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Revd Stephanie Woods, Rector of Lisbellaw and Coolbuck with Jean Hunter and Ann Orr as they prepare for the re-opening of Coolbuck Church near Topped Mountain on Easter Sunday. See Page 58.

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#WalkForFriends
Dear Friends,

The first thing I want to make sure to do in this letter is to thank all of you who sent cards, letters, emails and messages of sympathy on the death of my father, Jim. Thank you also to those who were able to attend his funeral in Mount Merrion Parish, Belfast on 22 February. My sister and brothers and I have derived a great deal of comfort (indeed have been overwhelmed) by your sympathy and your prayers. As I have said to many people, my father lived a long, quiet and contented life, and while we as a family will miss him very much, we have a great deal for which to be thankful. I hope to be able to acknowledge more formally the kindness of all who have been in touch since his death.

I had said in last month’s magazine that I would try to say something about Resurrection and the world around us this month. Last time I had written a bit about the decline of the Church across nearly all our traditions in the West and tried to outline how that had happened and the sort of world we are now living in and witnessing to.

If that picture was perhaps a little gloomy, now is the time to remind ourselves that, almost always in history, it is when the church appears to be at its weakest that new life bursts out. It may seem like an odd thing to say, but something has to be dead before it can be brought back to life.

Not surprisingly we usually concentrate on the personal aspects of resurrection. These are the terms which Jesus is recorded as having spoken in when he touched on the subject in the Gospels. They are the terms also with which we are often faced, usually in funeral services. Personal resurrection was a central feature of the message which the Apostles proclaimed throughout the Mediterranean world. The first sermons we have recorded in the Acts of the Apostles have the resurrection as a sort of climax. Oddly enough resurrection wasn’t necessarily always received as good news, for instance, resulting in the martyrdom of Stephen, following his sermon to the authorities in Jerusalem.

But the earliest writings we have in the New Testament (the letters of Paul) also witness to a wider view of resurrection. They imply that in the resurrection of Jesus Christ it was the whole cosmos that turned the corner from death to life. St Paul had a mammoth task on his hands. He had been brought up as a very strictly observant Jew, in fact as a Pharisee, keeping the law very accurately. He believed that his people had been privileged with a unique revelation of God including a close knowledge of how God wanted his people to live their lives. After his own experience of the Risen Lord on the road to Damascus everything changed.

Or perhaps more accurately, as we might say, all the data remained the same, but now had to be looked at in a different light; that is in light of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You have only to read any of Paul’s letters to see just how turbulent and tortuous that task proved to be. And one of the conclusions that Paul came to was that the resurrection had changed all material things for ever. The process of bringing that change to full effect was still going on, in that “the whole creation has been groaning as in childbirth until the present time” but now the proclamation of the Gospel to the ends of the earth was renewing that same creation.

Or to put it into words with which we are all even more familiar, a new heaven and a new earth is being born and we are the midwives. Children come to us a gift. However we all know that raising children will also involve struggle. And so it is with the gift of resurrection life which God has given as a gift to the whole created order. We could not have achieved it without Him. It’s maybe pushing it a little too far to say that it cannot come good without us, but there is a good deal of truth in that remark.

The Bible begins with a garden and ends with a city. Of course these are...
not intended to be literal pictures of what the life of the new creation will be. They are metaphors which are meant to work on our imaginations as much as our minds. The resurrection life of the age to come will be one of a huge and complex community, citizens from every people and nation, each working for the good of the other. A society of the truly human with every relationship rearranged so that like the person of God himself, none will be before the other, caring for the beauty and richness of the world around them so that all may enjoy their environment.

Isaiah 65:17-25

New Heavens and a New Earth

17 “Behold, I will create
new heavens and a new earth.
The former things will not be remembered,
or will they come to mind.
18 But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I will create,
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight
and its people a joy.
19 I will rejoice over Jerusalem
and take delight in my people;
the sound of weeping and of crying
will be heard in it no more.
20 “Never again will there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not live out his years;
the one who dies at a hundred
will be thought a mere youth;
he who fails to reach a hundred
will be considered accursed.
21 They will build houses and dwell in them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
22 No longer will they build houses and others live in them,
or plant and others eat.
For as the days of a tree,
so will be the days of my people;
my chosen ones will long enjoy
the work of their hands.
23 They will not toil in vain,
or bear children doomed to misfortune;
for they will be a people blessed by the LORD,
they and their descendants with them.
24 Before they call I will answer;
while they are still speaking I will hear.
25 The wolf and the lamb will feed together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
and dust will be the serpent’s food.
They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,”
says the LORD.

And in the meantime it is our vocation to work towards as close an approximation of that vision as we can under current circumstances so that (until the day when it is redundant) his will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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Services
Sunday 7th April
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Holy Communion
Clogh 10.45am Holy Communion
Drumsnatt 9.30am Holy Communion

Palm Sunday 14th April
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm All Age Service
Clogh 10.45am All Age Service
Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

Maundy Thursday 18th April
Aghadrumsee 8.00pm Holy Communion

Easter Sunday 21st April
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Holy Communion
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Drumsnatt 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th April
Aghadrumsee 12.05pm Morning Prayer
Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer
Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer

200th Anniversary
This is a very exciting time at St Mark’s Aghadrumsee as we prepare to celebrate our 200th birthday.

Aghadrumsee 200th Birthday Celebration Programme of Events
- 5th May 2019 at 3pm - Opening Service with Rt Revd J McDowell
- 8th & 9th June 2019 - Celebration Weekend – Barbecue games from years gone by. Special Service on Sunday at 3pm with Canon E Kille.
- 14th June 2019 Treasure Hunt
- 22nd & 24th September Harvest Weekend
- 30th October 2019 Musical Evening with Revd Dr Jean Mackarel.
- 6th December 2019 Christmas Concert with the Ferguson Family
- 22nd December 2019 Carols by Candlelight
- January 2020 Fun evening and curry night with Escape Socials
- February 2020 Beatle Drive
- 8th March 2020 at 3pm Favourite Hymns with Revd Olivia Downey.
- 10th May 2020 Picnic at Crom
- Ending Weekend 6th & 7th June Display of wedding dresses and christening gowns. Ending with dress up Sunday.

Service of Reflection
Once again we have been invited to join with the congregation of Drumady Methodist Church for a service of reflection on Good Friday 19th April at 7.30 pm.

Meetings for the month
- Clogh Mothers’ Union – Our annual visitor’s night takes place on Monday 1st April at 8.00pm when the guest speaker

PARISH NOTES

Mrs Elizabeth Egerton presenting a cheque for €300, part of the collection from the Clogh Carol Service and €50 from Clogh Mothers’ Union to Maeve Hackett from Monaghan Cancer Support Transport. Also pictured is Florence Graham from Clogh Mothers’ Union.

Geraldine Casey will be demonstrating her crafts. All are welcome.
- Young Ladies Group - Tuesday 9th April at 8.30pm.
- Clogh Bowling Club will finish for the season on Wednesday April 17th with a presentation of cheques to South East Fermanagh Foundation and the Air Ambulance. This will be followed by the winner of our internal singles competition, Tommy Nelson and runner-up, Cleone Egerton and in the Junior section winner, Cleone Egerton and runner-up Ashley Nelson receiving their awards.

Sympathy

Sympathy is also extended to Martin family on the death of Yvonne’s aunt, Violet Wiggins, Magheraveely.
Services

APRIL
Wednesday 3rd April
8.00pm Colebrooke, Lent Service
Sunday 7th April
10.45am Colebrooke, Holy Baptism with Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen, Holy Communion
Wednesday 10th April
8.00pm Colebrooke, Lent Service
Sunday 14th April
10.45am Colebrooke, Holy Week
12.15pm Cooneen, Holy Week
Wednesday 17th April
8.00pm Colebrooke, Holy Week
Thursday 18th April
8.00pm Cooneen, Maundy Thursday Last Supper
Friday 19th April
8.00pm Colebrooke, Good Friday
Sunday 21st April
11.00am Colebrooke, Easter Day Holy Communion
Sunday 28th April
11.00am Colebrooke, Morning Prayer
3.30pm Mullaghfad, Holy Communion
MAY
Tuesday 7th May
10.45am Colebrooke, Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen, Holy Communion
Sunday 12th May
11.00am Cooneen, Morning Prayer
3.00pm Colebrooke, Friends’ Service

Mullaghfad Services
28th April at 3.30pm Holy Communion
19th May at 3.30pm Friends’ Service

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

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group
The Group meet every Tuesday from 7pm-9.00pm for boys and girls aged 4-11 years. The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.
Squirrels (4 - 6 years)
Beavers (6 – 8 years)
Cubs (8 – 11 years)
Scouts (11 – 14 years)

SNATCH (Sunday Night At the Church Hall) Youth Ministry
Aghavea & Colebrooke
All young people of secondary school age welcome.

Bowling Club
Thursday Evenings at 7.45pm

Mothers’ Union
In February the MU members hosted one of the Diocesan MU events exploring the theme for 2019 ‘Listen, Observe and Act - In Step with God.’ They served a savoury tea to 51 MU members from six branches. Then the Diocesan President, Irene Boyd and Diocesan secretary, Liane Armstrong, welcomed everyone and introduced the programme for the evening.
The ladies and Revd Charles were divided into groups and began with a listening exercise in pairs. The feedback from this highlighted how difficult it was to listen attentively without interrupting the person speaking. After ‘Listening to each other,’ the next exercise was ‘Listening to God,’ where a Bible passage was explored. Three members of the Trustee Board presented a drama, ‘Feeding the Five Thousand,’ followed by the reading of this from scripture and then group discussion on what Jesus was saying then and now. The feedback from the scripture passage highlighted the need for commitment, leadership and time with God. Some of the challenges faced included finance, communication, busy lives and apathy.
The groups’ final discussion centred on ‘Success Stories’ where everyone shared some project or event from their branch which demonstrated the MU aim of ‘Christian Care For Families,’ and represented how we can ‘Act’ out our faith. One story from each group was shared with everyone present. In conclusion members wrote a comment on what they had learned and everyone shared refreshments before travelling home.
Pearl Mulligan, Emma Gould and Irene Boyd visited Mrs Violet O’Malley, an Indoor Member, who was celebrating her 90th birthday (See photo below). Her daughter Audrey and granddaughter Emma hosted a lovely tea party for the group. Many congratulations to Violet and Best Wishes for the year ahead from all members of Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers’ Union.
The next meeting planned is a meal in Clogher Courthouse on 4th April for members and friends.
Baptism
10th March, Isaac David, son of Russell and Wendy Fleming, Fivemiletown.

Deaths
8th March 2019, Audrey Matilda Percival, Brookeborough.

Sympathy
Audrey Percival was a faithful member of Aghavea Parish Church, and was a long-term Select Vestry member, having been a former Honorary Secretary. Originally from Stranorlar in Donegal, she trained as a nurse and midwife, serving in the Fermanagh district for many years. She lived with her brother-in-law, Leonard, at the Percival farm outside Brookeborough. Audrey died peacefully in her sleep, having been ill for a few months. Although she had no children of her own, Audrey was a much-loved aunt and great-aunt — and will be missed by all her friends in Aghavea. As a parish, we also wish to extend our prayers and sympathies to all those who have been bereaved during the last few months, and to those who celebrate anniversaries of loved ones at this time of year.

Upcoming Services
Sunday 7th April
Holy Communion
Sunday 14th April
Palm Sunday Morning Prayer
Sunday 14th April
Evening Prayer (Brooke Memorial Hall)
Sunday 21st April
Easter Sunday Dawn Service
Sunday 21st April
Easter Sunday Family Holy Communion
Sunday 28th April
Family Service

Lent Services
Our Lenten Services continue each Wednesday, when we will have a short worship service in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm.

Holy Week Services
We will be joining with Brookeborough Methodist Church as we mark Holy Week. Closer to the date, we will publish the details of each evening’s service. We will celebrate Easter Sunday with our usual Dawn Service followed by a cooked breakfast.

GFS
Our Girls’ Friendly Society continue on a Wednesday evening, at 6.30pm, and would welcome all young ladies from three years old up, and always have a lot of fun as they work together in their different activities each week. We will be hosting the Diocesan service in May and look forward to welcoming the GFS to our parish.

Bowls
The Bowls Club recently held their AGM, marking the end of the indoor bowls season for the club. The Rector congratulated the members on a successful season and wished them God’s blessings on the future seasons. The Bowls Club will start again in September and would love to welcome new members to the ranks.

Football
Our Football Club continues to meet each Thursday evening from 9pm - 10pm at the pitches in Maguiresbridge. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in or spectate - as you wish! Ask the rector for further details, or turn up on a Thursday evening and join in.

St Patrick’s Weekend
We marked St Patrick’s weekend with a special Stew Night on Saturday 16th March. This was a fantastic family occasion, with music from the excellent Strule River String band, and of course, lots of stew and goodies to eat! We would like to thank all those who came along, and especially thank the members of the parish who cooked, served and helped out. We look forward to a repeat event next year!

Auction
Our Parish Auction was originally planned for Saturday 6th April, but we have been forced to postpone the event until September.

Renovations
The renovation work is progressing to plan. Any recent visitors to the church would have noticed that the roof has been stripped, and there’s plenty of activity about the site. The plaster on the walls has been removed, and the first layer of lime render has been applied. Our monthly newsletter will keep us all better informed.
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Youth Club
The Youth Club met on the 2nd March and will meet on March 23rd and will have its final meeting on April 6th until the Autumn. The 6th April event will be a special cinema night with lots of treats and delicious food. Ballybay Church Hall is the venue for the Youth Club and it begins at 6pm. Everyone very welcome!

Ballybay
Commissioning of William Graham
William Graham will be commissioned Parish Reader by the Bishop of Clogher on Sunday 7th April at 4pm in Christ Church. William underwent training with the Chancellor of the Diocese, David Skuce over a period of weeks. We wish him every blessing as he carries out God's work leading services in Ballybay Parish. Refreshments will be provided in the Church Hall afterwards.

Repair Work
Christ Church will repair the Church avenue which has decayed a lot in recent years. The work will be carried out by Watterson’s Contractors. The restored avenue will very much complement the restoration works which took place on the Church. However the work on the avenue will also cost a significant amount of money, over 10,000 euros. We are continuing to appeal for people’s financial help towards the cost of this significant work. If you would like to contribute financially, Please contact Joseph Crawford or Astrid Moffett.

Good Friday All Age Service
There will be an all age service on Good Friday 19th April at 11am in Ballybay Church Hall. It will take the usual format of making the Easter Garden out of stones, peat moss, flowers etc. Hot cross buns and tea/coffee etc. Every very welcome!

Ballybay Easter Vestry
– Tuesday the 2nd April at 8pm in the Church.

Illness
We continue to pray for Jean Moffett.

Clontibret News
Congratulations
Warmest congratulations to Mrs Christine Dickson on the birth of a great granddaughter Nola Jane Barry and a grandson Elliott Dickson. We wish both families God’s Richest Blessings as they start this new chapter in their lives.

Best wishes
We send best wishes to Kenny Graham for a speedy recovery after a short stay in hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who are unwell at this time. We remember Jim and Robert Graham and send them warmest wishes.

Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander Service
Despite the weather forecast three brave (or foolish) members of the congregation made their way to St Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen to view the display of memorabilia on the life of Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander and to hear her story narrated by Mrs Eva Baxter. We enjoyed the special music by Glenn Moore and the singing of those beautiful hymns by the Cathedral Choir and the Diocesan GFS. After the service we enjoyed the hospitality and fellowship. The iournv home was quite treacherous with the heavy snow but thankfully we arrived home safely.

Last meeting
The Rector chaired his last Board of Management for Clontibret Primary School on 11th March. He would like to thank everyone who serves on the Board of Management, particularly David Johns and Alan Tate who represent the parish. This is very important work on behalf of the parish and for the Clontibret community. He would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Julie Crawford, the Principal, who puts in so much effort, enthusiasm and professionalism into her role and he would like to thank her for all her support to him during his time as Chairperson. Thanks also goes to Mrs Joy Gilmour and Mrs Amanda Johnston who were a delight to work with.

There will be a Holy Communion Service during Holy Week on Thursday the 18th April at 8pm in Clontibret Parish Church.

Muckno
June Friends’ Service
We are very much looking forward to Sunday 9th June at 3.30pm for our Annual Reunion Service. Archdeacon Craig McCauley is the special preacher for this special occasion. The organist will be Miss Charlotte Adair. Refreshments will served after the service and everyone is very welcome!

Muckno Easter Vestry
– Wednesday the 3rd April 2019 at 8pm in the Church Hall.

We continue to pray for all those ill at this time.
Saying a prayer everyday throughout Lent. Many parishioners took on the challenge of the Lent Prayer Challenge.

The Lent Course 2019

Our Lent studies continue in April as we watch the movie “The Theory of Everything” on Thursday 4th April and then the following Thursday, 11th April, we will have a Bible Study based on aspects arising from the movie.

Again we are grateful to Lorna and Carl Moy for their hospitality in offering the use of their home each week for our studies.

Services

Wednesday 3rd April
Holy Communion St Finbarr’s 10.30am
Sunday 7th April
Morning Prayer St Finbarr’s 10.30am
Morning Prayer Magheracloone 12noon
Wednesday 10th April
Holy Communion St Finbarr’s 10.30am
Sunday 14th April
Holy Communion St Finbarr’s 10.30am
Holy Communion Magheracloone 12noon
Morning Prayer Ardragh 1.15pm
Tuesday 16th April
Holy Week Service – “Betrayed” Paper, Pizza and Praise - in the Jackson Hall 7pm

Wednesday 17th April
Holy Week Service – “Condemned” Magheracloone 8.00pm
Thursday 18th April
Holy Week Service – “Denied” Agape Meal St Finbarr’s 7.30pm

Good Friday 19th April
“An Hour at the Cross” – St Finbarr’s 12noon “At the Foot of the Cross” - Ardragh 8.00 pm

Easter Sunday 21st April
Dawn Service – God’s Acre Cemetery 6.00 am (followed by breakfast)
“Rolled Away” Family service with Holy Communion – St Finbarr’s 10.30 am
“Rolled Away” Family service with Holy Communion – Magheracloone 12noon
Wednesday 24th April
NO Holy Communion
Sunday 28th April
Service of the Word St Finbarr’s 10.30am
Service of the Word Magheracloone 12noon
Service of the Word Ardragh 11.15pm

Lent Prayer Challenge

Throughout Lent this year Revd Colin and many parishioners took on the challenge of saying a prayer everyday throughout Lent. The prayer was adopted from a prayer by the Methodist Church and focuses upon our own faith and the growth of our church.

Loving God, help me to focus on Jesus’ journey to the Cross, bowing my life in awe before you. Stir my heart with longing for Your Kingdom, make me restless for Your ways.

When I am tired, where the future looks uncertain and I don’t know what to do, may your Holy Spirit breathe life and hope. Sweep away anything in me that does not speak of You.

Set my heart on fire with Your love and joy. Open my eyes that I might see Your vision for Your church and for this community. Bless our church; give us courage and boldness as we walk with You. Help our church to grow in faith, love, unity and number.

Bless our community and all who live, work and play here.

We celebrate the wonder of your love which can touch lives across this land.

May this love make me see you afresh and turn my life upside down.

Inspire me to share that love with others.

Amen

Holy Week And Easter 2019

Holy Week offers us the opportunity to journey with Jesus on that final week before the cross and is a special time of reflection and growing in our faith. This year the theme for our Holy Week Services is “Condemned, denied, betrayed.”

On Tuesday evening we meet in the Jackson Hall at 7pm for a special all age service “Paper, Pizza and Praise.” The service will combine crafts with worship as well as enjoying pizza together and the theme will be “betrayed.” This will be a more informal style of worship suitable for all ages and we would particularly like you to invite families along to this service.

On Wednesday evening we move to Magheracloone for a service at 8pm when our theme will be “Condemned.”

On Thursday evening we will meet around tables in St Finbarr’s church to share and ‘Agape Meal’ that will include the sharing of the Eucharist. The soup, bread and cheese will be served from 7pm.

On Good Friday our focus turns to the cross with two services. Firstly, in St Finbarr’s at 12 noon we will have “an hour at the cross.” On Good Friday evening we meet in Ardragh at 8pm when our theme will be “at the foot of the cross.”

The focus changes on Easter Sunday from reflection to that of celebration. Our Dawn Chorus Service meets in God’s Acre Cemetery at 6am followed by breakfast at the Rectory. In St Finbarr’s at 10.30am and Magheracloone at 12noon our services will be Family Services with Holy Communion and our theme will be “rolled away.”

Bowls

The bowling club’s season ended as normal with the playing out of the in-house Merrin Cup competition. Following a couple of evenings of competitive bowling it was wonderful to see Irene Merrin lift the Cup for the first ever time. The Merrin Cup was first played for 11 years ago when Irene donated the trophy so everyone in the club was delighted when Irene was announced this year’s winner.

Youth Group

Our Youth Group continue to study through the “Live to Give” resource produced by the Church of Ireland Youth Department. “Live to Give” introduces young people to the Biblical principles of generosity and giving and is helping our youth group to think about how generous they are with what they have. Before our study each month we always enjoy some fun and unusual games. We were delighted to be have two new faces join us for our February meeting when we enjoyed an evening of traditional games from noughts and crosses and Jenga, all of course with a twist from the norm.

We have no meeting in April but are encouraging all of our young people to attend our Holy Week Paper, Pizza and Praise Service.
Jewels Women’s Group
The final Jewels of this season comprised of a service in St Finbarr’s led by Revd Colin followed by a meal in a local Italian restaurant. The service looked at the important role women play in the Bible and how they can be a great inspiration in passing on their faith. It was another great night as the ladies came together to enjoy each other’s company as well as grow in their faith.

Thank you to Caroline Merrin for all her organising throughout the year and we look forward to another varied programme in the autumn.

Malawi 2019
The Malawi team were delighted to receive encouragement and financial support from the Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission ahead of our mission to Malawi in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. The team also received a very generous donation from the Carrickmacross Lions Club.

The mission trip has received great support from the community in Carrickmacross and we look forward to sharing our experience with them on our return. The team will head to Belfast for a Commissioning Service with Habitat for Humanity on the 6th April. The commissioning event will give us the opportunity to meet up with others who are heading out with teams across Europe and Africa this year.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin

Rector:
The Revd Canon Geoffrey Bridle

Services
Sunday 7th April
10:00 a.m. M.P. Mullaghduin
11:30 a.m. M.P. Cleenish

Wednesday 10th April
10.00 a.m. Monthly H.C. Mullaghduin Hall

Sunday 14th April
10:00 a.m. M.P. Mullaghduin
11:30 a.m. M.P. & Holy Baptism, Cleenish

Thursday 18th April, Maundy Thursday
08:00 p.m. H.C. Mullaghduin

Friday 19th April, Good Friday
08:00 p.m. E.P. Cleenish

Saturday 20th April, M.U., Coffee Morning and Cake Sale

Sunday 21st April, Easter Sunday
06:00 a.m. Sunrise Service, Cleenish Centre
08:00 a.m. H.C. Cleenish
09:30 a.m. H.C. Mullaghduin
11:00 a.m. H.C. Cleenish

Sunday 28th April
10:00 a.m. M.P. Mullaghduin
11:30 a.m. M.P. Cleenish

Sunday 5th May
10:00 a.m. H.C. Mullaghduin
11:30 a.m. H.C. Cleenish

Please note:- Services may change from time to time, updates in Church Porch.

Dates for your Diary
■ Friday 19th April, Good Friday
■ Saturday 20th April, M.U., Coffee Morning and Cake Sale
■ Sunday 21st April, Easter Sunday
■ Monday 22nd April, Easter Monday, Mullaghby Flute Band Concert

Monthly Healing Service
On a cold Ash Wednesday morning, a small group of parishioners met in the Committee Room of Mullaghduin Parish Hall. Canon Bridle handed everyone present a small booklet and then proceeded to hold a short but dignified Holy Communion Service. After administering the wine, May Kells left for the kitchen and returned with cups of tea, as many biscuits and bars of chocolate, as would feed a normal Church congregation. The short Service was unique and different.
The photograph on the wall behind the Group depicts the Church in Tubbercurry, Co Sligo, where Canon Geoff and Rosita were married. The next monthly Healing Service takes place on Wednesday 10th April.

**Cleenish & Mullaghdun Mothers’ Union**

Members acknowledged and supported the annual Fairtrade Fortnight from 25th February to 10th March using Fairtrade tea, coffee and biscuits where possible. The Diocesan Quiet Day held in Cleenish Parish Church and Hall on Saturday 9th March provided a good opportunity to do so, as tea and coffee was served twice throughout the event. The Quiet Day based on the 2019 Theme: “Listen, observe, act-in step with God” started at 10am in the Parish Church, where 48 members including guest speakers, Mrs Heather Forster and Archdeacon Andrew Forster, received communion from Canon Geoffrey Bridle, assisted by Revd Charles Eames, Mothers’ Union Diocesan Chaplain. Organist Mrs Joan Brownlee provided the music and hymns sung included My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness. The event also was a great opportunity for members throughout the Diocese to view the “Souls of our Shoes” exhibition and resources. The shoes in the exhibition were donated from all Dioceses in Ireland, and speak on behalf of abused individuals who suffer, and some who die at the hands of their partner. Other comments come from those who journey with them their reflections representing a faith perspective. An example of a comment written in the visitor’s book read; “a powerful insight into gender-based violence.”

At the next meeting on Tuesday 9th April in Cleenish Parish Hall at 8pm, a member on behalf of UWLTRUST will speak on the “Protection of Squirrels”. Note:- change of date. Everyone welcome. Members are also holding a Coffee Morning and Cake Sale in Cleenish Parish Hall, on Saturday 20th April at 10am to 12noon.

**Cleenish Parent & Toddler Group**

Toddlers, parents and grandparents continue to enjoy the opportunity to socialise, play and be creative through playdough, colouring and painting. Cards have been made throughout the term to acknowledge marked events such as Valentine Day, St Patrick’s Day and Mothering Sunday. Music provided by Rosita brings the Group to a close each time providing the toddlers the opportunity for singing and actions to the familiar nursery songs. The Group continues to run alongside school term times closing on Wednesday 9th April and resuming on Wednesday 30th April following the Easter break.

**Cleenish Brownies**

Brownies are now concentrating on badge work and will soon be breaking up for the Easter Holidays.

**Cleenish Parish Annual Supper Dance**

At time of writing a total of approximately £3800 was raised at the above event, held on Friday 8th February.

**Canon Henry Blair**

Parishioners in Mullaghduin wish Canon Henry Blair, his wife Helen, and his immediate family, God’s Blessing as a result of his recent move to the Parishes of Tullanisken & Clonoe, Diocese of Armagh.

**New Zealand Tragedy**

A limited number from both Parishes in Cleenish and Mullaghduin have close relatives living in New Zealand. However at time of writing it appears none are affected by this terrible shooting. We pray and remember those unknown to us who are deeply affected by the many who were killed, and all who suffered serious and minor injuries.

**Sympathy**

**Eileen Nixon**

Mullaghduin Parish sympathise with the family circle of the late Eileen Nixon, who died in New Zealand on Wednesday 8th August 2018. Eileen was the eldest child of the late George and Caroline Nixon of Letterbreen Post Office, and sister to Ann, Barbara and Neville. In accordance with her wishes, her son, Stewart and daughter, Nina brought her ashes “home” to Mullaghduin, to be buried alongside her parents.

**Jim McDowell**

Both Parishes send their deepest sympathy to Bishop John, on the death of his father Jim, Knock Eden Parade, Belfast, who passed away on Tuesday 19th February.

**Sarah Clements**

Both Parishes send their deepest sympathy to Select Vestry Members, Ossie Clements, Cleenish Parish, and Jim Clements, Mullaghduin Parish, on the death of their mother Sarah Jane, Monienbawn, Derrylester, who passed away on Monday 26th February.

**Eileen Brown**

Sympathy is extended from Mullaghduin Parish to the family circle of the late Eileen Mary Brown nee Lucy, who died at her residence at Aughrim, Whitehill, Springfield, on Tuesday 27th February. Eileen was born at Moybane and together with her late sisters, Noelie and Anna, was a member of Mullaghduin Choir prior to the marriage to her late husband, Gerald, in Mullaghduin Church, on 9th June, 1958.

**Launch of Cardiac Defibrillator**

On a very wet Saturday morning on 2nd March, a Cardiac Defibrillator was launched.
Fundraising Weekend for Cathedral Heating System

On the weekend of 9th and 10th March, St. Macartan’s Cathedral launched the first of its fundraising events to aid essential maintenance projects, the first of which is to replace the entire heating in the Cathedral. The weekend was a great success and the Rector and parishioners wish to thank all who gave their support and attended the weekend events.

On Saturday 9th March the Parish Auction had a vast array of goods including turf, firewood, cakes, bicycles and much more. On Sunday 10th March our beautiful historic Cathedral rang out with praise and worship from choirs, organists, worship bands and soloists. We were blessed to have among those dropping in during the day our local Methodist Minister Revd. Janet Rossall and our Presbyterian colleague, Revd. Edwin Frazer. An interactive opportunity for prayer was available in the baptistery in the form of a prayer tree where visitors were encouraged to write a prayer of thanksgiving on a tag and tie it onto a branch of a little tree.

Tea and coffee were served to all throughout the day. Once again the Rector and parishioners wish to express their sincere thanks to all who came and gave of their time and talents so freely – thank you all.

During the afternoon Mr Jack Johnston led a very informative tour of the adjoining graveyard giving focus to the graves of soldiers from six different wars. Despite inclement weather the tour was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all those who participated.

Praise Service

The day culminated in a ‘Service of Praise’ with guest preacher, Revd. Stephen McElhinney, who is the Director of Mission at S.A.M.S Ireland and Father Noel McGahan, Parish Priest in attendance. It was a wonderful uplifting service with Revd. Stephen reminding the congregation of the importance of praising God, and just as Paul and Silas in prison how praising...
God can bring light and hope into even the darkest of situations. Young voices brought a special sparkle to the service when the combined choirs of St. Macartan’s Primary School Clogher, Augher Central Primary School and Carrntall Primary School joined to sing ‘Our God is a Great Big God.’ The organist was Mrs Diane Simpson with pianist Mr Matthew Anderson. The readings and intercessions were led by members of the congregation; Mrs Heather McKeown, Robert McLaren, Joanne Clingen, Adam Robinson and Tori Robson. The Rector while standing at the front of the church on what is believed to be the site of Macartan’s original 5th Century monastery acknowledged the great legacy we stand upon through the faithfulness of those who through the centuries have worshipped and witnessed to Almighty God in this place. However, the Rector went on to point the congregation to the future and to now look towards all that God desires and will do with ‘His church’ in the Cathedral, drawing upon Jesus’ words from Luke 19:40 when Jesus said ‘if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.’ The Rector urged the congregation; ‘Let us not give any stone in the Clogher Valley any reason to cry out praise to God, may we be a people of praise.’

Lenten Services
Wednesday 3rd April
8pm St. Mark’s Newtownsaville
Wednesday 10th April
8pm St. Mary’s Errigal Portclare
Wednesday 17th April
8pm St. Mark’s Augher
Maundy Thursday 18th April
8pm St. Mark’s Newtownsaville
Good Friday 19th April
8pm St. Macartan’s Cathedral Clogher

Knit, Stitch & Natter Dates
Thursday 11th April 10.30am – 12noon – Easter Meeting at the Rectory.

Coffee Morning
Please Keep Free!
On Saturday 6th April St. Mark’s Newtownsaville are holding a coffee morning in Eskra Community Centre towards Church funds between 10am – 1pm. Everyone welcome. All proceeds towards St. Mark’s Newtownsaville Parish Funds.

St Mark’s Augher Youth Club
Tuesday Junior youth Club (pre-school – P4) 6.30-7.30pm
Wednesday Senior Youth Club (P5 – 2nd Year) 6.30-7.30pm

Ablaze Youth Fellowship
Ablaze is a fun, friendly and safe space for any young person of secondary school age to meet other young people, enjoy food, take part in games and activities and explore faith.

March Programme
■ Sunday 7th April: Carmichael Hall. 7-8.30pm.
■ Sunday 14th April: Carmichael Hall. 7-8.30pm.

Ladies Retreat Weekend
At the beginning of March ladies from the Cathedral group of parishes joined with ladies from Lisbellaw Methodist Church and Derrygonnelly Methodist Churches for a weekend retreat in Newcastle, County Down. Roz Sterling from Cleopas Ministries was the main speaker with contributions from Revd. Mandy and Revd.

Mrs Pat Scott and Mrs Heather Gervis enjoying the flower arranging on the retreat.

Cathedral Group ladies with their creations!

A photo of the joint ladies groups at the Glenada Conference

Cathedral Group ladies with their creations!
a bible reading and prayers. Mr Rodney Connor from the Air Ambulance N.I. then gave a very engaging talk. He explained how it took four minutes from the service received a call until the helicopter takes to the air. Since it is a H.E.M.S. helicopter there are three people on board; a doctor, a paramedic and the pilot. 15 doctors volunteer two days every three weeks. The paramedics are specially trained with the Air Ambulance Service. The Department of Health provide funds for doctors and medicines. There are two helicopters based in Northern Ireland with the main depot at the Maze and another at St. Angelo’s Airport Enniskillen. The medics travel with the patient to the nearest hospital and hand them over to waiting staff.

£2m is required each year to operate the helicopter which is raised through donations, charity events etc. Afterwards Charlene Giles thanked Rodney for his informative talk. A short meeting followed after a delicious supper served by Lynn McLaren and Sylvia McClung. The January minutes were read and signed. Members were informed about invitations to Aughentaine P.W. and Carntall P.W. Numbers were taken for the Quiet Day in Cleenish Church on 9th March. The meeting closed with the Grace. The April meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th March following the Lenten Service.

Christian Burial
Julia Mitchell, 13th March 2019, St. Mark’s Newtownsaville.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss

Services
April 7th
Killeevan 11.00am: Joint Group Service of Confirmation with Holy Communion (led by Bishop John McDowell)

April 14th
Currin 11.00am: Joint Group Service of Holy Communion for Palm Sunday (we meet at the Rectory by 10.50 for a procession to church, with a ‘guest appearance’ by a donkey from the Rusk’s farm)

April 19th
Clones 8.00pm: Joint Group Service of Reflection for Good Friday

April 21st
Clones 11.00am: Joint Group Service of Holy Communion for Easter Sunday

April 28th
Currin 10.00am: Morning Prayer
Killeevan 11.30pm: Morning Prayer

May 5th
Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion
Newbliss 11.30am: Holy Communion

St. Tighernagh’s Day Celebration – 4 April 2019
The Parish of St. Tighernagh and the people of Clones, along with the wider community, celebrated “The Clones Saint”. This was their second annual event to remember the saint who made such a contribution to Christianity in this area. The celebration took place on 4 April 2019 at 7.30pm, which is St. Tighernagh’s Day. This was an ecumenical service which at the time of going to Press was being attended by our own Bishop John McDowell as well as by the new Roman Catholic Bishop of Clogher, Larry Duffy, and his retired predecessor, Joseph Duffy, who only recently launched his new book on St. Tighernagh. Music in church was accompanied by a Silver Band, and the newly formed Different Keys Clones Community Choir will also take part. The service was followed by a procession to the round tower graveyard, after which refreshments were served in the Cassandra Hand Centre.

Killeevan Sale of Work
The annual Sale of Work will take place in the parish hall of St. Laebhan’s, Killeevan, from 3.00pm until 5.00pm on Saturday 13 April. All are warmly welcome to this ever popular event.

Confirmation
Please continue to pray for our confirmation candidates – Ellie Lancashire (Drum), Hannah Keating, James Keating, Kacey Irwin, and Michael Cleary – as they prepare for this important milestone in their journey of faith. The confirmation service will take place on 7 April 2019 at 11.00am in Killeevan Church, and will be followed by festive refreshments in the parish hall.

Birth
Many congratulations to Etta and Roy Crowe on the birth of their latest grandchild, Emma.

Marriage
Please pray for Peter and Julie Brophy as they begin married life together after their wedding in Clones Church on Saturday 23 March 2019.
Illness
We remember in our prayers all who are in hospital or recovering at the moment, especially Myrtle Allen, Florrie Faulkner, and Christine Rusk. We also remember those undergoing a time of change, especially Sadie Hall as she settles down to life in the Sacred Heart Nursing Home, Clones.

Condolences
We offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of John McCollum, whose funeral was held in St. Laebhan’s Church, Killeevan, on 18 February.

Parish Trip to the Dáil in Dublin
On Wednesday 13 March, we had a parish excursion by coach to Dublin. Thirty parishioners and friends from across our whole Group came along, and we set off shortly after 9.00am with everyone in excellent cheer.

We arrived in Dublin just in time for our first ‘appointment’, which was a guided tour of the Masonic Hall. Few of us had any idea of what we might expect, but it was a fascinating experience. Our guide, Barry was informative and engaging, and he took pleasure in showing us four fascinating rooms: an opulent meeting hall with a black and white chequered carpet to symbolise the constant battle we all have between ‘darkness and light’ in our lives; an Egyptian-themed room with a hidden trap door; a chapel fit for the Knights Templar of old; and a princely gallery for the ‘Knights of the Pelican and the Eagle’.

Our next port of call was to the nearby Dáil, where we first enjoyed an absolutely superb roast beef dinner in the members’ dining room. Suitably fortified, we were met by an usher who gave us lots of interesting information about the history of the parliament building and the work that goes on there today. We also had the opportunity to observe Irish democracy in action.

First we visited the Dáil (Lower House), where there was an engrossing and topical debate in progress about the cost of insurance. Next we went to the Seanad (Upper House), where the senators were in the process of discussing one of the hottest topics of the moment – Brexit! It was all absolutely fascinating, and our special thanks go to our local TD, Heather Humphreys (Minister for Business, Enterprise & Innovation) for inviting us.

The day concluded with free time. Some went shopping, some enjoyed a well-deserved cup of tea, and others went to the National Gallery to admire the wonderful paintings on display there. Then back home we came – with a wonderful and relaxing day having been enjoyed by all!

Services
APRIL
7th Holy Communion 11.30am
7th Evening praise 7.00pm
14th Family service 11.30am
18th Maundy Thursday 8.00pm
19th Good Friday 8.00pm
21st Easter Holy Communion 11.30am
28th Morning Prayer 11.30am

MAY
5th Holy Communion 11.30am
12th Family Service 11.30am
19th Morning Prayer 11.30am
26th Morning Prayer 11.30am

Easter, is almost upon us, and as we call to mind the written accounts of Jesus’ last moments leading to His crucifixion, we don’t meet as those without hope. The resurrection of Jesus, his victory over sin and death, his ascension gives us renewed hope to meet the future in that for all who believe and trust in Him as Lord and Saviour, hope of eternal life.

Bowling Club
Sincere apologies for the misprint, singles winner was Jason Kilfedder, not Alan Curtis.

Young@Heart
Members continue to enjoy club meetings and activities with some shortly finishing the fitness activity course. Other activities are in the planning stage, as members look ahead following advice and directions from last month’s speaker on what programmes can...
Women’s Fellowship
The Women’s Fellowship ‘Open Night’ welcomed Adele Finlay as guest speaker along with visitors from the neighbouring women’s groups. It was a delightful evening as Adele shared with those present, her insights and passion for childcare and of passing on the message of salvation to the next generation. Also on the night there was a ‘Bring and Buy sale’. A wonderful supper was served to all present, and our sincere thanks to those who provided, prepared and served it at the close of the night.

Health and Wellbeing
A number of our young people with their leaders attended the Health and Wellbeing night in Tubrid parish Church Hall, organised by Kesh Rural Deanery with Revd Charlie Eames taking the lead and hosting the event. Conor McCafferty from the charity ‘Zest’ was the speaker and related well with the young people on the pressures facing them in today’s world and of the measures they can take to guard against them. Our thanks to all involved for arranging the event, and for the support given to our young people within our parishes and wider community.

Leaders Training Night
We were delighted to welcome Jonny Phenix to a meeting of leaders, volunteers and prospective leaders for the future to an evening, looking at the challenges of leading groups, the diverse nature and age ranges within those groups. Jonny gave a very informative talk and those present engaged in a discussion around things that for them were important and were encouraged by the outcome of the meeting and its content. We acknowledge support from CDYC by way of a grant towards the night and for suitable resources best suited to needs of the various groups led by those present.

CE and Youth group
We were pleased to welcome Naomi Fox to the youth groups for two nights in March, when she engaged with the CE and youth group with a range of games, and relevant talks. We extend our thanks to those who organised the nights, and for the attentiveness of the children and young people.

Evening service
We are humbled to have with us, Sammy Heenan from Rathfriland for a service of worship on Sunday 7th April 2019 at 7.00pm. Sammy will share with us some of his ‘lived experiences’ with being orphaned as a small boy, when terrorists murdered his father and of God’s grace and mercy at work in his life, as he shares his testimony at this service. Please plan to come along and encourage your family and friends as well, light refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Easter General Vestry
The Easter General Vestry meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th April 2019 at 8.00pm in the parish hall. Every member of the parish is welcome to come along for the presentation of church accounts, and take part in the election of Select Vestry for 2019/20. We would extend our thanks to all who serve on the Select Vestry and other roles within the church family, much of which goes unseen.
Parish Auction
Our Parish Auction this year is to be held on Saturday 4th May 2019 with its usual array of items, on offer with the ever-popular cake sale and other culinary delights throughout the day. Please bring any items for sale to the parish hall on the Thursday evening from 7.30 – 9pm or on the Friday from noon – 9pm. viewing from 11am on Saturday, with auction commencing at 12 noon.

175th Anniversary Service
A service of thanksgiving will take place on Sunday 16th June 2019, 3.30pm when Bishop John will be present. A wonderful opportunity to give thanks to Almighty God for His faithfulness and for those who have prepared, sown and watered the seeds of the good news of the Gospel of Christ. It is hoped that previous incumbents will be present together with those who have ministered within the parish together with past and present members of the church family. More details nearer the date.

Diary Dates
■ 27th July 2019 Parish Barbecue
■ 7th – 13th October 2019 Parish Mission

Dates and times of church groups and activities
■ Women’s Fellowship 2nd Monday at 8.00pm
■ Stitch and Chat Tuesdays at 7.30pm
■ Young@Heart 3rd Wednesday at 10.30am

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Services
Wed 10th April
7.30pm Derryvullen North Lenten Service, Night Prayer
Sun 14th April
10.30am Derryvullen North The Palm

Sunday Liturgy
11.45am Castle Archdale The Palm Sunday Liturgy
Wed 17th April
7.30pm Derryvullen North Holy Week Service, Night Prayer
Thurs 18th April
7.30pm Castle Archdale Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion 1 of the Last Supper
Fri 19th April 7.30pm Derryvullen North Good Friday Liturgy
Sun 21st April
10.15am Castle Archdale Easter Day, Holy Communion 2
11.30am Derryvullen North Easter Day, Holy Communion 2
Sun 28th April
10.15am Castle Archdale Morning Prayer
11.30am Derryvullen North Morning Prayer
Sun 5th May
10.15am Castle Archdale Holy Communion 1
11.30am Derryvullen North Holy Communion 1

Dates for the diary
■ Sat 13th April 8pm - Seven Towers Male Voice Choir Concert in Derryvullen North Hall
■ Mon 29th April 7.30pm - Derryvullen North. General Easter Vestry
■ Tue 30th April 7.30pm - Castle Archdale. General Easter Vestry

Boys’ Brigade
We congratulate the Boys of the Company Section on coming Third in the West Ulster Battalion Scripture Exam. In this as in all their activities, they are a credit to their parents, company and church. By the time of publication the company will have held the Annual Display Evening (22nd March) and there will be a full report of this in the next edition of the magazine.

Male Voice Choir Concert
We are pleased to welcome the Seven Towers Male Voice Choir from Ballymena to Derryvullen North Hall on Saturday 13th April at 8.00pm. The Choir have an annual end of season outing to Irvinestown that weekend and as part of it have offered to perform at a concert in the Church Hall.
Tickets are £10 (under 18s free) and are available from Klass or Coalters as well as from Churchwardens or Vestry Members. The Seven Towers Male Voice Choir sings a wide range of secular and sacred music, both classical and modern. The concerts raise funds for national charities and also support smaller local ventures. The Choir has performed to audiences in Ireland, Great Britain, Germany and Canada.

**Mothers’ Union**
The February Meeting was cancelled as a mark of respect on the death of Mrs Maud Aiken, one of the Indoor Members. The March Meeting will have taken place by the time of publication and the speaker on that occasion will be the Rector. The April Meeting on 24th April will be the annual Visitors Evening and there will be a speaker from the Air Ambulance Team. We are grateful to Mrs Margaret Beacom for all her work in support of the Leprosy Mission and as the Overseas Representative for the Branch in the past and going forwards Mrs Joan Kells has agreed to take on those roles.

One of the Members, Mrs Kathleen Jeavons, reached her 90th birthday on 5th March having joined the MU in St Columba’s Branch in 1955, then Cappagh Branch in 1965 and finally the Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale Branch in 1997 – a total of 64 years service to date! She still attends worship in Castle Archdale each Sunday accompanied by her husband and also attends MU Meetings as often as she can. She was visited on her birthday by Branch Members, Dr Margaret Knox, Margaret Humes and Violet Duncan.

**Tuesday Club**
The Speaker for the March Meeting was Mrs Sandra Ross from the Mustard Seed Centre in Donegal Town. The Mustard Seed Centre consists of a tearoom, prayer space and bookstall – started and organised by the Church of Ireland. It is a special place of peace and space away from your busy day where people can relax and feel at home. The community tearoom is warm and cozy where you can relax by an open fire while enjoying a cuppa with delicious home baking. There is no price list just an honesty box where people choose how much to pay. It is a non-profit organisation where all the proceeds made here are split between the running costs of the building and local charities. The meeting in April (Tuesday 9th April) will be a celebration of Holy Communion.

**Women’s Group**
By the time of publication the members will have hosted the Fashion Show with clothes from Klass and Tom Read’s and there will be a full report in the next month’s edition.

**Irvinestown Orange Community Group**
The Irvinestown Orange Community Group hosted a very successful Sam Cree Play in Derryvullen North Parish Hall on Saturday 9th March. This was performed by Rathfriland Young Farmers and a full hall of people had a very enjoyable evening. This was the second year that such a production has been put on by Rathfriland Young Farmers in the Parish Hall and we look forward to more to come. Well done to all the organisers.

**Faith and Friendship**
The March Meeting of the inter-Church fellowship met in Mahon’s Hotel on 12th March with people attending from the Church of Ireland, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches. The Bible passage being looked at this month was Luke 19:41-44 - Jesus Weeps over Jerusalem, reminding, comforting and assuring us of the total protection, love and mercy of God who still looks out upon a wayward and also still loved creation.

**Holy Baptism**
- Bertie Gary Hetherington, 17th February (Derryvullen North)
- Archie Raymond Beacom, 17th February (Derryvullen North)
- Myla Jane Gibson, 24th February (Castle Archdale)
- Andy William McKenzie, 10th March (Castle Archdale)

**Christian Burial**
- Georgina Armstrong, 19th February (Derryvullen North)
- Maud Aiken, 2nd March (Derryvullen North)
Vacant; Non-stipendiary Minister: The Revd Betty Thompson

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Services

Sunday 7th April, The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Garvary Parish Church 10.30am. A Celebration of Holy Communion
Derryvullen South Parish Church 12.00noon. A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 14th April, The Six Sunday in Lent
(Palm Sunday)
Derryvullen South Parish Church 10.30am Morning Prayer
Garvary Parish Church 12.00noon Morning

Sunday 21st April, EASTER DAY, The First Sunday of Easter
Garvary Parish Church 8.30am
A Celebration of Holy Communion

Hippity Hoppity Easter on the Way
Every Bunny is invited
To Join us for an Afternoon Tea Party

- Children’s Easter Craft Corner
- Face Painting
- Pin the tail on the Bunny
- Chocolate Fountain Bunny Tails
- Easter Bakes to Buy

Where: Garvary Parish Hall
When: Sunday 14th April 2019
Time: 2.30p.m. - 5.30 p.m.

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Services
Sunday 7th April
10.00am. Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church
11.30am. Holy Communion, Devenish Parish Church
7.30pm. Evening Service Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 14th April
10.00am. Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church
11.30am. Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church
7.30pm. Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 21st April
10.00am. Easter Service, H/C, Boho Parish Church
11.30am. Easter Service H/C, Devenish Parish Church
7.30pm. NO Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

Mothers’ Union
The next meeting will be held on 15th April in Garvary Parish Church Hall. The Theme is “Something from nothing”.

Garvary Bowling Tournament
The Bowling Tournament took place from Monday 25th February until Friday 1st March. Congratulations to the winners of the competition and to all who participated in the tournament. After the prizes were presented a delicious supper was enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to all who provided the supper and thanks to Hilda Lucy for organising this event.

Cash for Clobber
Thanks to Hilda Lucy for organising this event. The collection will take place on Tuesday 26th March at 11.00am. The proceeds will go to church funds. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Fundraising Event
Garvary Parish Church are holding an Afternoon Tea Party on Sunday 14th April from 2.30pm. – 5.30pm. The proceeds of this event will go to the Organ Fund. Visitors will be made very welcome and we look forward to an afternoon of food, fellowship and fun.

General Easter Vestry
Monday 29th April, in Derryvullen Parish Church Hall at 8.00pm

Sympathy
We offer our sympathy to Arlene Little on the death of her aunt, Violet Wiggins.

Prayers
Please remember in your prayers those who are sick at home and in hospital.

Mothers’ Union
On Tuesday 19th February 31 members and friends attended our annual dinner in the Killyhevlin Hotel. Following a lovely meal everyone took part in a beetle drive and quiz organised by Barbara and Melanie. Georgina, our Branch Leader, then presented Maggie with a lovely plant in celebration of her special birthday and after wishing Maggie many more wonderful years everyone joined in the singing of happy birthday. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Noreen Little to our meeting on Tuesday 16th April. Anyone who wishes to hear Noreen speak on her role as MU Action and Outreach Co-ordinator will be most welcome.

World Day of Prayer
The World Day of Prayer was held in Devenish Parish Church on Friday 1st March at 8.00pm. The service was put together by the women of Slovenia with the theme ‘Come Everything is Ready’ which included readings, music and prayers. The theme reflected the political and economic situation of Slovenia from the time it was a socialist communist state to the present day. We are grateful to our guest speaker Mrs Eileen Cutler, our organist Mrs Gillian Spence and all our readers. A lovely supper was served in the Reade hall after the service and we thank all the ladies who prepared and served it.

Mothers’ Union

Parish church
Sunday 28th April
10.00am. Morning Prayer, Boho Parish Church
11.30am. Morning Prayer, Devenish Parish Church
7.30pm. Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

HOLY WEEK SERVICES
Monday 15th April
8.00pm. Holy Week Service, Boho Parish Church

Wednesday 17th April
8.00pm. Holy Week Service, Devenish Parish Church

Thursday 18th April
8.00pm. Maundy Thursday Service, Boho Parish Church
Friday 19th April
8.00pm. Good Friday Service, Devenish Parish Church

Lenten Services will continue each Wednesday night at 8.00pm, alternating between Devenish and Boho churches.

Burial
Saturday 2nd March 2019
Eileen Brown, Aughrim/Whitehill, Springfield.

The Funeral Service was held in Springfield Methodist Church and was conducted by Revd Mandy Durrell. Burial was in Devenish Parish graveyard.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Eileen’s sons Gordon and Derek, daughters-in-law Ashley and Amanda, grandchildren Sarah-Kate and James and the wider family circle.

Good Friday
Church at 8.00pm

Maundy Thursday 18th April, Garvary Parish Church at 8.00pm

Wednesday 17th April, Derryvullen South Parish Church

Wednesday 3rd April, Derryvullen South Parish Church

Easter Communion
Derryvullen South Parish Church

Lenten Services
Wednesday 3rd April, Derryvullen South Parish Church at 8.00pm
Wednesday 10th April, Garvary Parish Church at 8.00pm
Maundy Thursday 18th April, Garvary Parish Church at 8.00pm

Good Friday
Garvary Parish Church 7.30pm
Derryvullen South Parish Church 8.30pm
Easter: The Empty Tomb

I can still recall a geography lesson from primary school in which we learned that the southernmost point of Africa is a point which for centuries has experienced tremendous storms. For many years no one even knew what lay beyond that cape, for no ship attempting to round that point had ever returned to tell the tale. Among the ancients it was known as the “Cape of Storms,” and for good reason. But then a Portuguese explorer in the sixteenth century, Vasco De Gama, successfully sailed around that very point and found beyond the wild raging storms, a great calm sea, and beyond that, the shores of India. The name of that cape was changed from the Cape of Storms to the Cape of Good Hope.

Until Jesus Christ rose from the dead, death had been the cape of storms on which all hopes of life beyond had been wrecked. No one knew what lay beyond that point until, on Easter morning, those ancient visions of Isaiah became the victory of Jesus over our last great enemy, death. Suddenly, like those ancient explorers, we can see beyond the storm to the hope of heaven and eternal life with the Father. More than that, we dare to experience in this our own human lives exactly what the Son of God said to us, “Because I live, you shall live also.” This is the heart of the Easter faith.

The best news the world has ever had came from a cemetery near Jerusalem—the tomb was empty! Christmas is the promise of Christ, and Easter is the proof. The tomb could hold Him no longer. Death is strong, but life is stronger. Stronger than the dark, the light. Stronger than the wrong, the right. Faith and hope, triumphant say, “Christ arose that Resurrection day!” May we join in the triumphant Easter Greeting: “The Lord is risen.” and respond wholeheartedly “The Lord is risen indeed. Hallelujah!”

Services in April 2019

Sunday 7th April 2019 - The Fifth Sunday of Lent
10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion
12.00noon: Tyholland Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 14th April 2019 - The Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday)
10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer
12.00noon: Errigal Truagh: A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 21st April 2019 - Easter Day
10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer
12.00noon: Tyholland Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th April 2019 - The Second Sunday of Easter
10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer
12.00noon: Errigal Truagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Holy Week Services

Wednesday 17th April - Wednesday in Holy Week
(Closing Service for Mothers’ Union)
8pm: Tyholland Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion

Thursday 18th April - Maundy Thursday
8pm: Donagh Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion

Friday 19th April - Good Friday
8pm: Donagh Parish Church: A Reflective Service

Easter Vestry Meetings

To be held in the Rectory, Glaslough at 8pm.
Monday 1st April 2019 - Tyholland with Errigal Truagh
Tuesday 2nd April 2019 - Donagh Parish

Mothers’ Union

Siobhan O’Connor joined with us in the home of Diane Wright-Kendrick for our March meeting. Siobhan is no stranger to us all. She is a very faithful member of Donagh Community Choir. Siobhan gave us an interesting cookery lesson on scone-making with a twist. Of course, we all sampled her home-made delights at the end of the evening. The final meeting for this season will take place in Tyholland Parish Church on Wednesday 17th April at 8pm. This will be our closing service and Revd. Lorraine will celebrate Holy Communion.

Women’s World Day of Prayer
It was the turn of Glennan Presbyterian Church to host the annual Women’s World Day of Prayer. This year the theme “Come - everything is ready” was written by women from Slovenia. Thanks to Margaret Dudgeon, Eileen Fielding, Marina Waller, Diane Wright-Kendrick who did readings and lead some of the prayers. Revd. Lorraine proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen of Glennan for hosting the event and for providing a delicious supper. She congratulated Mrs. Sarah McNie, the wife of Revd. Stephen McNie, on doing a wonderful job on her first occasion of leading the meeting.

Farewell Evening to Monsignor Joseph McGuinness

There was a large gathering at the farewell service for Monsignor Joseph McGuinness. Revd. Lorraine on behalf of Tyholland Parish read from the Scriptures. An excerpt from Revd. Lorraine’s vote of thanks to Monsignor Joseph McGuinness on behalf of Donagh Parish with Tyholland and Errigal Truagh;

“People often ask me do you use humour in your sermons. Sometimes I do, if I think it is appropriate. Well, what do you call a man who steals your stout… Nick McGuinness. Now there is much we could say about this man. One word I think of is “generous”. Generosity is giving from the heart; it is giving of ourselves through our love, compassion and kindness. Monsignor you have shown us your love, compassion and kindness.”

Mothers’ Union Branch Leader, Mrs Dorothy Keith and Revd. Lorraine Capper present Mrs Dolly Breaky with the duck that Dolly hand-painted at Busy Bee Pottery in Glaslough at the February Mothers’ Union meeting.
“You have shown us a generous heart, kind speech and a life of service and compassion. These are the things that renew humanity and why we as a community have warmed to you, Monsignor McGuinness, you are a person who has a generous heart. Your greatness is not what you have, it's what you give. Sometimes, we need only to look at the sunrise to see the generosity of God. Generous people like you Monsignor McGuinness do not stop giving their time, energy or gifts. As optimists, they see the world in a different light than others. They truly believe that the world, although not perfect, can be made into a much better place. You have devoted your energy to the good of this whole community. As a leader you were not afraid to stand up and lead. To have a generous heart is a lifestyle that permeates every area of our lives; freely we have received and freely we give.

As we receive God’s lavish love, we can freely and generously give to others. ... 2 Corinthians 9:6-8. Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Saint Francis of Assisi said “For it is in giving that we receive.” I close with words of wisdom given by Pope Francis: “One who serves cannot hoard his free time; he has to give up the idea of being the master of his day,” he said, adding that one who serves “is not a slave to his own agenda,” but rather, is “ever ready to deal with the unexpected, ever available to his brothers and sisters and ever open to God’s constant surprises. A true servant must train themselves every day to be generous with their lives and their time, realising that “the rest of the day will not be his own, but given over to others.”

Monsignor McGuinness we applaud you for your generosity to us and wish you

Mr. Robert Wilson and Mrs Doris Wilson making a presentation to Monsignor McGuinness on behalf of Tyholland Parish.

God’s richest blessing as you enter a new chapter of your ministry in Carrickmacross. Carrickmacross’s gain is our loss in Tyholland.

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Donagh Choir singing at Monsignor McGuinness’s farewell event.
Services had meant a lot to the Church of Ireland community. Robert reflected on Tyholland being a wonderful place and it was enriched by the good relations that exist between the Roman Catholic and Church of Ireland churches. Mrs. Doris Wilson on behalf of Tyholland Parish made a presentation to Monsignor McGuinness. Monsignor McGuinness responded thanking Revd. Lorraine for her very kind words. He thanked her for friendship and for the great encouragement she had been to him. He also thanked Tyholland Parish for always being so welcoming to him and offering him great hospitality on every occasion. The evening ended with Donagh Choir under the leadership of Mrs. Ethne McCord singing to Monsignor McGuinness the blessing “Go Now in Peace”.

Donagh Choir

Although it was a cold night, members from Donagh Parish Choir travelled to St. Macartin’s Cathedral in Enniskillen to experience a very enjoyable evening of praise celebrating the life of Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander. Mrs. Eva Baxter gave a very informative and interesting talk on Mrs Alexander’s life, her poetry and her hymns. It was a long drive home in the snow but it was worth it to have had such a wonderful evening!

Holy Week

Monday 15th April
8.00pm Monday, St Columba’s C of I (Preacher: Rev Dr H. Morris)
‘Close Encounter: The Affirming Touch of God’

Tuesday 16th April
8.00pm Tuesday, Omagh Methodist Church (Preacher: Rev Dr H. Morris)
‘Close Encounter: The Affirming Touch of God’

Wednesday 17th April
8.00pm Wednesday Joint Service @ Togherdoo Methodist Church (Preacher: Andrew Quill)

Thursday 18th April
8.00pm Maundy Thursday, Joint Service of Holy Communion @ HTD (Preacher: Gareth Hayden)

Christian Burial

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

Saturday 21st February - William John Mitchell, Sacred Hearts Nursing Home, Clones formerly of Emyvale, Co. Monaghan. Our sympathy and prayers are with Willie-John’s sister, Sadie and brother-in-law, Sammy and the wider family circle of family and friends. Willie-John was a life-long member of Errigal Truagh Parish Church. Willie-John was blessed with 90 years of life.

Sunday Services, Lenten Services and Holy Week Services (April)

Sunday 7th April
9.00am Holy Communion 2, “Jesus Anointed at Bethany” (John 12:1-8) 11.00am Short All-age Service (Followed by our Easter Vestry & Parish Lunch. Children’s programme in the hall during the Easter Vestry.)

Wednesday 10th April
8.00pm Wednesday, “Signpost 5 – “Jesus walking on water” (John 6:16-24)

Sunday 14th April
11.00am Service of the Word, “Gospel’s view of Jesus – John” (John 1:15-18; 29:34; 20:30-31) 7.30pm Praise & Ministry Service

Dates for Your Diary

- June 30th 2019 at 10.30am - A Group Service will be held in Donagh Parish Church for Children’s Day.
- November 3rd 2019 at 10.30am - A Group Service will be held in Donagh Parish. A Service of Confirmation with Bishop John McDowell.

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Revd Lorraine Capper delivering a speech on behalf of Donagh Parish with Errigal Truagh and Tyholland. Photos by Rory Geary.
daughter who was being chased by a bee. He wrapped his arms around her and then she felt his body go tense. He let her go and said to her, “You needn’t worry anymore, darling, the bee has stung me.”

On the cross, it was as though Jesus wrapped his arms around us and took the sting of death for us. We still die (if Jesus doesn’t return first) but, for everyone trusting in Christ, ‘the sting of death’ has been removed through the cross and resurrection. And, as David Watson said to his daughter, ‘Bees don’t sting twice.’

Paul tells us what our response should be to what the Lord has done for us (victory over sin, the law and death) and what is opened to us (we will be raised ‘imperishable’ and ‘immortal’, vs 53-54) in 1 Corinthians 15.

55 “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Why not pray this prayer as a response. Lord, we can never thank you enough for the gift of victory through our Lord Jesus Christ over sin, the law and death. Thank you that one day we will be raised imperishable and immortal. Thank you that as a result death has lost its sting. I need never fear death. Thank you that this life is only the beginning. Amen. (Partly taken from the Bible in One Year, Day 236)

Confirmation and Dedication Service

On Sunday 10th March, Bishop John dedicated our new entrance doors along with the steps and ramp, which were gifted by Ron Griffin; “To the glory of God and in memory of Robert Joseph and Eva Griffin” (Ron’s father and mother). The dedication took place just after six of our youth were confirmed by Bishop John (Louise Edgar, Felicity Farrell, Holly McFarland, Sam Smyth, Kyle Telford and Neil Vance). After the service many went through to the hall to enjoy a snack lunch, some cake and a tasty treat at our chocolate fountains.

Auction in aid of our Fields of Life Project, 25th April at 7.00pm

There will be an auction in Holy Trinity Church Hall on Thursday 25th April at 7.00pm, in aid of our Fields of Life Project. Our congregation has been involved for over 10 years in helping Primary Schools in Uganda through ‘Fields of Life’. We hope to send a team in July to Kigina Dignity Primary School in Rukungiri District to help to build a 50-bed dormitory for girls as part of the ‘I AM GIRL’ programme. This team will also, as with the two teams in the past, be involved in teaching children more about the love of God, through Bible stories and practical lessons such as ‘making reusable sanitary pads’, ‘importance of handwashing’, etc. Thanks to all in Dromore and beyond who have already supported us in this.

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.sermon.net (to download and listen to sermons)
A question that I have been asked a few times is if I write these words it is the beginning of Lent and I am conscious that when you read them we will be more than half way through that season.

I hope that no matter how you view this time of year and no matter how you choose to mark it that you use it as a time to think about your walk with the one who offers you salvation and that in these days you would seek to draw ever closer to him.

I am reading a book of devotional thoughts over Lent which is entitled Beyond Belief and was written by David Huss, rector of the Donegal Group of Parishes.

The thought for yesterday (10 March) centred on the fact that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

The devotion begins with these words, it’s sometimes been said that if we believe the first line of the bible, we should have no difficulty believing the rest. If God has the ability to create the entire universe out of nothing, using only his word, then surely for him to split the sea, calm the storm, heal the sick and raise the dead is no great problem.

Creation is something that divides opinion with science some would claim contradicting what we believe. While not wanting to enter that debate at this time I would suggest that the important thing for us to believe is that God did create the world and all that lives within that world. The mechanics of how it was created do not really matter if we hold that belief as a central part of our faith and I hope that we do as we affirm that belief in both the Nicene and Apostles Creed.

In the Nicene Creed we are reminded that God our Almighty Father made everything and in the words of that creed we see who God is which should cause us to think about who we are.

I think that this fits very well into the season of Lent. We were made by God in his image then we should truly believe that we are worth an awful lot while of course also remembering our sinful natures.

While we might not always feel valued if we can hold the thought in our minds that we have been made by God in his image then we should truly believe that we are worth an awful lot while of course also remembering our sinful natures.

It snowed last night which reminded us that no matter how warm it was a couple of weeks ago we are still in the season of winter. We are of course looking forward to longer and we hope warmer days.

This timely reminder of the seasons and all that they mean ties in with those thoughts that God created all things and that all of life is in his hands. This should remind us that we are not in control and should trust God at all times and for all things.

We hope that as Easter is late this year it will be a time when we can get out in the open air and spend time with our families and our friends. It is important that we do that throughout the year and that we remember what truly matters in life. I would suggest that our faith, our families and our friends should be well up that list.

We held a rural deanery event in February which was aimed at helping our young people think about their mental health and well-being. I hope that those who attended this felt it worthwhile and it was great to hear Conor McCafferty speak to the young people as only he can and encourage them to think about their mental wellbeing and how they can take care of themselves in this regard.

I hope that the months that lie ahead will be a time of great blessing for this group of parishes and that we continue to grow in faith as members of the body of Christ. I would like to end by using some words from last month’s article, when Easter arrives we can truly appreciate all that God has done for us and what the events of Easter mean for us.

Services April 2019

Sunday 7 April
Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne, 11.30 Holy Communion Tubrid

Sunday 14 April
Holy Communion 10.00 Muckross, 11.30 Morning Prayer Tubrid

Wednesday 17 April
Evening Prayer 8pm Templecarne

Thursday 18 April Maundy Thursday
Holy Communion 8pm Muckross

Friday 19 April Good Friday
8pm Tubrid

Sunday 21 April Easter Sunday
Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne, Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 28 April
Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckross, 11.30 Morning Prayer Tubrid
Aughnamullen

Our sympathy and thoughts are with those in our parish who have been bereaved recently. We remember those who are in residential care and those who are unwell and receiving treatment.

Easter Vestry

Our annual Easter vestry meeting will DV be held on Saturday 13th April at 7 pm in the schoolhouse.

Coffee morning

Our annual coffee morning has been arranged for Saturday 18th May 11am-1pm with a cake sale and other stalls. All are welcome.

Fundraising event

A gospel concert will DV be held on Sunday 12th May at 7 pm in Christ Church, Aughnamullen. We hope to have Rockcorry National school and Ballybay Community Choir as well as other artists. All are welcome to this event.

Aghabog

Holy Baptism

Sunday 3rd March – Emma Lily, infant daughter of George Wright and Niamh and Alanna Lily, infant daughter of Nigel and Alison Norris. We wish Emma and Alanna and their families God’s richest blessing. We were delighted Revd Neal Phair was able to conduct this service of holy baptism and we wish him all the best as he leaves the Ballybay, Clontibret and Muckno group of parishes to go to Dublin.

Dartrey and Rockcorry

Services for April

A schedule of services for April has been issued to all parishioners. Please take note of services during Holy Week and Easter:

- Good Friday – Rockcorry Church 8pm
- Saturday Aughnamullen 7 pm Holy Communion with Revd Charles McCollum
- Easter Sunday Aghabog 9.45am Holy Communion, Rockcorry 11am Holy Communion, Drum 12.15 pm Holy Communion

Mothers’ Union

Next meeting in Aghabog on Thursday, 21st March at 8 pm with Mr Abraham Storey who will speak about his recent trip to the Holy Land. The closing Service will be held in Drum Church on 11th April at 8 pm.

Illness and bereavement

The sick and bereaved are always with us and we continue to remember them in our prayers.

World Book Day

Rockcorry N.S. pupils celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. The children had a great day. We read Irish storybooks, completed book scavenger hunts, completed art activities and took part in buddy reading with the junior and senior room. The juniors created their own fairytales while the senior room created i-books on the i-pads. This was great fun. We will also be promoting Odd Sock Day on Thursday 21st March in aid of Down Syndrome.

Happy Easter

We wish all our parishioners and magazine readers all the blessings of the Easter season.
Services
Wednesday 3rd April
7.30pm – 8.00pm – Compline
Thursday 4th April
11.00am – Holy Communion
Sunday 7th April - The Fifth Sunday in Lent
9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion
7.00pm – Evening Prayer
Wednesday 10th April
7.30pm – 8.00pm – Compline
Thursday 11th April
11.00am – Holy Communion
Sunday 14th April - The Sixth Sunday in Lent: Palm Sunday
9.00am – Holy Communion
10.30am – Palm Sunday Procession from Cathedral Hall
11.00am – Morning Prayer (Family Service)
7.00pm – Evening Prayer
Thursday 18th April
11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 21st April - The First Sunday of Easter: Easter Day
9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion
7.00pm – Evening Prayer
Thursday 25th April
11.00am – Holy Communion
1.05pm – Healing Service
Sunday 28th April - The Second Sunday of Easter
9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Morning Prayer
7.00pm – Holy Communion

Holy Baptism
10th March - Aria Kate Marina Williams, Oscar Dawson James Kennedy.

Christian Burial
- 24th February - Annie Bell, 3 Carrigan Park, Enniskillen.
- 25th February - John McConnell, 59 Feddan Road, Garvary.
- 26th February - Herbert Oscar Eric (Herby) Follis, 19 Lakeview Park, Enniskillen.
- 10th March - Elena Frunza, 422 Huddersfield Road, Mirfield.
- 14th March - William Johnston George (Wills) Gawley, 2 Barbour Court, Enniskillen.

Palm Sunday
Meet at the Cathedral Hall at 10.30am to follow the Palm Sunday Procession to the Cathedral - Come and follow the donkey. (Palm Branches provided).

Holy Week Services:
Theme – In the shadow of the cross

Monday at 7.30pm
‘The Pharisees and the Priests’
Tuesday at 7.30pm
‘The anonymous young man who flees’
Wednesday at 7.30pm
‘The faithful followers’
Maundy Thursday at 11.00am and 7.30pm
After the 7.30pm service there will be ‘The Ceremonial Stripping’ in preparation for the ‘bareness’ of Good Friday. The clergy and readers will leave in silence and darkness and will not be greeting people. The congregation are asked to leave in silence as well.

Good Friday at 7.30pm
The congregation are asked to enter in silence and keep the silence amid the darkened atmosphere until after the opening hymn and opening prayers, and again to leave in silence. No greeting afterwards on this night either!

Easter Day at 9.00am, 11.00am and 7.00pm
Celebrations of the ‘Joyful Resurrection’!

Messy Church
Due to the busyness of Holy Week and Easter, and the school holidays, there is no Messy Church in April. However, we are back on Thursday 23rd May at the normal time 2.00-4.00 pm for an afternoon of Summer Fun! Join us then!

Please note the change of date in May – this month it is on the fourth Thursday of the month to avoid a clash with General Synod.

Confirmation and Xplore
There is a gap of a few weeks in the schedule this month owing to Holy Week, Easter and school holidays. Preparation for Confirmation is a very special time, and we...
encourage you this year to attend Lent and Holy Week services, and to make sure to be at church on Easter Sunday – the most important day in the Christian year! April is the last full month before Confirmation, so we would ask that young people attend all sessions.

**Adult Confirmation**

Any adults, who are not already confirmed, and would like to be confirmed please contact the clergy or the Parish Office and a member of the Clergy will contact you. A service to confirm adults will take place in the Portora Chapel of Enniskillen Royal Grammar School on Ascension Thursday (30th May) at 7.30pm. Adults throughout the Diocese are welcome to be confirmed at this service – please contact your Rector for details.

**Pilgrim**

This month, we meet on Tuesday 2nd April. Come along at 7.30 pm to the Devenish Room for chat over coffee, followed by group discussion about the meaning of Good Friday and Easter. On Tuesday 16th April, there is no Pilgrim. Instead, you are encouraged to attend the Holy Week service in the Cathedral.

**Mothers’ Union**

The meeting held in the Enniskeen room on Monday March 11th was opened by Branch Leader, Stephanie Hamilton with a reading and prayer. An informal evening followed sharing dessert recipes, useful tricks and tips around the home, chat and friendship. Several members made and brought in a selection of delicious desserts for everyone to try. All indulged and thoroughly enjoyed. The meeting closed with the Mothers’ Union prayer. The next meeting is Visitors Night on April 8th with Rodney Connor speaking about Air Ambulance.

**Tuesday Club**

We hope to see members on Tuesday 30th April at 2.00pm when we meet in the Enniskeen Room for Chair Exercise with Lorna Mitchell. As usual there will be time for a chat and afternoon tea. For more information, to arrange transport or if you have not been before and would like to join please ring Eleanor Lynn on 6632 4603.

**Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, help us to see differences in others not as a threat but as an opportunity. Prompt us to reach out and offer Your loving kindness to those around us every day. Help us to spread kindness in our community. Give us courage to act and not to expect anything in return, and so help us to live in unity with all your people, to the glory of your name. Amen.

**Mothers’ Union**

The March meeting attended by 21 members was held in St John’s Hall following the Lenten service. Missionary money was collected as was a great number of knitted and sewn items for use in the South West Acute Hospital. Stamps for the Leprosy Mission were also collected. Nine members attended the MULOA session in Colebrooke Hall, with one member attending the Quiet Day in Cleenish Parish Church and seven members attended the Visitor Night in Carntall when the speaker was Revd. Ollie Downey. Branch Leader Elvina Funston thanked those who had taken part in The Women’s World Day of Prayer held in Fivemiletown Methodist Church.

It was agreed that our autumn Outreach would once again support our senior parishioners. Discussion took place regarding a meal in May, our 90th Anniversary Service and meal in November. Several members agreed to distribute bookmarks at the Mothers’ Day Service on 31st March in both Kiltermon and St. John’s Church. Branch Leader Elvina closed the meeting with prayer.

**Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)**

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Service Times
09:00 Drummully
10:30 Sallaghy
12:00 Galloon

Sunday School Times
Drummully: 9:00-10:00am in Drummully Church
Sallaghy: 10:30-11:30am in Sallaghy Church Hall
Galloon: 12:00-1:00pm in Galloon Sunday School Rooms

Monthly Cycle of Services
Service of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month, celebrated in all three Churches.
A Family Service will normally be on the third Sunday of the month. During the year some Group Family Services will be held, and these will rotate between the three Parishes.
Service of Morning Prayer on the second and fourth Sundays in the month.
A United Group Service on the fifth Sundays in the year (with a cup of tea afterwards, rotating between the three Parishes).

Farewell to Revd Anita
On Sunday 10th March a congregation of over 170 parishioners from the Grouped Parishes of Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully said farewell to Revd Anita at a Group Service in Galloon Parish Church. Revd Anita took the opportunity to choose some of her favourite hymns which were: “I the Lord of Sea and Sky”, “May the Grace of Christ our Saviour”, “Speak O Lord”, “In Christ Alone” and “10000 Reasons”. These hymns were all played by different organists from the group, namely Grace Rickey, May Leitch, Jennifer Smith, Hollie Hutchinson and Joyce Clingan. The readings were read by Revd Anita and Charles Crawford and the prayers were led by Cherry Heaslip. In her address Revd Anita focused on the words “Faith, Hope, Love” with a trip down memory lane highlighting the work done in the three parishes and the group through a pictorial PowerPoint presentation. Revd Anita wished the Group well for the future and hoped that the search for a new Rector would not take very long.

At the end of the service Revd Anita was presented with some gifts by the Churchwardens from each of the three Parishes. The children of Galloon Sunday School sang “If I were a butterfly” and presented Revd Anita with a book of their drawings and there were some other individual presents by parishioners. Everyone who spoke thanked Revd Anita very sincerely for all her work in the Group over the past five and a half years and wished her, Stewart and their family God’s Blessing for the future.
After the service the congregation moved to the Church Hall where Galloon Parish provided a soup and dessert lunch which allowed everyone to have a time of fellowship together.
Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this service such a success.

Organ Tuition
On Saturday 23rd February we welcomed musician NykkÊ-Mickaël Grégoire to Galloon Parish Church where he provided organ lessons to a large number of people. This was the first of our organ tuition sessions on the new Lewis organ. NykkÊ was extremely impressed with everyone’s skills. The next set of lessons will take place...
place on Saturday 1st June. This is open to anyone from the Diocese, all ages and all levels. NykkÖ’s enthusiastic professional teaching will provide great encouragement to all. Anyone who wishes to book a slot, please contact Mrs Grace Rickey 07779010723.

**Galloon**

**Galloon Parish Auction**
The next Parish Auction is on Saturday 27th April 2019 at 12.00 noon. Doors open at 11.00am. As usual we need help leading up to the auction as well as on the day itself. Help is also needed in the kitchen to keep the tea flowing. For any information regarding the auction, to offer help or request items collected contact William Little 02867738676 or Richard Bell 02867738295.

**Guest Organist**
On Sunday 24th February, Earl Moffitt was the guest organist for our morning service, with NykkÖ-Mickaël Grégoire also performing a short recital. This was a real treat for the congregation. Both organists were beyond words with their impressive playing of the Lewis organ. Earl was the person who first introduced the idea of “The Lewis” coming to Galloon. We thank Earl for his ongoing support and encouragement to Galloon Parish Church. We look forward to continuing the work with Earl and seeing more of NykkÖ’s talent when he returns in June.

**Burial Register**
Violet Maud Wiggins, Main Street, Magheraveely, aged 89 on Monday 18th February 2019. The service was conducted by Revd Anita. Sincere sympathy is extended to family Ivan and Joan, Clive, Doreen and Roy, Basil and Pearl and beloved grandchildren. Jesus said, “I am the Resurrection of the Life.”

**Sallaghy**

**Mothers’ Union**
The monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 11th April at 8.00pm in the Church Hall when the speaker will be Davina Coulter from the Healthy Oak Centre. Davina will speak on “Fall Prevention and the Importance of Exercise”.

**The presentation to Revd Anita in Drummully.**

**Earl Moffitt (Guest organist), Mrs Grace Rickey (Organist) and NykkÖ-Mickaël Grégoire.**
The Bowling Tournament
Sallaghy Bowling Clubs pairs tournament took place in Sallaghy Hall in the second week of February with qualifying matches taking place from Monday 11th until Thursday 14th February. Two pairs qualified each night resulting in a great night of Bowling at a closely fought final on Friday 15th February. Over the course of the week 92 pairs competed in the hope of getting their hands on the much sought-after Irene McWilliams Memorial Trophy. Players from as far away as Lisburn, Strabane, Dundalk, Sixmilecross and from border counties as well as more local clubs produced some fine ends of bowls to claim their place on the final night. The winning pair on the final night was David Graham and Ian McElroy from the Wellington Club in Enniskillen who couldn’t seem to do anything wrong the whole week producing some fine bowls to justify getting their hands on the trophy. Runners up were the pairing of Colin Dunwoody and Daphne Marshal from Drum/Armagh who also produced some great bowls but unfortunately on the night had to settle for second place. The organisers would like to thank their sponsors and all those provided draw prizes not to mention the great suppers each night. A big thank you to our sponsors Armstrong’s Pharmacy, L.A. Richardson Butchers, Boyhill Cookers, Crossroads Fuels Ltd, Derek Kerr Farm Feeds, Erne Veterinary Group, Kevin Courtney, Lakeland Fuels, Maurice Allen Garden Care, Ready Eggs Products, Sharkey’s Hardware, and Larmer’s Butchers.

Overall, a very successful tournament and the organisers are looking forward to next year when they hope to welcome everyone back for another exciting week of bowls.

Annual Easter Vestry
The Annual Easter Vestry meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st May at 8.00pm in the Church Hall and will be chaired by Revd Alan Capper.

Baptismal Register
Nathan Thomas, son of Thomas and Donna Little, 10 Hilton Street, Aberdeen on Sunday 3rd March 2019. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these”. Mathew 19 v 14.
Mothers’ Union
The February meeting was held in Slavin Church when the Branch Leader, Dot Barlow gave a very interesting talk and showed slides on her trip to the beautiful country of New Zealand.
The April meeting is postponed until 1st May due to Easter. It will be a closing service in Kiltyclogher church at 7pm followed by a meal in Garrison Church Hall.

Congratulations
We send our warmest congratulations to George and Edith McBride who celebrated their diamond anniversary on the 30th March 2019. They were married in Belleek Parish Church in 1959. We wish them many more happy years together and good health to enjoy.

Tree Planting
A tree planting event was held at John and Jan Corrie’s house in February.
The tree planting day was a way of raising awareness of the future plans for Drumhilla Garden at Manger. John and Jan would like their house and gardens to be a local resource for people of all abilities offering opportunities to socialise and build relationships; to develop new skills; to enjoy physical exercise and enjoy being outside and in nature; also to experience a lifestyle that treads lightly on the planet.
The plan is that people will be referred to them for one day of the week and they would also like local folk to feel they can just come along on a Saturday and enjoy the space and the company.
After the tree planting soup made with home-grown vegetables and hotdogs were served.

Prayers
Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our group of parishes who have been in hospital or unwell at home in recent weeks. We remember Melanie Lewis, Bertie Millar and William Robinson.
At the time of going to print we remember the family of Mrs Muriel Johnston who passed away suddenly on Friday 8th March while on holiday with her daughters and family.

Catering Team
Thanks to the Ladies: Sadie Acheson, Dot Barlow, Joy and Wendy Graham, Audrey and Elizabeth Ovens, Lorraine Kettyles (see photo- Rebecca Graham is missing from the photo) who helped with the Catering at the County Fermanagh Lodge dinner in Garrison Church hall in February.
It was a tremendous success with £500 profit going towards Garrison Church Porch refurbishment fund.
Art Class
Thanks to SEFF for the provision of Oil Painting classes in Garrison church hall facilitated by their tutor, Ruth Elliott. (Dot Barlow is missing from the photo.) Everyone enjoyed the classes and produced some wonderful masterpieces.

Diary Date
Garrison parish are holding an afternoon tea and Cake sale in Garrison Church Hall on Saturday 4th May 2019 from 2-5pm. Everyone welcome. Voluntary donations to church funds.

Services for Lent
Services continue as follows:-
Each Wednesday at 10.30am a service of Holy Communion and in the evening at 8.00pm Compline.
During Holy Week there will be a service of Holy Communion at 10.30am (Maundy Thursday at the earlier time of 10.00am and in the evening at 8.00pm.

Compline on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday is Holy Communion and on Friday ‘An hour at the Cross’. This will take the form of a selection of readings, psalms and prayers.

Farewell
The Farewell Evening for Chancellor Skuce takes place on Palm Sunday, 14th April at 7.00pm in Inishmacsaint Parish Church and everyone is welcome.

Mothers’ Union
For our February meeting, we welcomed Claire McDermott from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council who gave an interesting presentation on the benefits of recycling our waste, with a lot of practical information. Afterwards Claire spent time talking to individual members during a cup of tea. It was an informative and useful evening.

Our members attended the World Day of Prayer on Friday 1st March when we joined with the ladies from Devenish and Boho Parish in Monea Church. This was a well organised and inspirational service conducted by Georgina. Our secretary Eileen gave a thoughtful reflection on the ‘Call to the Master’s Table’. A beautiful supper was enjoyed by everyone in the Reade Hall afterwards.

Some members attended a meeting in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen to explore the Mothers’ Union theme for 2019 “Listen, Observe, Act - In Step with God.” Food, fellowship and fun was shared with other Diocesan MU members. Members also attended a ‘Quiet Day’ in Cleenish Parish Church where Archdeacon Andrew Forster and Mrs Heather Forster were the speakers.

In April we will attend a Holy Week Service in Inishmacsaint Parish Church on Tuesday 16th April at 8pm.
Pastoral cover and services will be conducted by Abraham Storey

Rural Dean, Canon Mark Watson is in charge.

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Sunday Services
Trillick 10.30am
Kilskeery 11.45am

Lenten Services continue at 8pm as follows:
3 April Trillick
10 April Kilskeery
18 April Trillick (Maundy Thursday)
19 April Kilskeery (Good Friday)

Easter Sunday Services to be announced

Mothers’ Union
Mothers’ Union met in Kilskeery Sunday Rooms on Monday 18th February. The guest speakers were Canon Eric and Mrs McGirr who gave an interesting and informative talk, illustrated with slides on their Missionary experiences.

On Friday 1st March some members travelled to the Priory Church, Killadeas to take part in World Day of Prayer. The service was prepared by the Christian Women of Slovenia. The theme was Come Everything is Ready. Gwen Crozier read at the service.

Car Boot sale/Table Top Sale
This will be held in Kilskeery Hall on Saturday 6th April from 10am to 2pm. The cost is £5 per table.

Kilskeery Bowling Club
The club recently hosted a very successful pairs tournament with 100 pairs travelling from near and far to compete. The runners-up were David Graham and Jamie Morrow and the winners were Adam Dyche and Andrew Evans, Newmills. The club would like to thank the main sponsor, club member Steven Stafford (Electrical Contractor). Thanks are also extended to Joseph, Jonathan and Eileen Mills for their annual sponsorship, and to David and Myrtle Sproule, Vivo Trillick; Autopart Centre, Irvinestown; Goodwin’s Butcher, Trillick, and all friends and neighbours who gave so generously of money and refreshments. A big thank you to all club members who helped to make it such a success. This year Kilskeery Bowling Club has chosen to make a donation to the NI Air Ambulance.

Senior Citizens
Senior Citizens continue to meet in Kilskeery Hall each Tuesday. In March two community representatives from the PSNI gave members advice on security and how to keep safe in their homes. Arrangements are being made for the first club outing of the year in May and details will be announced shortly.

Members of the parish Catering Committee present a cheque for £600 to Rodney Connor for Air Ambulance NI, the proceeds of a parish breakfast.
Services in April
7th April 2019 5th Sunday in Lent
Lisbellaw 11am, Holy Communion

14th April 2019 Palm Sunday
Lisbellaw Family Service

21st April 2019 Easter Day!
Lisbellaw Holy Communion
Coolbuck Holy Communion

28th April 2019 Sunday Sunday of Easter
Lisbellaw Morning Prayer
Coolbuck Morning Prayer

Coolbuck church re-opens
Coolbuck church re-opens again after repairs on Easter Day at 3pm for Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome preparing the children. A huge word of thanks must go to Ann and Raymond Orr, John Gordon and all those who gave of their time to pick, brush, sand, carry, paint and a host of other things. Thank you
so much for restoring this unique and very special place of worship on Topped mountain.

Rector on holiday
Rector on holiday from Wednesday, 24th April to Tuesday, 30 April (inclusive). Dean Kenny Hall and his clergy team at Enniskillen Cathedral are providing pastoral cover. He can be contacted on 028 663 22465 or 028 663 22917.

Sympathy
The parish extends its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late Violet Wiggins formerly of Magheraveely; the late Jim McDowell formerly of Belfast, the late Harry Leary formerly of Newtownbutler, the late Beatrice Parke formerly of Lisbellaw and the late Florence Farrell formerly of Derryharney, Lisbellaw.

Parish Register
Baptism
2nd March 2019
Thomas Clive Peter Maguire, son of Paul and Stephanie, Tamlaght Park, Tamlaght.

Burial
10th December 2018
William John Hamilton formerly of 11 Tattygare Road, Lisbellaw aged 78.
1st February 2019
Sarah Charlotte (Sadie) Donaldson formerly of Fairvew House, Lisbellaw aged 89
1st March 2019
Beatrice Ann Parke formerly of Lisbellaw aged 90.
Our sympathy is extended to the Trotter family circle and all families who have suffered a recent bereavement.

**Founder's Day**

Our Founder’s Day parade and service this year took place on 24th February. Lisnaskea Accordion Band and Lisnaskea Silver band were both present and young people from all the youth organisations were represented and took part in the service through readings and poems.

**“Abaana New Life Choir”**

We are very much looking forward to this wonderful group of young people coming to perform for us in The Archdale Centre on Tuesday 9th April at 7.30 p.m. They arrived in Belfast at the beginning of February and have been very busy since, travelling around the North and South of Ireland singing, dancing and talking about their lives. We had the pleasure of meeting a similar group back in 2017 and found the experience thoroughly entertaining and yet very moving as some of the children related their life stories. Through this tour, they will secure sponsorship for themselves and potentially 300-500 other children. Please come along and support this very worthwhile event.

**Easter Vestry**

The General Easter vestry will be held on Tuesday 30th April at 8.00 p.m. in The Archdale Centre and all parishioners are very welcome to attend. Anyone whose name is on the Register of Vestrymen will be entitled to vote to elect new vestry members.

**Mothers’ Union**

We had a very enjoyable time at our March meeting. Lettie Coulter, our guest speaker, told us about her involvement with the AFIA project and how we as a branch could maybe have some thoughts if someone in the parish could benefit from it. After the formal part of the meeting was over Lettie did some demonstrations on different ways of tying our scarves. Then everyone had a go! There were many sighs of “I can’t get this right,” and “How did you do that?” but thanks to Letty’s patience and expertise, most of us managed to learn something. Those of us who attended the Exploring MU theme in the Cathedral Hall were challenged to Listen Observe and Act in Step with God both in our branch and in our lives. At the Quiet Day in Cleenish we were again challenged by the excellent speakers to realise that we all have a role and can make a difference in our parish and community. Members are reminded to bring in all knitted, sewn and crocheted items and missionary money to our April meeting.

**Magheracross**

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On 10th March, we took the opportunity to celebrate the many gifts that can found in the parish. In recognition of all our volunteers and of the financial support provided by parishioners, we held a Celebration Morning. At the early communion service, worshippers stayed behind to enjoy a cup of tea and a cupcake and at the 11am Family Service, we had a break in the middle to enjoy the same fare with party bags for all the children. Our worship was enhanced by contributions from the choir and by a selection of our young people.

**Bowls St Patrick’s Pairs Tournament**

This year’s Magheracross Pairs tournament has been won by Seamus McGlinchey and PJ McCrossan. The tournament was run over three nights with 101 pairs competing for a place in the final. 12 pairs qualified for the finals which had some very exciting games. After supper Sydney Parkinson, Club Chairman thanked all for supporting the tournament and the ladies for the lovely supper. Anne Brian, Club Secretary presented a cheque for £500 to Rodney Connor on behalf of the Air Ambulance. Rodney then gave a short talk on the work of the air ambulance. The final drew two enthralling pairs; Western Zone players, Gary Brian and Stuart Cochrane played the Tyrone pair Seamus McGlinchey and P J McCrossan. After nine ends of great bowling, the Tyrone pair were victors by 10 shots to 5. Anne Brian presented the prizes.
Holy Week And Easter

Holy week begins with a very special Palm Sunday concert in the church at 7pm when we welcome the New Life Choir from Abaana Ministries (see advertisement in this magazine). We certainly enjoyed this event last year and are privileged and honoured to welcome back this year’s choir on tour. During Holy Week, we will have services on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and the Good Friday service will be in Ballinamallard Methodist Church.

Mothers’ Union

Magheracross Mothers’ Union met in the Archdale Hall on Thursday 7th March. The evening began with a Hymn, Bible reading and Prayers. Norma then welcomed Noreen Little, the Action and Outreach Co-ordination for the diocese. Noreen gave us a very entertaining and informative talk about the work which is carried out by branch members throughout the diocese. She displayed many items of knitting, crocheting and sewing. Noreen encouraged us to help in any way we can as there is always need for blankets and fiddle blankets in care homes and hospital. A&E and children’s ward are always very thankful for knitted teddies. Blankets, hats and cardigans are packaged together with a prayer card and donated to the maternity ward.

Revd Paul Thompson from Derryvullen North parish will speak on life as a prison chaplain at our next meeting on 4th April. There will also be a bring and buy sale to raise some funds.

In the approach to Easter, on the journey through Lent, we are often in the habit of giving stuff up, doing without, for a while – and usually chocolate. We decide to fast from “something” with a vague hope that doing without might make us a little better a person or maybe attract God’s attention to our good self-denying deeds, which perhaps, we think, will shine a good light upon ourselves.

Might it just be that the “giving up” that would please God, is not stuff-bound or any self-reflective self-denial but the giving up of ourselves for others as we follow the example of Jesus, who gave himself up for the world? In Isaiah 58 we are reminded that the fast that God desires from us is not cocoa based nor an attempt to earn our way into His good books but a laying down of ourselves for the sake of others. That we would engage with the world that Jesus engaged with, to the end that wicked bonds would be broken off, that heavy burdens would be lifted, that the oppressed would find freedom, that heavy yokes would be lifted, that bread would be shared with the hungry, that we would bring into our homes the cast-out poor, that we would clothe the naked, and be present and visible among our own people, in our communities. The promise of God to those who choose to fast like this, to give stuff up like this, is that “then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, “Here I am.” (Isaiah 58:8, 9)

We may have successfully stayed away from the chocolate bars since Ash Wednesday but it’s not too late to look up and out and see and act and serve - those outside - who need to know that God loves them. And we might just find out that God’s not as bothered about our relationship with chocolate as He is about our relationship with people – especially those who have not yet come to appreciate that Easter was for them too - outside the church walls.

Mothers’ Union

On 21st February 2019, Tracey Wilkin from Pro-Faces demonstrated skincare techniques and provided us with tips on looking after our skin and Gail Scallon from Capello Hairdressers showed us how to get more body in our hair with the use of the hairdryer and straightening tongs.
Afterwards, we had a question/answer session with both ladies.

**Friends In The Afternoon**
On 12th February 2019, we were joined by Helen Loane who described her work as a Marie Curie Nurse which was rewarding and inspirational. Also in February, John McCloughry provided us with the history and an interesting virtual tour of Kiltierney Abbey through overhead slides and photographs. In March, we attended Kesh Primary School’s Cinderella Pantomime which was absolutely fantastic and we hope that we get a return invitation at their next pantomime. It was hilarious and the children were amazing acting the roles. We had tea and coffee and one of our members won a wonderful Avon hamper.

**Canon Henry’s Leaving Event**
On Saturday 2nd March, we had a ‘surprise’ social evening for Canon Henry and his wife Helen’s leaving do. We enjoyed an array of sandwiches, hot snacks and amazing deserts along with tea and coffee. Some of our parishioners had produced a play about Henry and Helen which was very entertaining and also a goodbye song. Fran Knox produced and read her poem on the Blairs’ time at Ardess. We then participated in lots of fun social games which were at times highly competitive and certainly amusing for those who preferred the safety of the bylines…

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On 8th March, Henry’s last ‘Hour of Power’ brought us through the first six verses of Psalm 23 and asked us to replace the “my”, “I” and “me” with our own name. It made reading the Psalm very personal, “my”, “I” and “me” with our own name. It made reading the Psalm very personal, “my”, “I” and “me” with our own name. It made reading the Psalm very personal, “my”, “I” and “me” with our own name.

On 12th March 2019 Mark Desmond Robert Knox, son of Jonas and Susan Knox of Kilsmullan Road, Ederney.
Dear Parishioners,

It is nice to see you returning your smartie tubes on the alms dishes. It may seem that it is a simple and fun task to gather the 20 pence coins but believe me if you make an effort we will raise a considerable sum for each parish.

So why are we raising money? Well this year it is hoped to refurbish, renew and renovate the much-used kitchen in Maguiresbridge Parish Hall. At present tenders are being sought for this work and while I must admit that what is being planned is above my domestic paygrade we have received professional help from some very qualified parish ladies who work daily in the catering field.

In Derrybrusk we want to do some needed maintenance to ventilation inside the church and to improve the area around the church. It is felt that the long-term goal would be to have a tarred surface on which people could gain shelter under gazebos at for example a funeral which has a congregation greater than the church can hold.

It is early days but it is my intention to ask the Select Vestries to hold parish appeals at the harvest services later this year.

Annual Easter General Vestry Meetings
6th May 2019 at 8.00pm Derrybrusk in the church
7th May 2019 at 8.00pm Maguiresbridge in the parish hall.

Parish Dance
This was a very successful evening with a very full parish hall, pleasant music and an excellent supper. The dance has raised to date approximately £1700 towards the refurbishment of the kitchen.

Lent
The midweek Wednesday (8.00pm) services this year during Lent are scheduled for Derrybrusk with Holy week in Maguiresbridge.

The Lenten series this year is looking at the five unique Solas of the reformation. Holy Week services are at 8.00pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Good Friday in Maguiresbridge.

Easter Day: 21st April 2019: Sunrise service in Derrybrusk at 6.30am followed by breakfast outdoors weather permitting.

This will be followed by Holy Communion in both churches. Maguiresbridge at 10.30am and Derrybrusk at 12.00pm

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study:
The has restarted at 9.45am sharp in Christ Church each Sunday. We are looking in this session at Christian ethics. Sessions are being well attended and we have had taster sessions on a Christian view of crime and punishment, world debt, life in the womb etc.

New Service

The first new informal Service of Praise and Thanksgiving will take place on Sunday 7th April at 8.00pm in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge. This is a time of worship, prayer and it is hoped of questions and answers on faith and moral issues through an informal sermon.

Ballindarragh Band

The special service was held to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the band in Ballindarragh Union Hall on the 24th of February at 7.30pm. The Union Hall was full of members past and present, family, friends and visitors. Tea was served after the service.

Orange Order Service

Christ Church, Maguiresbridge was filled to capacity on the afternoon of St. Patrick’s day for what is hoped will be the start of a series of lectures on Irish Church history. On the day the Rector spoke on St. Patrick trying to find fact among the legends.

Sunday 9th June

Last year we had a very successful outdoor service and barbecue at Belle Isle. It is hoped to hold the same event again in June at Belle Isle. More information will be available after Easter but please try and keep this Sunday free.

Mothers’ Union

This month the Mothers’ Union in Derrybrusk attended the midweek Lenten service and treated the congregation to supper after the service. The Maguiresbridge meeting had one of the Rector’s former parishioners, Wendy Watson to speak on work with the British Red Cross as a first community responder.

Holy Baptism

In the past number of weeks we have welcomed into membership of the Church; Samuel Nelson.

Burial Rite

Sadly the Lord called home; Florrie Farrell and Ivan Morrison.
Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore

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Services
7th April Fifth Sunday in Lent
10.30am St Patrick’s Holy Communion
12.15pm Kilmore Holy Communion

14th April Sixth Sunday in Lent
10.30am St Patrick’s Service of the Word
12.15pm Ballinode Morning Prayer

21st April Easter Day
10.30am St Patrick’s All Age Communion
12.15pm Kilmore Holy Communion

28th April Second Sunday of Easter
10.30am St Patrick’s Morning Prayer
12.15pm Ballinode Morning Prayer

7th April Fifth Sunday in Lent
11am St. Patrick’s Confirmation and Holy Communion

Ladies’ Group
The Ladies’ Group met in the Hall on Tuesday 19th February. The guest speaker was Ms Astrid Moffett who gave an interesting talk and practical suggestions on Eating on a Budget. The evening concluded with supper and fellowship. They will meet on the 30th April in Andy’s Restaurant, Monaghan for a meal and it will also be their Annual General Meeting.

World Day of Prayer
This was hosted by First Monaghan Presbyterian Church on Friday 1st March. The guest speaker Mrs Gayle Berry gave the address based on the theme for this year “Come Everything is Ready”, written by the women of Slovenia. There was participation by all the Christian churches in the town.

Mothers’ Union
The Mothers’ Union met on Tuesday 5th March in the Church, and the members enjoyed the presentation by guest speaker Martin McKenna of “Old Postcards of Monaghan”. The evening concluded with refreshments and business meeting.

Condolences
We express prayerful sympathy to Mrs Margaret Farrell and family on the death of her brother, and to Hazel Moffatt and family on the death of her sister.

Illness
Please pray for those who are ill either at home or in hospital, the housebound and those in residential care and their families.

Lenten Service and Bible Study
Communion Services are being held each Thursday during Lent looking at Psalm 19:7-11 and what the Bible does for us. Bible studies are on Tuesdays 12th and 26th March and 9th April looking at Jesus on the way to Jerusalem.

Vortex Youth Group
They met in February for an evening of Chinese cuisine which all enjoyed. They will meet in March in the Hall for a “Board Game Night”.

Easter Vestries
The General Easter Vestries for St Patrick’s Monaghan will be held on 29th April at 8:00pm in the Church. We would appeal to all members of the congregations in the Group to make a special effort to attend the meetings.

Holy Week and Easter Day Services
The Holy week services will be held in First Monaghan Presbyterian Church each evening at 8:00pm. Our theme is the Friends of Jesus.
Also during Holy Week we are looking forward to having (and helping) Andrew McMullen from CEF for a Holiday Bible Club from Monday to Thursday 10:30am-12:30pm each day. Anyone interested in coming should contact the Rector.
Easter day will commence with a Dawn Service at 7:00am at Monaghan Collegiate School, followed by All Age Communion Service in St. Patrick’s at 10:30am and Holy Communion service in Kilmore at 12:15pm.
A note from the Rector

Dear Parishioners,

All in the April evening,
April airs were abroad;
I saw the sheep with their lambs,
And thought on the Lamb of God.

With Easter being so late this year, we find ourselves thinking about the suffering and death of our Saviour well into the month of April. This calls to mind a famous poem ‘All in the April evening’, written by Irish author Katharine Tynan Hinkinson (1861-1931). Her poem became popular and well-known after it was set to music by Sir Hugh Roberton (1874-1952), who gave it a tender and light setting. This beautiful and memorable song is steeped with pastoral imagery and is very evocative. The sight of a flock of sheep and lambs in spring inspires the poet and us who sing or listen, to think on the death of Jesus, the Lamb of God.

Holy Week and Easter provide us with opportunities to think much on this core message of the Christian faith – the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have planned a series of Holy Week services (15th – 19th April) at 8.00pm each evening, to help us meditate upon this timeless message. I invite you to come along and join us perhaps for a couple of evenings to spend time in prayer and worship to hear again the story of salvation brought to us by Jesus the Lamb of God.

Your friend and Rector,
Rvd Canon Dr IW Ellis

Parish Facilities Development Plans

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 extending the off road car parking facilities, for well over a year now.

The plans were approved by the Representative Church Body in early September. Our plans are, currently, with the Planning Service awaiting a decision. With assistance from the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, the Parish commissioned a Comprehensive Feasibility Study with a firm called Venturei. The report has now been prepared and will be used to reflect the views of the 140 replies to our survey to tweak and improve the plans contained in our application for planning permission.

Prayer Group

There was no Prayer Group during Lent, as Lenten Services were held on Wednesday evening – but the Group resumes on Wednesday 24th April for its next meeting. The Prayer group meets at the Parish office and continues throughout the year with meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Feel free to come and join us - everybody is welcome. It is an informal group (nobody has to perform !!) which meets to pray for the parishioners, young and old, for the world, as well as other good intentions that arise. We finish with the fellowship of a cuppa and a chat.

Mothers’ Union

The first meeting of 2019 of Rossorry Mothers’ Union was on Thursday 21st February in the church. This was a service of Holy Communion (cancelled in January because of the snow). At a business meeting afterwards, Branch Leader, Heather Ellis, outlined the events of the past year and looked ahead to events this year under the Mothers’ Union theme “Listen, Observe, Act in Step with God.” The March Meeting of the group took place on 21st March in the Parish Hall, when the speaker was Maud Cunningham on the subject of First Aid. If you are interested in joining the group – please contact Mrs Heather Ellis on 02866 320239 or any of the members. You will be made most welcome. Meetings or outings are normally held on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

The development plans for the parish.
**Wednesday Club News**
The Club has been running now for 19 very successful years which have brought fellowship and fun to the older members of our parish. Congratulations to all who put the work into making this group the success that it is.
The meetings of the Club are every Wednesday at 10.30 am, from September until June. Everyone is welcome - there is always room for new members.

Ethel Oldcroft, chairperson and her husband, Charlie, a member were delighted to receive a sponsorship cheque from Asda Community Officer, Simon Harron in support of their work.

On 13th March the Club held their St. Patrick’s Day meeting and in the midst of the fellowship, they played a very appropriate game of Snakes and Ladders!

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

**ROSSORRY WEDNESDAY CLUB**
Programme - 1st March – 8th May 2019

**APRIL**
3rd Finding Hope Ministries. (Fiona Acheson)
10th Craft morning. (Ethel)
17th Holy Week Coffee Morning.
24th Easter week – no Club.

**MAY**
1st Games morning.
8th Summer Outing.
Club closes until 11th September 2019

If you want to know more give Ethel Oldcroft a ring at 66 326339

**Hospice Sunday**
On Sunday 3rd March the parish held a ‘Hospice Sunday’ service, when Mrs Janet Kilfedder, from the local Hospice Specialist Nursing Team spoke to the congregation about the wonderful work that the local Hospice Nursing Team do in the community in conjunction with the Omagh Palliative Care Unit, Macmillan Nurses and Marie Curie, to relieve the suffering of those suffering with cancer and other life limiting illnesses.
A special collection was made as a mark of support for these wonderful people, raising over £1100.

**Scouts and Guides**
**Founders’ Day and Thinking Day 2019**
The Founders’ Day and Thinking Day Service was held on Sunday 24th February 2019 with a parade from the Parish Hall to church with their standards and flags to church for a Family Service.
The sermon was on ‘building on a rock’ and was cleverly illustrated by the Rector with Lego houses, a tray of sand and bricks and a bucket of water – ably assisted by volunteers from Scouts and Rainbows.

**Cub Scouts**
The Cub Scouts have been involved in a project to design and make bird boxes. The first week they measured and cut their timber. This was followed in the next week by constructing the bird box. They had a lot of fun making these as well as the skills learnt in the process.

New members are most welcome and if you would like information contact one of the Leaders (details below).

If you want to know more about our Scout or Guide Troops call in to a meeting

- Beavers - Tues 6.30pm.
- Cubs – Wed 6.45pm.
- Scouts – Wed 7.30pm or ring Garry Clarke on 02866 323653
- Rainbows- Mon 6.15pm.
- Brownies – Mon 6.15pm
- Guides – Wed 8.00pm or ring Avril Armstrong on 02866 329589

**Mother and Baby Exercise Class**
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.

**Sunday School**
**Senior Sunday School Visit to Soul Mates**
In early March we visited the IMYCD Soul Mates weekend in the Jethro Centre, Lurgan. Our 14 young people and leaders...
arrived just in time for the morning Worship Celebration with speaker, worship band and drama team. The theme this year was “Plug in and Power Up” which was all about prayer. With everyone together we moved to the Kings Park Primary School nearby for the morning seminar programme which included Prayer for Mission (JMA), How Do We Pray (Prayer101) and Getting to Know God through prayer (Breathe In Breathe Out).

With an active workshop programme ahead of us in the afternoon we were glad to take time to enjoy a cooked lunch in the school canteen before walking to the workshop venues in nearby church halls. Our young people had two workshops each to attend which included Basketball, Board games, craft, Mixed football, Prophetic art, the Big Quiz and drumming. It was a busy afternoon for the young people and even more so for their leaders as they ensured the young people were located their respective venues.

Late afternoon saw us all taking the chance to chill in a local food outlet and enjoy an afternoon snack and catch-up together. However, it was soon time to make our way back to the Jethro Centre for dinner and the evening programme which saw the continuation of the Prayer theme with more worship, dramas and another keynote message. Before very long it was late...
evening and time for us to leave the centre and make our way home. This day visit had given us an insight into the whole weekend and an appreciation of all that is involved in being part of a youth event where hundreds of young people from all over Ireland come together to play, learn and worship together.

A very big thank you to their parents and Sunday School teachers who gave up their Saturday to make this visit possible.

**Rector’s Children’s address**
On Sunday 10th March the Rector gave an address to the Sunday School children before they left to join Sunday School in the Parish Hall.
The talk was on the subject of Temptation and the Rector wore a temptation hat! - to illustrate the many things we are tempted with every day which can distract us from following the way of Jesus.

**Arts & Crafts Classes**
Painting class meets Fridays at 2pm in the Parish Hall.
Weaving classes meet on Wednesdays at 10am in the Hall.
The classes are very popular – but there is always room for someone else - so be sure to speak to Yvonne Elliott on 02866 342514 for information.

**Bowling Club**
The Bowling Club season is coming to an end after another successful and enjoyable season.
If you are interested in getting involved, the Club is always looking for new members.
For information: - contact William Stevenson on 07719662473.

**Services for April**
**Sunday 7th April**
9.00 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Holy Communion.
7.00 pm Evening Prayer.

**Wednesday 10th April**
8.00pm Lenten Service.

**Sunday 14th April**
9.00 am Holy Communion.
11.00 am Palm Sunday Service.

**Monday 15th April**
8.00pm Holy Week Service- Compline.

**Tuesday 16th April**
8.00pm Holy Week Service- Late Evening Office.

**Wednesday 17th April**
8.00pm Holy Week Service- Evening Prayer.

**Thursday 18th April**
8.00pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion.

**Friday 19th April**
8.00pm Reflection on The Passion through Readings, Music and Hymns

**Sunday 21st April**
9.00 am Holy Communion.
11.00 am Easter Day Communion Service.

**Sunday 28th April**
9.00 am Holy Communion.
11.00 am Morning Prayer.

**Parish Register**

**Baptisms**

CHESHIRE, James King, infant son of Derek and Aoife Cheshire, who was baptised at Rossorry Parish Church by Canon Ian Ellis during the 11am service, on Sunday 17th March 2019, St Patrick’s Day.

**Contact Us...**
Website: rossorryparish.com
Facebook: Rossorry Parish Church
We update regularly events in the church as well as weddings and christenings.
E-mail at rossorryoffice@btinternet.com
Telephone at 02866 329889.
Tempo and Clabby

Rector: The Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong

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

Lent Services
3rd April – Tempo 8pm
10th April – Clabby 8pm

Holy Week
Wednesday 17th April – Clabby 8pm
Maundy Thursday & HC 18th April – Tempo 8pm
Good Friday 19th April – Clabby 8pm
Easter Sunday 21st April – Services at the usual times

World Day of Prayer
There was a good attendance at this service in Tempo Church. The theme was ‘Come – Everything Is Ready’ and the service was put together and written by the women of Slovenia. The guest preacher was Revd Margaret Pringle and there were readings, music and prayers reflecting the political and economic situation of Slovenia from the time it was a socialist-communist state to the present day.

Marching Bands Concert
The evening was a great success when the hall was filled to capacity and raised over £2420 for Tempo Parish Church funds. The audience were treated to a feast of musical talent featuring Inver Flute Band, Thiepval Pipe Band, Drum Accordion Band and Tempo Silver Band. (See photos). The compere, Mr Roy Crowe entertained everyone with his funny stories and his fine singing. Thank you to Rodney White and Mark McDonald for organising the event and to everyone who helped to sell tickets and come along on the night.
Trory and Killadeas

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

Trory Services
Sunday Services will continue as normal 11.30am
Sunday School will continue in the same form unless parents are told otherwise. Keep in touch with the teachers regarding holidays.

Lent
Midweek service during Lent will continue at 8pm in Trory

Holy Week, Wednesday, Thursday and Good Friday will be at 8pm in Killadeas.

Easter Sunday
Easter Sunday - normal service times for both churches.

Confirmation
To our newly confirmed members, congratulations, we wish you every blessing and may you continue in the knowledge and love of God.

Bereavement
February 24th brought the news of the death of our esteemed member, Herbert Oscar Eric Follis affectionately known to all as Herby. There is little to add to what has already been said about this remarkable man. We as his fellow parishioners will miss him terribly, so we can only imagine how his immediate family feel about their loss.

We send our condolences to Jean and all the family on their bereavement and the assurance that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mothers' Union
The next meeting will be on Monday 8th April at Killadeas at 8pm when the guest speaker will be Rachel Robinson giving an insight into Cameroon (People Places Pets). Everyone welcome.

Tuesday Club
The next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th April at Killadeas at 2.30pm for an Easter Celebration.

I am informed that an enjoyable evening was had by all on the evening 25th February. Well done to everyone especially the organisers.

Bowling Club
Continuing as normal, with everyone looking forward to the Summer League which will commence in May. The summer session is for charitable purposes and is also an opportunity for beginners to try their hand at something new. New members are always welcome to come along.

Easter Vestry
The Easter Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday, 9th April at 7.30pm in Trory Old School House. Please try to attend as your presence would be appreciated.

Killadeas Church Services
Church Services continue as usual: 10am each Sunday, with Holy Communion on the First Sunday of each month and tea/coffee in the Parish Hall after our Service on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Sunday School leaves during Morning Prayer. All Welcome.

Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Bradshaw family on their recent bereavement. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult of times.
New Life Choir

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Fivemiletown Methodist, 7.30pm

SUNDAY 14TH
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MOTHERS’ UNION

The Clogher Diocesan Mothers’ Union have held three sessions exploring the Mothers’ Union theme for 2019 of Listen, Observe and Act in step with God. These sessions took place in St Patrick’s Church Hall in Monaghan, Colebrooke Parish Church Hall and St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall during the month of February.

Irene Boyd (Diocesan President) and Liane Armstrong (Diocesan Secretary) led the evenings and were assisted by Trustee Members. A total of 129 members from 28 branches attended over the three sessions.

The evenings commenced with a buffet tea and members had an opportunity to chat informally. Various activities followed, involving talking and listening to each other and exercises about ‘Listening to God’. The final discussion focused on the ‘Act’ in the theme when the attention was placed on members to relate a ‘Success Story’ from their branch, where they reached out to the community. Branches were able to relate about work going on in their branches, for example, providing lunches for the elderly; providing non-perishable items to the housebound; coffee mornings; running an open shop for school uniforms, baby clothes; making reusable sanitary products for girls overseas; knitting for the hospitals – teddies, baby clothes and fiddle blankets for dementia patients and supporting the shoebox appeal are a few examples.

At the end of the evening members who attended had benefited from:
• Fun and friendship
• Making new friends
• Communicating better with others and how to listen more intently
• Realising that they were valued.
• Encouragement from other branches and ideas for future projects.
• Sharing with church and community

The President, Irene Boyd, thanked all who attended the evenings and also the Branches who hosted the events and helped to provide food.
The Board of Trustees of Mothers’ Union Ireland is seeking to appoint an Honorary Treasurer to work as part of the All-Ireland Mothers’ Union team. The post holder will support the work of Mothers’ Union throughout the dioceses in Ireland. The successful candidate will be required to work flexibly from their home base and closely with the Board of Trustees and Mothers’ Union Diocesan Treasurers. Reasonable office and travelling expenses will be paid.

Further information, a job description, and the application form are available from:
Rossorry Rectory,
59 Derrygonnelly Road
Enniskillen
BT74 5PX
Email: heatherme.ellis@gmail.com
Telephone number for information 07957507879

Applications in a sealed envelope marked ‘Honorary Treasurer’
Closing date 12th April 2019
As we write this it is almost time for our Handcraft to be completed and our Cookery Competition on 23rd March.

MRS CECIL FRANCES ALEXANDER
Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education organised an exhibition and an evening of stories and song to mark the 200th anniversary of Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander’s birth, one of the most iconic hymnwriters in Ireland. This took place on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, 9th and 10th March. On the Sunday evening we were invited to sing at the Evening of Praise in St. Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen.

GFS FORMATION
This was a poignant event for the Girls Friendly Society as Mrs Alexander attended the first meeting in Ireland on the 22nd February 1877 to make plans to form a GFS in Ireland. The venue was The Marine Hotel in Bray, Co. Wicklow. Others who attended this meeting were Viscountess Powerscourt (Presiding), Viscountess Monck, The Hon Mrs Greene, Mrs La Touche, Rev’d J G Scott (Rector), Rev’d J A Cross (Hon Sec).

THANKS
We would like to thank the following people
• Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education for inviting us to take part in such a lovely event.
• Organist, Glenn Moore for giving his time on the Sunday afternoon to have a rehearsal with the leaders and the girls.
• The Cathedral Hall for allowing us the use of their kitchen and hall - this was greatly appreciated as we were able to get the girls pizzas for their tea and saved a double journey on parents and leaders. The leaders also enjoyed the tea and sandwiches.
• The Leaders for practising with the girls beforehand in their own branches.
• The girls who joined in the GFS Choir.
• And it would be amiss of us not to thank Mrs Alison Jackson, for coming along and joining us in the choir on this occasion.

Dates for your GFS Diary:
Friday, 5th April - Sponsored Dance in Fivemiletown Parish Hall @ 7.30pm
Every family in all the branches at this stage should have their Sponsored Sheet for this event – please support the Leaders and Girls to raise funds for the GFS World Project and GFS Missions
Friday, 3rd May - Diocesan Service - Aghavea Parish Church at 7.30pm

Competition time for GFS members
As Easter approaches and our young people face the challenges of examinations and assessments, thoughts of the forthcoming summer are usually far from our minds. However, for some there are already plans and preparations being put in place to travel and serve in short term mission. This often can be with a mission organisation and sometimes as a partnership between a parish and a mission provider. The Diocesan Youth Council annually award grant aid to young people who take up the call to short term mission beyond the bounds of their diocese. Funding is awarded on an individual or group basis and only requires the completion of an application form. Young people who receive an award are asked to make a written report of their experience along with some photographs to illustrate their story. In the past some of these have been featured in this magazine so that the diocese can see and appreciate the great work that is done through short term mission abroad. As with short term mission, individuals and groups of young people who attend summer camps which help provide the opportunity for them to grow in faith with others are considered. These camps can be at home or abroad but beyond their immediate environment. The Youth Council is seeking to encourage these opportunities to become a very significant part of the summer for our young people. Again, those who receive grant funding are asked to make a short written report of their experience to the council.

For more information or to receive an application form. Please contact the Diocesan Youth Officer, Jonny Phenix
dyo@clogher.anglican.org
Tel: 07850881712
Clogher Diocesan Office, Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen BT74 7DR
Closing date for applications is 3rd of May 2019
CHILDREN’S SECTION

Hosanna, Hosanna!

He is Risen

Happy Easter
Follow the **Easter story** using the Bible references, then look for the words in the puzzle.

**Into Jerusalem**
*read Matthew 21:1-11*

- DONKEY • ROAD • COATS
- BRANCHES • PALMS
- KING • HOSANNA

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**The Last Supper**
*read Matthew 26:17-30*

- TWELVE DISCIPLES
- PASSOVER
- ROOM • BREAD
- WINE • SON • MAN
- BODY • BLOOD
- CUP • MEAL

**Betrayal and Death**
*read Matthew 26:36-27:56*

- GETHSEMANE
- PRAY • BETRAY
- KISS • ARREST
- MESSIAH • CHRIST
- SON • ACCUSED
- CRUCIFY • JESUS
- CROWN • THORNS
- ROBE • TREE
- NAILS • CROSS
- DARKNESS
- QUAKE • DEATH
- LOTS • DICE

**Burial and Resurrection**
*read Matthew 27:57-28:20*

- TOMB • STONE • LINEN
- BODY • BURY • THREE DAYS
- MORNING • MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN • LORD • GOD
- RAISED • JOY • GO TELL • GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT
- SAVIOUR • PRAISE • EASTER • I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

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DIOCESAN NEWS

Rural Deanery organises evenings on health and wellbeing

The clergy from Kesh Rural Deanery in Clogher Diocese organised two evenings on Health and Wellbeing, one for young people under 18 and the second for adults.

The speaker at both was Conor McCafferty, Co-Director of the charity, Zest: Healing the Hurt and addressed the pressures facing young people including the dangers of self-harm and suggested measures they could take to guard against them.

The first meeting in Tubrid Parish Hall was attended by an encouraging number of young people with their leaders. At the second meeting held in the Termon Centre, Pettigo, attended by adults representing various churches in the North Fermanagh area, Conor McCafferty spoke of ways to improve their wellbeing.

Conor explained the importance of good health which includes eating and sleeping well and good emotional health as these help to guard against mental and physical health problems.

He explained how emotional health was extremely important because when emotions cannot be expressed they are held in. All emotions, he said, were natural and essential for our wellbeing even though some are positive and some are negative. For example grief was the price people paid for loving someone.

He said there were negative ways of dealing with feelings such as ignoring, pretending or turning to alcohol. Or some people might try to make themselves better by working harder, perhaps turning to gambling which then sometimes leads to addiction.

He said that one of the biggest threats to people’s emotional health and wellbeing was drinking alcohol heavily which can lead to mood swings and depression. A high proportion of suicide victims will have succumbed to drinking alcohol.

He listed healthy ways of dealing with feelings such as being emotive, talking, exercising, relaxing, physical reassurance and taking responsibility for self-care.

Revd Alan Irwin, concluding the meeting, said the church recognised that events such as these were important as many people in society had lost the sense of good parenting and there was more to life than social media.

The meetings were supported by Clogher Diocesan Youth Council.

Diocesan Grants Scheme for children’s ministry

To mark the 150th Anniversary of the Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland and as part of its ongoing outreach and mission the Sunday School Society has announced a Diocesan Grants Scheme. The scheme will have a fund of 12,000 euros made available from the Society to support children’s ministry throughout Ireland.

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Flower Festival

24TH - 27TH MAY 2019
St Mary’s Ardess, Magheraculmoney Parish,
21 Ardess Road, Kesh, Co. Fermanagh, BT93 1GL

Opening Times

Friday
Opening Service 11.00am - 9.00pm
Saturday 10.00am - 9.00pm
Sunday 2.00pm - 9.00pm
Monday 11.00am - 7.00pm
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Mobile: 07745 652140     Email: louielee4@hotmail.co.uk

ALL PROCEEDS IN AID OF ARDESS PARISH CHURCH BUILDING FUND
Ardess Parish Church is registered with
The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC105485
Faithful parishioners ensure worship at little mountain church continues

The dedicated members of the congregation of Coolbuck Church, which is part of Lisbellaw Parish will mark the re-opening of their building near Topped Mountain this Easter following extensive renovation work.

The church which has served the community for more than 150 years, has undergone a complete interior overhaul including plastering and repainting and with modern lighting added.

Coolbuck Church, built in 1862, is reckoned to be the smallest church in the Church of Ireland in regular use. Services are held every Sunday at 3pm.

The Rector, Revd Stephanie Woods explained that the church is licensed for weddings and a faithful gathering averaging 24 people attend Sunday services. For larger events such as at Easter, Harvest Thanksgiving Services and at Christmas most of the 56 seats will be filled.

The church also attracts people from outside the parish to services because of its easy access.

With the final touches being put to the work over the past few weeks, the church was feeling cosy again with the help of a wood-burning stove.

Much of the work has been undertaken by “Friends of Coolbuck’ who help to keep it in pristine condition for worship each week.

Roadshow and ‘one to one session’ on GDPR

A roadshow and a one to one sessions on GDPR is being offered in Clogher Diocese by the RCB.

The next roadshow is on Wednesday, 8th May at 7.30pm and one to one sessions on Wednesday, 8th May from 3pm-5pm and also on Thursday, 9th May from 10am – 12.30pm.

The roadshow will be held in the Hilliard Room, Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen and the one to one sessions are being held in the Diocesan Office meeting room.

Numbers for the roadshow are limited to 30 places so it would be advisable to book early. If you would like to attend the roadshow or would like to book a one to one session, then please email Sabrina McCabe, Diocesan Admin Support on sabrina.clogher@gmail.com or phone the Diocesan office between 9am – 12 Noon or leave a message on the answer machine.

On 25th May 2018 The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) came into effect and placed responsibilities upon how organisations manage personal data. These regulations also apply to the Church of Ireland and places requirements upon Dioceses and parishes to ensure that they are compliant with GDPR in how they store and process personal data.

Rebekah Fozzard is the Church of Ireland’s Data Protection Officer and has produced a number of very useful guidance documents to assist parishes and dioceses with the implementation of GDPR including the Data Controllers Guide to GDPR and A Parish Handbook.

Rebekah will be facilitating a question and answer session as well as giving practical advice and guidance on data protection issues. She has also agreed to make herself available for the ‘one to one’ sessions for any parishes who have a particular issue or difficulty that they would like to discuss with her.

It is important that as many clergy, parish secretaries and treasurers take up this opportunity to attend one of these roadshows as Rebekah is in high demand for this type of training and it may be some time before we can get her back again.
CLOGHER DIOCESAN BOARD OF MISSION INVITES APPLICATIONS

If individuals or groups from parishes within Clogher Diocese are involved in delivering Church based projects at home or overseas, they may apply to the Diocesan Board of Mission to be considered for financial assistance.

To be considered for such support, please in the first instance contact the Very Revd Kenneth Hall (Board Chair) by email; dean@clogher.anglican.org with an outline of the project and who is involved.

Day of Praise in Clogher Cathedral

Helping to organise the Day of Praise in St. Macartan’s Cathedral, Clogher were (from left); Audrey Johnston, Gladys Mills, Revd Olivia Downey, Rector and Sharon Fannin. The event involved choirs, singers and musicians playing in the Cathedral throughout the afternoon of Sunday, 10th March as a way of raising funds for a substantial maintenance project at the historic Cathedral. The Sunday ended with a special praise service. See Parish Notes on Page 13

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A large congregation of people from across Clogher Diocese and beyond paid tribute to the hymnwriter, Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander with an evening of praise interspersed with stories about her life on Sunday evening, 10th March.

Marking the 200th anniversary of her birth, the evening of praise in St. Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen, completed a weekend of celebration of the iconic Irish hymnwriter, as a two-day exhibition was also organised by Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education.

The exhibition comprised items on loan from St. Columb’s Cathedral, Londonderry and St Bestius’ Parish Church, Killeter and covered Mrs Alexander’s life from her birth in Dublin until her death in Derry, where her husband, the Right Revd William Alexander was Bishop of Derry and Raphoe. He went on to become Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland.

The exhibition featured letters, manuscripts and photographs of family members and places where the Alexanders lived during their life together serving in the Church of Ireland. The exhibition attracted people from all over Ireland including some distant descendants of the Alexanders.

A welcome to the praise service was given by Dean Kenneth Hall of St. Macartin’s Cathedral and Canon Desmond Kingston from the Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education introduced the service with prayer.

The praise evening included narration of the
Mrs Eva Baxter narrating the life story of Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander.

The service opened with the processional hymn, “The Golden Gates are lifted up” followed by “Once in royal David’s city” with a first verse solo by James Morrison. The GFS choir sang “Do no sinful action” and the Cathedral Choir sang; “All things bright and beautiful” with a quartet singing “When wounded sore the stricken soul.” Another hymn, “His are the thousand sparkling rills” was sung with a first verse solo by Jane McKinley. Other hymns sung included “There is a green hill far away” with a solo by David Burton, “Jesus calls us! O’er the tumult,” “In the roll-call of God’s son,” “To the God of our creation” and “For all Thy saints a noble throng.”

The organist was Mr. Glenn Moore with Warren Kerr and Gavin Rogers on Cornet and Rodney White on drums. The choir conductor was Jayne Malcolmson. The Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell, gave the closing remarks and blessing.

The Bishop with the closing remarks and Blessing.

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Some of the congregation attending the praise evening of hymns written by Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander.

Part of the GFS choir taking part in the service.

Joyce Clingan with her niece, Rebekah Clingan and Rebekah’s mother, Mabel.

Mrs Eva Baxter interspersed with the singing of almost a dozen of her well-known hymns. During one section of the story, Rebekah Clingan, dressed as Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander, walked along the aisle to show people how she would have dressed in the 1800s. Taking part in the service were members of St. Macartín’s Cathedral Choir as well as the GFS choir from Clogher Diocese which included the All-Ireland President, Mrs. Alison Jackson.

Joyce Clingan with her niece, Rebekah Clingan and Rebekah’s mother, Mabel.
The artist who is celebrating the wonder of God’s creation in his painting

By Brian Donaldson

Few people appreciate the splendour of God’s creation than artist, Neal Greig. When on location, Neal could sit for most of a day watching the changes of light and mood around him affecting the colours and form of his subject.

His inspiration comes from the rural woodlands and lakes that exist within Clogher Diocese and surrounding areas as well as the west coast of Ireland, and further field.

Neal, a parishioner of St. Salvator’s Parish Church, Glaslough in the Donagh Group of Parishes has become a renowned artist, having been elected to the Royal Ulster Academy for his outstanding achievements in the art world.

A prizewinning artist who has received many prestigious awards, Neal enjoys life in the rural area around Glaslough where he has his Seaveagh Studio.

Born in Belfast, Neal studied for his BA Hons Degree in Fine Art at Edinburgh College of Art and is a postgraduate in Drawing and Painting.

He was awarded Artist in Residence in a number of facilities both at home and abroad and received the prestigious Pollock Krasner Award from the Foundation of New York.

He got an introduction to Co. Monaghan when he was awarded Artist in Residence at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre near Newbliss.

Neal and his wife, Eileen Ferguson, a renowned artist as well, moved to the Castle Leslie Estate and it was clear then that they enjoyed living and working around Glaslough.

In addition to painting for commissions and exhibitions, Neal has also led workshops across Ireland in studios as well as in Schools and Colleges and recently completed a project working with prisoners.

His dramatic landscapes in oils portray what the eye sees.

Neal said; “Much of my work is done on location. It’s part of the experience and it’s a bit unpredictable as to the outcome and its liveliness.

“There is something for being in the moment. It is very natural and elemental. “There is a spiritual aspect to the artwork. I feel I am connected. It is almost like I am celebrating what is there. I open my heart and get the creativity going. I am responding to things that are happening.
African children’s choir come to Fermanagh

THE Abaana New Life African Children’s Choir will be on tour in Fermanagh and South West Tyrone at the beginning of April. The 20-strong team of young people from Uganda are aged between seven and 13 and have been performing at various venues, including churches and schools, throughout the Province since early February.

A number of local venues are to host the choir during the first week in April and these are to include the Archdale Centre, Lisnaskea (Tuesday 9); Enniskillen Elim (Friday 12); Fivemiletown Methodist Hall (Saturday 13); and Magheracross Parish, Ballinamallard (Sunday 14).

The children, who will be accompanied by eight chaperones and staff, were auditioned from 13 schools that have been built by Abaana across Uganda, and over the past year have been learning the programme for the tour. Everyone hearing them is deeply touched by their enthusiasm and vitality as they sing, dance and tell their stories.

Abaana is a Christian-based charity who seek to bring hope to youngsters in a place where there is extreme poverty and where many children live on the streets, begging for food. Three members of the choir are themselves, former street children.

Abaana believe that education is one of the tools that offer these children the chance to break the poverty cycle, and they encourage everyone to support the choir at the various venues. Finance raised as the result of the NI tour will provide sponsorship, not only for the children themselves, but also a potential 300 other youngsters.

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Church of Ireland helping to prevent scams

It can sound so good. That email out of the blue offering a great holiday in the sun, the letter congratulating you on that big windfall, or the call inviting you to put your money into a lucrative new venture. And it’s very tempting indeed. In any year, most of us will be targeted with an attempt to scam us out of money but the good news is that with a little more caution, we can all spot scams and therefore stop them in their tracks.

The Church of Ireland – alongside the other main Churches here – is backing the Scamwise NI campaign to keep people in Northern Ireland safe from scams. In the Republic, fraudulent invoices, emails and phone calls are among the most common frauds reported to Gardaí.

A simple four-step test can help you to spot a scam if a cold caller gets in touch:
• Seems to be good to be true;
• Contacted out of the blue;
• Asked for personal details;
• Money requested.

The scam test was highlighted by publicity at the Armagh and Derry and Raphoe diocesan synods last autumn, following a series of meetings with the Church Leaders, and the message will be shared more widely this spring through social media and a PowerPoint slide being provided for parishes.

Archbishop Richard Clarke remarked: “It is shocking to learn of the sheer cynicism, deviousness and mean-mindedness that people apply into seeking to swindle others today, whether online, by phone, by post, or even by direct face-to-face contact on a doorstep. This makes it, for example, crucially important that everyone is aware of the dangers of engaging carelessly online, even with sites that look ‘safe’. It is equally important that people do not hesitate to contact the PSNI or the Gardaí if they believe that they are possibly being targeted by fraudsters.”

Scams target people of all ages, backgrounds and income levels and can have a devastating impact on those affected and their families. Indeed, a financial loss is often accompanied by deep embarrassment; the police are always keen to encourage victims to come forward and get the support they need which can help to overcome that sense of shame.


Remember – if an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is, but if you can spot a scam, you’ve got the power to stop it.

This article was first published in the Church of Ireland Gazette. Having met with the PSNI earlier this year to hear about the impact of scams on people across the whole community, the leaders of the main Churches here have endorsed the ScamwiseNI Partnership’s campaign and key message: ‘If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam’.

Scams target people of all ages, backgrounds and income levels and the PSNI’s Economic Crime Unit (ECU) has seen the devastating effects that this type of crime can have on people and their families. The Scamwise Partnership advises that one of the best ways to fight scammers is to take steps to prevent being caught out in the first place using a simple four-step scam test: you’re being scammed if something seems too good to be true; you’re contacted out of the blue; you’re asked for personal details and money is requested.

On behalf of the Church leaders, the Revd Brian Anderson, President of the Irish Council of Churches, said, ‘We are encouraging clergy and church members alike to be alert to the problem of scamming and to spread the Scamwise message to friends and family members, especially those who might seem most vulnerable in society. Scamwise leaflets and helpful information will be made available across church networks during the coming weeks.’

Temporary Chief Superintendent Walls said: ‘The ScamwiseNI Partnership exists to raise the awareness of members of our community to the very real risk of scams but also to educate them to some very simple steps they can take to become scam-wise. I am delighted and encouraged that the Partnership has the endorsement and support of the leaders of the main Churches who have undertaken, with the ScamwiseNI, to manage across their many congregations. I look forward to the development of this collaboration over the coming years and the active participation by the Churches in keeping people safe.’

STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS

The Standing Committee of the General Synod met on Tuesday, 12th March 2019, in Church of Ireland House, Dublin.

The Standing Committee adopted the Priorities Fund Committee’s annual report and recommendations. Seventy-six applications were received in 2018 totalling €1,238,141; the committee recommended 66 new grants and 12 second year grants, totalling €701,987.

A grant of £576 was made from the General Synod Royalties Fund to provide for additional amendments required in the Daily Worship app.

Among the appointments made were:
• Secondary Education Committee (nomination): Mr Wilfred Baker, Ms Elizabeth Hassell, the Revd Robert Jones, Ms Kara Turner, Ms Hazel Corrigan, Mr Roy Crowe, the Revd Katharine Poulton and Ms Joyce Ryder;
• Delegates to meetings of other Churches: Dr Bridget Nichols and Dr Kenneth Milne (Religious Society of Friends), the Bishop of Clogher (Scottish Episcopal Church), Canon Gillian Wharton (Church of England, July Group of Sessions), and Canon Dr Ian M Ellis (German Protestant Kirchentag).

The Honorary Secretaries reported that Mr Robert Dunne has been appointed as Safeguarding Officer (Republic of Ireland). Mr Dunne has previously worked as a youth and community worker and has over 10 years’ experience with Barnardos in child protection and family support.

The Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh will preach at his year’s General Synod Service – at 10.30am on Thursday, 16th May. A Civic Reception for members of the General Synod will be hosted by Derry City and Strabane District Council in the Guildhall on the evening of the same day.
Communications competition now open for entries
Parishes and other affiliated organisations with websites or other forms of social media are invited to send entries to this year’s annual Communications Competition organised by the Church of Ireland’s Central Communications Board. The competition is now open and entries are being received for online media from Church of Ireland parishes, dioceses and affiliated organisations, in the following categories:
• Parish Website
• Diocesan Website
• Church of Ireland affiliated organisation Website
• Innovative use of Social Media
Quality of presentation, strength of content and outreach potential are once again to be the standards of excellence against which entries will be judged. The closing date is Friday, 26th April. Winners will be announced at the General Synod in the Millennium Forum, Derry/Londonderry, 16th to 18th May 2019. Websites and social media platforms are important for the exchange of news and views in church communities and play a vital role within the life of the Church of Ireland. The Central Communications Board has decided to alternate between print and online media, and this year’s competition will focus on online media. Within the Church of Ireland there are good examples of how online communication is being used to build Christian community and communicate the Christian faith. This competition is an opportunity to learn what others are doing, to showcase good work and to join in. CCB Chairman, Bishop Pat Storey, said: “Communication can be hard work but it is incredibly worthwhile in communicating the Christian faith and building up the life of the Church of Ireland. I encourage you to send in your best work and we are looking forward to seeing how the different parts of our Church present themselves to the wider world.” Please obtain an entry form for the competition from Peter Cheney, Church of Ireland Press Office (by email: competition@ireland.anglican.org or phone: 028 9082 8882 from Northern Ireland; 048 9082 8882 from the Republic of Ireland). The closing date for entries is Friday, 26th April.

Disestablishment 150 to hold commemorative events in 2019 and 2020
Disestablishment has seen a renewed focus on ourselves as a developing and evolving spiritual community. It has enabled the Church to find afresh its independence and mission. It has conferred freedom for laity and clergy to develop a synodical way of life and understanding and to engage with confidence with those of other traditions. Recognising these positives, the Church of Ireland plans to commemorate the 150th anniversary through a number of initiatives in 2019 and 2020 at national level entitled ‘Free to shape our future’. The Archbishop of Dublin and Glenalough, the Most Revd Dr. Michael Jackson explains some of the events taking place; “The Church of Ireland Youth Forum was the first event of the 2019 commemorations marking the 150th anniversary of Disestablishment with the theme of the forum being ‘Free to shape our future’. “The official launch of the National Programme will begin at the opening commemorative National Service in Saint Patrick’s Cathedral which will take place on the 23rd November 2019 with the Archbishop of Canterbury as preacher. We hope to also have a service in autumn 2020 in St Anne’s Cathedral, Belfast, to close the programme. “Other projected events include a colloquium in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute on 30th November 2019, architectural walking tours incorporating the key sites in Dublin during Heritage Week 2019 and 2020 and a symposium at the Royal Irish Academy on Thursday 27th February 2020. There will also be a small exhibition within the Representative Church Body Library and a small exhibition that will travel to the Cathedrals across the Church of Ireland. It is also projected that a cultural exchange take place in 2020 between the Church of Ireland and the Church of Wales who will be commemorating the centenary of their own Disestablishment from the Church of England in 2020. Information on the programme’s events and news will be shared on this webpage as they arise throughout 2019 and 2020. “We seek to build up a country–wide programme. To this end we encourage individual dioceses to contribute initiatives to the National Programme by sending their initiatives for advertisement on the National Programme events page to Disestablishment Coordinator, Caoimhe Leppard (caoimhe.leppard@rcbdub.org). This will enable everyone to see what is happening and to attend as much as they possibly can. “While these initiatives are being organised to commemorate Disestablishment as a national programme, each diocese is encouraged, should its Bishop wish it to do so, to organise events locally whether in a diocesan cathedral or elsewhere.”

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April 2019

- Thursday 4th April – St. Tigernach’s Day Celebration beginning with an event in St. Tigernach’s Parish Church, Clones at 7.30pm continuing afterwards to the Round Tower and finishing with refreshments in the Cassandra Hand Folk and Famine Centre.
- Friday 5th April – Girls’ Friendly Society Diocesan Sponsored Dance in Fivemiletown Parish Hall at 7.30pm to raise funds for World Project and GFS Missions.
- Saturday 6th April – Commissioning Service for the Carrickmacross Union Malawi 2019 team with Habitat for Humanity in Belfast. The team will meet with other teams going to Africa during the summer.
- Saturday 6th April – POSTPONED - Aghavea Parish Auction scheduled for this date has now been postponed until September
- Saturday 6th April – Coffee Morning for St. Mark’s Parish, Newtownaville in Eska Community Haa from 10am-1pm for church funds.
- Sunday 7th April – Commissioning of William Graham as Parish Reader by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell at 4pm in Christ Church, Ballybay.
- Sunday 7th April – Evening of Worship at 7pm in Colaghty Parish Church with Sammy Heenan from Rathfriland who will share some of his experiences from being orphaned as a boy when terrorists murdered his father.
- Sunday 7th April – Abaana New Life Choir perform in the Archdale Centre, Lisnaskea at 7.30pm.
- Friday 12th April – Inishmacsaint Big Sing in Inishmacsaint Parish Church at 7.30pm organised by Mrs Gillian Rutherford. Hymns old and new led by the Church Choir. Collection in aid of Church Funds.
- Saturday 13th April – Annual Parish and Missionary Sale in Killeevan Parish Hall, Clones from 3pm-5pm.
- Saturday 13th April – Male Voice Choir Concert featuring the Seven Towers Male Voice Choir from Ballymena in Derryvullen North Hall at 8pm. Tickets £10 with under 18s free.
- Sunday 14th April – Abaana Children’s Choir from Uganda will be performing in Magheracross Parish Church on the Sunday evening at 7pm and visitors are welcome.
- Sunday 14th April – Hippity Hoppity Easter’s on the Way Afternoon Tea Party in Garvay Parish Hall from 2.30pm - 5.30pm with proceeds to the Organ Fund. Featuring children’s Easter craft corner, Face Painting, Pin on the Tail on the Bunny, Chocolate Fountain Bunny Tails and Easter Bakes to buy.
- Sunday 14th April – Farewell Evening for Chancellor David Skuce at 7pm in Inishmacsaint Parish Church. All welcome.
- Sunday 14th April – Palm Sunday Procession (with a donkey) at St. Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen.
- Monday 15th April – Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for May issue. Send to editor@clogher.anglican.org
- Saturday 20th April – Cleenish and Mullaghdun Mothers’ Union Coffee Morning and Cake Sale.
- Sunday 21st April – Coolbuck Church, Lisbellaw re-opens on Easter Sunday at 3pm with a Service of Holy Communion.
- Monday 22nd April – Mullaghy Plute Band Concert on Easter Monday in Gransha Hall.
- Thursday 25th April – Auction in aid of Fields of Life Project in Holy Trinity Church Hall, Dromore at 7pm.
- Thursday 25th April – Lunchtime Healing Service in the Iona Room, St. Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen, from 1.00 -1.35pm led by Mr Abraham Storey.
- Saturday 27th April – Galloon Parish Auction at 12noon in the Parish Hall with doors open from 11am. For any information regarding the auction, to offer help or request items collected contact William Little 02867738676 or Richard Bell 02867738295.

May 2019

- Friday 3rd May – GFS Diocesan Service in Aghavea Parish Church at 7.30pm.
- Saturday 4th May – Parish Auction in Colaghty Parish Hall.
- Sunday 5th May – 200th Anniversary Service in St Mark’s Parish Church, Aghadrumsee, with the Bishop of Clogher beginning a year of events finishing with a special weekend in June 2020.
- Tuesday 7th May – Board of Education Committee meeting at 10am.
- Tuesday 7th May – Giebes Committee meeting at 11am.
- Tuesday 7th May – Diocesan Council Meeting at 2pm.
- Wednesday 8th May – GDPR Roadshow facilitated by the RCB takes place in the Hilliard Room, Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen, at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 8th - Thursday 9th May 2019 - GDPR ‘One to One’ sessions facilitated by the RCB take place in the Diocesan Office on the Wednesday from 3pm-5pm and on the Thursday from 10am-12.30pm. Limited places available and booking essential by email to; sabrina.clogher@gmail.com or phone the Diocesan Office to book.
- Saturday 11th May – Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer’s Quiet Day hosted in St John’s Parish Church, Fivemiletown beginning with coffee at 9.30am and with first contemplation at 10am. The Quiet Day will end at 1pm. The witness is Dr Pat Mullan.
- Sunday 12th May – Fundraising Gospel Concert in Christ Church, Aughnamullen, Co. Monaghan at 7pm featuring Rockcorry National School and Ballybay Community Choir along with other artistes. All welcome.
- Wednesday 15th May – Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for June issue. Send to editor@clogher.anglican.org
- Saturday 18th May – Coffee Morning for Aughnamullen Parish, Co Monaghan from 11am - 3pm with a cake sale and other stalls. All welcome.
- Thursday 23rd May – Luncheon Healing Service in the Iona Room, St. Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen 1.00 - 1.35pm led by Canon Maurice Armstrong.
- Friday 24th - Monday 27th May 2019 – Flower Festival in Ardess Parish Church. The theme of the weekend will be “The great I AM” with a wonderful celebration of the God that says “I AM”.
- Thursday 30th May – Adult Confirmation (contact your Rector or Rural Dean for details).

June 2019

- Saturday 8th - Saturday 9th June 2019 – Aghadrumsee 200th Anniversary Celebration Weekend with barbecue games from years gone by. Special service on the Sunday at 3pm with Canon E. Kille.
- Sunday 9th June – Outdoor Service and Barbecue at Belle Isle organised by Maguiresbridge and Derrynbrusk parishes. More details later.
- Saturday 9th June – Muckno Parish Friends’ Service at 3pm with Archdeacon Craig McCauley as special preacher. The organist will be Miss Charlotte Adair. Refreshments served after the service.
- Friday 14th June – Treasure Hunt for Aghadrumsee Parish 200th Celebrations.
- Saturday 15th June – Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for July/August issue. Send to editor@clogher.anglican.org
- Sunday 16th June – 175th Anniversary Service in Colaghty Parish Church at 3.30pm.
- Thursday 27th June – Lunchtime Healing Service in the Iona Room, St. Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen 1.00 - 1.35pm led by Miss Lucy Woods.

July 2019

- Thursday 25th July – Lunchtime Healing Service in the Iona Room, St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen 1.00 - 1.35pm led by Revd Isobel Nixon.
- Saturday 27th July – Colaghty Parish Church barbecue at the hall.
August 2019
- Thursday 15th August – Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for September issue. Send to editor@clogher.anglican.org
- Thursday 22nd August – Lunchtime Healing Service in the Iona Room, St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen 1.00 - 1.35pm led by Archdeacon Brian Harper.

September 2019
- Tuesday 3rd September – Board of Education Committee meeting at 10am.
- Tuesday 3rd September – Glebes Committee Meeting at 11am.
- Tuesday 3rd September – Diocesan Council Meeting at 2pm.
- Sunday 15th September – Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for October issue. Send to editor@clogher.anglican.org
- Thursday 26th September – Clogher Diocesan Synod at 5.30pm.
- Thursday 26th September – Lunchtime Healing Service in the Iona Room, St. Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen from 1.00 - 1.35pm led by Miss Helen Humphries.

October 2019
- Monday 7th - Sunday 13th October 2019 – Colaghty Parish Mission
- Tuesday 15th October – Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for November issue. Send to editor@clogher.anglican.org
- Tuesday 22nd - Thursday 24th October 2019 – Clogher Clergy Conference in Dunfanaghy, Co.Donegal.
- Thursday 24th October – Lunchtime Healing Service in the Iona Room, St. Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen, from 1.00 - 1.35pm led by Canon Henry Blair.
- Wednesday 30th October – Musical Evening in St Mark’s Parish Church, Aghdrumsee with Revd Dr. Jean Mackarel.

November 2019
- Tuesday 5th November – Board of Education Committee meeting at 10am.
- Tuesday 5th November – Glebes Committee meeting at 11am.
- Tuesday 5th November – Diocesan Council Meeting at 2pm
- Friday 15th November – Clogher Diocesan Magazine deadline for submission of Parish Notes, advertisements and news stories for December issue. Send to editor@clogher.anglican.org
- Thursday 28th November – Lunchtime Healing Service in the Iona Room, St. Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen from 1.00pm to 1.35pm led by Canon Maurice Armstrong.

December 2019
- Monday 2nd - Friday 13th December 2019 – Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Clogher Diocese to Jordan, Israel and Mount Sinai and is open to anyone both inside and outside the Diocese. Anyone requiring further information should contact Chancellor David Skuce at Tel. 02886841235.
- Friday 6th December – Christmas Concert for St. Mark’s Parish Church, Aghdrumsee with the Ferguson Family.

March 2020
- Sunday 8th March – Favourite Hymns in St Mark’s Parish Church, Aghdrumsee at 3pm with Revd Olivia Downey.

May 2020
- Thursday 7th - Saturday 9th May 2020 – 2020 General Synod in Croke Park Meetings and Events Centre.
- Sunday 10th May – Picnic at Crom for St. Mark’s Parish, Aghdrumsee 200th anniversary year.

June 2020
- Saturday 6th - Sunday 7th June 2020 – Aghdrumsee 200th Anniversary ending weekend with display of wedding dresses and christening gowns and dress up Sunday.
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