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Dear Friends,

If I had to choose one word which, in a religious sense, is most closely associated with Christmas that word would be “Glory”. Whether it is the seemingly unending “glorious” ooohs of Gloria in Excelsis Deo or from the beauty of the description in St John’s Gospel that “we have beheld his glory, as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth”. Indeed So, although God’s own glory can be seen in every phase of Jesus’ life, and the same Gospel writer goes on to associate that glory most intensely with the Cross, it is also to be clearly seen in Bethlehem.

And it is hard to escape the conclusion that a major element in the glory of God as we see it in that human life is that he became poor. He hadn’t poverty foisted upon him by an unjust social system (there is no glory in that) nor by some shortcomings in his character (he went about doing good). But he chose a certain way of life and adopted a certain attitude to possessions as reflecting the glory of God.

Going back to Michael Ramsey: “The stable is a symbol of Christ’s poverty. The characteristic that gave him the title ‘poor’ was his simplicity. He did without many of the things that people crave. None did he criticise more severely than those who hankered after more and more possessions and were preoccupied with money.

The worth of a person’s life, he insisted, does not consist of possessions, for piling things up does not increase worth. People matter more than things because people have an eternal destiny”.

How did Christ become poor? By coming to share in the limitations, frustrations and hard realities of our human life, our pains, our sorrows and even our death. This has a moral message to learn and to live by too. It is the message of simplicity and self-sacrifice.

Christ gave himself to us to enable us to give ourselves to one another: that is the message of Bethlehem to a world in trouble. And trouble is what we are in.

The last word to Michael Ramsey: “Come to Bethlehem once again: see the stable, see the child. Knowing that he is God made man, knowing that he who was rich has become poor for us - let us kneel in the darkness and cold that is the symbol of our cold and chilly hearts, and say in a new way, yours is the kingdom the power and the “glory” for ever.”

And may the glory of Christ surround you and your families and all those who you love this Christmas time.

+John, Clogher

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PARISH NOTES

Aghadrumsee, Clogh & Drumsnatt

Church Army Officer
Captain David Hamilton

Services
Sunday 2nd December
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Holy Communion
Clogh 10.45am Holy Communion
Drumsnatt 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th December
Aghadrumsee 11.05pm Morning Prayer
Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer
Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 16th December
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Children’s Carol Service
Clogh 10.45am Children’s Carol Service
Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd December
Aghadrumsee 7.00pm Carol Service
Clogh 10.45am Carol Service
Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Monday 24th December
Clogh 3.00pm Crib Service

Tuesday 25th December
Clogh 10.45am Holy Communion
Drumsnatt 3.00pm Holy Communion

Sunday 30th December
Aghadrumsee 10.30am Morning Prayer
Clogh 6th January
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Holy Communion
Clogh 10.45am Holy Communion

Sunday 13th January
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Sunday 20th January
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Sunday 27th January
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer
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Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Mothers’ Union
The Mothers’ Union Autumn Council was held in Clogh recently. The service was led by Captain Hamilton and the address given by Dean Ferguson. A number of members took part, those were Elizabeth Egerton, Florence Egerton, Florence Graham, Hazel Doonan, Margaret Nelson and Madu Nicholl. Supper was provided in the hall afterwards and the evening concluded with a talk from Mrs Irene Boyd, Diocesan President. The next meeting will be on Monday 7th January at 8.00 pm

Christmas Concert
Clogh are hosting a Christmas Concert on Saturday 8th December at 8.00 pm with Rebecca Burns, the Muckne Singers and David Linton who will also act as compere. Tickets are available at £10. Everyone welcome

Services
Christmas Services
Sunday 16th December – Children’s Carol Services 10.45 am in Clogh and 7.00 pm in Aghadrumsee
Sunday 23rd December – Traditional Carol Services 10.45 am in Clogh and 7.00 pm in Aghadrumsee

Fellowship
Jonathan Graham of Child Evangelism Fellowship will once again join us in Clogh and Aghadrumsee on Sunday 27th January for an All Age Family Service.

Parish Register
The Baptism of Zara Grace, daughter of Trevor and Sandra McPitly took place in Aghadrumsee on 4th November.

We wish each of them God’s Richest Blessings at this special time.

Sympathy
We were saddened to learn of the untimely death of Wesley Doonan and extend our sympathy to the entire Doonan Family. Condolences are also extended to the Clarke family on the death of Fred Clarke, Lissnakea.

Blessings for 2019
Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all magazine readers a very Happy Christmas and God’s Richest Blessings for 2019.
Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad

Rector: Revd. J. McLaughlin
Archdeacon: Brian Harper
Harper is in charge.

Services

**DECEMBER**

- **Sunday 2nd December**
  10.45am Colebrooke, Holy Communion
  12.15pm Cooneen, Holy Communion

- **Sunday 9th December**
  10.45am Colebrooke, Morning Prayer
  12.15pm Cooneen, Morning Prayer

- **Sunday 16th December**
  10.00am Cooneen, Christmas Family Communion
  11.00am Colebrooke, Morning Prayer

- **Sunday 23rd December**
  7.00pm Colebrooke, Carol Service
  11.00am Cooneen, Morning Prayer

- **Monday 24th December**
  9.00pm Colebrooke, Holy Communion
  11.00am Cooneen, Christmas Family Communion

- **Sunday 30th December**
  10.45am Colebrooke, Morning Prayer
  12.15pm Cooneen, Holy Communion

- **Sunday 6th January**
  10.45am Colebrooke, Holy Communion
  12.15pm Cooneen, Holy Communion

- **Sunday 13th January**
  10.45am Colebrooke, Morning Prayer
  12.15pm Cooneen, Morning Prayer

**JANUARY**

- **Sunday 13th January**
  10.45am Colebrooke, Morning Prayer
  12.15pm Cooneen, Morning Prayer

**SNATCH (Sunday Night At The Church Hall) Youth Ministry**

- **Sunday 27th January**
  10.45am Colebrooke, Morning Prayer
  12.15pm Cooneen, Morning Prayer

- **Church Activities**
  - **Friday 30th November**: 7:00pm Annual Parish Sale of Work in Cooneen hall.
  - **Saturday 1st December**: 9:00pm Annual Parish Sale of Work in Cooneen hall.

**Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group**

- **Sunday 10th December**: 3:30pm Sea scout and Scout group, Cooneen hall.
- **Sunday 17th December**: 3:30-4:30pm Senior’s Party in Colebrooke hall.

**Mothers’ Union**

Four members from the branch enjoyed fellowship, fun and good food at the recent Women’s Getaway in Cavan Crystal Hotel.

**Bowling Club**

- **The Bi meals Club meet in the Parish Hall each Thursday at 7:45pm.**
  - **New members will be very welcome.**

**GFS and Bible Fellowship**

Our Young people love being involved in the Church and our GFS meetings are really enjoyable for all ages.

- **Monday 10th December**
  5:30-8:00pm GFS meeting at Colebrooke hall.

**Cubs (8 – 11 years)**

- **Tuesday 11th December**: 8.15pm for boys and girls
- **Wednesday 12th December**: 8.15pm for boys and girls
- **Thursday 13th December**: 8.15pm for boys and girls

**Beavers (6 – 8 years)**

- **Thursday 13th December**: 8.15pm for boys and girls

**Beaver’s Meeting**

- **Tuesday 11th December**: 7:00pm
- **Thursday 13th December**: 7:00pm
- **Saturday 15th December**: 7:00pm

**Carols**

- **Friday 30th November**: 7:00pm Annual Parish Sale of Work in Cooneen hall.

**Family Service**

- **31st December**: 7:30pm Watch Night Holy Communion

**Epiphany Holy Communion**

Our morning services are at 11am, and always followed by refreshments in the church.

**GFS**

- **Girls Friendly Society every Monday.**
- **Monday 10th December**: 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Hall for girls 3 years and upwards.

**Bible Fellowship**

- **Tuesday 11th December**: 7:00pm Bible Fellowship meeting in the Parish Hall.

**Archdeacon Brian Percival**

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- **December 2018**
- **13th December**: 10.45am Colebrooke, Morning Prayer
- **12.15pm Cooneen, Holy Communion**

**New Years Eve**

- **Eve Night Holy Communion**
  - **4th January**: 7:30pm
  - **5th January**: 7:30pm

**December Services**

- **2nd December**: 2.30-4.30pm Senior’s Party in Colebrooke hall.
- **12.15pm Cooneen, Morning Prayer**

**Bible Study**

- **Sunday 16th December**: 9:00am Cooneen, Morning Prayer
  - **Sunday 23rd December**: 9:00am Cooneen, Morning Prayer

**Services**

- **Sunday 2nd December**
  - **10.45am Colebrooke, Holy Communion**
  - **12.15pm Cooneen, Holy Communion**

- **Sunday 9th December**
  - **10.45am Colebrooke, Morning Prayer**
  - **3:00pm Mullaghfad, Carol Service**

- **Sunday 16th December**
  - **11.00am Colebrooke, Nativity Service**
  - **7:00pm Cooneen, Carol Service**

- **Sunday 23rd December**
  - **11.00am Cooneen, Morning Prayer**
  - **7:00pm Colebrooke, Carol Service**

**Aghavea**

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**Sympathy**

As a parish, we wish to extend our prayers and sympathies to all those who have been bereaved during the last few months and also to those who celebrate anniversaries of loved ones at this time of year.

Caring for the Elderly

As the cold, dark nights move in throughout the winter, could we ask everyone to be vigilant with any elderly or sick neighbours who may find this time of year particularly difficult?

While we all seem to associate Christmas as a happy and joyful time, there are those for whom this Christmas will be difficult, perhaps after a period of illness, or after the loss of a loved one. It is important that in the midst of the seasonal festivities, we don’t forget that the “reason for the season” is love - and that extends to more than just our families. If you have a neighbour in need, please check on them occasionally to ensure that they are fine, especially if you’ve noticed a change in their routine (curtains not opened, bin not put out, lights not on, etc.).

December Services

- **2nd December**: Holy Communion
- **9th December**: Morning Prayer (Mr. Roy Crowe will be leading the morning service)
- **9th December**: Carol Service in Brokeborough Memorial Hall, 8pm

**16th December**

- **Children’s Nativity Service**
- **23rd December**: Morning Prayer
- **24th December**: Morning Prayer
- **11pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion**

**25th December**

- **10.00am Christmas Day Holy Communion**
- **30th December**

**Christmas Cabaret**

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**Concerts and fairs!**

We will be hosting a Craft Fair on 8th December (tables available at £20, call the rector for details or contact a churchwarden). We will also be hosting a Country Concert on Thursday 13th December - all the details are in the advert, needless to add that it will be a highlight of the Christmas season for many.

The proceeds of the concert are going towards our Church renovation, and we would like to thank all the stars for donating their talents and time to our cause. Keep the date free, it’ll be well worth the minimal cost of £12.50!

On towards 2019!

As we approach the New Year, we’ll have a busy time ahead. Hopefully our renovations will begin early in the new year, and we’ve already planned an exciting series of events and fundraisers for the coming year.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported and worked for Aghavea Parish throughout the past year and made my role as rector so enjoyable?

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!
Shoe Box Appeal during November and St. Maeldoid’s Church was one of the service. During the service in remembering all special Remembrance Service of the 100th occasion where the 27th Battalion of the this year on 11th November was a special Remembrance Service of St. Maeldoid’s Church at 11am on Sunday, 30th December. We are joining up Church Hall in Monaghan on Saturday, 8th children will take place in St Patrick’s Church Hall, Ballybay. Everyone very Christmas Disco and party on Saturday, 8th (see photos).

Great War Anniversary
We marked the 100th Anniversary of the end of the Great War with the reading of the names of those who fought, those who gave the supreme sacrifice, the playing of the “Last Post” and the laying of a wreath. Isaac Leathem played “The Battles O’er” on the pipes. The ceremony was more memorable to the children as they have been researching ancestors who had fought and had visited the display of memorabilia at the museum in Ballyjamesduff. Zoe and Thomas Donaldson laid flowers on the graves. Thomas Wilson from Crossmore a great, great, great uncle who had fought and had visited the Museum. They were surprised when their great aunt was able to present them with a button from his uniform. Other families with relatives still living in the parish who served include the Graham and Tate families. With the completion of the repairs to the East window we have now had an display of memorabilia at the museum in Ballyjamesduff. We are delighted that pupils from the Collegiate School will join us. Everyone will be most welcome and light refreshment will be served afterwards and friends and neighbours will have a chance to chat over a cuppa.

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spend many hours researching lighting and grateful to the sub-committee set up to church to ensure we meet Health and Safety made a big impact on our town drawing when we remembered the darkest days of 11th November. The symbolism were delighted to finally switch on our new New Lights for St Finbarr's 10 Group of Parishes Choir. the Cantemus Chamber Choir and our own night will be local singer Barry Hughes, for our fundraiser. Also performing on the team, Victoria and we are very grateful for Benjamin is the cousin of one of our Malawi baritone, Benjamin Russell is flying in from Germany to perform for us on the evening.

The new light on the spire at St Finbarr's. for €10 from any member of the Select Vestry and from a number of retailers in Carrickmacross.

Jewels Women's Group Following a very successful and enjoyable joint outing to watch the Farney Players production of “Sly Cheesy” starring our very own Philip Keegan our Women’s Group ‘Jewels’ meet again on Thursday 13th December when one of our parishioners, Rachael Hill will give a demonstration of Christmas Flower Making. There will also be Christmas nibbles to enjoy on the evening. On Thursday 31st December we are delighted to be joined by the Bishop of Meath and Kildare, the Most Revd. Pat Storey who will talk to us about her journey in faith and what it was like to become the first female Bishop in the Church of Ireland.

Malawi Mission 2019 Trip Habitat for Humanity Fundraising for our Malawi mission trip continues with a concert in St Finbarr’s on Thursday 6th December at 8pm. Along with some very talented local choirs we are delighted to announce that acclaimed Irish baritone, Benjamin Russell is flying in from Germany to perform for us on the evening. Benjamin is the cousin of one of our Malawi team, Victoria and we are very grateful for his very generous offer to come and perform for our fundraiser. Also performing on the night will be local singer Barry Jay Hughes, the Cantemus Chamber Choir and our own Group of Parishes Choir.

Hats for the Homeless This Christmas at our three Carol Services across our Group of Parishes we will be collecting hats and gloves for those who are homeless in conjunction with Carrickmacross Lions Club. With the weather turning colder, things become even tougher for the many men and women and even children who sleep on our streets or who move from bed to bed with no home of their own. As Christmas approaches, we take the opportunity to give something back, so during our services parishioners and visitors are invited to bring forward a gift for people we do not know but who need our help this winter and beyond.

Young Families Christmas Party Our annual young families Christmas Party takes place on Sunday 11th November immediately following our nativity carol service in St Finbarr’s. This is an opportunity for young families to meet up to enjoy some fun and games with a special visitor for the younger children.

Eccumenical Carol Service Following the success of last year’s community Carol Service in St Finbarr’s we look forward to going to be with our friends from St Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church for this year’s Service. Date and time to be announced.

Cleenish Harvest Services Were held week ending 19th to 21st October. On Friday evening before a good congregation, the Choir sang two anthems “Harvest is Passing” and “My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness.” The Special Preacher was Revd John Woods, Rector of Donacavey and Ballina. He preached an interesting sermon mainly to those from a farming background, and how uplifting it was to have such a good season after three rather poor ones. The evening concluded with tea in the Parish Hall, served by the Ladies. On Sunday morning before a large congregation when the Children took part, they sang “The Sunday School Song” and led “The Occasional Prayers”. Sarah Elliott also read a poem. The Choir sang two anthems, “In the Garden” and “Harvest is Passing”. The Special Preacher was Revd Chris MacBruithin, Preacher was Revd Chris MacBruithin, and “Harvest is Passing”. The Special Preacher was Revd Chris MacBruithin, and “Harvest is Passing”. 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Cleenish Toddlers

Pictured in the photograph from left front - Joan Nixon, Rostas Bridle, Helen Hoey, from left rear - Margaret Crawford, Letitia Dung, Ruth Wilson, and Ruby Arnold. Patricia Melanophy is missing from the picture.

Cleenish Brownies
Brownies took part along with other uniformed organisations at the Service in St John’s Procession on Remembrance Sunday. As is custom in previous years, one member of the Pack laid a wreath in Cleenish Church. The Pack will be breaking up for the Autumn period during early December, and will resume at the beginning of February.

Sympathy
Oh, how sweetly passed away in the South West Acute Hospital, after a short illness on Sunday 3rd November. Having attained good health for the majority of his life, Ollie was a staunch supporter of Mullaghflute Band. He was the lead drummer for many years, and in retirement trained the younger members, and followed the Band on parade at all outings. A farmer all his life, and having a jovial nature, he was popular with both young and old alike. His Funeral Service was held in Rosscory Parish Church, after which he was interred in Cleenish Parish Churchyard. Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Molly, and son Mark.

Defibrillator
A reminder that the Defibrillator is sited on the outside porch wall of Cleenish Parish Hall. In an emergency enter via the pedestrian gate from the main road. If the apparatus is being used, please ensure that the back door is locked.

Christian Burial
Cleenish Parish Church on Wednesday 27th February. George Dunn who worked with The Faith Mission for many years, and in retirement trained the younger members, and followed the Band on parade at all outings. A farmer all his life, and having a jovial nature, he was popular with both young and old alike. His Funeral Service was held in Rosscory Parish Church, after which he was interred in Cleenish Parish Churchyard. Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Molly, and son Mark.

Just a thought from the rector
As the season of autumn starts to fade with the disappearing of the leaves and the bite of winter begins to make its presence felt, so too another season of a different nature heralds its beginning, yet almost seemingly unnoticed to many. The season of Advent is often ignored in the race to reach its more appealing relative, Christmas. The word “advent” means “coming” or “arrival.” The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. It is a season of preparation!

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**Professor R.A.B. Mollan** is not only a friend to the Cathedral for the annual ‘Friends of the Cathedral’ service, we had the great delight to welcome back Professor R.A.B. Mollan. This year, 72 years following its inception in 1946 by the then incumbent, Rector, Revd Olivia Downey, the ‘Friends of the Cathedral’ have been a familiar face! The Youth Club will close on 18th December and re-open on 8th January. The leaders and committee wish to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**Friends of Clogher Cathedral Annual Service**

The 63rd Friends Service and dedication of gifts took place in St. Macartan’s Cathedral, Clogher on Sunday, 22nd October at 3pm. Members of the ‘Friends of Clogher Cathedral’ joined parishioners and guests for the annual service conducted by the Rector, Revd Olivia Downey. Formed in 1946 by the then incumbent, Canon Robert Augustine Mollan, the ‘Friends of the Cathedral’ is a dedicated and faithful body of people who have supported and fundraised for the upkeep of the fabric of the cathedral. This group known as the ‘Friends’ was formed for the purpose of “gathering round the Cathedral a body of supporters, who are anxious to take some share in caring for it, and preserving it for posterity.”

This year, 72 years following its inception we had the great delight to welcome back to the Cathedral for the annual ‘Friends Service,’ a great-nephew of Canon Robert Mollan as our guest preacher. The Revd Dr G. A. Mollan is not only an ordained Church of Ireland minister but has also had an esteemed career as one of Northern Ireland’s leading orthopaedic surgeons. The Cathedral resounded with praise and thanksgiving for God’s faithfulness as friends old and new joined to worship the King of Kings led by Murley Silver Band. The Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell was also present to dedicate a number of gifts at the request of the Churchwardens, Mr. Ivan Domer and Mrs Hilaire Keys. These included: - Paving on the south-side of Cathedral and Canopied Board from The Friends of the Cathedral; - Communion Linen from the family and friends of the late Mrs Sarah Hunter; - Grayeard seat from the family and friends of the late Mrs Maud Johnston; - Additional Thanks and Praise Hymn Books as well as Communion Table Hymn Books and Vestry Flowers from the family and friends of the late Mrs Peggy Kerr; - Modification of Cathedral Sound System from the families and friends of the late Mrs Flomie Taggart, Mrs Maud Johnston, Mrs Sarah Hunter and Mrs Peggie Kerr. Refreshments were served following the service and an AGM for the Friends of the Cathedral followed. As a Parish we are very grateful to the above friends and families for their generosity.

**Baptism**

4th November 2018: Miss Blaire Anne Harri Wylie, daughter of Grace and Craig Wylie, St. Mark’s Augher.

**Christian Burial**


**Table Quiz**

St. Mark’s Augher will be holding a Table Quiz in the Carmichal Hall on Friday 25th January 2019 at 8pm. Proceeds in Aid of St. Mark’s Parish Church, Augher. All welcome.

**Fundraising Weekend**

Calling all Choirs, Musicians, Organists, Worship Band: St. Macartan’s Cathedral, Clogher needs you! On the weekend of 9th & 10th March 2019 St. Macartan’s Cathedral Clogher plans to hold a fundraising weekend to assist with essential maintenance projects. On Sunday 10th March between 2.30pm – 6.30pm St. Macartan’s Cathedral hopes to be filled with praise and worship. We are asking if choirs, musicians, organists and worship bands will come, give of their time and gifts and fill one or more 20-minute slots during the above times. Our aim is to fill this beautiful historic Cathedral with a sound that can be heard throughout the city and beyond.

**Dedication**

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**Christmas Greetings**

Revd Ole in 07192738495, your help will be greatly appreciated.

**Christmas Services**

Revd. Ole and Isobel Steward would like to thank the Select Vestries; parishioners and friends of the four parishes for all your support through the year and wish you all God’s richest blessings for a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

**Services**

**DECEMBER**

2nd Holy Communion 11.30am
9th Family service – in Hall - 11.30am
16th Morning Prayer 11.30am
23rd Morning Prayer 11.30am
23rd Carol Service 7.00pm
25th Christmas Day 10.00am
30th Morning Prayer 11.30am
31st New Year’s Eve – in Hall - 9.30pm

**JANUARY**

6th Holy Communion 11.30am
13th Family service 11.30am
20th Morning Prayer 11.30am
27th Morning Prayer 11.30am

**Christian Burial**

5th November 2018 - Mary Valerie Walker, Tedd Rd, Lackieevan.

**Junior CE**

The members of the Junior CE enjoyed a party night on 26th October where they prepared pumpkins after a very illustrative talk on life in Christ. They were reminded not unlike the mode of pumpkins, we can have a heart that knows not God. We need to remove everything that leads to sin, seek a life in Christ with smiling faces as we witness for Him. They then enjoyed ‘bangers’, hotdogs and juice before going outside to light sparklers, and their pumpkins singing ‘This little light of mine’, a reminder that Christ is the light that illuminates our hearts and lives. We offer our sincere thanks to the leaders, helpers and everyone who contributed to the night’s activities, enjoyed by all.

**Autumn Soul**

A number of our young people attended the year’s Autumn Soul event in Bangor recently, where they enjoyed the worship and activities planned over the weekend of events. We express our thanks to those who planned the weekend, to Anne who travelled along with other leaders from the diocese, which meant that everyone had an

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Dec 16th: Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer
Dec 23rd: Cluni 11.00am: Joint Group Carol Service
Dec 24th: Clones 8.00pm: Joint Christmas Holy Communion
Dec 25th: Clones 11.00am: Joint Christmas Day Family Service.
Dec 30th: Killeevan 11.00am: Joint Group Carol Service
Jan 6th: Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion
Jan 13th: Cluni 10.00am: Holy Communion
Jan 20th: Cluni 10.00am: Morning Prayer
Jan 27th: Cluni 10.00am: Morning Prayer

**Illness**

We remember those who are ill in hospital, and especially those of our Parishioners who are undergoing treatment at present.

**Births**

Congratulations to Amanda and Colm Irwin on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte

**Clones Notes**

The time of year has arrived, please remember the Christmas Fare’ church sale will take place in the Creighton Hotel Ballroom on Saturday December 8th from 10.00am until 12.30pm. Please start your planning NOW.

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Enjoyable time over the weekend.

Remembrance
As we marked the centenary of the Armistice at our Remembrance service this year, yet mindful of the cost, the lost generations, the joys and sorrows that peace brought on 11th November 1918, we did with a sense of deepest gratitude and of the pursuit of a lasting peace. A peace firmly grounded on truth and justice and on the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. The service conducted by the Rector, was a fitting tribute to the fallen in two World Wars, subsequent wars, conflicts and terrorism. After the Roll of Honour, Last Post, two minutes silence, Revell, wreathes were laid at the memorials and the children paid their own tribute as in previous years as the piggy played ‘Nearer my God to Thee’. The Rector took as his text, “When a man’s ways please the Lord, He makes even His enemies to be at peace with him.” Proverbs 16:7
At the conclusion of the service, the Rector shared a few words of tribute penned earlier that morning, before the piggy led off with the tune ‘The Battle’s Cry’. Afterwards a poppy wreath was laid outside on the grave of Private Jim Oldman who was murdered by terrorists. The bell rang out at 11.00am marking the Armistice signing and again at 12.30pm to mark the move from midnight DV. Please plan to come along for a time of fellowship as we give thanks to God for the E3 schools project and for the change it made to their lives. She finished her talk with a short video about Egypt and the ministry of the Church there. The branch members were looking forward to hosting the Diocesan Vigil against Gender Violence held in Derryvullen North Parish Church on 28th November. The January Meeting of the Branch will be an informal evening on 23rd January.

WW1 Remembrance - North Fermanagh and Pettigo Remembers
The group organised a series of talks, exhibitions and displays over the weekend of 9th to 11th November at Armistice Day Services at Parish Centre to celebrate the end of the Great War (1914-18). David Keys and John McClaughery and their team of helpers are to be congratulated on the excellent production of the entire weekend’s event to recognise and remember the loss of 512 brave soldiers from the area in the Great War. Children from the local schools attended of Friday and visitors from far and near filled the hall each day for the series of talks and viewing the magnificent displays. The weekend concluded on Sunday evening with the Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving in the church, where the large attendance was addressed by Revd Alan Irvin.

The War is Over
The War is over came the cry
To battlefront to cities, homes and farms
The battle’ o’er the piper play
From no man’s land the soldiers march away
The battle scarred, the injured
The victorious and defeated
With thoughts of home and life before
Of family, friends and neighbours
With smiling faces and sombre hearts
Of fallen comrades left behind
Of the generations loved and lost
A vow, never to forget
But the battle’s not o’er
Till the last trumpet call
The coming kingdom judge over all
To establish His kingdom
Where in peace he will reign
And nation never to rise against nation again.
Alan Irvin 11th November 2018

New Year’s Eve
Our annual New Year’s Eve Worship and Social will take on 31st December in the Parish Hall from 8.30pm with worship at 9.30pm, followed by the social and piper at midnight DV. Please plan to come along for a night of fellowship and worship as we welcome in 2019.

Scripture Union E3
An evening of prayer will take place on 6th February 2019 at 8.00pm in Creagh Church Hall for the Fermanagh E3 schools project. Please come along and join us for a time of fellowship as we give thanks to God for the E3 schools project and to pray for God’s grace, wisdom, guidance, for the continuance of the fruits of this worthwhile ministry to our children and young people.

Annual Giving
Please note that annual accounts close on 31st December 2018 in accordance with NI Charities regulations, and all FWO and other Church Hall funds from its ownership of Ecclesiastical products.

Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale
The CE party

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Services
Saturday 9th December
10.30am Derryvullen North (Family Service)
11.45 Castle Archdale (Family Service with Act of Remembrance)
Sunday 16th December
10.30am Castle Archdale (Sunday School Morning)
11.30am Derryvullen North (Sunday School Morning)

Sunday 23rd December
10.30am Castle Archdale (Carol Service)
11.30am Derryvullen North (Carol Service)
Christmas Eve 24th December
9.00pm Derryvullen North (Holy Communion form 2)
11.00pm Castle Archdale (Holy Communion form 1)

Sunday 30th December
10.30am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)
11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)
Sunday 6th January
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Sunday 13th January
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11.45 Castle Archdale (Family Service)

Sunday 20th January
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11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)
followed by Soup Lunch served by BB

Sunday 27th January
10.30am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer)
11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer)

Women’s Group
The Speaker at the November Meeting of the Women’s Group was Tiffiny Campbell of T&P Global (see https://www.facebook.com/TiffinyandRyanCampbell). The group enjoyed her introduction of her Forever Living products. There was a wide range of items featured, all based on the Aloe Vera plant - drinking gel, supplements, beekeeping products, weight management, personal care, skin care, animal care and home care products.

Mothers’ Union
The November meeting took place on 24th with Gillian Maganda, Personnel Manager of CMS Ireland, the Speaker. She along with her husband and their children have lived in Egypt and she spoke very passionately about this. Gillian looks after the team going overseas and is also in touch with our Mission Partners. She showed a short video featuring two short-term Partners and the change it made to their lives. She finished her talk with a short video about Egypt and the ministry of the Church there. The branch members were looking forward to hosting the Dioсean Vigil against Gender Violence held in Derryvullen North Parish Church on 28th November. The January Meeting of the Branch will be an informal evening on 23rd January.

Senior Citizen Dinner
The annual dinner for Castle Archdale and Derryvullen North will be held on 30th January 2019 at 6.30pm in Derryvullen North Parish Hall

Derryvullen North Harvest Services
The Church was decorated to the usual high standard for the Harvest Services of Sunday 21st and Monday 22nd October.

The Sunday Morning Service was the Junior Celebration and the children of the Sunday School under the direction of the Leaders and Junior Leaders took a leading part in the worship. At the Sunday evening Service the Choir sang two anthems “In the darkness of the still night” led by Mr David McDowell on the guitar and “You’re the Word of God the Father” led by Mrs Florence Barnett on the organ. The Service was led by Dr Margaret Knox and the preacher was the Rector. The preacher at the Service on Monday 22nd was Canon Geoffrey Birdie and the choir sang three anthems – the two noted above and in addition the anthem “Beauty for brokenness”. After the Service a lovely tea was served in the Parish Hall and thanks were expressed for the food and enjoyable time.

BB
The Company plan to hold a Soup Lunch following the Derryvullen North Morning Service on 20th January. This will provide an additional opportunity for fellowship and also to raise funds for both the local Company of the BB and for MS Society Northern Ireland. At the Family Service the previous Sunday there will be special presentations at the Derryvullen North Service about the work of these groups.

Ministry of Healing
A Service for Healing and Wholeness was held in Castle Archdale on Sunday 24th November. The Rector along with Dr Margaret Knox and Miss Isabel Stewart led the Service. The Ministry of the Laying on of Hands was shared by Mrs Helen Humphries, Mrs Lucy Woods, Mrs Eileen Cutler, Dr Margaret Knox, Mr Abraham Stacey, Mr David Beare and the Rector. Following the
and whose love revealed in Jesus Christ is for the world. Above all, we come to the We also bring our concerns for others and just in physical illness, but in guilt, anxiety people. At a service of healing, we focus on wholeness of body, mind and spirit for all celebrates the grace of God who desires and this was kindly arranged by Mrs Sylvia of Jerusalem. The November Meeting took layout and purpose of the ancient Temple occasion of the October Meeting of the were followed by a very interesting talk welcomed everyone and especially the Church. This is a shared youth fellowship with the local congregation of the Methodist Our parishes are now part of a joint venture our children, who are the future of the church. Endeavour with the aim of supporting and nurturing young people of secondary school age in life and faith. It meets fortnightly on Saturday evenings. Remembrance Sunday The Castle Archdale Act of Remembrance took place at the Morning Service at 11.45am. The arrangements for the ceremony were overseen with care and efficiency by Mr. Geoffrey Jeavons and the wreath was laid by Mr. Bobby Beacom. The young people of the congregation also assisted the Rector and Dr Margaret in the leading of Worship. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded as part of the Act of Remembrance by Mr. James Cooke. At Inverstown the community Remembrance Service took place at 3.30pm in Derryvullen North Parish Church and was preceded by the customary parade of the town. The Depute Lieutenant for the County of Fermanagh, Major Shaun Pendry attended and took the salute. Wreaths were laid at the War Gravestone in the burial ground of the Roman Catholic Church and then at the Cross of Sacrifice in the Church of Ireland burial ground. The parade was led by Drumhavny Pipe Band. Prior to the event small flags denoting the nationalities of each of the casualties were laid by members of the RAF Cadets. The preacher at the Service this year was the Revd Steven Foster of the Methodist Church. Mr. John Dickey, Clerk of Session of Inverstown Presbyterian Church, along with the Revd Steven Foster, also assisted the Rector in the leading of the Service. The praise was led by organist, Mrs Florence Barrett and the Choir. The Act of Remembrance within the Service was led by Mr. David Robinson and Mr Bill Thompson. Gospel Concert At the time of submission of notes, the Gospel Concert featuring the Stile River String Band and other artists has not taken place and a full report will be made in the next edition of the magazine. From the Registers Holy Baptism 28th Oct (Derryvullen North) Noah Knox 11th Nov (Castle Archdale) Freddie Lindsay Burial 11th Nov (Castle Archdale) Louise (Louie) Anderson Services 2nd December, The First Sunday of Advent 10.30 am Garvary, A Celebration of Holy Communion 12.00 noon Derryvullen South, A Celebration of Holy Communion 9th December, The Second Sunday of Advent 10.30 am Derryvullen, South Parish Morning Prayer 12.00 Garvary, Morning Prayer 16th December, The Third Sunday of Advent 10.30 am Garvary, The Sunday School Christmas play “The Birth of Jesus 12.00 noon Derryvullen Parish, The Sunday School Christmas presentation 23rd December, The Fourth Sunday of Advent 10.30 am Derryvullen South Parish, A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols 12.00 noon Garvary Parish Church, A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols 24th December, CHRISTMAS EVE 7.00 pm Garvary Parish Church, Christmas Eve Holy Communion 8.30 pm Derryvullen Parish Church, Christmas Eve Holy Communion 25th December, CHRISTMAS DAY 9.00 Derryvullen South, A Celebration of Holy Communion 10.30 Garvary, A Celebration of Holy Communion 30th December, The First Sunday of Christmas 10.30 Derryvullen South, Morning Prayer 12.00 Garvary, Morning Prayer JANUARY 2019 6th January, The Epiphany 10.30 Garvary, A Celebration of Holy Communion 12.00 Derryvullen South, A Celebration of Holy Communion 13th January, The First Sunday after the Epiphany 10.30 Derryvullen South, Morning Prayer 12.00 Garvary, Morning Prayer 20th January, The Second Sunday after the Epiphany 10.30 Garvary, Morning Prayer 12.00 Derryvullen South, A Celebration of Holy Communion 27th January, The Third Sunday after the Epiphany 10.30 Derryvullen South, Family Service 12.00 Garvary, Family Service Auction at Derryvullen South The auction took place on Sunday 10th November in Derryvullen South Parish Hall at 12.00 noon. This was a very successful event with a number of workers in the Parish who gave of their time and talents to make the auction a success on the day and for all the hard work and preparation leading up to the day. Thanks to everyone who came and supported this event. Mr. Gordon Robinson was the auctioneer on the day and our thanks to him for doing such a splendid job. Mothers’ Union The next meeting of Mothers’ Union will be held on Monday 3rd December at 8.00 pm in Derryvullen South Parish Hall. The theme for the evening is “CHRISTMAS CRAFTS”. Come and join in the fellowship and fun. This year the members of Derryvullen South and Garvary Mothers Union partook in the “Samartan’s Purse Shoe Box Appeal. The power of a simple shoe box filled with toiletries, toys, writing books, pencils, pens, hats and gloves make a difference in a child’s life. It is a love in action and it will be appreciated and treasured by those who receive one of these boxes. Many thanks to all those who gave to this appeal. Remembrance Sunday Services On the 10th November a service of Morning Prayer with an Act of Remembrance taking place in both Derryvullen Parish Church and Garvary Parish Church. In Derryvullen Church Lord Hamilton read the first lesson and laid the wreath, Nicholas Watts read the second lesson. The service was very well attended and thanks to Rosemary Watts and the choir for the special hymns. In Garvary Parish Church John Anderson read the lesson for reading both lessons and Noel Wilson for laying the wreath. Thanks to Gillian Forde and the choir for leading the worship. Birthday Greetings Mrs. Lorna Edwards celebrated her 97th Birthday on 30th October with family and friends. We wish her many happy returns and God’s Richest Blessings. Baptism Frankie Mee was baptised in Derryvullen Parish Church on Sunday 21st October. We wish Frankie, his parents and Sister God’s Richest Blessing. Wedding Congratulations to Alex Wilson and Jade Duthie on the occasion of their marriage in Holy Trinity Church, Garvany on Sunday, 11th October. We wish them God’s Richest Blessings. Thanks It is always good to say “Thank you. My thanks to those who worked in the scenes week by week in both Garvary and Derryvullen Parishes. To those who arranged flowers in the church and to those who clean the church and the organists and choir members for their input in music and sound adding much enjoyment to the worship Sunday services. There was also an increase in the Harvest Collections and our thanks to all who gave so generously. The young people in both Sunday Schools brought non-perishable foods to be given to a food bank. After the services the tea was taken to THE PANTRY in Lisnaskea. Val Ingle and Betty Thompson have expressed the charity and she has expressed sincere gratitude to each and every one for the wonderful contribution made to their much needed work. Thanks is also due to the editor of the magazine for the stories told through word and pictures of church life and special events throughout the Diocese. This is much appreciated by everyone and especially those who no longer are able to attend church or attend special events throughout the Diocese. WELL DONE AND MY THANKS. Prayers Please remember in your daily prayers parishioners who have been ill over the past weeks. We remember those who have been in hospital and are recovering at home and we wish them a speedy recovery. Please remember in your prayers those in nursing home and residential care, the lonely and sad especially at this time of year. Seasons Greetings Revd. Betty takes this opportunity to wish the parishioners of Derryvullen South and Garvary Parish a Happy and Blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.
The knitted poppy display.

To mark the Centenary of the end of the First World War, Leah Pedersen, Redmond and the organist was Gill Spence. Norman McIlveen, India Daley and Enid were conducted by Revd Sampson Ajuka. The services in both Devenish and Boho Remembrance Day Services

Sunday 20th

10.00am Family Service, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Family-Sunday school Service, Devenish Parish Church,
3.30pm No Evening Service

Sunday 27th

10.00 am Family Service, Boho Parish Church
11.30am Family-Sunday school Service, Devenish Parish Church,
3.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday School Party will be held on Monday 17th December at 7.00pm in the Reade Hall

Remembrance Day Services
The services in both Devenish and Boho were conducted by Revd Sampson Ajuka. The readings in Devenish were read by Norman McKeen, Inda Daley and Eindred Redmond and the organist was Gill Spence. The Girl Guide staybassadors were Eve and Leah Pedersen.

To mark the Centenary of the end of the First World War tributes were made to those from Devenish Parish who made the supreme sacrifice.

J H Lofts Reade
Hugh Eames
James Lucy
Philip Wilcox
Joseph Acheson

The names of those who fell during two World Wars and associated with Devenish were read by David Scott. The RUCGSC names were read by Cyril Hall. The UDR names were read by David Ferguson. Wreaths were laid by David Eames and Wesley Scott (Parish), Clive McKee and Gerry McDermott (RUCGSC), James Kells and Herbert Johnston (UDRCGSC), and Eve Pedersen and Kay McKewen (Girl Guides). Andrew Gordon played the Last Post and the Reveille. Melanie Brooker said the Exhortation and The Kohima Eiptaph. Stuart Brooker read the poem by William Butler Yeats ‘Young Fellow My Last.‘ The parish wishes to thank Clive Johnston for his research into the families connected with the parish, who made the supreme sacrifice in the First World War, Vivienne Ferguson, Peter Eames, Alan Hassard, Dorothy Scott and Noel Foy for reading the tributes. (Copies of the tributes can be found on the Devenish and Bho Parish Website). The Knitting Group for providing the knitted poppy display to mark the centenary of the First World War; Clive McKee and William Harper for providing the First World War display in the entrance porch of the Church; Florence Eames for her Book Folding Remembrance and Arlene Little for her Remembrance arrangement.

Parish Sale and Auction
Devenish Parish Sale and Auction which was held on Saturday 10th November raised a total of £2721.50. Thank you to the auctioneer, Wesley Scott, the stall holders for all their hard work, everyone that gave produce, gifts and donations and everybody who attended.

Mothers’ Union
On Tuesday 16th October we were delighted to welcome one of our own parishioners, David Eames, to speak on his role as a beekeeper and why we need to recognize the importance of honey bees, not only for the honey which they produce but the essential part they play in pollinating our plants and crops without which the plants and crops would die off. He outlined the different jobs undertaken by the bee caste and their lifespan which varied between the caste. Everyone agreed that David had given us a very interesting insight into the work of the honey bees, which highlighted the huge importance of bee pollination making them a very essential part of the environment. Our programme for 2019 has been posted on the church’s website and notice board. On Tuesday 15th January we look forward to hearing another one of our parishioners, Norma Ferguson, speak on the topic of “New Year New You.” Anyone who wishes to hear Norma be well welcome to attend our meeting.

Bowls Tournament
Devenish Bowling Club Pace Annual Tournament was held recently in the Reade Hall, Monomeath over 50 pairs competing for the title. This year’s competition was won by Rachel McDonnell and Nixon Alexander from Ballykennynto Indoor Bowling Club Co. Donegal. In the final game with the score at nine all after nine ends, Nixon and Rachel just edged victory when they collected one shot against David and Alan Graham. At the conclusion of the tournament, David Ferguson, the chairman of Devenish club thanked all who had supported the tournament, gave donations and the club members and friends who organised a very successful tournament. Joe Morrison presented the Mary Morrison perpetual cup to Rachel and Nixon, the winners of the tournament.

7.30pm Carol Service.
Let the rector know your favourite Christmas carol and the most requested ones will be sung on the night.

Monday 24th Christmas Eve
Barr: 8:00 pm HC

Tuesday 25th Christmas Day
Donacavey: 9:00am HC
Sunday 30th December
Barr: 10:00am Service of the Word
Donacavey: 11.30am Service of the Word

Sunday 6th January
Barr: 10.00am Morning Prayer
Donacavey: 11.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 13th January
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Advent Services
The Advent services will be held in Donacavey each Wednesday night leading up Christmas at 8.00 pm.

Craft Fayre
Our craft fayre was held on 24th November and a great success and we would like to thank those who gave so generously. Thanks to those who prepared the hall and set up the tables, to those who managed the stalls, made soup and teas, met people at the door and those who tidied up afterwards. As always this is a tremendous effort. Well done everyone.

Baptism
Family and friends of Richard and Erica met together in Donacavey for the baptism of Eve Elizabeth Cathers on the 28th of October. This was a very joyous occasion when promises were made on Eve’s behalf by her parents. Continue to pray for Eve.

Attending the Cathers family baptism.
Christmas – four weeks to prepare to the beginning of the new church year. – the first Sunday of Advent and also the we begin our preparations on 2nd December earlier every year, but in the church calendar Preparations for Christmas seem to get A GFS winner millions affected by war. Remembering especially those who gave their lives or were wounded and the GFS enrolment. Part-Time Rural Dean: Revd Lorraine Capper welcome the Donagh Preparations for Christmas seem to be having a great and fun time.” Women’s Union provided a delicious supper. Mrs. Eleanor Eagle’ which will help communities become self-reliant. Music was played by Mrs. Lynne McIrdie and the Scripture reading was read by Mrs. Diane Wright-Kendrick. Revd. Lorraine Capper opened the meeting and welcome Dean Raymond Ferguson, All-Ireland Chaplain to the Mothers’ Union. Dean Ferguson gave a very interesting talk: “His Various Connections with the Mothers’ Union over the Course of his Ministry.” The ladies delighted to present Anne Dudgeon with her Officer’s Certificate. The Brigaders led us in prayer which they had written themselves are part of the Scripture Badge. The Scripture readings were read by Sarah Taylor, Zara Gillanders, Sophie Breakey, Victoria Heatrick and Sarah Williamson. The whole Company of girls sang an anthem “Every Blade of Grass”. Sarah Taylor an Alesia lifted the offering which was in aid of the company. Katie Singleton operated the PowerPoint throughout the service. Revd Loraine in closing paid thanks to Captain Margaret and her leadership team for all their dedication and commitment to the girls. She said “When I visit the Girls’ Brigade I am always made very welcome and can see that the girls are very enthused to be there and they always seem to be having a great and fun time.” Revd. 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Sang two anthems “Guide My Feet Lord” and “Go Now In Peace”. Thanks again goes to Mrs. Ethne McCord who has trained and directs the choir. Thanks also to Mr. Gerard Toal who kindly agreed to accompany the choir on the keyboard. Our appreciation to Revd. Canon Ian Berry and the Select Vestry of St. Patrick’s, Monaghan for kindly granting us the use of the church as a central location for our practices.

Shoe Box Appeal
Thank you to everyone who supported the annual shoe box “Team Hope Project”. This year the boxes will be going to support children in Eastern European countries where there is no social welfare system. Your kindness shows God’s care for these vulnerable children. You bring great joy and excitement to a child who may never have received a gift. Your thoughtfulness means a lot to those children sending out the clear message that every child is important.

Holy Baptism
Sunday 4th November in Tyrland Parish Church - Arthur Aidan Wilson, the son of Paul and Emer Wilson was baptised. A brother for Zadie and a grandson for Ronnie and Doris Wilson. We wish Arthur and all his family God’s richest blessing.

Sympathy
Our sympathy and prayers are with all who have been recently bereaved. We offer our sympathy to the Walter and Stewart families and all who remember the anniversary of a lost loved one.

Unbroken
Angela Joëlle (famous actress and filmmaker) and born-again Christian Zamperini formed an incredible bond during the creative process of filming “Unbroken” (due to be released on Boxing Day in the UK). According to Cynthia Garris, who is Zamperini’s daughter, Joëlle had an experience that ultimately propelled her closer to faith. The crew was reportedly filming in South Wales, Australia when complications arose on set during the final scene. Joëlle, desperate for a miracle, did the unimaginable, according to Garris. “She was not a person of faith and had never prayed before but she found herself at the very last scene of the movie...They needed sunlight to shoot this very important scene and there had been a storm that had been going on for a while. Angela Joelle said ‘I don’t know what I’m going to do so I’ll do what Louise would do’. She got on her knees and she prayed for a miracle...everybody saw it. It stopped raining. The sun came out, a rainbow came out, she said ‘let’s get this take’ and they shot the take. When she said ‘cut’, it started to rain again.”

Garris went on to explain how that moment “arose on set during the final scene. The sun came out, a rainbow came out, she said ‘let’s get this take’ and they shot the take. When she said ‘cut’, it started to rain again.”

Bible Study
The Bible Study Group will resume on Wednesday 9th January @ 8:15pm in the Committee Room when we will be starting a short six-session DVD course entitled; “If You Want to Walk on Water, You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat”. “With over 365 ‘fear not’ verses in the Bible - one for every day of the year - it is evident that God has something to say to us on the subject of fear. In a passionate and engaging discussion of the biblical story of Matthew 14, Dr. Berg in his book If You Want to Walk on Water You Have to Get Out of the Boat, uses the example of Peter walking on the water to speak to the issues of how to face our fears and experience the power of God, as we trust Him to do things beyond what we could imagine.”

Brian Hardwick
Join us on Wednesdays, except the 3rd Wednesday of the month, to share and learn together through God’s Word.

Keeping up to date
There are a number of ways that you can keep up to date with everything that is going on in the parish:
- Visit our website www.holytrinitydromore.org
- Like our page ‘Holy Trinity Dromore’ on Facebook
- Follow us on Twitter @HTDromore
- Get a recording of the service on CD every week
- http://holytrinitydromore.serenon.net to download and listen to sermons

We were delighted to welcome the Bishop and also Archdeacon Pringle to Tubrid on 21 October when 12 of our young people were confirmed. We hope that Cameron, Austin, Reece, Kerr, Tommi, Sophie, Jay, Evan, Tamzin, Amy, Jody and Callum continue to be part of the church in the years that lie ahead.

On 8th November we had the annual concert in Templecarn which was taking place for the 34th year. The star guest was Curtis Magee and he was joined by many local artists who come back year after year not just to perform but also help in setting up the hall and also in tiding up afterwards. Ian Coalter who was MC at the first concert joined us again. On behalf of the parish I would like to thank all involved in the organisation of this event but is only right that we acknowledge the work of David and Hilda Johnston. Thanks also to the Methodist congregation for giving us the use of their wonderful hall. When you read these words a new year in the life of the church will be beginning. While 1 January marks the New Year for the secular world, Advent Sunday marks the beginning of the New Year for our church. Sadly many people see the season of Advent as being short, in the period of time when we get ready for Christmas. While we should celebrate Christmas we also need to think about what we are celebrating at this time of year.

Advent is a time that is observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectation waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas as well as being a time where we look forward to the day when Jesus will return. It is fair to suggest that for Christians, the season of Advent anticipates the coming of Christ from three different perspectives. These are the coming of Christ in the flesh at Bethlehem which is in the past, his coming in our hearts on a daily basis which

Autumn Soul
(Friday 26th – Sunday 28th Oct)

Eight from our Ignite Youth Group had a fantastic weekend with other youth from Clogher Diocese at Autumn Soul in Soul in Soul in Soul in Soul in Soul in Soul in Soul in Soul in Soul in Soul in Soul in Soul in Soul in Soul in Soul in Soul...

The theme of the weekend was ‘Fearless’ and those who attended were taught that God’s love overcomes all fears, worries, inadequacies, dread and failures that might hold us back and sets us free to live out God’s amazing purposes for our lives. The highlights of the weekend, among other things, were the worship, dodgeball tournament, dance workshop, hanging out with friends and a visit to Pixie Fun Park!

A decision to not ‘Count the Days’ but ‘Make the Days Count’ – that we would live for the Lord and for the glory of His name, each and every day.

May the Lord richly bless you this Christmas and in 2019 as you seek to do that.

Happy Christmas to all our Parishioners and Friends
is ongoing and his coming in glory at the end of time is which we look forward to as Christians. It is that third aspect that I wish to think about if I may as the season of Advent provides us with the opportunity to make ourselves ready for the Second Coming of the Messiah. While there is absolutely nothing wrong with remembering the incarnation and indeed we do so on Christmas Day when we read those wonderful words from John’s Gospel we do need to rediscover a sense of expectation at this time of year.

It would seem that in the past this time of year was marked with fasting to various degrees and I am sure you will be glad that I am not advocating this practice today. However that does not mean that I am not going to challenge you in what I say. I truly believe that the season of Advent provides an opportunity for each one of us to look at our lives and see where we can do better. We should view this time of year as being one when we look at our lives with a critical eye and see what we need to change. As we look forward to Christmas we should consider the year past and see where we can improve. It might be in our reading of scripture, it might be in our prayer life, it might be in what we do within our church. These are all areas where we can improve and I would suggest that the important thing for us to realise is that we can always do better and having realised that we need to strive to improve. That is what the life of faith is all about and while we will never be perfect that does not mean that we should not try to be more like the God who offers us life in all its fullness. I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. I hope that you see family and friends and that you also spend time appreciating what God has given you. I also hope and pray that you spend some time thinking about the fact that the word became flesh and dwelt amongst us with all that means for us in our loves as Christians.

December 2018

Sunday 2 December
Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne
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Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid
Sunday 9 December
Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne

Sunday 16 December
Morning Prayer 10.00 Tubrid
Sunday 23 December
Holy Communion

December 2019

Sunday 13 January
Morning Prayer 10.00 Tubrid
Sunday 20 January
Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid
Sunday 27 January
Morning Prayer 10.00 Tubrid

January 2020

Sunday 5 January
Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne
Sunday 12 January
Holy Communion

A cheque for €1620 to the MSA Trust as the proceeds of the charity barbecue held on Sunday, 16th December, has been issued to all parishioners. Two special services on the centenary of the signing of the Armistice in 1918 marking the end of World War 1.

There were two special services on the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice in 1918, marking the end of World War 1. Thanks are extended to Walter Pringle, Diocesan Lay Reader for conducting the Services, Revd David Moses for giving an inspiring address, Killyfarygpe Pipe Band for leading the parade to and from the church, Daniel Soden for playing the Piper’s Lament “Flowers of the Forest”, Audrey Doogan for playing the organ, Ian Jordan for reading the poem “The Poppy” and to John Wylie for laying the wreath. Everyone enjoyed tea and refreshments Afterwards in Doohan Hall.

The collection in aid of Poppy Appeal amounted to €564 euros.

Christmas Services

A schedule of services, until end of December, has been issued to all parishioners. Two special services on the last are the Carol Service in Dartry Church on Sunday, 16th December, at 3pm with the school children taking part. Refreshments to follow. Also, on Christmas Eve, at 10pm, Rev Charles McColm will conduct a United Service of Holy Communion in Rockeney Church. Please make a special effort to attend these services.

Personal

A number of parishioners have been bereaved during the month, a number have been ill at home and some have been hospitalised. A speedy recovery to good health is our wish for them all. Happy Christmas

We wish all our parishioners and readers all the blessings of the festive season.

Aghnamullen

The variety concert held on Thursday 20th October in aid of fundraising for repairs to the belfry was a very enjoyable event. Our thanks to all who came along and supported it. A special word of thanks to the various artists who took part and provided musical items that everyone enjoyed and to Walter Pringle acting as a very capable MC for the occasion.

Our thanks to all those who gave donations and a special signed football jersey and to those who provided prizes for the raffle. Also, to the members of Laton GAA Club for granting us the use of their centre for the event.

Gospel Concert

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control we had to defer this event to a later date.

Next event

A flower arranging display by Elizabeth Allister on Wednesday 2nd December at 8pm in Christ church Aghnamullen. Refreshments served and all are welcome.

Annual Carol service

This will be held on Sunday 9th December at 3pm and we look forward to the children of Rockeney National School taking part.

Prayers

We continue to remember in our prayers those who are unwell and undergoing treatment and those in residential care.

Church Maintenance

We welcome the services of a T.U.S. worker Pat O’Brien to keep our church and grounds tidy.

Aghbabog

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been bereaved recently especially to the Norris families on the death of a cousin Mrs Madilda McCartney, Drum.

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 26th October Bobby Burns, infant son of Alanna and Adrian was baptised.

Annual Carols

This will be held on Sunday 16th December at 7.30pm.

Christmas Day service in Aghabog at 10.00am

A Date for your diary

A service to celebrate the centenary of Drumate Star of Bethlehem BPP 592 will be held in Aghabog Parish Church on Sunday 31st March 2019 at 3pm. The Preacher will be Revd William Anderson, Sovereign Grand Master. Everyone welcome.

Drum

190th anniversary

The 190th Anniversary of Drum Church was celebrated on Sunday 4th November. It was a wonderful uplifting service of praise, with special singing from the Kiltmore Cathedral Choir who were so kind to take part under guidance of Dean Ferguson and accompanied on the organ by Mrs Vera Pollock. Achesbeacon Brian Harper was the guest speaker on the day and Mr Walter Pringle conducted the service. Organist was Sharon Lancaster. It was great to see so many of our “old” parishioners who are living further afield now back to mark the occasion, along with local and not so local friends and family. There was a lovely tea served in the hall afterwards and everyone enjoyed that time to catch up and chat.

“The Night of Carols”

Friday 7th Dec 2018 - Drum Parish Church at 8pm

SPECIAL MUSIC
Festive supper served
Everybody welcome

A Night of Carols

A cheque for €620 to the MSA Trust as the proceeds of the charity barbecue held in Rockeney School in August has been handed over on behalf of the Ematrix Group. MSA is a neurological autoimmune disease that causes so much distress to the sufferers and their families.
A massive thank you to everybody who contributed to this service to make it a memorable occasion.

Mothers’ Union

The Mothers’ Union held their opening service in Drum Parish Church on 25th October. Canon Johnston conducted the service of Holy Communion. The next meeting was scheduled on Thursday 22nd November in Rockcorry. Carol Service

Our next special service will be our annual Night of Carols, which will be on Friday 7th December at 8pm. There will be special music on the night, and a festive supper will be served. Come and bring a friend or two and enjoy a night singing some of our favourite carols.

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Services in December

Sunday 2nd December: The First Sunday of Advent
9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am - Holy Communion
7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Thursday 6th December
11.00am - Holy Communion
Sunday 9th December: The Second Sunday of December
9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am - Holy Communion
7.00pm – Evening Service

Monday 24th December: Christmas Eve
11.00pm - Holy Communion
7.00pm – No Service

Tuesday 25th December: Christmas Day
9.00am - Holy Communion
10.30am - Holy Communion (Family Service)

Sunday 30th December: The First Sunday of Christmas
9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am - Morning Prayer
7.00pm – No Evening Service

Services in January

Thursday 3rd January
11.00am - Holy Communion
Sunday 6th January: The Day of Epiphany
9.00am - Holy Communion
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Thursday 10th January
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Sunday 13th January: The First Sunday after the Epiphany
9.00am - Holy Communion
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Thursday 17th January
11.00am - Holy Communion
Sunday 20th January: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
9.00am - Holy Communion
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Thursday 24th January
11.00am - Holy Communion
1.05pm – Healing Service
Sunday 28th January: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am – Family Service
7.00pm – Holy Communion

Thursday 31st January
11.00am - Holy Communion

Holy Baptisms

1st January - Maisy Jo Sarah Foley (aged 9 weeks)

400th Anniversary Service

A Service of Choral Evensong was held in St Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen on Sunday 4th November to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the Opening of the Royal School in Fermanagh. The service was conducted by the Dean of Clogher, the Very Rev Kenneth Hall and the preacher was the Rt Rev David Chillingworth, the former Prior of the Scottish Episcopal Church, a former pupil of Portora Royal School and a former choir boy in St Macartin’s Cathedral.

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The Battle’s Over

A Nations tribute is now complete and it was marked in style in Enniskillen, the most Westernly location in the UK to take part. We replicated some of the events of 100 years ago, when Enniskillen was the first place to learn of the armistice, with search lights, sky rockets and the peal of St Macartin’s Cathedral bells. The clock face on the Cathedral was backlit for the first time and now will shine for evermore as a sign of peace, hope and reconciliation in our community symbolising the light of Christ shining forth from our lives!

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At our Cathedral Clock was lit, the Cathedral bells pealed again and sky rockets lit up the night sky. Two beams of light one from each side of the street crossed over each other symbolising - two churches, two beams of light but one community united in love and respect of each other and for those who gave their lives 100 years ago, that we might celebrate freedom! (See photos below).

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The Season of Advent

Advent is a time of impatient waiting, of holding our breath for what’s waiting for us just around the corner. We’re making preparations to celebrate Christmas Day, of course, but most importantly, Christians spend this time preparing and waiting for Christ to be born again into the world which so desperately waits for Him. We’re not the first people who have longed for a different world – all through history people have waited, just as eagerly, for peace, hope, joy and love.

Messiany Church

We hope you’ve enjoyed Messy Church in 2018 we celebrated Harvest, we learned about God through the movie Frozen, and we prepared a birthday party for Jesus at Christmas. There’s lots more fun planned for 2019. We’re taking a break in January, and we start back again on Thursday 25th February. Messy Church is for pre-schoolers and primary-aged children and their families or carers. We meet on the third Thursday...
of the month, 2-4 pm, in the Cathedral Hall. Remember, all children must be accompanied by an adult at all times, and all adults attending must be there with a child.

Sunday Lights and Sunday Lights Café
There’s a final rehearsal for the Nativity play and all-age worship on Sunday 2nd December. The Nativity Service is on Sunday 9th. At this service ask children (and parents) to bring a new Christmas present for the Church of Ireland Board of Social Responsibility’s Christmas Appeal. These are given to children less fortunate than our own. Please indicate on the present who it is suitable for – age group and sex. Thank you.

After the Nativity Service, Sunday Lights and Sunday Lights Café takes a break for the holidays – but please do bring children along to our other Christmas services. We start back on Sunday 10th January, and we encourage you to come along to the Cathedral for our Family Service on Sunday 27th January.

Confirmation
This year’s confirmation candidates have begun their preparation to take a big step forward in their Christian journey in 2019. We marked the start of their preparation at a special all-age service on 25th November, and we met as a class for the first time on Monday 26th.

We meet three times before Christmas – Monday 3rd and Monday 10th December from 6.30 – 7.30 pm – Confirmation class Monday 17th December from 6.30 – 9 pm – Xplore Christmas Party
After Christmas, we resume weekly classes on Monday 7th January at the normal time of 6.30 – 7.30 pm. There’s still time to join the confirmation class – Rev Chris and Laura can get you caught up with anything you missed.

Adult Confirmation
Any adults, who are not already confirmed and would like to be, please contact the clergy or contact the Parish Office and a member of the Clergy will contact you.

Xplore
Having fun at the October Halloween meeting is great, but if you are a young person in Years 9-12, then come along to our Xplore Christmas Party on Monday 17th December at 7.45 pm. It’s a great way to get a Christmas jumper on and get into the festive mood with fun, games and food. We meet in the Upper Room in the Cathedral Hall. The party is from 6.30 – 9 pm. Watch this space for details of events happening in 2019!

Pilgrim
We meet with the end of our Surprised by Hope course. During Remembrance tide and Advent, we thought about resurrection, what heaven is like, and Jesus’ second coming. The last session takes place in the Devenish Room on Monday 7th January, from 7.30 – 9 pm. If your New Year’s resolution is to learn more about our Christian faith, then why not join us in February – details of the next Pilgrim course coming soon!

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Wreaths laid at plaques in Galloon Church.

The annual Sunday School Party will be held on Sunday 27th October. A total of £1000 was raised for church funds. Thanks to everyone who baked, helped and donated. It was greatly appreciated.

Services
Sunday 9th December
Kiltyclogher 10am HC
Slavin 11.30am HC
Sunday 16th December
Slavin Group Service of Nativity

The Confirmation Class and their parents enjoying a meal to mark the completion of Confirmation Classes.

The Confirmation candidates with the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell.

Worshippers with us for the dedication are delighted to have Canon Martin White.

Wows of Remembrance were also held in Sallaghy and Drumully on the Sunday prior to Remembrance Sunday.

Advent Sunday 2nd December - Dedication of the Lewis Organ
Group Service Dedication of Lewis Organ in Galloon Parish Church at 3pm by the Right Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher. We are delighted to have Canon Martin White, former organist and Master of Choristers in Armagh Cathedral with us for the dedication of our magnificent Lewis Organ, such an important milestone in the life of our Church. Whilst in Armagh, Canon Martin recorded many organ performances for BBC Radio 3 and RTE, and gave recitals abroad, notably in Germany and Belgium.

Good News Group Bible Study and Prayer
This group will generally meet on the first Wednesday of the month in Sallaghy Parish Church Hall. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th December at 7.00pm.

Mothers’ Union
On Thursday 13th December Galloon and Drumully Mothers’ Union will host our Group Mothers’ Union Christmas Party and they look forward to having their friends from Sallaghy join them for fun and fellowship.

Mothers’ Union
The October MU meeting was held in Garrison Church when the speaker was Captain Richard Beadle from the Church Army and currently in charge of the Manorhamilton group of parishes. He gave a very interesting talk on the books of the Bible. During his talk he showed us a mini bookshelf and miniature books which he had created with a topical illustration of what each book was about on the front. It was an excellent test of our Bible knowledge! Members enjoyed a lovely supper and fellowship after the meeting. The MU and Choir combined dinner is on Friday 14th December at 7pm in the Holiday Centre, Garrison. It’s not too late to come along if you contact Branch Leader, Dot Barlow asap.

The next MU meeting is the opening service on Tuesday 19th January at 8pm in Belleek Church.

Holy Matrimony
Congratulations to a former parishioner, Gordon Gregg, who was married to Megan Fitzpatrick on 25th October in Lisnaskea Parish Church. We wish them every future happiness.

Sunday School Party
The annual Sunday School Party will be held on Friday 21st December from 7pm-9pm in the Work Hall, Belleek.

Christmas Greetings
The Rector wishes to convey her thanks to all the Churchwardens, Office Bearers for all their hard work and commitment all year both to her personally and their churches. She wishes everyone in the group of parishes a very blessed Christmas this year.

December Diary Dates
■ Work Hall Sale on Saturday 8th December - Good used clothing, Bric-a-Brac and cakes. Proceeds to the Work Hall fund
■ Slavin Christmas Sale will be held in the Work Hall, Belleek on Tuesday 18th December 9 am to 1 pm

Very good used clothing, Bric-a-Brac, cakes, Jam, Chutney and Teas will also be served. Cakes can be ordered beforehand.

Garrison Accordian band are planning events in 2019 to raise money for new instruments and uniforms. Everyone is invited to a Table Quiz and Raffle with supper on Saturday 12th January at 7.30pm in Melvin View Orange Hall. Future events will be arranged shortly.

Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org. The web manager is Jennie Earls.

Photos & articles etc. for the website to be e-mailed to Doreen Earls at Social Networking: Follow us on Facebook using the name Garrison Group of Parishes. Simply ‘Like’ our page to receive updates on events.

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appraised if food items, soap, shampoo, washing powder etc. were left in the church for the food bank for people who are in need at this time of year.

Whenever the next edition of the diocesan magazine will be printed – we will be into the season of Advent and will be preparing ourselves again for the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Everyone is invited to attend the various services in the lead up to Christmas and the New Year. The services will be as follows: Sunday 9th December @ 7.30pm Orange Carol service hosted by Monea, Church Hill and Garrison districts in Derryneglony Orange Hall. Saturday 16th December @ 7.30pm Community Carol service in Derryneglony community centre.

11.00am Young people’s service in preparation for Christmas. 7.30pm Carol service in Churchville Methodist Church. No service that Evening in Inishmacsaint. Sunday 23rd December 11.00am Morning Prayer: 7.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Sunday 24th December @ 10.30pm Holy Communion. Sunday 25th December 8.00am Holy Communion. 10.30am Holy Communion. Sunday 30th December 11.30 am Morning Prayer. 7.30pm A Chrstingle Service.

Monday 1st January 10.30am Morning Prayer. Services as usual for the rest of the month. If anyone needs home communion – please contact the Rector and let him know.

Community Carol Service

On Tuesday 11th December at 7.30pm the Churches Forum will be holding their Community Carol service in Derryneglony Community Centre. This event involves all local churches and the children from our local schools. The music will be led by the schoolchildren and the choirs from the churches. There will be light refreshments after the service. We look forward to welcoming as many members from our churches and the wider community to this Carol Service.

Mothers’ Union

We were pleased to welcome our Diocesan President, Mrs Irene Boyd, to our October meeting. Her talk was entitled, ‘In Mary Sumner’s Footsteps’ and Irene spoke enthusiastically about the aims and objectives of Mothers’ Union and the part Mary Sumner played in its foundation. She then went on to explain the work of Mothers’ Union Worldwide, at All-Ireland level and within our own Diocese. Members were encouraged to find that our Branch has been involved in many of the activities she outlined, even at Worldwide level. Irene also spoke of the role members can play in the work of our own parish church. It was a most interesting and informative evening with a good attendance of existing and new members. We were encouraged by the numbers hoping to attend Vison’s Night in Garrison Parish Church. Some members hope to attend the Prayer Vigil in Derryvullan North, Innishowen when Eileen will bring along our donated items for Women’s Aid.

We look forward to our Christmas evening together when we make Christmas changes for the better in all aspects of this work. At the end of the evening everyone enjoyed a lovely supper.

Car Boot/Table Top Sale

This will be held in Kilskeery Hall on Saturday 8 December 10am – 2pm. Cost £5 per car/table. Any enquiries please contact Gwenn Crozier. Proceeds will go towards the Christmas lights in Kilskeery village.

Both parish would like to thank the clergy and diocesan readers who have conducted services this year. We welcome Mr Abraham Storey, Diocesan Reader, who is now covering services in Trillick and Kilskeery on a regular basis in conjunction with the Rural Dean, Canon Watson.

Mothers’ Union

In October members travelled to Ardess Parish Church Hall as the guests of Kesh Mothers’ Union. A neo-natal nurse, who had recently retired from the Royal Victoria Hospital, spoke of her experiences throughout a long nursing career and emphasised how there were marked changes for the better in all aspects of this work.

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Switching on Kilskeery Christmas Lights

– This will take place on 15 December at 6.30pm.

Queen Elizabeth 11 Primary School

Christmas Concert will be held on 18 December in Kilskeery Hall, commencing at 7.30 pm.
Derryclavin Pipe Band who played at the concert.

Water Frongie and David Abramson (organiser of concert) directing affairs.

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Wednesday 12th December
3.00 p.m. Holy Communion in Trinity Hall for Senior Citizens
Sunday 16th December
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- Saturday 27th October
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Moments’ Union
At our October meeting we had a very interesting and informative talk from Tim Richmond from the Fire and Rescue Service. Tim gave us some very good pointers on the causes of fire and how to keep our homes as safe as possible. Some of the things he said were familiar but some really made us think about how we could try to prevent fires in our homes and how to react if we were unfortunate enough to have one. He also told us of the work the members of the Fire Service do while attending road traffic accidents, farm accidents or other occasions when the public rely on their services. When we had listened to Tim’s talk, we as a Branch felt that it was vital for the information to be shared with as many others as possible. We decided to have Tim back on our Visitors’ Night in February. We hope all visitors who come will learn something new or have their knowledge of fire safety strengthened. Tim will be bringing his work “colleague” Reggie with him and ladies he is very handsome, adorbale and highly intelligent! Tim has these attributes too of course. We had a “Beetle Drive” in October and although the numbers were small we all had a great nights’ fun. Our November meeting was our Holy Communion Service. There will be no meeting in December as we are going to Viscounts in Dungannon for a meal and to see their Christmas Decorations on Saturday 8th December. In September we sadly lost another of our long-standing members. We extend our deepest sympathy to Violet’s family and pray that God will comfort them. Wishing all our members, their families and friends a Happy and Blessed Christmas.

Pantry Appeal
As last year this will begin after Christmas on Sunday 13th January and run for six weeks. Please bring along whatever non-perishable food items you can as we can pass them on to the food bank week by week. This is a very worthwhile cause and much appreciated.

Ballyreagh Silver Band who played at the concert.

Parish Register
Baptism
28th October 2018
Evie Sophia May McDowell, daughter of Sophya and Chris, Clabby.

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Sunday, 20th January 2018
Lisbellaw: 11am Morning Prayer
Colbuck: 3pm Evening Prayer
Sunday, 27th January 2018
Lisbellaw: 11.00am Family Service

Three members of the Lisbellaw and South Fermanagh WW1 Society, Raymond Crawford, Philip Irwin and Davitt McElhenney, who, on the evening of 24th October 2018, laid a wreath on the grave of Lance-Corporal Gordon Knox, MM (Braemar Castle) to mark the 100th anniversary of his death. Gordon, aged just 20 had been severely wounded in the Battle of St Quentin in March 1918 and was being brought home on board the hospital ship, the ‘Braemar Castle’ when he passed away. He was buried in Lisbellaw Parish Churchyard.

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Rector: The Revd Brian Harper
The Rectory, 27 Craigantin Road, Ballinamallard, Co. Fermanagh BT94 2BT
T: 028 66 382238 E: brian@magheracross.org
A very Merry Christmas to all our friends across the Diocese. Our festivities in Magheracross start on the evening of Friday 7th December. The village lights at 7pm and the celebrations will be led by our Parish Christmas Fair in the Archdale Hall on Thursday 1st November.

Our Special Services on Sunday 17th December will be the morning that the budding actor may take part in the traditional Sunday School. The evening of Friday 7th December will be the evening that the parishioners. Our parishioners.

Carrol Service
Our Carol Services will be held in the Archdale Hall on Thursday 1st November. The programme for the evening was Morag Armstrong, one of our own members. The meeting opened in the usual way with a hymn, bible reading and prayers. Morag gave us a very interesting talk on Autism and her support for the local Autism Branch. She also demonstrated the art of Book Folding. Members then had the opportunity to try this out for themselves and everyone was always warmly received and was always aware of the sustenance provided by the local businesses and well-wishers.

Midnight Service
The Midnight Communion Service is at 11pm on Christmas Day 24th and is followed on Christmas morning with celebrations at 8.30am and 10am, with the 10am service being particularly suitable for children and their families.

Our Eternal Destiny
As we look towards a new year, after we celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas, what are you going to do to make 2019 a memorable year? Will you change and simply give up tomorrow, or will you change and simply give up tomorrow, or will you give your life to following Jesus today, and simply give up tomorrow, you have gained nothing. We need to grow daily with God so that we can live our present life with His peace that transcends all understanding and we must finish our journey in a relationship with Him so we can enjoy our eternal life with God. As we look towards a new year, we celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas, what are you going to do to make 2019 a memorable year? Will you change and simply give up tomorrow, or will you change and simply give up tomorrow, or will you change and simply give up tomorrow, you have gained nothing. We need to grow daily with God so that we can live our present life with His peace that transcends all understanding and we must finish our journey in a relationship with Him so we can enjoy our eternal life with God. As we look towards a new year, we celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas, what are you going to do to make 2019 a memorable year? Will you change and simply give up tomorrow, or will you change and simply give up tomorrow, or will you change and simply give up tomorrow, you have gained nothing. We need to grow daily with God so that we can live our present life with His peace that transcends all understanding and we must finish our journey in a relationship with Him so we can enjoy our eternal life with God. As

Visiters viewing the WWI Centenary exhibition.
McCloughery for their research and organisation of this event. We also thank Joe Cassidy, Oliver Brennan, Bruce Switzer and John Hall for their contributions to the exhibition and for those who took part in the talks and service.

Gospel Concert
The church was full on Friday, 2nd November 2018, for our Gospel Concert. We had a wonderful evening listening to The Silver Tones singing, Sarah McAlpine playing the harp, Margaret Johnston singing and the accoerdion and Philip and Viola Bryson singing a duet. Canon Henry was compere for the evening and also supported this event in raising funds for the church repairs.

Marriage Course
The Pre-Marriage Course was run over five weeks in October with five couples who are intending to get married in 2019. An excellent course, comprising of short video clips and private discussions between the couples, took place in a romantic setting with tables for two set with candles and flowers. Delicious meals were served with main course followed by dessert and tea/coffee and mints. The evenings were casual and light-hearted but dealt with important issues that need to be considered before entering into the serious promises and obligations marriage has to offer. The course is thoroughly recommended for all who are considering marriage in the future.

Messy Harvest
Messy Harvest took place on Sunday 28th October from 4.00 – 6.00 pm in The Fountain Centre. As you might have guessed our crafts and songs and talk were all centred on the harvest theme which was enjoyed by the 60 or so children, parents and grandparents who came along to join in. We finished our afternoon with a sit down dinner of soup and rolls, buns and finger food. A big thanks to all who took part and set out and cleared up and more and we now look forward to our next event, Messy Christmas on Sunday 9th December.

Café Church
Café Church is now moving to a Saturday night from November, under the same notice. The November night will be an opportunity to, as they say in Belfast, “have the bake bout aff” with our Curry Night, in which curry will be featured heavily on the menu. If you find that your time is not your own – that life is passing you by and you don’t seem to be doing much with it – that you are longing for a night out, perhaps with that someone special – and with children being mind by granny – and you’re 18+ then Café Church is for you. It’s an opportunity to socialise and have a bit of craic with others around some food – no strings attached. This will be followed by our Café Church “Christmas Special” on Saturday 8th December 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

Christmas Events
The Fountain Centre
Café Church “Christmas Special” Saturday 8th Dec 18 7.00pm – 9.00pm Messy Christmas Church Sunday 9th Dec 18 4.00 – 5.00 pm CONNECT Christmas Outreach Party Sat 15th Dec 7.00pm – 8.30pm @ Mullaghmullagh Mullaghmullagh Christmas Service Sunday 16th Dec 3.00pm @ Ardess Parish Church Children’s Christmas Party Saturday 22nd Dec 18 3.00pm - 5.00pm @ Ardess Parish Church Children’s Carol Service 11.00am, Sunday 23rd Dec Community Carol Service 7.00pm, Sunday 23rd Dec Christmas Eve Service 11.00am, Monday 24th Dec @ Ardess Parish Church Christmas Morning Service 10.00am, Tuesday 25th Dec 18

January Events
Week of Prayer Monday 7th January 19 to 13th January 19.

Alpha
This takes place on the week beginning 14th January at Ardess Parish Centre Alpha is run around the globe and is open to everyone. We will be holding Alpha over a 10-week period (once a week) and each week we will look at a different question around faith, for example Who is Jesus? And How can we have faith? to Why and how do I pray? and How does God guide us? This is a great opportunity to explore the big issues around faith, unpack the basics of Christianity swell as providing a place to ask questions about Christianity. We encourage you to come along and find out what the Alpha faith actually is and not just what you may perceive it to be. There will also be a Youth Alpha (Year 8+) on Sunday nights held at The Fountain Centre from 13th January 2019 (7.00pm - 8.30pm).

Regular Events
Church Services @ Ardess Parish Centre Sunday Services: 9.30am Morning Prayer & 11.00am Family Worship Prayer @ Ardess Parish Centre Revival Prayer: Mon 8.00pm - 9.00pm Wednesday Prayer: Wed 9.30am - 11.00am Healing Ministry: Fri 7.30pm - 8.30pm Hour of Power: fortifyingly 8.00pm Tuesday (8th Dec 18).

Our Youth @ The Fountain Centre Blaze Youth Club (Year 8 - 10) Fridays 7.00pm - 8.30pm Flame Youth Club (Year 11+): Fridays 8.30pm - 10.00pm (Friday Night Youth Club finishes Friday 21st Dec, recommences Fri 1st Jan 19) Connect Youth Vertical (Year 8 - 14) Sundays 7.00pm - 8.30pm (Finishes with Outreach Party, Sat 15th Dec 7.00pm - 8.30pm). Recommites 6 Jan (Youth Alpha course will take place at Connect from 13 Jan 19). Babies & Tots @ Ardess Parish Centre: Ardess Little Lambs 10.00am - 12.00pm (finishes 17th Dec 18 and starts back 7th Jan 19). Children’s Arab Parish Church: Children’s Church (3-13 years old) Sundays 11.00am (finishes Sunday 23rd Dec and will return on 13th Jan 19). Children’s Primary School: Children’s Sunday School 3.15pm - 4.30pm Tuesdays (finishes 18th Dec 18 and starts back 15th Jan 19). Life Groups (various locations/times) Fortnightly (to accommodate Hour of Power) - contact Canon Henry to join one.

Friends in the Afternoon
Tuesdays (every fortnight) 2.00pm @ Ardess Parish Centre 11th December 2018 - Holy Communion Christmas Tea 8th January 2019 - Memories of Kesh by Maurice Lee

Mothers’ Union Christmas
Christmas Night Out at Tulana, Lanarkic - 6.30pm Thursday, 6th December ‘18

Wedding
26th October 2018 - Jonathan Catcath and Suzannah Ramsey, both of Derrylin Road, Largash, Kinawley. We congratulate Mr and Mrs Catcath on their marriage and pray God’s blessing on their future together.

Funeral Service
24th October 18 - Agnes Wilson (aged 97) of Kesh (buried in Tubrid). Our condolences to the Wilson family.

Christmas Lunch
Friday 7th December at 12.30pm courtesy of the Mothers’ Union. The Rector will celebrate a short service of Holy Communion at 12.30pm in the parish church. It is hoped that due to his broken ankle and shin that those unable to attend over Christmas Holy Communion would avail of this service.

Lunch will follow and perhaps if you are good we may have a visit from Santa.

Mothers’ Union
Theucer of the mothers union was Mrs Elma Nelson from our own branch. Elma showed photographs and gave a lovely account of her visit. The building and hill is also a home by the teachers.

Then Mrs Clare Graham (representative for The Body Shop) showed us a collection of products and spoke about the various items on offer in the Christmas catalogue. Mrs. Olive Elliott presented her with a small token of our appreciation.

There will be no meeting in December as the Christmas lunch will take place for the Senior Citizens on Friday 7th December. The next meeting will be on Monday 14th January.

1st Maguirebridge Guides
A special thanks to all who contributed and helped at the Guides fundraising Coffee Morning on 2nd June 2018. Along with a collection for marriage, the proceeds at Belle Isle a total of £828 was raised. Some of the funds helped support one of the leaders, Claire Crawford to attend an International Service project to Estonia in the summer, where a group of 12 guides and three leaders volunteered at an Eco-farm for 10 days.

The Guides attended the annual Co. Fernmore Girlguiding Muddy Ducks Camp held at Castle Saudersson (22nd-24th June) where a range of activities such as raft building, crate stacking, and back packs cooking. It was a fantastic fun filled sunny weekend.

So for this term the Guides have been working on Good Relations, Cooking & First Aid badges, and playing Captain Ball. New members aged 10-14 would be very welcome, we meet Thursdays 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Sunday Schools
The grouped trip for children will be on the 15th December and a note will be sent home by the teachers.

Sunday 16th December (Advent 3) is called Gaudete Sunday and this is a “Sunday of joy,” and that instead of fretting about “all they still haven’t” done to prepare for Christmas, people should “think of all the good things life has given you.”

On Gaudete rose-coloured vestments may be worn instead of violet (or instead of blue, in the Anglican and some Lutheran traditions), which is otherwise prescribed for every day in the season of Advent. Gaudete Sunday was known as “Rose Sunday”.

In churches that have an Advent Wreath, the rose-coloured candle is in it in addition to two other coloured candles, which represent the first two Sundays of Advent. Despite the otherwise somber readings of the collection of Advent, the rose as a secondary theme the need for penitence; the readings on the third Sunday emphasize the joyous anticipation of the Lord’s coming.

Christmas Services
Sunday 9th December at 3.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols in Ballinderry Union Hall. Followed by tea in the Orange Hall Sunday 16th December at 10.30 in Maguiresbridge Parish Church. Christmas for Holy Communion Children’s Nativity service and Holy Communion. 12.00pm in Derrybrusk Childrens Lessons and Carol service. 8.00pm Grouped Nine Lessons and Carols in Christ Church Maguiresbridge. Christmas Eve at 10.30pm in Derrybrusk Holy Communion Christmas Day at 10.30 in Maguiresbridge Holy Communion. Children’s service with a “quieter” toy to come to church. 3.00pm Grouped service in Maguiresbridge at 10.30. No Derrybrusk Service.

Parish Dance; Keep free
Curtis Magoe Returns to the Parish for our Annual Dance on Friday 28th January 2019. Dancing from 9.30pm in Maguiresbridge Parochial Hall.
Jumper appeal
Three vacuum bags of clothes, blankets, underwear, gloves, soks and jumpers over five stone in weight sent to Belarusian children living near Chernobyl by Magureadise and Denbytsn parishioners. This was part of the Jumper Appeal to support the work of Evelyn and Yrrelah Smith from Dromore parish. I am delighted to announce that the jumpers arrived safely in Belarus on 14th November. Evelyn and Yrrelah were very weighty with background – we prayed that the Lord would temporarily close the eyes of those who could have stopped the gifts (airlines and customs) and he answered prayers.

Second Sunday of the Month
I would like to welcome Abraham Storey to the worship rota of the parish. Abraham is working alongside myself in the Trillick and Kilskeery group. So that they may receive Holy Communion we will swap services on the second of each month.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore

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Services
9th December Second Sunday of Advent
10.30am St Patrick’s Morning Prayer
12.30pm Ballinode Morning Prayer
16th December Third Sunday of Advent
10.30am St Patrick’s Morning Prayer
12pm Kilmore Morning Prayer
23rd December Fourth Sunday of Advent
10.30am St Patrick’s All Age Worship
7pm Ballinode Group Carol Service (with U3A choir)
25th December Christmas Day
9.30am St Patrick’s Group Traditional Communion Service
10.30am St. Patrick’s Group All Age Communion Service
30th December First Sunday of Christmas
10.30am St Patrick’s Morning Service of the Word
6th January Epiphany
10.30am St Patrick’s Service of the Word
12pm Kilmore Morning Prayer
13th January Second Sunday of Epiphany
10.30am St Patrick’s Holy Communion
12.30pm Ballinode Morning Prayer
20th January Third Sunday of Epiphany
10.30am St Patrick’s Morning Prayer
12pm Kilmore Holy Communion
27th January Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
10.30am St Patrick’s All Age Worship
12.30pm Ballinode Holy Communion

Ladies’ Group
The Ladies’ Group met on Tuesday 16th December for their Christmas meal at Freda Flemmings House, Monaghan.

Mothers’ Union
The members met on Tuesday 6th November in the Church for “Patchwork” by Frances Ellis, a member of the Branch. The evening concluded with refreshments and business meeting. They will travel to Sally’s in Aughnacloy on Tuesday 6th December for their Christmas Party.

Parish Sale
The Annual Parish Sale was held on Friday 19th October in the Hall with the final amount raised being in excess of €2996.50. We are as ever indebted to the committee who organised the event – the members of our congregation who donated saleable items, gave a donation, or sponsored a hamper. We express grateful thanks to all who helped on the day and to the community for their support.

Monaghan Collegiate School Prizegiving
The Prizegiving was held in St. Patrick’s Church on Friday 26th October – the guest speaker was the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Heather Humphreys T.D. who urged the students to “work hard and be the best you can be because you never know where you might end up, and whatever that may be, be enthusiastic every day, because nothing great is ever accomplished without enthusiasm.” We congratulate all those who received prizes or awards for academic or sporting achievements particularly those from our group of parishes. The evening concluded with refreshments in the Hall.

Monaghan Collegiate School
This will be held in St. Patrick’s Church on Tuesday 19th December at 10.00am. All are welcome.

The Ladies’ Group Inter-denominational Carol Service
This will be held in St. Patrick’s Church on Tuesday 19th December at 10.00am. All are welcome.

Yrrelah Smith from Dromore parish. I am delighted to announce that the jumpers arrived safely in Belarus on 14th November. Evelyn and Yrrelah were very weighty with background – we prayed that the Lord would temporarily close the eyes of those who could have stopped the gifts (airlines and customs) and he answered prayers.

A note from the Rector
’Meekness and majesty...’
Graham Kendrick is a well-known singer song-writer who has composed many modern worship songs some of which have made their way into our Irish Church Hymnal - ‘Shine, Jesus, Shine’, ‘The Servant King’ and ‘Meekness and Majesty’ are fine examples. ‘Meekness and Majesty’ has a chorus with the words: ‘O what a mystery, meekness and majesty, bow down and worship, for this is your God. The mystery it sings about is the paradox that the baby born in a stable at Christmas, should be at the same time the majestic Son of God who sits enthroned in heaven. This amazing belief of the Christian faith is something which we cannot fully understand yet is revealed to us in the scripture readings we use in the Advent - Christmas period. ‘St Paul speaks of the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed ... Romans 16.25
So, what is the mystery? It’s the amazing secret that eternal life is God’s free gift to the world because he loves us and wishes us to love him in return. As we approach Christmas may we marvel at that paradox – that combining meekness and majesty in the person of the baby in a manger is the mystery which brings us nearness to Jesus. I wish all our parishioners a very Peaceful Christmas and very Happy New Year.

A Sub-Committee of The Select Vestry has been working on proposals to upgrade and extend the Parish Hall, provide new fellowship and Sunday School facilities (incorporating the Stables building) and extend the off road car parking facilities, for well over a year now. The plans were approved by the Representative Church Body in early September, so, the next stage will be to submit an application to the Planning Service for approval to build. The Architect is presently working on detailed drawing for this application.

With assistance from the Fernaghan and Omagh District Council, the Parish commissioned a Comprehensive Feasibility Study with a firm called Venturei. The report has now been prepared and will reflect the views of the 140 replies to our survey to tweak and improve the plans prior to applying for planning permission.

Presentation to Mr Ernie Long
A presentation was made, on Sunday 28th October, to Mr Ernie Long to mark his retirement after 25 years as leader of the Counting Team in Rossorry Parish Church.
Mr Albert Armstrong, Ellis and Churchwardens, Mr. Kenneth Brownlee and Mr Ernie Long (second left), with the Rector, Canon Ian every month.

Meetings or outings please contact Mrs Heather Ellis on 02866 329589.

If you are interested in joining the group –

Boundaries of age, genders, race, culture, favour with the Queen herself. Victoria and from India to participate in the Queen's we watched the story of an unexpected the film Victoria and Abdul. Complete

On Thursday 18th October, members of Rossorry Mothers’ Union enjoyed watching

At the meeting on 24th October, members made “clothes peg wreaths”. This was a novel and fun use of simple materials. The meetings of the Club are every

A programme has been prepared of events / speakers up to Christmas. See below:

A very successful Mother and baby exercise class has been running now for over a year at Rossorry Parish Hall on a Tuesday morning at 10 am. This is very sociable class where mums bring baby along while getting fit while also meeting other mums. Please pm Jackie Cassidy (Facebook) to put your name down or if you want any further details.

Painting class meets Fridays at 2pm in the Parish Hall.

Improvements: Secure off-road parking, one way system, lighting.

Mr Emie Long (second left), with the Rector, Canon Ian Armstrong and Mr Albert Armstrong.

The congregation was also reminded of Emie’s many years of previous service as Sunday School Superintendent. What a wonderful record of service to the Lord – freely given! The picture shows Emie with the Rector and Churchwardens Mr Albert Armstrong and Mr Kenneth Brownlee.

The Parish development plans.

The Irvine family with Canon Ian Ellis at the Baptism Service.

The Parish Register

Bereavements

Sadie, since the publication of the last magazine, three of our parishioners have passed away. The parishioners of Rossorry offer their most sincere condolences and prayers for the grieving families.

MILLER, Sarah Maria (Sadie), née BENSON, of Gortacharn Nursing home and formerly of Scaffog, Enniskillen died peacefully at the South West Acute Hospital, after a short illness on 18th September 2018. Her Funeral Service was held at Rossorry Parish Church on Tuesday 6th November 2018, followed by interment in his family plot at Cavanish Parish Church.

Baptism

May she grow in the faith in which she has been baptised.

to speak to Yvonne Elliott on 02866 324254 for information.

Bowling Club.
The Bowling Club meets on a Monday evening and occasionally on a Thursday in the Parish Hall at 8pm. The season opened with the first end bowled on Monday 10th September – if you are interested in getting involved, the Club is always looking for new members. For information - contact William Stevenson on 07796622473.

Services for December 2018

Sunday 2nd December

9.00 am. Holy Communion.
11.00 am. Holy Communion.
7.00 pm. Evening Prayer

Sunday 9th December

9.00 am. Holy Communion.
11.00 am. Morning Prayer.
16th December

9.00 am. Holy Communion.
11.00 am. Family Service (Sunday School Nativities).

Sunday 23rd December

9.00 am. Holy Communion.
11.00 am. Morning Prayer.
7.00 pm Carol Service

Monday 24th December Christmas Eve

10.00 pm Holy Communion

Tuesday 26th December Christmas Day

10.00 am Holy Communion

Sunday 30th December

9.00 am. Holy Communion.
11.00 am Morning Prayer:

Funeral Service was held at Rossorry Parish Church on Thursday 20th September 2018, followed by interment in her family plot at Rossorry afterwards.

FARRELL, Margaretta (Rita), formerly of Elliott Road, died peacefully at Drumclay Nursing Home on 29th October 2018. After a private Funeral Service at Rossorry Parish Church, Enniskillen at 12.00 pm on 1st November 2018, interment followed at Rossorry Parish Churchyard, in the family plot.

FAWCETT, Charles Oliver (Oli) of Riverside Farm, Culkey, died peacefully at the South West Acute Hospital, after a short illness. His Funeral Service was held at Rossorry Parish Church on Tuesday 6th November 2018, followed by interment in his family plot at Cavanish Parish Church.

RYAN, Amelia Irvine, infant daughter of Kyle and Elaine, who was baptised in Rossorry Parish Church by Canon Ellis on Sunday 28th October 2018. May she grow in the faith in which she has been baptised.

Church of Ireland

Weekly events in the church as well as weddings and christenings.

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Contact Us...
Holy Communion Service
Christmas Eve 9.30pm in Tempo Church – Holy Communion in both Churches
Services
to the event.

Remembrance Day Services
Mr Roy Crowe conducted the annual Act of Remembrance Services in both of our churches. In Tempo a wreath was laid by Mr George White. Emily McFarland, escorted by Leah Crawford and Molly White from Tempo Guides laid a wreath on behalf of the youth organisations in the Parish. In Clabby, wreaths were laid by Messrs Ian McCutcheon and Mark Byers and an ex-RUC member. Young members from the Cubs, Beavers and Squirrels were also in attendance. We are very grateful to Mrs Thelma Parr from Tempo Silver Band for attending both of our church services to play the Last Post and the Reveille.

Bereavement and Illness
At the beginning of this year our parish was badly affected and sadly we continue to find ourselves in the same situation. May we offer our condolences to the West, Collum, Cathcart, Miller and Somerville families, their friends and relatives. Our long-term sick are always in our thoughts and prayers and we remember especially Alan and Irene and those who care for them. There are few people in our area who have contributed more to the health and wellbeing of the local populace than our parishioner Herbie Follis. It would be fitting to repay those many good deeds with simply remembering him in our prayers as he recovers from his surgery.

Burglaries
We are not immune to the occasional visit from the travelling criminal or opportunist that, which seems to be the way of the world today. To those who have been affected, you have our sympathy. Crime is straight forward good old-fashioned sin and you can see why we have Commandments.

Monday Club
The club will meet December 11th at Trory 2.30pm. Christmas Communion.

Tuesday Club
The club continues to attract the enthusiasts and will hold the Troy Trebles Tournament over the first week in December. Everyone welcome.

Rev. Canon Rector: Miriam Watson
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Services
December

Sunday 9th December
Holy Communion in both Churches Sunday 23rd Dec - Family Carol Service in both Churches Christmas Eve 9.30pm in Tempo Church – Holy Communion Services Christmas Day 9.00am in Clabby Church –

Radius Brian Harper is in charge.
Pastoral cover provided by Mr Roy Crowe, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant

Trory and Killadeas

Vacant
Services covered by Canon Billy Johnstone and Mr Colin Brownsmith.
Archdeacon Brian Harper is in charge with Mrs Sue Nagy, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant, assisting with pastoral care.

Trory Church Services
Sunday Services will continue as normal 11.00am with Sunday school commencing at 10.15am.
Christmas Carol Service will be at Morning Prayer 10th December and it is on that date that Sunday School will take their Christmas break, commencing again on the 13th January.
Christmas morning will be a joint service at Trory 10.00am. Do not forget the traditional Christmas Eve Service at Killadeas 11.30pm.
Sunday School Christmas outing will be on the afternoon of 15th December Keep in touch with the leaders for finer details nearer to the event.

Parish Register (Marriage)
We had the pleasure to facilitate the wedding of Stephanie Connor and Jonathan Griffith on Saturday 10th November. After the terrible weather on the preceding day the sun shone and Trory Parish Church on top of the hill overlooking the lake was just the venue for a most beautiful wedding. The reception was held at the Manor House Country Hotel just a few miles down the road. (Eat your heart out Windsor I think you may have finished in second place). We wish them a long and happy marriage and God’s richest blessings to them. It was good to have Canon Watson back with us for the occasion.

Mr Roy Crowe sang a solo at both services and the organist was Mrs Carole Graham.

Mothers’ Union
The Mothers’ Union enjoyed a lovely social evening and get together with an excellent meal in the Lady Nelson. Games, poetry and musical songs with Mr Roy Crowe finished the evening.

Forthcoming Meetings
• Tuesday 18th Dec – Clabby Hall – Bake and Eat Night
• Tuesday 8th January 2019 – Tempo Hall – first meeting of the New Year with Holy Communion

Chocolate Bars
Tempo Parish Church has special chocolate bars for sale just in time for Christmas, all proceeds to Parish Funds.

Keep Free
Marching Bands Concert - in Tempo Parish Church Hall on Friday 8th March 2019

8th & 9th December 2018

KILLADEAS PRIORY

FESTIVAL OF WREATHS

The festival of Wreaths celebrates the start of the advent and Christmas season, come along to the Killadeas Priory and share in this special event. Check out our Facebook page for further details.

Everyone welcome
Wreath making Workshop
Open to everyone who needs some inspiration
1st December @ 2pm
See Facebook for future details

Donations to Priory refurbishment fund & RNLI

Tuesdays
Saturday 8th 10am until 3pm
Sunday 9th 2pm until 5pm
Closing Event Sunday 9th @ 5pm
With Irvinestown Community Choir

A Community event to start the Christmas Season

KILLADEAS PRIORY

FESTIVAL OF WREATHS

Remembrance Day service in Killadeas.
COMHAR (pronounced “Core”) - Originally meaning co-operative ploughing between neighbours, this Irish word now evokes the general notion of co-operation and shared work. It can also be translated as partnership - the key principal for this CIYD scheme. We are happy to say that as part of this scheme a group of 40 young leaders (15-18yrs) from Clogher and Connor dioceses will be funded to attend a young leader’s training weekend from the 8-10th of February 2019.

The group will be part of the IMYC “Overflow” weekend. Our continued partnership with the Methodist youth department has proved very beneficial as we have recently again attended their Autumn Soul (13-18yrs) weekend. The Comhar weekend is for young people who show Youth Ministry leadership potential. Youth leaders do not need to attend with their young people. However, the Diocesan Youth Officer will be leading a group from the diocese along with those youth leaders who wish to come along to the training weekend along with their young people. Overflow is a weekend where we encourage and equip young people to become disciples who disciple. It provides training to develop confidence and skills in young leaders alongside opportunities to encounter God and grow in faith. The hope is that they will learn to serve in their local parish through its youth ministry.

The programme content:
- **TEACHING** – Themes such as building character, leadership, vision and strategy.
- **WORSHIP** – led by young people and encouraging young people to participate.
- **PRAYER** – in small groups with prayer ministry available.
- **WORKSHOPS** – Leadership styles - preparing a session - dealing with conflict.
- **SMALL GROUPS** – discussion, interactive activity, accountability, prayer, growth.

If you are a young person who would like to attend the weekend please speak to your youth ministry leaders or rector. Or, if you know of a young person who could benefit from attending the weekend please pass their name to your rector or youth ministry leader. For young people selected to attend the weekend there is no cost as the full cost of the training and travel will be covered by the Diocesan Youth Council.

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**Christmas Tree Festival**

in the
**BAWNACRE CENTRE, IRVINESTOWN**

From Tuesday, 18th December – Friday, 21st December 10am to 10pm
Saturday, 22nd December 10am to 5pm
Sunday, 23rd December 2pm to 5pm

This is a perfect opportunity for families to support the fantastic work of this essential service in rural areas.

Admission to the Festival: Minimum £5 or voluntary donation including Christmas refreshments. Children Free.

The Spectacular Santa’s Grotto will be on display and available for family photographs
- **There will be festive entertainment**

This event will be set up and supported by elves from Irvinestown Youth Club.
The history of Christingle

This year is a very special one for Christingle as it is 50 years since the first service in England at Lincoln Cathedral on 7 December 1968. But Christingles themselves actually go back much further, and began in the Moravian Church in Germany. At a children’s service in Marienborn in 1747, Bishop Johannes de Watteville looked for a simple way to explain the happiness that had come to people through Jesus.

Make your own Christingle

The orange represents the world. Tie a red ribbon (or red tape) round the orange to represent Christ’s love and blood. The lit candle reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the World. Thread small sweets, raisins etc onto four cocktail sticks. These represent all of God’s creation.

Find these words from the story of Christmas in the WORDSEARCH

baby
living
Nazareth
Quirinius
family
bed
Mary
Bethlehem

everyone
home
visitors
Augustus
space
Empire
guest

born
David
room
Jesus
manger
Syria
taxes
stable

Help Mary and Joseph through the MAZE on their journey to Bethlehem
The Clogher Diocesan Mothers’ Union Autumn Council took place on Thursday 25 October 2018 at 8.00 pm in Holy Trinity Parish Church, Clogh. Dean Raymond Ferguson, All-Ireland Chaplain, conducted a service of Holy Communion assisted by Captain David Hamilton. Following supper, Irene Boyd, Diocesan President, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Captain David Hamilton for conducting the service, Dean Raymond Ferguson for his very challenging address and the Select Vestry for the use of the Church and the hall. She thanked the members of Clogh Mothers’ Union for participating in the service, for the organist for leading the praise and for all who provided and served a delicious supper.

A short business meeting took place where Irene outlined some of the events which she had attended since the Spring Council in May. Jennifer Leathem and Lettie Coulter performed an amusing Role Play to help members visit the sick appropriately. Irene explained MULOA (Mothers’ Union Listening, Observing, Acting). This was followed with members doing Group Work. Irene highlighted the remaining events for 2018 and the first half of 2019. Members also had an opportunity to visit the Enterprise table and collect Focus magazines.

The Clogher Diocesan Big Sing was a resounding success with hundreds of people joining in the singing in St. Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen on Sunday evening, 18th November. Various people introduced the hymns, many of them submitted by readers of the Clogher Diocesan Magazine and the two-hour programme included choirs, soloists and musicians.
Some of the hundreds of people who attended and took part in the Clogher Diocesan Big Sing in St. Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen.

The combined choir leading the singing.

Choirs, soloists and a congregation drawn from across Clogher Diocese were in fine voice on Sunday evening, 18th November as they took part in the Clogher Diocesan Big Sing.

Around 600 people gathered in St. Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen, to enjoy soloists and musicians and to join in with choirs to sing many of their favourite hymns. The quality of the singing and music brought many favourable comments from those attending.

Readers of the Clogher Diocesan Magazine had submitted requests of their favourite hymns and these were introduced by people from parishes in the Diocese.

Choirs represented singers from Enniskillen Cathedral, Ardess, Dromore, Killadeas, Tubrid and Clabby and featured a grouped choir from Co. Monaghan.

The Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall introduced the evening and the organist was Mr. Glenn Moore.

Among the popular hymns sung were: “Be thou my vision,” “O Lord my God!” “Blessed Assurance,” “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,” “Amazing Grace,” “Nearer, my God, to thee,” “In Christ Alone my hope is found,” “Great is thy faithfulness,” “The Day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,” “To God be the glory!” and many more.

These were introduced by people from parishes across the Diocese including Elizabeth Armstrong (Kilskeery), Jennifer Leathem (Clontibret), Rosemary Barton MLA (Colaghty, Lack), Walter Pringle (Killeevan), Ethne McCord (Eirgill, Lack), Irene Boyd (Drukeen), Arlene Foster MLA (Aghakelerin, Colebrooke), Revd Andrew Quill (Dromore), Stuart Brooker (Devenish), Revd Neal Phair (Ballybay) and Revd Lorraine Capper (Donagh).

Soloists and musicians included: Jayne Malcolmson (Conductor), Glenn Moore (organ), Canon Ian Berry and Revd Andrew Quill (guitar), Ann Bloomfield and Gerard Toal (Piano), Warren Kerr and G lain Rogers (Cornet), Rodney White (Drums and Percussion), Ethne McCord (Conductor), Roy Crowe, Michelle Elliott and Lynda Lindsay (soloists).

The Diocesan Big Sing was organised by the Clogher Diocesan Music Bursary Committee and supported by the Church of Ireland Priorities Fund.
Enniskillen re-enacts the ending of the First World War 100 years later

Enniskillen was the most westerly location in the United Kingdom to take part in "The Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute" marking the centenary of the ending of the First World War over the past weekend. Some of the events which took place in the town in 1918 were re-enacted. For example Enniskillen was the first place to hear of the Armistice and they announced this to townspeople with search lights, sky rockets and the peal of St Macartin's Cathedral bells.

All these were re-created on Sunday as well as backlighting the clock face on the tower of the Cathedral for the first time. "It will now shine as a sign of peace, hope and reconciliation in the community symbolising the light of Christ shining forth from our lives," said Dean Kenneth Hall.

After a morning service for all denominations in St Macartin's Cathedral, when the preacher was the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell, broadcast live on RTE television, the Cathedral bells rang out at 12.30pm to move from a mood of 'remembrance' to that of 'celebration' that the Great War had ended.

On Sunday evening the four main churches joined in a united service of 'Hope, Peace, Light and Love' as Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Methodist congregations processed to St Michael's Roman Catholic Church following lanterns of light, given to all four clergy at the

6.00am service at Enniskillen Castle by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant, Viscount Brookeborough for Co Fermanagh.

St Michael's Church was filled to capacity with almost 1000 people and an estimated 1000 people gathered outside.

After a moving service in St Michael's Church, a flame of light led the way to St Macartin's Cathedral grounds across the street where Lord Brookeborough lit a beacon. The crowds crossing the street were greeted by a massed band of 100 pipers and drummers drawn from all bands throughout the county who played hymns including "Abide With Me."

At the same time as the beacon was lit, the Cathedral Clock was lit for the first time in its history, the Cathedral bells pealed down the night sky.

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The service was the culmination of five year’s work in the area, initiated by the Select Vestry in Lisbellaw. The project started with 99 names on two memorial stones in Lisbellaw and Derryvullan in November 2016 of a book, "The Stories Behind the Stones - First World War 100 years later.

To watch the Remembrance Service from St Macartin's Cathedral on RTE Player paste the following link into your browser. It is available until 11th December; https://www.rte.ie/player/ TV/Show/centenary- remembrance-sunday- service-30006516/10962775/

Over 2000 people attend WW1 weekend exhibition in Kesh

The WW1 Centenary Remembrance Weekend exhibition in Kesh was a major success with over 2000 people of all ages and denominations attending. Marking the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, the Special service recognises those who served in WW1 from Lisbellaw area.

The exhibition comprised many artefacts with a model display depicting the 152 people from the North Fermanagh and Pettigo area who gave their lives during the First World War. There was an exhibition on nurses who served alongside the Regiments as well as collections of medals and equipment carried by soldiers.
St. Mark’s Parish stages ‘Greatest story ever told’

The community of the Clogher Valley will have a unique opportunity to hear ‘The Greatest Story Ever Told’ this month as St. Mark’s Parish, Augher, stage their Outdoor Nativity. Preparations are almost complete for the event to be staged on Sunday, 9th December at 5pm.

Preparations have included the sawing of wood, the untangling of lights and the increasing volume of excited children and adults alike, not to mention the purchase of large amounts of carrots and the reported sightings of angels fluttering around – no wise men have been sighted as yet!

“The Greatest Story Ever Told” is the retelling of Jesus’ birth by the Sunday School of St. Mark’s Parish along with some friends. Everything will take place outside in front of St. Mark’s Church and the Church Hall next door. The set for this dramatic performance will include an authentic stable complete with ‘Cindy’ the donkey, sheep and much more.

Murley Silver Band will lead the carols while mulled wine, shortbread and mince pies will be available for all. There will be a large covered area with seating. This is an evening for the whole family when the community will join in celebrating the true meaning of Christmas.

The Rector, Revd Olivia Downey appealed: “So please do come along and hear and see The Greatest Story Ever Told. A freewill offering will be received during the evening with all proceeds in aid of St. Mark’s Church Augher Repair Fund.

‘Jesu Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem...’

Everyone is very welcome.

Rediscovering the gift of Christmas through Christmas trees

The parish of St Finbarr’s, Carrickmacross has been busy welcoming people to its community Christmas Tree Festival. The final day of the Festival is Sunday, 2nd December from 3pm finishing with a community Carols of Praise service at 7pm.

The theme of the Festival has been “Rediscover the Wonderful Gift of Christmas” and the official opening of the Festival will take place on Friday evening, 30th November from the front of St. Finbarr’s Church and the Church Hall next door. The set for this dramatic performance will include an authentic stable complete with ‘Cindy’ the donkey, sheep and much more.

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The new Safeguarding (R) policy and supporting documentation are now available on the Republic of Ireland Child Safeguarding section of the website and at www.sg.ireland.anglican.org.

The Safeguarding Board is in place to oversee the implementation and review of this policy. This is a living document and will be reviewed every year and amended as required by the Safeguarding Board.

Safeguarding Officers

The Safeguarding Officers can provide advice and support in all matters of child and adult safeguarding. Any issues or concerns can be reported directly to them.

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Church’s climate change seminar advises parishes how to work with the environment

Parishioners of churches across the country need to look at how they interact with the environment as climate change and pollution is affecting people in countries across the world, a seminar on climate change and the environment heard recently. The Church of Ireland has already begun to react, passing a motion at this year’s General Synod for full divestment from fossil fuels.

The seminar “Climate Change and the Environment” organised by the Church and Society Commission in Church House, Belfast, heard from a number of speakers on various aspects of how climate change is affecting communities. June Butler, a campaigner, who proposed the motion at General Synod, said that scriptures can be used, using Fairtrade food or introducing Fairtrade.

“Environmentally friendly” activities such as solar powered ovens are being installed to allow people cook meals in the Amazon basin or in Africa solar powered shops are able to run a fridge and power outlets to charge mobile homes. “Climate change is very much a justice issue,” he said.

Stephen Trew, an environmental campaigner, who proposed the motion at General Synod, said that scriptures can give hope and added that the environment was underpinned throughout the Bible.

He quoted the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd Richard Clarke who said, “Our children, the next generation would pay a terrible price if we did not act as responsible guardians of the health of the earth on which we have been placed. The General Synod commended the Environmental Charter for the use of parishes in the Church of Ireland. Summarised, it recommends:

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- identifying spiritually and practically with the developing world
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He quoted examples of communities in some countries currently affected. The Dogon community of Mali, for example, depended on a community meal. He said for westemers, food security is not a big issue going to a supermarket. However major climatic conditions can affect people around the world. Storms, drought, disease, floods, rising sea level and conflict are all affected by climate change.

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Church Leaders’ joint statement

The leaders of the main churches in Ireland have issued the following joint statement in relation to Brexit.

As the final stages of the initial part of the negotiations for the United Kingdom to leave the European Union draw to a close, we as Church Leaders here on the island of Ireland are inspired by the challenge of Jesus to love our neighbour.

Relationships between the people of this island, both North and South, and between the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom, have improved and deepened immeasurably over the past 20 or so years. This atmosphere of mutual respect, understanding and growing friendship has been the positive background against which many significant developments have taken place – ceasefires, political accommodation, increased cross-community and inter-faith prosperity for many.

It is important that we acknowledge the legitimate aspirations of those who voted to leave the European Union and those who voted to remain. We also pray at this time that the inevitable tensions, which the Brexit negotiations and their outworking will entail, will not be allowed to undermine the quality of relationships and mutual understanding which are both so important in enabling all of us to work together for the common good.

In this context, we particularly want to encourage public representatives, and all those who give leadership in our society, to weigh their words carefully, to respect the integrity of those who conscientiously differ from them and to speak with grace.

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Link to Prayer Diary: www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/554/porvoo-prayer-diary-2019

The Porvoo Declaration commits the Churches which have signed it to share a common life and to pray for and with one another. An important way of doing this is to pray through the year for the Porvoo Churches and their dioceses. The Prayer Diary is a list of Porvoo Communion dioceses or Churches covering each Sunday of the year, mindful of the many calls upon compilers of intercessions, and the environmental and production costs of printing a more elaborate list. Those using the calendar are invited to choose one day each week on which they will pray for the Porvoo Churches.

It is hoped that individuals and parishes, cathedrals and religious orders will make use of the Calendar in their own cycle of prayer week by week.

In addition to the Churches which have approved the Porvoo Declaration, we continue to pray for Churches with observer status. Observers attend all the meetings held under the Agreement.

The calendar may be freely copied or emailed for wider circulation.

The Porvoo Communion’s Prayer Diary for 2019 is now available

Cecil Francis Alexander and her hymns

The Clogher Diocesan Advent Carol Service to raise funds for NI Hospice

This year’s Clogher Diocesan Advent Carol Service takes place in St Macartan’s Cathedral, Clogher on Sunday, 2nd December at 7pm. This year, the collection will be taken up for the Northern Ireland Hospice. At this year’s Clogher Diocesan Synod, the Rev Matthew Hagan from Diocese of Armagh asked parishes in Clogher Diocese to hold a “Hospice Sunday” to highlight the awareness of the Hospice movement which has centres in Newry, Londonderry and Belfast. However in Fermanagh and Tyrone, the Hospice runs Local Community Services where they care for people with life-limiting illnesses in their own homes. A spokesperson stated “Working in the local community, Hospice nurses care for people with serious illnesses in their own homes. They work closely with all health-care professionals to ensure that every patient receives the highest standard of care in the comfort of their own home.” In addition they are also there to support carers and families at what can be an emotional and stressful time.

The event will be preceded by Clones Parish Christmas Fayre from 10am in the Creighton Hotel, Clones, to which a warm invitation is extended.

During 2018 The Priests have been performing in a selection of churches and cathedrals throughout Ireland, which will no doubt ensure a special atmosphere for their singing.

The Rotary Club of Enniskillen by arrangement with Joe Gallagher Entertainments will present this special Christmas event as part of The Priests’ Twelve Days of Christmas tour. The Priests are celebrating their 10th Anniversary this year and have selected St. Michael’s Church as one of the 12 churches to host their Christmas concert. The evening will be in support of the Aisling Centre in Enniskillen, which is Enniskillen Rotary President Siobhan O’Reilly’s main beneficiary during her year in office.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Re-dedication of church following major refurbishment**

A Service of Re-Dedication has taken place in the Priory Church, Killadeas, following a major renovation costing around £320,000 and supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Bishop of Clough, the Right Revd John McDowell carried out the re-dedication during the service on Sunday afternoon, 25th November. A number of gifts were also dedicated including; Sound System in memory of Ivan Bradshaw by his wife and family and New Carpet in the Chancel and Baptistry by Joanne Hare in memory of Jack and Betty Armstrong.

The Priory Church one of the two Church of Ireland parishes in the grouping of Tray and Killadeas, is one of the historic churches on a site linked with early Christian settlements and a monastic order on Downhill Island is currently undergoing a significant restoration project on its stonework to protect it for future generations.

Built in 1881, the church stands on a site with an adjacent churchyard which contains elaborately-carved stones bearing pre-Christian symbolism. Stones from a previous church building known as the Yellow Church, because of the colour of its stonework were incorporated into the archway which separates the nave from the choir and chancel.

The church also has close connections with the Irvine family who originally came into the Rockfield area of Killadeas in 1660. The Irvine estate was a major employer in the area and bequeathed the estate parish with an adjacent churchyard which continued to be used by the Irvine family and New Carpet in the Chancel and Choir and Chancel.

The completed interior of the Priory Church.

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Mr. Ronald Balfour, one of the Glebe Wardens at the Priory Church, explained: “The work has been extensive and includes repair work to the tower such as repairing and replacing tower floors, repairing lead flashing, plaster repairs to the parapet, removing render to the interior tower walls, re-pointing the east and west walls as well as carrying out drainage work on the outside of the related foundation areas.”

Mr Balfour added: “It was very obvious that only a major project would fix the church and put it back in a fit state so that the church will be available for generations to come. It is only with the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund that made the Priory project possible”

Paul Mullin, Head of Heritage Lottery Fund in Northern Ireland commented: “Heritage Lottery Fund was delighted to offer this funding support to the Priory Church. Places of worship sit at the heart of communities and they are also a key part of our built and cultural heritage. Most rely on the hard work and generosity of local communities and volunteers to keep them in good order but sometimes they need more help. Our funding is an invaluable resource for the repair and reuse of important listed buildings. It is thanks to all the players of the National Lottery that we can fund local projects such as this one.”

**Christmas Tree Festival for Air Ambulance NI**

The Bawnacre Centre in Irvinestown is certainly gearing up for Christmas this year. Not only will they have the usual Christmas tree decorated to mark the festive season but there will be dozens of trees around the Centre. Because this year, the Bawnacre Centre is hosting a Christmas Tree Festival for Air Ambulance Northern Ireland from Tuesday, 18th December to Sunday, 23rd December during normal opening times. The Festival will be open to the public from Tuesday to Friday from 10am-10pm; on Saturday, 22nd December from 10am – 5pm and on Sunday, 23rd December from 2pm – 5pm.

The event will be set up and supported by elves from Irvinestown Youth Club. During the Festival, one of the attractions will be Santa’s Grotto where family photographs can be arranged and there will be festive entertainment throughout. Local organisations have been invited to decorate a Christmas tree with items to reflect their good in the community. According to the organisers, this will be a perfect opportunity for families to support the great work of the Air Ambulance charity, an essential service in rural areas.

For admission to the Festival, a minimum donation of £5 has been levied or a voluntary donation and children are free.
## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### November 2018
- **Friday 30th November - Sunday 2nd December 2018 - Christmas Tree Festival**
  - Hosted by St Finbarr’s Church, Carrickmacross, working alongside Carrickmacross Chamber of Commerce to involve schools, businesses and organisations. Launch night on Friday night, open Saturday from 10am to 6pm and through the day there will be refreshments, cake stall, raffle, Santa’s Grotto and parish cookery book for sale. Open Sunday 1pm to 7pm ending with Carol’s or Praise Service.

- **Friday 30th November – Parish Sale of Work in Coomeen Hall at 7pm with a variety of Christmas items.**

### December 2018
- **Saturday 1st December – Wreath Making Workshop at the Priory Church, Killiedass at 2pm. Open to everyone who needs inspiration.**
- **Sunday 2nd December – Dedication of the Lewis Organ by The Bishop of Clogher, Right Rev. John McDowell at 3pm in Galloon Parish Church. This was postponed from an earlier date in September.**

- **Sunday 2nd December – Diocesan Advent Carol Service in St Macartan’s Cathedral, Clogher at 7pm. Collection taken for NI Hospice.**
- **Sunday 2nd December – Crossduff Annual Carol Service at 3pm with Ballybay Country Gospel Group and guest speaker Revd Colin Anderson, Castleblayney/Corvalley Group Presbyterian Minister. Refreshments served following the service in the Old Stables. All welcome.**

- **Monday 3rd December – Clogher Diocesan Mothers’ Union Prayer Vigil in St Patrick’s Church, Monagahan at 8pm.**
- **Thursday 6th December – Clogher Community Carol Service in St Macartan’s Cathedral, Clogher at 7.30pm when proceeds will be in aid of Cancer Focus. This is a tremendous event as the Cathedral will be full.**

- **Thursday 6th December – Diocesan Spirituality Event for Clergy, Diocesan and Parish Readers and Diocesan Pastoral Assistants at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall of St. John’s, Fivemiletown. Speaker: Breige O’Hare, who is experienced in leading quiet prayer and reflection on Scripture.**

- **Thursday 6th December – Carrickmacross Parish Carol in St Finbarr’s for Malawi Mission 2019 Trip for Habitat for Humanity. Along with local choirs the acclaimed Irish baritone, Benjamin Russell, is flying in from Germany to perform on the evening. Ben is the cousin of one of our Malawi team, Victoria. Also performing are Barry Jay Hughes, the Cantemus Chamber Choir and Carrickmacross Group of Parishies Choir Tickets 10 Euros.**

- **Friday 7th December – Drum Parish Church’s Annual Carol Service at 8pm.**

- **Friday 7th December – Magheracross Parish Christmas Fair in the Archdale Hall, Ballinalimnal following the switch on of the Christmas lights in the village. Christmas draw for gifts donated by local businesses and parishioners.**

- **Saturday 8th December – Christmas Fair Church Sale organised by Clogher Parish in the Creighton Hotel Ballinamore, Clones on Saturday, 8th December from 10am - 12.30pm.**

- **Saturday 8th December – Christmas Carol Concert in Clogh Hall at 8pm with Rebecca Burns, the Muckno Singers and David Linton as Compere. Tickets £10. Everyone welcome.**

- **Saturday 8th December – Craft Fair in Aghavea Parish Hall. Tables available at £20.**

- **Saturday 8th December – Outdoor Nativity in St Mark’s Parish, Augher starting at 5pm. There will be animals, children, mulled wine, shortbread, mince pies, Murley Silver Band and much more!**

- **Sunday 9th December – Annual Carol Service in Chirst Church, Aughnamullen at 3pm.**

- **Sunday 9th December – Annual Praise and Gift Service in Killievan Parish Church, Clones, Co Monaghan at 3.00pm.**

- **Sunday 9th December – Moncap Service in Magheracross Parish Church for those with learning difficulties and their families at 3pm. This service is held in association with Moncap and is open to all. Please come along and enjoy a wonderful celebration of Christmas not to mention the refreshments that will be served afterwards in the hall.**

- **Tuesday 11th December – Churches Forum Community Carol Service in Derrygonnelly Community Centre at 7.30pm involving local churches and children from local schools. Music will be led by schoolchildren and the choirs from local churches. Light refreshments after the service.**

- **Wednesday 12th December – Flower Arranging Demonstration by Elizabeth Allister in Chirst Church, Aughnamullen at 8pm.**

- **Thursday 13th December – Clogher Clerical Association AGM and Christmas Lunch begins with a Service of Holy Communion in St. Macartan’s Cathedral, Clogher, followed by AGM and Christmas Lunch in Conne House Hotel, Clogher.**


- **Saturday 15th December – Wreath Sale and Coffee Morning at Troyn Church Hall, Ballycassidy from 10.30am to 1pm.**

- **Saturday 19th December – Annual Christmas Sit Out by Archdeacon Brian Harper, Rector of Magheracross Parish and the Revd John Beacom, Minister of Ballinamallard Methodist Church from 8am - 8pm outside Magheracross Parish Church. This year the nominated charities are RNLI (E尼斯killen) and CLIC Sargent.**

- **Sunday 2nd December – Dedication of Holy Communion in St. Macartan’s Cathedral, Clogher. On the Sunday at 3pm on the Saturday and from 2pm to 5pm on the Sunday with a closing event at 5pm featuring Inverstown Community Choir. Donations to Priory Refurbishment Fund and RNLI.**

- **Sunday 9th December – Football Carol Service hosted by Ballinamallard FC at Ferney Park. Their game against Lame will be followed by the annual Carol Service in the stand accompanied by players, fans and musicians.**

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- **Wednesday 19th December – Christmas Carol Service in Ballybay Community Carol Service in Christ Church, Ballybay at 8pm with music by Dunganonn Brass Band, singing by Ballybay Community Choir and bell ringing by Campell Community Refreshments afterwards. Everyone welcome.**

- **Thursday 20th December – Christmas Carol Service in St Maeldoid’s Church, Castleblayney at 8pm. St. Mary’s Choir will take part. Refreshments to follow.**

- **Monday 31st December – New Year’s Eve Worship and Social in Colaghty Parish Hall from 8.30pm with worship at 9.30pm followed by the social and pipers at midnight.**

### January 2019
- **Friday 25th January – Maguirebridge and Denvrybruck Annual Dance in Maguirebridge Parish Hall with dancing from 9.30pm to Curtis Magee.**

- **Friday 25th January – Table Quiz for St. Mark’s Parish, Augher in the Carmichael Hall at 8pm. All welcome.**

### March 2019
- **Friday 8th March – Marching Bands Concert in Tempo Parish Church Hall.**

### June 2019
- **Sunday 16th June – 175th Anniversary Service in Colaghty Parish Church at 3.30pm.**

### October 2019
- **Monday 7th – Sunday 13th October 2019 – Colaghty Parish Mission**

### May 2020
- **Thursday 7th - Saturday 9th May 2020 – 2020 General Synod in Croke Park Meetings and Events Centre.**

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