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# A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



## *A Message from the Bishop*

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO CLOGHER DIOCESAN SYNOD

Members of Synod, I am very pleased to welcome you to our Diocesan Synod today in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall. This is my third diocesan synod as your bishop, and I remain deeply honoured and privileged to be so.

My thanks today to the Dean for ordering the service of Holy Communion in the Cathedral and ask that he pass on to the Select Vestry of the Cathedral parish our thanks for the use of the Cathedral and fine facilities of these Halls.

### CLERGY CHANGES

Since our last Diocesan Synod three clergy have joined the diocese: Rev Stephen McWhirter as rector of Rossorry, Rev Canon Jennifer McWhirter as Rector of Cleenish and Mullaghdund and Rev Ian Cruickshank as Rector of Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh. We welcome you all and hope that your ministry will be much blessed and that you find Clogher a warm and friendly diocese.

In recent weeks two of our clergy have moved on to take on new roles. Archdeacon Brian Harper has just been instituted to the parish of Dunluce in Connor Diocese and Rev Andrew Quill and his wife Joanne have been selected to serve with CMS as mission partners in Southern Sudan. We wish both clergy and their wives every blessing in their new spheres of ministry and thank them for their significant contributions to the work of this diocese.

A meeting of the Diocesan Synod gives us an opportunity to reflect together on our work for the kingdom of God in this part of the Church of Ireland. Our Lord Jesus used parables to describe that kingdom and in our service of Holy Communion this

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evening we considered several well-known parables: the treasure discovered hidden in the ground, the pearl of great price sought by the merchant and the disciple as a householder for the kingdom of God, having treasures old and new.

The parables of the treasure and pearl speak to us of how people discover faith in Christ some quite unexpectedly and others through diligent seeking.

### REACHING OUT

Later this evening I have invited Rev Rob Jones, the National Director of a new initiative of the Church of Ireland called Pioneer Ministry to give us a short address. Essentially this new Church of Ireland programme is an encouragement to us to find new ways of reaching those with little or no connection with the church.

### CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT

Autumn is a season of change, and this is a reminder that things do not remain static in church and community life. Society is changing all around us and is challenged by many factors.

The weather has been the big talking point over the so-called summer. And globally there were so many adverse weather-related incidents.

In recent weeks we have also heard news of a major earthquake in Morocco followed a few days later by news of a devastating flood in the port city of Derna in Libya. Certainly, that flood had both a natural element combined with a series of human failings in maintenance of two river dams. The aftermath of that disaster was unspeakable and possibly up to 20,000 lives have been lost. A UN spokesman has commented that in this event 'climate and capacity have collided to cause this terrible tragedy'.

The Bishops' Appeal Committee has issued an appeal across the Church of Ireland and will channel funds through Christian Aid who are working with trusted partners in Derna. Already £10,000 in Emergency Aid has been released by Bishops' Appeal from its reserves, and all monies raised by this appeal across the Church of Ireland will be additional funds to help with the disaster relief. Parishes are asked to collect funds for this appeal for the next few weeks

and send all donations directly to Bishops' Appeal. We include the people of Libya and those working to bring aid and support to them in both our personal and corporate prayers.

Certainly, it seems incontrovertible that there is a **global imbalance**. Climate change seems very likely to be related to human activity specifically the overdependence on fossil fuels and the release of carbon dioxide. All of us, individuals and governments will have to think more seriously about how we live in this world and tread gently on its surface and become better stewards of God's creation.

I would like to develop that **theme of balance** as I consider our work in the diocese. It appeals to me as I was a Physics teacher and would have spent a lot of time trying to teach the concept of equilibrium and balanced forces to pupils. The Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes speaks of the balance of everything in life – *'for everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven'*.

As I look around our society and diocese, I think we are **struggling to find a state of balance**. We are like a small boat which has been blown about by severe storms – firstly the pandemic, then as we emerge from it there are new global factors including a war in the Ukraine, rising energy costs and a cost-of-living crisis. And at a deeper level living in a society which is becoming ever more secular in nature.

At a community level in NI, our **government is out of balance** with no functioning executive and every week seems to bring some news of impact upon services – be it the NHS, our schools, the state of the roads, or confronting poverty. I'm not a politician but I echo the yearning of all of us and plead for an early settlement of the political issues here in NI which hinder a return to locally accountable and hopefully balanced decision making. We earnestly ask our politicians to quickly resolve the dispute which prevents forming a government and allow local representatives to make key decisions for our future in this province.

At a diocesan level we too are trying to find a better balance – especially a **financial balance** of the books. You will hear later of

some difficult decisions Diocesan Council has taken to keep the increase in parish assessments to a realistic level. This has been painful at diocesan level – as a result of cutbacks we have not been able to replace the Diocesan Youth Officer, nor appoint a replacement to Ruth McKane to assist the Diocesan Secretary and other senior diocesan officers. These cuts along with a series of small but cumulatively significant spending reductions were required to help strive towards some semblance of financial balance.

I know too parishes are trying to rebalance their books in this post pandemic phase – Speaking to clergy I sense that church attendances are slowly returning but are not quite at 2019 levels, also that fund raising has only recently been able to begin in earnest. In terms of outgoings, energy costs have risen along with increasing utility and insurance costs. The cost-of-living crisis is likely to impact giving and parishioners ability to contribute to the parish. However, I also know that where faithful ministry is exercised and discerned, it is responded to and a positive sense of stewardship for the welfare of the parish is maintained.

### REVIEWING DIOCESAN ORGANISATION

Our diocesan organisation is also affected by challenges. As stewards of resources, we must reflect on whether the parish organisation we have is meeting the needs of today and the future. To address this, the Diocesan Council has initiated a Diocesan Review to be undertaken by a Task Group drawn from the membership of Synod. The group has only recently begun its work and it is hoped to bring a brief report later this year to Diocesan Council.

This review will require a considerable piece of research and a consultation with clergy and parishioners across the diocese probably over the next few years. Hopefully we will finish with a strategy for going forward which will develop proposals for a healthy and sustainable diocesan and parish organisation for the future.

There are patterns, and ways of doing things in our parishes and diocese that are excellent and serve us well that we should keep or maintain and pass on to the next generation. There are things which are working well in our parishes, and we must build on them, yet there are some factors which are holding us back, and there are some things we do which may not serve us any longer and may need replacing. As this work of the Review Group progresses and they move out to consult with parishes and clergy I hope we will be open and honest in our deliberations and ask ourselves the question – how do we see this parish and diocese in the next 10 years? What must we keep and develop and what must be made new?

We are not the only diocese which is thinking in this way – the Diocese of Cashel Ferns and Ossory in the Southeast of Ireland has just reported on its diocesan review. They used an interesting exercise in discussions with clergy and parishioners.

### THE SAILBOAT EXERCISE

They were asked to think of their parish as a sailboat at sea and discussed the things which drove them forwards – the wind in their sails: positive things – their services, community, clergy, buildings, faith. Then they thought about the things under the boat which might be holding them back – an aging population, finances, administration, bureaucracy. Then they were asked to consider their hopes for the next 5/10/20 years and they suggested: more young people involved, community involvement, rationalisation of churches, outreach. Then they looked at their fears for the future: loss of hope, fragmentation of community, loss of interest, building maintenance.

Following discussion of pertinent issues affecting the Church at parish and Diocesan level, participants put forward what they believe should be the focus for finding solutions and came up with a comprehensive series of proposals for change under the headings of: Parishes; Faith/Church Life; Ordained Ministry; Lay Ministry – new forms including Pioneer Ministry; Youth/Children; Finance.

My hope is that our review might lead us equally to finding positive solutions to the problems and challenges facing Clogher diocese.

Such an exercise will I trust help us rediscover our sense of balance as we endure many external storms. But at our core we must have an **internal balance**, our spiritual lives should have a still centre, and a purpose. All of us who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ have our eyes fixed on him, the one who is the treasure or pearl of great price. Ultimately, we will find our balance and sustain our parish and diocesan life not because our finances are better, nor because we reshape our structures. The church will grow and develop because we have that spiritual treasure in our lives and because as people of the kingdom, we share that treasure of the God of love who meets us in Jesus, and we remain open to him changing us and showing us how to reach out to our parish communities.

As I near my conclusion may I offer a **sincere thanks** to all those whose service supports our parishes. Firstly, to the clergy my thanks for your faithful ministry in testing times and for the seen and the unseen things you do for Christ in the fulfilment of your vocation. And secondly, manifold

thanks to our faithful laity, members of Select Vestries and office bearers who week by week underpin our parishes with dedicated service. The responsibilities of Churchwardens, Glebewardens, Select Vestries, children's and youth leaders, Safeguarding panel members, seem to annually increase with additional compliance requirements. We want you to know that such sacrificial service is not taken for granted and is deeply appreciated by your parishioners and by the diocese.

I am ever grateful to the dedication and expertise of the **Diocesan Staff**. The Diocesan Office is small in scale but very efficient. I think we have one of the leanest administrative supports of all the dioceses in the Church of Ireland. There are currently three part-time staff and four others providing a service to us on a sessional basis.

And so, on behalf of us all, I extend our grateful thanks to our Diocesan Secretary Glenn Moore, our Diocesan Accountant Ashley Brown, Admin assistant Sabrina McCabe, Communication Officer Brian Donaldson, Safeguarding Officer Michael Skuce, Assets Adviser Henry Robinson, and Web master David Daniel. I also thank our Honorary Secretaries, Dean Kenny Hall, Mrs Rosemary Barton and Mr John Irvine, and also our Diocesan Glebes Secretary Mr Robert Forde and Secretary to the Diocesan Board of Education, Mrs Hazel Hunter. We are blessed to have a talented and dedicated team and we sincerely appreciate of all of your work for the Diocese of Clogher.

I should also like on behalf of us all to thank Mrs Mae Glenn who has retired from Diocesan Council having served for many years, and to express our deep appreciation of her service and commitment to this diocese. Finally, to record our sorrow upon the death of Mrs Sue Hogg who passed away earlier this year. Sue made an outstanding contribution to many areas of life to the work of the diocese and to many aspects of community life particularly to education and young people. We extend to her husband Robin and family our sincere condolences.

And so, with those words of thanks I conclude my address and we turn now to the business of our Synod to matters practical and spiritual and apply our hearts to strive for that balance or equanimity of life which we are called by our Lord to cultivate in our hearts and live out in the world.

Yours in Christ's service.

*+Ian Clogher*

# PARISH NOTES

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### Services

#### Sunday 1st October

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

#### Sunday 8th October

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

#### Sunday 15th October

Drumsnatt 3.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving  
Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer  
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer



#### Sunday 22nd October

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

#### Sunday 29th October

Drumsnatt 9.30am - Morning Prayer  
Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer  
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Harvest Thanksgiving

### Harvest Thanksgiving

Thanks to all who took part at our Harvest Services in Aghadrumsee and Clogh.

To our guest preachers Revd Abraham Storey, Revd Robin Toner and Revd Mark Gallagher, to the Sunday School Children, Aghadrumsee Choir and Aghadrumsee Primary School children for the music and to all who decorated the churches.

Our concluding service will take place in Drumsnatt on Sunday 15th October

at 3.00 pm when the guest preacher will be Mr Keith Browne with music from Aghadrumsee Choir.

### Embrace Socials Fun Night

A family fun night and social for all in the group on Friday 20th October in Clogh Hall. Open to all ages, children, teenagers, adults, families we want to see everyone enjoying themselves.

### Clogh Bowling Club

This continues each Wednesday at 8.00 pm.

### Young Ladies Group

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 10th October at 8.00 pm in Clogh Hall when we will have a cookery demonstration from Freda Flemming.

### Mothers' Union

We commence our year with a service of Holy Communion on Monday 2nd October. A meeting will then be held on Monday 23rd October when we hope to have Mrs Doreen Earls speaking.

### Concert

Following last year's success Aghadrumsee Parish and Aghadrumsee LOL 1325 will once again hold a Grand Variety Concert on Saturday 18th November at 8.00pm. Tickets available from Vestry and Lodge members.

## Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Bishop Ian Ellis and Mrs Heather Ellis with the Rector at the dedication of hymnals and a tablecloth in Colebrooke.

### Services

#### Sunday 1st October

11.00am Colebrooke Holy Communion  
3.00pm Cooneen Harvest Thanksgiving

#### Sunday 8th October

9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer

11.00am Colebrooke Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 15th October

11.00am Colebrooke Family Service  
3.00pm Mullaghfad Remembrance Service

#### Sunday 22nd October

9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer  
11.00am Colebrooke Morning Prayer



The Mothers' Union celebrating their 60th anniversary in Colebrooke.

**Sunday 29th October**

11.00am Cooneen Divine Healing Service

**Sunday 5th November**

9.30am Cooneen Holy Communion

11.00am Colebrooke Holy Communion

**Sunday 12th November**

11.00am Colebrooke Remembrance Service

**Mullaghfad Services**

On Sunday 15th October, 2023, at 3.00pm we intend to hold our annual Service of Remembrance with Fivemiletown and Lisburn RBL in attendance.

Weather permitting, we intend to once again hold a Carol Service in Mullaghfad on Sunday 3rd December 2023 at 3.00pm. All are welcome, and, as in previous years, the collection received will go to charity.

**Parish Organisations**

At present the parish organisations are beginning to return to normal times of meeting. As they are able to resume, they will be held as follows:

**GFS – Girls Friendly Society**

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

**Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group**

When the Scouts recommence they will be meeting every Tuesday from 7pm-8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-11 years, and to 9.15pm for Scouts, 11 – 14 years.

The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.  
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Beavers (6 – 8 years)  
Cubs (8 – 11 years)  
Scouts (11 – 14 years)



**Bowling Club**

The Bowling Club has now resumed and meets in the Parish Hall each Thursday at 7.45pm.

Bowls - We would encourage anyone interested to come along, give it a try whilst having fun and fellowship with other members. All age groups welcome.

**MU Anniversary Celebrations**

On Sunday 10th September, a service was held in Colebrooke Parish Church, where Mothers' Union members from local branches were welcomed by Emma as they joined parishioners from the group of parishes, friends and neighbours to celebrate the 60th anniversary. The rector, Revd Canon John

McClenaghan, led the service, assisted by Rt Revd Dr Ian Ellis, Bishop of Clogher, the address was given by Mrs Heather Ellis, Mothers' Union Diocesan President and the soloist

was Miss Jane McKinley from Enniskillen.

The Bible passages were read by Connie and Joy, prayers led by Hazel, Valerie and Irene, the banner was carried by Barbara and the offering was lifted by Violet, Maureen and Joy.

The organist, Karen, accompanied uplifting and joyous singing of the hymns, four of which were from the hymnal, 'Thanks and Praise.'

The Bishop dedicated 30 of the hymnals, which had been purchased by donations from two families in memory of their loved ones, Mary Dunn and Pearl Mulligan, who had been faithful, long serving members of the branch. Many family members attended the service.

The Bishop also dedicated a tablecloth



Celebrating with the anniversary cake.





Celebrating the 60th anniversary of Colebrooke MU.



which had been bought with monies donated in memory of Betty Foster. Mrs Heather Ellis reminded everyone of Mary Sumner, the founder of MU, whose vision was to see women valued for their skills and nurtured in their faith. 147 years later, Mothers' Union is still fulfilling her vision but it is now reaching out around the world with over four million members. The example of Burundi was illustrated by Heather, where grants from Mothers' Union have enabled women to start their own businesses, earn money to support their family in education, health, food and reinvest income to help others. 'Christian Care for Families' is being demonstrated around the world. Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union opened on 10 September 1963 with a service led by Revd Coulson and 35 members attended. They had a varied programme of events including questions answered by a panel, bring and buy sales, missionary speakers showing slides, outings to Belfast, Dublin, Newcastle etc and regular support for the overseas work

of Mothers' Union. Today the members continue to encourage each other in their faith and fellowship. It was most encouraging to include the enrolment of a new member, Constance Moore, who was welcomed by Mrs Heather Ellis. She also presented long service certificates to Emma 49, Joy 48, Heather 42, Violet 42, Maureen 25 and Valerie 20, years of membership. Following the service everyone was entertained to a sumptuous 'Afternoon Tea' in the parish hall. A beautiful cake had been baked for the occasion and it was cut by Emma Gould, longest serving member and Heather Ellis, Diocesan President along with Branch Leader Irene Boyd and member Heather Robinson. After the tea, the branch leader thanked those who had taken part and presented suitable gifts. She then read a poem about the branch, composed by Beverley Weir. Barbara captured many aspects of the day in photographs. The celebrations continued the next week with a meal in Rusks Restaurant,

Fivemiletown. After enjoying tasty food, the Branch Leader, Mrs Irene Boyd, on behalf of the branch members, gave out bags containing three daffodil bulbs, to each of the 36 people present. She challenged each person to plant and grow their bulbs and consider 'growing their own faith', 'growing the Mothers' Union branch', 'growing the fellowship in their own church' so that the Christian faith might bloom brightly in the local area. Barbara then entertained everyone with some games and prizes were awarded. Hazel and Valerie read poems written by Beverley. Joy thanked Irene for her leadership in the branch. The Revd Canon John McClenaghan ended the evening with prayer. Thanks are due to the Rector for organizing the service and printing the service booklets, to the churchwardens, all branch members and to everyone who helped make the celebrations such a success. The next meeting is on 18 October when we are joining the Mothers' Union in the Clogher Group for their 'Visitors Night.'

## Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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### Engagement

Congratulations to Rebecca Crawford (Springfield, Ballybay) and Jamie Szkudlarek (Scotland) who recently announced their engagement. We wish them all of God's blessings as they prepare for their marriage next summer.

### Harvest Festivals 2023

By the time these notes appear in print, our Harvest Festival in St. Colman's Church, Clontibret, will have taken place.

#### *Forthcoming Harvest Festivals in our group of parishes include:*

St. Maeldoid's Church, Castleblaney – Sunday 1st October at 7.30 p.m. (note time)  
Christ Church, Ballybay – Sunday 8th October at 11.15 a.m. (United Service – Children's Harvest)  
Christ Church, Ballybay – Sunday 15th

October at 3.30 p.m.

### Sunday School

Sunday School resumed in all three churches on Sunday 17th September. We thank all of the Sunday School teachers; Martha, Lynn, MJ, Alison, Andrea, Sharon, Julie and Tara, for all their hard work and dedication.

### Mothers' Union News

Mothers' Union resumed after the summer break on Wednesday 6th September when an opening service was held in St. Maeldoid's Church, Castleblaney. During this service five new members were enrolled – Lynn Cross (St. Maeldoid's, Castleblaney), Elizabeth Graham and Diane Tate (St. Colman's, Clontibret), and Julie Crawford and Astrid Moffett (Christ



Church, Ballybay). We trust that they will enjoy the friendship that the Mothers' Union brings as we strive to bring about a world where God's love, respect for others and relationships flourish.

Members enjoyed some refreshments after the service and planned forthcoming meetings.

### Coffee Morning in Ballybay

A coffee morning will take place in Ballybay Parish Hall on Tuesday 10th October from 11 a.m.–12.30 p.m. All are most welcome to attend!

### Social event in Ballybay

A social event for those in secondary school will be held in Ballybay Parish Hall on Friday 21st October from 8.30 p.m. – 11 p.m. This will be run by "Embrace Socials", a leading Christian entertainment provider. The cost to attend is €8 per person.

### Class of 2023

Congratulations to all those who received the results of their Leaving Certificate in August, including Ryan Coulter and Tyana Pratt-Clarke. Ryan will undertake a BSc. in Agriculture at Dundalk I.T. and Ballyhaise Agricultural College while Tyana will undertake a B.Ed. (Primary Teaching) in D.C.U. We wish them, and all those returning to third level education, well in their studies.

Best wishes also to all those who will receive the results of their Junior Certificate on Wednesday 18th October.

### "Team Hope" Shoe Box Appeal 2023

For a number of years, the Parish Hall in Castleblayney has been used to sort, fill and pack shoeboxes for "Team Hope", an Irish, Christian international development organisation working to help children affected by poverty in Africa and Eastern

Europe. This Christmas share a little joy and excitement with children who live in circumstances where they have little or nothing.

Creating a shoe box is a personal thing. Every box is unique and part of the fun is choosing what goes into your gift. You can put your own shoebox together at home or you can put it together online. Items such as pencils, crayons, colouring books, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, hats, socks, cuddly toys, stickers etc. can be put into boxes. Further information can be obtained from Janet Hill, south Monaghan co-ordinator, Church St., Castleblayney. Shoe boxes will be wrapped in the Parish Hall, Church Street, Castleblayney, on Wednesday 18th October from 7.30 p.m. All help greatly appreciated (please bring your own scissors!).

### Supporting Donna

Donna Geary, a parishioner of St. Colman's Church, Clontibret, is continuing her missionary work in Papua New Guinea. If you wish to support her, 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](mailto:donnainmissions@gmail.com)

### Alice Crawford

Alice Crawford from Ballybay Parish is currently undertaking a four-month mission placement in Paraguay which has been arranged through SAMS (South American Mission Society) Ireland. She has written the following:

I arrived in Asunción, Paraguay, on 6th

September and, so far, have met lots of lovely people through church. I am working in the Anglican Church office twice a week and working in a school the other days teaching English. People have been unbelievably hospitable to me and made me feel so welcome. Please continue to pray for the schools I am working in and for the Anglican Church here.

*Alice Crawford*

### 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.

### Clontibret News

We had a wonderful evening of music and praise on 1st September. It was great to welcome family and friends from near and far and we sincerely thank everyone for coming.

Thank you to the pipers from Graham Memorial Pipe Band who greeted worshippers and to Glenn Moore for playing our organ. In between singing "Our Favourite Hymns", Donagh Community Choir, The Elliott Family and Friends, Ballybay Gospel Group and Donagh Cantari shared the Christian message of God's love, and we are so grateful to each and every one of them. It truly was a wonderful evening of praise and thanksgiving. Our thanks to the parishioners who worked so hard to make the evening a success. As the children go back to Sunday School, school or college, we pray for God's blessing on them and their teachers.

May they enjoy their studies and grow in knowledge and faith. *Jennifer Leatham*



Alice Clarke who is on a four-months mission in Paraguay.



Revd Elaine Dunne with those who were recently enrolled as members of the Mothers' Union.

## Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh



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### St Molua's Day

Every year in August we have an ecumenical open-air service in St. Molua's churchyard, Magheraclone. This year's service was held Sunday 13th August 3pm where all were welcome. An excerpt from a booklet regarding the churchyard written by a past rector of St. Molua's, Revd John L. Sutcliffe reads. *'For centuries this was burial ground for all the parish. This situation did not change with the reformation. Roman Catholics were buried alongside members of the Church of Ireland, symbolising the fact that whilst we may have divisions on earth, we are not divided in death.'*

Given our emphasis on togetherness we were delighted that Monsignor Shane McCaughey was able to join us for the service. The introduction to the open-air service held in St. Molua's churchyard 13th August 3pm.

*'We meet this day to remember the life and faith of St Molua, all laid to rest in this place and all who have gone before us in faith. We give thanks for all the heroes of the faith, all who have passed on the love, hope and truth of the Gospel throughout the generations. We remember in our own hearts those who passed the faith on to us. We seek to renew our trust and confidence in Christ, and to pray that together we may be one in him, through whom we offer our praises to the Father.'* Over the years there has been a devoted number of people who attend the service where not only can we offer our thanks and respect to those family and friends no longer with us, but we have the opportunity, to extend our friendship with those who continue to journey with us on our earthly pilgrimage. Huge thanks to



Celebrating St. Molua's Day.



those who made the service possible by all the preparation beforehand, and the warm welcome given to all who were able to attend.

### The Golden Try

The Rugby World Cup only happens every four years. Ireland will take part as the official Number One Team in the World? An opportunity not to let pass by, thanks

for all the effort so far. In the Ireland v Scotland match the scratch card with the time of the first try scored wins €1000. Cards €5. An opportunity to support the Parish, your Team and have a bit of craic. The Ireland Scotland game will be shown live in Markey's Main Street. Saturday 7th October 8pm. "O Flower of Scotland..."

**Blessings Revd Ian**



Organising The Golden Try scratchcard competition for Carrickmacross Group.



Caroline helping with the Scratchcard competition.



Faith, who has excelled in athletics this season.



Freddie and John, tennis winners.

## More Congratulations

We have already given reasons to be so grateful to have talent, that is not only winning presently but has the potential to develop and go even further.

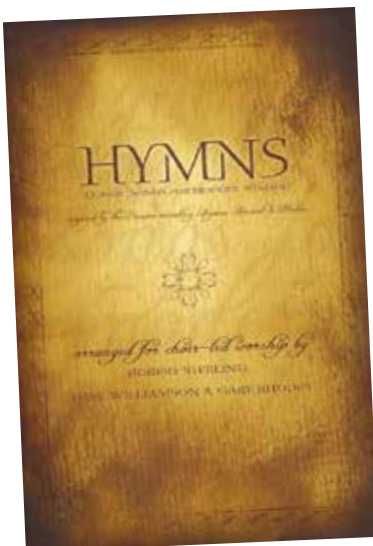
We also acknowledge those among us who continue to give all they have to achieve the best they can be on the day. Congratulations to Freddie and John, Runners Up Men's Doubles Louth Open.

## Midweek Morning Fellowship

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

## Bible Studies

These continue every Thursday evening going through Paul's conversion and missionary journeys. In St Finbarr's Hall from 7.30-8.30pm and in Markey's Bar 8.45-9.45pm.



## Prayer

Continues Sunday evenings every week, on rotation between the churches.

## Notice Board

Since my arrival in this group of parishes I have felt a freedom to try things, which other parishes may have felt were too different. Examples, during Easter, 'Stuck in Saturday', a time to be honest and to be given time to work through difficulties. The 'Pet Remembrance Service,' an opportunity to give thanks for those animals who were part of our journey. The 'Short Sunday', a bit of craic but with the reality that time is short, so mind what you do with it. And now.....since my arrival I have reminded people that I'm not from here, I'm Scottish, and as such I'm obviously good looking, intelligent and humble. This tongue in cheek, wee bit of banter became part of what I brought to services every now and again. To the extent that when it was asked 'What new information to put on the church notice board, as a new rector was in place'

I replied, 'Revd Ian Cruickshank - Good Looking Intelligent and Humble'. I'm sure the thoughts of those present were mixed with surprise, shock, and hesitation. I didn't think it would happen, but it has. It's amazing how the innocent, seemingly crazy things we say can and challenge in a

profound way.

The Carrickmacross church notice board is unique. All others would have after a rector or priest's name their academic/professional qualifications that qualifies them to hold office. What struck me is the importance we put on academics, which in my mind although important does not make the person. As a mature student I spent six years full time at Belfast Bible College, part of Queens University Theology Department. A further two years at the Church of Ireland Theological College, part of Trinity in Dublin, away from family and home for five days and nights during the academic term. All those years while still trying to be a husband and father to four young kids, keeping bread on the table and bills paid. I know the sacrifice not only of self but especially of my family. So, I know the cost behind the academic letters. However, over the past few weeks students and their families have been waiting with eagerness for exam results to see what their future

may hold. Along with the delight and pride there has also been for a number disappointment and even distress when we 'fail'. So, our notice board is a reminder, and hope to most of us that academics don't make or qualify a person to be who they are. Or the benefit and pleasure they are to others. Blessings Revd Ian GIH



## Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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### Canon Jen writes...

It was nice to have a break over the summer but now that the autumn term is in full swing it's lovely that all the organisations have restarted and we're back into our routine. The uniformed organisations and Sunday School have all got going again and if your child is not involved, but you'd like them to be, just let us know. Thank you to all who have covered services and pastoral care in my absence.

### Back to school services

On Sunday 10th September each church had a 'Back to School' service. Canon Jen blessed school bags and asked God's guidance and protection on all those who had returned to school and who returned or started university. It was great to see the children returning after the summer break. Sunday School returned the following week. Thank you to Rowena and Caroline and their teams who run Sunday School in the parishes.

### Mothers' Union

Our Branch met after the summer vacation on 19th September when we had a service of Late Evening Office with prayers for various objects and a planning meeting. We meet again on 17th October in Mullaghduin Hall when Nigel Armstrong from Letterbreen will put our artistic skills to the test as he attempts to teach us the art of sketching and painting!

### Thanks!

We extend our grateful thanks to the teams of dedicated volunteers who meet regularly to mow the grass in the Church grounds and also do all the ancillary work to leave our graveyards a safe and pleasant place for parishioners and visitors who come to tend family graves. We also thank those who care for and clean the interiors of the Churches, the volunteers who operate the weekly Flower Rotas and not forgetting the Churchwardens who prepare the Churches for worship week by week.

### Dates for Harvest Services

**Mullaghduin Harvest Services** – Friday 29th September at 7.30pm and Sunday 1st October 2023 at 11.00am. There will be a soup and cheese lunch following the 11.00am service. All welcome for food and fellowship.

**Cleenish Harvest Service** – Sunday 15th October 2023 at 11.00am at 7.30pm. (Both Sunday morning services will be family services with the modern language service used).

### Church Anniversary

The Cleenish Harvest weekend will commence on Friday 13th October with a special event to celebrate the 260th



anniversary of the consecration of the current church. Some research dates the present church building to c.1763 and adds that the seating was replaced in 1869. The celebration of 260 years of Cleenish Church will take the form of a Musical Evening held in Cleenish Church at 8pm featuring the Silver Tones Male Voice Choir, Serenity Music (Wesley Henderson with his daughters Elise and Amy), and a historical brief on the history of Cleenish Church. All friends and parishioners and former parishioners of Cleenish are welcomed to this event and there will be supper in Cleenish Hall, to allow opportunity to renew acquaintances with Cleenish Parish.

### Christian Burial

#### CLEENISH PARISH CHURCH

2nd August 2023 - George E M Stephens, Gransha Road, Laragh, Enniskillen aged 96 years, following a Service of Thanksgiving in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

#### MULLAGHDUN PARISH CHURCH

19th August 2023 - Amy Elizabeth Armstrong, Derryscobe, Letterbreen, aged 93 years following a Service of Thanksgiving in Letterbreen Methodist Church.

## Clogher Cathedral Group



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Some of the participants in the heritage walk calling at Clogher Cathedral and led by local historian, Jack Johnston.

### Heritage Weekend

Clogher Cathedral opened this year for the 16th time on European Heritage Weekend. The Cathedral was open on

both Saturday and Sunday (9th and 10th September).

This year the model knitted Cathedral was on display as well as the portrait collection

and the votive tablets. There was much interest in the portrait collection as well as the stain glass windows. Parishioners on a rota provided stewarding over the two days.

### Heritage Walk

The cathedral was also visited on the Friday evening by participants in a heritage walk organised in conjunction with the William Carleton Society. The group of 25 included visitors from Belfast, Omagh, Monaghan and Caledon. One lady even travelled specially from Kilcar in County Donegal. Jack Johnston was the guide for the town walk which concluded with a visit to the cathedral and its cemetery.



Jack Johnston with some of the participants enjoying the heritage walk.

## Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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### Services

#### Sunday 1st October

Clones 10.00am: Harvest Festival Service  
Newbliss 11.30am (in Hall): Harvest Festival Service. (Guest preacher at both services: Rev. James Stevenson)

#### Sunday 8th October

Killeevan 11.00am: Harvest Festival Service  
Currin 3.30pm: Harvest Festival Service (Guest preacher at both services: Rev. Margaret Pringle)

#### Sunday 15th October

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

#### Sunday 22nd October

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

#### Sunday 29th October

Newbliss 11.00am: Joint Group Morning Worship

### Sunday School

Sunday School classes have now resumed in Clones and Scotshouse, with teachers and children alike all looking forward to their new year. Unfortunately we have had to postpone the opening of Sunday School in Killeevan and Newbliss whilst we recruit some new teaching assistants and put them through the Garda vetting procedures in line with child safeguarding requirements. In the interim, all children from across the Group are welcome to attend Sunday School in either Clones or Scotshouse – and if any adults from Killeevan or Newbliss would like to join the Sunday School team in their own parish, please contact the Rector for more information.



### Mothers' Union

The first meeting of the new 'term' was held on Thursday 14 September at 8.00 pm in Killeevan Church Hall. The Rector led a service of Holy Communion, and we were delighted to welcome Ivy Ritchie back to play the keyboard for us following a period of illness. After the service, officers were elected, reports were given, and there was discussion as to events members hope to organise this year ... many of which sound to be great fun. Ivy also took the opportunity to thank the MU members for their support during her absence, and she paid a special tribute to branch leader Linda Keating who had sent her many much-

appreciated and thoroughly uplifting messages of encouragement. To finish the evening there was a tea, cake, and lots of enjoyable conversation as members caught up after the summer holiday. Membership of the Mothers' Union is open to all, and new members from within our Group would be warmly welcome.

### Confirmation

We are delighted that Bishop Ian has agreed to lead a Service of Confirmation in our Group on Sunday 19 May 2024 – a special Sunday when we will also celebrate Pentecost. Confirmation preparation classes for teenagers aged 13+ will take place after Christmas. However, all young people who wish to be confirmed need to make themselves known to the Rector by Sunday 22 October. We will then present these youngsters to our parishioners at the joint service on 29 October – and thereafter arrange for them to take part in Sunday services in a variety of ways.

## Colaghty



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### October

1st - Holy Communion 11.30am  
6th - Harvest service 8.00pm  
8th - Family Harvest 11.30am  
8th - Evening Harvest 7.00pm  
15th - Morning Prayer 11.30am  
22nd - Morning Prayer 11.30am  
29th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

### November

5th - Holy Communion 11.30am  
12th - Remembrance Sunday 11.30am  
19th - Morning Prayer 11.30am  
26th - Morning Prayer 11.30am (Gift  
Sunday)

### Christian Burial

27th August 2023  
Violet Elizabeth Milligan, Edenamohill,



The first aid course in progress in Colaghty Hall.



The first aid course in progress in Colaghty Hall.

How would you react if on Sunday you turned up to your local church and the door was firmly shut? The gates chained and padlocked, and a tattered notice attached to the notice board that states church is closed. Nature is slowly reclaiming the graveyard. What meets you is clear that no-one has been there for some time. How would you react? What would you say? What would you think? Sadness, dismay, bewilderment, how, why, who, what, then you waken from your dream. The writer of Hebrews encourages us to meet in grace and love and *"...not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching"* 10: 25. While God alone knows the future of His church, we may discover someday, sooner rather than later, the vivid dream may be the reality.

### Erne Vintage Club

Back in August, a large group of vintage car enthusiasts travelled the highways and byways for their Annual Erne Vintage Rally with a pit stop at Colaghty Parish Hall for lunch and with background music from Church Hill Silver Band. Some 88 cars took part, and around 250 members enjoyed the outing and lunch served by Saddlers Restaurant. The wide variety

of different models on display, from the Rolls Royce, the Singer, Morris 8 and a Dorgward allowed many a nostalgic look back over the years, drawing comparison with then and cars of today. The parish was delighted to be able to make the facilities available for the club and wish them happy motoring.

### Farm First Aid training

Some 19 members of the farming community attended first aid training recently in the parish hall, funded by CAFRE and delivered through Global Horizon Skills. The trainer, Anne Grugan delivered a full-on course from on-screen to the practical element, keeping the attention of all present. The interaction and responses to questions posed and enhanced the learning, with many new elements emerging that would be beneficial to all. During the CPR session, tea and coffee was served, and at the conclusion a First aid kit, relevant to what is needed on a farm was given to each participant. Many thanks to all involved and to the Select Vestry for making this worthwhile training available locally.

### Greencoat UK Wind Community Fund

Following an application to the above Fund in relation to the local Tappaghan



Some of the participants with their first aid kits.



Some of the cars from the Erne Vintage Car Rally which stopped at Colaghty and enjoyed a lunch.



Wind Farm, the parish received £2500 for a project to replace the external lighting of the Hall Carpark with new LED lights which provides better energy efficiency and lower running costs, especially as the Hall is widely used at night over the winter months. Also, a large screen television was included in the project in the Hall for improved and simpler audio-visual presentations. All the work is completed and the parish are very appreciative of the continued financial support from Greencoat this year again.

### Children and Youth

Prior to the recommencement of Sunday School and Confirmation classes again a fun night with games and activities was held in the parish hall. Billed as an Ice – Cream and Pizza Party, it certainly lived up to its name with an array of ice-creams and pizzas for every palette. It was

encouraging to see good numbers come along on what was an enjoyable night. Our thanks to the organisers, and all who came along.

### Women's Fellowship

A warm welcome is extended to the ladies of the parish to the first of the new season monthly meetings of Women's Fellowship on Monday 2nd October 2023 at 8.00pm when the speaker will be Hollie Moore, 'Berry and Bow wreaths'. The new committee members are looking forward to welcoming you along as the new programme unfolds in the coming months. The November meeting will be Ethel McClelland, from the Smiles Foundation.

### Young at Heart

Members are looking forward to new

schedule of meetings, with the first on Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 10.30am. New members are always welcome to the monthly meetings with various topics relevant to all. It offers a time of fellowship, fun, and food. So, note the date and come along.

### Harvest Weekend

Revd Leah McKibbon of Togherdoo Methodist Church will be with us on Friday 6th Oct at 8.00pm and Revd Canon Paul Thompson, Irvinestown on Sunday evening 8th Oct at 7.00pm. A light supper will be served in the hall after the Friday and Sunday evening services.

Please keep an eye on announcements for any updates or changes to planned activities.



Some of the vintage cars.

## Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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### Services

#### Sunday 8th October

10.30am Derryvullen North with special soloist and refreshments in hall after 11.34am Castle Archdale with Singing Group

#### Wednesday 11th October

11.00am Shoppers' Service with chat and a cuppa in Irvinestown Parish Centre

#### Sunday 15th October

10.15am Castle Archdale: Morning Prayer  
11.30am Derryvullen North: All Age Harvest Celebration and choir anthems  
7.00pm Derryvullen North: Harvest Service with Revd Matthew Topley and special anthems. There will be supper served in the Hall afterwards

#### Sunday 22nd October

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

#### Sunday 29th October

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

### Bowling Club

Over the summer, the members of the Bowling Club started a new activity which proved very popular - "Daytime Bowling Sessions" which took place each Monday morning. These occasions also included an enjoyable cuppa and of course time for a good chat. Those very successful sessions have now ended but here are a couple of photos from the Singles competition held over the summer. It was won by Christy, and the runner-up was Nora - well done to each of them and to all who took part. In the photos they are being congratulated and presented with their prizes by Bertie. Thank you also to all who supported the Club over the summer and we hope you all enjoyed it.



The Castle Archdale Singers.

Reminder: Bowling club reopens for the new season on Tuesday 5th September, meeting weekly 7.30pm to 9.30pm in Derryvullen North Parish Hall. The Club is a friendly group and is open to anyone from our parishes or the wider community. If you are interested and would like to give it a go, you will be very welcome and folk will help you and explain how it all works.

### War Graves in Irvinestown

At the time of writing the Commonwealth War Graves Commission is holding a series of tours of the cemeteries under their care, including the one at Derryvullen North where there are buried the largest group of Second World War Air Force dead in Northern Ireland. The date had to be changed unfortunately from 9th September to 23rd September.

### Gifts dedicated at Derryvullen North

On Sunday 10th Sept we were so pleased to see Albert Hughes out today and he, along with Alan, presented tables in memory of the late Mrs Eveline Hughes. The Rector received them, assisted by the Churchwardens and dedicated to God in memory of Eveline. The soloist was Paddy and he was accompanied by Rachel, who also played for the congregational hymns too. The reader was Iris and the collection was received by members of the Sunday School and one of our Junior Leaders. To mark the beginning of the activities for the new season, the MU banner was carried in by Lorna and the BB Standard by Adam. After the Service there was tea/ coffees and biscuits in the hall - this has now resumed on the second Sunday and



The war graves at Derryvullen North.



we were grateful to Carol, Marion and Iris for arranging this today. There was also registration for the new Sunday School season too.

## Second Sunday at Castle Archdale

For this September Service it was great to see over 40 out for worship and thank you to the singing group, accompanied by Brian on the guitar. The organist for the congregational hymns was Gwenan. Hannah Grace also helped the Rector in his address.

## Open Days at Castle Archdale

For a few sessions over the summer, a number of parishioners kindly volunteered to be in Castle Archdale Church so that visitors; locals or holidaymakers could call in and view our lovely church building. Our new "Church Open" sign was very useful drawing peoples' attention to the church and we displayed it on both the official Open Days and at other times such as the Singing Group practice session. It was lovely to welcome several groups of visitors – including from both up the road and from as far away as Poland.

## Castle Archdale: booklet for visitors

For the Open Days and other occasions when visitors call in we now have a short information leaflet about the church. Here are a couple of extracts from it: "As a visitor ventures down the avenue leading to the Country Park, they encounter a striking sight: the elegant tower of the Chapel of The Mullies. Its architectural style, referred to as "Irish Battlement Style," captivates visitors with its stepped stonework, pinnacles, and impeccable symmetry. This tower, which once formed part of the old church, serves as a haunting yet beautiful reminder of the past. Standing tall and proud, it reveals the craftsmanship and skill of its builders. Its three stories, tapering towards the top, not only lend it an imposing appearance but also reinforce its structural integrity. The ground floor was used as an entrance porch, leading to a gallery on the first floor, while the top floor housed the church bell. Intriguingly, the tower bears dressed stones around its base and corners, suggesting that it might have been built before the adjoining church. The purpose of the two entrance doors remains a mystery, fuelling speculation about changes in the initial construction plans. Regrettably, the church itself is no longer standing, and only the tower stands as a silent witness to its history.... The windows of St. Patrick's Church strike a delicate



The Bowling Club presentation

balance between inviting natural light and maintaining a contemplative atmosphere. While most windows feature clear glass, the centrepiece is undoubtedly the East window, known as the "Te Deum Window." This stunning example of stained glass artistry depicts scenes from the Te Deum Laudamus, a canticle from the Book of Common Prayer, with biblical figures and symbols intricately interwoven. The expert use of colours and symbolism by artists Alfred Child and Beatrice Elvery enhances the window's impact, creating a spiritually uplifting experience for all who behold it."

## Hydrobikeathon

1st Irvinestown Boys Brigade members have been participating in the World's 1st Hydrobikeathon – around the island town of Enniskillen - as their fundraising effort for the 2023-24 season. Anyone wishing to sponsor the team may contact Captain Joe or any of the Officers or Team Members. Here is a description of the event from the organisers' webpage [www.erneadventures.com](http://www.erneadventures.com) "What is the Hydrobikeathon? The hydrobikeathon is a new fundraising platform for individuals or groups to raise funds for their chosen charity using hydrobikes as the mode of participation. Hydrobikeathons are events, managed and executed by Castle



Taking part in the Hydrobikeathon.



Attending the service of dedication of gifts.

Archdale Boat Hire and Erne Adventures, with exclusive rights to this event owned by Castle Archdale Boat Hire and Erne Adventures. Our Hydrobikeathon events encourage participants who are interested in raising funds for multiple charities or community organisations to get involved and submit a team. In much the same way as marathons engage multiple fundraising individuals or teams, our Hydrobikeathons make every effort to do the same except rather than the event being land based, this is a water based fundraising event."

## Reflection: "blessed are" and "woe to"

In Luke 6:20-26, Jesus addresses a crowd of his disciples, offering a message that challenges the world's understanding of success and happiness. He begins by pronouncing blessings upon the poor, the hungry, the weeping, and the persecuted, while issuing warnings to the rich, the well-fed, the laughing, and those praised by all. At first glance, these words may seem paradoxical, but in the depth of Jesus' teachings, we find a profound message of hope and encouragement. In a world that often measures worth by material possessions, social status, and personal achievements, Jesus calls our attention to the deeper realities of the Kingdom of God. He reminds us that true blessedness is not found in earthly riches or fleeting pleasures but in our relationship with God and our response to the needs of others. To the poor, Jesus assures them that they are not forgotten or abandoned. In the midst of their struggles, they can find solace in the embrace of God's love and the promise of His Kingdom. Their present circumstances do not define their worth or their future. For those who mourn, Jesus offers comfort. He understands the depths of our sorrow and invites us to find healing and hope in Him. In times of grief, we can draw near to the One who is the source of all comfort, knowing that He will wipe

away every tear. To the persecuted and oppressed, Jesus extends His hand of solidarity. He acknowledges the challenges and injustices they face, assuring them that their faithfulness will be rewarded. In their suffering, they can find strength through the presence of Christ, who walks with them on their journey. While cautioning the rich and those consumed by worldly pleasures, Jesus invites them to examine the true treasures of life. He challenges them to use their resources and influence for the betterment of others, reminding them that true fulfilment is found in acts of selflessness and compassion. As we reflect on these words of Jesus, let us be encouraged to embrace a new perspective on blessedness. Let us find hope in the knowledge that in God's Kingdom, our true worth is not determined by external circumstances but by our relationship with

Him and our response to His call. May we seek to align our hearts with the values of the Kingdom, extending love, mercy, and compassion to those around us. In doing so, we will experience the abundant blessings and everlasting joy that come from walking in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### What's on?

- Sunday Schools: These meet in each Parish in association with the Sunday Service
- Boys' Brigade : Mondays and Thursdays in Derryvullen North Hall
- Girls' Brigade: Takes place in other local churches in Irvinestown and Pettigo
- Bowling Club: Tuesdays weekly at 7.30pm in Derryvullen Parish Hall
- Women's Group: 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Parish Centre, Irvinestown at

8.30pm

- Derryvullen North Choir: 1st Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm
- Castle Archdale Singing Group : 11.30am on the Saturday preceding the Second Sunday Service
- Craft Group: Each Thursday in the Parish Centre, Irvinestown anytime between 7-9pm
- Mothers' Union: 4th Wednesday of the month in the Parish Centre, Irvinestown at 7.30pm
- Book Nook: Last Saturday of most months, in the Parish Centre, Irvinestown 10-12noon

### From the registers

#### BAPTISM

Molly Rose Robinson, 2nd September (Derryvullen North)

## Derryvullen South and Garvary

Vacant:

Administrative Charge: **Rural Dean Revd William Jeffrey**  
 Service Cover as per Diocesan Rota  
 General Pastoral Care: **Revd Maureen Desborough**  
 Emergency Pastoral Care, Funerals and weddings: **Dean Raymond Ferguson**  
 Baptisms: **Revd Maureen Desborough or Dean Raymond Ferguson.**

### Services

#### Sunday, 1 October

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

#### Sunday 8 October

10.30am Holy Communion Derryvullen South; 12 Noon Harvest Thanksgiving Garvary; 7pm Harvest Thanksgiving Garvary.

#### Sunday 15 October

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

#### Sunday 22 October

10.30am Morning Prayer Derryvullen South; 12 noon Morning Prayer Garvary

#### Sunday 29 October

10.30am Morning Prayer Derryvullen South; 12 Noon Morning Prayer Garvary.

### Derryvullen South

Derryvullen South parish organised a barbecue Derryvullen South hall on Friday 8 September.



Scenes from the barbecue at Derryvullen South.





Dean Raymond Ferguson with the birthday cake provided by Jean Hunter.

It was a free event for all our church community. We had over 100 attended. Hot rocks provided a delicious steak meal. Dean Ferguson and his family entertained

us with some singing on Dean Ferguson's birthday. Jean Hunter made a beautiful cake for the occasion. The Sunday school families provided desserts. A lovely evening was enjoyed by all and the weather was good with the sun shining.

### Mothers' Union

The September monthly meeting took place in Derryvullen South Parish Hall on Monday 18th at 8.00pm. Our thanks to Mrs. Diane Donaldson for bringing along her Royal Knits and other hand-crafted items. The October monthly meeting will take place in Garvary Parish Hall on Monday 16th October 8.00pm. All parishioners, friends and those interested in bee keeping from both parishes are invited to join us for a presentation by Mr. Brian Dane.

### Garvary Dedication of Pipe Organ

The dedication of our pipe organ will take place in Garvary Parish Church on Sunday, 8 October at the Harvest Thanksgiving

Service at 12 noon. If anyone would like to hear the organ you are cordially invited to join us at either of our Harvest Thanksgiving Services at 12 Noon and at 7pm.

The Select Vestry and parishioners wish to express their gratitude and thanks to our former Rector, Chancellor John Stewart and Canon Betty Thompson for ensuring we had the installation of the organ in the shortest possible time. We are also indebted to Chancellor Stewart for suggesting the restoration of the pipe organ and we are delighted with the sound.

### Garvary Bowling Club

The Bowling Club re-commenced on 13 September and new members of all ages and abilities are very welcome at 8pm on Wednesdays in the Church Hall.

### Sunday School

This commenced on Sunday, 17 September after the summer break.

### Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those of our parishioners who are ill in hospital, nursing homes or in their own homes and also those who are receiving treatment.

## Devenish & Boho



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### Services

#### Sunday 1st October

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

#### Sunday 8th October

10.00 am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church  
11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

#### Sunday 15th October

10.00am Morning Prayer, Boho Parish

Church  
11.30am, Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church

#### Sunday 22th October

10.00am. Morning Prayer Boho Parish Church  
11.30am Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church

#### Sunday 29th October

10.00am. Family Service Boho Parish Church  
11.30am Family Service, Devenish Parish Church

### Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Devenish Parish Harvest Thanksgiving Services  
Friday 6th October at 8.00pm and Sunday 8th October at 11.30am.

### Holiday Cover

We wish to thank, Revd Denise Acheson, Mrs Joan Nelson, Mr. Keith Browne, Mr. Peter Booth and Revd Eric McGirr for conducting our services during August and 1st Sunday in September, while Revd. Sampson, was on holiday.

### Organ

We wish to thank the Beeson Family for providing the music, while our organist in Devenish was on holiday. Solenn and Teddy played the organ, while Naomi, Zinna and Loveday helped the choir lead the singing. The congregation deeply appreciated the

family's contribution to Morning Service.

### Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union resumed on Wednesday 13th September with a Service of Holy Communion in Devenish Parish Church conducted by the Revd Sampson Ajuka. Pearl Bell, Branch Leader, welcomed everyone to the service after our summer break. The lesson was read by Vivienne Ferguson and Pearl led the prayers. The organist was Gill Spence. Afterwards a business meeting was held in the Reade Hall followed by a cup of tea. On Wednesday, 11th October we look forward to welcoming Heather Ellis, Clogher Diocesan President, to our meeting. Anyone who wishes to hear Heather speak will be most welcome.

### Devenish Bowling Tournament

Devenish Pairs tournament will be held on Thursday 28th September, Friday 29th September, Saturday 30th September, Monday 2nd October, with finals night Wednesday 4th October, in Reade Hall Monea. Entries to William Harpur, 02866341237 or 07796221797.

### Devenish Parish Auction and Sale

This will be held on Saturday 11th November at 2.00pm in the Reade Hall.

## Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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### Services

#### Sunday 1st October

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough (HC)

3pm Errigal Truagh, Annual Harvest

Thanksgiving Service

#### Sunday 8th October

12.00 Errigal Truagh (HC)

3pm St Salvator's, Glaslough, Annual

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

#### Sunday 15th October

10.30am St Salvator's Church, Glaslough

12.00 Errigal Truagh (MP)

#### Sunday 22nd October

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough

12.00 Errigal Truagh (MP)

#### Sunday 29th October

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough (Joint

Service)

Please note that St Sillian's, Tyholland is presently closed for conservation works and all services will take place in either Errigal Truagh or St Salvator's, Glaslough until further notice.

### Heritage Week in the Donagh Group of Parishes - A Roundup

On Monday 14th August St Salvator's hosted two Heritage Week talks at 12noon



The Blessing of Schoolbags in St. Salvator's Church.

and 2pm where the Revd Tim Irvine spoke about Bishop John Leslie and his involvement in the three phases of the Irish Confederate Wars: the 1641 Rebellion, the Confederates War and the Cromwellian War which preceded the Restoration of the Monarchy and Bishop Leslie's translation from Raphoe to Clogher and the purchase

of the lands at Donagh which we know today as the Castle Leslie Estate. Revd Tim spoke about the construction of St Salvator's Parish Church and pointed out interesting architectural features and how they represented changes in religious practice within the Church of England and Ireland. Revd Tim concluded his talk by



Enjoying the heritage talks and supper at Tyholland and Errigal Truagh.



showing how, until the 1840's, St Salvator's had stood beside the gates of the earlier manor house at the end of the village Main Street and how it had once been part of the village rather than its current position enclosed within the demesne walls. Bishop Leslie came to Donagh after one of the most turbulent periods in Irish history, in an 11-year period of wars which had seen the largest loss of life in Ireland until the Great Famine of the 1840, the time when the village of Glaslough was being remodelled into its current form and we were left wondering what had happened to the villagers who had once lived in the dwellings that once flowed down the hill up to the church and the old manor house: had they simply moved into the surrounding countryside, or had they boarded ships headed for America, or had they, like so many, died in the famine? Perhaps some future researcher might be able to provide us with an answer.

On Wednesday 16th August Brigid Clesham, who has been carrying out archival research on St Sillian's, Tyholland delivered a fascinating talk on St Sillian's from its earliest times which sources from the Early Middle Ages connect to both St Patrick and St Cillian. Sadly the records that might definitively link the site of our current church and the ancient ecclesial/monastic settlement mentioned in the Tripartite Life of St Patrick, written many centuries after the death of St Patrick, have been lost to the mists of time, however, our records for the 18th and 19th Century are excellent and we were reminded of how the parish was once responsible for the upkeep of the local roads and the welfare of "foundlings". One comforting continuity is that, as in the early Nineteenth Century, the Churchwardens were a Montgomery and a Wilson, so too in the early Twenty First Century the Churchwardens are still a Montgomery and a Wilson. Our thanks to Brigid for her research and for The Heritage Council who have funded her research into our parish under their Community Grants programme. We hope to hear more from Brigid next year when she reveals how the parish developed in the Twentieth Century and she has fired our imaginations about what archeological evidence may be hiding under our feet that might confirm the association of our site with the early Church in Ireland.

On Thursday 17th August in St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh, Ethne McCord took us on a tour of the parish looking for evidence of those who once populated the pews of Errigal Truagh and Errigal Shanco parish churches. Ethne's research took her to properties, long abandoned but whose last inhabitants are still remembered locally.



The new floor in St. Sillian's Church supported by the Benefact Trust.

We had two guest speakers, one whose homestead now leaves no trace and another who recalled his school days at Errigal Truagh, hearing the short pitched note of the blacksmith's hammer on the anvil and daydreaming of the freedom of the forge outside the school's thick walls. Ethne has more research to do and she promises us that next year she will travel the lanes of Errigal Shanco and Errigal Truagh to record the presence of the families who once filled these churches. In the Nineteenth Century over 1000 children were baptised in Errigal Shanco and Errigal Truagh; in the Twentieth Century this number dropped to 120; in the Twenty First Century we have had one baptism. Our thanks to everyone who helped organise these talks and who catered for the lovely suppers at Tyholland and Errigal Truagh.

Special thanks to Ethne McCord for all the administrative work that she put in to promoting our Heritage Week events.

### The Annual Blessing of the Schoolchildren and School bags

This took place on Sunday 27th August at the All Age Family service led by Revd Tim with the usual help from the Sunday school children.

### Community Choir practice

This has recommenced on Monday nights for the Harvest Season.

### Tyholland Floor

The Select Vestry members wish to thank the Benefact Trust for their grant of £3,000 stg towards the extensive conservation repairs to the flooring and dado rail at St Sillian's Church. They also wish to thank the department of Housing, Local Government

and Heritage and Monaghan County Council for their grant offer of E12,255 under their Built Heritage Investment scheme (2023). We are pleased to report that work is progressing well.

### Welcome back!

We welcome Revd Tim back from his well deserved holiday and wish to thank Archdeacon Ricky Rountree for taking our services during Revd Tim's absence.

### Wildflower Garden

Our thanks to people's churchwarden, Robert Jordan, and his son Nathan who are preparing part of St Salvator's Church grounds in order to plant a wildflower garden.



The wildflower garden being prepared.

  
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# Dromore

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## Hope in God

*'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit' Romans 15:13*

We tend to think of hope with a cross-your-fingers mentality, but in biblical terms the emphasis is on certainty. A certainty that has its confidence in God's faithfulness. A belief that what has been promised will come true. God always comes through on what He says – a hundred times out of a hundred. Therefore, hope is an essential component of faith. While faith can refer to the past, present and future, hope focuses our minds on the future. What God promises, He delivers. That's why we can be confident about whatever lies ahead, why we can be bold in our declaration of who God is, and why we are sure of Heaven one day. 'Hope is faith in the future tense' (John Piper). ('Journey with me' Catherine Campbell, ivpbooks)

## Youth and Sunday School Barbecue and Walk

A big thank you to all who contributed to the success of our Youth and Sunday School Barbecue and Walk Around Treasure Hunt on Friday 1 September. Most of our young people of Sunday School and Youth Group age attended the event and with the fantastic weather on the night they had a splendid evening of fun and fellowship. As parents and family members accompanied our young people on the Treasure Hunt, we had a full hall of our church family enjoying barbecue food, drinks and the added pleasure of popcorn freshly made on the night in the Hall. The purpose of the event was to bring all our



Enjoying the barbecue after the walk.

Sunday School and Ignite Youth Group together for a night of fun and fellowship before our organisations reopen and this objective was very successfully achieved.

## Services

### 1st - 29th October

#### Sunday 1st October

11.00am - Harvest Thanksgiving Service with Baptism (Revd Eric McGirr)

7.30 pm - Harvest Thanksgiving Service (Revd Eric McGirr)

#### Sunday 8th October

11.00am - Morning Service (Harry Anderson)

#### Sunday 15th October

11.00am - Holy Communion Service (Revd Maureen Desborough)

#### Sunday 22nd October

11.00am - Morning Service (Eileen Cutler)

### Sunday 29th October

11.00am - Morning Service (Harry Anderson)

## Keeping up to date

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

- Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook
- Watch our Live Streamed Services <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitydromore/live/>
- Subscribe to our YouTube Channel [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwj585CXIqOq6W6h7\\_2AiYg/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwj585CXIqOq6W6h7_2AiYg/)
- Watch uploaded Services on YouTube on a smart TV, uploaded usually on within 48 hours.
- Get a recording of the service on CD every week.



## Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne



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As I sit down to write these words the short heat wave that we have enjoyed has just ended and normal service has resumed. We are half way through our harvest services in the group as we start early here.

On Sunday 3 September a full house at Dernasesk heard Revd Peter Ferguson, rector of Derg and Termonamongan who not only preached a challenging sermon which reminded me of my youth which had some things in common with Peter's in rural Armagh but he also sang two pieces for us which were greatly enjoyed by all.

Our thanks to the willing team who prepared supper, those who decorated the hall and tidied up outside, to Winston Loane for playing the music and to Irene Boyd for drawing it all together.

On Sunday 10 September it was the turn of Muckross where we saw as a good turnout from a number of churches and denominations to hear Rebecca Guildea, rector of the Garrison Group of Parishes our neighbouring group who preached on the 23 psalm and challenged us to think about how we view our relationship with God as well as reminding us to take rest when we need it alongside showing us all that our faith promises for us both now and in the future.

Our thanks also to Joy Graham for coming over from Garrison to play the music as she does every year. Thanks to those who decorated the church and to Bobby Simms who along with Willy McCutcheon cleared the hedge cuttings from the driveway which made the walk to church much more pleasant.

I have included some photos from Dernasesk but unfortunately I forgot my camera for Muckross so did not take any photos there.

There are two more harvest services to



Some of the floral arrangements in Dernasesk.

come and I will report on those in the next edition of the Diocesan Magazine.

Over the past few weeks we have been looking at various passages concerning the exodus from Egypt as God rescued the people from the bondage of slavery and brought them to the promised land. While these are familiar accounts it was interesting to look at the bigger picture and one thing that struck me most were the parallels that can be drawn between Joseph, Moses and Jesus.

I will mention just two by way of example – Joseph was betrayed by people that he trusted (his brothers) and sold into slavery. Yet this was part of God's plan and meant that he was able to rescue his family in the future.

Jesus was betrayed by one of his disciples, put to death but as we know the story did not end there and was part of the ultimate rescue plan for humankind.

The second example concerns the Passover and Holy Communion. God instructed Moses (and Aaron) to tell the people to mark the Passover in the future and Jesus left instructions for us to mark the sacrifice that he would make which was of course the ultimate sacrifice which would mean that no further sacrifices

would be necessary.

As I wrote these words I remembered the lyrics of a song by Zak Williams that I had found in my saved documents in the past few days. I cannot remember when or why I saved these words but I simply want to leave them with you.

*Hear the voice of love that's calling  
There's a chair that waits for you  
And a Friend who understands  
Everything you're going through*

*But you keep standing at a distance  
In the shadow of your shame  
There's a light of hope that's shining  
Won't you come and take your place?*

*And bring it all to the table  
There's nothing He ain't seen before  
For all your sin, all your sorrow, and your  
sadness  
There's a Saviour and He calls  
Bring it all to the table*

*He can see the weight you carry  
The fears that hold your heart  
But through the cross you've been  
forgiven  
You're accepted as you are*

*So bring it all to the table  
Nothing He ain't seen before*

*For all your trials, all your worries, and  
your burdens*

*There's a Saviour and He calls  
Bring it all to the table*

*Bring it all*

*You can bring it all*

*And come on in, take your place  
There's no one who's turned away  
All you sinners, all you saints  
Come right in and find your grace  
Come on in, take your place  
There's no one who's turned away*

*All you sinners, all you saints  
Come on in and find your grace*

*And bring it all to the table  
There's nothing He ain't seen before  
For all your sin, all your sorrow, and your  
sadness  
There's a Saviour and He calls  
Bring it all to the table*

## Diary

### Sunday 1 October

Morning Prayer 10.00  
Templecarne, 11.30 Tubrid

### Sunday 8 October

Holy Communion 10.00  
Muckcross, 11.30 Tubrid

### Sunday 15 October

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne,  
Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

### Sunday 22 October

Morning Prayer 10.00  
Muckcross, 11.30 Tubrid

### Sunday 29 October

SOW 10.00 Templecarne,  
11.30 Tubrid

## Ematrix with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

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

Revd Tim Irvine is in charge.

### Aughnamullen

Our Annual Harvest Thanksgiving service was held on Sunday 10th September at 3.30pm which was a beautiful, warm autumn day. Our thanks to Walter Pringle for arranging and conducting the service which had members of all nearby churches in attendance. This year we welcomed the Revd Ian Cruickshank, Rector of Carrickmacross Union of parishes as our guest preacher along with parishioners of Carrickmacross Union of parishes. Our thanks to Ian for his wonderful address, also a special word of thanks to the guest soloist Alison Oliver and to Ethel Ritchie the organist. Thanks to those who provided fruit, flowers and vegetables for decorating and to those who arranged and provided tea in the schoolhouse after the service where we could meet up and enjoy the event.

#### Crossduff

A service of dedication of gifts donated to Crossduff Parish Church will DV be held on Sunday 22nd October at 3.30pm. The service will be led by Revd Lorraine Capper (Rural Dean) and the dedication will be carried out by Rt Revd Dr Ian Ellis, Bishop of Clogher who will also be the preacher. Everybody most welcome and refreshments will be provided after the service in the Old Stables.



### Aghabog

Our Annual Harvest service will be held on Sunday 8th October at 8pm. Guest speaker will be Mr Roy Crowe. All are welcome. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been unwell at home or in hospital and to those who are undergoing treatment at present.

### Dartrey and Rockcorry

#### Harvest services

Harvest services are in full swing in parishes throughout the land and hopefully, despite a difficult season, all is safely gathered in for another year. Rockcorry harvest service, with special preacher, Rev Walter Quill, takes place on Sunday, 1st October, at 8 pm.

#### Dartrey Church

Robert McConkey and his team of workers have completed the much-needed repairs to Dartrey Church roof. It is important that we keep our church property in good order. Much preliminary paper work is necessary to get these projects under way and our thanks to those who helped out in this regard.

#### Personal

We remember in our prayers all who are

unwell at home, in hospital or nursing homes. Those who care for them are also very much in our thoughts and prayers.

#### Songs of Praise

Our "Big Sing" Songs of Praise Service will take place in Dartrey Church on Sunday, 5th November, at 3 pm, with Revd. Tim Irvine and the Donagh choir. We are very grateful to them for fitting us into their busy schedule following a marathon run of harvest services in their own parish. Refreshments will follow in Rockcorry School.

### Rockcorry

Rockcorry N.S. pupils and staff are happy to be back into a new school year. We would like to welcome all the new pupils that joined our school this year, including three new Junior Infants and another seven pupils throughout other classes in the school.

Again this year Rockcorry Childcare are using our spare classroom for some of their preschool children, we would like to warmly welcome them.

We look forward to another year of education, fun and friendship together.



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### Services

#### Sunday 1st October - The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion  
 11.00am – Holy Communion

#### Thursday 5th October

11.00am – Holy Communion

#### Sunday 8th October - The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion  
 11.00am – Harvest Service – The Very Revd Niall Sloane, (Dean of Limerick)  
 7.00pm – A Festival of Hymns and Readings for Harvest

#### Thursday 12th October

11.00am – Holy Communion

#### Sunday 15th October - The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion  
 11.00am – Holy Communion

#### Thursday 19th October

11.00am – Holy Communion  
 4.00pm – Messy Church

#### Sunday 22nd October - The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion  
 11.00am – Morning Prayer (Family Service)

#### Thursday 26th October

11.00am – Holy Communion



Some of the donations for Enniskillen Food Bank

#### Sunday 29th October - The Fifth Sunday before Advent

9.00am – Holy Communion  
 11.00am – Morning Prayer

#### Christian Burial

22nd August - George Stephens, Laragh House, Granshagh Road, Enniskillen.

#### Thursday's at 11.00

We hold a service of Holy Communion each Thursday at 11.00am. This is a 30-minute service which includes two hymns and is followed by a cup of tea/ coffee and a chat. Do drop in and encourage others to do likewise! Non parishioners will also be made very welcome!

#### Harvest Services

*'Come, ye thankful people, come,  
 Raise the song of harvest-home.'*

- Sunday 8th October 11.00am - The Very Revd Niall Sloane, (Dean of Limerick)
- Sunday 8th October 7.00pm – A Festival of Hymns and Readings for Harvest Sunday morning will bring us our main Parish Harvest Thanksgiving when the preacher will be The Very Rev Niall Sloane, Dean of Limerick, born and



The Very Revd Niall Sloan.

raised in the Parish of Gowra, Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh. The Choir will, as always, have special music prepared for the harvest and the whole parish is invited to make this one of the biggest and best services of the year as we come to give thanks for all the goodness and mercy we have received at God's hand. At 7.00pm on the same day, we will have another opportunity to thank God for his promise that "as long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease." Much like the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas, this service will give us an opportunity to reflect on inspiring hymns and readings but with a Harvest theme. Refreshments, as well as apple tarts with fresh cream, will be served in the Cathedral Hall following the service. All are warmly welcome to attend both services.

#### Cathedral Open Day

Each year a great deal of work and effort is invested in decorating the cathedral so beautifully and colourfully for the Harvest Thanksgiving and yet these decorations are only seen briefly by those attending the services. While the Cathedral is open daily for visitors and those wanting to spend a quiet moment, you are invited to come to see and enjoy the Harvest decorations on Saturday 7th October. Everyone is welcome to visit during the day or attend any of the services.

#### Harvest Appeal 2023

Jesus said 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' (Luke 10:2) In Christian service there is no resting, God has work enough for everyone. Don't just sit back

and watch others work—look for ways to help. Help practically, prayerfully and financially. Harvest Time is an opportunity to pause and think of all the goodness God provides for us in our daily living. Many things that are readily at our hands are taken for granted in this day and age, without a thought given to the provider, not to mention the number of things we accumulate or waste.

Here is an opportunity to give thanks to God in appreciation of His goodness to you. You will find enclosed in your Cathedral News a Harvest Appeal envelope. Please contribute what you can financially afford and bring it to church, as you make that extra effort to come to God's House to give thanks for His goodness and loving kindness.

### Enniskillen Food Bank

We want to make sure that no one in our local community goes hungry, but we need your help to make this happen. Last year, the local foodbank distributed 3,290 food parcels; this year, we have already seen a major increase in need. The foodbank relies on the support of the local community for food donations, and this is where you can help: ***Might you consider donating to the foodbank as part of your Harvest offering?*** You can bring along food items - cereals, soup, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, custard/ rice pudding, baked beans, tinned spaghetti, Dolmio type sauces/tinned tomatoes, UHT milk, juices, tinned meat and fish, pasta, rice, noodles, biscuits, tea, coffee, and snacks – to any of our Harvest Thanksgiving Services, and we will pass your donations on. Your gift of food can make a real difference.

**'FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER' – 2 Corinthians 9: 7**

### Messy Church

Messy Church is back on Thursday 19th October in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall from 4.00-6.00pm.

Messy Church is open to all children of primary school age or younger and their parents and guardians.

Participants must complete a registration form.

### Sunday Lights and Café

Sunday Lights and Café, at which we use interactive and creative forms of learning to help the children learn about the Christian faith (telling Bible stories, discussion, songs, games, and crafts) will return from Sunday 1st October onwards. The children will leave during the 11.00am service after the singing of a family hymn for their own activities and will attend



Enjoying one of the social events



and take part in monthly Family Services. Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-4, and Sunday Café welcomes children in P5-Year 8.

### Family Services

The next family service is on Sunday 22nd October. The key to understanding these services is thinking about them as 'family time' (the family of the Church), not as time for the children with the adults present. It is an all-age time - all are welcome to attend these services!

### St Macartin's Cathedral Parenting Wellness Group

St Macartin's Cathedral Parenting Wellness Group are excited about their outing on Saturday 14th October at 2pm to 'Connecting with Horses' in Clogher. There will be lots of activities including grooming, leading, games, riding etc. For more information and to reserve a place, please contact Linda Kingston on 07342045474.

### Mothers' Union

Our MU resumed on 11th September when our Branch Leader, Jenifer, opened with a reading and a prayer.

Jenifer welcomed our speaker, David Watson, who spoke to us on First Aid in the home.

David explained the aims of First Aid was the 3 Ps

1. Preserve Life
2. Prevent Worsening
3. Promote Recovery

During the course of his talk David explained each of these aims. He demonstrated how to use a defibrillator, how to do chest compressions and stressed the importance of keeping the patient's airway opened. He talked about burns and choking in babies, children and adults among many other situations that may arise in the home.

A valuable take home point:

999 is not the only way to access Emergency Services. They can also be accessed by

1. Dialling 112 in an area with no signal or
2. Press the power button on the side of a mobile phone 5 times.

David gave everyone cards to carry to remind us how to respond in an emergency situation.

We would like to thank David for a very informative and interactive evening. Our next meeting is 9th October at 7.30pm when our speaker will be Peter Scott from RNLI.

Looking forward to seeing you all then and new members will be made most

welcome.

### Tuesday Club

The season commenced with a service of Holy Communion led by the Revd Colin Brownsmith.

The next meeting will be on 24th October when a tour of the Enniskillen Workhouse Museum has been arranged.

Please meet at 2.00 pm in the Hilliard room as usual where transport to the Museum will be available. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Cathedral Prayer

*O Lord God, whose glory the heavens are telling in joyous and ceaseless praise: bless the worship and work of our cathedral church; dedicated to your servant Macartin, that through the ministry of those who serve and worship here, that same glory might be seen at the centre of our diocesan life, to the praise and honour of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

## Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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### Thankful for Summer Church

The summer season in the parish was very full. Having travelled through May and June with their Coronation meals and celebrations, the ending of the year events for the various ministries which included trips, presentations and special services and barbecues, summer brought a welcome change of focus.

We had planned for an outdoor service at the Round Lake pavilion and boathouse, but the weather in May and June was unpredictable, and on the days planned, we either rescheduled or relocated to the Parish Hall. Many parishioners commented how they enjoyed the change and freedom for conversation which being in the Main Hall brought.



Young Leaders training participants.

### Summer Church

During July, August and very early September, we were able to offer a full summer Church programme for children attending church with their family. About 12 adults offered to host Kids' Church on a rota basis, and numbers attending ranged from three or four children to the days when the vestry was filled with seats and happy noise as the service continued in St John's.

### Young Leaders' Training and Holiday Club

Also perhaps the summer highlights included the Youth Training programme attended by 14 of the parish's young people: Olivia, Elsie, Jessica, Hannah, Alex, Kayla, Georgia, Niamh, Charlotte, Aaron, Jack, Charlie, Owen and Charlie. They met on three summer evenings for worship and prayer, as well as time to think about hosting a Kids' Summer Bible Club, and the tasks which that involved. They trained in leading kids' praise, games, telling a Bible story, and thought about safety on site as well as safeguarding and managing a group discussion.

During August we closed the booking at 40 children attending to allow the numbers to be manageable as the 14 teens supported by nine adult leaders delivered a Holiday Club programme across two days. The programme was completely delivered by the teens and they did a great job.

The days also included a rotation of crafts for all participants, and each child went home with their work and a small bag of Bible based gifts and treats.

The programme ended with a special lunch and certificated presentation, with a time of review and feedback. From that 12 young people have offered to read by rota at the Sunday services, as well as some taking an interest in playing instruments as part of the worship.

### New Mosaic for St John's

Also, the craft included mosaic workshops, and God willing we plan to present to the parish a large completed mosaic themed on the Sea of Galilee and the words of Jesus who said, 'Come Follow Me, and I will make for Fishers of People.' This will complement the collection of mosaic work which had been made across children's ministry in the parish.

### Plans for the Autumn

At present plans are well underway for the new season of Youth and Children's Ministry in the Parish, with leaders meeting and groups reopening. We are very appreciative of all of the work which is offered to support this new generation across parish life.

### Winter Youth Music and Craft Workshops

There are also plans to offer Youth Music and Craft Winter Workshops, during the incoming season.

We are preparing for five workshops which will all meet in the Parish Hall on six Friday evenings, monthly across the Winter. We are planning to offer guitar and cahon (percussion box) lessons, as well as a wood work and willow basketry class and two wool based workshops; one in wool felting and another for crochet and knitting projects. Following the evening classes, we will meet together for food and worship. We are grateful to the tutors who are planning this with us.

This programme will complement the ministry of the Youth Fellowship CONNECT and Senior Sunday School, and hopefully support music, worship and creativity in parish life.

### Strengthening Links With The Methodist Church

At the time of writing we are looking ahead in September, to welcoming our local Methodist brothers and sisters to a shared service in St John's. Inspired by the Covenant signed by our church leaders in 2002, it is nine years since the last Covenant Service between us. It allows us to include prayers and hymns from each tradition, including those of Charles Wesley, and Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander, as well as reflect biblically upon what shared fellowship means to us today. We are very pleased that this reflects the close ministry links we have with the local Methodist Church as well as with the Presbyterian Churches, sharing school assemblies, the Remembrance Day service, and seasonal events together.

### Harvest Thanksgiving

God willing this year our guests to the

parish for the Thanksgiving weekend include Rev'd Alastair Donaldson who completed his deacon-internship with us almost 10 years ago; also Alastair McFarland who works for the Scripture Union in Fermanagh and Fivemiletown and will speak on the Sunday morning service which will include a Youth and Childrens' thanksgiving for Sunday School and Connect; also Claire Holmes, former SAMS mission partner in Paraguay and now parish outreach officer on one day each week will be with us on the Sunday evening. Claire also will bring two guests from the Anglican Church in Peru, and we are invited to a Mission Tea on the Sunday to meet them and hear about their work.

■ 8pm Friday 6th October, Harvest Service and Supper in Kiltermon

■ 10am – 12.30pm Saturday 7th October, Harvest Coffee Morning and Cake Sale in the Parish Hall.

■ 11am Sunday 8th October, Harvest with Sunday School and CONNECT in St John's

■ 5pm Sunday 8th October, Harvest Mission Tea in Parish Hall

■ 7pm Sunday 8th October, Harvest Service and Supper in St John's.

We look forward to joining with the choir, the Mothers' Union Coffee Morning and Cake Sale, and to seeing the lovely displays of flowers, fruit and vegetables.

### Prayer Ministry

**Secretary William Morrow**

The Healing ministry continues to be a vital part of St. John's and Kiltermon.

During the summer months a group of 15 people continued to pray every Wednesday for those who requested prayer. During autumn and winter, we

will meet every third Wednesday of every other month for a short service of Holy Communion and Prayers. Everyone is invited to attend this service and will be made welcome. This special service of Holy Communion and Prayers will take place at 8 pm. Request cards are to be found in each church pew, fill in a Christian name only and give to Precentor Hanlon, William Morrow or place on the collection plate.

### A Prayer for the renewing of Mind, Body and Soul

*Lord, I come before you today in need of your healing hand, in you all things are possible.*

*Hold my heart within yours, and renew my mind, body and soul.*

*You gave me life and you also give me the life of infinite joy,*

*Give me the strength to move forward on the path you have laid out for me.*

*Guide me towards better health and give me the wisdom to identify those*

*you've placed around me to help me get better.*

*In your name I pray. Amen*

### A Prayer for Comfort and Healing

*Loving God, I pray that you will comfort me in my suffering, give skill to the*

*hands of my healers and bless the means used for my care, give me such*

*confidence in the power of your grace that even when I am afraid I may put my*

*whole trust in you through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen*

## Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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Events at Galloon and Drummully parishes.



Richard Bell, the auctioneer.

*“It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: To show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night. Psalm 92:1-2.*

### A New Start

Often when I think on September I think about the many young people for whom September is a “new” start. A new school, a new college, a new class, new friends to make, new subjects and even new teachers. What about for all the rest of you: How do you start your day? It is amazing how many people wake up in the morning and the first thing that they do is grab the newspapers and read bad news before heading to work. Then, just before they go to bed, they watch the news! Now, please understand that I am not against reading the newspapers or watching the news, or watching television for that matter. But I want to encourage you to start your day with Jesus instead, practicing His presence, acknowledging Him, committing your plans to Him, and trusting Him for His unmerited favour, wisdom, and strength for the day. Do you know that God has promised that no weapon formed against you shall prosper (Isa. 54:17)? Now, He did not promise that weapons would not be formed against you. He promised that even if weapons were formed against you, they would not hurt or defeat you. There are all kinds of weapons formed against humanity, especially in these last days. Just think of the many kinds of deadly viruses, sicknesses, and diseases in the world. When you turn on the television and watch the news, all you seem to hear about are wars, unrest, disasters, financial collapses, violence, unemployment,



The two Ivan's take a rest after holding up 500 lots for the auction.



Laura and her mum Sonia enjoying the auction.



Primrose makes a cup of tea.



Albert welcomes people to Galloon Parish Auction.



Pearl organizing the raffle.



Bidders, Willie and George at the auction.



Two clerks, Helen and Grace at the auction.



Events at Galloon and Drummully parishes.



famines, and new strains of deadly viruses - there is very little reported on good news!

Remember to be like Joseph in the Bible. The Lord was with Joseph and he was a successful man! Your success does not come as a result of you being updated about the latest virus or you being cued in to the latest disaster. No, your success will come as a result of your being tuned in to the presence of Jesus in your life! There are many people who start the day each morning by partaking of the Holy Communion, not as a ritual, but as a time to remember Jesus and the power of His cross. They look to Jesus for His strength, receiving His divine life for their physical bodies as they partake of the bread. They renew their consciousness of their free gift of righteousness purchased by the blood of Jesus on the cross as they partake of the cup. What a way to start the day!

I have also come to realise that the last thought before you go to sleep is very

important. I have tried this before and you can try it too—go to bed thinking about Jesus, giving thanks to Him for the day. You can also meditate on one of His promises, such as the one found in Isaiah 54:17. Just say, "Thank You, Father. Your Word declares that no weapon formed against me shall prosper!" Most times, I wake up feeling rejuvenated, energised, and refreshed even though I did not sleep for many hours. Conversely, if I go to bed with what I have just heard on the news swirling in my mind, I could sleep many more hours than usual, but still wake up feeling fatigued. Sometimes I even get a headache. Have you been there before? Well, you don't have to experience that again. Sandwich your day with the presence of Jesus. Start the day with Him, enjoy Him during the day, and end the day with Him on your mind!

**To all our young people** as they start this new academic year help them to make the most of every chance they have to start afresh. May they face the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Inspire them to do their best this year!

### Services in September

#### Sunday 3rd September 2023 - The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Holy Communion

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Holy Communion with opening service for Sallaghy Mothers' Union.

12 noon : Galloon Parish Church: Holy Communion

#### Sunday 10th September 2023 - The Fourteenth 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 school starts back!

#### Sunday 17th September 2023 - The Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer (Family Service)

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer (Family Service)

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer (Family Service)

#### Sunday 24th September 2023 - The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

9am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer. Sunday school starts back!

12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

### Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 30th September: Sallaghy Mothers' Union are planning a Harvest Coffee Morning and Sale. Monies raised are to support the Mothers' Union Overseas.

Harvest Sunday for all three churches will be Sunday 8th October. Sallaghy at 10.30am; Galloon have a special guest organist, Earl Moffitt; Drummully at 7pm with Harvest Supper. This year our harvest theme is recycling. So get creative using recycled materials (newspapers, cardboard boxes, leaves, plastic bottles) to decorate your church and dress up yourself!

### 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.

### From the Registers

■ Congratulations to Andreea and Robert Wiggins on their recent marriage in Bucharest, Romania. We wish them every blessing in their future life together.

■ *“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. They are blessed indeed says the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.”*  
Revelation 14:13

We remember all who have been recently bereaved. We pray for Kathleen Whittendale and her family on the passing of her sister, Jean.

■ Congratulations to George and Noreen Little on the birth of their grand-daughter, Jasmine.



Events at Galloon and Drummully parishes.



## Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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### Church Services Diary

#### OCTOBER

##### Friday 6 October

Belleek Harvest Thanksgiving at 8pm

##### Sunday 8 October

Belleek 11.30am, HC

Kiltyclogher Harvest Thanksgiving at 7pm

##### Sunday 15 October

Garrison 10am MP and FS

Slavin 11.30am MP & FS

##### Sunday 22 October

Kiltyclogher 10am MP

Belleek 11.30am MP

##### Sunday 29 October

Group Service @ 11.30am in Kiltyclogher



The Earls family who were home visiting their parents, Florence and Robert in Slavin this summer.

#### NOVEMBER

##### Sunday 5 November

Garrison 10am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

##### Sunday 12 November

Belleek 10am HC

Garrison 5pm Remembrance Service

### Notes from the Rectory:

September is a whirlwind. I now have two school-age children, two bags to pack, uniforms to lay out, homework folders to

organise...you get the picture. And after what felt like a blissful month of holiday, I've come back to unanswered emails and imminent deadlines. I wonder if you can relate?

This time of year can feel overwhelmingly busy, but it's also a time when we tend to reorientate ourselves, try to get more organised, so that we're more in control for the year ahead. We declutter cupboards, print out to-do lists. We make plans – what activities will we get involved



On Sunday 3rd September, we welcomed Scott Elliott to our Group where he will be doing a 10-week placement from his course in the Theological college in Dublin. Scott is beginning his second year. Revd Rebecca performed a blessing of the children's school backpacks on their return to Belleek Primary School. From left: Scott Elliott, Revd. Rebecca and Elizabeth Ovens and some of the children.



Members of Slavin with Jesphine who has joined our Group of Churches.

in this term? What events are we running? Do we need to start getting ready for – gulp – Christmas?

So often, we act like we are the key player, the head-honcho, the centre of it all. But I was reminded by a sermon I heard over the summer that actually we're sheep. God is the shepherd. As Psalm 23 tells us, he provides for us, he gives us rest, he restores our soul, he guides us, and he is with us. The more we plan, the more we're inclined to leave God out of the equation. But when we rely on God, the whole thing becomes more manageable. We don't have to shepherd ourselves, because as long as we are walking close to him, he will shepherd us.

If you want to be guided in your day-to-day life, get close to God.

That can be helpful to remember at a time when school calendars, church calendars, and community commitments pile in on top of us. Step back, relax, take a breath, invite God in. Let him shepherd you along the right path.

### Thanks For Holiday Cover

The group of parishes are very grateful to the clergy who provided cover over Revd Rebecca's holidays. Revd Maureen Desborough and Revd Denise Acheson, we were delighted to have you in our Rector's absence.

### Sympathy

The Parish family extend our deepest sympathy and offer our prayers to Revd Stephanie who is our neighbouring Rector (and was also a teacher in Belleek CPS)

on the passing of her beloved mother. You are in our thoughts and prayers as are her sisters, Pamela and Hilary. Also we extend our sympathy to Gareth (Lisa) Beacom as Mrs Noble was also his grandmother.

### A welcome on Sunday 3rd September

We welcomed Scott Elliott to our Group at the beginning of September as he begins a 10-week placement as part of his course in the Theological College in Dublin. Scott is beginning his second year.

Revd Rebecca also did a blessing of the children's school backpacks on their return to Belleek Primary School at the service.

### Mothers' Union

Autumn Programme:- October Meeting- Tuesday 10th October- Speaker Mark Desborough. Mark is speaking on "All



Slavin Sunday School teacher, Jenna Earls and Lindsey Gregg who were presented with flowers by Revd. Rebecca.



Slavin and Belleek Sunday School with their teachers and Revd Rebecca after the Sunday school prizegiving in June.



things IT”

November Meeting:-Tuesday 14th November:- VISITORS Night in Garrison Church Hall, Speaker Joy Graham- “How to listen effectively”

Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings, we would be delighted to welcome you along!

**Prayers**

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

We continue to remember Gladys Graham as she builds on her recovery and we are delighted that Sally Carson is well enough to return to Garrison

**Congratulations**

Heartiest congratulations to Mrs Greta Ovens who celebrated a milestone birthday of a wonderful 90 years with her family.

Greta is thankful to God for her long life and credits her daily prayer and devotion to reading her Bible daily to her longevity. Congratulations to Carly Graham, Garrison on her amazing achievement of being selected from the Kathryn Stewart Highland Dance team which took part in the 2023 Belfast Tattoo. A memorable occasion for her and her family.

**An Exciting Event**

**Coming up in November!**

A Fashion Show is taking place in the Gilaroo Centre in Garrison on Saturday 4th November at 7.30pm. Clothes are provided by Miss B’s clothing shop in Belleek.

Also wedding dresses through the decades will be displayed and modelled.



Carly performing at the Belfast Tattoo.



Members of Slavin who helped with special music at the June Family Service.

Proceeds from the event go to Garrison Parish Church and the Rectory Fund. If you can help by modelling/providing a wedding dress or providing supper please speak to Joy/Lorraine B or Helen T. Everyone is welcome!

**Auction In Melvin View Orange Hall**

Garrison Accordion Band members wish to thank businesses, individuals and everyone who supported their Auction in any way and are delighted to record an income of over £13k from this event.

**Social Media**

Parish website: Please visit our website [garrisongroup.org.uk](http://garrisongroup.org.uk) and give us your feedback. Follow us on Facebook using the name Garrison Group of Parishes. Simply 'Like' our page to receive updates on events.



Greta Ovens on her 90th birthday.



Some children after getting their backpacks blessed at Garrison church.

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Rehearsals begin for the pantomime.

### Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Harvest Thanksgiving will take place in the church on Friday, 13th October with speaker to be confirmed. Children's Harvest will take place on Sunday, 15th October at 11.30am with speakers from 'The Kindness Postbox' – the only charity to be presented to King Charles and Queen Consort Camilla on their summer visit to Enniskillen Castle.

### Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union held their opening service on Sunday, 17th September with members taking part. A photograph of



The churchwardens David Carson and Elizabeth McClelland.



Mina and Sadie.

those in attendance is shown. Many thanks to Robena for leading MU so well. A photograph of their trip to Donegal in the summer is also shown: Back Row; Barbara Ferguson, Eileen Cutler, Laura Rogers, Olive Saunderson, Marion Saunderson. Front Row; Doris Elliott, Joan Acheson, Robena Elliott.

### Sunday School

Sunday School will begin next week under the excellent leadership of Rachel Elliott helped by Dale Gun.

### Holy Baptism

The baptism of Ezra William John Ferguson took place on Sunday, 17th September with parents, Julie and Alan and godparents Karen and Zara. There is a photograph of the baptismal party with grandparents shown.

### Churchwardens

Church Wardens are crucial to the welcoming ethos of the church and we have two excellent ones: Elizabeth McClelland and David Carson.

### Old Friends

Pictured are two very old and firm friends:



Mothers' Union members at the September meeting.



The Mothers' Union members on their trip to Donegal.

Mina Ellis and Sadie Hamilton.

### Pantomime 'Ruth'

Rehearsals have begun for this year's pantomime, and we invite everyone to join us on one of the three nights 16th, 17th, or 18th November 7.45 for 8pm. Some people even come for more than one performance! Tickets can be booked with Elizabeth McClelland.

### Confirmation

We will welcome the Bishop for a service of confirmation on Sunday, 22nd October at 11.30am.

### Parish Register

#### HOLY BAPTISM

17th September 2023 - Ezra William John Ferguson, son of Julie and Alan, Caldrum Road, Derrygonnelly.



The baptism for the Ferguson family.

## Kilskeery and Trillick



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### Harvest

**Luke 10:1-3, "After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. 2 He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. 3 Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves."**

### Kilskeery Primary School Celebrating 70 years

Our "next door" Queen Elizabeth II Primary School in Kilskeery celebrated its 70th Anniversary in early September. It is the only primary school in Northern Ireland named after Queen Elizabeth II that opened in the year of her coronation in 1953. It has been serving our local community faithfully and with distinction



Enjoying the outdoors at the barbecue evening.

over these last 70 years and we hope will do so for many more. The school celebrated the milestone anniversary with the cutting of an anniversary cake, a barbecue, highland dancing and much more.

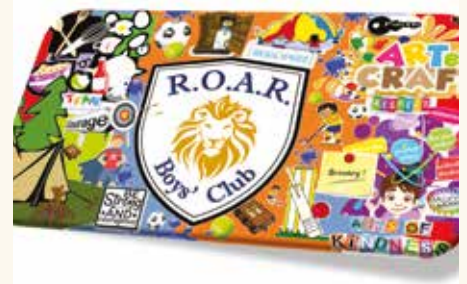
### Kilskeery Steak BBQ Evening

Kilskeery Parish's annual Big Steak Barbecue was a big hit again this year with doors opening and food served from around 6.30 – 8.00pm. It was encouraging to see so many from our two parishes come together as well as from across our community. The food was good and good value; the company was great too and it was great to have an opportunity to meet up with so many that we often don't always have the chance to see all in the one room. A big thank you to all who made the evening possible and a success and our mouths are watering thinking of next years event already.

### R.O.A.R. Boys' Club

R.O.A.R., our brand new boys' club

started in September with much encouragement as we welcomed boys to this new venture. R.O.A.R. Boys' Club is rooted in the Christian Faith and seeks to promote and encourage that faith amongst boys whilst teaching them to be Resilient, Openhearted, Adventurous and Resourceful. Our aim is that each boy will be encouraged to GROW in confidence, courage, compassion and character; LEARN new skills, abilities and commitment and DISCOVER new talents and their identity through God's eyes. We look forward to this new initiative among boys taking root and growing, thanks to great





Cutting the cake and enjoying the food.

leaders and amazing boys.

### Worship Him

This is a new once a month Sunday Evening Worship gathering which will alternate between our two parishes. It takes place in Kilskeery Hall on Sunday, 29 October at 7.30pm. It is an opportunity to meet and worship together in a more informal setting with an encouraging thought thrown in. This month the emphasis is lifting up Jesus, the light of the world in the midst of the darkness.

### Senior Citizens' Group

The Senior Citizen's Group recently had a most enjoyable outing to the Ulster American Folk Park with food and refreshments afterwards. It was a day when the clouds parted and the sun came out in what had been an otherwise rained out week. The Group have started their new season's programme on Tuesday afternoons at 2.00pm and new members will be made most welcome.

### Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union has started its new season of programmes and activities after the summer break. It is most welcome to have the chance to meet up again and a most enjoyable year is promised ahead.

### Guitar classes for beginners

An introductory guitar course for beginners has started in Trillick Sunday School Rooms and we look forward to the initial enthusiasm being matched by dedication, commitment and much practicing.

### Youth Group

Our Youth Group has begun its new programme of activities and themes in September as we welcomed our core crew back and welcomed some new faces. We



look forward what lies ahead this year and the development of our new youth room.

### Messy Harvest

This takes place in Saturday 7th October from 11am-12.30pm in Kilskeery Hall for children up to and including P7 school class.

### Kilskeery Bowling Club

The bowling club is up and going again after the summer break and after a successful tournament just before the summer. New members will be made welcome every Friday evening from 8:00pm.

### Trillick Girls' Brigade

Our 318th Trillick Parish Girls' Brigade is back on again with a full programme of activities and events for this new season. Every Monday evening from 6.30 – 8.00pm in Kilskeery Youth Hall. All girls will be given the warmest of welcomes and find a place to make good friends, learn new things, and grow in faith.

### Prayer Meeting

Where there is no prayer there will be no blessing. Where there is little prayer there will be little blessing. Where there is much prayer there will be much blessing. An emphasis on prayer in church life is surely a must and our invitation to join to pray takes place each Thursday morning at 9am alternating between both of our parish locations.

### Midweek Fellowship

Our Midweek Fellowship Meetings which take place each Wednesday evening at 8:00pm alternating between our two parish venues have started a six-week video series looking at the Sermon on the Mount. It has been encouraging to see

this gathering grow but not beyond our seating capacity, there is still room for you. An opportunity to have fellowship over a cuppa, worship together, learn from God's word together, discuss and pray. One of the core gatherings of our church and open to all.

### Harvest Celebrations

- Sunday, 8th October at 11am in Christ Church, Trillick. All age celebration.
- Sunday, 8th October at 7.30pm in Christ Church, Trillick. Harvest praise with guest speaker Mr Peter Booth.
- Friday, 13th October at 8pm in Kilskeery Parish Church. Harvest praise with guest speaker Revd Henry Blair.
- Sunday, 15th October at 11am in Kilskeery Parish Church. All age family celebration.

### Times & Programmes

#### Mondays:

- Girls' Brigade at 6.30 – 8.00pm
- Mothers' Union at 8.00pm (3rd of month)

#### Tuesdays:

- Senior Citizens Group at 2.00pm

#### Wednesdays:

- R.O.A.R. Boy's Club at 6.30 – 8.00pm
- Midweek Fellowship at 8.00 – 9.15pm

#### Thursdays:

- Prayer Meeting at 9.00am

#### Fridays:

- Bowling Club at 8.00pm

#### Saturdays:

- Messy Kids at 11.00am – 12.30pm (when arranged)

#### Sundays:

- Trillick at 10.30am
- Kilskeery at 11.45am each Sunday
- Youth Group at 7.00 – 8.00pm (alternate Sundays)
- Worship Him (Praise and Worship Evening) monthly at 7.30pm

## Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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### Looking Back

September often brings with it a flurry of activity, the shifting of gears and finding a new rhythm - as Church organisations resume - Sunday School, Bridge, MU, additional services etc. It can feel like a jolt to the system...however, always looking for the silver lining – discipline and hard work is good for us and gives God something to Bless!

To this end it was great to have our Sunday School and Bridge teachers and leaders up at the Rectory for a planning meeting - before the new season got underway. Thankfully Izzy – the Rectory Border Terrier was pretty well behaved on the evening!!

We're forever grateful for the commitment of parishioners towards sustaining the Christian witness and furthering God's Kingdom in this beautiful part of His creation – and I wish to record thanks to our church organists. Lynda, who is very faithful throughout the year but also to Ruth and Christine who recently so willingly stepped in to enhance our



Flowers at the funeral of Anna Kelly.

worship when Lynda was having a well-earned rest! Thank you, ladies! It's been great to see so many young families and children at church in recent weeks and your presence gives us all a wonderful lift. Keep turning up!

### Christian Burial

Anna Kelly, a stalwart of Lisbellaw Parish with Coolbuck passed away on 17 August. A highly esteemed and regular worshipper at both churches, including devoted member of the Parish Choir and MU. Anna's funeral service of thanksgiving followed by committal took place on 21 August. Anna left a great mark and Christian witness. Our love and prayers go out to John and the family. May dear Anna rest in peace and rise in glory – 'til we meet again! Amen.

### Christian Marriage

9 September was a most joyous occasion in the life of Lisbellaw Parish Church - which witnessed the marriage of Rosalind McVitty and David Ritchie. Our prayers and very best wishes extend to Rosalind and David to whom we give the warmest of welcomes. God Bless.



Flowers at the McVitty-Ritchie wedding.

### Fundraising Parish Coffee Morning and Cake Sale

This important Parish Fundraiser to help offset the recent significant lightening conductor work expenses around the Parish Church was a huge success.

Sincere thanks are due to Sadie Speight who was so instrumental in making it the wonderful event it was! But in truth it was a brilliant team effort and thanks are due to everyone in the Parish and community who really got behind this outward facing initiative! At 17 September the amount raised was £1,885.

### Looking Forward

We look forward to reporting further in the November edition of the Clogher Diocesan Magazine on our Harvest Services in Coolbuck and Lisbellaw as well as another lovely wedding and our Harvest Musical Concert on 30 September.

### Confirmation Class 2023

Confirmation Class commenced on 11 September and continues to run on a Monday evening in Lisbellaw Parish Church from 6.15pm to 7pm. A Service



Enjoying some of the services.





The Rector speaking to the children



The Rector at a meeting with Sunday School and Bridge teachers and leaders.

of Confirmation with Bishop Ian is taking place on 5 November DV at 11am. Please keep our young people in your prayers.

### Lisbellaw Branch MU

The MU October meeting takes place on Tuesday 24 October at 8pm in the Lisbellaw Parish Centre. A speaker from the Aisling Centre will be in attendance. \*New members very welcome!

*Every Blessing,*  
*Rev'd William*

### Services

#### Sunday 1 October

11am HC Lisbellaw  
3pm HC Coolbuck

#### Wednesday 4 October

1030am HC Lisbellaw

#### Friday 6 October

8pm Harvest Service Lisbellaw

#### Sunday 8 October

11am Children and Youth Harvest Service Lisbellaw  
3pm EP Coolbuck  
7pm Harvest Service Lisbellaw

#### Wednesday 11 October

1030am HC Lisbellaw

#### Sunday 15 October

945am HC Lisbellaw  
11am MP Lisbellaw  
3pm EP Coolbuck

#### Wednesday 18 October

1030am HC Lisbellaw

#### Sunday 22 October

11am MP Lisbellaw  
3pm EP Coolbuck

#### Wednesday 25 October

1030am HC Lisbellaw

#### Sunday 29 October

11am MP Lisbellaw  
3pm EP Coolbuck



#### Wednesday 1 November

1030am HC Lisbellaw – \*All Saints' Day

#### Sunday 5 November

11am Confirmation Service inc. HC Lisbellaw  
3pm HC Coolbuck



Following one of the services



The wedding of Rosalind and David.



Enjoying a children's service.

## Lisnaskea



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### Services for October

**Sunday 1st** - 11.30 a.m. Holy Communion

#### HARVEST SERVICES

8.00 p.m. FRIDAY 6th and 11.30 a.m.

SUNDAY 8th - Preacher at both services will  
be Revd. Stephen McWhirter

**Wednesday 11th** - 3.00 p.m. Trinity Hall -  
Holy Communion for Seniors

**Sunday 22nd** - 11.30 a.m. - Morning Prayer  
(Collection for sponsored children)

**Sunday 29th** - 11.30 a.m. - Morning Prayer  
*\*Please note change of time for Sunday  
services.*



The catering stall which is being sold.

### Burial

■ Saturday 26th August - Lorna Rosemary  
Hope-Grant Leahy, Beechwood Avenue,  
Ballycastle.

■ Thursday 7th September - Doreen Maria  
Scholes, Edinburgh (Formerly Sheebeg,  
Lisnaskea).

We extend our condolences to both family  
circles at this time and to all who have been  
recently bereaved.

### Seniors' Holy Communion

This resumes on Wednesday 11th October  
at 3.00 p.m. in Trinity Hall and will continue  
until May on the second Wednesday of  
each month.

Everyone is welcome to come along and in  
particular those who find it difficult to attend  
Sunday services.

### Concert

This is planned for Friday 27th October  
at 8.00 p.m. in The Archdale Centre and  
will feature "The Silvertones" and others.  
Everyone is very welcome and all donations  
on the night will go to parish funds.

### Catering stall

As we no longer have a use for our catering  
stall which served us well over the years,  
we are happy for it to be sold so if anyone  
is interested, please contact Linda in the  
parish office.

## Magheracross

Vacant

Administrative Charge: **Rural Dean Canon  
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Service Cover: **Revd Alison Irvine;**  
Pastoral Care, funerals, weddings,  
baptisms and occasional services:  
**Revd Alison Irvine;**  
DPA: **Wendy Kerr.**

### Services for October 2023

#### 1st October

9.30 am Holy Communion 1 with Revd  
Alison Irvine

11.00 am Holy Communion 2 with Revd  
Alison Irvine

#### 6th October

8.00 pm Harvest Celebration with Revd  
Alison Irvine and Canon B Johnston

#### 8th October

9.30 am Harvest Celebration with Revd  
Alison Irvine



The recent redecoration of the church.

11.00 am Family Harvest Celebration with  
Revd Alison Irvine

#### 15th October

9.30 am Morning Prayer 1 with Revd Alison  
Irvine

11.00 am Morning Prayer 2 with Revd  
Alison Irvine

#### 22nd October

9.30 am Morning Prayer 1 with Revd Alison  
Irvine



Bishop Ian Ellis with Ken and Jenny McCrea, donors and others who assisted in the service of dedication.



11.00 am Morning Prayer 2 with Revd Alison Irvine

**29th October**

9.30 am Morning Prayer 1 with Revd Alison Irvine

11.00 am Morning Prayer 2 with Revd Alison Irvine

**Baby and Toddler Group**

This continues each Tuesday morning at 10.00 am in the Archdale Hall.

**GFS**

This group continues each Tuesday evening at 6.30 pm in the Archdale Hall. New members from 3½ years old will be most welcome.

**Select Vestry**

The October meeting of the Select Vestry will take place on Tuesday 3 October 2023 at 8.00 pm in the Parish Room.

**Mothers' Union**

MU will meet on Thursday 5 October 2023 at 8.00 pm in the Archdale Hall.



The speaker will be Julie Hardy, Eskra Farm Daffodils. Everyone welcome.



A beautiful piece – 'All are welcome'. Margaret Watson and her ladies did the flower arrangements.

**Special Dedication Service on Sunday 10 September 2023**

The service was led by Howard McMorris, prayers by Valerie McMorris, the address by Rt Rev Dr Ian Ellis, Bishop of Clogher who also dedicated the gifts. Two members of the McCrea family, namely Donna Armstrong and Ramsey McCrea read the lessons. The choir sang a

A special thank you must go to Ken and Jenny McCrea for the new window, the redecoration of the church, vestry and parish room and provided lunch for everyone in the Archdale Hall after the service.

**SNITCH Youth Service**

This takes place on Sunday, October



Enjoying the lunch afterwards.



A bouquet of flowers is presented to Jenny McCrea by Julie Hetherington, Churchwarden.





The young people enjoying activities at the Youth Adventure Week.

22nd at 7pm in Ballinamallard Methodist Hall. Our youth will be leading worship and we are thrilled to have Joel Harries as our guest speaker. Joel is the Youth Coordinator from Kinstry Hope and is travelling from England to join us. Following the service, we will provide refreshments.

### Youth Adventure Week

We recently had an activity week running from 21st-25th August, and it was great to see so many new faces.

On Monday, we visited the Share Centre and took part in combat corps and bushcraft activities.

Tuesday, consisted of archery, target slingshot, croquet, and Frisbee targets. We ended the day with a barbecue which was courtesy of Ballinamallard Scouts. It afforded us the opportunity to build unity between youth organizations.

Wednesday morning, we visited the Co. Armagh's Navan Centre. We learned



about the Bronze Age and were presented with the chance to practice our sword skills. In the afternoon, we visited the palace stable in the city and learned about orienteering. The young people got to draw their own maps and put these

maps to the test on a course around the Palace Stable.

On Thursday evening, we headed down the road to Lakeland Karting for an exciting and competitive racing experience. Despite the rain,





The young people enjoying activities at the Youth Adventure Week.



which made the course even more challenging, everyone had a great time. Congratulations to Oliver Armstrong for winning the Junior go-karting race and Leah Grey for winning the seniors. Friday was spent by the sea at Rosstown. We enjoyed some beach games and building sandcastles in the

morning, after lunch, our young people took to the water to surf, it was the first time for some. Everyone had a great time and it was a lovely way to close the week. The activity week marks the beginning of the youth ministry year in Ballinamallard. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the young people who

participated. Your enthusiasm and participation made the week special. A big thanks to all our faithful volunteers who worked diligently behind the scenes to make this week such a success. Without you, your dedication and hard work, this week could not happen, this commitment has not gone unnoticed.

## 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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### Regular Events

#### SUNDAYS

Worship Gathering: 11.00am (every Sunday)

Children's Church (age 4+):

#### MONDAYS

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

#### TUESDAYS

Friends in the Afternoon 2.00pm at AP Centre (every 2nd Tuesday of the month) - 10th October Beekeeping Honey with Stephen Hey

#### WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Prayer (weekly): 10.00am -

11.00am at Ardess Parish Centre

#### THURSDAYS

Ardess In-Stitches 8.00pm at Ardess Parish Centre (every Thursday except the third Thursday of the month)

Mothers Union: 8.00pm at Ardess Parish Centre

### Dates for your Diary

#### AUCTION

Saturday 14th October from 12.00noon

#### HARVEST

Friday 20th October 8.00pm

Sunday 22nd October 11.00am

### Auction

On 14th October 2023, we will be holding our church auction. You can contact the following if you wish for items to be collected: Alan Crawford 07968 189 563; Sydney Liggett 07780 968 509 or Bob McCurry 07979 860 681 For pledges, please contact: Tanya McKeever 07971 049 032 or The auction will be held from 12.00 noon at Ardess Parish Centre at 22 Ardess Road (opposite the church), Ardess, Kesh, and we welcome everyone to attend.



## Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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***'Therefore if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!' 2 Corinthians 5:17***

The start of a new academic year is always seen as another new beginning. This has very much been the case in our house. As I write these notes, we have just returned from dropping our oldest child at university in Scotland. I am swimming in mixed emotions, from feeling so excited for what lies ahead for her, to feeling as if I want to grab her, stuff her into the suitcase, bring her back home, and lock her bedroom door so that she can never leave! New beginnings show us the fresh possibilities that lie ahead. They speak of potential, growth, positivity. These are all good things that God encourages us to embrace, but the challenge with new beginnings is that we must let go of the old. When we choose to follow Jesus Christ we look ahead to so much promise, so much hope and so much light. But we can only



The tidy up in the graveyard continues.

truly embrace all of the good things that God has prepared for us if we let go of the past. We must step away from the person that we used to be and become the new person that Christ is calling for. We must break old habits and adopt better ways of living. We must step away from all that was binding us, and enter into a new way of living freely for Jesus. Sometimes it can be hard to let go of the past, especially if people are trying to hold us back. But we are called, as true believers, to keep our focus on Christ, to see the possibilities and the promise that lies ahead, and to fulfil the potential that he sees in each of us. When we accept Christ as our Lord, we step deeper into our faith, and we then embody the new creation that God calls for us to be, living bigger, better and deeper lives for Him. And although it is so tempting to cling to the old and all that was so familiar, and even comforting, we must let go, so that



Attending the Mothers' Union meeting.



we can truly begin again in Christ. New beginnings, as daunting as they can be, are also very positive. They shake us out of our comfort zones and they push us to achieve more. If you feel as though you are stuck in a bit of a rut at the moment, I encourage you to sit up, have a look around, and perhaps consider volunteering in Church, sharing your gifts with others, opening yourself up to the possibilities that God has placed before you, and allowing a new beginning to change your life, and undoubtedly the lives of others too.

### Parish Activity

After a fairly quiet Summer, the wheels of Church life are gaining momentum again and we have a very busy Autumn season ahead of us!

### Mothers' Union

On Sunday 3rd of September we had our joint Mothers' Union Opening Service in Derrybrusk. It was very encouraging to see so many ladies from both branches in attendance, and to see so many taking part in the service by doing readings and saying prayers. The service was followed by refreshments, which were enjoyed by all.

Members from both branches are invited to the Harvest Service in Maguiresbridge on Friday 6th October 2023 at 7.30pm. November meeting takes place in Christ Church Hall on 6th November at 8pm with a speaking talking about the workhouse in Lisnaskea. New members are very welcome!

### Church Tidy up

On Saturday 9th September some of our super volunteers came out in force to cut hedges and tidy up around the Church

in Maguiresbridge. It was wonderful to see so many there to help, and to see the Church and grounds looking so well as we move into a new season. Sincere thanks to all who gave of their time (and energy!), and especially to David for organising this.

### Autumn Plans

#### **Derrybrusk Harvest Weekend:**

- Harvest Thanksgiving Service in Derrybrusk on Friday 22nd September 2023 at 7.30pm. Speaker: Canon John McClenaghan. Refreshments will follow the service. Everyone welcome.
- Derrybrusk Annual Harvest Walk through Belle Isle estate (kindly granted). Registration at Derrybrusk Church at 2.30pm, walk begins at 3pm. Refreshments will be served. £10 per person, £20 per family. Everyone is very welcome.
- Family Harvest Service in Derrybrusk on Sunday 24th September at 12 noon.

### Weddings

- Mr Alan Lawrence and Miss Joanne Armstrong are getting married in Maguiresbridge on Thursday 28th September 2023. Mr Andrew Beatty and Miss Kenzey Downey are getting married in Maguiresbridge on Friday 20th October 2023.

We wish both couples God's blessing as they begin their married lives.

### Maguiresbridge Harvest

- Harvest Thanksgiving service will take place in Maguiresbridge on Friday 6th October at 7.30pm. Speaker is Canon John Woods. Refreshments will follow the service. Everyone is very welcome.
- Family Harvest service in Maguiresbridge on Sunday 8th October

**DERRYBRUSK PARISH AUCTION**



in  
**Belle Isle Orange Hall (kindly granted)**  
on  
**Saturday 21st October 2023 at 2pm**  
(firewood, baked goods, saleable household items)

**All proceeds in aid of Derrybrusk Church**

**Refreshments will be served**

**Everyone very welcome!**



at 10.30am. Everyone welcome.

### Auction at Derrybrusk

Derrybrusk parish are holding an auction on Saturday 21st October 2023 at 2pm in Belle Isle Hall (kindly granted). Please come along and support the Church in this important fundraiser – and pick up a bargain too!

### Concert in Maguiresbridge

Maguiresbridge Parish are holding a concert on Friday 10th November 2023 at 7.30pm. Local bands, musicians and singers will be taking part, and there will also be some congregational singing. Refreshments will be served. Please come along and enjoy an evening of praise together – everyone is very welcome. Adults £10, young people £5, Primary aged children free.



The church grounds tidy up was well received.



## Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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### Services

#### 8th October Trinity 17

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)

12:15pm Ballinode

#### 15th October Trinity 18

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)

12:15pm Kilmore

#### 22nd October Trinity 19

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)

12:15pm Ballinode

#### 29th October Trinity 20

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)

#### 5th November Trinity 21

10:30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)

12:15pm Kilmore

### Church repairs

The summer saw a number of repairs and  
renovations in all of the churches.

In St. Patrick's had some necessary

pointing, cleaning the valleys/gutters and  
repainting the louvres on the tower - all not  
jobs for anyone who didn't like heights.

In Kilmore the font had begun to sink!  
Thanks to a small hoist and some steel  
tubing to move the font the repairs could  
be done and it is now once again on a firm  
foundation.

In Ballinode hall a new floor was put into  
the kitchen (part of the renovation work  
funded by Community Centre Investment  
Fund for which we are very thankful). In  
the church the replastering of the wall was  
completed. The work to repair the tower  
clock (thanks to a grant the Built Heritage  
Investment Scheme 2023 grant facilitated  
by Monaghan County Council along with  
many donations from the village and  
beyond for which we want to say thank  
you) is almost finished.

We are very thankful for all who organised,  
helped, cleaned and donated to help the  
work to be done.

### Mothers' Union

The MU held their first meeting of the new  
season on Tuesday 5th September when  
Lorraine Brimmage spoke on beauty and  
skin care drawing on Psalm 1. The next  
meeting is on Tuesday 3rd October when  
the speaker will be Muriel Treacey.

### Ladies Group

Ladies Group opened their new season  
with a walk and talk in Rossmore Forest  
Park with Enda Galligan. The next meeting  
will be on Tuesday 17th October with the  
speaker being Louise Dempsey, a clinical  
nurse specialist for bereavement.

### Bowls

The bowling club has restarted and



meets on Monday mornings at 10am and  
Thursday evenings at 8pm

### Sunday School

Sunday School got underway again on 10th  
September with the children getting ready  
to help us in our Harvest service on 24th  
September.

### Playaway

With the new school term our parent and  
toddler group restarted on Thursdays at  
10:30am. Our thanks to Imelda and the  
'tea ladies' helpers.

### Holy Matrimony

We offer our congratulations to Pamela  
and James Holland who were married in St  
Dymphna's Church Ballinode on Saturday  
9th September and we wish them every  
happiness and God's richest blessing in  
their future together.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Arran Berry, Callum  
Henderson, Josh Brown and Amy Moffett  
on their leaving certificate results. We wish  
them well in their future studies.

## Ros sorry



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### Services

#### Sunday 1st October - The Seventeenth

##### Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion.

10.30am – Youth Service with Holy  
Baptism

#### Sunday 8th October - The Eighteenth

##### Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion.

10.30am – Holy Communion

#### Friday 13th October

Harvest Thanksgiving - 7.30pm

#### Sunday 15th October - The Nineteenth

##### Sunday after Trinity

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Harvest Thanksgiving Family  
Service.

7.30 pm - 'The Bread of Life'

#### Sunday 22nd October - The Twentieth

##### Sunday after Trinity



9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Morning Prayer

**Sunday 29th October - The Fifth Sunday before Advent**

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Morning Prayer

It's great to see our organisations up and running after a summer break; and we have a busy month within the parish, beginning with the Youth Service on 1st October. This is an opportunity for our young people to come together to dedicate this coming year to God's glory in all that they do in the uniformed organisations and Sunday School. We cannot over-estimate the positive influence that these groups have in the formation of a young person's life and for the joy they, in return, bring to the life of our parish. Church is one of the last places in society where we are encouraged to be together, to be family, in all ages, and everyone being able and encouraged to take part. As we begin this season we will be returning to the role of a person from the congregation reading one of the lessons each Sunday. We are looking for people of all ages and abilities and young people who will read from an age appropriate version of Scripture. If you would like to be involved in this important ministry please give your name to the Rector.

We, of course, look forward to the harvest celebrations and as you will see there are a wide variety of service styles to suit all tastes. Please do make it a priority to attend any of these services as we celebrate the goodness and bounty that we receive at God's Hand.

*Lord make us more thankful for what we have received;*

*make us more content with what we have;*



**Preparing for harvest.**

*and make us more mindful of other people's need.*

*We ask it for the sake of him who lived in poverty, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**Matthew (Matt) Lilly Memorial Service**

On Sunday 10th September the family, friends and colleagues of Private Matt Lilly gathered for a Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance on the 50th Anniversary of Matt's death. The Service was organised by SEFF on behalf of the family and the day began with an Act of Remembrance at Matt's graveside with wreaths being laid by the family and UDR Association. During the church service Mr Basil Lilly and Mr Ryan Lilly, Matt's son and grandson, made a personal tribute on behalf of the family. Clergy joined in the leading of worship and were representative of the parishes with which Matt and his family were associated so we thank Revd. Charles Eames, Canon Jen McWhirter and Revd. Samson Ajuka

for their support to the family and wider community.

**Confirmation**

We are starting to enrol the candidates for our 2024 Confirmation. If you are about year 9, please contact the office for an enrolment form or speak to the Rector.

**Rossorry Mothers' Union**

Meetings continue now each 3rd Thursday of the month in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm

Future dates

· 19th October

· 16 November

**Beavers, Cubs and Scouts**

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are up and running again!

If you missed registration and need more information, please contact Garry Clarke the Group Scout Leader in the first instance and he will advise you who to contact for each group. (02866 323653). It is never too late to get involved and we



**Revd. Stephen McWhirter leading the Matthew Lilly Memorial Service at the graveside.**



Henry and Holly Millar celebrating after their wedding in Rosorry.

will try to accommodate everyone. This is a very active Scout Group that has a very varied and exciting programme of events throughout the year to educate and guide your young folk in the principles of Scouting.

### Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

Guides / Brownies and Rainbows are up and running again! If you missed registration and need more information, please contact Avril Armstron, the Unit Leader in the first instance and she will advise you who to contact for each group. (02866 329589). It is never too late to get involved and we will try to accommodate everyone. This is a very active Guide Unit that has



Some of the members of the art class with their paintings from a previous series of classes. The classes resume on 10 November.

a very varied and exciting programme of events throughout the year to educate and guide your young folk in the principles of Guiding.

### Rosorry Wednesday Club

Rosorry Wednesday Club launched their year's events on 6th September 2023 with a visit to the Enniskillen Workhouse with the guide Catherine Scott. There was a good turnout for a very interesting and informative tour, followed by tea and bikkies.

### Rosorry Art Club

Our Art Class was off for the summer. The members produced some beautiful work with our new tutor, Ruth Elliott. Shown are the beautiful paintings which they produced during the six weeks in April and May.

The classes will be resuming on Friday 10th November and new members, both beginners and advanced are very welcome.

If interested please contact Yvonne Elliott on 07835516561 or 02866342514.



### Rosorry Bowling Club

The Bowlers are meeting every Monday evening at 8pm in the Parish Hall. They have just started their new season.

They would love to have some new members as expertise not required! You can learn even if you have never bowled before – just get in touch with Caroline Nixon on 02866 341223.

### The Parish Office

The Office is open with reduced hours at present, please do leave a message and someone will return you call as soon as possible. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



The Wednesday Club meeting in Enniskillen Workhouse.



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## Parish Registers

### BAPTISM

SOMERVILLE, Luca Robert John, infant son of Robert and Rachel Somerville at Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 17th September 2023. Service conducted by Revd. Maureen Desborough.

### MARRIAGE

MILLAR, Henry and Holly (née Higgins) Saturday 26th August 2023. Service conducted by Revd. Stephen McWhirter.

## Dates for the Diary

- Sunday 1st October, Youth Service 10.30am. Sunday School and Uniformed Organisations taking part.
- **Harvest Weekend Services**
- Friday 13th October 7.30pm, Harvest Thanksgiving (Traditional)
- Sunday 15th October 10.30am, Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service

- Sunday 15th October 7.30pm, 'Bread of Life' (RSCM) A celebration of Harvest in words and music.

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## Funeral

27th August 2023 - Alan Clarke, Glen Road, Tempo.

Our sympathy and prayers to Alan's wife Bernie, Son Jonathan (Ashley) daughter Emma (Jude) and all the family circle.

## Cremation Service (Cavan)

Tanya Yvonne Shaw, Ramaley Crescent,

Clabby. Our sympathy and prayers to Tanya's husband Peter; daughter Rebecca and son, Ryan.

## Mothers' Union

Tuesday 10th October 8pm in Tempo Church Hall with speaker, Vera on winter planting.

## Clabby Parish Gospel and Musical evening

This will take place in Clabby Church Hall at 8pm on 17th November when artists include Murley Silver Band, Valley Voices and Ann Bloomfield. All proceeds towards Church funds.

## 'Fivemiletown Remembers – 100 years of Uniform and Service'

This book is compiled by Mark Byers to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the formation of Fivemiletown Royal British Legion 1923-2023. This quality 255 page fully illustrated hardback records the formation of the Royal British Legion and its predecessor, 'The Comrades of the Great War' in the Fivemiletown area. Related events over the past 100 years which had an impact on the people of the area are included,

alongside selected biographies of local ex-service personnel.

Available for sale at Fivemiletown Royal British Legion and Ballylurgan Hardware priced at £20.

Due to continuing demand the 'Fivemiletown's Fallen' book which records the stories of the 72 local servicemen who died during the two world wars has been reprinted in a limited soft back version priced £12.50.

## Clabby Parish Tractor Run

Saturday 7th October with registration at 10am. Leaving Clabby Church Hall at 11am. Further details from Jim Monteith Tel. 02889521167/ 07751803660 with proceeds towards Church funds.

## Psalms 145 An Alphabet of Praise

This Psalm is a song of Praise during a time of stability, certainty and blessing during the Psalmists life. Each line begins with a different letter of the Hebrew alphabet, like an A-Z of who God is, what he is like and describes life in relationship to God.

## V1-3 Opening praise of God the King

Praise in the other psalms is the basic ingredient in the worship of God. These



The parish churches of Clabby and Tempo.





verses remind us that declaring God's greatness is central to the life of faith, praise is first. He speaks of a deep personal relationship with God (My God the King) and he must exalt him delighting in his name or Character. He will do this daily and forever and ever. We must adopt this same attitude, it should not be difficult to do, and we are to give thanks to God in all circumstances, not for our circumstances. We can never understand God totally nor can we reduce him to our level of understanding for "his greatness no one can fathom"

#### **V 4-7 God the Great Creator.**

We now move from individual praise to community praise and indeed intergenerational praise. The celebration of God's greatness is to be the ongoing feature of the life of God's people as they gather together. It must be passed down the generations. The word creator is not used in these verses but his creative activity is implied for example verse 9. God's people must speak, tell, commend, proclaim, sing and celebrate God's character and his achievements. We live in a God filled world, if we have eyes to see, we can recognise his handiwork all around us.

#### **V 8-9 God the gracious Lord.**

These verses are the heart of the Psalm; it is the basic understanding of God. These verses are not the full version of what God said to Moses as He revealed

His glory to Moses (Exodus 34 v 6-7) they show what God is really like. Similar words can also be found in several other places in the Old Testament at Key moments of Israel's history – Numbers 14 v 18, Nehemiah 9 v 17, Joel 2 v 17, Jonah 4 v 2, and also in Psalms 86 v 15, 103 v 8, 111 v 4, and 112 v 4.

These verses describe six major characteristics of God, He is gracious, merciful, patient, loving, good and compassionate. This should inspire confidence and trust to everyone to believe in Him and for everyone who already trust in God.

#### **V 10-13a God the glorious King.**

These verses remind us that God as ruler or King is far beyond and above the rule of any earthly King, his kingdom is eternal. In verse 11 we focus on the Kingdom of God in its glory and power, its splendour.

#### **V 12 This Kingdom is to be celebrated and made known (v11)**

#### **V 13-16 God the generous provider.**

Once again the basis of our confidence is in God's faithfulness towards his People. He is faithful God who keeps His promises and up holds His people (V13). We are weak and prone to fall, but God remains constant in his love for us and cares for us in our need (v14). He does for us what we can't do for ourselves. God meets our material needs and meets our deepest needs.

God is open hearted and open handed Like Psalm 23 we say "The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing".

#### **V 17-20 God the guardian – Protector.**

God's justice is another aspect of his character, because He loves and is righteous He will act justly (v17) God is near, not distant, aloof, detached or indifferent, but close or fully aware and understanding of our needs (v18) He listens to our cries for help and answers our prayers. He comes to our aid (v19). He watches over us, aware of our circumstances and protective in his loving concern. So we can live securely. He will bless those who follow him, but judge those who reject him.

#### **V 21 Closing Praise.**

The Psalm closes as it opens. The psalmist says he will continue to live a life characterised by praise. He then invites the whole creation to join him in giving the glory to God. This theme is found in several of the Psalms (34 v 1, 103 v 1). This is to be continuous for all our lives. In Revelation (4 v8-11, 5 v 9-14, 7 v 9-17) there are references to the praises of those in Heaven, the unceasing eternal praise of God and Christ, the Lamb of God. This Psalm is especially appropriate for this time of year as we gather or have gathered to thank God for the Harvest. Our greatest praise should be for our salvation in Jesus Christ (1st Peter 1 v 3-9)

## Trory and Killadeas



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### **BBC Radio Ulster Morning Service from Killadeas**

We are delighted to welcome the crew from BBC Radio Ulster to Killadeas on the morning of 15th October to broadcast Morning Service live from Priory Church.

It would be great if as many people as possible could make the effort to be in church for this service. One of the many reasons Revd. Mark was asked by the BBC to host was because of the quality of congregational responses and singing in both parishes which was noted from online services during Covid. These will be amplified for radio if we have bigger attendance in the one building, so for one Sunday only, both congregations are being asked to join as one for the recording. Killadeas will be the only service on Sunday 15th October. There will be no 11.30am service in Trory.

If some of the congregational hymn singing during recent concerts is anything to go by, when we get over 100 people in attendance in Priory, and with the shape of the church, we really raise the roof with glorious tunes and fantastic singing. Let's show ourselves in our best light for this special occasion.

As tempting as it may seem to stay at home and listen to the service on the radio, please attend in person. In this digital age, by the time you get back home it will be

ready to listen back to on BBC sounds. For those not able to access programmes on catch up services, there will be hard copies made available (most likely on CD) at a later date. This also applies to all families with children. Children joining in, and even making noise during the sermon and prayers is part of what makes a broadcast service from a parish church 'real' rather than a polished and edited set of clips from a recording studio. Any service without our young people present is the poorer for not having their voices part of it. The service is only 40 minutes long, but if you wish to step out with your children during it, the hall in Killadeas will be set up as always with worksheets, colouring pencils, etc. for children to complete under the supervision of the responsible adult bringing them to church.

### **Mothers' Union**

On Monday 11th September the branch opened with an act of worship led by Mrs. Joan Nelson while the rector was on holiday (precisely, in the ocean just off the coast of Iceland) This month we

look forward to welcoming Canon Paul Thompson who will be sharing with us about his ministry within the prison service. November we are looking forward to being put through our paces by Mrs Ruth Blair and her armchair exercises, and then in December we have our ever-popular Christmas meal.

Now that the kitchen renovations in Ballycassidy Hall are complete, meetings will be held in Ballycassidy Hall and Killadeas Hall on alternating months. Please listen out for announcements in church for the correct venue. Meetings are on the second Monday of each month at 7pm and as you hopefully have seen, there is a wide variety of speakers and activities. If you would like to call in for an evening, you will be made more than welcome. You don't have to be a member in order to enjoy some of our great activities and fellowship.

### November Fun Night in Ballycassidy Hall

On Friday 10th November, Ballycassidy Hall will be the host of 'Trory and Killadeas Epic Gameshow Night.'

If you enjoy settling down on a Saturday night to watch The Price is Right, The Generations Game, Bullseye, Play Your Cards Right, Mr & Mrs, Catchphrase, or any other gameshow, then please come along and join us for a local real-life version of short rounds of each gameshow (and probably a fair bit of mayhem too!) Please follow @troryandkilladeas on Facebook to be kept up to date with details.

### Safeguarding Trust

There will be Safeguarding Trust volunteer training held in Ballycassidy Hall on Tuesday 17th October at 7.30pm. This is open to all volunteers within the Church of Ireland, but it is especially

important that our own volunteers take up this opportunity, or one of the other ones locally. It is necessary for all who are in contact with children on a regular basis to complete this, and it is also best practice for all who hold a position of authority within the church, such as select vestrypersons to complete this training. Please make every effort to attend.

### Harvests

Trory Harvest Thanksgiving services are Friday 6th October at 7pm for the Traditional Harvest Thanksgiving with Harvest Supper, when our guest speaker will be Dean Kenny Hall. Trory All Age Harvest Thanksgiving is on Sunday 8th October at 11.30am, and our speaker will be Mrs. Sarah Maguire.

For our all-age services this year, as usual we will have crafts for our young people to make during the service, as well as the competition to be made at home. In a change from our usual 'turn up with a turnip' competition, the home entries will now interpret the phrase 'My Spuddy Buddy' in whatever artistic way you think most fitting (using a spud somewhere within it to fit the brief). We have had dozens of brilliant entries over the years from turnips. Now it's time to see what your imaginations can do with potatoes.

### Welcoming our new Diocesan Lay Reader in training

We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Sarah Maguire with us for the next few months as she completes her training to become a Diocesan Lay Reader. Sarah will be assisting Revd. Mark in leading all aspects of worship. Sarah is already a very dedicated member of the Church of Ireland and Clogher Diocese. Hailing from Rossorry Parish, where she is already a Parish Reader, she is also actively involved in the diocese as a Lay Pastoral Visitor and

works with the diocese on Safeguarding Trust.

### Dates for your diary

#### Sunday 1st October

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

#### Friday 6th October

- 7pm Traditional Harvest Thanksgiving with Harvest Supper in St Michael's, Trory

#### Sunday 8th October

- 10am Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism in Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am All Age Harvest Thanksgiving in St Michael's, Trory

#### Sunday 15th October

- 10am BBC Radio Ulster Morning Service live broadcast from Priory Church, Killadeas
- Tuesday 17th October
- 7.30pm Safeguarding Volunteer Training in Ballycassidy Hall

#### Sunday 22nd October

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

#### Sunday 29th October

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

#### Sunday 5th November

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

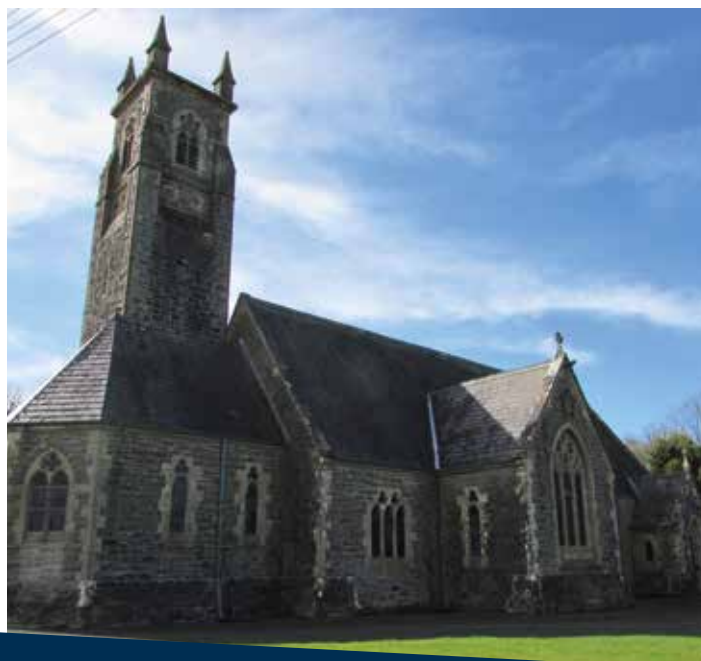
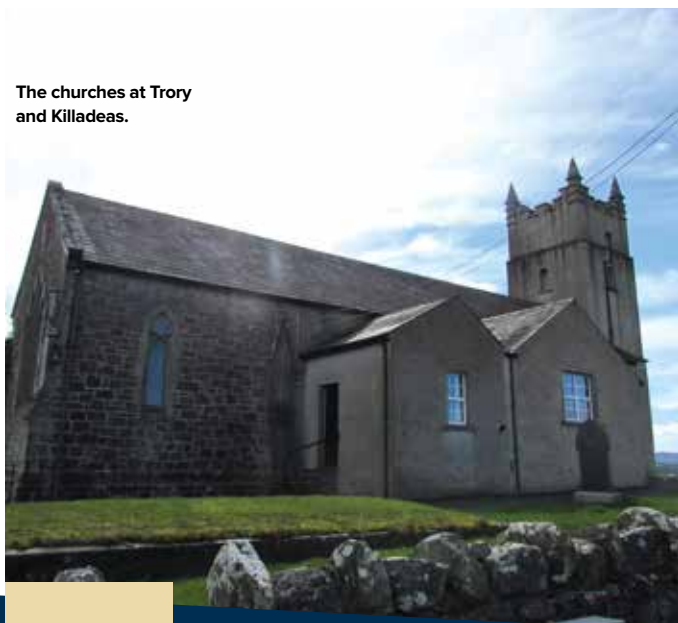
#### Friday 10th November

- 7pm Trory and Killadeas Epic Gameshow Fun Night, Ballycassidy Hall,

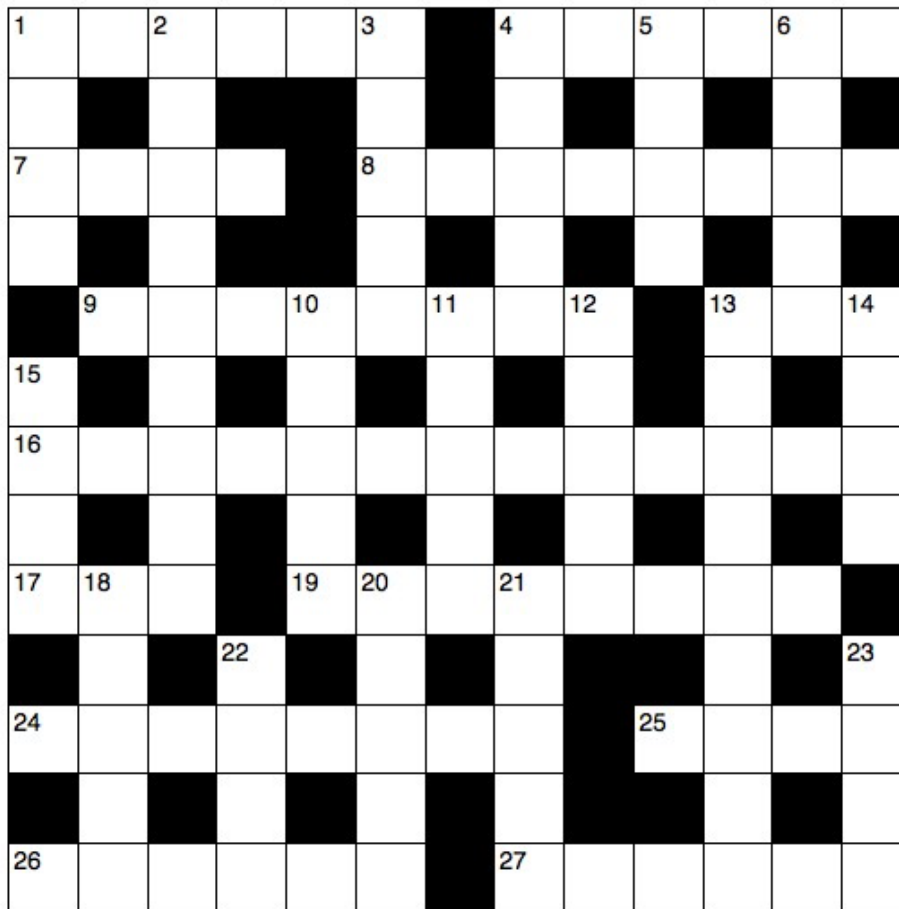
#### Sunday 12th November

- 10am Morning Prayer with an act of remembrance in Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am Morning Prayer with an act of remembrance in St Michael's, Trory

The churches at Trory and Killadeas.



# PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



## ACROSS

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Ps 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a — !' (John 2:16) (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
- 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ' (John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
- 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
- 14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
- 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (8)
- 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
- 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
- 23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

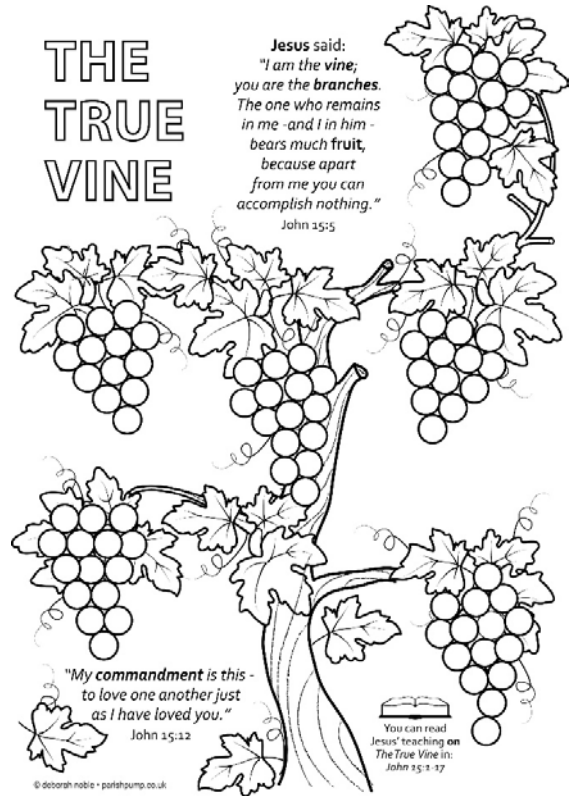
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# CHILDREN'S SECTION



## THE TRUE VINE

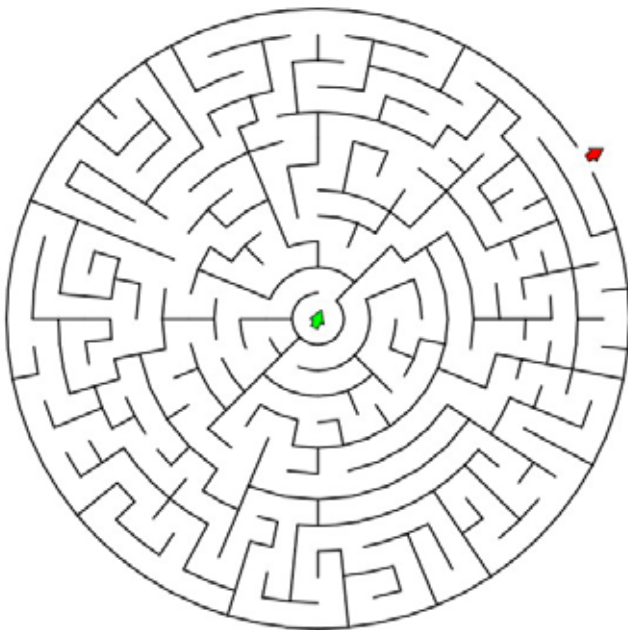
Jesus said:  
 "I am the vine;  
 you are the branches.  
 The one who remains  
 in me - and I in him -  
 bears much fruit,  
 because apart  
 from me you can  
 accomplish nothing."  
 John 15:5

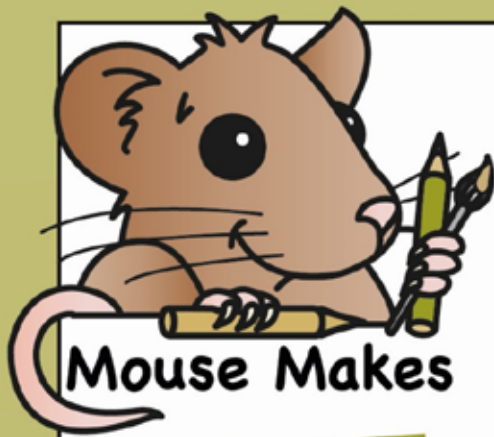


"My commandment is this -  
 to love one another just  
 as I have loved you."  
 John 15:12

You can read  
 Jesus' teaching on  
 The True Vine in:  
 John 15:1-17

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# Mouse Makes

What food did God supply for his people in the wilderness?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Numbers 11:7-9 and 31

After Elijah came to visit, what never ran out?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

1 Kings 17:14

What food did the ravens feed Elijah?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

1 Kings 17:6

What food did John the Baptist eat in the wilderness?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 3:4

What did the boy give Jesus to feed 5,000 people?  
 Five \_\_\_\_\_ and two \_\_\_\_\_

John 6:9

## CONNECT THE BIBLE FOOD PAIRS

- |         |       |
|---------|-------|
| MANNA   | HONEY |
| OIL     | WINE  |
| WATER   | FISH  |
| LOCUSTS | QUAIL |
| LOAVES  | FLOUR |

What drink ran out at the wedding?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

and what did Jesus use to make more?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

John 2:3 and 7

**FIND THE BIBLE VERSE**  
 Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter **before** it in the alphabet.

NBO TIBMM OPU  
 MJWF PO CSFBE  
 BMPOF, CVU PO  
 FWFSZ XPSE UIBU  
 DPNFT GSPN UIF  
 NPVUI PG HPE.

NBUUIFX 4:4

## DID YOU KNOW?

As Lot escaped Sodom with his family an angel told him not to stop or look back, but Lot's wife did look back and became a pillar of salt.

READ Genesis 19 v15-26

E B R E A D H O N E Y Q J S F  
 L O A V E S G Q W A T E R C I  
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 E U S H A L A A N O L I V E S  
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 T L N A N U N L O C U S T S Y  
 M U S T A R D E I H D A T E S  
 E V E G E T A B L E S A L T H

Find the words below and the answers to the questions all in the word search

- OLIVES • CHEESE
- FIGS • DATES
- MUSTARD
- RAISINS • WHEAT
- SALT • GRAIN
- FRUIT • GRAPES
- VEGETABLES

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

## October 2023

- Saturday 7th October – **Enniskillen Cathedral Open Day** to see the harvest decorations during harvest weekend with services on Sunday 8 October at 11am and 7pm.
- Saturday 7th October – **Clabby Parish Tractor Run** with registration from 10.00am and leaving Clabby Church Hall at 11.00am. For any further details contact Mr. Jim Monteith 028 89521167 or mobile 07751803660.
- Tuesday 10th October – **Coffee Morning** in Ballybay Parish Hall from 11am-12.30pm. All are most welcome to attend!
- Friday 13th October – **Cleenish Church 260th Anniversary Musical Evening** in Cleenish Parish Church, Bellanaleck at 7.30pm featuring the Silver Tones Male Voice Choir, Serenity Music (Wesley Henderson with his daughters Elise and Amy), and a historical brief on the history of Cleenish Church. All friends and parishioners and former parishioners of Cleenish are welcomed to this event and there will be supper in Cleenish Hall, to allow opportunity to renew acquaintances with Cleenish Parish.
- Sunday 15th October – **BBC Radio Ulster Morning Service Live Broadcast** at 10am from Priory Church, Killadeas.
- Sunday 15th October – **Service of Remembrance** in Mullaghfad Church at 3.00pm with Fivemiletown and Lisburn Branches of the Royal British Legion.
- Wednesday 18th October – **Parish Auction** in Dromore Parish Hall.
- Thursday 19th October – **Clogher Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action** in partnership with CARE are hosting a number of talks on 19 October 2023 in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. The topics that will be covered are the Cost of Living Crisis; helping families who are struggling at 11.30am; Abortion and Northern Ireland; the story so far at 3pm and Gambling; tackling Northern Ireland's gambling addiction at 7.30pm.
- Friday 20th October – **Embrace Socials Fun Night** in Clogh hall. A family fun night and social for all in the group and open to all ages, children, teenagers, adults and families.
- Saturday 21st October – **Social event in Ballybay** for those in secondary school in Ballybay Parish Hall from 8.30 p.m. - 11 p.m. This will be run by "Embrace Socials", a leading Christian entertainment provider. The cost to attend is ?8 per person.
- Saturday 21st October – **Parish Auction** in Derrybrusk Parish Hall in Belle Isle Hall.
- Sunday 22nd October – **Service of Dedication of Gifts** donated to Crossduff Parish Church at 3.30pm. The service will be led by Revd Lorraine Capper (Rural Dean) and the dedication will be carried out by Rt Revd Dr Ian Ellis, Bishop of Clogher who will also be the preacher. Everybody most welcome and refreshments will be provided after the service in the Old Stables.
- Friday 27th October – **Lisnaskea Parish Concert** in The Archdale Centre featuring the 'Silvertones' and other artistes. Further details to follow.

## November 2023

Saturday 4th November – **Fashion Show** in the Gillaroo Centre, Garrison hosted by Garrison Parish Church at 7.30pm. Clothes are provided by Miss B's clothing shop in Belleek.

Also wedding dresses through the decades will be displayed and modelled. Proceeds from the event will go to Garrison Parish Church and the Rectory Fund.

- Sunday 5th November – **Songs of Praise Service** at 3pm in Dartrey Church. Special guests will be Revd Tim Irvine and the Donagh Choir with their choir director, Mrs. Ethne McCord who will be organist for the occasion. Revd. Tim will introduce the hymns, the choir will sing a few pieces of their own and join with the congregation in the singing of the parishioners favourite hymns. Definitely an occasion not to be missed.
- Friday 10th November – **Parish Table Quiz** organised by St. Salvator's Church, Glaslough, in The Oakland's Community Centre at 8pm.
- Friday 10th November – **CANCELLED - Harvest Dance** in the Four Seasons Hotel, Monaghan organised by St. Salvator's Church, is no longer taking place and will be rescheduled in the Spring.
- Friday 10th November – **'Music Celebration'** to be held in Christ Church Hall, Maguiresbridge at 7.30pm. A night of music, singing and fellowship as local bands, singers and choirs come together to praise God. Tickets available at the door; adults £10, young people £5, primary school children and under free. Refreshments will be served. All proceeds in aid of the Church. Everyone is very welcome!
- Saturday 11th November – **Devenish Parish Auction and Sale** at 2.00pm in the Reade Hall.
- Thursday 16th - Saturday 18th November 2023 – **Inishmacsaint Parish Pantomime 'Ruth'** an old story interpreted by Revd Stephanie Woods in Derrygonnelly Orange Hall at 8pm. Tickets priced £10 for adults and £5 for under 12's from Tel. 07984121395.
- Friday 17th November – **Clabby Parish Gospel and Musical Evening** in Clabby Church Hall at 8pm when artistes include Murley Silver Band, Valley Voices and Ann Bloomfield. All proceeds towards Church funds.
- Saturday 18th November – **Christmas Craft Fair** in Galloon Parish Hall.
- Saturday 18th November – **Grand Variety Concert** organised by Aghadrumsee Parish and Aghadrumsee LOL 1325 at 8.00pm. Tickets available from Vestry and Lodge members.

## 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).

# DIOCESAN NEWS

## Happy memories of the mill days in Lisbellaw

Two Church of Ireland parishioners were interviewed during the launch of an important social history book on the Lisbellaw Woollen Mill known as Henderson and Eadie Ltd.

The book written by Roland Eadie, gives a short history of a Fermanagh industry and its two founding families.

During the launch in Lisbellaw Parish Centre, Ruby McNair from Hillsborough, who grew up in the village as a member of the Brownlee family, recounted her early years there, watching the workers from the mill walk to and from work and sometimes carrying large rugs to work on them at home.

She vividly recalled the railway line and station at Lisbellaw which was an integral



Anne Rowley with some of the garments she made from the Henderson and Eadie woollen material.

part of the carrying of raw materials to and finished products from the Mill.

Ruby attended Lisbellaw Parish Church in her youth and while now living in Hillsborough, receives a copy of the Clogher Diocesan Magazine in the post which she says she looks forward to receiving each month.

Another interviewee was Anne Rowley



Ruby McNair with Revd William Jeffrey at the book launch in Lisbellaw Parish Centre.

from Garvary Parish, who outlined how she made garments to wear from the cloth produced at the mill.

She demonstrated some of her creations which he wore, as they were displayed during the evening. She had purchased the cloth at the Mill's retail shop in Enniskillen which stayed open until around the 1980's.

## Clogher's miniature cathedral on TV

St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher, was highlighted on TV recently when UTV's Joe Mahon brought his Mahon's Way series to the Clogher Valley.

The fifth episode of the series on Tuesday, 12th September featured Joe Mahon

visiting St Macartan's Cathedral, one of the oldest Christian sites in the entire country.

Under the guidance of archivist, Jack Johnston, he delves into the fascinating story of how two 17th century Scottish bishops wielded their power and influence to accumulate land and form settlements here in the early years of the Plantation of Ulster.

Joe then met Hilary Keys and Joyce Stafford of the "Knit, Stitch and Natter Club" who accomplished the extraordinary feat of knitting a perfect miniature replica of the Cathedral.

Mahon's Way is produced by Westway Film Productions for UTV, supported by



Joe Mahon interviews Joyce Stafford and Hilary Keys.

Northern Ireland Screen's Ulster-Scots Broadcast Fund. The series is sponsored by Firmus Energy.

Any of the programmes can be watched on catch up on [www.itv.com/utvprogrammes](http://www.itv.com/utvprogrammes).

# St Sillian's Church and the Parish of Tyholland

A special project during Heritage Week in the Republic of Ireland was based on the historical significance of St. Sillian's Church and the Parish of Tyholland in Co. Monaghan.

Brigid Clesham, a professional archivist and researcher, undertook the project and the following include extracts from her article.

The project was funded by the Heritage Council.

The parish of Tyholland is the smallest parish in the Diocese of Clogher. It is bounded on the north and north west by the parish of Donagh and on the south and south west by the parish of Monaghan while Clontibret parish lies to the south east. It is just four miles in length and breadth and contains almost 6,000 acres divided into 56 townlands originally known as tates.

The River Blackwater marks the northern boundary of the parish and the Corr River the western boundary while the Ulster Canal cuts a path through its middle from east to west. Some of its eastern boundary forms part of the border between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. There are no towns within the perimeters of the parish, however Monaghan town is close to the south-west and Glaslough to the north. The name of the parish 'Tyholland' is derived from the name Ti or Tigh Thalen, the house of Tallen, as identified by Jack Storey in his 'Tyholland Church of Ireland Records – St Cillian's', (Clones Library), who gives variations of the spelling of the name from 1432 to the mid-1880s, while the townland website Logainm traces the name from the eighth century. The parish name was certainly spelt in a variety of ways in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries until about 1837 when it changed to Tyholland.

The early history of the parish is associated with the Christian mission of St Patrick who travelled through the area in the fifth century.

There is support for the statement that St Patrick left a community of his followers at Tyholland. Bishop Joseph Duffy writes that these documents show that Tyholland had a high rating among Patrician churches, second only to Armagh itself.

In 2017, in his Pentecostal address at a service in the church, Bishop Treanor, now



St. Sillian's Church, Tyholland



**"The early history of the parish is associated with the Christian mission of St Patrick who travelled through the area in the fifth century."**

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Noël Treanor, Apostolic Nuncio to the European Union, referred to the digging of the grave of Tommie Wright some decades ago on the south side of St Sillian's when the foundation walls of an earlier church were revealed. Until some archaeological work takes place it is difficult to know if these walls are evidence of the pre-1787 church or of a much more ancient building. In line with all this information it would

seem plausible to state that there have been at least three churches at this site, a church or at least some kind of ancient ecclesiastical building, a pre-1787 church and the present one.

With regard to Bishop Cillian who was left by St Patrick at Tyholland presumably to lead the community there, the records to date are silent. However, Bishop Cillian appears to be the person from whom the present-day name of the church St Sillian's is derived. His feast day occurs on 27 May. Until the early 1940s the building is known as Tyholland Church in the parish records.

The page in the Register of Baptisms beginning in 1943 names the church as St Cilians, as does the preachers' book and this name continues to be entered at the top of the pages recording baptisms until 1973. By this time the Rev Broughton Mills was rector and he appears to have changed the spelling to St Sillian in the baptismal register. It appears to be the peculiarities of the clergy that established the present spelling of the names of both the church and the parish.

From the late sixteenth century, following the Reformation that occurred earlier in the century, Anglicanism began to establish itself in the diocese as the freeholders of the MacMahons, the main



clan occupying this locality, were replaced by English servitors (men who served the king as government officials or soldiers). Miler Magrath was appointed as Anglican Bishop of Clogher in 1570 but only held the appointment for a year as he was translated to Cashel as Archbishop and no further appointment was made until the following century. Following the Plantation of Ulster in the early seventeenth century, Protestant numbers in the diocese grew and after the land settlements of the mid-seventeenth century much of the land in County Monaghan came into Protestant ownership with the establishment of large estates, such as those of the Coote, Anketell, Dawson and Richardson families. Seventeenth century visitations of bishops of Clogher survive which record the poor physical state of churches in the diocese and that many church lands had fallen into lay hands. There are writings of the connections between the clergy of Tyholland and political events at the time of the late seventeenth century Williamite wars in Ireland. John Winder, who was rector of Tyholland for a very short period in the early 1690s, came to Ireland as a chaplain in the army of William III. He was also rector of Monaghan and a friend of Jonathan Swift's.

A clearer picture of this 'second church' is revealed in the eighteenth century, as vestry minutes survive from as early as 1712. Eighteenth century vestry minutes do not exist for many Church of Ireland parishes and for any historian researching this parish this volume of vestry minutes 1712-1828 is a significant resource. Of the sixteen parishes in County Monaghan which have lodged vestry minutes in the Representative Church Body Library for safe keeping, only three contain eighteenth century minutes - Carrickmacross 1775-1989, Clones 1688-1974 and Ematrix 1767-1984, so Clones is the only parish within this group with vestry minutes earlier than Tyholland.

The incumbents (office holders) of this parish were both rectors and vicars of Tyholland as they held the cure or care of the parish, both spiritual and pastoral, as a prebendary. A prebend was a parish given to a canon or dignitary of a cathedral and the tithes of the parish formed part of his income. In the seventeenth century most of the incumbents of Tyholland, besides being canons of the cathedral, were also rectors of Monaghan. A rector received all the tithes of a parish while a vicar received only part of the tithes and was a deputy for the rector. Tithes were paid by the

occupiers of agricultural holdings, both Catholic and Protestant. It was a tax of a percentage, usually a tenth part of their crops, labour and profits, used to support the Established Church.

The building of a new church in the late 1780s may have been influenced or at least helped by the appointment of the Rev Robert Montgomery, as incumbent of the parish in July 1787. He was a cousin of Alexander Montgomery of Bessmount, who had begun to play an important role in parish affairs some time earlier and lent the parish £100 to finance the new build. However realising not enough funds were available to build the church, Rev Montgomery asked the Bishop of Clogher to recommend the premises to the Trustees and Commissioners of the First Fruits 'in order to obtain the necessary assistance'. The Board of First Fruits was the body which provided funding for the building of churches and their repair at this time. Samuel Lewis in his *Topographical Dictionary of Ireland* (1837) records that the church was built at a cost of £277, defrayed by parochial assessment. The church, rectangular in shape and measuring 74x27 feet, appears to have been ready for use before the Rev Robert Montgomery resigned in 1792.

## HIGH SHERIFFS VISIT ENNISKILLEN CHURCHES



The Dean and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly welcomed Northern Ireland High Sheriffs to St Macartin's Cathedral and St Michael's Church recently. Attending were (from left); Past High Sheriff of Fermanagh, Pat O Doherty; High Sheriff of Tyrone, Helen Anderson; High Sheriff of Fermanagh, Noelle McAlinden; High Sheriff of Londonderry, Angela Thompson and High Sheriff of the Borough of Londonderry, Peter Wilson.

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The interior of Cleenish Parish Church which this month celebrates 260 years since its construction.



## Heritage and harvest at Cleenish Parish Church

This month, Cleenish Parish Church, Bellanaleck, celebrates its 260th anniversary with a special evening of praise and worship combined with harvest thanksgiving.

The event will be part of the Cleenish Harvest weekend on the weekend of 13-15 October. The celebration of 260 years of Cleenish Church will take the form of a Musical Evening held in Cleenish Church at 7.30pm featuring the Silver Tones Male Voice Choir, Serenity Music (Wesley Henderson with his daughters Elise and Amy), and a historical brief on the history of Cleenish Church. All friends and parishioners and former parishioners of Cleenish are welcomed to this event and there will be supper in Cleenish Hall, to allow opportunity to renew acquaintances with Cleenish Parish.

The parish originally centred on a monastic site on Cleenish Island, Lough Erne and stretched from Lisbellaw to Belcoo, but was much reduced at a later date when the perpetual curacies of Mullaghduin and Lisbellaw were carved out of it.

The present Cleenish Church dates from 1763 and it was later altered with a new seating plan to include a balcony in 1869. Records show that from 1308, a succession of Vicars, Rectors and Curates attended to the souls of Cleenish Parish. In her writings, Lady Dorothy Lowry-Corry, gives some details about St Sinell who was the patron and founder of Cleenish Church about the 6th Century. St Finian of Clonard sojourned there as did also St Columbanus.

Lady Lowry-Corry continues; "According to the Annals of Ulster, the Medieval Church,



Some of the stone memorials which it appeared were brought from the old church on Cleenish Island and installed in the present church.

dedicated to St Sinell was founded in 1100 AD. Some of the stones of this Church still remain in the ancient graveyard on the island. Possibly this Church may have been restored for use by the Protestants before the present Church was built at Bellanaleck on the mainland."

The visitor to the Church can view two ancient stones built into the East wall and the North wall of the building – it is assumed these stones came from the island of Cleenish when the church was built on the present site. One of these stones is dedicated to the Auchinleck family. This family had Scottish ancestry and two ancestors

were rectors of Cleenish Parish; in 1663 James Auchinleck married and had 13 children. The Auchinleck stone is dedicated to Margaret, wife of James, now parson of Cleenish and to six of her children two sons and four daughters. The second rector in 1814 was James Eccles Auchinleck married with four children. The most notable ancestor of the Auchinleck family was Sir Claude Auchinleck, Field Marshall in the British Army during the Second World War. The stone built into the East wall was erected by Capt. Alexander Achison in memory of himself, his wife and his four children. There are no details of dates or ages.

A third stone is built into the wall outside to the right of the doorway. This stone is dedicated to Mrs Margaret Nixon of Derryinch who departed this life the 25th day of December 1763 and "here lye also of her children two sons and one daughter who died before [said] Margaret". The assumption is that this stone was also taken from the island of Cleenish and built into the church wall at the time of the building of the present church.

Other notable features of Cleenish Church are the windows; the East Window and those in the Nave erected from 1947 and up to 1984.

The Church bell (now electrified) was bought from the St James Church, Parish of Cloone and Aughavas in 1932 when that church was closed. The Church Organ installed in 1988 was built by Stephen Shaw Organ Builders from Comber, Co Down and the first pipe organ erected in the Church.

## Series of talks highlight social issues in society

The Clogher Diocesan Board of Social Theology In Action in partnership with CARE are hosting a number of talks on 19 October 2023 in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. The topics being covered are listed below with timings and some more detail with regard to the content of the talks. The organisers are hoping for a good attendance from across the diocese. Each session will last for approximately one hour and there will be opportunities for questions or one to one discussions.

### Cost of Living Crisis

The first talk will be 'Cost of Living Crisis – Helping families who are struggling' beginning at 11.30am. In this presentation, speakers will explore what the cost-of-living crisis has meant for people, as well as providing practical advice and signposting for those who may be struggling. The target audience includes adults, young adults, teenagers, parents, grandparents, pastoral teams, youth leaders, clergy and anyone else who is interested.

### Abortion

The second talk is 'Abortion and Northern Ireland - The Story so far' and this takes place at 3.00pm. In this presentation, organisers will unpack the history of Northern Ireland's abortion journey and highlight what the current legislation means. Speakers will examine the impact of this law for Christians in Northern Ireland and explore what the church can do. CARE's ongoing work in the area will be highlighted. The target audience is adults and young adults, pastoral teams, youth leaders and clergy. (Unsuitable for anyone under the age of 18).

### Gambling addiction

The third talk of the day will be 'Tackling Northern Ireland's gambling addiction' at 7.30pm. In this presentation, speakers will examine some of the reasons why people gamble and the subsequent issues that come from those, as well as highlighting the work of CARE in this area. They will also explore current debates around gambling legislation and look at what Christians and the church can do to help those who are finding themselves trapped in a cycle of gambling. The target audience is adults, young adults, teenagers, anyone who is struggling with gambling addiction, pastoral teams, youth leaders and clergy.

## Diocesan Safeguarding Trust Training dates 2023-24

Date	Location
<b>PANEL TRAINING</b> 11/10/2023 Wednesday 7.30pm	Enniskillen Cathedral Hall
<b>VOLUNTEER TRAINING</b> 17/10/2023 Tuesday 7.30pm	Trory Parish Hall
<b>VOLUNTEER TRAINING</b> 25/10/2023 Wednesday 7.30pm	Maguiresbridge Parish Hall
<b>VOLUNTEER TRAINING</b> 26/10/2023 Thursday 7.30pm	Online Training (See link below)
<b>VOLUNTEER TRAINING</b> 01/11/2023 Wednesday 7.30pm	Monaghan Parish hall
<b>VOLUNTEER TRAINING</b> 07/11/2023 Tuesday 7.30pm	Lisnaskea Parish hall
<b>VOLUNTEER TRAINING</b> 16/11/2023 Thursday 7.30pm	Online Training (See link below)
<b>PANEL TRAINING</b>	
<b>VOLUNTEER TRAINING</b>	

For the online training on 26/10/2023 and 15/11/2023 you must register in advance for this training by using the links below: -

- 26/10/2023: - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8446121395>
- 16/11/2023: - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8446121395>

## Inishmacsaint Pantomime



# Ruth

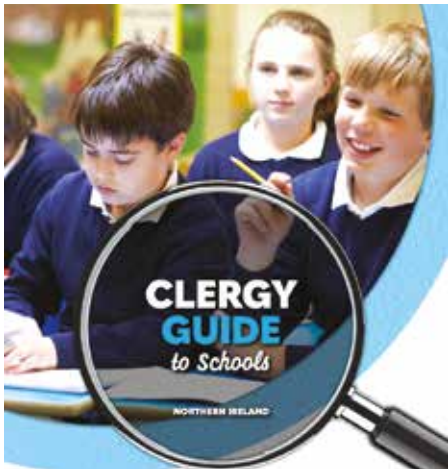


- an old story interpreted by Stephanie Woods

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**16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**Adults: £10 & under 12s: £5**  
**Tickets: 07984121395 All Welcome!**

# CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

## New guide helps clergy and parishes support schools



When clergy takes up their roles in parishes, they are often asked to become involved in the life of local schools – a great way to serve our communities and also a potentially daunting area of ministry.

The Church of Ireland's Board of Education (Northern Ireland) has published a 'Clergy Guide to Schools' to share information on how schools work, and what a minister might be expected or asked to do while ministering in Northern Ireland.

The seven–page booklet covers a brief history of the school system, what is involved in being a school governor in a primary school and a post–primary school, collective worship and Religious Education, and providing pastoral support to principals and members of staff.

The Church of Ireland, alongside the Presbyterian Church and Methodist Church, has a right to nominate 'transferor' governors – a term referring to the historic transfer of most of their schools into state control in return for a continued Christian ethos and role for Churches in controlled schools. Clergy are encouraged to not feel any pressure to take on the role of governor but to make sure that the right person is appointed; schools may welcome a conversation about what skills and experience, from clergy and others involved in church and community life, would be helpful for them.

These are some of the many ways in



Dr. Peter Hamill and Archbishop John McDowell with the guide.

which local churches help schools, week in and week out, throughout the year and around the country. More than a fifth of Church of Ireland parishes in Northern Ireland already have engagement with their local schools in new and innovative ways, which may include helping to fund projects such as gardens or prayer spaces or providing volunteer reading assistants, help with extra–curricular clubs, and supporting parents in their language and study skills.

Archbishop John McDowell, pictured with Dr Peter Hamill from the Board of Education, launched the Clergy Guide to Schools.

The Archbishop who chairs the Board,

said: "The Church's involvement in education is part of the contribution we make to the well–being of children and of society in general. In other words, it is an act of service and of discipleship for which we can and should equip ourselves as well as we can. I know that this short guide will help in that practical work of preparation for all transferor governors, and I commend it to you."

For further information, please contact the Secretary, Dr Peter Hamill, at [edunorth@rcbcoi.org](mailto:edunorth@rcbcoi.org)

*The Clergy Guide to Schools* is available on the Church of Ireland website through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ys667dhr>

# WAITING LIST FOR ATTENDANCE AT MINDMATTERS CONFERENCE

For those who have not yet registered for the MindMatters Conference in Dublin on 20 October, the organisers at the Church of Ireland say there is now a waiting list. The conference takes place in the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Golden Lane, Dublin following Matins in St. Patrick's Cathedral, led by the Dean with the Archbishops of Armagh, Canterbury and Dublin in attendance.

The service will begin at 9am and will be followed by tea and coffee from 9.30am in the Raddison Blu Royal Hotel. The conference begins there at 10.30am sharp. The organisers said that full capacity has been reached and because there is now a waiting list, they have asked if those who have registered and are no longer able to attend, they should go to Eventbrite and cancel their ticket or alternatively, email the organising team; Rebekah Fozzard and Eddie Hallissey; mhp@rcbdub.org Following the conference, St. Patrick's Cathedral have offered free guided tours at 16.15 and 16.25 on the day but pre-registration is required.

A total of 74 projects from across the Church have received funding to promote good mental health and we're very keen to ensure as many people are there as



possible to celebrate the great work undertaken as well as meet our guest speakers, including the Archbishop of Canterbury and Barbara Brennan, from the mental health charity See Change. A number of projects will also be presenting at the conference.

While plans for a mental health awareness programme across the Church of Ireland began well before the Covid-19 pandemic, the change of circumstances made these plans even more timely. Indeed, those unprecedented times made us all think about keeping our minds well, and looking for the well-being of other people around us.

MindMatters was launched on World Mental Health Day 2020 with the support of Benefact Trust and, following a research phase, rolled out a grant funding stream which has helped many people around the Church of Ireland to take new initiatives to support good mental health,

in their churches and also in their wider communities. You can find out more on our website at <https://mindmatters.ireland.anglican.org> and follow us on Twitter @COIMindMatters

There were three projects in Clogher Diocese associated with MindMatters;

## Clogher Diocese projects

■ Parent Wellness Group at S. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen - To encourage parents and children to enjoy time together with other parents and children. To focus on the importance of talking and being aware of our Mental Health and how we can improve it.

■ Kesh Rural Deanery 'Life after Lockdown' hosted by Drumkeeran Group - Breaking down of barriers and facilitating open conversations around a subject that for many is still taboo. Aims to work intergenerationally and across families to encourage people to strive to improve their mental health.

■ Clogher Diocese/Drumkeeran Group - Providing training for clergy and Diocesan Pastoral Assistants to deal with the aftermath of Covid in relation to mental health and loss of confidence by people across all age groups.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Your Sunday School, Mothers Union or the whole congregation can bring hope and change lives again this Christmas.

Through Operation Christmas Child you can fill a shoebox with gifts and the box will be sent to some of the most needy and marginalised children in the world. Boxes can be delivered directly to Drumkeeran Parish Hall by arrangement with Mrs Irene Boyd.

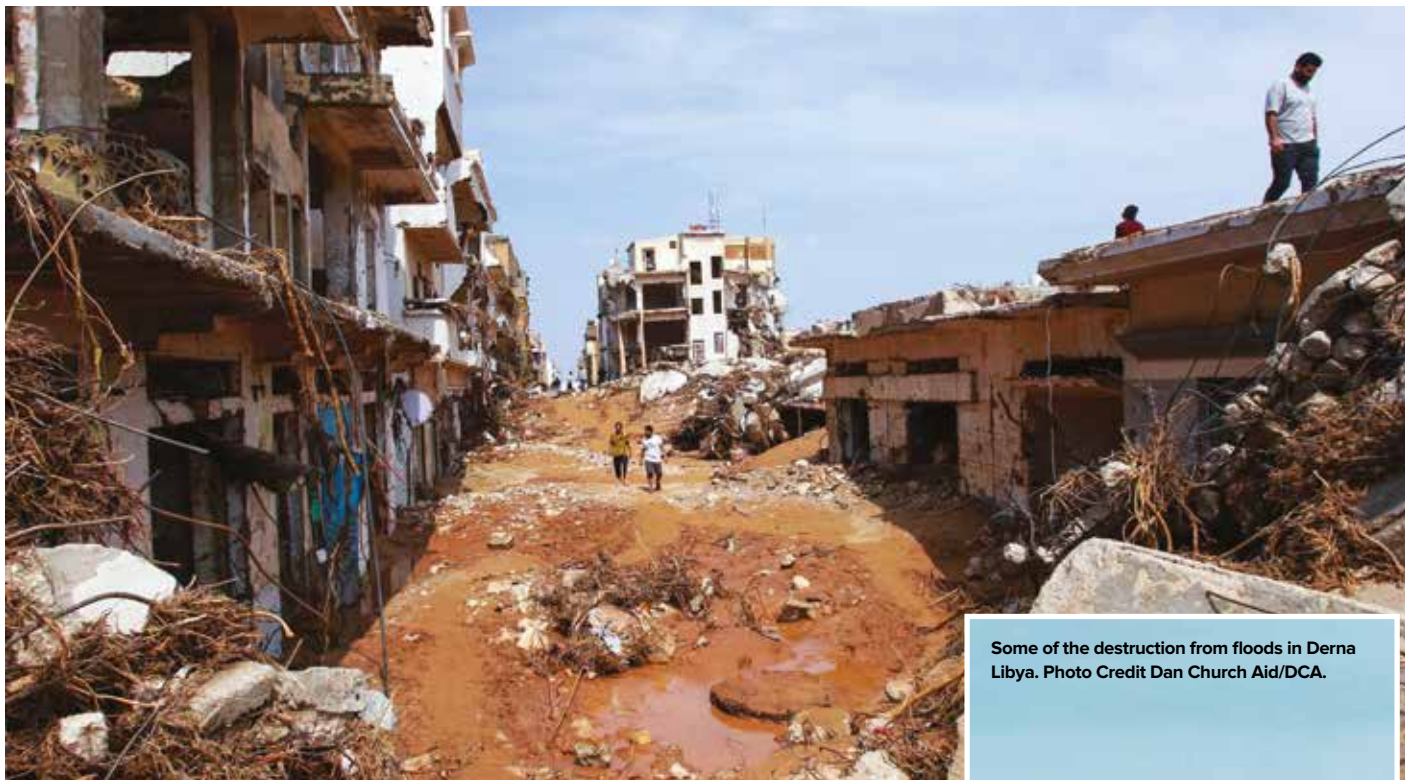
Collection week 13th - 20th November and all boxes must be with Irene Boyd by 21st November at the latest.

If you would like further information on this project please contact:

**Mrs Irene Boyd at 028 6863 1009**



# Libya appeal to help those whose lives have been devastated by the floods



Some of the destruction from floods in Derna Libya. Photo Credit Dan Church Aid/DCA.

Bishops' Appeal for World Aid and Development has launched a disaster appeal in response to the catastrophic flooding in Libya. The floods, which were triggered by a Mediterranean storm, were focused on the city of Derna where almost 4,000 people are known to have died and over 9,000 are missing after torrents of rain and debris swept away entire districts.

Some 37,000 people in flood-affected areas have been displaced by the storm. The huge number displaced highlights the immediate humanitarian need for survivors now (facing needs of clean water, food, shelter, utensils and clothing), and into the coming months and years (rebuilding, reuniting, finding a safe place to call home).

This disaster has hit a country that already had a very complicated political situation, with power struggles leading to two opposing governments within Libya, and this has compounded the challenge of getting aid and support into the country. The Bishops' Appeal will be channelling all funds through Christian Aid who are working with Dan Church Aid (DCA), its ACT Alliance partner, who have had an established presence in Libya since 2011, providing a confidence that those on the ground have a clear understanding of the

situation and how money raised in our parishes can be used most effectively. We are grateful for the confidence that this gives us that all money raised will be used to benefit those in greatest need.

DCA is providing medical support, helping to establish shelters to host homeless families, and distributing basic items such as blankets and bedding, sanitation and hygiene items and other essentials to these people who have lost everything. Calling for support for the appeal, Archbishop John McDowell remarked: "I wish to thank those involved in Bishops' Appeal for their prompt reaction in making this provision and would encourage the members of the Church of Ireland to continue to give generously."

Archbishop Michael Jackson added: "The plight of children, women and men in Libya is unthinkable. It is also a reality. Members of the Church of Ireland working through Bishops' Appeal have always been generous in responding to devastation and need. I encourage you to pray for and to contribute to this appeal."

#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

The Bishops' Appeal has already released £10,000 in Emergency Aid from its reserves (currently equivalent to €11,500), and all monies raised by this appeal across the Church of Ireland will be



additional funds to help with the disaster relief.

Parishes are asked to collect funds for this appeal for the next few weeks, and send all donations directly to Bishops' Appeal, Church of Ireland House, Rathmines, Dublin 6, D07 CF67.

The Bishops' Appeal is registered as a charity in Northern Ireland (101325) and in the Republic of Ireland (20019068), and those wishing to give with additional Gift Aid, or Tax Relief on gifts over €250, will find the relevant information – along with an option to give online – at this link: <https://bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/give>

For further information about Dan Church Aid, please visit [www.danchurchaid.org](http://www.danchurchaid.org)

# KidsMatter – a new programme to help parishes support families in need

The Board for Ministry with Children and Families is delighted to partner with KidsMatter to bring its parenting programme to our parishes.

With thanks to the Priorities Fund, they can enable 11 parishes (one from each diocese) to access KidsMatter facilitator training and support, so that they can run the programme for families in their local community. Whilst all parents need support, the KidsMatter programme has been created specifically to be effective and accessible for families who have low incomes and limited support networks.

There are two programmes: KidsMatter and BabiesMatter. Each parish taking part in the training can decide which programme best suits their current ministry with local families. The facilitator training will take place online over four days and each church will put forward ideally two people to take part. These facilitators will then run the programme at least twice during the following year. As this is a peer-led programme, those taking part as facilitators do not need to have any previous experience of delivering training, there are no flip charts or PowerPoints in sight! The programme is designed to be accessible to those with limited literacy skills, so it is more conversation and relationship-based rather than 'school-style' teaching. The programme itself has six sessions with a taster session at the start and an additional booster session a month after completion.

With a rise in children under 15 being referred for mental health problems and fast dwindling resources to meet the need – particularly in the area of early intervention and especially for those children raised in financial adversity – it is increasingly vital that we as a Church find ways to support parents and carers in our communities. Through the KidsMatter programme, churches will offer useful parenting tools for families to grab hold of and stay alongside them as they grapple with those tools, offering genuine community and relationship.

Sarah Fretwell in Mount Merrion Church (Down and Dromore) has completed her facilitator training and is currently running the pilot scheme to help encourage future parishes to run the programme.



She said: "KidsMatter has impacted the relationships with local families, as I think they recognise that I care for their own well-being and families' well-being and not just providing a weekly tots' group for their children. I think this programme is essential for our local community, as it gives an opportunity to build small groups of parents that can help and support one another. "The course material is beautifully laid out and evidence-informed which has given me confidence in delivering it. I would say, 'You need to do Kids Matter!' The programme is easy to follow and provides lots of personal reflection. It gives parents a space to feel heard and to work through things in a supportive environment."

For further information, you can view the video on our website here: <https://cfm.ireland.anglican.org/kidsmatter>

If you feel that this programme would be of particular benefit to your parish, then we ask you to complete the expression of interest form which can be accessed here: <https://form.jotform.com/231853196492060>

## Relationship support offered by COI Marriage Council

A new video and leaflet was launched at this year's General Synod in Wexford promoting the work of the Church of Ireland Marriage Council.

A spokesperson stated; "The Church of Ireland Marriage Council offers subsidised marriage and relationship support and counselling throughout Ireland. The Council's list of recommended counsellors can be found at: [www.ireland.anglican.org](http://www.ireland.anglican.org).

Additional counsellors may come onboard from time to time. Counselling can be provided in person or online to suit with the locality. If you live in a location that is not covered by counsellors, please contact Aisling Sheridan at: [Aisling.Sheridan@rcbdub.org](mailto:Aisling.Sheridan@rcbdub.org)."

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at 8.00pm

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# ARCHBISHOP ASKS IF ATONEMENT CAN OFFER WAY FORWARD

*The annual conference of the British–Irish Association (BIA) met in Oxford in September when the sermon at the Sunday morning service was preached by Archbishop Michael Jackson.*

*The BIA annual conference brings together a wide range of people – senior politicians and government officials, businessmen and women, academics, faith leaders, writers, former paramilitaries and community workers – to discuss matters of mutual concern.*

In his sermon, he asked: “Can atonement offer a way forward in the impasse of reconciliation?”

Some of the text of his sermon follows; “County Fermanagh is where I come from. Enniskillen is its main town. Although, in one sense, The Enniskillen Bomb is ancient history, in another sense it seems only yesterday since it happened. How do I know this? It is because I was there when the bomb went up. It was an atrocity of devastating human proportions. Justice has never been served. The people of Enniskillen and of County Fermanagh chose reconciliation over retaliation. Retaliation was never even considered by the people of Enniskillen, nor will it ever be. Yet there remains something inconclusive in the air for the quiet type of person who is the Fermanagh person. This is not bitterness, but it is bitter experience and silent grief. “One of the good outcomes of the period of rebuilding and restructuring the local community following this atrocity was an organization called The Spirit of Enniskillen Trust. It emanated from Enniskillen and from the pragmatic genius of Gordon Wilson, a local businessman who lost his daughter in The Enniskillen Bomb. The Spirit of Enniskillen spread across Northern Ireland and was hugely successful for a period of time. Successful at what, you may ask, particularly if you have never heard of it until now? I suggest it was successful at bringing together children and young people, and their parents, with warmth, generosity and strict rules of engagement who had never met one another before, who were never likely to meet one another in ordinary circumstances and who in many instances did not want to meet one another in the first place. It was not a top–down initiative; it garnered the energy of young people themselves to prepare the groundwork and to deliver the goods and in that highly



polished cliché: *to make a difference.* “There were opportunities to go abroad and experience the lives and limitations of divided communities elsewhere than in Northern Ireland. A shared A–level curricular framework was introduced in Northern Ireland cutting across sectarian divisions in secondary schools in order to enable pupils from differing backgrounds and traditions to learn together, each wearing what we might call ‘the wrong uniform.’ This was a godsend as a range of academic subjects in different schools could immediately be shared and enjoyed by pupils from a range of schools learning together, thereby enabling them to carve out together fresh pathways. In a very tangible sense, it was the seedbed of a shared future.

“Reconciliation is very positive but one has to ask: Is it enough? Is it the end–game/ target or is it an enabler of the journey towards peace between tribes–at–odds? “Reconciliation of opposites, bringing warring factions together, is as sophisticated and as nuanced as is the political experiment that seeks to serve and to develop it and the encrusted, widely tolerated and seemingly acceptable divisions that cause the need for it in the first instance. It is hard going. It is for the realist even more than it is for the romantic. However secular our societies now are, one of the important backdrops and derivations of reconciliation as a work in progress is in the Christian Scriptures. Just listen, if you will, to a few verses from The Letter to The Ephesians chapter 2.14–16 which argues, admittedly in very Christ–focused terms, but I think generously and comprehensively, what reconciliation is; *For Christ Jesus is our peace ... He has broken down the dividing*

*wall of hostility ... This was his purpose, to reconcile the two in a single body to God through the cross, by which he killed the enmity.*

“We have here all the ingredients with which we are familiar in Northern Ireland: peace and reconciliation, dividing walls of enmity needing to be dismantled for good measure. We also have a wider dilemma where radical fresh engagement beyond pacifying distorted tribal identities and loyalties is concerned and urgently needed if we are to move far beyond the societal psychology of an uneasy truce. I speak, of course, of inherited religion that is now, in both parts of Ireland, in serious difficulty regarding holding the ring of its own credibility.

“I want to offer to members of The British Irish Association another and different paradigm as the next stage on from reconciliation and one towards which the young people directly associated with The Spirit of Enniskillen Trust pointed us all those years ago before their sun set. It is the concept of atonement and, once again, it has a good and a relevant religious pedigree: *You are to count off seven sabbaths of years, that is seven times seven years, forty–nine years ... Hallow the fiftieth year and proclaim liberation in the land for all its inhabitants. It is to be a jubilee year for you ...* (Leviticus 28.8–10).

“The societal makeup of both parts of Ireland is changing all the time. This manifests itself differently in Northern Ireland and in The Republic of Ireland but in both it has cultural, ethical and religious repercussions. It also poses a positive challenge to the inherited and road–weary reconciliation model.”



# Responding to proposed changes to RSE

The Transferor Representatives Council has urged people in Northern Ireland with concerns about the legislation regarding teaching elements of Relationships and Sexuality Education in post primary schools to attend one of the events organised by Evangelical Alliance including the event in Enniskillen on 17 October.

In June 2023 the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland introduced legislation regarding the teaching of elements of Relationships and Sexuality Education at post-primary level.

The legislation makes changes to the Learning for Life and Work Curriculum in the area of Relationships and Sexuality Education at Key Stages 3 and 4 – in post-primary schools – and requires that young people receive:

*‘age-appropriate, comprehensive and scientifically accurate education on sexual and reproductive health and rights covering prevention of early pregnancy and access to abortion.’*

Schools, including Boards of Governors, must have ‘regard to guidance’ issued by the Department of Education, and the Department is also required to make provision for pupils, at the request of their parents/carers, to opt-out of these aspects of the RSE Curriculum.

The Department of Education has to be in a position to implement these new aspects of the curriculum by 1st January 2024.

It continues to update its information on RSE and relevant developments on its website at [www.education-ni.gov.uk/articles/relationship-and-sexuality-education-rse](http://www.education-ni.gov.uk/articles/relationship-and-sexuality-education-rse)

## **CCEA & the RSE Hub**

For a number of years now, the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessments (CCEA) has hosted an RSE Hub on its website which can be found at <https://ccea.org.uk/learning-resources/relationships-and-sexuality-education-rse>

The Hub contains links to a progression framework and a number of resources related to each area of learning. There is no compulsion on any school or teacher to use these resources; the CCEA RSE Hub clearly states that *“teachers should... review resources before using them to check that they’re appropriate for their pupils and in line with their school’s ethos and RSE policy”*.

CCEA has been commissioned by the Department of Education to develop guidance on the new aspects of the curriculum covering prevention of early pregnancy and access to abortion. Transferor representatives – representing the Church of Ireland, Presbyterian Church and Methodist Church in education – are part of a stakeholder group which CCEA is keeping informed of developments.

## **RSE policy within schools**

It remains the case that the RSE policy of a school should be agreed by the Board

of Governors, in line with a school’s ethos which, within controlled schools, is a non-denominational Christian ethos. There should also be consultation with parents, and the RSE policy should be made available on the school’s website. None of these provisions have been changed by the new legislation.

For more information on school ethos please visit [www.csscni.org.uk/ethos](http://www.csscni.org.uk/ethos)

## **Consultation**

The Department of Education has opened a period of consultation (Friday, 1st September to Friday, 24th November) on the proposed opt-out provision which will allow parents/carers to withdraw their pupil from aspects of the RSE curriculum. Details can be found at [www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations) We would encourage you to prayerfully complete the consultation and share with as many concerned parents, governors and teachers as possible. The consultation opened on Friday, 1st September, and runs until Friday, 24th November.

Full details of public events can be found on: [www.eauk.org/about-us/nations/northern-ireland/rse-response-events](http://www.eauk.org/about-us/nations/northern-ireland/rse-response-events)

For more information please contact Dr Peter Hamill, Secretary to TRC, as per details below.

c/o Board of Education NI, Church of Ireland, Floor 2, 18-20 Hill Street, Belfast BT1 2LA  
Email: [edunorth@rcbcoi.org](mailto:edunorth@rcbcoi.org)

## Appeal for increase in school funding in Republic of Ireland

In last year’s budget, Minister for Education Norma Foley TD increased the primary school capitation grant to €258 per pupil to assist schools in dealing with the myriad of financial pressures facing school communities. This increase was welcomed by all of the stakeholders in Primary Education and has been critical in assisting schools to maintain financial solvency.

However, schools’ finances remain extremely challenging due to ongoing significant increases in energy, insurance, cleaning and waste disposal costs, as well as in the cost of teaching materials and buses.

The Primary Management Bodies (An Foras Pátrúnachta, CPSMA, Church of Ireland Board of Education, Educate Together, ETBI, NABMSE and the Muslim Primary Education Board) have issued a joint statement calling for:

- An immediate increase in the basic capitation rate to €275 per pupil;
- An increase of 10% across all other capitation grants;
- The ‘capping’ of the grant to an enrolment of 500 pupils should be abolished for larger schools;
- The annual funding to meet schools’ ICT costs must be restored;



- The Grant Calendar to be fixed and communicated to schools as soon as possible.

Dr Ken Fennelly, Secretary, Church of Ireland Board of Education said; “In speaking with school leaders over recent weeks, the major concern expressed to me is the rising cost in the running of schools. We need sufficient funds to educate our children in a warm and safe environment. Funding needs to be raised to a realistic level to reflect the current cost of living.”

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## CHRISTIAN AID IRELAND HARVEST APPEAL

In Zimbabwe, Knowledge Chikondo has seen his income grow since he joined a Christian Aid funded project which trained him how to harvest and process wild-growing plums whose seeds contain a valuable oil used in making cosmetics. Credit: David Brazier/Christian Aid

Knowledge Chikondo lives with his wife and three children in Kondo village, Mudzi district, eastern Zimbabwe. Knowledge struggled to make a living as a farmer until he was helped by a Christian Aid funded project called BRACKT, which is run by a group of four local partner organisations including Bio-Innovation Zimbabwe (BIZ). Knowledge explains the challenges he faced: “When I first started farming, life was really tough. The weather was erratic. Some years, we received decent rainfall but other years we got only a few very intense storms and then nothing. I was growing groundnuts and sorghum but yields were poor and the income I got was too low to support my family. I had a real problem finding decent markets and the buyers I approached offered very low prices for my products.” The 35-year-old farmer heard about the BRACKT project when BIZ came to his village to survey the types of wild fruits that were available locally, such as a plum called Nhengezi (*Ximmenia caffra*). Nhengezi seeds contain a valuable oil that has anti-ageing properties and is used in making cosmetics. “The good thing about wild fruit is that it grows on its own without any input from people. All you have to do is make sure the

trees don’t get damaged and harvest the bounty each year,” said Knowledge. “I used to love eating Nhengezi fruits when I was a kid herding cattle with my friends but I never thought you could actually make money out of them until BRACKT came along.” Knowledge and his wife have been trained on harvesting and preparing the seeds and they work together. He has also received training from Silveira House, another partner involved with the BRACKT project. They have trained him to be a welder, which provides him with an additional source of income. As part of the project, he is a member of a collective that shares welding equipment and he’s also a member of a savings and loan group. Knowledge hopes to save enough money to buy a welding kit of his own and set up a welding business. Knowledge explains how his life has improved: “I can provide for my family, pay school fees for my children and cover household expenses.” He also feels that his participation in the project has raised his standing in the community: “When I first started collecting wild fruits, my friends thought it was foolish but now that they’ve seen my success, they all want to join in.”

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## Directory of inter-faith links published

A new revised edition of the Directory of Anglican, Porvoo, Ecumenical and Inter-faith links has been published by the Church of Ireland's Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue, as guide which seeks to summarise the scale of work carried out in this area of the Church's ministry. Each year, the Church of Ireland contributes around €120,000 (currently equivalent to around £100,000) towards the operational costs of ecumenical organisations, whose remit ranges from local to global. The Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue operates through a consortium of working groups, dealing respectively with matters ecumenical, intra-Anglican contacts (including our relationship with the Porvoo churches and other churches with whom we similarly enjoy communion), and inter-faith dialogue.

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