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Parishes from around the Diocese have already been enjoying outdoor activities and will continue to enjoy the outdoors in July and August.

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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



A Message from the Bishop

INSIGHTS INTO TIMES PAST IN CO MONAGHAN

On a lovely sunny morning at the end of May this year, Heather and I joined with many others from the diocese and the Co Monaghan community, at the annual Coffee morning and lunch at Bishops court, Clones, the home of Mrs Miriam Moore. This was the first gathering since the pandemic and has the purpose of raising funds for the Co Monaghan Children's Society. Mrs Moore is a very generous host and invites everyone into her home for the morning coffee and then visitors gather in the patio for a talk, which this year was by local historian George Knight.

The location is most beautiful and is a former See House for the Bishop of Clogher. It was built in the early 19th century as a Rectory for Clones parish before becoming the residence of the Bishop of Clogher and renamed Bishops court by Bishop Charles D'Arcy (1903-1907). He was succeeded by Bishop Maurice Day who was the last Bishop of Clogher to occupy the house.

Mrs Moore showed us a lovely photograph of Bishop Day and his wife Charlotte taken with snow on

The Rt Revd Dr Ian Ellis

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Bishop Maurice Day and his wife Charlotte (early 20th century) and Bishop Ian and Heather approximately 100 years later.

the ground with Bishops court in the background. Heather and I were keen to have a similar photo taken in front of the house, so we posed for one at the edge of the patio. It would have been difficult to find the exact spot that Bishop Day and his wife were photographed as the ground where they were standing is quite wet except when frozen!

Interestingly whilst the house was a rectory, one of the incumbents to reside there was the Revd Thomas Hand. He arrived in Clones in 1847 at the height of the Great Irish Famine and his wife Cassandra was moved by the extreme poverty in



Enjoying the Coffee morning in the drawing room of Bishops court.



and around her adopted town. She decided to promote crochet as a famine relief measure and set up a lace making school in her home. Cassandra established the Clones Lace industry, which later provided significant employment, and which originally operated from the south-facing drawing room!

A NOTORIOUS LEGAL CASE

Mr George Knight then recounted to guests the tale of the famous Crozier Case, which was a court case in 1913 of some notoriety, from



Mr George Knight, local historian.



Inniskeen Parish Church.



The congregation at the outdoor Pentecost service

the Newtownbutler area. The case was shocking even by modern standards and concerns the cruel ill-treatment and death of a 17-year-old boy, John Spencer Noel Crozier. Those accused of his manslaughter were his father John George Crozier and his stepmother Jesse Florence Crozier. The allegation was that they caused the boy's death by malnutrition and neglect. John George Crozier was at one time High Sherriff for Co Fermanagh and when his first wife died in 1906, he was left to look after three very young children. In 1908 he married Jesse Florence Staples whom he had initially employed as his children's nurse, and who thereby becoming their stepmother. The terrible events took place at Gortra House, on the family estate in Newtownbutler.

The court proceedings were widely reported in the local and national press and concluded with the jury finding the accused pair guilty of manslaughter. The judge sentenced the father to five years hard labour and the stepmother to 12 months' imprisonment. Their other children were made wards of court and placed in the care of trustees. This infamous legal case became a dark chapter in the history of the local area and we are grateful to George for researching it.

CHILD PROTECTION

As George Knight related the dreadful detail of these historical events to us, it served to remind us

that child cruelty, exploitation and abuse are not modern phenomenon nor confined to one sector of society. This story also underlines the importance of Child Safeguarding and of the obligation on all in Church life to ensure that children and vulnerable adults in our care are protected. It is vital that our Church's Child protection policy, Safeguarding Trust is thoroughly implemented and those working with children are well trained in the procedures, having an awareness of all aspects of abuse and how to report it appropriately.

This also gives me an opportunity to thank our Diocesan Safeguarding Trust Support Team led by Mr Michael Skuce, our Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, who provide advice, training and evaluation to clergy and parish panels.

INNISKEEN ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR PENTECOST

A final historical point to share comes from the Annual Outdoor Ecumenical Service for Pentecost which this year was held in Inniskeen, Co Monaghan. Inniskeen is a small town near Carrickmacross on the very eastern edge of the diocese and has a church building with adjoining round tower and graveyard. The church which was built on the site of an ancient monastic settlement was deconsecrated in the 1950s and handed over by the RCB in the 1970s to a local community group and it is now an historical interpretive centre.

At the service, Bishop Larry

Duffy gave the address, and we were joined by clergy from parishes in the Carrickmacross area; Revd Ian Cruickshank, Rector of Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh and Canon Martin Treanor, P.P., Inniskeen Parish. The service was very enjoyable and included contributions from two young people from post-primary schools in the area who spoke on their personal understanding of Pentecost.

As we looked around the old graveyard, we discovered what remains of the one-time very elaborate McMahon vault. This greatly interested Heather whose maiden name was McMahon – apparently, historically a very important Irish clan!



Heather and Bishop Ian at the McMahon vault.

Wishing you a happy and sunny summer with opportunity I hope of rest and relaxation.

Yours in Christ's service.

+Ian Clogher

PARISH NOTES

Aghadrumsee, Clogh & Drumsnatt



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Services

Sunday 2nd July

Drumsnatt - No Service

Clogh - No Service

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Parade Service

Sunday 19th July

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Clogh 10.45am Parade Service

Aghadrumsee - No Service

Sunday 16th July

Drumsnatt - No Service

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd July

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 30th July

Drumsnatt - No Service

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer



Above: Clogher Sunday School teachers at the tea they organised to celebrate the Coronation after the prize-giving service.

Right: Members of the congregation who joined the children after the prize-giving service to celebrate the Coronation.

Sunday 6th August

Drumsnatt - 9.30am Holy Communion

Clogh 10.45am Holy Communion

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Holy Communion

Sunday 13th August

Drumsnatt - No Service

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th August

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 27th August

Drumsnatt - No Service

Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer

Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Children's Day Services

Special services took place in all three churches during the month of June and it



Aghadrumsee Sunday School at their prize-giving service.



Clogh Sunday School children with their prizes.

was wonderful to have the children taking part with readings, prayers and songs. As always a special thank you to our teachers for the valuable and often unseen work they do week by week.

The theme of Clogh's Prize-giving Service was 'Jesus King of Kings.' The children led the service with readings, songs, hymns and poems remembering the recent coronation of King Charles. Captain David in his talk reminded us of the words said at the coronation: A young Person said; *"Your Majesty, as children of the Kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of Kings."* King Charles replied; *"In his name, and after his example, I come not to be served but to serve."*

After the service refreshments were served in the hall which had been duly decorated by the Sunday School teachers. At Aghadrumsee the children also not only received their prizes but also took part in the service with readings, prayers

and songs.

Parade Services

This will take place in Aghadrumsee on Sunday 2nd July at 12.05 pm when the preacher will be Dean Raymond Ferguson. There will be no service in Clogh. Then on Sunday 9th July at 10.45 am in Clogh the preacher is Mr Keith Brown with no service in Aghadrumsee.

Holiday Club

The annual Holiday Club will take place from Monday 14th until Friday 18th August in Aghadrumsee Old School. We are once again grateful to Jonathan Graham and his team of helpers for leading the club.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of the late Mrs Annie Johnston, Clogher following her burial in Aghadrumsee and to the Nelson Family on the death of Margaret's brother, Robert Mitten.



Congratulations to one of our senior members at Clogh Church, Mrs Ruby Bleakley, aged 90 in May.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Services

JULY

Sunday 2nd

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

Sunday 9th

11.00am Colebrooke Orange District Service

Sunday 16th

11.00am Cooneen Summer Service

Sunday 23rd

11.00am Colebrooke Summer Service

Sunday 30th

11.00am Cooneen Summer Service



The Rector and members of the Select Vestries who presented him with his new Cassock and Scarf to mark his appointment as Prebendary of Tyholland.

AUGUST

Sunday 6th

11.00am Colebrooke Holy Communion

Sunday 13th

11.00am Cooneen Summer Service

Sunday 20th

11.00am Colebrooke Summer Service

Sunday 27th

11.00am Cooneen Summer Service

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 3rd

9.30am Cooneen Holy Communion

11.00 am Colebrooke Holy Communion

Sunday 10th

9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer

3.00pm Colebrooke Anniversary Service
Mothers' Union

Sunday 17th

11.00am Colebrooke MP

3.30pm Mullaghfad Harvest Celebration

Presentation of Cassock and Scarf

During the Family Service on Sunday 21st May 2023, the rector was presented by the Honorary Secretaries of Colebrooke and Cooneen Select Vestries, Mrs Connie Moore and Mrs Mairead Primrose, with his new cassock and preaching scarf for the occasion of becoming the Prebendary of

Tyholland. The rector is very grateful for this very generous gift by the Select Vestries on behalf of his parishioners. The service of Installation took place in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, on Wednesday 31st May 2023 at which many family, friends and parishioners from his current and previous parishes attended.

Parish Organisations

Please consult the relevant leaders for the starting back dates of their organisations. New members will be very welcome at each.

GFS

– Girls Friendly Society every Monday, at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall for girls 3 years and upwards. It is anticipated that the GFS will resume late September 2022.

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. New members of all ages are welcome to join in the new bowling season beginning in September 2023.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union members attended the festival service in St Patrick's church in Monaghan in May. Mrs Irene Boyd carried the banner and Mrs Valerie Clendenning brought forward the missionary money. The



The Rector and his family following the presentation of his Cassock and Scarf as Prebendary of Tyholland.



The Rector with his wife, Carol, Mrs Mairead Primrose and Mrs Connie Moore.



The robes presentation with members of the congregation.

members also supported the Flower Festival in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, enjoying the beautiful artistic floral displays and availing of the tasty refreshments in the cathedral hall.

The branch is celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2023, with a special service on Sunday 10th September at 3.00 pm in Colebrooke Parish Church, when the Mothers' Union Diocesan President, Mrs

Heather Ellis, is to be the speaker. Everyone will be most welcome to this service and to Afternoon Tea afterwards.

The Branch Leader, Mrs Irene Boyd, was commissioned as an officer in All Ireland Mothers' Union with responsibility for Indoor Members. Members are looking forward to their outing to Polliwogs Craft studio in Enniskillen at the end of June, as part of their 60th anniversary celebrations.

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Summertime, and the living is...

As I prepare these notes, I am also preparing for this weekend's service. Our Gospel lesson from Matthew 10 sees Jesus sending out the twelve Disciples into a dangerous world, warned not to take any extra provisions other than what they are standing in. They don't need to take extra money, extra clothing, or even a staff for protection - they must trust solely upon the Holy Spirit as they travel throughout the towns and villages, proclaiming the "The kingdom of God is near". Sent out into the world as God's ambassadors, they will return with tales of the power of God in all the lives they touch, but also in their own! I'm aware that summer brings a time of

travel for many of us, some to far flung lands to enjoy sunshine and adventure, some to remain close to home to explore the places and opportunities in our beautiful country. As you travel, please do so with the mind that we too, as Christians, take Christ with us wherever we go. Don't miss the opportunity to change someone's life by sharing kindness, love and charity, just as the disciples were commissioned by Christ. A simple gesture of love, a kind hand of help, an encouraging word, even a smile to a stranger may make a huge difference in a person's life. Remember that our mission is to spread the love of God - do so on your travels, and we look forward to you bringing back tales of marvel and awe at the work of



The children's prize-giving service.



GFS enrolment service.

God in the world today! Travel safely, enjoy the break, return refreshed for another wonderful year of mission and outreach!

Condolences

We extend our condolences to the Thompson family following the death of Jim - a great character in our parish, and indeed in the village life too. He is missed by family, friends and neighbours, as well as the parishioners in Aghavea. We continue to uphold you all in our prayers. We also extend our prayers and sympathies to all those who have anniversaries of their loved ones at this time of year. We also extend our sympathies to all those who continue to remember those whom we love but see no longer.

Summer Services

Our services continue at their regularly scheduled times over the summer period, but we will be enjoying slightly shorter services to allow time for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit afterwards. Our Summer programme is being called "Short! Sweet and Sweeties!" All services will be family-friendly, as ever, and there will be activity sheets and toys for any of our younger members of the congregation. Why not join us as we continue to worship God together?



David and Nuala Atwell, our Crosslinks Parish Advocates.

Mothers' Union

What a year it has been for the Mothers Union. We have enjoyed speakers from all walks of life - from decluttering to tales of being in London for the Queen's funeral, from those with great testimonies of faith to those encouraging us to take risks in our own faith by stepping out for God in a bold fashion! We have enjoyed High Teas, trips to restaurants and flower festivals, as well as informal chats over a cuppa at the end of each meeting. Our new programme starts again in September with the rector leading a short Bible Study on Ruth and Naomi, followed by Holy Communion together as we renew our fellowship following the summer break. All are welcome to join us, both ladies and men, young and old.

GFS and Sunday School

It's been another fabulous year for our young people's ministries. Our GFS girls have had great adventures with ice skating, enjoyed brilliant crafts, and even had fun meeting some of the rector's "pets" at the end of their year! No challenge was too much for our intrepid GFS, they all got stuck in to anything that they were asked to do - and are pictured at their Thanksgiving service in the church. Our Sunday School continued to meet on the first and third Sundays in the month and performed as a choir at each of our Family Services. Their enthusiasm was both obvious and infectious, and we often had them repeat their songs so that we could join in as a congregation! They continued to study a programme that matched our lectionary plan in church, so often the children would be able to share insights into the morning's sermon with their parents. At the prize-giving service, the children contributed their views to the "Good News" - deciding which headlines were good or bad, before agreeing that the headline "Jesus loves you" was the most important of them all! They are pictured after the service with some of their prizes.

Young helpers

At their confirmation at the end of 2022, our young people were given the opportunity to join in with some of the responsibilities each Sunday - some helping with the collection plates, some helping with the greeting at the door, some helping with the sound and video equipment. We have been so encouraged that many of our young people have continued to be involved, and at our prize-giving service we commended the work of Maisie and Tasha, both of whom have become very adept at controlling the microphones and screens at each Sunday's services! We hope that they continue to be involved, and that someday we can welcome them, and others, onto our Select Vestry and as churchwardens in due time. Maisie is pictured in the prize-giving photo at the back row beside the rector.

Fundraising

We have already had a few very successful events this year - a lovely meal at St Patrick's weekend, an extremely well-supported auction, high teas and yet we still have so much to look forward to! We are currently planning a Tractor Run for September, another Craft Fair and Sale of Work, a charity walk, and much more! Keep in touch



Our GFS enjoying seeing Tigger, the Rector's Argentine tegu.

with our Facebook Page and website for further details.

Let us Pray

Our prayer ministry continues to uphold all those in need. If you know anyone who needs prayer, we would be delighted to hear from you. You only need to send us the first name - we are completely confidential, and do not share any details that would identify the individual. We do not need to know why the person requires prayer - we are content to uphold the person, safe in the knowledge that God knows the need. Contact us via our Facebook, and we will include you on our prayer list. Alternatively, email me at revdjohnny@gmail.com or leave a message on our rectory phone number, listed above.

Inspirations and Congratulations

In the past few months we have been blessed by visits from both Crosslinks and Open Doors charities, telling us about their work both in the UK and abroad. Our parish partners and supports Trevor Watson and



A scene from the parish auction.

his family with their work in Sweden through Crosslinks. Following their passionate and interesting presentation, we were delighted to appoint David and Nuala Atwell as our charity liaisons for Crosslinks. They will advocate for the continued relationship between our parish and the growing mission of the charity.

On Pentecost Sunday, we were blessed with a visit from Robin Magee from Open Doors, who told us about the work and support they offered to their mission partners in countries throughout the world where Christians face persecution for their

faith. We were inspired during the message to support the ongoing dangerous mission to live as a Christian in countries such as North Korea, Afghanistan, Nigeria and many others.

Online life

Our Services continue to stream online via our Facebook page - simply search for Aghavea Church to find our page. We also share news from around the parish, and interesting items from our neighbouring parishes in the diocese. Our Website is aghavea.blogspot.com.

Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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Holy Baptism

Ruby Faye Moffett was baptised on Sunday 22nd May in Christ Church, Ballybay. We congratulate her parents, Shane and Samantha, and pray that the Lord may always guide and protect them as they care for her.

Baby Ruby is the third generation of her family to be baptised in Christ Church as her father (Shane) and grandmother (Sandra) were also baptised there.



The children who are members of Clontibret Sunday School and their teachers.

Collection for the Alzheimer Society of Ireland

A collection for the Alzheimer Society of Ireland was held following the Family Service in St. Maeldoid's Church, Castleblaney, on Sunday 14th May. A total of €270 was raised. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to such a great cause. The money will be put to good use.

In addition, special thanks to Janet Hill for organising the collection.

Donna Geary

Donna Geary was back home in Ireland for a few weeks in June and it was lovely to hear her speak about her time so far in Papua New Guinea at services on Sunday 4th June.



Donna Geary's recent missionary work in Papua New Guinea.



She has been asked to co-lead a Discipleship Training School in Papua New Guinea in July and would really appreciate everyone's prayers as she plans and prepares for it.

Supporting Donna

If you wish to support Donna Geary's ongoing missionary work in Papua New Guinea, 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

Forthcoming Events

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to the Sunday School closing service in St. Maeldoid's Church, Castleblayney, on Sunday 18th June and also to the trip to Dublin Zoo for all Sunday School children, parishioners and friends on Saturday 24th June. In addition, Tara Moffett and Stephen Jones are due to be married in Christ Church, Ballybay, on Saturday 22nd July. We pray that God will richly bless them in their married life together.

Mothers' Union Notes

Members had a busy and enjoyable end to the season. On Friday 19th May, we joined our fellow members from across the Diocese for our Festival Service in St Patrick's Church, Monaghan. The service was led by Revd. Chancellor Ian Berry and the preacher was Rt. Rev. Dr. Ian Ellis, Bishop of Clogher. Our banner was carried by Mrs. Julie Crawford and the overseas funds were presented by Mrs. Harriet Hill. Following the service, we enjoyed a marvellous supper hosted by the Monaghan ladies.

On Thursday 25th May, the Branch was represented at the Spring Council Meeting



in Lisbellaw by Mrs. Julie Crawford (Branch Leader Elect) and Mrs. Jennifer Leathem. It was a well-attended event which gave us an opportunity to hear of the broad-reaching work of the MU and also of plans for the future. After the meeting we enjoyed a wonderful supper provided by the ladies.

On Saturday 27th May, MU members and friends had an opportunity to visit the Flower Festival in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. The flowers and their arrangement were a wonderful tribute to God's creation and the hands of the floral artists who had worked so hard to bring the event together. Again, we enjoyed a lovely lunch. We are most grateful to those who organised our attendance at the Festival. We look forward to the future of MU in our Group with new members to be enrolled at our September meeting. We wish you all a happy and blessed summer.

Jennifer Leathem

Clontibret Notes

Our group service on Sunday 11th June also marked the closing of the Sunday School year in St. Colman's. The theme for the service was "The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders". The readings were read by Adam Jordan and Lexi Johnston. The children sang "This little light of mine,

"I'm gonna let it shine" and "The wise man built his house upon the rock", while a drama was performed by Harry Donaldson and Adam Jordan. Prayers were read by Zoë Jordan, Harry Donaldson, Alex Tate, Mia Jordan, Emily Leathem (Clontibret) and Evie Jenkins (Castleblayney). The weekly offerings were presented by Emily Leathem and Alex Tate. At the end of the service the children were presented with small gifts in appreciation of their endeavours throughout the year. We are grateful to Alison Donaldson (Superintendent), Andrea Johnston and Sharon Leathem for their work with the children in this important aspect of our Christian life. Everyone was invited for light refreshments in the parish hall after the service.

Jennifer Leathem

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.

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#Pop Up Shop

The bar had been set high by the success of past Pop-Up Shops however due to hard work in the planning and support of so many people in different ways this year's Pop Up shop exceeded all expectations.

Firstly it wouldn't have been possible without a suitable premises, with the added bonus of such a prime location in the Main Street of the town. Thanks again to Paul Gartlan.#

Secondly it wouldn't have been possible without all the donations of items to sell and prizes for the raffle.

Thirdly it wouldn't have been possible without all the help in setting up the shop outside and in, including the recourses and time given for all the advertising. Fourthly it wouldn't have been possible without all the amazing kind considerate volunteers helping to sell the items and of course those who bought and gave donations.

Finally It wouldn't have been possible without those who were able to go the extra mile and came back to tidy up and leave the premises in good and decent order.

As I've already said we exceeded our expectations and delivered on our advertising promise of 'Bargains with a bit of Craic'. We all appreciated the chance to meet so many people and especially those who returned a number of times to the shop. Thanks again till next year.

Service of Thanksgiving for Jimmy White

The parishioners of Ardragh, Magheraclone and Carrickmacross extend their sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of Jimmy White, a



Volunteers at the successful pop-up shop.

long standing and appreciated parishioner of Ardragh where he served until recently as Rector's Churchwarden. The packed church and grounds was a testimony to the high regard with which Jimmy and the family are held. Thank you to all who took part in the service family and friends.

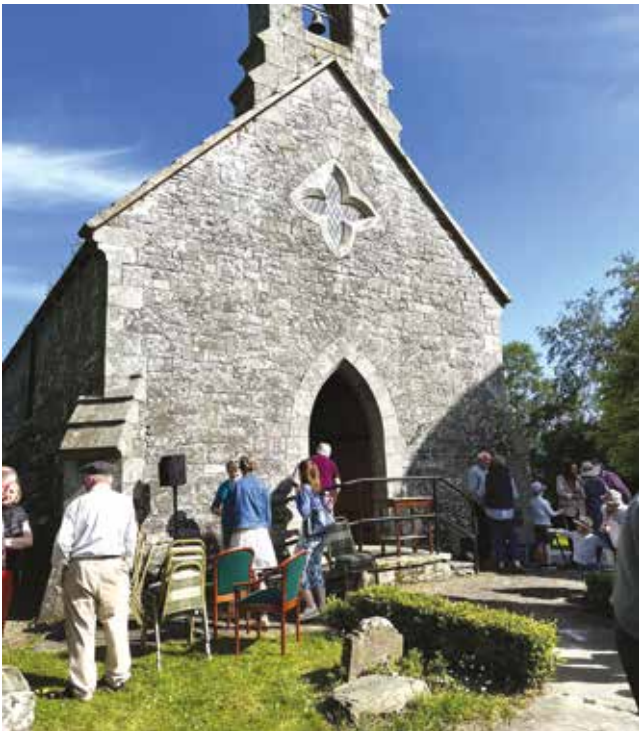
Taken from the Eulogy given by the family;

Jimmy was a loving and devoted son, a brother, a nephew, a father, an uncle, a partner, and a neighbour. He was, a sensitive soul that was extremely kind, caring, open minded, willing, submissive, humorous, and extremely laid back. Growing up, Jimmy hated school. There were many times he would skip school, especially if it was PE day. There was no way Jimmy was going to be taking out in PE gear if he could avoid it. When granny suspected he may have been on the mitch, Jimmy would vigorously deny it and never admit it. School just wasn't



Jimmy White.

for him. However, Jimmy had found his true calling on the family farm. He started off helping with the milking and but soon realised the torture that it brought, so he quickly switched to beef farming. Jimmy cared immensely for his livestock, which he took care of throughout the years of farming and saw his cattle more like pets than a livelihood. As an uncle, Jimmy was the best one could ever ask for. As children we would spend most of our weekends and summer holidays at Granny and Grandads. He would always treat us with such a gentle approach and kindness even if we were pestering him for money to spend at the stalls of a Thursday or torturing him by chasing him with frogs, Jimmy hated frogs. We are extremely fortunate to have had a man with such wonderful traits to bless us with his time, love, attention, and patience. Jimmy held a strong faith throughout his life. He was always present here in this church for Sunday service and would always help out here in any way that he could by either cutting the grass or keeping the heat on in the church. One of his highlights of the year was the annual harvest service. He would not be happy until Dora had his shirt washed, pressed and ready to go for it. Jimmy was a gentle soul, he has touched the hearts of every person here today, and as we all know, God only takes the best. We know that he is finally at peace in the Kingdom of heaven. We will always keep you in our hearts and prayers Jimmy. But we must now say goodbye to Jimmy. We will let him reunite with Granny, his mother Eileen, Granddad, his father Isaac and his sister Dorothy who he loved so dearly.



Attending the outdoor ecumenical service at Pentecost.



Thank you for your life, Jimmy, which you have shared so kindly with us, all the pain is now over, rest in peace.

Ecumenical Pentecost Service

The Ecumenical Service for Pentecost Sunday in Clogher Diocese took place this year 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, led the service. Bishop Larry Duffy gave the address with local clergy from parishes in the Carrickmacross area, Revd Ian Cruickshank, Rector of Carrickmacross, Magheracloone and Ardragh Group of parishes and Canon Martin Treanor, P.P., Innishkeen Parish, who also took part. During the service, two young people from post-primary schools in the area gave reflections on Pentecost. The praise was led by local singers accompanied on the keyboard. Since 2000, the Roman Catholic and Church of Ireland bishops of Clogher have come together, along with members of their respective Church communities to mark together the Day of Pentecost or Pentecost Sunday, as it also known. The Day of Pentecost marks the end of the fifty-day season of Easter. Moreover, it marks the descent of the Holy Spirit in the upper room and the beginning of apostolic preaching, thus marking a defining moment in

the origin of the Christian Church. Christian associations with the feast begin with Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-45. Each year, a site of historic significance in relation to the origins of the Christian church in different parts of the diocese is chosen to host this ecumenical service. There were a number from our group of churches who were able to attend the service and give support to Amy Hill who represented the church of Ireland with a reflection of Pentecost. She did brilliantly so much so that the bishops made mention of her input to the service.

Pet Remembrance Service

In conversations with a number of people, there has been a warm and grateful response to the thought of having a Service of Remembrance in St Finbarr's Carrickmacross at 8.00pm to acknowledge the supportive role so many of our pets have been in our lives. We have shared experiences of laughter, fun, difficulties and tears, that for whatever reason it is our pets that are the ones who are close to us in those moments. Sometimes it is only when you embark upon planning a service that you can become aware of important points. The deeper the bond you have with an animal, the harder it maybe when that animal dies. I contacted the Garda Síochána Dog handling unit explaining about the service we had planned to remember and give thanks for our pets/animals. The officer I spoke to said that one of their dogs had died the week before after eight years' service leaving his handler in a difficult

place. Further correspondence from the unit unfortunately informed us that due to circumstances they would not be able to attend the service, but their words as follows are very gracious.

"Unfortunately I am unable to attend on Wednesday evening but I did just want to contact you and say thank you so much for your kind gesture. This is such an unusual gesture/invitation that I had to reach out and say thank you.

As a Dog Handler (Hunter, Buster and Bodie) but also as a keen animal person, I think this is one the nicest gestures I've seen from any member of the public. Our working dogs do a great job, most of it unseen and unheard of, yet your kind gesture rewards them with the kindness and gratitude they deserve. Not only am I lucky enough to work with these animals



but in my personal capacity I have also seen the benefits of responsible animal ownership. I have had dogs as pets my whole life and have lost some of my best four-legged friends who have been with me through thick and thin, not asking anything of me just unwavering kindness and company. I wish everyone could experience this because sometimes it's the peace and quiet with my dogs that help me negotiate life. The immense sadness and loneliness we experience when we lose them is absolutely massive, but I think it also teaches us the speed of life, and this race we seem to be in."

*I hope your ceremony goes well and I wish you the very best.
Again, Thank You.
Warm Regards*

Film Night

Weather permitting an outdoor film night in the rectory grounds on Friday 30th June 8pm. Light refreshments and plenty of craic supplied.

Bible Studies

These continue every Thursday evening going through Paul's conversion and missionary journeys in St Finbarr's Hall

7.30-8.30pm and Markey's Bar 8.45-9.45pm.

Prayer

This continues Sunday evenings every week, with each church used as a venue on turn. We are also using the time to give feedback on answers to prayer which we don't always hear about, to encourage us in our prayers.

Midweek Morning Fellowship

This continues on Wednesdays 10.30am for Holy Communion in St Finbarr's followed with tea and some craic.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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Canon Jen writes.....

As I write these notes I have the windows and doors open in an attempt to create a 'through draft' in the house to find a little respite from the heat. This weather is glorious and I am enjoying it immensely but when it gets humid it's difficult! As I write I also wonder what the weather will be doing by the time you're reading these few words of mine! The weather can be fickle but one

thing is for sure and that is that God never changes. Whether the weather is roasting hot, or terribly humid, or pouring with rain (which it does in Fermanagh a lot!!) God loves us and the promise of eternal life is not weather dependent.

I will be on leave during August and information about pastoral and service cover will be placed on the noticeboard in each church prior to this.

There is mention made of the Sunday School services which were held in both churches on Sunday 11th June. The details are below but I wanted to say another huge thank you to everyone who is involved in Sunday School in both churches. The commitment you give to teach our children about God and faith Sunday by Sunday is very much appreciated.

As the Sunday School has closed for the summer so too the uniformed organisations that meet in Cleenish Parish Hall will have drawn to a close for their summer break by the time of reading. I'd also like to thank all those involved in these groups for their commitment and time spent with our children and young people each week.

Sunday School Services

The Sunday School year was celebrated

in both churches on Sunday 11th June. In Cleenish Parish, all the children attended Morning Prayer. Ava Connolly and the Sunday School leader, Rowena Sheridan read the Bible readings. Canon Jen addressed the children about prayer and following God over the summer break from Sunday School. During the service, the children were presented with their Sunday School gifts. Thanks were conveyed to Rowena and to the Parent Volunteers who have assisted each Sunday throughout the year – Claire Balfour, Rhonda Hicks, Shirley Connolly and Sharon Elliott. In Mullaghduin the Service was led by Robert Watterson.

The children of the Sunday School took an active part in the Service with a Bible Reading, singing action songs, poetry, prayers and taking up the offertory. Canon Jen delivered a Children's address on the theme of creation, distributed prizes to all the children and thanked the leaders for their work during the year. Two of the children who attend Jones Memorial Primary School displayed a chair, manufactured from bottle tops collected locally for the school and thanked the congregation for their participation in the project by bringing bottle tops to Church with them each week.



Cleenish Sunday School.



Mullaghduin Sunday School.

July and August Services

During the months of July and August, services for both Cleenish and Mullaghduin will be combined Services.

All services are at 11.00am.

2nd July – Mullaghduin, Annual Orange Service

9th July – Cleenish, Annual Orange Service

16th July – Mullaghduin, Holy Communion

23rd July – Cleenish, Annual RPB Service

30th July – Mullaghduin, Morning Prayer

6th August – Cleenish, Holy Communion

13th August – Mullaghduin, Morning Prayer

20th August – Cleenish, Morning Prayer

27th August – Mullaghduin, Morning Prayer

Mothers' Union

Wishing all our Members a happy, healthy and relaxing summer. We will be opening again on 19th September when DV we will have a Prayer Walk as evenings should still be bright. If visiting the Fermanagh County Show on 11th or 12th August at Necarne, Irvinestown, make sure to visit the Mothers' Union stand.

Congratulations to...

Mullaghduin Parish Reader Robert Watterson and his wife Caroline accompanied their daughter, Rebecca Shortt and her husband Andrew to London for a well-earned weekend break when Rebecca and her husband were invited to a garden party on 15th May at Buckingham Palace to celebrate Rebecca achieving her Duke of Edinburgh Gold award.

Bellanaleck Community Group Notes

Since last month's notes were published



Rebecca Watterson.

our farming community have been blessed with exceptionally good weather. This can be seen in the fields where silage has been harvested, and an unusually large amount of hay has been saved to supplement the winter's cattle and sheep fodder. The Annual General Meeting took place on Wednesday 24th May, at which Tony Foster presided. The following members were elected for year 2023-24.
Chairman - George Thornton
Vice-Chairman - Derrick Graham
Secretary - Owen Wilson
Assistant Secretary - Fiona Acheson
Treasurer - Caroline Nicholson
Assistant Treasurer - Derrick Graham
Public Relations - Sharon Elliott
The Secretary reported that Councillor Baird had retired from his position on FODC

and thanked him for the continual service given to the local area, and in particular to our local Community Group. The three local village nameplates cast in stone have now had the lettering repainted, and once again are an attractive feature when entering the village. There is nothing further to report on the 82 dwellings on land bordering Waterhen Lane. It was noted the anti-dog fouling stencils along the Loughshore path had been renewed and the allotment plots are now in good shape. It was pleasing to report the number of clients visiting the Moorings Restaurant was very busy during the past number of weekends, and it should be noted this facility is not open during mid-week. Persons visiting the area for the first time are surprised at the numbers of expensive boats moored along the shoreline. Should any assistance be required contact Owen Wilson (Secretary) Tel: 02866349602 or Bellanaleck on Facebook. Next meeting, Wednesday 27th September at 8pm.

From the registers

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

■ VALERIE ANN MAGUIRE, Elliott Place, Enniskillen, aged 74, at Mullaghduin Parish Church, following a Service of Thanksgiving in Rossorry Parish Church.

■ MARGARET NUALA JOHNSTON, Thornton Villas, Bellanaleck, aged 81. Service of Thanksgiving held on Tuesday 13th June at 1.00pm in Cleenish Parish Church, followed by burial in the adjoining graveyard.

Clogher Cathedral Group



Rector:
The Revd Olivia Downey

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

Diocesan Pastoral Assistant:
Miss Isobel Stewart

Sunday School

At time of print, the Sunday School kids and leaders were preparing for Children's

Day on Sunday 18th June. We will have full report in September magazine. We wish them all a lovely summer break. Thank you to all the teachers for their commitment each week.

Mothers' Union

The MU held their June meeting in Arty's coffee shop. Tracy and Daisy served the ladies a most delicious salad with all the accompaniments followed by a choice of very tasty desserts. Jean Bell and her assistant, Branch Leader, Lynn Winslow did a wee bit of auctioneering and all the ladies went home with a gift! A very enjoyable evening to finish off the season.

Fivemiletown District LOL No 15

They held their Annual Orange Service in the Cathedral on Sunday 11th June. Revd. Johnny McLoughlin was the speaker, Miss Caroline Gervis from Portclare Parish played the clavinova and Lislane Accordion Band provided the music for

the lodge members to parade to and from the church.

Daily Bread

"Our Daily Bread" notes are available in the porch for anyone who wishes to take one.

Welcoming tea

A welcoming cuppa on the first Sunday of each month following morning service, the congregation in the Cathedral enjoys a cup of tea or coffee with a biscuit or two and sometimes there could be homemade shortbread to savour as well!

12th July celebrations

Also called Orangemen's Day is being held in Clogher this year. Our vestry, under the guidance of Julie Armstrong is planning to host refreshments in the Cathedral Hall and adjoining building (formerly Des Strong's) and at the demonstration field too. Members of the



Clogher Mothers' Union enjoying their meal.

vestry have been working hard in giving the building a good lick of paint and a tidy up inside and out! If you are available to help in any way on the day, please contact Julie who would be delighted to hear from you. The proceeds from the day's hard work will be going towards the organ repair fund.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Albert Johnston, Thelma Coulter and Sandra McCann on the recent passing of their mum, Mrs Annie Johnston, Skelgagh, Clogher. She was a faithful member of the church choir for many years.

UDR West Tyrone Regimental service

This took place on Sunday 28 May in the Cathedral. Roughan Silver Band provided the music for the parade. Revd Johnny McLoughlin was the speaker and Mrs Diane Simpson played the clavivova. It was attended well by members and colleagues.

Prayer

Dear Lord, creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during the summer months. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Augher

Children's Day

St. Mark's, Augher, held their annual

Children's Day service on Sunday 11th June. Diocesan reader Mrs. Joan Nelson conducted the service and preached an excellent sermon.

All the Sunday School children took part during the service saying poems, reading the lessons, praying and singing "Jesus loves me" accompanied by Scarlett Egerton (S.S. pupil) on organ and Sophie Egerton (S.S. assistant) on flute. Sophie also led the congregation on her flute for the Hymn "In Christ alone." Zara Wright and Scarlett lifted the collection during the Hymn "All things bright and Beautiful." Joan presented the prizes assisted by Mrs Ann Graham (teacher) and Sophie. The following four children received prizes for outstanding attendance.

Rilagh Rankin and Charlie Egerton 3rd, Scarlett Egerton 2nd, and Megan Montgomery 1st.

Joan thanked the children and their teachers for all the hard work they had done to prepare such a varied service. Mrs Sylvia McClung was the organist. Everyone enjoyed refreshments and fellowship in the Carmichael Memorial Hall after the service.

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

Baptism

On 11 June in Scotshouse we were delighted to baptise Lily Hall, daughter of Glenda and Ivan. We pray that the Lord will richly bless Lily and her whole family as they journey onwards in faith.

Mervyn and Sylvia's 40th wedding anniversary

We send our warm congratulations to Mervyn and Sylvia Fawcett of Currin Church, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in June. We wish them both every blessing and continuing happiness in their life together.

Sunday School Celebration

On Sunday 18 June the Sunday School children of Clones, Newbliss and Killeevan helped to lead our Family Worship – and they marked the end of their school year in drama and song before receiving their attendance awards. The Sunday School classes in these three churches will now resume in September, whilst the Currin Sunday School will continue throughout the summer. Our children really are an important part of our community, and our special thanks go to the Sunday School teachers of all our Group churches for spearheading this vital ministry.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

2 July

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

9 July

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

16 July

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

23 July

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

30 July

Clones 11.00am: Joint Group Morning Prayer

6 August

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

13 August

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

20 August

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

27 August



Mervyn and Sylvia Fawcett celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary.

Colaghty



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JULY

2nd - Morning Prayer 10.30am

9th - Morning Prayer 10.30am

16th - Morning Prayer 10.30am

23rd - Morning Prayer 10.30am

30th - Morning Prayer 10.30am

AUGUST

6th - Holy Communion 10.30am

13th - Morning Prayer 10.30am

20th - Morning Prayer 10.30am

27th - Morning Prayer 10.30am

SEPTEMBER

3rd - Holy Communion 11.30am

10th - Family Service 11.30am

Please note change of times during July and August, services at 10.30am, reverting in September to 11.30am.

As these notes are being written, the sunshine and heat over the last few weeks have been a blessing to many who work the land as silage and hay is harvested and stored for the winter. None can but note the abundance of God's provision, His blessings new each day. God who sends the rain, the sunshine, who gives the growth, who has promised us, *"While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat,*



The Young @ Heart on their trip.



Winter and summer, and day and night Shall not cease." Genesis 8: 22 It has been a blessing to us all, to be able to enjoy the beautiful weather, to experience God's love all around us. Let us take time to rejoice and give thanks to God, to come together as a people and raise our voices in endless praise for the bounty of which He has given us to enjoy. Let us not be found wanting or ungrateful in acknowledging His provision but *"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!"* Psalm 150: 6

Young @ Heart

The finishing touches to the well-focused monthly meetings was the mystery outing in May. With the key priorities affixed, regular pit stops along the route for tea/coffee and other little personal touches

made for a very relaxing day. Now, where did we go you might be asking? Well, we didn't leave Fermanagh but enjoyed some of the many opportunities that are on our own doorstep. A jaunt around the scenic route outside Kesh to Tickety Moo for icecream, or coffee and scones etc. Then to Enniskillen Castle for a guided tour and more tea before heading to Lough Navar viewpoint for a picnic, and finishing off the day with fish and chips on Lusty Beg island. Our thanks to those who organised the day, supplied the bus and driver. To all who were able to come along, thank you, you made it all worthwhile.

Police Choir

What a wonderful and blessed evening of singing we had from the harmonic tones of the Police Male Voice Choir. A delight



Left and above: The Police Choir and handing over the proceeds to Air Ambulance NI.



The Sunday School prizegiving service underway.



to listen to and to sing along with when the opportunity arose. It was equally enjoyable to meet old acquaintances and make new ones as we welcomed them back to Colaghty. As the evening ended, a member of the Air Ambulance spoke of its work and provision of funding, of which a retiring collection amounted on the night to £851. With additional contributions, the final figure of £970 was presented to the charity by Robert Graham, a member of the Select Vestry on behalf of the parish. A huge thank you to everyone for your generosity and support. And a thank you to those who set up the hall and left it ready again for the next activity.

Family Service/Prizegiving

As Sunday School and confirmation classes takes a break over the summer, it seeks to encourage children and families to attend church throughout, at that time to meet in fellowship each week to worship God. It was encouraging to watch and listen to the children and young people as they led the prayers at different points throughout the service, and the sketch aptly titled 'Who will have the Son?'. At the close of Sunday School, prizes were handed out to all who came along to classes each week. Thanks were expressed to Helen and her team who faithfully come along each week to

teach the children in Sunday School and in confirmation classes, to parents for bringing the children each week and the children for their attentiveness through lessons. At the end of the service, a welcome tub of ice cream for all present was enjoyed in the sunshine of the afternoon. Sunday school will resume again on the 10th September 2023 at 10.30am in the parish hall.

Orange service

On a glorious evening, as the sun shone and temperatures well above the average, the local Orange lodges, Glassmullagh, Colaghty, and Lack, led by Glassmullagh Accordion band joined for their annual anniversary service in the parish church, conducted by the rector. A challenging, thought provoking, and encouraging sermon was delivered, taking his text from Psalm 19. At the conclusion the WM, of the host lodge Glassmullagh extended a word of thanks to all concerned. Everyone present, received a tub of ice cream to refresh and cool down before the return parade.

Burger Night

Plans are well in place for an enjoyable evening of food and fellowship as we prepare for the sizzlers/burger night on 22nd July 2023. Please watch

announcements for more details closer to the date.

Farm First Aid Training

Please note that this training will take place on 31st August at 7.00pm in the parish hall, and is open to those within the farming community. Anyone interested must be pre-book to secure a place and more details will be posted later on Facebook and in the weekly announcements.

Mission Giving

As in previous years the loose plate collection during September and up an inclusive of the harvest weekend 6th - 8th October will go towards missional projects. Your generosity in giving has always been a blessing to others as we reach out and fulfil our calling in Christ Jesus.

We trust that through the summer months you will all have an opportunity for a break from everyday routines. To be able to relax, and recharge, to be refreshed and above all to enjoy precious family time with one another. And in all that you do, to find time for the Lord, to commune with Him in prayer, to read and study His word that you/we all will be better equipped to meet whatever lies ahead. *'Trust in the Lord with all thy heart, lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways He will direct your paths.'*



The Orange Anniversary Service at Lack.

Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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Sunday Worship

Sunday 9th July

10.30am Derryvullen North (informal Morning Prayer)
11.45am Castle Archdale (informal Morning Prayer)
3.30pm Evening Prayer with the Orange Order
6.00pm Lady of the Lake Community Service (on White Island)

Sunday 16th July

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

Sunday 23rd July

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

Sunday 30th July

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

Sunday 6th August

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

Sunday 13th August

10.30am Derryvullen North (informal Morning Prayer)
11.45am Castle Archdale (informal Morning Prayer)

Sunday 20th August

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

Sunday 27th August

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

Sunday 6th September

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

Confirmation

On Sunday 11th June Bishop Ian came to our parishes for the Confirmation and First



The Bishop of Clogher with the Rector and the Confirmation Group.

Communion of 13 of our young people (two from Castle Archdale and 11 from Derryvullen North). The candidates were introduced and presented by Sunday School Leaders Wendy (Castle Archdale), Paula, Amanda and Elaine (Derryvullen North) and we are very grateful for all the ministry of the Sunday Schools. While those being confirmed had attended and taken good part in the recent confirmation classes, they have been prepared for this day by the faithful and committed ministry of the Sunday School leaders over the years. The musicians at the Service were Florence, Rachel and David and the choir led the praise beautifully and also sang during the administration of holy communion. David sang a solo, accompanying himself on the guitar, as a gradual. The Derryvullen North Churchwardens, Stephen and David, were assisted by Derek, People's Churchwarden for Castle Archdale. Thank you also to all the collectors. The reader was Katie, who was confirmed last year, and Parish Reader, Ethel, read the Gospel and assisted with holy communion and with presentation of the certificates and gifts. There was a great crowd present and it was wonderful to see such a full church. Thank you to the newly confirmed and their families for all their support.

Tractors at Church

Anyone driving past Castle Archdale or Derryvullen North on Sunday 14th May may well have wondered what on earth was happening for sitting at each Church was a tractor. Thank you to Craig Anderson for kindly bringing the tractor to Castle Archdale and to Victor Thompson for bringing one to Derryvullen North.

Thank you as well to all the children who brought along farming toys or wore their wellies. In olden times at Rogation there would have been a procession around the parish with hymns and prayers offered for the farms. Today the tractors and all the toys etc represented them to us and we concluded the Service outside around the tractors, praying for the work of our local farmers in the year ahead. Rogation is a term that comes from the Latin "rogare," which means "to ask" or "to pray." The Church designates Rogation Sunday as a day of prayer and thanksgiving for the blessings of the earth and the work of those who produce our food. This day also reminded us that the goodness we celebrate in the harvest can only come about as a result of the grace of God and the hard work of those who farm the land. It is a time of deep spiritual significance for rural communities, and a reminder of the interconnectedness of all things in God's creation. Psalm 104:14-15 "You cause grass to grow



Tractor Sunday.



Violet Noble with her special birthday cake.

for the livestock and plants for people to use. You allow them to produce food from the earth —wine to make them glad, olive oil to soothe their skin, and bread to give them strength.”

BBQ

A barbecue, organised by the Ulster Special Constabulary Association was held in Derryvullen North Hall on Saturday 20th May. The Hall was filled to capacity and a wonderful spread of food, accompanied by lots of good conversation was shared by all.

Tea Party

The Mothers' Union Indoor Members Tea Party was held in Fintona on Wednesday 7th June and several branch members led by Margaret Humes, our Indoor Members Co-ordinator, attended at the invitation of Bishop Ian and Mrs Heather Ellis. People travelled from all over the diocese to the event. We first shared in worship, led by Bishop Ian assisted by the Revd Charlie Eames (Mothers' Union Diocesan Chaplain) and Canon John Woods (Rector of Donacavey and Barr). There was then a lovely afternoon tea and this was followed by some singing. Each person also received from Irene Boyd (Diocesan Indoor



Enjoying a special tea.



The MU members in Monaghan.

Members Coordinator), a special palm cross with a prayer reflection attached. Well done everyone for the lovely afternoon. More information can be found at here about the work of the MU in our diocese www.mothersunion.org/diocese/clogher

New members enrolled

At the Branch closing service of the 2022-23 season of the Mothers' Union, held in Castle Archdale Church on evening of Sunday 4th June, there were three new members enrolled: Marion Faris, Liz Duncan and Joy Loane. We also welcomed Eileen Dunlop as a Joining Member and Lorraine Thompson as the new Branch Leader. The supper was very kindly arranged by Sylvia Woods, the organist was Florence Barrett and a reading about Mary Sumner was led by Marion Faris. At the conclusion of the Service there was a lovely birthday cake presented to MU Member Violet Noble, who was celebrating her 90th birthday shortly afterwards. We sang happy birthday to her and wished her well. The season did not quite end at this point as several members plan to help on behalf of the MU at the Fermanagh Show, due to be held in a few weeks in Necarne.

Fellowship Evening

The Women's Group held their final meeting of this season yesterday evening (the summer trip is still to come though). There was a time of informal singing led by David on the guitar and this was followed by a lovely supper from Heather's Coffee Shop. There was then a mystery auction to end the evening. Thank you to Caroline and Elaine for all the work they put into organising such an enjoyable programme in 2022-23. It was great to see so many people gathering each month and enjoying the activities. At the time of preparing the notes for this edition of the magazine, the

group plan to hold an outing on Saturday 17th June to the Boulevard Shopping Centre, Banbridge.

Walk the Walk

Over the summer there is a weekly walking group, leaving Derryvullen North Car Park each Tuesday evening at 7.00pm and at the end of the evening there is the opportunity to have a cuppa in the Parish Centre.

Visit to Cathedral

Members of our Mothers' Union Branch (Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale) had an outing on Saturday to 27th May to visit the Flower Festival in Enniskillen Cathedral. The displays were wonderful and it was clear that a lot of very creative work had gone into every aspect of the event. After going around the displays in the Cathedral we went to the Hall for a very enjoyable morning coffee with scones and treats. Well done to everyone at the Cathedral for all their hard work.

Daytime Bowling

The Club held a very enjoyable dinner, on 12th May in the Mallard Steakhouse, to bring the season to a close. While the formal weekly sessions of the Bowling Club have ended until September, the Club members have started a Monday morning informal bowling meet-up with a cuppa. This gives folk a time to meet up and enjoy the sport. It is also a way for people who do not usually play, to try out the game. Each Monday session costs £2 and lasts from 10.30am to 12noon.

Monaghan Service

All roads seemed to lead to Monaghan on Friday 19th May as members of the Mothers' Union gathered from all across the Diocese for the annual Festival Service. Bishop Ian presided at the Holy Communion and was assisted by

Revd Charlie Eames (MU Diocesan Chaplain) and by the Revd Chancellor Ian Berry (Rector of Monaghan), who also preached. Members of the MU read the Bible passages and led the intercessions. In the course of the Service a representative of each Branch presented the money that had been collected for the Worldwide and Relief Fund. The offering from our Branch was presented by Joan Kells and the Banner was carried Lorna Graham. Afterwards there was a lovely supper served in the Parish Hall.

Children's Day

At the time of writing we plan to hold the annual Children's Day Services on Sunday 18th June – in Castle Archdale at 10.15am and in Derryvullen North at 11.30am. We will include a report on these

Services in the next edition of the Diocesan Magazine. We are very grateful to all the Leaders of our Sunday Schools and for all they do – it is all much appreciated.

Boys' Brigade in the Community

A great bit of work took place on 10th May in Irvinestown - members of the Scouts, Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade (drawing in young people from the Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist and Church of Ireland churches) joined together for a litter picking session around the town. This kind of working together is nothing new for these youth groups and it also reflects the very positive whole-community spirit of the area. Well done to all the leaders, young people and parents. Thank you for all that you do.

Derryvullen South and Garvary

Vacant:

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



The Sunday School prizegiving service at Derryvullen South church.

Services

Sunday, 2 July 2023 - 10.30am Morning Prayer, Garvary; 12 Noon Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South
 Sunday, 9 July 2023 - 10.30am Derryvullen South; 12 Noon Garvary
 Sunday, 16 July 2023 - 10.30am Garvary; 12 Noon Derryvullen South
 Sunday, 23 July 2023 - 10.30am Derryvullen South; 12 Noon Garvary
 Sunday, 30 July 2023 - 10.30am Derryvullen South; 12 Noon Garvary

Derryvullen South

Sunday School prize-giving
 Derryvullen South Sunday School held their prize-giving on 11th June. Dean Ferguson presented the prizes. Tea and treats were served afterwards for everyone.

Garvary

Sunday School
 Mr. Karl Saunders was the preacher on 17 June when he presented the children with

their Sunday School prizes. Four of the Sunday School teachers who did not wish to continue taking classes were each presented with a token of appreciation for their work over the years by Mr Saunders.

Prayers

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

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Services for July and August 2023

Sunday 2nd July 2023
 10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church
 11.30am Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church
Sunday 9th July 2023
 10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church
 11.30am Orange Anniversary Service Devenish Parish Church
Sunday 16th July 2023
 10.00 am Morning Prayer Boho Parish Church
 11.30am Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church
Sunday 23rd July 2023
 10.00 am Morning Prayer Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church
Sunday 30th July 2023
 9.30 am Morning Prayer Boho Parish Church
 11.00 am Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church
Sunday 6th August 2023
 10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church
 11.30am Holy Communion Devenish Parish Church
Sunday 13th January 2023
 10.00 am Morning Prayer Boho Parish Church
 11.30am Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church
Sunday 20th August 2023
 10.00 am Morning Prayer Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 27th August 2023

10.00 am Morning Prayer Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church

Baptism

Sunday 28th May 2023 in Devenish Parish Church - Robyn Connolly, daughter of Rory and Hannah Connolly. We wish God's blessing on Robyn, her parents and godparents.

Confirmation

On Sunday 4th June 2023, Right Revd. Dr. Ian Ellis, Bishop of Clogher confirmed Abigail Kernaghan, Chiemela Ajuka, Jacob McHugh and Aerin McCullagh Daley. The Choir sang the Anthem, 'Take this Moment in Thy Grace,' and dedicated it to Abigail, Chiemela, Jacob and Aerin., Congratulations to all the candidates and we wish them God's blessing in their future lives.

Orange Anniversary Service

This will take place on Sunday 9th July 11.30am in Devenish Parish Church. We welcome the officers and members of Magheraboy District LOL No11 and members of Magheraboy Flute Band to Morning Prayer.

Mothers' Union Notes

There was a good attendance and great display of branch banners at the Festival Service in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Monaghan on Friday, 19th May. Gladys carried the Devenish and Boho MU banner, and Pearl presented our donation to the Worldwide and Relief Fund. Thank you to those who prepared and took part in the lovely service led by the Revd Chancellor Ian Berry and to the ladies who provided and served a lovely supper



The Bishop of Clogher, Revd Sampson Ajuka and Confirmation candidates.

after the service. Mothers' Union will recommence on Wednesday, 13th September with a Service of Holy Communion in Devenish Parish Church at 8 pm, followed by a short business meeting and cup of tea in the Reade Hall.

Sunday School

This is now closed and will reopen in September. We would take this opportunity to thank the Sunday school teachers for their work throughout the year.

Fire

The Parish and the wider community were shocked that fire destroyed the home of Dr. Mark and Claire Cathcart. We thank God that Mark and Claire, their dogs and other pets escaped uninjured. We remember Mark and Claire in our thoughts and prayers as they consider how to rebuild their home.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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The Bishop of Clogher, Rector and the Confirmation group.

Sunday Services

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

Sunday 9th July The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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

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

Sunday 16th July The Sixth Sunday after Trinity – Summer Group Service

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

Sunday 23rd July The Seventh Sunday after Trinity – Summer Group Service

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 and All Age Sermon

Sunday 30th July The Eighth Sunday after Trinity – Lammastide - Summer Group Service

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough - Morning Prayer for use on Sunday (Order 3) with



The Mothers' Union members with the banner at the Festival Service in Monaghan.

Anglican Chant, Hymns and Sermon.

Sunday 6th August The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

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

Sunday 13th August The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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

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

Sunday 20th August The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity – Summer Group Service

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

Sunday 27th August The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity – Summer Group Service

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – The Blessing of the School Bags and Pencil Cases.

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

Please remember to bring along your new school bags and pencil cases so that we can bless them and their owners at the beginning of the new school year.

Sunday 2nd September The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity – Group Service

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

With Archdeacon Ricky Rountree presiding and preaching.

Donagh Mothers' Union

May was a very enjoyably busy month for our Mothers' Union. The members from Donagh were delighted to join with over 200 Mothers' Union members from across the diocese at the Clogher Mothers' Union

Festival Service held on 19th May in St. Patrick's Church, Monaghan. It was lovely to see the banners from all the branches within the diocese, with Marina, our banner bearer, proudly joining the parade at the beginning and end of the Service. During the Service Diane Wright-Kendrick helped lead the prayers of the faithful and our overseas contribution was presented by Eleanor Stewart. Following the Service we enjoyed a lovely supper in the church hall and had the greatly appreciated opportunity to chat with members from other branches who, due to Covid, we hadn't seen for three years; it was wonderful to catch up with old friends and acquaintances.

On 25th May, Eileen Coulter, Dorothy Keith and Eleanor Stewart attended the MU Spring Council which was held in Lisbellaw Church Hall where we received reports from the various diocesan committees which was very interesting; it is always good to hear what is going on around the diocese and to hear of plans for the coming months. The sun was splitting the rocks on Saturday, 27th May making it a glorious day to don our sunglasses and head off for our Mother's Union outing. Our destination was Enniskillen where we visited the Flower Festival in St. Macartin's Cathedral and enjoyed viewing all the wonderful floral displays followed by a lovely lunch in the Cathedral Hall before some light retail therapy to round off our day out.

We are always keen to welcome new members to our branch meetings which are full of fun and a lovely, entertaining night out with great company and an equally accomplished supper.

General Synod 2023

- A personal reflection by Ethne McCord.

Whilst, in common with many others, I enjoy the buzz of synod and meeting people from throughout the island of Ireland, I am aware that General Synod is an expensive outing. At least two nights' accommodation, travel and refreshment expenses would be impossible for many delegates and it could be argued that General Synod may

be regarded as an elitist event by some critics. Last year one delegate pointed out that she had to take two days unpaid leave from work to attend and, as a response, this year, Synod was reduced to two full days plus a Zoom session. Having said all that, it is difficult to know how the necessary and important business could be conducted any other way.

I try to take my duties as a General Synod representative for the Clogher Diocese seriously, making an effort to attend each year and reading, in advance, the Book of Reports (over 300 pages) as well as the many bills and motions.

I am constantly amazed at the vast amount of work the Representative Church Body carries out each year and If any parishioner wishes to have a copy of the Book of Reports please contact me and I'll forward by email.

I refer to a few items of business that interested me, personally.

Mindful of the more effective means of communication now available to us, Bill number two removed from the Constitution the necessity to affix, to the church door, the notice of the revision of registered vestry members and notice of the Easter Vestry. However it remains that "public notice shall be communicated widely in advance and announced at least two Sundays preceding the meeting."

As a lay person I was particularly pleased that Motion number nine, proposed by Bishop Burrows, was carried to establish a Select committee to review clergy tenure. This will be welcomed by lay people across Ireland where the existing rules in relation to tenure do not take into account occasions where pastoral breakdown has occurred within a parish but, if no ecclesiastical offence has been committed, the rector may remain in the rectory indefinitely. Motion number 10, proposed by the bishop of Kilmore, was carried to establish Pioneer Ministry in the Church of Ireland – a movement within the Church of Ireland to reach those with little or no connection to the good news of Jesus Christ. I must admit that my first reaction (and that of many other lay people) was "Is this not what the present clergy are supposed to be doing?" However, I understand the desire to find new ways to try and grow the church given that congregations are decreasing in so many places. As a lay member of the RCB, I intend to keep a close eye on the very significant budget of €6m that has been set aside from central funds to fund this 10-year project and I expect to see frequent evaluation reports.

My only oral contribution this year was to highlight the fact that (a) all the co-opted members of Standing Committee listed in



Taking part in the Children's Day services.



the report are clerical and (b) 44 clerical members to 26 lay members makes the laity a very reduced minority in an important part of church governance. I would like to see more active participation by the lay members of General Synod and the RCB. We laity can never hope to effect change if we do not use these opportunities to make our voices heard. One group of people did make their voices heard this year when a letter of concern was read out on behalf of some Church of Ireland families whose children had been refused baptism. I look forward to this issue being the subject of debate at next year's synod.

Confirmation Service

It is always a pleasure to have our Bishop, Ian and his wife, Heather, visit us in Glaslough and the preparations began on a sunny evening on Wednesday 17th May when a work party descended upon the grounds of St Salvator's to ensure that everything was spick and span for the arrival of Bishop Ian on the Confirmation day of seven of our lovely young people. There was strimming, edging, weeding, clearing, cutting and blowing amongst the perspiration, the giggles, the groans (aging

backs) and a general industriousness. Our thanks to all who helped in these preparations. The Confirmation followed on Sunday 21st May and the Junior and Senior choirs had been well rehearsed for the hymns and the singing of Archdeacon Peter Thompson's beautiful setting of the Gloria (from Peter's Armagh Setting of The Holy Communion Service in Thanks and Praise) and the junior choir's anthem. Bishop Ian's gracious address to the candidates (and congregation) was full of gentle inspiration and wisdom, sharing with us something from his own journey of faith and encouraging the candidates, and the community gathered to support them, to persist in the faith of Christ, supported by gentle, humane Christianity of our tradition. Bishop Ian, and everyone present, made their Confirmation Day very special for Amelia, Daniel, Eve, Jack, Jessica, Katherine and Matthew and everyone who was present commented on what a joyous, encouraging and inspiring occasion it was. The fun didn't end there with the candidates all heading off to lunch with their families and friends and Bishop Ian and Heather joining Revd Tim for a most enjoyable lunch.

Church of Ireland County Monaghan Children's Society

The aforementioned Children's Society (Protestant Orphans Society in imperial measurements) had a wonderful coffee morning, lecture and light lunch at Bishop's Court, Clones. The sun shone, the clouds passed over and the sound for the talk was excellent as was the catering. Thank you to our generous hosts and well done to all involved in organising the event. Everyone who was present had a lovely morning and over €2000 was raised towards the work of the Society that faithfully (and discreetly) offers a little extra help to a number of families within our parishes in Co Monaghan. A special mention must go to Etta Crowe, who in her capacity as Honorary Secretary and (I think) Honorary Treasurer does so much vital work behind the scenes regarding the administration of and fundraising for the Society.

Decennial Diocesan Review

Anyone who is on Diocesan Council will be aware that a Review of ministry within the diocese is currently being carried out by a committee chaired by Bishop Ian. As part of this, clergy from the two rural deaneries within Monaghan met with Bishop Ian at the Revd Lorraine Capper's (of much blessed memory within these parishes) rectory in Newtownbutler. Bishop Ian was very encouraging to each of us in our various ministries within each of our parishes and acknowledged that we are facing a level of societal change the like of which we has not occurred since before the middle of the last century. Bishop Ian thanked us for all that we do and simply asked that we all continue, in hope and good heart, to continue tell afresh in our time the story of Jesus Christ through our ministries within the parishes which God has placed each of us.

Children's Day

Children's Day came a week early in St Salvator's this year, taking place on Sunday



Taking part in the Children's Day services.

11th June to allow our wonderful Sunday School Superintendent Marina Waller time to organise and rehearse the children AND to get the final preparations made for her son Stewart's upcoming wedding: Marina is an all action, high octane Sunday School Superintendent and we adore her! The theme this year was miracles and rehearsals took place on Saturday afternoon for the dramatic presentation of the story of Jesus' miracles with the assistance of our equally wonderful Sunday School Deputy Superintendent, Deborah Treanor. The junior choir had been rehearsing after church for a number of weeks with our Musical Director supremo, the inimitable Ethne McCord. We were delighted to be joined on Children's Day by grandparents from other parishes and churches and by a number of visitors from Castle Leslie who all enjoyed the energy and fun of the Service. As is our tradition on All Age Family Service Sundays, Revd Tim was ably assisted by the children of the Sunday School in leading us in Morning Prayer for use on Sundays (only to be found in the newest blue covered version of the BCP). The children's presentation told the story of Jesus' many miracles, looking at the healing of the man at the pool of Siloam, the healing

of the blind man (a particularly dramatic performance from a young man who surely has a future on the stage) and the feeding of the 5000. The Junior Choir then sang a miracle themed song with the congregation joining in the chorus. The prayers, read by the children focused on thanksgiving for the miracle of creation and our responsibility to live within God's creation both enjoying and caring for God's great gift to us.

The attendance awards were presented to joint winners in the senior category with the trophy heading home with sisters Jessica and Emma Coulter. The Junior prize was also a close-run thing, but there was an outright winner here with the prize going to Danny Keith. There were gifts for the bulwarks of our Sunday School Team, Marina and Deborah and thanks to all the mums and dads who help out with Sunday School throughout the year. The Sunday School is now on its summer recess but children will continue to help Revd Tim to lead the All Age Family Services on the Fourth Sunday of the Summer months.

Congratulations on upcoming nuptials and engagements

Our Congratulations in advance to Stewart and Sharon Waller on their marriage

on Saturday 24th June in Enniskillen Independent Methodist Church and to Richard Dudgeon and Rachel on their upcoming marriage in Drum Presbyterian Church on Friday 28th July. Congratulations also to Adam Dudgeon on the recent announcement of his engagement to Diane Allen.

The Magazine

As the date for the submission of the magazine notes is the 15th of the month, anything which happens in the parish after that date will not appear in this issue but will be covered in the following issue, in this instance, the September issue of the magazine.

So many of us enjoy and appreciate the magazine for its wonderful coverage of what is happening in parishes across the diocese that we almost take it for granted. Our thanks are due to all those who contribute to the notes and also to Brian Donaldson, the editor of the magazine. Next time you see him at a diocesan function you might think to encourage him by thanking him for putting together such an attractive and informative magazine each month.

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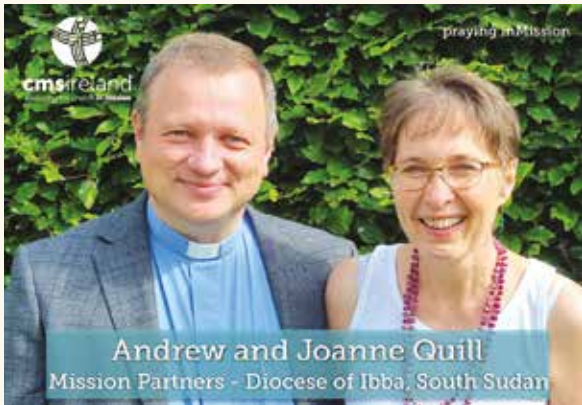
Two American missionaries were travelling back from collecting money for the mission hospital where they worked, in rural Africa, when their vehicle broke down. It was late so they decided that they would have to spend the night in the bush and wait until light to get help to fix their vehicle. So, they prayed for God's protection over them and then went to sleep. In the morning they managed to get someone in a nearby village to fix the vehicle and finally made it to the hospital.



Lunch at the Enniskillen Flower Festival.

A few months later a local chief ended up in the hospital. When he saw the missionary couple, he informed them that on the night that their vehicle had broken down, he and some others had come to steal the money that they were carrying but decided not to when they saw that the missionaries were guarded by 27 soldiers. The couple wondered about these soldiers as they hadn't seen anyone that night but kept the matter to themselves.

When they returned to America on home leave, they travelled around all of their supporting churches to talk about their work. On one occasion they shared this story of God's protection with the congregation. After the service one of the members of the church asked them when exactly this had happened. When the couple told him the date he replied, "On that very day and at that very time 27 of us were praying for you."



Revd Andrew Quill and his wife, Joanne.

As we pray for people and situations around the world it is important to remember that our prayers are powerful. *'Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.'* Ephesians 3:20-21

Moving on

During 'Kingdom Voices' in August 2022, Joanne and I felt the Lord prompting us to put ourselves forward to serve once more through CMS Ireland, having previously served as Mission Partners in Kenya and Uganda for 11 years until 2006. This was partly due to us hosting Archbishop Masimango and Mama Naomie from Kindu Diocese (DRC). After we left them to the airport, we sent a message to CMS Ireland and a few days later the Lord confirmed things through a metal fish along the river walk in Enniskillen. As Joanne was walking along and praying, she just said, 'Lord, we don't even know what is round the corner.' Once she went around the corner of the path, she saw the metal fish behind a park bench and was surprised to see a map of the world on it and even more surprised to see Africa at the top and not at the bottom. Since then, we've had other incidents that have confirmed the Lord's call and where we feel he wants us to go.

Although it is difficult to leave parishioners and colleagues behind after almost seven years of walking with the Lord together, it is made a little easier by the strength



The metal fish.



Charlie Mills checking out one of the floral arrangements.

of the calling. As we know that the Lord will help us, as we step out in this new chapter of our lives, so we can have his peace that he will help those who remain. Thank you to all who have expressed their love and prayers for us and our family (whom we are leaving behind) and to all those who have partnered in the Gospel in Dromore and in Clogher Diocese. We will remain as 'partners in the Gospel' as we pray for you, and you pray for us. If you would like more information on what Andrew and Joanne will be doing and to be kept in touch with their news as well as supporting them as Mission Partners, contact CMS Ireland. Email: info@cmsireland.org Phone: 028 9077 5020

St Macartin's Cathedral Flower Festival

We had a great afternoon at the Flower Festival at St Macartin's Cathedral on Sunday 28th May 2023. Immediately after the morning service, a busload went to Enniskillen where we had a delicious lunch at the Cathedral Hall before walking around the displays in the Cathedral. Everyone who attended, thoroughly enjoyed their visit. Thanks to Eveline Smith who organised the trip.

Social Events

We hope to hold a number of social events over the next year (details will be

on Facebook and on the notice sheet nearer the time).

SERVICES – 2nd – 30th July

2nd July

11.00am – Morning Service (Ken Dobbin)

9th July

11.00am – Morning Service (Ken Dobbin)

16th July

11.00am – Holy Communion Service (Dean Raymond Ferguson)

23rd July

11.00am – Morning Service (Peter Booth)

30th July

11.00am – Morning Service (Peter Booth)

Services in August will be on the notice sheet and on Facebook.

Keeping up to date

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

- Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook
- Watch our Live Streamed Services <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitydromore/live/>
- Subscribe to our YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwj585CXlqOq6W6h7_2AiYg/
- Watch uploaded Services on YouTube on a smart TV, uploaded usually on within 48 hours.
- Get a recording of the service on CD every week.



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As I write these words slightly later than I should have (I forgot the date of the deadline) it is still very warm. I was at Belsonic last night (16 June) with my wife, Shirley to see and hear the legendary Sir Tom Jones for the second time (it could have been the third except for that pesky Covid).

I hope that we will have that privilege again in the future as the man is simply amazing in how he can sing and perform at the age of 83.

We have enjoyed three weeks of warm weather and while we experienced some of the wet stuff last night it did not detract from our experience in the slightest.

You may wonder where I am going with this but the mention of attending a concert ties in with the thoughts that I want to share this month, something that has been rattling around in my mind for quite a while.

Those who have heard me speak regularly will know that certain things annoy me and the concert last night was a case in point. We were in a large open park yet people still invaded my personal space.

I have been thinking about listing some and I emphasise some of the things that annoy me in life and am going to do so now.

This list is in no particular order;

1. Drivers who do not use their indicators.
2. Drivers who do not acknowledge you when you let them out in front of you.
3. Those who walk out through the door of a shop and then stop dead in front of you.
4. Those who stand chatting to their friends in the middle of the footpath making it difficult for others to pass on either side.
5. Those who carry on conversations on their mobiles loudly enough to not need



The Women Together group on their outing.



a phone as you walk down the street in front of them.

6. Cyclists.

I chose to stop at six as I didn't want to seem completely intolerant and also as cyclists are the ultimate annoyance for me.

I want to be clear that it is not the cars' fault that drivers do not indicate or fail to acknowledge your good manners.

It is not the shop doors fault that people stop just outside it or the footpaths fault that they stand across its width blocking your way.

It is not the mobile phones fault that people feel the need to shout when they are talking as they walk down the street or through the shop.

Cyclists – I won't start.

I want to make clear at this point that I am not claiming to be perfect by any stretch of the imagination and I am positive that there are many things that I do that annoy others as my family and friends would strongly attest.

The point that I want to make and which has been in my mind for some time is that too much of what is wrong in the world is down to one thing – people.

I want to think about these words from 1 Peter, "finally, all of you be likeminded,

love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil for evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing."

There are many verses of scripture that I could have turned to but I was drawn to these and intend to revisit them again in the weeks that lie ahead.

To return to the concert that I attended last night (when I wrote these words) many people did not seem to care how their actions impacted on those around them.

All they were concerned with was themselves and their enjoyment.

While we should enjoy the life that God gives us I want to return to those words from 1 Peter and suggest that they along with many other parts of scripture remind us that as Christians we should behave differently.

We are not called to simply please ourselves rather we are called to offer service to others.

We are called to love one another and if we love one another we should act accordingly.

We are also called to be compassionate – there are many instances in scripture where we see the compassion of Jesus

and no more than in these words, *Jesus wept.*

How often do we weep today when we see suffering in the world, whether that is close to home or further afield?

We can only answer that question for ourselves but I would ask you to consider that question in your own heart and mind as you read my thoughts.

I began by mentioning the weather and we have had a thunderstorm in the time since I began to lay down my thoughts inadequate as they always are which reminds us of the power of God in all things.

Sunday School

Our Sunday school year will draw to a close in Templecarne and Tubrid on Sunday with a family service in both churches. Also included is a picture of Templecarne Sunday School.

My thanks to all who teach Sunday School faithfully – without we would not be able to provide this.

Women Together

As I wrote these words our ladies group, Women Together were enjoying their outing and end of season meal on Saturday 17 June.

I hope that they have had a wonderful time as they toured Killymoon Castle, shopped till they dropped, viewed the flowers at St Annes, Dungannon and



The Templecarne Sunday School members.

enjoyed a meal at Viscount's Restaurant (providing they didn't change their plans of course) as well as spending time in fellowship together.

I have included some photos of their day.

Diary

Sunday 2 July 2023

Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne, 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 9 July 2023

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckcross, 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 9 July 2023

3.00pm Orange Service

Sunday 16 July 2023

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 23 July 2023

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckcross, 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 30 July 2023

Joint service 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 30 July 2023

3.00 RBP Service

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.

Rockcorry/Dartrey

Children's Sunday

We are looking forward to the annual Children's Sunday Service in Rockcorry Church on Sunday, 2nd July at 11am and hope for a good turnout of children, parents and parishioners to support the children.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to all who have suffered bereavement and also

offer heartfelt condolences to the family of Doris Sullivan, widow of the late Canon Trevor Sullivan. Doris is remembered with great fondness by many parishioners. She passed away recently at her home in Ballinasloe.

Songs of Praise

We look forward to a Songs of Praise Service in Dartrey Church on Sunday, 5th November at 3pm. Revd. Tim Irvine and the Donagh Choir under the direction of Mrs. Eithne McCord, will be our special guests. Full details in the September issue of the Diocesan Magazine.

Meetings

Several meetings, attended by a number of parishioners, have been held recently in the Sexton's house. The purpose of the get-togethers was to discuss future fundraising and social events for the parish. A number of good ideas are in the pipeline.

Rockcorry School

We have had a fantastic last term in Rockcorry N.S. We have been very busy. The senior room made a small sensory garden and have grown lots of flowers, fruit and vegetables for it. We have had two



The Norris Family with the Revd Margaret Pringle.

competition winners. Francesca from 5th class won a story writing competition on St. Dymphna and Ruby from 6th class won an art competition, designing the front cover of the Castleblayney Show Schedule.

We have been awarded our 5th Green school flag on biodiversity. We have just completed our sports day and active week in the school.

Finally we would like to say goodbye to our 6th class pupils: James, Evan, Ruby and Ellie. We wish them all the best as they transition into secondary school. They will be missed.

County Monaghan Junior Orange Annual Parade Service

The County Monaghan Junior Orange Parade Service was held on Sunday 21st May 2023 for the first time in Dartrey Parish Church. The Parade was led to and from the church by Drum Accordion Band. The Service was conducted by Walter Pringle, Diocesan Lay Reader and Revd Nick Jones gave a very interesting and inspiring address. The Junior members of Lisarley Flute Band played two pieces of music and other members of Junior Lodge read the

Bible Readings and led the congregation in prayer.

Thanks to Audrey Doogan, the organist; Maureen Howe for printing the service sheets and Agnes Phair for the floral displays .

Afterwards all enjoyed tea and refreshments in Doohat Hall. The collection amounted to 402 euros.

Aughnamullen

We remember in our prayers and thoughts to those who have been bereaved on the loss of a loved one.

We wish you all a good summer and keep safe.

Aghabog

Sympathy – We extend our deepest sympathy to Gillian and Andrew Ritchie and family on the death of Gillian’s father, Mr Edwin Gordon, Mountnugent, Co Cavan.

Baptism

21st May 2023 – Evie Willow Bridget, infant daughter of Timothy and Emma Norris.

Mothers’ Union

The Mothers’ Union finished off their season by attending the Clogher Diocese Mothers’ Union Festival Service in St. Patrick’s Church, Monaghan on Friday 19th May. A big thank you to all who took part in the service and the evening ended with a lovely supper in the hall afterwards. Hope you all enjoy the summer break and we look forward to meeting up again in September.

Congratulations

This goes to Lee Hall, member of Aghabog Bowling Club who has been selected to play for Ireland.

Unwell

Our best wishes to all who have been unwell recently either at home or in hospital and wish them well for a speedy recovery.

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Dean Kenneth Hall receiving a gift from the Select Vestry to mark his 25 years of ordination.

Services

Sunday 2nd July - The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion

Thursday 6th July

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 9th July -The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am - Morning Prayer

Thursday 13th July

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 16th July - The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am - Holy Communion

Thursday 20th July

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd July - The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Morning Prayer

Thursday July 27th July

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 30th July -The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Thursday 3rd August

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 6th August - The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Communion

Thursday 10th August

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 13th August - The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Thursday 17th August

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 20th August - The Eleventh Sun-



Dean Kenneth Hall with his new Churchwardens.



King Charles being introduced to Dean Kenneth Hall by Mrs Jenifer Johnston, Deputy Lieutenant for Fermanagh.

day after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Communion

Thursday August 24th

11.00am – Holy Communion

1.05pm – Healing Service

Sunday 27th August - The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Morning Prayer

Christian Burial

5th June - Eleanor Carole McRoberts,
40 Chanterhill Park, Enniskillen.

The Dean 25 years Ordained

The Dean pictured above with the Select Vestry after a presentation was made to him following a Select Vestry meeting and below on Sunday 11th June, St Barnabas Day, with Churchwardens Vanessa Elliott and Arnold Graham.

The Dean grew up in the parish of Termonmaguirke (Carrickmore), Co. Tyrone. He was educated at Royal School Dungannon and prior to his ordination followed a successful career in the business and financial sector. He returned to study in 1995, was ordained for the Church of Ireland in 1998 and then completed an M Phil with University of Dublin (Trinity

College) in Reconciliation Studies. The culmination of his training for the church came with his ordination on June 11th 1998, St Barnabas Day. St Barnabas was an encourager and, on ordination, the Dean adopted the Saint's approach to his ministry. His first appointment as a minister was as Curate of Derryloran Parish (Cookstown) and then for one year as Curate of Drumglass Parish (Dungannon). His first post of rector was the parishes of Brackville, Donaghendry & Ballyclog (Coalisland & Stewartstown) in the Diocese of Armagh. He was a founder member of both Cookstown &

District Clergy Forum and Dungannon & District Clergy Forum (both ecumenical community groups) and continues to be very actively involved in reconciliation work at local level and on a wider basis represents the Church of Ireland on general committees. In 2010 he was Instituted at Rector of Enniskillen and Installed at Dean of Clogher.

Since coming to Enniskillen Dean Hall has immersed himself fully in parish and community development. St Macartin's is both a parish church and a diocesan cathedral and the dean has striven hard to develop both aspects of this role.

He is a strong believer in inclusion and endeavours to bring those families on the fringes of the Christian church into the fold. He encourages commitment and this extends to the organisation of the Select Vestry where he introduced a practice of appointing new churchwardens each year rather than in alternate years. This means that an increased number of parishioners are involved in the management of church affairs. He also believes in the importance of music in church worship and has put a substantial effort into developing the choir.

Dean Hall was an elected member of the Fermanagh Protestant Board of Education and a member of the Board of Governors of Portora Royal School and of the Board of Governors of Enniskillen Royal Grammar School. He was the Chaplain of Portora Royal School from 2010 until its merger with the Collegiate. Dean Hall is currently Chaplain at the South West Acute Hospital and served in that role in the Erne Hospital previously. He is an elected member of the Diocesan Council (Clerical Honorary Secretary), Glebe's Committee, Finance Committee and serves as Diocesan Nominator and a Representative on the Electoral College. He travelled with a group from the Church of Ireland to the Church of Kenya

in December 2011 to Kajiado Diocese bringing food supplies which were required following the severe drought earlier that year. In October 2014, Dean Hall travelled to visit the Anglican Church in Hong Kong and preached in St John's Cathedral where he delivered a lecture on community relations with reference to the 'Crossing of the Street' by Her Majesty the Queen. Dean Hall devotes an exceptional amount of time to building community life and works very closely with Monsignor Peter O'Reilly on all community matters. This was taken from the Cathedral History Book by Samuel B Morrow

King's Visit to Enniskillen

Pictured above are the Dean and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly being introduced to King Charles by Mrs Jenifer Johnson, a Deputy Lieutenant for Co Fermanagh. King Charles and Queen Camilla's visited Enniskillen on 25th May where they met with local school children, their teachers and classroom assistants and representatives from many voluntary organisations.

Flower Festival

The Flower Festival attracted a large number of visitors from a very wide area in the very fine summer weather. The theme of the Festival was the 'Signs and Sayings in John's Gospel'. Responsibility for arranging the 20 outstanding arrangements rested with members of the Erne Flower Arrangement Society, assisted by two specialists in floral art, Messrs Alan Beatty and James Burnside. Volunteer stewards from the parish were available in the cathedral to give whatever assistance or information required. A very impressive display at the west porch of the cathedral welcomed visitors with the theme "I am the door". Window displays interpreted a number of important biblical sayings such as:



Some of the floral arrangements in the Flower Festival.



"I am the good shepherd" and the act of "Changing water into wine". At the lectern, a very impressive floral display was associated with Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet. The Crucifixion was depicted in the chancel with an elaborate floral display surrounding a large wooden cross surmounted by a crown of thorns. The central pews had a number of displays ranging from "Healing the blind man" to "Feeding the 5000." Displays in the Regimental Chapel included "I am the bread of life". The Book of Remembrance had a very poignant display featuring Jesus' saying: This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends".

The alter in the Regimental Chapel featured "I am the bread of life. However comes to me will never be hungry, and Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty". The final display (St Macartin, St Patrick and St Brigid) in the north porch featured silver birch and mountain ash and other elaborate floral displays appropriate to the saying "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe". Visitors regarded the exhibition as outstanding. It was a great tribute to the flower arrangers in the skill they displayed in translating the biblical sayings into the most attractive and appropriate floral displays.

Visitors had the opportunity of having morning coffee, lunch or an evening meal, provided by volunteer ladies from the parish, in the well decorated Cathedral Hall,

The Dean, The Very Rev Kenny Hall was absolutely delighted with the number of visitors from many different countries who were visiting the town over the weekend, and the local community response. The Dean said 'The Festival provided pleasure and enjoyment to a large number of people who were extremely generous

in their financial support realising in excess of £34,217.81. This will enable the Cathedral to carry on and enhance its work at the Heart of the Community in strengthening commitment, outreach and Christian Love.'

Ashlyn Martin Queen's Award

The Girls' Brigade Queen's Award is highest Award a girl may gain during her years in Girls' Brigade. It covers - Leadership skills, Commitment, In depth knowledge of the Girls' Brigade organisation, Community spirit and good citizenship, and Faith in action. Ashlyn was kept very busy completing all strands especially during Covid and alongside her school studies. However she found it very rewarding as she developed many different skills as well as meeting a whole range of people from all walks of life. Ashlyn is most grateful to all the people who helped her along her way. Ashlyn is pictured with her parents Tanya and Gary.

The Battle of Waterloo Day

Battle of Waterloo – 18th June 1815
In St Macartin's Military Chapel you



Making preparations for refreshments at the Flower Festival.



Ashlyn with her parents.

will find the Standards of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. The Dean had the great pleasure of receiving the last one of these standards, one that had been presented to the Regiment by the then Prince Charles, now King Charles and it was the final Standard of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards to be laid in our cathedral. That Standard now placed on the West Wall depicts the battle honours of the regiment dating back to the eighteenth century including Waterloo. The 6th Inniskillings played a role in just one major action in the battle, but it was an action which was crucial to the outcome of the battle. They arrived on the battlefield resplendent in newly designed uniforms, issued in 1812. A new helmet was made of black leather, with a peak, mountings and crest made of brass. A flowing horse hair plume reached down the back to protect the nape of the neck. Light grey cloth overalls and Wellington boots replaced breeches and jack boots. They were issued with a scarlet cloak, lined with white, and their main weapons were a short musket and a heavy sword.



Dean Hall with Lance Corporal Darren Leckey, who read one of the lessons.

In the early afternoon a dangerous situation was developing in the centre of Wellington's line. Some of the allied battalions were shaken by French cannon fire and had begun to waver. Napoleon had launched his main assault of infantry and cavalry, some 20,000 men, who were approaching Wellington's lines. At this crucial moment, Wellington launched two brigades of heavy cavalry, the Union Brigade and the Household Brigade, some 2,500 men and horses. The Union brigade was to attack the French infantry, the Household Brigade the cavalry. The 6th Inniskillings were in the Union Brigade, the other two regiments being 1st Royal Dragoons (English) and 2nd Royal North British Dragoons (Scottish, known as the Scots Greys). Thus the name UNION—Irish, English and Scottish. None of these three regiments had battle experience.

The Union Brigade rode into a hail of bullets and men and horses crashed to the ground, but they cut great swathes through their opponents. The French infantry dissolved into a horde of refugees. Some 2,000 were captured. Napoleon's major assault had failed. But the cost to the cavalry was high. They burst through into the open and rode on to attack the French artillery. But it was too far. As the blown and scattered horsemen tried to rally and regroup, they were attacked by fresh French cavalry, particularly lancers. The commanding officer of the Union Brigade, General Ponsonby, from Cork, was attacked and killed by lancers. By nightfall, 193 out of 400 Inniskillings were dead or wounded. A high proportion of the soldiers in many of the regiments in the British army which fought at Waterloo were Irishmen. However, three of the regiments had specifically Irish origins – the

6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons, the 27th (Inniskilling) Regiment of Foot and the 18th Hussars. The 27th (Inniskilling) Regiment of Foot was undoubtedly the most Irish, for Ireland was the home of most of the rank and file. It was, in some ways, a 'family' regiment with sons following fathers, brothers and cousins. From the enlistment and muster rolls held in the Inniskillings Museum we get a good idea of just how Irish the regiment was. We can assume many of the men spoke Irish as their first language.

Many men were drawn to soldiering at this time as there were high rates of unemployment in the weaving industry, as well as on farms where many of the labourers worked. This was most likely due to two reasons; the mechanisation of the weaving process as well as a loss of exports caused by the embargos imposed by Napoleon's Continental System, which closed European ports to imports from the United Kingdom.

Prayer

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



One of the Regimental colours laid up in the Cathedral.



The group from the Regimental Pipes and Drums and soldiers from the Royal Dragoon Guards with clergy and churchwardens at Enniskillen Cathedral.

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Worship Times JULY AND AUGUST

10.30am Shared Morning Service in St John's.

8pm Summer Epilogue Service in Kiltermon on Sundays 2nd July, 16th July and 20th August.

SEPTEMBER TO JUNE

9.30am Morning Service, Kiltermon.

11am Morning Service, St John's

Sunday School and Creche fortnightly

7pm Breathe 1st Sunday, Quieter prayer and worship, Parish Hall,

11am Wednesday Prayers at Home

'My times are in your hands' Psalm 31:15

Parish Office

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Hospital Visiting

Pastoral visiting to hospitals is now permitted in most situations.

If you or a family member are in hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Rector: 8952 1030 or email fivemiletownparish2@gmail.com

Holy Baptism

4 June 23 - Carter Stanley, son of Gemma and Andrew Cunningham

11 June 23 - Aria Pearl Glenn, daughter of Zara and Craig Glenn

11 June 23 - Theodore David McBrien, son of Katy-Jane Farrell and Gareth McBrien

Marriage

11 May - Leah Montgomery and Kyle McKinley

9 June - Adele Humphrys and Ryan Keown

17 June - Lousie Cowan and Robert Clements

Christian Burial

29 March - Selina Morrow

22 April - Sarah Coulter

7 May - Doreen Moore

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 21 + Tuesday 22 August

It's been a while since we hosted a summer club.

This year we're planning for a 2 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 with Parish Office and 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 + Mama Johnston's icecream 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 BBQ and Water Games Evening

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 BBQ at the Rectory on 25 August. 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 + 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.

'Magnify the LORD with me, let us exalt His name together.

Psalm 34:3

During July and August we are planning for a Summer Church programme of 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.

Mission Trip To Uganda

In June, Patrick Hanlon travelled to Uganda with leaders and students from the Church Of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy at Queen's University Belfast, to further the work there of Abaana and Waakisa. This follows on from visits by Hayley and Julie Corbett, Muriel Henry and Elliott Hanlon. Thank you to everyone who baked for and supported the coffee morning in the Parish Hall in aid of his visit and the work of Abaana and Waakisa. Monies donated at the coffee morning, including sales of baskets and cakes are shared to support Patrick's visit, and the needs of the other students, as well as fund the work carried out by the team and the projects which Abaana and Wakissa maintain in Uganda.

WEC Kintsugi Day

Parishioners attended this craft day hosted by WEC – World Evangelism Crusade at their Ireland HQ in Scotch Street near Portadown. It was a day which explained the ancient craft of repairing broken pottery items with a semi-precious metal, with the result of the item being more valuable. This related to teaching about repair and restoration in the scriptures.



Patrick Hanlon in Uganda.

A valuable part of the day was meeting Christians from a broad range of churches and hearing about their journey to faith in Jesus. God's Church is indeed a broad commonwealth.

Crosslinks Regional Meeting in Aghavea Parish

Crosslinks recently celebrated its 100th Anniversary. It is an Anglican mission agency which aims to faithfully present the Gospel as revealed in the Bible, and to disciple men, women, young people and children. Several members of the parish accepted this invitation and were joined by churches from two local dioceses. We were welcomed by a daughter of the diocese, Val Gibson (nee Ellis) who comes originally from Innishmacsaint parish in County Fermanagh. The evening was challenging and informative, and it was a good opportunity to renew fellowship with this mission agency.

Leprosy Mission

Sheila Burke continues to encourage us to support the

work of the Leprosy Mission by collecting and donating used stamps. These may be bagged/ enveloped, marked for Sheila Burke and left with the parish office. We greatly enjoyed the visit in November last of their NI Director Joanne Briggs, and look forward to a return visit.

Sunday School

So far, 2023 is proving to be vibrant and full of hope. Our children have learnt and achieved so much already. We now have 87 children enrolled so we continue to grow in numbers also. For the first time in many years our Sparks and Juniors sections decided to work on the Archdeacon Ruddell Prize under the theme of Miracles from January. Great enjoyment was had learning the many miracles of Jesus through different learning styles and children retelling the stories in their own words. A lot of hard work was put into this by teachers and children. Mother's Day was held on 19th March 2023 with a special all age family service and the ladies of the church were presented with beautiful flowers. Our Sunday School led our Palm Sunday Service on 2nd April 2023 which was a beautiful sunny day with young and old



Some of our young peoples' groups.

involved under the theme of Donkey! Our senior children engaged by bringing us a wonderful performance from the dramatized Bible. The church was beautifully decorated with Palm leaves and pictures. Mr Jim Monteith kindly brought his donkey called Lucy for the Parish to enjoy.

We hosted our Good Friday Brunch once again on 9th April 2023 with 60 children in attendance proving a very successful day. Much fun was had through teaching, games, our own version of jumping clay and some lovely food.

A big thank you to all our Sunday school teachers for all your hard work and to our Sunday School families for entrusting your children in our care.

Sunday School will reopen on 10th September 2023

Heather Kirkpatrick

Mums + Tots

As we come to the end of another year of Mums & Tots, we reflect on the year that has passed, on the wonderful opportunity we had to welcome new mums, grandmothers, and child-minders with their little ones, into the church family. You realise you have a window of three years to watch the growth and development of a new-born before they start nursery school. We meet on Monday morning for an hour and a half in the parish hall, to socialise, share stories and encourage one another, over freshly baked scones, tea/coffee. An opportunity for little ones to join in nursery rhymes, play with lots of toys developing creative play, helping them socialise and share. A small group of committed leaders help prepare and organise the morning events.

As we look to the future we hope to get used to the regular practice of meeting once or twice a month, including special events for families, look for new volunteers to help on Monday morning, and identify a large storage space so we can purchase new soft play equipment.

Prayer Course

As the prayer course draws towards a close, may we thank Mr Karl Saunders who diligently travelled after his work each Thursday evening, to set up the technology and bring the Prayer Course to us. This course based on the Lord's Prayer was introduced to us by a young adult in the parish and it has been very beneficial to the 10+ members who gathered for the six sessions. Karl has known about the work of the 24/7 prayer movement for over 20 years and he appreciates the opportunity to help deliver the course to us.

Creative Prayer Morning 'Come To the Waters'

Fivemiletown Parish hosted 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 shared 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 shared a quiet time called 'Breathe', which has been a ministry of the parish now for seven years. It was a quieter time to pray, as we listened to a Bible passage, supported by music

and a time of reflection.

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 is a quieter time in the parish.

Meeting from 7pm on the first Sunday across eight months of the year, Breathe is a time set aside to gather around a piece of scripture, to pray and reflect supported by music and silence.

We continue to pray for

- The Parish and all its people
- The recently bereaved, the unwell, any waiting for surgery
- All who have asked for prayer through Wednesday intercession
- Kate Doherty and Operation Rescue in Ethiopia
- Isabel and Anderson Sanchez working in Lima, Peru
- Stephen McElhinny, Claire Holmes and the work of SAMS
- The Leprosy Mission, parish link Sheila Burke: NI Director, Joanne Briggs
- The Church's Ministry Of Healing and Rev'd Dr Pat Mollen
- The Fellowship Of Contemplative Prayer and Canon Fox

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True Rest for the Weary Soul

"Come unto Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."
Matthew 11:28-30.

If you are weary and heavy laden, come to Jesus, the gracious one, and learn from Him all that He has done for you. His yoke is easy and His burden is light. By His grace, find rest, yes, true rest for your soul. Perhaps you have been saying that God is behind your troubles. Perhaps you are not saying anything about the Lord at all. Perhaps God seems far away and you feel cut off from Him.

If that is you, can I encourage you to take

a break today from whatever you have on your busy to-do list, and simply take time to dwell in His sweet presence? God is not distant; sometimes we are just too distracted to hear His voice or sense His loving presence. Take a moment and see yourself in His secret place. Abide under His shadow. Savour His favour. Receive His wisdom. And find rest for your troubled soul. The feeling of being distant from God is only a feeling, nothing more. He has promised in His Word that He will never leave you nor forsake you (Hebrews 13:5).

Services in July

Sunday 2nd July 2023 - The Fourth Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning

Prayer with LOL in attendance
 12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: A
 Celebration of Holy Communion
**Sunday 9th July 2023 - The Fifth Sunday
 After Trinity**

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: A
 Celebration of Holy Communion
 7.30pm: Galloon Parish Church: Evening
 Prayer with Newtownbutler District LOL in
 attendance

**Sunday 16th July 2023 - The Sixth Sunday
 After Trinity**

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning
 Prayer
 12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church:
 Morning Prayer

3pm: Drummully Parish Church: Evening
 Prayer with Drummully RBP in attendance.

**Sunday 23rd July 2023 - The Seventh
 Sunday After Trinity**

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning
 Prayer
 12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church:
 Morning Prayer

**Sunday 30th July 2023 - The Eighth Sun-
 day After Trinity**

10.30am: Galloon Parish Church: Morning
 Prayer Group service

Services in August

**Sunday 6th August 2023 - The Ninth Sun-
 day After Trinity**

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Holy
 Communion
 10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Holy
 Communion

19.30pm: Galloon Parish Church: Evening
 Prayer with RPB in attendance.

**Sunday 13th August 2023 - The Tenth
 Sunday After Trinity**

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning
 Prayer
 12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church:
 Morning Prayer

**Sunday 20th August 2023 - The Eleventh
 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 27th August 2023 - The Twelfth
 Sunday After Trinity**

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning
 Prayer
 12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church:
 Morning Prayer

A Fabulous Night at The Killyhelvin Hotel

All three parishes came together to have
 a wonderful evening of food, fun and
 fellowship at the Killyhelvin Hotel. We
 were delighted to be able to be out and



Andy and Brian enjoying the meal in
 the Killyhelvin Hotel.



Charlotte, Emily and Rueben.



Beulah and Margaret.



Paul enjoying the Beetle Drive.



Cherry and William.



Gladys and Richard.



The Crawford and McMenamin family enjoying
 themselves.



Petula, Eileen, Joe, Brian, John H, John R, and Hazel

about again. Thanks to Joyce Clingan who
 organised a great beetle drive assisted by
 the Sunday School children.

Children's Day

We celebrated Children's Day on all three
 parishes on Sunday 4th June. This year
 the theme was: Fit for a King. We had
 many Kings, Queens and Princesses in
 attendance at all three services.



Little Zoey with her granny Petula enjoying her new
 toy purchased at Drummully car-boot sale.

Dates for Your Diary

**Drummully Parish Coffee Morning and
 Car-boot Sale**

Why not come along for a lovely morning
 coffee at Drummully Parish Church on
 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.



Making a welcome cup of tea at the car boot sale are
 Eileen and Hazel.

Galloon Autumn Auction

We are looking forward to welcoming you back to Galloon Parish Hall, Newtownbutler on Saturday 2nd September. This is an auction with something for everyone and should not to be missed. Come along, bid, get yourself a bargain and enjoy the "craic". Refreshments will be on sale. Viewing is on the morning of the auction from 11am. We plan having a great sale of logs and sticks to keep you warm over the winter months.

Christmas Craft Fair

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

Christmas Tree Festival in Galloon

We are looking forward to the Community coming together to celebrate Christmas as we plan our Winter Wonderland

Christmas Tree Festival. Viewing will begin on Friday 8th December and our weekend will conclude with a carol service on Sunday 10th December. More information will follow.

Congratulations

We wish Jim and Margaret Wiggins every happiness and joy on the birth of their first grandson, Henry. We send huge congratulations to Mr George Little on his 80th birthday. We wish him many more years of health and happiness.

Abbie meets King Charles III and Queen Camilla

Abbie McAlister had a great day in Enniskillen not only meeting King Charles and Queen Camilla but she was also chosen to be part of the choir to sing for their visit. Well done Abbie.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Church Services Diary

JULY

Sunday 9 July 2023

Belleek 11.30am, HC.
Garrison 3pm Parade Service

Sunday 16 July 2023

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am both MP.

Sunday 23 July 2023

Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both MP

Sunday 30 July 2023

Group Service
11.30am Slavin, tea afterwards

AUGUST

Sunday 6 August 2023

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, both HC

Sunday 13 August 2023

Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both HC

Sunday 20 August 2023

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, both MP

Sunday 27 August 2023

Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both MP

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 3 September 2023



Canon Noel Regan planting an oak tree to mark the Coronation of King Charles accompanied by the Bishop of Clogher, Revd Rebecca Guildea and Canon Alan Irwin, Rural Dean.

Garrison 10am, Slavin 11.30am, both HC

Sunday 13 September 2023

Kiltyclogher 10am, Belleek 11.30am, both HC

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.

All events will take a pause for the summer break.

Notes from the Rectory:

Weeding. Nobody enjoys it, right? Pricking out small weeds can be oddly satisfying, but taking out ivy and brambles? Not so much. And stinging nettles...don't get me started.

The secret of course is to get them before they're too big. So in the flowerbed in front of the rectory, whenever I go out to water the plants (which has been a lot over these sultry days), I try to notice little weeds coming up, and take them out. Leave them too long, and the tap root deepens. Then you have a real job on

your hands.

At the minute, we're taking out ivy from the boundary wall. Ivy seedlings are small and innocent to look at – you would hardly imagine the damage the adult plant can do, and is doing, to the beautiful old walls around our garden.

The confession we say at the start of every service is sort of like 'weeding'. Examining the state of one's soul and pricking out anything before it gets too big...before that spirit of bitterness and unforgiveness from a passing slight becomes a deep-rooted weed, poisoning your own soul, infecting the community of believers. Before that spirit of criticism toward your spouse starts to destroy the foundations of your marriage. Spot the weeds and pull them young, before the real harm is done. In his book 'Restoring your Spiritual Passion' (which we are studying this Summer as a church), Gordon Macdonald tells the story of Francis Bacon. A highly ambitious man, Bacon climbed the ranks in British politics, eventually becoming Attorney General through a series of astute political manoeuvres. Yet he fell into disgrace when it was revealed that he had taken bribes while in office; he was



The Belleek basket presented to Revd Noel Regan and some of the parishioners who attended the dedication service in Belleek.



convicted, fined, and sent to the Tower of London.

From the ashes of his glittering career, Bacon realised that he had ignored the one place that would prove his downfall – ‘the evil that ambushes from within’. ‘So, as I may truly say’ he wrote ‘my soul hath been a stranger in the course of my pilgrimage.’ (Quoted in Gordon Macdonald, *Restoring your Spiritual Passion*, Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1989 p. 108)

Self-examination may look like time-wasting to the casual observer. Why spend time in reflection when you could be doing God’s work out in the world? But however many roses you plant, they will be overcome by brambles if you never take out the little shoots of weeds that surround them. Whatever we do for God, sin can bring it crashing down in a moment, if we don’t take the time to look into our own soul, to check our motives, to ask, as the psalmist does:

‘Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my deepest thoughts; See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.’ (Ps 139:23-24).

So with those thoughts, I leave you to your Summer. And hopefully, your garden has

fewer weeds than mine!

**Every blessing,
Rev. Rebecca**

Summer Social Series of Events

Brendan Guildea and Helen Gunner organised numerous social outings for the summer period;

On 1st April, the men enjoyed a bowling trip in Bundoran and a meal following. At the end of April, a family event was a boat trip to Slieve League.

On 27 May nearly 20 parishioners went on the Erne Tours Sunset Cruise around Enniskillen.

On 24 June we are planning to go to Parke’s Castle, Sligo with another boat trip included.

The final trip for the summer will be the Cuilcagh Stairway Walk on 29 July. Thanks very much to Helen for sorting out bookings for all!

Dedication Service In Belleek

On Sunday 28th May, a Service of Dedication was held in Belleek Church, led by Revd Rebecca Guildea. The Potter’s Wheel Window and a plaque was dedicated by the Bishop of Clogher, Rt Rev. Dr Ian Ellis. The Rural Dean Canon Alan Irwin was also in attendance. James



Pye welcomed Canon Noel Regan who was responsible for the extension to the Church and a new East Window in 2009. The completion was marked with a Flower Festival, 14 years ago this year. Canon Noel gave an account of the work which went on and how the whole community had worked so well together with the parishioners from within the group. The design of the window recognised the close connection with the church and the Pottery, with Robert William Armstrong, a founder of the Pottery, buried in Belleek churchyard and William Henshall, who brought the art of basket weaving to Belleek, also buried in Belleek. The Bible Readings were by Maria



Enjoying some refreshments after the service.





The Churchwardens, Rachel Love and James Pye with Canon Alan Irwin, Revd Rebecca Guildea, Bishop Ian Ellis and Revd. Noel Regan.



At the dedication service are (from left); Mrs. Joan Regan, Betty Johnston, Helen Thompson, Canon Noel Regan and Rachel Love.

McGuinness and Canon Noel Regan. The organist was Mrs. Sadie Moore. Anne McCaughey, accompanied by Louise Leonard and Sinead Daly sang a solo, 'Beauty for Brokenness'. Helen Thompson presented Canon Noel with a Belleek Basket, a replica of the one presented by Belleek Pottery to King Charles on his recent visit to Enniskillen. The basket had been hand painted by Rachel Love. Betty Johnston presented Joan Regan with a pot of flowers.

Canon Noel planted an oak tree in the church yard to mark the recent Coronation of King Charles.

Lunch was served in the Wark Hall after the service.

Belleek CPS School Garden

The school prayer garden is taking shape, with raised beds installed by Belleek Men's Shed and topsoil put down with the help of many school parents. We appreciate all help given to this project.

Mothers' Union

Members of our Mothers' Union Branch travelled to St Patrick's Church in Monaghan on Friday 19th May for the Festival Service which was a service of

Holy Communion. Our banner was carried by Gwen Meehan and the Worldwide collection was presented by Joy Graham. Bishop Ian Ellis and the Rector led the Service and the address was by the Rector, Revd. Chancellor Ian Berry.

Members enjoyed the service in such a beautiful church and the lovely supper afterwards in the church hall.

Dot Barlow, Branch leader, helped by parishioners and members of the Mothers' Union have launched a monthly soup and sandwiches outreach to members of the local community. We have had large numbers in attendance, and many commented on how much they had enjoyed the chance to catch up with others over a hot meal.

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 remember Freda Allingham and pray for her continuous improvement from her knee operation.

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, 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.

Details of other harvest services in the September magazine.

Exciting

Events are coming up in November! More details in September's edition!

SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish website:

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

Facebook

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



Garrison Mothers' Union attending the Festival Service in Monaghan.



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Singing for the King

Lucy Muldoon was one of those chosen to sing for King Charles and Queen Consort Camilla when they visited Enniskillen recently. Congratulations Lucy!

Confirmation

The Bishop will come to Inishmacsaint church on Sunday, 22nd October 2023 for a Service of Confirmation. If there are any who are interested in confirming their baptismal promises please contact Revd Stephanie Woods.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Zara Ferguson on her engagement to Andrew Hill.

Condolence

The parish extends its heart felt sympathies to the family and friends of the late Lynn Heslip, formerly of Lisbellaw,



Diana and her bridesmaids.



Diana and Niall being showered by confetti.



The couple outside the church.

the late Mary Jane (Minnie) Armstrong formerly of Enniskillen and the late Irene (Rene) Elliott formerly of Lisbellaw.

Harvest

Harvest services will be on Friday, 13th

and Sunday morning, 15th October 2023.

Carols by Candlelight

Carols by Candlelight service will be on Sunday, 17th December 2023 at 7.30pm.



Inishmacsaint was represented at the Mothers' Union Festival Service.



Lucy, who sang for King Charles and Queen Camilla.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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Is it really about life?

Jesus taught his disciples in John 10:10 that there is a personality who comes to kill and steal and destroy, whose strategy and



intentions are only to instigate negative, evil, anti-Christian influences in the world. Jesus infers that this can be a vendetta that can get personal and compares this strategy to his strategy which is to bring and offer an abundant, full life to all who will receive it by faith. The Christian faith is supposed to be about life, and not any ordinary life but the best life. If Jesus is offering it and is behind the offer – it must be a top quality product that is on offer – and as the parable of the pearl of great price might just suggest – it is an offer, a gift, that is worth giving up everything to get hold of it. The gift of salvation, of

forgiveness by way of repentance and faith, is a gift like no other, a gift that is free but the world's wealthiest person cannot buy it nor can it be sold – it is free to all who call upon the name of the Lord. It is a gift that enables entrance into the kingdom of God and one day into his nearer presence. It is a most generous and gracious and loving invitation to leave hurt, darkness, sin, destruction, behind and step into the light of God's love and love and love and live like never before. This gift may be discovered through a journey of seeking understanding but it will demand a decision to lay hold of it. Have you given



Attending the barbecue.

the Lord your “yes” yet, are you on a faith journey of discovery, are you pondering the depths of life’s meaning? Jesus is the answer. For hope in life. Jesus is the answer. To have assurance of a future home in heaven. Jesus is the answer. To find your way into a relationship with God. Jesus is the answer. As we look across the fields of summer towards September and ponder the possibilities of what the next church year might hold. Jesus is the answer. May we have a greater understanding and appreciation that Jesus is the head of the church and that the future of it might depend more acutely on him. What is he saying to the church in our time, in our nation, and how might we be able to hear his instructions and fully obey them. Holy Spirit give us ears to hear and hearts ready to respond quickly and fully to all that you are saying to us.

Messy Kids

At the end of May we held our last Messy Kids before the summer break. We enjoyed a variety of different crafts some with a focus on Pentecost which was almost upon us. It has been a real blessing to have been able to run Messy Kids over the last year with many thanks to the parents and grandparents who came along with their children. We look forward to beginning again after the summer holidays.

Midweek Fellowship Group

Our Midweek Fellowship Group concluded the series on the Letters to the Seven Churches in Revelation 2 and 3. It was an opportunity to look at the strengths and weaknesses of those early Christian churches and see how we might be able to learn from their commendable endeavours as well as their mistakes. It was a study

that was most relevant for us in our day as we face the challenges from culture and society and the struggle to remain faithful to the Lord and His word.

Car Treasure Hunt and Barbecue

Our Car Treasure Hunt was blessed this year with beautiful weather, good cooks and great team work to make it all run so smoothly. The hunt was about 20 miles long and around many country roads with a number of out-of-car stops to search for clues. It was a challenging hunt with most finding their way back to base without too many detours but fun was had by all and a burger or two guaranteed at the end for all.

Queen Elizabeth II’s Vintage and Modern Tractor Run

Our fantastic local primary school organised a very successful Tractor Run in Mid June to raise money for Air Ambulance. There was a great community spirit about the event with many helpers coming from our parishes as well as the school board of governors and across the wider community too. After all the organising and team work it was great to have around 80 tractors participating and many more families and friends from across the community and further afield coming along to view the vintage ones, in



Gathering for the tractor run.

particular. A great day was enjoyed by all.

Children’s Day

On Sunday 18th June both of our parishes gathered to celebrate and give thanks for our children’s ministries. It was great to have the support of the many family and friends who came out to see their children receive prizes for attendance in Sunday School over the year. It was also an opportunity to say a big thank you to all of those Sunday School teachers and helpers who have made it possible to keep our Sunday Schools going in challenging post-covid circumstances and also to say thank you to parents for continuing to bring their children along faithfully. Both parishes enjoyed ice-cream to finish the Sunday School season which was appropriate and appreciated in the hot weather of the day. We look forward to another good year when we return again after the summer break.

A Big Thank You

A very big thank you to all across our organisations, groups, leadership teams, and helpers, who so faithfully gave of their time and effort and resources to make all of our ministries, work, and events run and happen throughout the year. That’s Girls’ Brigade, Sunday School, Senior Citizen’s Group, Youth Group, Select Vestries, Bowling Club, Messy Kids, Prayer Group, Fellowship Group, those who serve as school governors, Outreach teams, wardens and more... Without you it wouldn’t have happened and couldn’t have happened. Your dedication and service was a blessing to our parishes and we pray that you will discover that as you have given, you have also been blessed yourself.

Service Schedule for July

2nd - Kiskeery at 11:00am
 9th - Trillick at 11:00am and 7:30pm
 16th – Kiskeery at 11:00am
 23rd – Trillick at 11:00am
 30th – Kiskeery at 11:00am

Service Schedule for August

Trillick at 10:30am each Sunday
 Kiskeery at 11:45am each Sunday

Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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Looking Back

It was a joy on 8th June to enter for the second year a football team to represent the Parish in the inter-church Barnabas Cup at Ballinamallard. A great night of good-natured sport, fun and fellowship was enjoyed by the players and supporters alike. Congratulations to both finalists and to the Lisbellaw team on getting there - only to narrowly lose out on sudden death penalty kicks! Next year lads...

Earlier in the day (8th June) in the Parish Centre we hosted a session for adults on positive mental health and wellbeing open to the whole community and delivered by the organisation, Inspire.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Warm congratulations go out from all in the parish to Charles and Frances Barr on recently celebrating their golden wedding anniversary with family and friends. They don't look old enough...looking great!

Sunday School and Bridge

Our children and young people are the future of the Church, and it is always



Mark and Megan's wedding.



The Barr family at Charles and Frances' Golden Wedding Anniversary.

so good to have them involved in our monthly family services. Here we have their involvement in the May family service and look forward to reporting on the annual prizegiving service in the next edition. Thanks as always go out to our wonderful teachers, helpers, and parents in their support of our young people - and nurturing them in the Christian faith - to be followers of Jesus Christ. Sunday School and Bridge are open to all primary school age children and junior secondary school age young people in our Parish and Community - and all our most welcome. Wishing our teachers and helpers a restful, peaceful summer.

New Churchwardens

My sincere thanks to Jean and Sadie, our new Rector's and People's Churchwardens respectively on how quickly they have got to grips with their new roles. God Bless you both as you serve Him (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and the people in these important roles.

Church and Flowers

I wish to take this opportunity to thank



The wedding flowers for Mark and Megan's wedding.



Charles and Frances Barr celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

all who keep Lisbellaw and Coolbuck Churches so clean and tidy week in and week out for our services - and for the beautiful flowers supplied which enhance our worship and help draw us closer to God.

Christian Burial

The parish was greatly saddened by the passing of one of our oldest and most highly esteemed parishioners, Irene Elliott (95 years), known to many as "Rene".

Rene passed away peacefully on 12th June and her funeral and Service of Thanksgiving was held on 16th June. Sincere love and prayers to Rene's dear family. May Rene rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.



Christian Marriage

The 20th May was a day of great joy for the Hood and Hutchinson families - when Mark Hood and Megan Hutchinson tied the knot! A beautiful service took place in Holy Trinity Crom. We offer the young couple our good wishes and prayers for many happy and loving years together.



At the family service.

Looking Forward

At my time of writing, we look forward to another Holy Baptism at the end of June with the possibility of two more baptisms over the summer months which we look forward to reporting on in the September edition of the Clogher Diocesan magazine.

Midweek Services

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 confirmed or explore baptism and confirmation should also contact me to discuss further at their convenience.

Parish Cake Sale

This will take place in Lisbellaw Parish Centre on Saturday 16th September



(*time(s) tbc) as a parish fundraiser to help offset recent lightning conductor work expenses around Parish Church. Save the date and please support. Many thanks. Wishing all a restful and peaceful summer!

**Every Blessing,
Rev'd William**

Summer Services

Please note that the usual pattern of services in Lisbellaw and Coolbuck alter during the summer months of July and August due to summer leave etc. There will be (DV) a service in Lisbellaw Parish Church every Sunday during the summer – to which all are warmly invited. Please note the following: -

Sunday 2 July

11am HC Lisbellaw

3pm HC Coolbuck

Sunday 9 July

11am MP Lisbellaw – *with Lisbellaw LOL

District attending.

3pm EP Coolbuck

Sunday 16 July

11am MP Lisbellaw

Sunday 23 July

11am MP Lisbellaw

Sunday 30 July

11am MP Lisbellaw

Sunday 6 August

11am MP Lisbellaw

Sunday 13 August

11am SOTW with Holy Baptism Lisbellaw

- *tbc

3pm SOTW with Holy Baptism Coolbuck

- *tbc

Sunday 20 August

11am HC Lisbellaw

3pm HC Coolbuck

Sunday 27 August

11am MP Lisbellaw

3pm EP Coolbuck



The Lisbellaw team at the Barnabas Cup



The new Churchwardens, Jean and Sadie.

Lisnaskea



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Services for July

10.30am

Sunday 2nd

Holy Communion

Sunday 9th

Morning Prayer & Orange Parade

Sunday 16th

Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd

Morning Prayer

(Collection for sponsored children)

Sunday 30th

Morning Prayer

Services for August

10.30am

Sunday 6th

Holy Communion

Sunday 13th

Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th



The Sunday School children.

Morning Prayer

Sunday 27th

Morning Prayer

(Collection for sponsored children)

Holy Baptism

Sunday 28th May

■ Lewis Alexander Lucy, Rabbit Burrow
Road, Lisbellaw, a son to Stephen and
Lindsay.

■ Arianna Amelia Boyd, 18 Sylvan Hill,
Lisnaskea, a daughter to Glenn and Klaudia.
Congratulations to both couples on their
new arrivals.

Burial

Wednesday 7th June - Edith Mary Forde, 5
Moat Road, Lisnaskea.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the
Forde family circle at this sad time.

Prize-giving and Summer party

At our family service in May, members of

Sunday School were presented with gift
vouchers for Oasis book shop and the
following Sunday they enjoyed an end of
term party.

Thank you to the parents who gave of
their time throughout the year to get the
Sunday School back up and running and
for organising events for the children. It is
important this is kept going and we would
encourage others to come along and
consider helping out from time to time.

Concert

Plans are being put in place for a concert on
Friday 27th October
in The Archdale Centre featuring the
"Silvertones" and other artists.
Further details to follow.



The Boyd family at the baptism.



The baptism for the Lucy family.

Magheracross



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Portrush Raft Race

At the end of May and after months of planning, Magheracross was able to enter a team into the annual Portrush Raft Race in aid of RNLI. The course began with a “Monaco-style” start with the teams running from the waterline of the West Stand to pick up their rafts at the wall and then launch these varied constructions into the sea (which had a few large waves). The course took them round a buoy in the bay and then into the harbour. Approximately 40 rafts took part with only a few disintegrating. Thankfully, although our team (named ducks on a raft) did not win, they finished the course in a very acceptable position. The team of four were Simon Johnston, Josh Lee, Matthew Higginbotham and Alan Quinn supported by their fan base. Thank you to all who provided sponsorship, paddles, lifejackets and barrels.

The Barnabas Cup

The 2023 Barnabas Cup took place on Thursday June 8th at Fisher Park. Seven teams were registered – Aghadrumsee Parish, Lisbellaw Parish, Castleberg Parish, Trory and Killadeas Parishes, Magheracross Parish and two teams from Brookborough Elim. The format



The MU members at Clogher Cathedral.

was composed of two mini-leagues followed by kick-out semis and the final which was between Lisbellaw Parish and Magheracross Parish. This proved to be a tight game which led to an unproductive Golden Goal followed by a penalty shoot-out. The winners of the tournament were the local team, Magheracross with Lisbellaw as runners up.

Thank you to all who took part and organized the individual teams and to Richard McBride and Gordon Lee who managed the overall event.

The tournament began in 2014 and was won by Brookborough Elim. Magheracross took the trophy in 2015 and it then went to Castleberg in '16, '17, '18, '19' and '22.

Sunday School

The Sunday School year drew to a close on June 11th with a family service followed by a fun and games lunch including a bouncy castle. The Family Service, on the theme of friendship, included exceptional singing from the Sunday School choir. We were delighted with this year's attendance, especially after two years absence, and we are grateful to the leadership team for re-establishing this important part of our church's ministry.



The raft race crew from Ballinamallard in Portrush.



The knitted cathedral in Clogher visited by the Mothers' Union members.

Outdoor Service

It was an exceptionally hot Sunday Morning for our outdoor service this year but thankfully there was sufficient shade for those who needed it. The children were able to sit on rugs under the trees and others sported wide brimmed hats, umbrellas etc! The service was led by the Revd John Beacom with music provided by Hazel Darragh and Charles Fyffe. Naomi Armstrong provided the children's address and the Archdeacon provided the address on the theme of unity. Thank-you to Severfield for the use of their carpark.



The Rector with Revd John Beacom and Naomi Armstrong at the outdoor service.



Taking part in the Barnabas Cup.

Mothers' Union

Our Mothers' Union had a very enjoyable day out on Saturday, 3rd June when 30 members gathered at Rusks restaurant, Fivemiletown and enjoyed a lovely lunch. We then travelled to Clogher Cathedral where the sexton, Joyce Stafford spoke to us about the knitted cathedral. We then had an opportunity to see the masterpiece and it surely is a wonderful achievement and well worth a visit.

Hilary Keys then gave us a very interesting talk on her visit to York Minster to receive Maundy Money.

Our Mothers' Union Branch will meet again in September and the Branch Leader, Norma Scott wished everyone a good summer break.

Catering

This summer Ballinamallard Village will host the Annual 12th July Parade. There



will be many catering outlets and the Parish will be providing meals (booked in advance) and refreshments in the Archdale Hall.

Activity Week

Naomi, our youth worker, has organized a special week of activities in August. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details.

Institution

The institution of our rector to Dunluce Parish will take place on Friday August 18th in St John the Baptist Church, Bushmills. We also extend our blessing to Andrew and Joanne Quill in Dromore Parish as they set out on their new adventure to serve the church in South Sudan.

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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A note from Revd Abraham

We celebrated Pentecost Sunday this year on May 28th, 2023, which brought the conclusion of the 50 days of the Easter Season that began on 'Easter Sunday' (April 9th).

Pentecost is, for many people, the time when they turn their attention to the New Testament, and to the person and work of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:1-6)

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them"

Although Pentecost is not as well-known as Christmas or Easter, it is without doubt one of the great-est festivals of the Church, and it is profoundly significant.

It marks the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus Christ and their transformation from a frightened and doubtful group of individuals hidden away in an upper room somewhere in Jerusalem with the doors are bolted shut in 'fear of the Jews.' Into a group of men who will boldly proclaim the message of the 'Risen Christ' and will also be men who would face martyrdom for what they believed.





Representatives from Fermanagh Girl Guiding meeting King Charles and Queen Camilla in Enniskillen.

Just as the 'Holy Spirit transformed the perplexed and fearful disciples and gave them a divine purpose on earth and granted them the power by which they could accomplish the will and proclaim the message of Jesus Christ to the world. In the same way, in the world today that same spirit, will grant us—his disciples on earth today this life-giving privilege. The Spirit is a gift, it is something to be received we cannot take it, it must be received—accepted or rejected. When the disciples received the gift on the Holy Spirit on that first Christian Pentecost Sunday 20000+ years ago they were able to "go and make disciples of all the nations". (Matthew 28:19)

In the fallen world today, we too can be fearful and perplexed, and we can bolt the doors to our rooms and our hearts, or we can receive him and his gifts and spread the 'Truth' of he who stands among us. 'Peace be with you' Abraham.

Ladies Night

A very enjoyable Ladies Night was held on 17th May 2023 in the Ardess Parish Centre. Our inspirational speaker was Maureen Ross Jones. Her topic was "Moving into position for God's Best" from the Book of Ruth. Her passion for God and His Holy Word was so evident and touched many hearts for God. The night ended with supper enjoyed by all. A total of £430 was raised for Open Doors - a non-denominational mission supporting persecuting Christians around the world. A sincere thank you to all involved in making the night so successful.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union had a wonderful evening at Lusty Beg Island, accessed via the Corloughoroo ferry (photo), on 24th May 2023. Rev Abraham and his wife, Gertie, were invited to join them and they had an enjoyable time whilst having a

delicious meal on the island and admiring the amazing scenery.

Guides Meeting The King And The Queen

On 25th May 2023, The King and The Queen visited the Enniskillen Castle as part of their visit to North-ern Ireland. They met with local organisations including members of the local Girl Guides (photos) with our local Girl Guide leader and County Commissioner, Caroline Neville.

St. George's Day at Windsor Castle

Maurice and Louie Lee members of Ardess Parish were recently invited to Windsor Castle as part of the St George's Day of Celebration and Achievement, Maurice in his capacity of Group Scout Leader of 1st Magheraculmoney (Kesh). The invitation was in recognition of his previous award of the Silver Wolf (Highest award in Scouting). Guests of Honour present were HRH Duke of Kent and Chief Scout Bear Grylls. Maurice and Louie also



Maurice and Louie Lee.

had an invitation to attend the Matins Service at St George's Chapel prior to the event. A very memorable visit indeed. Also present were Carl Hankinson, Chief Commissioner UK and Stephen Donaldson, NI Chief Commissioner for Scouting.

Friends In The Afternoon

The Friends in the Afternoon outing took place on Tuesday 13th June. Over 30 people met up at Ardess Parish Church car park to get on Stewart Graham's bus for the journey to Donegal. As soon as we had left, there was a thunder downpour and it rained for most of the journey down. We stopped at Donegal for an hour shopping (and fortunately, there was only a few light drops of rain). We enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea with scones and a variety of traybake at Donegal Church of Ireland hall. When we left the church hall, it was the most beautiful hot sunny evening. On the bus home, we were able to enjoy and absorb the impressive scenery with the striking fields of rhododendrons along the mountain road to Pet-tigo.

Summer Events

Sunday Services

Sunday Services will continue throughout the summer at 11.00am at Ardess Parish Church. There will be no Children's Church during the summer months.

Holiday Bible Club

Children's Holiday Bible Club will be on in August and will be based on the theme of 'God knows and loves me': 10.30am - 12.30pm Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th August 2023 at The Fountain Centre, Kesh. This will be for primary school children aged four and upwards. Everyone is welcome.

Barbecue

On Wednesday 9th August, at 7.00pm, there will be a celebratory barbecue for

the children and their parents/guardians.

September/October

The following events will commence again in September/October (dates and times to be advised): Magheraculmoney Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers at The Fountain Centre; Friends in the Af-ternoon; Wednesday Prayer; Magheraculmoney Beavers, Cubs and Scouts; Ardess In-Stitches; Mothers Union; Fountain Youth Club and Life Groups.

Funerals

6th June 2023 -Deirdre Lafferty (aged 60), Ederney.

Baptisms

4th June 2023 - Jacob Patrick Forbes, son of Ryan Forbes and Zoe Hunter, Ederney.



Mothers' Union members on the Corloughoroo Ferry to Lusty Beg Island.



Rev'd Abraham with the Forbes-Hunter family at the baptism service.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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*'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work'.
2 Timothy 3:16-17*

On 11th June 2023 we were blessed with the presentation of a new Bible for the lectern in Maguiresbridge. We held a special service for the dedication of this gift, and our focus for the morning was 'the Bible'. Most, if not all, homes across the country will have a Bible. The Bible is the means by which we learn about the history of God's people, and about his plans for humankind. The Bible is one of the main ways in which the teaching of Christ is imparted. It contains words of comfort and blessing. It brings warnings and rebuke for our protection. It guides us along the right paths and it leads us



The clergy at the installation of canons.

to the place that God has prepared for us. But for all of the wonderful things that the Bible does for us – are we reading it enough? Have we formed that regular habit of reading God's word on a daily basis? Have we allowed the reading of the Bible to become part of our daily routine? Do we give God time each day, so that we can learn and grow in his word? The challenge with the Bible is that some of it is very heavy. If we start in to some parts of the Old Testament, we can quickly feel overwhelmed and begin to run for the hills. But the call, as with all good habits, is to take just enough for each day. Just as we eat a certain amount of food each day so as we don't overeat and become uncomfortable, so we need to read just enough of our Bible each day, so that we are sustained and not overwhelmed. And, just as we need food to nourish us, so we also need our

Bibles to sustain our spiritual health. I often think about the manual for a car. I have no knowledge about cars at all, so for me to lift the bonnet of the car and try to begin to fix any problem my car may have would be irresponsible, dangerous, and would probably cause more harm than good. At the very least, I would need to read the car manual to get an understanding of how things work. Surely this is the same for our Bibles? How can we expect to follow God's path if we aren't familiar with his manual, the Bible? How can we expect God to guide us and nurture us and bless us, if we don't open His book and familiarise ourselves with it? How can we grow on our faith journey if we don't partake of his special word on a regular basis? For a number of years now, I have been using the 'Bible in a Year' app provided by United Christian Broadcasters. This gives a manageable



The Howe family at the presentation of a new lectern bible.

piece of Scripture to read each day. When the app is followed on a daily basis, by the time the end of December comes, the whole Bible will have been read – what an achievement! And if you carry this through for another year, you will soon become very familiar with your Bible and all of the wonderful stories and history contained within it. The key is to form the habit of regular Bible reading on a daily basis. Even if it is only a chapter a day, or a few verses. Our spiritual needs are as important as our physical needs, and so they should be feed every day, just as our bodies are. I challenge you to give the app a try – or even simply begin with a chapter a day. Begin the habit. Allow it to build, and give God the opportunity to guide you along the path that he has already prepared for you.

Baptism

On Sunday 21st May 2023 Ivy Amelia was presented for Baptism in Maguiresbridge. It was wonderful to see so many there



The baptismal service.

to support her as she began her faith journey. We continue to pray for Ivy, her brother Will, and her parents Gary and Alison as they support and nurture her in the faith.

Brownies meet King Charles and Queen Camilla

On Thursday 25th May 2023 one of our Brownie leaders and two of our girls met our new King and Queen at Enniskillen Castle. The girls looked very smart in their uniforms, and they did us proud as they shook hands with King Charles and Queen Camilla!

Scripture Union 'It's Your Move!'

The Rector supported our local Scripture Union Rep in the delivery of classes in Maguiresbridge Primary School. These included 'Fist Pump 5' and 'It's Your Move'. The latter sessions aimed to support our Primary 7 pupils as they prepare to begin Secondary School in September. The Church also provided the Scripture Union 'It's Your Move' Book for each pupil as a gift, so that they would have further support on hand as they take this important step.



Claire Boles with her parents after her Paris Olympics selection.

Mothers' Union

On Friday 19th May 2023 some of our Mothers' Union members travelled to St. Patrick's Church in Monaghan



for the Festival Service. The annual service was attended by Mothers' Union branches from across the diocese and it was wonderful to see so many in attendance. Bishop Ellis presided at Holy Communion, and was assisted by Chancellor Ian Berry, and the Mothers' Union Chaplain for the Diocese, Revd. Charles Eames. Chancellor Berry also preached at the service, whilst Mothers' Union members read the lessons and led the intercessions. Tea was served afterwards.

MU annual outing

Both Mothers' Union branches travelled to St. Macartin's Flower Festival for their annual outing this year. It was a very enjoyable day viewing all the wonderful displays, and enjoying refreshments in the hall afterwards. A fantastic way to end another busy year for both branches.

Claire triumphs in Toulouse!

Congratulations to Claire Boles who has qualified for the 2024 Paris Olympics as part of the Ireland Women's sevens team! We continue to pray for Claire and her team mates over the coming months, and wish them all God's richest blessing! What an achievement!

Installation of Canons

Congratulations to Revd. Canon John Woods, Prebendary of Donacavey, Revd. Canon John McClenaghan, Prebendary of Tyholland, and Revd. Canon Alan Irwin, Prebendary of Kilskeery, who were installed as Canons in St. Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen on 31st May 2023. Revd Canon Paul Thompson, Prebendary of Donaghmore was also invited, as Diocesan Representative Canon to the National Cathedral of St. Patrick, Dublin,



Carrying the standard at the MU Festival Service.

to take a stall among the Chapter of Clogher. We wish them God's richest blessing as they begin this new chapter in their ministry.

New Lectern Bible for Maguiresbridge

On 11th June 2023 Christ Church Maguiresbridge was presented with a new Bible for the lectern. This was a gift from the Howe family, in memory of Derek. It was very encouraging to see Derek's wife, Pearl, and his sons, Rodney, Mark and Glenn, supported by so many family and friends. Derek was a regular and faithful member of Christ Church, and it is so fitting that this Bible is presented in his memory.

The Bible that was on the lectern

previously was a King James Bible which had also been presented in memory of a loved one. The wording within this Bible had become difficult to read and to follow. This Bible has now been moved to a display desk in the wing of the Church, and is available for all to view.

Looking Ahead

As I write these notes preparations are underway for our Sunday School Prize-giving services in both Churches. I want to take this opportunity to thank our teachers for their steadfast commitment throughout another year. Their service and dedication makes such a significant difference to our young people, and to their lives of faith. Thanks also to our families for supporting our Sunday School. This is part of the fulfilment of promises made at Baptism to encourage our young people in the Christian faith. We thank you for your support of both Sunday School and our family services – this too makes a big difference to our young people. And a special word of thanks to Mrs. Hazel Hogg for her enthusiasm and commitment to our Family Services. It is wonderful to see our Sunday School playing such an active part in these regular services, and truly enjoying themselves as they participate!

Sunday 2nd July 2023 at 8pm – Orange Service in Christ Church Maguiresbridge, with assembly at 7.30pm at Maguiresbridge Orange Hall.

Sunday 9th July 2023 at 8pm – Orange Service in St. Michael's Derrybrusk with assembly at 7.30pm at Belle Isle Orange Hall.

Friday 21st July 2023 at 12:30pm - Wedding of Mr Samuel Watson and Miss Lisa Beacom in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge.



Enjoying refreshments at the Flower Festival in Enniskillen Cathedral.



Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services in July and August

9th July Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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

16th July Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

23rd July Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

30th July Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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

6th August Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

16th August Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

23rd August Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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

30th August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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

Mothers' Union

On Friday 9th May we welcomed members and friends from Mothers' Union branches the Diocese for a festival service. It was good to see the church so full as we gathered for a service of Holy Communion. Our thanks to our own branch members for all their work in organising the service and to all those from the Ladies' Group and bowling club who helped with the refreshments after the service.

Sunday school

The end of year service took place on 18th June. This year we looked at God's love and Paul's description of the purpose of God's love in Romans 8. The children decorated the church and helped to lead



The evening of praise.



us in our worship as we looked at Our thanks to our Sunday School teachers and helpers as well as our B&B (breakfast and Bible) leaders for all their work this past year.

Let your light shine

On Saturday 27th May we welcomed members from a variety of local churches for an evening of praise organised by Trevor Brimmage. We were delighted to welcome Revd. Colin Hamilton who is working in Holy Trinity Rathmines to share his journey into ministry and to being in Rathmines and Revd. Simon Genoe as the preacher.

Playaway

Our parent and toddler group has grown since we restarted after Christmas. It is always nice to pop in on Thursdays to see the chat and craic. We finished its term for the summer in June and our thanks to Imelda and Gayle and all the 'tea lady' helpers who enabled the group to happen each week.

Ballinode Barbecue

After a break for a few years the barbecue took place again on Friday 16th June. Thank you to all those from the community and further afield who supported this event.

Reader placement

Over the past couple of months we have had Mr William Graham on placement with us as part of his training as a Diocesan Reader. We have greatly enjoyed having William with us to worship, to lead, pray, read and preach. He will be with us in July

as well but we want to thank him for all he has brought to enhance our worship.

Co Monaghan Church of Ireland Children's Society

They held a coffee morning cake and plant sale on Friday 26th May at the home of Mrs Miriam Moore, Bishopscourt, Clones with in excess of 2000 Euros raised. Thank-you to Miriam for opening her house and to all those who gave donations or saleable items and the wider community for their support.

Memorial Garden

Over the past few months the Select Vestry of St Patrick's have been considering a plan to use a vacant area of the graveyard around the church. We hope to have this work completed over the summer months to create a place in the graveyard for the burial of ashes and to record the names of those whose ashes would be interred there.

Condolences

We express prayerful sympathy to Pat, Shirley and family on death of her sister and to Doreen Bethel on the death of Crawford.

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SERVICES for July and August 2023

Sunday 2nd July

- The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion.

10.30am – Holy Communion.

Sunday 9th July

- The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion.

10.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 16th July

- The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd July

- The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 30th July

- The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 6th August

- The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Holy Communion

Sunday 13th August



Revd Stephen McWhirter with his daughter Harvest and husband, Aaron.

- The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion.

10.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th August

- The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion.

10.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 27th August

- The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion.

10.30am – Morning Prayer

We have already been able to enjoy this glorious summer weather over early June and have great hopes for more to follow. As a family we enjoyed a great day at Harvest and Aaron's Wedding at Hillmount House in Larne, where we all enjoyed a lovely day, and especially a very excited Kizzy as Flower Girl. This has all been such a pleasant way to enter the great Season of Trinity, the longest season in our calendar, often referred to as Ordinary Time. Over this time we concentrate on Jesus' ministry, his miracles and teaching. Following with him we are reminded of the truth of his message and why we choose to follow as Christians. In this season we are inspired in our own lives and ministries and all that we offer in service to the church. There are many ministries in the Church other than ordained



The McWhirter family at the wedding.

and lay ministries in worship and teaching. There are all those who serve on Select Vestry, in the Mothers' Union, as leaders and volunteers in our Sunday School and Uniformed Organisations and it's to them I am especially grateful, and offer heartfelt thanks this month as their current term draws to a close.

Children's Day Service

On 4th June 2023 the Parish held its annual Children's Day service to mark the end of the Sunday School year and the summer break for the Uniformed Organisations. Following a parade of children and young people from the hall with Colours, the lessons were read very well by children from Sunday School and a Scout. Mid-service the Sunday School sang two children's hymns, which were beautiful and delighted the congregation. After the Communion the Rector invited the children up to the Sanctuary, having explained the significance earlier in his sermon, to join him in the 'Great Silence'. Just before the Blessing the Rector invited Carol Livingstone (Sunday School Superintendent) to present the Sunday School with their Attendance Certificates and Prizes.

Then to great applause he spoke of



The Carruthers family at the baptism.



The Graham family at their baptism.



The Purdy family at the baptism service.



Mullaghly Flute Band leading the Orange parade to the church service.



The Ulster Speleological Society with Rossorry Scouts.

Carol's retirement from Sunday School as a teacher and latterly as Sunday School Superintendent. He was joined in tributes by Julie Scollan, a current Sunday School teacher, Diane Donaldson, a past SS teacher and Claire Irwin, a past pupil of Rossorry Sunday School.

Gifts were presented on behalf of the Sunday School and the Select Vestry. Carol replied and spoke of her pleasure and gratitude to have been able to help guide and lead so many children over the years. She thanked everyone who helped in any way during her time with a special mention to Gerry in the Office and to Leslie, our Sexton – who she described as the backbone of Sunday School.

Let us Pray

Lord of all life, we pray that as the young people in each new generation discover your world in their own way, their energies may be used creatively in your service and their choices based on what is true and of real value. We ask it in the name and for the honour of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Baptism

Over the month we enjoyed Spring Baptisms with the families of Holly Ann Graham, Grace Carruthers and Kassie Grace Purdy. These are great events for the parish to celebrate along with the families.

Orange Service

On Sunday 18th June the Local Orange Lodge joined the congregation for the



Scout units enjoying a range of activities.

service of Morning Prayer. Gary Johnston and Gary Millar read scripture and George Elliott offered a vote of thanks to all who supported the service. As a parish we thank all who participated in the service and look forward to their return next summer. Wishing everyone a safe and peaceful marching season.

Cub Scouts

Cubs have been very active, out and about. On 18th May they visited the Fire station for a very interesting and informative visit to learn about fire safety.

On 23rd May they were out cycling at Florencecourt – a healthy outdoor event in a beautiful location.

On 31st May they were out on Lough Erne, canoeing in the sunshine – lots of fun.

On 10th June Cubs and scouts went Caving and Abseiling – not for the faint-hearted but a thoroughly enjoyable and new experience. We are very grateful to members of the Ulster Speleological Society and Caving Club who facilitated the day and look forward to seeing them again.

On 14th June they took part in the Football tournament at the Forum.

Scouts

The Scouts were out and about with cycling at Florencecourt on 16th May. Then they took a short break for two weeks to allow for School exams.

On 25th May 2023, some of the Scouts



were privileged to be invited to meet the King on a Royal Visit to Enniskillen Castle. On 4th June Scouts took part in a parade to the Church, with their colours for the Children's Service to mark the end of the year for Sunday School and the uniformed Organisations.

On 7th June they were out on Lough Erne, canoeing and soaking up the glorious sunshine.

Rossorry Rainbows

On 25th May, some of our Rainbows were invited to meet the King and Queen at Castle Barracks. One of them got to present a posy to Queen Camilla.

The Rainbow 'year' is coming to an end but they will be back in September and would welcome any new members.

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Rossorry Brownies & Guides

1st Rossorry Guides and Brownies have now finished a successful term in Rossorry.

Part of this term involved the enrolment of





The Wednesday Club meeting for for a picnic to celebrate the Coronation.

seven new Brownies, one new Guide and three new leaders. Parents and family were invited to the enrolment night and enjoyed an evening of activities with their daughters. As a unit we have worked on badges, participated in Church parades and learnt more about the guiding tradition as we found our feet this term and the leaders are all very proud of the Guides and Brownies for their hard work.

One particular highlight was an evening of outside games and a barbecue, during the good weather where the girls enjoyed mini burgers, chicken kebabs.

We finished off our activities with a Rossorry Girlguiding tradition when we met with our friends in Rainbows for an evening of games and foods. Some of our Brownies are now looking forward to meeting with their sisters in Girlguiding in Fermanagh as we take part in an activity day at the Share Centre, Lisnaskea.

Please keep an eye on the Parish newsletter for more information for when Brownies and Guides will return. We look forward to welcoming new girls to our unit in September, spread the word!

Rossorry Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club met on Wed 10th May at 10.30am, at The Moorings for a picnic to Celebrate the Coronation.

The last meeting before the Summer was held in the Barrack Store in Enniskillen Castle on 7th June in glorious sunshine 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

Safeguarding Parish Panel Profile - Yvonne Elliott

I have been a member of Rossorry's Safeguarding Trust Panel for the past six years. I have been a parishioner of Rossorry Church all of my life, I was



baptised and confirmed in Rossorry. I was a Sunday School Teacher for two years prior to going to work in Londonderry for three years and later in Omagh. I had dealings with children as part of my work and was involved with Community Relations Youth Groups, Summer Camps, Rambles, etc. I am passionate about maintaining high standards and hope that I can continue to fulfil this role to the best of my ability.

Mid-Week Holy Communion with Healing Prayer

Since Lent of this year we have introduced a Mid-Week service of Holy Communion with Healing Prayer. We have found this service to be popular and well attended, with a number of people focusing this time as their main act of worship each week. The Prayers, likewise, have been valued by people from the wider congregation and community. As we draw to a close we will be hosting the choir of Willowbridge School who sang during the service, the congregation enjoyed their contribution as much as the young people enjoyed being with us and enjoyed refreshments following the service. With the summer months here we will be stopping the services throughout July and August and will be resuming once again on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 10.30am. As we pray for individuals we remember them only using Christian names. Our current list is printed below for all those who would wish to continue these prayers over the summer months.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the sick and suffering. Help them to know your love that they may seek strength from you, and find peace and healing in your presence through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray for:

Mary, Eva, Violet, David, Florrie, Joan, Leslie, Alan and Angela.

Ashling, Tommy, Roy, Simon, Leslie, Kenny and Kenneth, Rosetta, Anna, Karen, Bobby, Ruth, Tom, Don, Helen, Grant, Johnny, Jane, Tracy and Eric.



King Charles meeting Rossorry Scout leaders and members.

For those who are undergoing tests, awaiting results or starting treatment. For those close to us who desire our prayer. Amen.

Holiday Cover

The Rector will be on annual leave from 7th-25th August. Should there be a pastoral emergence during that time please make initial contact through Gerry in the office and he will help from there. Gerry can be contacted as below.

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

■ CARRUTHERS, Grace, daughter of Gerald and Anne-Marie, who was baptised in Rossorry Parish Church on Saturday 20th May 2023.

■ PURDY, Kassie Grace, infant daughter of Kyle and Kelly Purdy, who was baptised



The Rector with Sunday School teachers Nicola Walker, Carol Livingstone and Julie Scollan at the presentation to Carol on her retirement as Sunday School Superintendent.

in Rossorry Parish Church at the 10.30 am service of Holy Communion On Sunday 21st May 2023.

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

FUNERALS

■ **DAWES**, Peter Michael, at The Graan Nursing Home (formerly from Leicester), who passed away on 13th May 2023. His Funeral Service was conducted by Revd. Stephen Mc Whirter on 17th May 2023 at Ballycassidy Funeral Home and afterwards to Cavan for cremation.

■ **ARMSTRONG**, Mary Jane (Minnie), nee Graham , who passed away on 20th May 2023 peacefully at her home on Windmill Road, Enniskillen. Her Funeral Service took place in Rossorry Parish Church on Monday 22nd May 2023 at 1.30pm. She was laid to rest, afterwards in Rossorry Churchyard. *Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.*



On the parish trip to Balmoral Show.

They are blessed indeed, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.




Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 10.30am. Mid-Week Holy Communion with Healing Prayer Services resume.

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strength in his illness through prayer and God's word.

Clabby Parish Missionary Quiz Sheet

Thank you once again to Miss Mary Elliott for compiling this annual Quiz sheet, the proceeds of which are split between the various missionary organisations which the Parish supports.

- 1st Catherine Cadden, Ballinamallard.
- 2nd Colin Stronge, Clabby.

Thank you to the Select Vestry and others for selling Quiz sheets. The amount raised was £560.

Thank you to Miss Mary Elliott, Mrs Vera McConnell and Mrs. Beatrice Smyton for donating the prizes and helping Mary with the distribution of the sheets.

Advance Dates

■ Saturday 5th August - Tempo Parish Church catering for Fermanagh Black Saturday demonstrations in Tempo Village. See below for details.



Funeral

19 May 2023 - William Ronald (Billy) Smyton, Glengesh Road, Imeroo Road, Tempo. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Billy's wife Beatrice and sons; Alan (Cheryl) and Mark (Hannah) and all the family circle. Billy died in hospital after a brief illness surrounded by his loving family. He had been a faithful member of Clabby Parish Church from the time his family moved to the area when he was a child. Billy had served on the Select Vestry for several years including being people's Churchwarden and a few years as a Glebewarden. He was a practical worker around the Church, only before his illness helping to cut firewood for sale for church funds. Above all Billy quietly trusted in Christ as his personal Saviour and Lord, His

■ Sunday 3rd September -Back to school service in both churches.

Harvest Services

Tempo - Sunday 24th September 11.30am.
 Clabby - Sunday 1st October 10.15am.

Tempo Guides, Brownies and Rainbows Anniversary Celebrations

This landmark event was held on Wednesday evening 24th May. A report and photos can be found below. The Rector attended the evening and thanked those responsible for organising the event. He welcomed those founder members of guides present on the evening and thanked those present day leaders who give of their time each week and the parents who send their young girls to the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows.

Tempo celebrate over 145 years of Girlguiding...

A special milestone was celebrated last week by members, former members and friends of guiding in Tempo. They met to celebrate 25 years of Tempo Rainbows, 50 years of Tempo Brownies and just over 70 years of Tempo Guides.

Tempo Guides

Lady Langham and Mrs Effie Elliott started Tempo Guides on 7th June 1952 and brought together a group of girls to meet at her home at Tempo Manor. Mrs Effie Elliott and Rita Armstrong were appointed as lieutenants and some of the first Patrol leaders and seconds were Doris West, Annabelle Doherty and Joan Wilson.

In the early 1960's Yvonne Armstrong and Georgina Woods assisted Lady Langham. Guiding continued under the leadership of Lady Langham until 1967 when Rita McCutcheon and Annabelle Woods took over and the weekly meeting moved to the Parish Hall.

In 1979 Mrs McCutcheon retired and the late Shirley Phair (Foy) took over at the helm assisted by Linda Foy and Carole Rutledge. Shirley retired in 1995 and the leadership fell to Carole Graham and Rosemary Whiteman assisted by Thelma Thompson and Claire Thompson and many other Young Leaders and helpers over the years. Currently Rosemary Whiteman and Karen McAlister are leaders in charge.

Tempo Brownies

The first meeting was held on 21st October 1973 with Dorothy Armstrong and Ruth Elliott as leaders. The girls worked on many badges and enjoyed meeting on a Friday afternoon after school. In 1976 Cynthia White took over as Brown Owl and was helped over the following years by Mandy White, Gaynor Campbell, Marlynne Hopper, Noreen West, Hazel Beattie, Sandra Trimble and Georgina Johnston. Currently Jayne Veitch with Young Leaders Molly McAlister and Sophie Moore are in charge.

Tempo Rainbows

The Rainbows started in May 1988 under the leadership of Caroline Clarke and Sharon Woods with assistance in the following years from Florence Crawford, Margaret Elliott, Daphne Kirkpatrick, Darcie Graham and Katie Graham. Currently Carole Graham is leader in charge assisted by Young Leader Caitlyn Ellison. At the special celebration event 'The Gathering Drum' hosted a very enjoyable rhythm and drumming session for all the young members followed by tea and birthday cake.

Rest

This is the time of year when the holiday season begins for real, with the school holidays, time off from the busy schedules and treadmill of life. A time to rest and change of routine and slower pace of life for a time.

When we turn to the Bible there are several references to rest. The first comes in Genesis 2 where we "by the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing, so on the seventh day he rested from all his work God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

God's rest here was not from exhaustion



Former leaders Caroline Clarke and Sharon Woods cut the Rainbow birthday cake.



Some of the current leaders in Tempo Guiding; Karen McAlister, Rosemary Whiteman, Molly McAlister, Carole Graham and Jayne Veitch.

from the work of creation, but from satisfaction that his work was now complete. But God set an example for us that in the midst of our busy lives we set aside, make a special day for our bodily and spiritual rest, refreshment and renewal. A time not just for ourselves but for Him in worship, resting in his presence.

This idea of rest is seen in the life of Jesus when we read in the gospels that he withdrew or came apart from the demands of his ministry amongst people. He showed humanity by feeling exhausted. Jesus withdrew to rest and pray, to spend time in His Father's presence "Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sickness. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed" (Luke 5 V 16) It is important that in the midst of a busy life for many of us that we don't lose out on time spent with God in prayer and reading God's word. We need strength in the physical demands made on us but essentially we need spiritual strength God gives for the



Former leaders Noreen Stewart, Ruth Emerson and Dorothy Woods cut the Brownie birthday cake.



Former leaders and members Rita McCutcheon, Doris Campbell, Joan Rutledge and Annabelle Woods help to celebrate the 70th birthday of Tempo Guides.

demands of daily living.

Jesus in Matthew's gospel (11 v 28-30) speaks of our need to come to him when we are weak and weary and there we will find our rest. He also calls us to let him carry our burdens not just in our bodies, but of the rest we can find for our souls. Jesus can carry our burdens, he can in the words of Psalm 23 restore our souls when we rest in Him through Prayer, the word of God and worship. "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light".

So I hope you can all enjoy a time of physical rest this summer, but use some of it to refresh your souls by resting in God. In the burdens, demands and trials of life may you rest in Christ, the one who carried the burden of our sins in his body on the cross. He invites us to let him take them away when we come to him and trust in him as our Saviour and Lord.

Trory and Killadeas



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A note from the Rector

I'm writing these notes while in England at the annual gathering of the Society of Ordained Scientists, and our topics for the conference this year are all around science, faith, and ethics, and how we find a balance between all of these areas which satisfies laws, which are black and white as well as pastoral and individual person cases which are often less simple, grey areas. We discussed issues including transhumanism, sexuality, gender, assisted suicide and legal ending of life as well as many others. The main thing I am taking away is that we need to start addressing the needs of the community more than just the needs of the individual. Our laws and guidance in the modern era are very much based on the individual, but we all live in community. We are not individualised entities in a vacuum, what we do, say and how we act affects those around us, and that goes both ways. As the Church, the Body of Christ, we, more than anyone else should understand the needs (and difficulties of) of community.

As a community we need to love and look after individuals, and address sensitive issues with an open mind, that we are wise enough to be able to say 'I never looked at it that way. Perhaps I was wrong.' We often will be happy with our original position, but we need to start our conversations from a point where there is a possibility that our opinion could be wrong.

In rural Fermanagh we may think we don't come up against these big issues like people wanting to download their entire personhood into a computer to live forever as an android (transhumanism) but the basic principle of coming to meetings and addressing sensitive issues with an open mind, that in the best interest of the community 'I may be wrong' is inherently valuable. As is the ability to be able to fundamentally disagree, but still be able



Children's Day at Killadeas.



to acknowledge the position of the other side. You and I have spent time and effort coming to your conclusions, so for beneficial dialogue, we must start from a place honouring that the other person has also formed their reasoning based on scripture, tradition, reason and experience. I hope these thoughts have made sense. They are somewhat complex, but I hope I managed to get them in some sort of a coherent order.

And now to a few simpler thoughts. Firstly, well done to our adult football team in the Barnabas cup, who made it through to the semi-finals. Many thanks once again

to Trevor Cadden for spearheading getting both the adult and youth football teams off the ground in our parishes. It was a beautiful evening and a great atmosphere. Our congratulations also go to our neighbours in Magheracross who picked up the trophy this year. Well done and well deserved.

On St Barnabas Day I celebrated my third anniversary as rector of Trory and Killadeas. It has been a rollercoaster of a three-year period, mainly due to Covid, but we are now back to a stable norm. It was also great in both of our parishes to see our Children's day services being



Children's Day at Trory and Killadeas.



supported so well. The photos can speak for us instead of words for the rest of the report.

Summer in the Parishes

As happens in all parishes, our social diaries are less busy over the summer as families are away to enjoy some well-earned holidays. Our church services in both parishes continue as normal. Please continue to come to church while you are in the country, especially if you have children, even though Sunday School is not on over the summer months. The services are always short and hopefully uplifting and beneficial to your spiritual journey, whatever age you are. There are activity packs at the back of the church for children if they would like to use them. If we think about 'Futureproofing' our parishes, having children who are raised in a loving Church family, and attend regularly is the primary means by which the church sees people still in the pews for the generations to come.

It was wonderful to have Trory LOL 647 along with Trory Accordion Band with us for their annual service in Trory, to see the church so full, and hear the hymns sung such gusto. (I am sure it will be an equal blessing to have Killadeas LOL and Pipe Band with us on 25th of June, but at the time of writing, it is still in the future.) I am sure it has not escaped your notice in the press that there were reports of some chants of a sectarian nature from a car at the parade on the way to Trory. There are just two very short points I would like to make. Firstly that as a church we don't condone this. Our doors are open and welcoming to all, and this animosity was in complete contrast to what happened inside the church doors, and what happened on a regular basis. We have families, parishioners, and visitors from all backgrounds every week, who come because of the warmth of welcome they receive. Secondly, media can sometimes



The Trory and Killadeas football team in yellow bibs taking part in the Barnabas Cup.

get things out of proportion. Although of course upsetting for the children in the band, this apparently happened on the church lane. I, along with members of the congregation watching the parade from the car park, were unaware of this happening in real time. This is not a case of erasing what happened, but putting context on it. Comments on social media have been calling for the car from which the offending chants were sung to be smashed up and stating that the people in the car should have been taken out for vigilante justice there and then. Such behaviour, attitudes, and thoughts are not part of my thinking, nor do they represent the attitudes of tolerance, and working together well with all of our neighbours I have come to know within both parishes.

From the registers

HOLY BAPTISM

- 25th June Elijah Gordon Beatty, St. Michael's Trory

Dates for your Diary

2nd July

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

9th July

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

16th July

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

23rd July

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

30th July

- 10am Morning Prayer, Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am Morning Prayer with members of Killadeas RBP and friends, St Michael's, Trory

6th August

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

13th August

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

20th August

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

27th August

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



The Fahy family at the baptism.



Trory LOL 647 and Trory Accordion Band Annual Service



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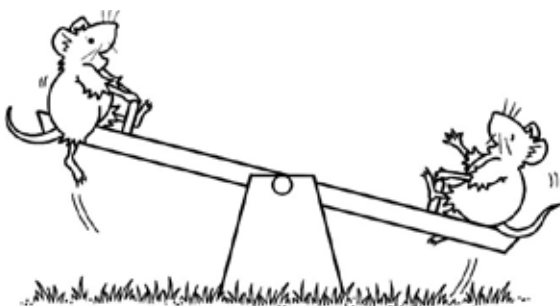
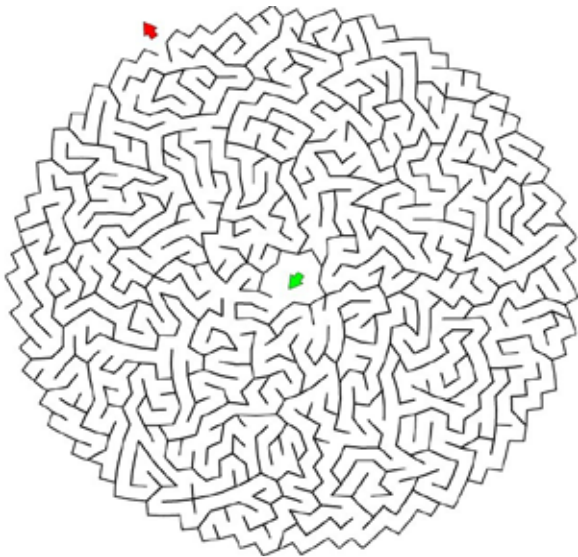
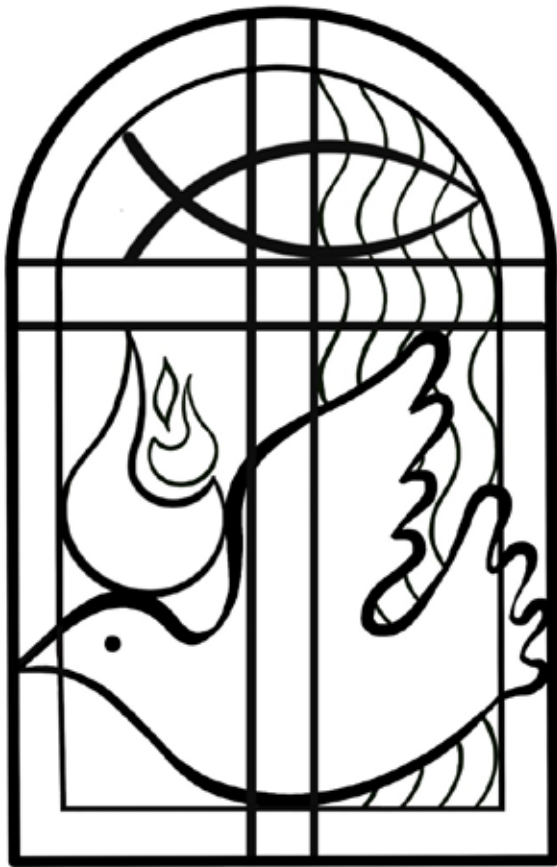
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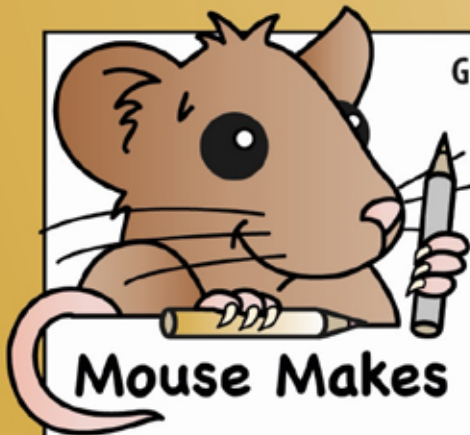
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CHILDREN'S SECTION





Mouse Makes

Where did Goliath come from?



1 Samuel 17:4

How tall was Goliath?



_____ cubits.

1 Samuel 17:4

What was Goliath's armour made of?

1 Samuel 17:5,6

What weapons did Goliath carry?



a JAVELIN,

a _____

and a _____

1 Samuel 17:45

How many stones did David take from the stream?



1 Samuel 17:40



Where did David's stone hit Goliath? On his _____

1 Samuel 17:49

Goliath, the champion of the Philistine army, taunted the Israelites.

"Choose a man to fight with me and if he kills me then we will be your servants!"



The Israelites were afraid, but **David**, a shepherd boy who had come to bring food to his brothers on the battlefield said:

*"The **Lord** who delivered me from the lion and bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."*



So David went out to face Goliath on his own...

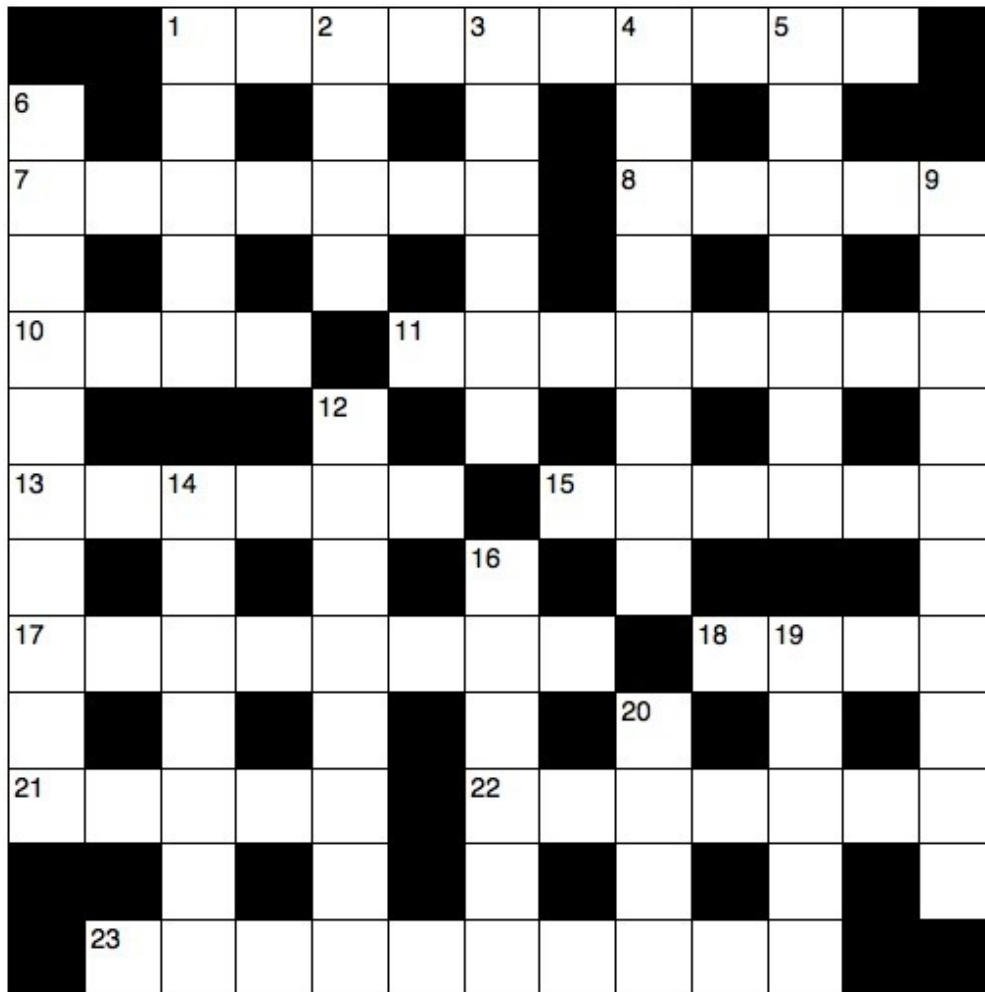
Read the story of how David defeated Goliath in 1 Samuel 17 verses 1-58



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PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

- 1 Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)
- 7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)
- 8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5)
- 10 Girl's name (4)
- 11 Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)
- 13 The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1–6) (6)
- 15 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)
- 17 Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)
- 18 Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)
- 21 Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)
- 22 Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)
- 23 Last book of the Bible (10)

DOWN

- 1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)
- 2 'Your vats will — over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)
- 3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)
- 4 Milled it (anag.) (3-5)
- 5 Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7)
- 6 Comes between Philipians and 1 Thessalonians (10)
- 9 Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1–11) (10)
- 12 Abusive outburst (8)
- 14 Are loud (anag.) (7)
- 16 Printing errors (6)
- 19 'Take my yoke upon you and — from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)
- 20 Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 71

MOTHERS' UNION

Festival Service held in St Patrick's Church, Monaghan

As the weather improved the ladies from over 30 Mothers' Union branches across Clogher Diocese made their way to the annual Festival Service in Monaghan on Friday 19th May. It was a privilege to be together after an absence of three years due to the pandemic. We had so looked forward to joining one another to share fellowship and it moved us to see our Mothers Union branch banners carried high into church for the first time in ages.

Well over 200 members travelled, some for two hours, to reach the large parish church in the centre of the town.

We shared a service of Holy Communion for Pentecost at which Revd Chancellor Ian Berry, the Rector, preached and Bishop Ian was the celebrant. Prayers were led by branch members and we all sang the hymns heartily.

Towards the end of the service members from branches offered their Overseas Contributions at the offertory - this totalled over £11,000 and will be sent to facilitate projects in Burundi and South Sudan.

This is an amazing sum collected over the 2021/2022 year by members, many of whom had fundraised through local branch initiatives.

At the end of the service we chatted



Clergy who took part in the Mothers' Union Festival Service in St Patrick's Monaghan along with Clogher Diocesan Trustees. They are; back from left; Valerie McMorris, Geraldine Beattie, Linda Keating, Jennifer Leathem, Doreen Earls. Front, from left; Revd. Charles Eames, MU Diocesan Chaplain; Chancellor Ian Berry, Heather Ellis, Bishop Ian Ellis, Liane Armstrong and Irene Boyd.

together over a sumptuous supper which was provided by the ladies of Monaghan, Donagh, Ballybay, Aghabog and Clogh MU Branches and served by Monaghan MU ,the Bowling Club and the Ladies Group to

whom we owe our grateful thanks.

All agreed it was wonderful to be together as branches of the diocese worshipping as one and fully representing our world-wide organization.



The members of Kilskeery MU branch with their banner in Monaghan.

POSTER COMPETITION

To encourage our Sunday School children and our young people, we have decided to host a competition and all entries will be displayed on the day.

CATEGORIES:

Age 5-8 years: Draw and colour a picture relating to Enniskillen Show (A4 page).

Age 8-12 years: Design a poster to advertise Enniskillen Show (A4 page).

Entries to be returned to:

Mrs Geraldine Beattie 193 Ballynahatty Road, Fintona, County Tyrone, BT78 2NB on or before 31st July 2023.

PRIZES FOR EACH CATEGORY:

1st Prize: £10 • 2nd Prize: £5

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL THE ENTRIES!



Branch officers meet for Spring Council





Some of the All-Ireland representatives commissioned in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.

Service of Choral Evensong held at commissioning of All-Ireland officers

A special event was held at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Sunday, 11 June with the commissioning of All-Ireland Chaplain, trustees and officers. The service of Evensong was led by the Dean of Armagh, the Very Revd. Shane Forster and took the form of Choral Evensong.

Among those being commissioned was Mrs Irene Boyd from Clogher Diocese as the new All-Ireland Indoor Members Contact.

We all gathered to celebrate, rejoice and acknowledge the witness and service given by Mothers' Union down the years in this land and throughout the world. We gave thanks for the faithfulness of God and for

his ongoing presence as he transforms us, renews us and leads us forward together into the future.

Archbishop John McDowell noted that each of those in leadership carry great responsibility for the Mothers' Union in a worldwide organisation whose members seek to express their Christian faith by the transformation of communities through the promotion of stable marriage, family life and the protection of children and in his sermon encouraged Mothers' Union members to think of the friendship that they have for one another and those less fortunate than ourselves.



Mrs Irene Boyd being commissioned as Indoor Co-ordinator by Archbishop John McDowell.



Bishop Ian Ellis and his wife, Heather, Clogher Diocesan President with some Clogher representatives.



Some of the Clogher Diocesan representatives in Armagh.

DIOCESAN NEWS

SWELL charity founder wants cancer sufferers to enjoy 'ordinary life'

A cancer sufferer who spearheaded the establishment of a support charity for fellow sufferers has been recognised in the King's Birthday Honours. Genevieve Irvine who lives just outside Enniskillen, was awarded the BEM for founding the charity, SWELL (Supported We Live Life) and for services to people affected by cancer in County Fermanagh. "It's (the award) recognition for the charity and I do feel really honoured and thankful for the person who nominated me," she said. She said when she learned of her award, her late father, Eamon Tierney was at the forefront of her mind as he passed away just a few years ago. Genevieve and her husband Nigel and family are members of Rossorry Parish Church. This latest award is another highlight of the year for Genevieve. She was awarded the Queen's Platinum Jubilee champion, invited to the Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla in Westminster Abbey and during the King and Queen's visit to Enniskillen, she was invited to represent the charity at Enniskillen Castle. This positive time in her life is in stark contrast to the dark days she suffered after she was diagnosed with a rare form of cervical cancer in 2015. It was after having to make long journeys to help with her rehabilitation that she chatted with a friend, who was also diagnosed, about setting up a support service locally. SWELL was born and their premises at Cross Street, Enniskillen is now a beacon for fellow cancer sufferers. After just opening for a few years, the SWELL centre has now over 500 service users, availing of the many services available five days a week and during three late evenings.

The charity is open not only to those who have been diagnosed with cancer, but also members of their families and carers.

Included in the many services are play therapies for children and soon a new service of equine therapy is being introduced. Home therapy is also available for those unable to come to the centre where a number of counsellors and complementary therapists

co-ordinate various services. Genevieve is promoting the ethos of her charity by become an advocate for cancer sufferers She is part of a European wide patient advocacy programme and will be travelling to Istanbul in the autumn for a conference.

Genevieve says after recovering from her cancer she began to appreciate what was important – family and the ordinary things in life so she decided to help others appreciate the same.

Funding to establish the SWELL centre has also been a major drive for Genevieve and fellow volunteers and to date, they have received a £30,000 grant from the Department of Health as well as funding from Macmillan Cancer and the Lottery.

She is very grateful for fundraising efforts for the charity, referring for example to the proceeds of Easter Tree donations in Rossorry Church organised by the Mothers' Union. Genevieve and her husband Nigel have three sons, Warwick, Tully and Quillan.



OBE for distinguished career in military and public health



Brigadier John Graham, one of the well-known members of St. Macartin's Cathedral choir in Enniskillen and also widely known in the community as Deputy Lieutenant for Fermanagh, has been made an OBE in the King's Birthday Honours. He said he was delighted to receive such a prestigious honour.

Brigadier Graham is now living back home in his native Enniskillen with his wife, Helen, after a formidable career in military and public health. Following his education at Portora Royal School, he studied medicine at Queen's University and worked in the Royal Victoria Hospital's Casualty Department before serving as a doctor in three wars, the Falklands War and both Gulf Wars. His role in the Falklands War was to run part of the hospital on the SS Canberra. One of his roles was accompanying wounded Argentinian soldiers as they were returned to their native country. It was while working on SS Canberra that Brigadier Graham met his future wife, Helen,

then the ship's accountant. They married two years later.

After the first Gulf War he was the first doctor to enter Kuwait City where he coordinated the international humanitarian response and re-opened hospitals which had been closed during the occupation. He led the formation of research programmes both in the US and the UK to investigate Gulf veterans' health concerns which have produced thousands of papers on all aspects of post-conflict health. He was the medical commander in the Second Gulf War, built the medical brigade which supported the 1st Armoured Division during the warfighting phase and then led the humanitarian response which ensured that the health sector was the only part of the Iraqi civilian infrastructure which did not collapse.

John was invited to join the Research Working Group set up by the White House to direct American research. He played a leading role in developing their programmes and formulating force health promotion policy. He was posted to the British Embassy in Washington DC for three years to promote collaboration between

American and British politicians and policy makers.

Returning to Germany he became chief executive of the British Forces Overseas health service which provided care for personnel and their families from Lisbon to Izmir and Stavanger to Naples.

He was awarded the Mitchiner Medal by the Royal College of Surgeons for having done most to promote military medicine and he was appointed Honorary Physician to HM The Queen. He is also an Honorary Steward of Westminster Abbey.

When his wife Helen took ill they returned first to England and then Fermanagh as he took early retirement.

But Brigadier Graham continued to serve his community being elected Chairman of the Board of Brooke House Health and Wellbeing Centre at Colebrooke which provides care for military and police veterans who have suffered as a result of their service for others.

He is also President and Honorary Secretary of the Old Portoran Union.

John and Helen have two daughters; Alice married to James in London and Sarah, Belfast.

INSTALLATION OF CANONS TAKES PLACE IN ENNISKILLEN CATHEDRAL



A group of Clogher clergy including the newly elected canons process at the end of the service.

A Service of Installation of Canons to the Chapter of the Cathedral Churches of Clogher and Enniskillen in Clogher Diocese took place in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Wednesday, 31 May 2023, the Feast Day of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Installation of Revd Canon Alan Irwin as Prebendary of Kilskeery; the Revd Canon John McClenaghan as Prebendary of Tyholland and the Revd Canon John Woods as Prebendary of Donacavey also included the invitation to Revd Canon Paul Thompson, Prebendary of Donaghmore as Diocesan Representative Canon to the National Cathedral of St. Patrick, Dublin, to take a stall among the Chapter of Clogher. The service was conducted by Dean Kenneth Hall assisted by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis. The preacher was the Venerable Peter Thompson, Archdeacon of Armagh.

The hymns were; "Let God's people join in worship," "Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord," "Sing we of the blessed mother," and "Be thou my vision." The organist was Mr. Glenn Moore.

The service ended with the Sacrament of Holy Communion and following the service, the congregation was invited to the Cathedral Hall for refreshments.

Revd Canon Alan Irwin is Rector of Colaghty Parish, Lack and is also Rural Dean of Kesh. Revd Canon John McClenaghan is Rector of the Aghalurcher Group of Parishes based at Colebrooke and is also Diocesan Registrar and co-ordinator of the Diocesan Ministry of Healing Committee.

Revd Canon John Woods is Rector of Donacavey and Barr parishes, Fintona, and is also Rural Dean of Kilskeery.

Revd Canon Paul Thompson is Rector of Derryvullen North, Irvinestown and Castle Archdale Parishes and is also the Clogher Diocese Warden of Readers and Co-ordinator of Lay Ministry.



At the Installation Service were (from left); Revd Canon Alan Irwin, Dean Kenneth Hall, Revd Canon Paul Thompson, Bishop Ian Ellis, Revd Sampson Ajuka, Bishop's Chaplain; Revd Canon John Woods, Archdeacon Peter Thompson, preacher and Revd Canon John McClenaghan.



The Service for the Installation of Canons taking place in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.



Archdeacon Peter Thompson delivering the sermon.

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The Regimental Pipes and Drums and officers and soldiers from the Royal Dragoon Guards with clergy at the service to mark the Battle of Waterloo.

Dragoon Guards return to Cathedral for Battle of Waterloo anniversary

The strong connections between Enniskillen and regiments of the British Army were evident on Sunday, 18th June when a service to mark the 207th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo was held in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

A small engagement team from the Royal Dragoon Guards including the Regimental Pipes and Drums were present and took part in the service.

The Military Chapel of the Cathedral is the home of the standards of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, the last one received by Dean Kenneth Hall in 2013 where it is placed on the West Wall, depicting the battle honours of the regiment dating back to the 18th century including the Battle of Waterloo.

It was the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons who played a major role in the battle when Wellington defeated Napoleon.

On Sunday, soldiers from the Royal Dragoon Guards took part in the service. Trooper Rosie Thompson and Lance Corporal Darren Lecky from the Royal Dragoon Guards along with Brigadier John Graham OBE, Deputy Lieutenant for Fermanagh and a member of the Cathedral choir, read lessons and piper, Lance Corporal Elliott Boyd played Amazing Grace during the service. The collection was also taken up by soldiers from the Regiment. The service was conducted by Dean Kenneth Hall and the prayers were led by regimental chaplains of the association; Revd Lorna Dreaning and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly as well as Mr. Scott Elliott. Dean Hall, in his address, welcoming the members of the Royal Dragoon Guards referred to the military chapel's link with the Dragoons and spoke of the contribution made by Irishmen during the Battle of Waterloo.

The hymns were led by organist, Mr. Glenn Moore.

During the week following the service, the Regimental Pipes and Drums of the Royal Dragoon Guards visited a number of schools



Above: Pipers in the Regimental Pipes and Drums of the Royal Dragoon Guards, Sergeant Derek Beatty and Lance-Corporal Elliott Boyd view one of the older regimental colours in the Military Chapel of Enniskillen Cathedral.

Left: Lance Corporal Elliott Boyd playing "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes in Enniskillen Cathedral.

in the Enniskillen area as part of their initiative to introduce music to young people. The Royal Dragoon Guards are now based at Battlesbury Barracks, Warminster, Wiltshire.



Dean Kenneth Hall pointing to the battle honours in the colours handed over to Enniskillen Cathedral with Lieutenant Oliver Grell and 2nd Lieutenant James Gordon, Royal Dragoon Guards and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

July 2023

- Saturday 1st July – **Car boot sale** in Drummully Parish with gates open from 8am.
- Tuesday 4th July – **Weekly walking group** hosted by Derryvullen North Parish Church each Tuesday evening at 7pm leaving Derryvullen North Car Park each at 7.00pm and at the end of the evening there is the opportunity to have a cuppa in the Parish Centre.
- Wednesday 12th July – **Teas and Refreshments on Twelfth July** in Clogher Cathedral Hall hosted by members of St. Macartan's Cathedral Parish as well as in the demonstration field. The proceeds from the day's hard work will be going towards the Cathedral's organ repair fund.
- Wednesday 12th July – **Twelfth July Meals and Refreshments** organised by Magheracross Parish in the Archdale Hall, Ballinamallard where the Twelfth parade for Fermanagh will take place this year. Meals must be booked in advance with other refreshments offered.
- Tuesday 18th July – **Slavin Parish Annual Sale** from 9am - 1pm, in the Wark Hall, Belleek. Good used clothing, bric-a-brac, cakes, jam and teas will be served.
- Saturday 22nd July – **Burger Night at Colaghty Parish Hall** as part of an evening of food and fellowship.

August 2023

- Saturday 5th August – **Car boot sale** in Drummully Parish with gates open from 8am.
- Saturday 5th August – **Catering at Fermanagh Royal Black Demonstration in Tempo** by members of Tempo Parish Church in the Church Hall, Main Street, Tempo from 9am. Restroom facilities and disabled access. Meat Teas available to book along with burgers, hotdogs, cold drinks, tea/coffee.
- Monday 7th - Tuesday 8th August 2023 – **Children's Holiday Bible Club** based on the theme of 'God knows and loves me' from 10.30am - 12.30pm at The Fountain Centre, Kesh. This will be for primary school children aged four and upwards. Everyone is welcome. On Wednesday 9th August, at 7.00pm, there will be a celebratory barbecue for the children and their parents/guardians.
- Friday 11th - Saturday 12th August 2023 – **Fermanagh County Show at Necarne, Irvinestown**, will have a stand to promote Mothers' Union. Members of the MU will be acting as guides around the new showgrounds.
- Monday 14th - Friday 18th August 2023 – **Aghadrumsee Parish Holiday Club** in Aghadrumsee Old School.
- Monday 21st - Tuesday 22nd August 2023 – **Two-day Kids Club and Mosaic Workshop** in Fivemiletown Parish Hall from 10am-1pm to include 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 with Parish Office and complete booking form on request. Spaces limited.
- Sunday 27th August – **Service for the Blessing of Schoolbags and Pencil Cases** in St. Salvator's Church, Glaslough at 10.30am led by Revd Tim Irvine.
- Thursday 31st August – **Farm First Aid Training** at 7.00pm in Colaghty Parish Hall, Lack and is open to those within the farming community. Anyone interested must pre-book to secure a place. More details will be posted later on Facebook and in the weekly announcements.

September 2023

- Friday 1st September – **Evening of 'Our Favourite Hymns'** in Clontibret Parish Church when Glenn Moore will be the organist and

joined by the Donagh Community Choir, Donagh Cantari and other guests.

- Sunday 3rd September – **Back to School Service** in Tempo and Clabby Parish Churches.
- Sunday 10th September – **Colebrooke Mothers' Union 60th anniversary service** at 3.00 pm in Colebrooke Parish Church, when the Mothers' Union Diocesan President, Mrs Heather Ellis, will be the speaker. Everyone will be most welcome to this service and to afternoon tea afterwards.
- Friday 22nd September – **Harvest Dance in the Four Seasons Hotel**, Monaghan. Proceeds in aid of St Salvator's Church, Glaslough.
- Thursday 28th September – **Clogher Diocesan Synod** will be held in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen, with time to be confirmed.
- Friday 29th September – **Slavin Parish Harvest and Gospel Concert** at 8pm. Music by Hugh P and Maria Doherty, a father and daughter band, based in Bunrana, Co. Donegal.
- Friday 29th September – **Autumn Praise in Colour**, in Colebrooke Parish Church at 8.00pm, 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

October 2023

- Sunday 15th October – **Service of Remembrance** in Mullaghfad Church at 3.00pm with Fivemiletown and Lisburn Branches of the Royal British Legion.
- Friday 27th October – **Lisnaskea Parish Concert** in The Archdale Centre featuring the 'Silvertones' and other artistes. Further details to follow.

November 2023

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

December 2023

- Friday 8th - Sunday 10th December 2023 – **Winter Wonderland Christmas Tree Festival** in Galloon Parish Church Viewing will begin on the Friday and the weekend will conclude with a carol service on the Sunday. More information will follow.
- Sunday 17th December – **Carols by Candlelight** in Inishmacsaint Parish Church at 7.30pm.

May 2024

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



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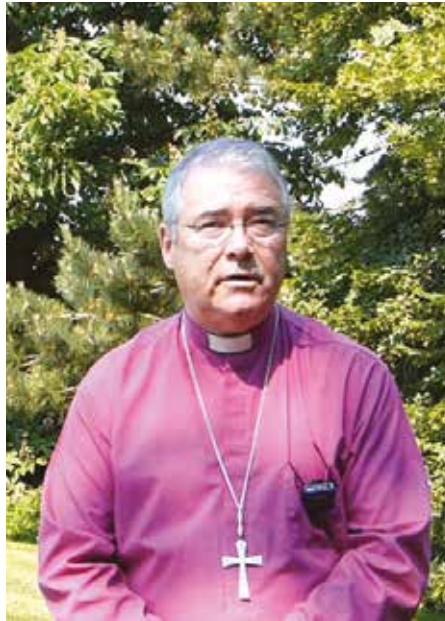
CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

Church of Ireland Primate Expresses Support for World Refugee Day

The Church of Ireland's Primate of All Ireland, Archbishop John McDowell, has added his support for World Refugee Day, which takes place today (Tuesday, 20th June). This follows on from the General Synod's support for countering hatred against refugees and other migrants and for communicating a strong message of Christian welcome to all. Archbishop McDowell stated: "It is very appropriate that the theme for this year's World Refugee Day is 'hope away from home' and I am grateful to everyone who, by their words and actions, brings hope to people who are seeking a new home on the island of Ireland.

"In offering our welcome, we give our new neighbours here the opportunity to share hope through how they contribute their sense of community, skills and insight into our society today. The Church of Ireland, alongside others, can trace its spiritual roots back to one migrant who brought with him the hope of Jesus Christ and left a legacy which positively shaped the story of this land and Europe through the following centuries.

He added: "Listening to the voices of all with mutual respect for the dignity of the individual should be the beginning for all our conversations. As communities across Ireland face daily pressures from housing



shortages and the slow erosion of living standards, there is room for everyone to be part of making progress in meeting those challenges. Committed service, respectful listening, and the fair and consistent delivery of service by all who lead in government and the private sector, can help to make Ireland a better place of welcome and potential for each person who calls our island their home."

Transferor Representatives' Council responds to RSE report

Responding to the launch of a report by the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission (NIHRC) on a case for reform of Relationship and Sexuality Education in Schools (RSE), the Transferor Representatives' Council (TRC), which represents the Church of Ireland, Presbyterian Church and Methodist Church in education issues in Northern Ireland, has criticised the Commission for 'a paper based exercise' that doesn't reflect the day to day reality of how RSE is taught in many of Northern Ireland's schools.

Speaking about the report, Dr Andrew Brown, Chair of the Transferor Representatives' Council, said, "TRC will take time to consider the report from the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission and its recommendations. However, a few issues immediately stand out for comment.

"That the NIHRC was able to access RSE policies from over 120 post primary schools across Northern Ireland is in stark contrast to claims within the 2018 CEDAW Report, which formed the basis for the Commission's investigation, that RSE is 'underdeveloped or non-existent'."

"It is very disappointing that during the course of their 16-month investigation, the NIHRC did not speak to teachers, students, governors, or parents, or find time to observe the teaching of RSE in the classroom. The recommendations put forward in the report are based on a paper exercise and not at all reflective of the day-to-day reality in many of our schools, or of the professional competence and capabilities of our teachers."

Dr Brown continued, "It is also highly concerning that the NIHRC is advocating that RSE can be delivered in the classroom in a way which is value neutral and outside the parameters of school ethos. High quality RSE within our schools is much more than just information based on legal, biological or medical facts. It involves consideration of behaviours, values and attitudes that bring meaning and purpose to our understanding of healthy and flourishing relationships. Last week, the TRC expressed deep concern at the Secretary of State's announcement on Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) and highlighted several flaws in a process of making policy for local schools from Westminster.

Archbishop Michael appointed Anglican Co-Chair of dialogue with Oriental Orthodox Churches

The Church of Ireland's Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, has been appointed as the co-Chair of the official international group responsible for ecumenical dialogue between the Anglican Communion and the Oriental Orthodox Churches. The Anglican-Oriental Orthodox International Commission (AOOIC) was formed in 2001 to build unity between the Churches of the two families of Churches. The Anglican Communion comprises 42 autonomous and independent-yet-interdependent regional, national and pan-national churches. Six Oriental

Orthodox Churches are represented in the Dialogue. There are an estimated 140 million Christians in the two Communion. AOOIC brings together church leaders and theologians from both to further the work of Christian unity.

AOOIC has two Co-Chairs. The Coptic Orthodox Archbishop of London, His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos, is the Oriental Orthodox Co-Chair. The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson now succeeds the Bishop of St Asaph from the Church in Wales, the Rt Revd Gregory Cameron, as the Anglican Co-Chair.

Treasure Island project continues

The National Churches Trust has announced that thanks to the generous support of their funders, the Treasure Ireland project has been extended for three more years!

This means they will be able to support more treasured places of worship in Northern Ireland.

The Trust has also appealed for feedback and has asked users to fill in a short survey.

The survey can be found at the link;
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NationalChurchesTrustTreasureIrelandGeneralFeedbackQuestionnaire>

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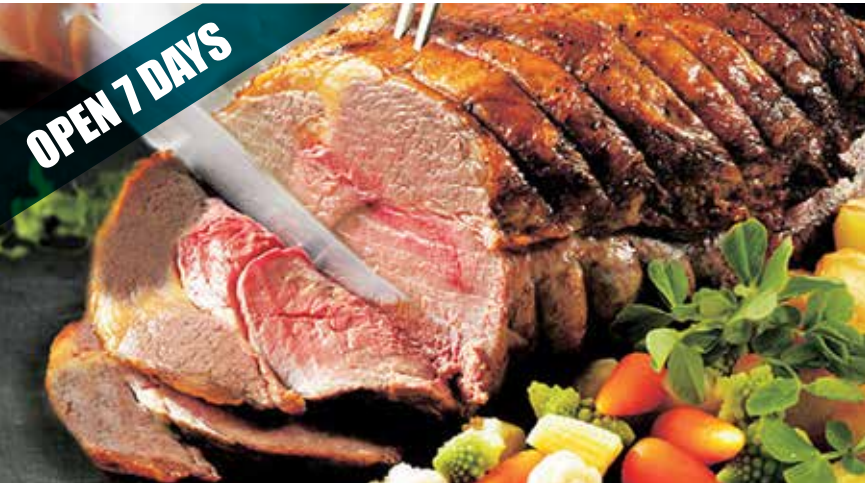
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