to celebrate the Coronation of their majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla. In keeping with the quintessential British nature of the pomp, circumstance, and dignity of the religious Coronation and anointing ceremony, we had a sumptuous traditional afternoon tea made by the parishioners of both parishes and then joined together in traditional lawn games, as well as bouncy castle fun and balloon model crowns for the young and young at heart. Unlike the London ceremonies, we were blessed with good weather for the afternoon to mark this historic occasion. This was followed on Sunday 7th May with special Holy Communion services in both parishes where we gave thanks for and prayed for the reign of their majesties. We wish to express our grateful thanks to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council for sponsorship towards set up costs of this event.

Youth Football

It was a delight to be able to enter two teams into the Youth Football Tournament



The Chamber Choir West concert.

held on the Fisher Park development in Ballinamallard Football Club. It was even more thrilling to see both teams competing well, winning some of their matches, and one of our teams making it all the way to the final, finishing overall in runner up position. Many thanks to Trevor Cadden for his exceptional coaching of the teams and Naomi Armstrong in Ballinamallard for her fantastic organising of this local tournament. We look forward to entering again next year, and maybe even lifting the trophy in 2024. (In the words of Trevor and our teams 'we're in it to win it!')

USOC visit to Killadeas

On the afternoon of Saturday 13th May the Ulster Society of Organists and Choirmasters (USOC) visited Priors to view our organ, and to have a go at playing it. It was a delightful afternoon, and many of the society commented on the beautiful tone and how the instrument was just right for the size of the church.

Mothers' Union

As the final meeting of this year on 15th May Mothers' Union organised a fascinating day at the new RNLI Lough Erne lifeboat station. This was open to members and anyone from the parishes interested in seeing around. Many thanks

to Mr. Peter Scott for a wonderful talk and gracious hospitality on the day. The afternoon finished with a delicious afternoon tea in Killadeas Parish Hall. This concludes Mothers' Union meetings until after the summer holidays.

Loyal Orders Services

We look forward to welcoming our brethren and sisters in the loyal orders over June and July. Trory annual LOL Service Sunday will be on 11th June at 11.30am, accompanied by Trory Accordion Band. Killadeas annual LOL service will be on Sunday 25th June, accompanied by Killadeas Pipe Band. The RBP 1239 annual service will this year be in Trory Parish Church on Sunday 30th July at 11.30am, accompanying a band.

Chamber Choir West

We were delighted to once again host Chamber Choir West Spring concert on Sunday 30th April, 7.30pm in Priors Church Killadeas. Music by composers Stroope, Part, and other unaccompanied pieces were performed by the strong 16-voice choir, which divided into 10 vocal parts delighting the audience with their harmonies. The wall of sound created during the congregational singing of the hymns was also a real treat, and thanks are



The Youth Football Tournament



The visit by Ulster Society of Organists and Choirmasters at Killadeas.



Scenes from the Coronation Street Party

due to Mrs Joan Nelson for accompanying these on the organ.

Safeguarding

Now that we are out of Covid restrictions and activities are happening again as usual, in order to keep up with best practices, all members of both vestries as well as everyone who has contact with young people within our parishes is requested to attend the next local Safeguarding training event in the diocese. Even if you have attended before, this must be updated every three years. The next training is most likely going to be in Ballycassidy Hall, however, please listen out in church or follow social media for the precise time, date and venue.

Volunteering

We are still looking for volunteers to help in both parishes with the count team (counting collection money after church) and parish communication deliveries (delivering Freewill 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

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

- 25th April, Howard Morrow, Priory Church, Killadeas

HOLY BAPTISMS

- 14th May, Bella McCarthy-Weir, St. Michael's, Troy
- 28th May, Jamie Samuel Fahy, St. Michaels, Troy

Services

Sunday 4th June

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

Sunday 11th June

10am Morning Prayer, Priory Church, Killadeas
11.30am Morning Prayer with members of Troy LOL, St Michael's, Troy



The Mothers' Union organised trip to new RNLI Lough Erne base, followed by afternoon tea.



Left: Branch leader Mrs Barbara Somerville presenting a donation to Peter Scott from RNLI.

Sunday 18th June

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

Sunday 25th June

10am Morning Prayer with members of Killadeas LOL, Priory Church, Killadeas
11.30am Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism, St Michael's, Troy



Baptism for the McMurray family.

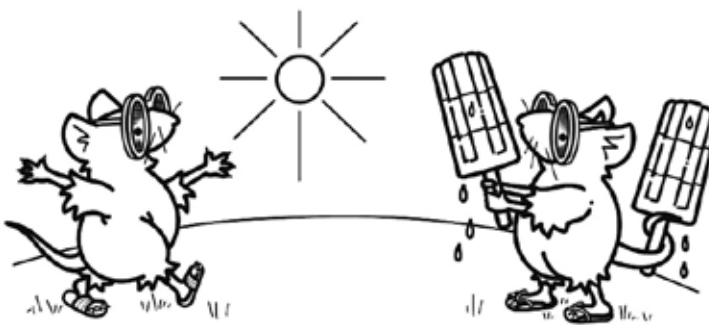


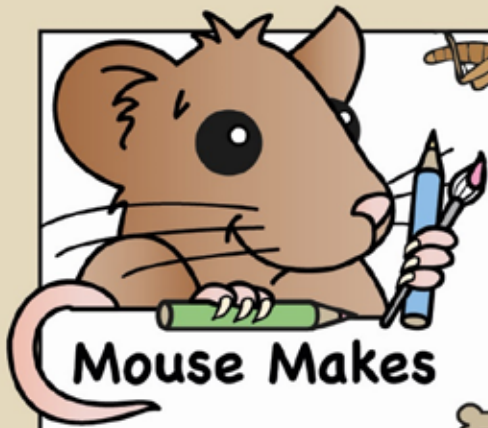
Baptism for the McCarthy-Weir family.

CHILDREN'S SECTION



Can you colour to match the small picture?





Mouse Makes

The Lord said to Moses,
 "Your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh
 to let the people of Israel go out of his land...
 The Egyptians shall know that I AM the Lord
 when I stretch out my hand against Egypt..."
 As Pharaoh's heart was hardened against the
 Israelites, God sent ten plagues upon him...



1
Water turns to Blood
 Which water turned
 to blood?
Read - Exodus 7:19

2
A Swarm of Frogs
 In which
 places were the
 frogs found?
Read - Exodus 8:3-4

3
A Plague of Gnats
 When Aaron struck his
 staff on the ground
 what became Gnats?
Read - Exodus 8:16-17

4
Swarms of Flies
 In which land were the
 flies not be found?
Read - Exodus 8:22

5
Death of Animals
 Which animals that belonged
 to the Egyptians died?
Read - Exodus 9:2



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 GROUND • DEATH • ANIMALS • SOOT
 BOILS • PEOPLE • HAIL • THUNDER • FIRE
 MAN • BEAST • LOCUSTS • WIND • LAND
 DARKNESS • FIRSTBORN • MIDNIGHT

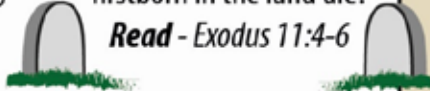
6
A Break out of Boils
 What did Moses throw into
 the air before boils appeared
 on people and animals?
Read - Exodus 9:10

7
A Rain of Hail
 What also rained
 down with the hail?
 Where did it not hail?
Read - Exodus 9:24-26

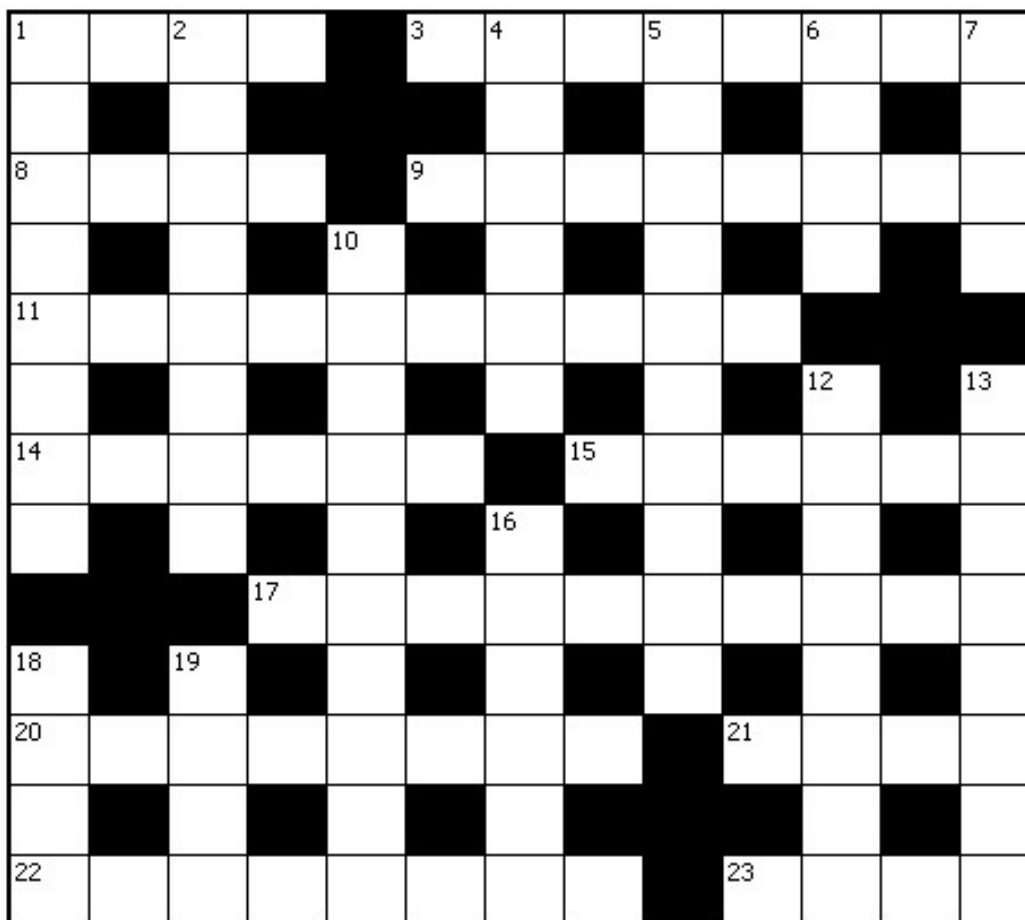
8
A Swarm of Locusts
 Where did the wind
 come from that brought
 the locusts to the land?
Read - Exodus 10:13

9
Darkness over the Land
 How many days did
 it remain dark?
Read - Exodus 10:21-22

10
Death of the Firstborn
 At what time would the
 firstborn in the land die?
Read - Exodus 11:4-6



PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

- 1 See 23 Across
- 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)
- 8 Invalid (4)
- 9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)
- 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)
- 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)
- 15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)
- 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
- 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)
- 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
- 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
- 23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

DOWN

- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
- 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)
- 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
- 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in —, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
- 6 St Columba's burial place (4)
- 7 Swirling current of water (4)
- 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
- 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was —, to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
- 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
- 16 'There is still — — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
- 18 David Livingstone was one (4)
- 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 71

MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' Union at General Synod 2023

The journey to Wexford city for this year's General Synod took Bishop Ian and Heather through beautiful countryside but they couldn't see any of it because they travelled through most of it in driving rain! On arrival they settled into the Synod hotel and relaxed briefly before a reception and dinner hosted by Bishop Adrian Wilkinson and his wife Jackie held in a beautiful art gallery nearby.

On the next morning, Heather helped at the well laid out MU stall in the exhibition area, where members sold MU Enterprise materials and encouraged Synod members to think of attending one of the September Conferences. These are entitled "Changing the story - Equipping the Church" to take action and end domestic abuse and will take place on Friday 15 September in Seagoe Parish Centre, Portadown and Saturday 16th September in Kiltarnan Parish Centre, Dublin. The tickets will be available on Eventbrite. We encouraged members to have a look and share with interested friends.



A full seminar room listening intently to June Butler

MU hosted a lunch on the first day of General Synod and attracted a full seminar room of members eager to listen to the speakers; Bishop Andrew Forster, Mrs June Butler, All Ireland President and Mrs Jacqui Armstrong. They spoke about the work of Mothers' Union with regards to domestic

abuse and introduced the 'Equipping the Church' training programmes run in conjunction with Bishops' Appeal and Tearfund.

All those attending linked with members from across Ireland, sharing details for projects and branch activities.

ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

PRIMATES MEETING TO BE HELD IN ROME

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, has confirmed the date of the next Anglican Communion Primates' Meeting.

The Primates' Meeting brings together the senior Archbishops, Presiding Bishops, and Moderators of the 42 member churches of the Anglican Communion for "leisurely thought, prayer and deep consultation".

The next Primates' Meeting will take place in Rome, Italy, from Monday 29 April until Thursday 2 May 2024. The Archbishop of Canterbury made the decision after consultations with the Secretary General and the Primates' Standing Committee – five primates chosen by their regional colleagues to represent them on the



Anglican Communion Standing Committee.

The agenda of the meeting will be shaped in consultation with Primates, through their regional representatives and the Primates Standing Committee. It will also include reports on some initiatives reviewing the Anglican Communion. This will include an exploration of "issues of structure and decision making in the Anglican Communion" which the Anglican Consultative Council asked IASCUFO – the Inter-Anglican Standing Committee on Unity, Faith and Order – to produce when it met in Accra, Ghana, in February. A review of the role of the Standing Committee (requested by the 2016 Primates' Meeting') will also feature.

Prayers for Sudan

People have been asked to hold Archbishop Ezekiel Kondo and his people from the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan in their prayers during this time of conflict in the country.

Archbishop Ezekiel reports that All Saints Cathedral compound in Khartoum has been occupied by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and turned into a base.

The security guard was threatened at gun point and the main gate and doors of offices, the Beit Alsalam Conference Hall, and the provincial office have been broken. Church vehicles from there and also the diocesan office in Omdurman, the site of the first Anglican mission to Sudan in 1899 have been stolen. The fate of other church property remains unknown.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Bishops come together for annual ecumenical service at Pentecost

The Ecumenical Service for Pentecost Sunday in Clogher Diocese for 2023 took place at the former Church of Ireland church, graveyard and ancient round tower at Inniskeen, near Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan.

Both the Roman Catholic Bishop of Clogher, the Most Revd Larry Duffy and the Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis, attended the service on Pentecost Sunday, 28 May. Bishop Larry Duffy gave the address welcoming all those attending the service at the ancient and holy place of St Daigh, the home to many gifted people over the years, not least Patrick Kavanagh.

"We come together along the banks of the River Fane on this Feast of Pentecost, a feast which marks the end of the Easter season, but also the birth and beginning of the Church. The Spirit that descended on Jesus at the beginning of his public ministry is now given to us, the Body of Christ," said Bishop Duffy.

He went on; "This year 2023 marks two important milestones in the journey of unity and witness of Christians in Ireland. It marks the centenary of the formation of the Irish Council of Churches in 1923 and it also marks the 50th anniversary of the Ballymascanlon Talks of 1973 (not far from here) which led to creation of what is known today as the Irish Inter-Church Meeting, the body through which the churches on the island engage and give witness together to the unity that the Spirit calls us to. These bodies were formed in difficult times, in times of civil strife and division, times of great fear. Their patient



The annual Ecumenical Outdoor Service for Pentecost at Inniskeen.

endurance and the work which they continue to undertake is further witness to the work of the Holy Spirit calling us into greater unity.

"In the tradition of St Daigh and St Macartan, we pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to enlighten this and the future generations so that all may call on the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour."

Local clergy from parishes in the Carrickmacross area; Revd Ian Cruickshank, Rector of Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclaone and Ardragh and Canon Martin Treanor, P.P., Inniskeen Parish, also taking part as well as two young people from post-primary schools in the area, Amy Hill, a member of St. Finbar's, Carrickmacross and a student at Monaghan Collegiate and Joseph McArdle, a member of Inniskeen Parish and student

at Presentation Brothers, Carrickmacross. The music was led by Fiona Kelly playing the keyboard accompanying singer, Niamh Monahan.

This year's outdoor service takes place at the monastic site at Inniskeen where Saint Daigh lived towards the end of the 6th Century.

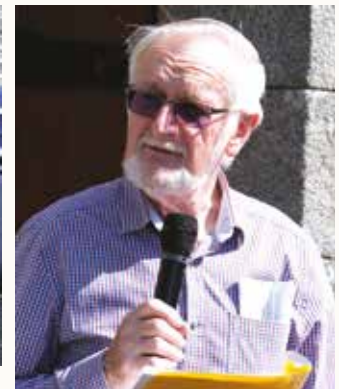
A short history of the area was given by Larry McDermott from the Inniskeen Development Group which has leased the church building deconsecrated as a Church of Ireland building in the 1950's. Saint Daigh is linked with monastics sites such as Clonmacnoise as well as Devenish on Lough Erne. Today, all that is left of the monastic foundation is the Church of Ireland church which contains remnants of the earlier foundation, and the bottom part of the round tower.



Joseph and Amy reading reflections on Pentecost.



Clergy taking part included; Revd Ian Cruickshank, Bishop Ian Ellis, Bishop Larry Duffy and Canon Martin Treanor.



Larry McDermott, local historian.



JUNIOR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT: Fostering Community and Sportsmanship

On 4th May, at Fisher Park, the Ballinamallard Junior Football Tournament was organised by Naomi Armstrong, Youth and Family Minister.

Here she reports on its success saying it exceeded all expectations once again. "This community event has become a highlight for both young people and the wider community. In its second year, the tournament welcomed an impressive thirteen teams, comprising of boys and girls with over 100 young participants embracing the spirit of friendly competition.

"The atmosphere was electric as families, friends and members from visiting churches gathered to support and cheer on the players. The feedback received from the visiting churches was heart warming and encouraging, affirming the positive impact such events have on fostering connection and building relationships within our community.

"We extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who contributed to making this evening an outstanding success. From the dedicated volunteers and organisers to the supportive parents and community members, your contributions were invaluable in creating an enjoyable and memorable experience for all involved.

"Despite the unpredictable weather, our spirits remained high as the evening stayed dry. A delightful barbecue added to the atmosphere, as everyone gathered to enjoy food and engage in lively conversations. "Adding a touch of inspiration to the event, Paddy Quinn, a lay reader from the Church of Ireland, shared a short testimony. Uplifting and reminding us of the importance of faith and believing in God's promises.

"Congratulations to the winning teams, Boys' - Trory and Killadeas, and Girls' - Ballinamallard, for their exceptional performance and sportsmanship.

"Reflecting on the growth of this tournament fills us with immense pride. The

initial idea stemmed from our youth group, which expressed a desire to connect with other youth groups and engage in friendly competition. Being no stranger to the world of sports myself, I was immediately inspired to bring this vision to life. I firmly believe in the transformation power of sports not only in promoting physical fitness but also in fostering unity and building bridges between different communities.

"Witnessing the success of the Barnabas Cup, another interdenominational sporting event for adults further fuelled our passion for engaging with other denominations. In fact, my recent dissertation paper explored the significance and benefits of fostering connections and collaboration between the different churches across Fermanagh and Northern Ireland.

"As I look back on this event I'm filled with gratitude for the support and participation of everyone involved. The Ballinamallard Junior Football Tournament stands as a testament to the strength and spirit of our community, exemplifying the power of unity, sportsmanship, shared experiences and not less God at work. I eagerly anticipate the continued growth and success of the event in the years to come, as we strive to strengthen bonds, promote Christ and celebrate the vibrancy of our community."



Naomi Armstrong (right), Youth and Family Minister with a friend enjoying the youth football tournament.





Flower Festival attracted thousands of people

One of the largest events in Clogher Diocese in May was the Flower Festival in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen "Signs and Sayings in John's Gospel." Running over four days, it attracted thousands of people travelling by car and bus from all over Ireland.

The artistic director was the Erne Flower Arrangement Society assisted by Alan Beatty and James Burnside.

The Flower Festival was part of the Cathedral's Quadricentennial Year celebrations and the stunning arrangements brought lots of favourable comments from those viewing them. See photos of some of the creations.



Heather Britton pointing to the first arrangement in the porch of St. Macartin's Cathedral, "I am the door," based on John 10.9 with her sister, Joan Gray (left) and her daughter, Hannah. Also featured are some of the other arrangements in the Cathedral.



GENERAL SYNOD 2023

General Synod agrees to explore how Church can deal with trauma of Troubles

Members of General Synod have passed a Private Members Motion requesting the Church and Society Commission to explore, and if necessary recommend or draft resources which will enable parishes to engage pastorally with and care for individuals and communities that are still deeply affected by trauma from the Troubles.

Proposing the motion, the Revd Raymond Kettle said he had heard stories from many people who had been affected by the Troubles. He suggested that there wasn't a parish in Northern Ireland that had not been affected by the Troubles.

"The heart I have that motivates this motion, is that we as a Church would not be complicit in treating 'the Troubles' like some often do – like a dark stain on the carpet of our history – and hoping that if we just move a piece of furniture over it – then hopefully that'll deal with it and no one will dare bring it up again," he said. He continued: "Because these are real people. These are people for whom Christ died. These are people whom Christ loves."

Seconding the motion, the Revd James Boyd Diocese of Connor spoke of the difference between people who had lived through the history and those who were now learning about it as history. He said that the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement was being celebrated this year and that no one wanted to return to the violence of the past. However, he said there was a need to deal with the legacy of the past.

"We as a church need to help people to not just survive but to thrive. We need to help those who still feel the pain and who are lost and sidelined. We cannot leave the victims' voices silent for longer," he said. Archbishop Michael Jackson, chair of Church and Society Commission, said he had every confidence that those who had listened had been moved with comprehension and compassion. He said there were households where there was

silence and non-communication, where people could not talk of things that had not gone away and were very much part of the weave of their lives. He said he supported the motion and hoped to move it forward within the life of the Church of Ireland and across communities affected by it.

"We would seek, if synod agrees, to meet with you and talk with you. You have put your fingers on deep pain and sensitivity. We cannot move forward without specific memories. If the synod passes this we will take it seriously and do our utmost to bring it forward," he said.



The procession of Archbishops, bishops, clergy and lay secretaries of General Synod makes its way to the church service.



Bishop Ian Ellis was among the bishops processing to the church service in St. Iberius's Church Wexford before the start of the General Synod.

Archbishop speaks on 'humility and sacrifice' in Presidential Address at General Synod

The Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Right Revd John McDowell opened the General Synod in Wexford with his Presidential Address following a Service of Holy Communion in St. Iberius's Church when the preacher was the Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory, the Right Revd. Adrian Wilkinson.

The General Synod was held in Clayton White's Hotel in Wexford town and brought together Synod members from all over Ireland.

Attendances on the first day of the General Synod, Friday, 12 May was 407 with 366 attending on the Saturday, 13 May. A third online meeting on the following Tuesday had over 350 people attending.

Archbishop McDowell recalled the themes of reconciliation and gratitude on which he chose to focus in his first General Synod as Primate of All Ireland in 2020.

"There is much on our island that needs to be reconciled and much to give thanks for," he remarked.

The Primate drew on the example of the humility and sacrifice of Senator George Mitchell in chairing the multi-party talks which led to Northern Ireland's peace agreement in 1998 and which is being



Archbishop John McDowell giving his Presidential Address.

marked on its 25th anniversary this year. "The spirit in which we do such things is so important because sacrifice is at the heart of the nature of God, and is therefore at the heart of all things," he added. "Sacrifice is the ultimate reality. At the heart of the new city, the heavenly Jerusalem, a

King sits on a throne – and that king is the Lamb that was slain to bring reconciliation and peace; to put back together things that were broken apart."

Sacrifice, he continued, is the inner structure of love – "the yielding up of something so as to possess it more deeply" – and brings a peace which is "a mighty confidence that equips us for every task we have been given at the hand of the Prince of Peace."

Archbishop McDowell also reflected on the meaning of being a citizen.

"Part of the purpose of Christian community," he said, "is to learn to treat people as capable of civic dignity and freedom; as people capable of contributing to their nearer and wider social and political environment by free decision taken in consultation."

He highlighted the modern revival of pilgrimage as an opportunity for local churches to re-engage with people who may be distant from church life but who may also be receptive to what the Church has to say. He also welcomed discussions to reflect the ethnic diversity of today's Ireland more fully in the life of the Church, and the consistent, nuanced and pastoral work of the Centenaries Working Group



Clergy taking part in the pre-Synod service.

Review of notices of vestry revision

Parishes will no longer be required to fix notices of revision of Register of General Vestry on church doors, following a bill passed at General Synod.

Revd Canon Malcolm Kingston said parishes could continue pinning notices on doors but suggested there were many other means to spread the information by announcing on the two Sundays prior to the revision meeting and by social media and printed newsletters.

over the island's Decade of Centenaries, and recognised the efforts being made to welcome people fleeing the war in Ukraine into communities across our island. In outlining the Church's developing commitment to looking after the environment, Archbishop McDowell encouraged dioceses and parishes to

create projects which find more ways to care for creation, following the example of the Lighten Our Darkness youth group, from Mullingar Union of Parishes. A full script of Archbishop McDowell's address is on the Clogher and Church of Ireland's websites.



Some of the General Synod members from Clogher Diocese listening to the debates.



The service in progress.

GENERAL SYNOD 2023



Some of the Clogher Diocese members of General Synod among the congregation at the service.



Rev Canon Jennifer McWhirter and Dean William Morton proposing the bill to amend Part II of Chapter VII of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland.



Carol Revington and Revd Mark Gallagher on one of the many stands at General Synod representing church organisations.

‘Lighten Our Darkness’ presentation well received by General Synod members

One of the most moving images from this year’s General Synod was an hour-long dramatic presentation by a group of young people called “Lighten Our Darkness by Numbers” who were given a standing ovation from Synod members for their vision for a better environment and improved biodiversity in the face of climate change.

The group from the Mullingar Union Group of parishes, seek to build a movement of Christians who are encouraged to make an environmental difference in the world around them. Part of this vision is for all 900 churchyards in the Church of Ireland to become oases for biodiversity and also to challenge inaction (and sometimes bewilderment) at the scale of the current challenges which face us due to climate change.

One of the young speakers from the group explained the vision; “to repair God’s world and to create awareness of what our human actions are doing which are destructive” and

to be helpful in building momentum to change.

In keeping with this theme, the young people involved in the movement are seeking to become ‘sowers’ who protect the natural world, use God’s gift of energy wisely, and not to waste our daily bread.

“It is to light the light that fans the flame that glows inside our hearts again.” The group says it is a matter of developing daily habits and personal priorities that are not damaging for our natural world.

After outlining several examples of good responses to climate change the group presented three foundations for positive change: giving and not taking; real liberty rather than a free-for-all culture; and Christian virtues built on strong character to enable us to do the right thing.

By closing with ‘This Little Light of Mine’, in which members joined in singing, the group finished on a positive note to inspire others to find new ways to change our ways of life.

Occasional Interchangeability of Ministry with Methodists discussed at Synod

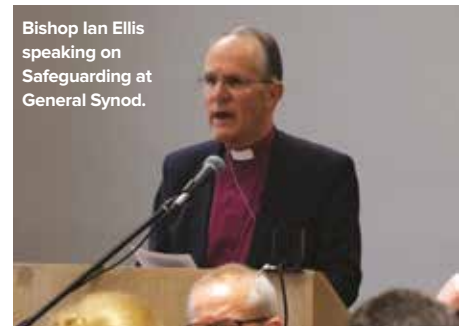
A Bill which will provide an opportunity for occasional interchangeability of ministry with the Methodist Church in Ireland was passed at General Synod.

In 2014 General Synod passed Canon 10A which represented a major breakthrough in ecumenical relationships, particularly with our Covenant partner, the Methodist Church, in terms of a converging common understanding of the ministry of episcopate. The main intention at the time was to facilitate long term transfer of members of the clergy between one polity and the other and to enable ministers of the Methodist Church in Ireland to be considered eligible to become office holders in the Church of Ireland. Bill No 6 sought to clarify the situation and provide opportunity for occasional exercise of interchangeability with the express consent of the Ordinary. No parallel difficulty concerning occasional

interchangeability exists in the Methodist context.

The Bill was proposed by the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe and the Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh and asked to amend Chapter IX of the Constitution. Proposing the Bill, Bishop Andrew Forster said that the breakthrough Canon 10A had brought should not be underestimated. He said Canon 10A facilitated the long-term transfer from one polity to another. This Bill provided for short term transfer.

“It’s actually happening already and this Bill tidies it up and puts it into our legislation. Perhaps with more short-term interchangeability we will see more long-term interchangeability,” he said. “I believe this Bill should encourage us and bless us as we journey together in covenant with our Methodist brothers and sisters.” The Bill received its third reading online.



Bishop Ian Ellis speaking on Safeguarding at General Synod.



Bishop Adrian Wilkinson from the Diocese of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory preaching at the pre- General Synod service.



Ethne McCord speaking on one of the debates on Standing Committee structures.



Revd Andrew Quill and Revd Henry Blair arrive for the service.



Ethne McCord, Michael and Eunice Hall from Donagh Group of Parishes arriving at St. Iberius's Church, Wexford for the service.

Schools facing increased challenges to deliver education

The pressures on schools to continue providing a sound education to children, was highlighted at General Synod when the Board of Education report was proposed by Revd Canon Jennifer McWhirter, now Rector of Cleenish and Mullaghdun Parishes in Clogher Diocese who moved from parishes in Co. Mayo.

Speaking from an ROI perspective, she said the cost-of-living crisis had a profound effect on the running of schools as well as the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, leading to thousands of Ukrainian family members being settled in Ireland often without additional government resources to assist with this.

Revd Catherine Simpson, seconding, said there were churches up and down the country helping to plug the gap in whatever ways they could.

“More needs to be done, as the lack of investment in our education system will cause social problems in the future. Now is the time for our churches to invest in our local schools by creating new connections and strengthening existing ones, all the while radiating and demonstrating Christ’s love,” she said, thanking all those who served as governors.

“In an era when some political representatives might like to remove church representatives from Boards of Governors, it is vital to demonstrate the contribution and invaluable impact churches have had on our education system since its inception, with church volunteers on Boards,” she added.

Plea for more support for youth programmes

Simon Henry, Church of Ireland Youth Officer, made a plea for more support from the church nationally for youth programmes for young people.

Proposing the report of the Church of Ireland Youth Council, he said parishes and dioceses needed to think carefully about how to better equip and train parents in the vital role they play in raising faithful Christian young people – a task that could not be left just to Youth Fellowship leaders or Sunday School teachers.

“There have been recent brutal cuts to the entire youth work sector, faith based and secular, in Northern Ireland recently, which has impacted the lives of young people and the disappearance of some face to face vital youth ministry. The Church and its leaders must respond to this – as well as us as individual followers of Jesus, as members of our local parish, and wider as members of the Church of Ireland,” he said.

King and Queen visit Enniskillen and Armagh



King Charles meets Dean Kenneth Hall (right) and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly.



Archbishop John McDowell welcomes King Charles to St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.



King Charles meets members of the uniformed youth organisations at Enniskillen Castle during his visit with Queen Camilla.

The visit by King Charles III and Queen Camilla to Enniskillen and Armagh, brought together many people involved in uniformed youth organisations, charities and church life.

In Enniskillen, Queen Camilla was presented with a posy of flowers

by a member of Rossorry Rainbows accompanied by some other members and leaders and in Armagh, Archbishop John McDowell was among the church leaders introduced to King Charles when he visited St. Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral.



THE ART OF REMEMBERING

Re-igniting ministry with families

The Board for Ministry with Children and Families held its first online seminar for volunteers, staff and clergy looking at the challenges of re-igniting ministry with families following the pandemic.

Over 50 people attended the seminar representing all the dioceses and a broad spectrum of church situations who are keen to start or restart their children and families ministry. The talk was given by Development Officer Rachael Murphy, who hopes that these online events will become a regular fixture in the Church of Ireland calendar.

Information on the next training event will be given over the CFM social media pages and via email to those who sign up for the CFM newsletter on the website: www.cfm.ireland.anglican.org

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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ACROSS: 1 care; 3 paradise; 8 null; 9 profaned; 11 legalistic; 14 closed; 15 stores; 17 missionary; 20 covenant; 21 Thai; 22 trade-off; 23 Eden.

DOWN: 1 conflict; 2 religion; 4 arrest; 5 affliction; 6 Iona; 7 Eddy; 10 allegiance; 12 preached; 13 Assyrian; 16 a son of; 18 Scot; 19 DVLA

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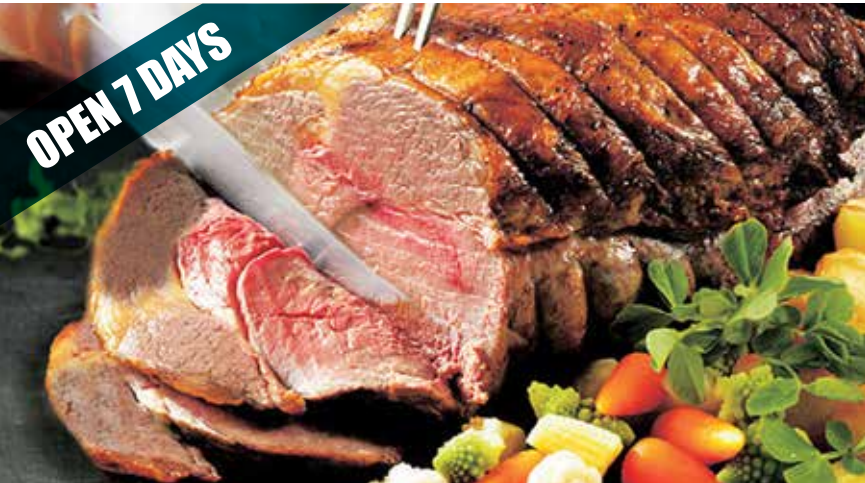
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