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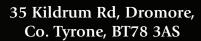
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Sam Morrow OBE, author of the book "St Macartin's Cathedral – At the Heart of the Community" showing a copy to Dean Kenneth Hall before the launch on 13 November. Full story on Pages 64-65.

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### LITURGICAL TRAINING EVENT FOR CLERGY AND LAY READERS

Following the publication of Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sunday and other liturgical resources, a Diocesan training has been arranged for all clergy, retired clergy, LMO's, NSM's, Diocesan and Parish Readers.

The material introduced

The material introduced will include; Morning and Evening Prayer for Use on Sunday, Holy



Communion by Extension, Prayer and Naming and Funeral Service in the case of Miscarriage or Neonatal Death and 'Service of Light' for Commemoration of Centenaries. The training will take place on Wednesday 27th November in Christ Church Parochial Hall, Maguiresbridge. Training for serving clergy will begin at 3.00pm with all others involved in taking services asked to attend at 7.30pm.

## A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



## Disestablishment: what have we made of it?

One of the key presentations at this year's Carleton 150 event in Fivemiletown to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the death of the Irish writer, William Carleton, was given by the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd. John McDowell.The 150th anniversary of the death of Carleton also coincides with the 150th anniversary of Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland.

In his address, Bishop McDowell spoke on, "Disestablishment: What have we made of it?"

He told his audience gathered in the Valley Hotel, Fivemiletown on Tuesday, 15th October that Carleton died in the year that the Irish Church Act passed into law and he wondered what he made of it?

"Perhaps he would have had more than a little sympathy with this incident recalling the night of the final vote on the Bill in the House of Lords, as related by Archbishop Alexander, the Church of Ireland Primate at the time; 'I can never The Rt Revd John McDowell

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forget the summer night after the division when I reeled out into the cool air almost hearing the crash of a great building.

'A kindly touch was laid upon my arm. I turned and saw a Roman Catholic Bishop of my acquaintance who had obtained a place to listen to the debate.

'I cannot pretend not to be pleased,' he said, 'Though personally I am sorry for you and others.'

'Then he patted me on the arm again, and added: "Now, my dear Lord, see what these English are.'

Bishop McDowell remarked: "A lesson which is still being rather painfully taught if not learned by some members of another establishment with a small 'e'.

Presenting a brief picture of the pre-Disestablished Church of Ireland, he said: "It was established by law but never at any time in its history having more than 12% of the population of Ireland, as members, the Church of Ireland was something of a cuckoo in the nest.

It was simply a replica of the form of Reformation which had been introduced into England - a collaboration between the Crown, Parliament and some reforming bishops, but set in a completely different set of social and religious circumstances. The Protestant Reformations of the Continent by and large had been vernacular and patriotic. The development of the English and German languages owed much to the translations of the Bible by Luther and Tyndale.

"In contrast the Church of Ireland had been an agent of anglicisation

in a Gaelic speaking country. We made no systematic attempt to make ourselves the Church of the Irish people and we need to continue to remember that. Establishment was not only a way of privileging one group of people. It was also (at least as originally conceived and legislated for) an attempt to destroy another Church (the Catholic Church) and to seriously impede the working of yet another one (the Presbyterian Church). So Presbyterians and Roman Catholics were not merely outside the church but bitterly alienated from it. The Church of Ireland was not just a minority Church but surrounded by a sea of hatred.

"The historian DA Akenson described it, in the 18thCentury, as "a supinely Erastian body", which indeed it was, and that habit of being close to State power wasn't wholly shed in in 1869. Certainly in Northern Ireland, the State and the prevailing political ethos influenced the Church much more than the Church influenced it.

"Although it later adopted the English confessions of faith, the Church of Ireland developed its own distinctive and restrictive Articles (105 in all) which named the Bishop of Rome as the antichrist and urged its children to shun 'his detestable enormities' and an 18th Century Regius Professor of theology in TCD told his seminarians that it was their duty '...to love God and hate the Pope.'

"Its bishops were more often than not more politically than pastorally active. All were crown (i.e. government) appointees and because the Irish House of Lords was a small body, they often formed the largest cohesive party therein. Throughout the 18th and 19th Centuries about half were English and half Irish. The Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin were always English. The Archbishops of Tuam and Cashel almost always Irish.

"They could not be made to reside in their diocese if they chose not to. Hotham, a Yorkshire man who was Bishop of Clogher (1782-96) wrote to a friend: 'I mentioned my having been lately on an expedition. It was to Clogher. I took advantage of our present parliamentary recess to run down and see what sort of thing I had gotten.' The Dean of Down immediately before the famous Dean Delany spent only two days of a sixyear tenure in Ireland.

"The Bishops lived on vast incomes from rents and were in effect landed magnates. The lower clergy had no source of income except tithe which was often difficult and sometimes, impossible to collect and more than anything else put a barrier between them and the ordinary people. In the parish of Inishmacsaint between the years 1827-32 no tithe whatsoever was paid and the incumbent (through an agent) issued proceedings. In addition there was hardly a feature of the organisation of the church which equipped it to fulfil its central function of the delivery of pastoral services.

"Although the situation improved during the middle years of the 18th Century largely through pressure from Westminster, the Church of Ireland never made any serious attempt to speak the language of the people either literally or pastorally.

'I will speak to her in Irish'. says Jemmy McEvoy in the Poor Scholar. 'It will go directly to her heart.'

"Fifty years ago during the centenary commemorations of Disestablishment, a volume of essays on a very wide range of historical and theological subjects was edited and produced by the scholar Fr Michael Hurley SJ. He had approached both the Dublin Government and the Northern Ireland Government to have the



Bishop John McDowell speaking to Mr Frank McHugh, local historian and genealogist at the Carleton 150 event in Fivemiletown

costs of producing the book financed. Jack Lynch (he knew well) committed the Irish Government to paying half the costs but Stormont would not commit to anything and in the end the Irish Government met the entire costs.

"Within Church of Ireland circles today there is a great flurry of publishing and conferring about the 150th anniversary of Disestablishment. A good deal of it is outward looking, trying to assess the place of the Church of Ireland as an institution in society north and south. If we appear to be taking stock of our own inventory that may well be because we are not a significant enough presence as an institution in Irish society for anyone else to want to bother. What our spiritual presence has yielded will no doubt be revealed one day and I have no doubt that will be a rather more glorious scene than any purely human account we can give, but it will also be an achievement of the ordinary believer.

"So, what have we made of it? According to our current foundation myth Disestablishment was an act which set us free 'to be ourselves', which is a bit like saying Brexit means Brexit. What is the content of the words 'be ourselves?'

Bishop McDowell explained that disestablishment and disendowment were opposed by all of the bishops and the vast majority of the clergy of the day. Disendowment in the sense that that the vast majority of the land and inheritances were taken and were redistributed.

"In truth the abolition of the parish cess in 1830s had effectively disestablished the parishes as meaningful actors in local government, where, in any case, county Grand Juries in Ireland were much more important than parishes had ever been. The Irish Church Act of 1869 really only completed a slow process ofparliamentary of the Church of Ireland.

In the later years of the 18th Century and the early years of the 19th Century the reforms reflected the positive place which parliament recognised the Church of Ireland had in Irish national life. After 1830 the reforms were being carried out because of a negative assessment of the value of the Church of Ireland and that it no longer had an important role to play.

"Nevertheless, Disestablishment was an opportunity for the Church to do something new and it set up the General Synod, a structure which remains until this day and it is due to a remarkable tribute to the men who designed it that the financial and administrative basis of it has changed relatively little in the past 150 years. Representation is that for every one clergy person, there are two lay members on the Synod. Synods are lay dominated bodies.

"The Church before the 1830's had been woefully equipped to carry out its principal function to provide pastoral services to its members. No part of it was designed to do that. There were bishops but nothing in between, no Archdeacons or Rural Deans as we have now, no middle management and then there were the parish clergy who were very often part-time farmers who lived off tithes. It was an enormous task but it got much better as we got through the 1800s.

"By the time the Church of Ireland was disestablished it had already become by some distance the most

Protestant of the Provinces of the Anglican Communion on these islands. We like to think of ourselves today as a bridge church, with our distinctive emphasis as Catholic and Reformed, but that is a relatively new development.

"Until quite recently anything that looked like 'popery' was not allowed. Incense is still forbidden by the Canons of the Church and it was only in 1974 we were permitted to put a cross on or behind the Holv Table or Altar or to use candles for anything other than the purposes of giving light. So while enormous strides have been made since then, nevertheless we carried over a legacy from the 19th Century which have been very difficult to shake off because the foundation documents of Disestablishment (particularly the Preamble and Declaration which is almost unreformable ties us to certain reformation formulae which would be very difficult to modify.

"In 1967, Victor Griffin, the Rector in Derry suggested some of the language in the Articles was

it should be removed. It was never removed but in 2013 an introductory preface was introduced to soften it to say this is not the language that we would use today.

"One of our more lamentable characteristics is to identify problems but never face them.

The effect of partition was considerable in the sense that from an overall minority in the State, we went to the strange position of having a five per cent minority in one place and a two-thirds majority (Protestant churches) in the other and the Church of Ireland has never really reconciled those tensions so that the Church in the Republic of Ireland by and large has a different complexion and a different feel to the Church in Northern Ireland.

"It is maybe one of the great strengths and achievements that we have held it together at all and there certainly had been times in the General Synod, particularly during the time of Drumcree when there were people talking across each offensive to other Christians and that other and not trying to understand

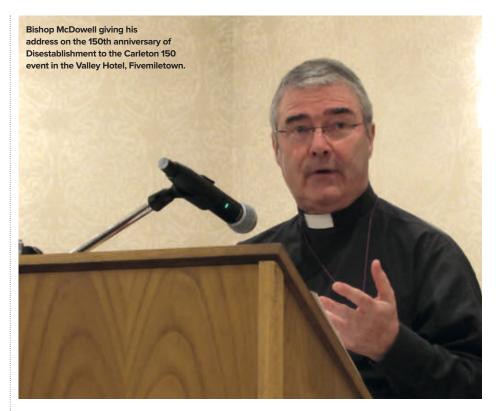


each other. However out of that evolved a huge project within the Church of Ireland called The Hard Gospel which was intended to allow people north and south to identify the sectarianism within themselves rather than pointing at other people. It had a degree of success.

"There's an old adage, 'Culture eats strategy for breakfast.' Strategies were brought in and meant to trickle down but the whole idea of changing a culture and an outlook was a much more difficult thing to do."

The Bishop said that considering what he had to write for a chapter for a book on Disestablishment to be launched in November, he came across a kind of manifesto of what the Church of Ireland could be.

He explained: "At the height of the Troubles, around 1974/75, someone from the Church's Standing Committee had asked Professor J.C.Beckett of Queens University Belfast to write a short paper on the role of the Church of Ireland at that juncture, a very critical juncture when everything was falling apart. The paper began: 'The Church of Ireland is in a position to take an important part. Alone among the Protestant denominations it has a substantial stake in the Republic where it is for most purposes the natural mouthpiece of the Protestant minority. Unlike the Presbyterians, it has never had a distinctively Ulster character. Although a large majority of its members now live in the north it maintains its administrative headquarters in Dublin and southern churchmen play, in relation to their numbers, a very influential part in its affairs. The only other religious denomination with a comparable cross border character is the Roman Catholic Church and its position is in one important respect quite different. For all practical purposes, it is politically committed. It is identified with a policy of bringing the six-county area under the control of the Dublin government. In other words Roman Catholics on both sides of the border represent on this critical issue a single point of view. The Church of Ireland has no such political commitment and



an overwhelming majority of its members in the north are unionist but those in the south have no distinctive political label. And from whatever side of the border they may be churchmen accept the legality of the constitution of the jurisdiction from which they live. The Church of Ireland then represents in a unique way the idea of non-political unity, the only kind of unity that Ireland seems likely to attain for the foreseeable future.'

Bishop McDowell described the words as a prophetic way of looking at Irish politics.

"What we have made of it is not a huge amount but we have survived. We are a church of too many buildings and we have tried to amalgamate and because people have become very attached to the place where they came to a first conscious understanding of God. By and large we have tried to maintain those in every parish and in every county in Ireland.

"What the Church of Ireland and perhaps what the other churches have not learned to do yet is how to speak to the modern world, how to speak in a pluralist society or where any religious expression is not welcome in many ways, I mean a

society where we have word to say, but that we never have the first word or the last word that our contribution is seen not as something that protects our own interests but something that contributes to the welfare of all people and to the common good. We as the Church of Ireland have not worked out even the vocabulary or simply spoken with the authentic voice of the Christian church rather than something that is seeking to protect the denominational label which are important. I don't think they will fall away.

"Our relationships with one another and how we address the world is the thing we haven't worked out yet in a rapidly secularising society.

"What have we made of it? We have survived. Hopefully when another accounting is taken what will be seen as our contribution will be a much more glorious picture than what I have painted because it will be in the lives of ordinary people which is what religious institutions are there for."

Concluding, Bishop McDowell said: "I think we as a Church of Ireland have a long way to go."

+John Clogher

## PARISH NOTES

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#### **Services**

#### Sunday 3rd November

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

#### **Sunday 10th November**

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

#### **Sunday 17th November**

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

#### Sunday 24th October

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

#### **Harvest Services**

Once again we have had a wonderful time of thanksgiving at our Harvest Services.



Clogh Sunday School who took part in the Sunday Morning All Age Harvest Service at Clogh Church.

Thanks must go to our special preachers; Revd Elizabeth Cairns, Revd Stephen McElhinney, Revd Colin McConaghie, Mr Walter Pringle and Mr Keith Brown. and to those who provided the music in addition to our organists, Leah, Sarah, Aghadrumsee Choir, Aghadrumsee Primary School and Janice Niblock. To Caroline Niblock and staff for providing the harvest dinner in Clogh and to all who decorated the churches so beautifully.

#### Remembrance

Services of Remembrance take place in Aghadrumsee and Clogh on Sunday 10th November when we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice serving their country.

#### **Meetings for the Month**

**Clogh Bowling Club** - Each Wednesday at 8.00 pm in Clogh Hall

**Clogh Mothers' Union** - Monday 4th November at 8.00 pm with Dean Raymond Ferguson.

Young Ladies Group - At the October meeting we welcomed Timothy Richmond from the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service. His informative presentation on fire safety was followed by a demonstration from Reggie, his Fire Investigation Dog. This month the group meet on the 12th November for festive card making, just in time for Christmas.

**Crafty Church** - An afternoon of Christmas themed fun is expected on Saturday 30th November, 3pm – 4.30pm in Clogh Hall

#### Concert

A concert with Larne Cross Community Choir will take place on Saturday 9th November at 7.30pm in Clogh Hall. Supper served, tickets £10.



Pictured at the Friday evening Harvest Service at St Mark's, Aghadrumsee is Revd Elizabeth Cairns from Mullavilly Parish Church, Guest Preacher; Organist Marina Elliott, musicians and Captain David Hamilton.



Pictured at the Sunday Morning Harvest Service at Aghadrumsee is Revd Stephen McElhinney, Director of South American Mission Society; organist, Hazel Doonan; Aghadrumsee Choir and Captain David Hamilton.



Pictured at the Harvest Service in Clogh on the Friday evening is guest preacher, Revd Colin McConaghie from Carrickmacross; organist, Florence Graham; Captain David Hamilton flanked by Churchwardens Gordon, Wiggins and Harry Bleakley.



Pictured at Clogh Harvest Sunday Evening Service is guest preacher, Walter Pringle; organist, Hazel Doonan and Captain David Hamilton.

#### **Baptism**

The baptism of Leah Vanessa, daughter of Gary and Vanessa McVitty took place in Aghadrumsee on 6th October. We wish them and their family John, Chloe, Jamie and Ethan God's richest blessings at this special time.

#### Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of William Andrews of Clogh parish following his sudden death and to the family and friends of John Armstrong England whose funeral took place in Aghadrumsee.

### Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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#### **Services**

#### **Sunday 3rd November**

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion 12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion

#### **Sunday 11th November**

11.30am approx. Colebrooke - Remembrance Service

#### Sunday 17th November

11.00am Cooneen Family Service

#### Sunday 24th November

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

#### **Sunday 1st December**

11.00am Colebrooke Confirmation Service



#### Sunday 8th December

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer 7.00pm Cooneen Carol Service

#### Sunday 15th December

11.00am Cooneen Nativity Service

#### Sunday 22 December

11.00am Cooneen Morning Prayer 7.00pm Colebrooke Carol Service

### From The Registers Holy Baptism

- On Sunday 15th September 2019, in St Ronan's, Colebrooke, Grace Clendenning, daughter of Gillian and Timothy, was baptised into the Christian faith. Godparents were Linda Trimble and Alan Magwood.
- On Sunday 13th October 2019, In Holy Trinity, Cooneen, Bobby Armstrong, son of Anita and Adam, was baptised into the Christian faith. We wish God's blessing on

both of these little ones and their families for the years ahead.

#### **Christian Burial**

On Sunday 15th September 2019, in St Ronan's, Colebrooke, a service of thanksgiving for the life of Stanley Beresford Presho, husband of Gladys, and father of Heather, Pamela, Marie and Maurice. Our prayers and condolences are with Gladys and her family for the days and months ahead. The Lord is my Shepherd.

#### **Mullaghfad Services**

On Sunday 22nd September 2019 at 3.30pm, the annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held in All Saints, Mullaghfad. This service was very well attended and everyone was treated to tea, coffee and a large variety of refreshments following the service. Thank you to those who prepared

both the church building and made and served the food.

On Sunday 20th October 2019 at 3.00pm our annual Service of Remembrance was held, with members of Fivemiletown Royal British Legion and also Lisburn Royal British Legion attending.

Friends and visitors will be most welcome at any of our services throughout the year.
The services normally are held on the third Sunday of the relevant month, as follows:-April – Easter Holy Communion
May – Friends' Service
September – Harvest Service
October – Remembrance Service

#### Confirmation

On Sunday 1st December 2019 (Advent Sunday) at 11.00am in Colebrooke, we will have a service of Confirmation celebrated by the Bishop.

To prepare for confirmation, the candidates have been attending a series of classes in the rectory each Wednesday, and are now looking forward to taking their next step in the life and witness of the Church.

#### **GFS – Girls Friendly Society**

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

### Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Scouts meet every Tuesday from 7pm-8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-11 years,

and continues to 9.15pm for Scouts, 11 – 14 years.

The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.

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Scouts (11 – 14 years)

#### **Bowling Club**

The Bowling Club meets in the Parish Hall each Thursday at 7.45pm.

New members are very welcome, whether new to the sport, or an absolute beginner. If you do not have your own bowls, but would like to have a try, come along, spend some time with us, and see if you catch the bug.

### Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union members welcomed ladies from the parishes and community to their September meeting. The opening prayers were led by Emma Gould and Psalm 150 was read by everyone. Irene Boyd introduced Mary Wray, dance tutor, who was the speaker for the evening. Mary encouraged all the ladies to join in the dance steps, which she carefully explained and demonstrated. Much fun and laughter ensued as ladies of all ages listened, observed and then followed the music as they performed a variety of dances. Irene then used the theme 'Listen Observe Act – in Step with God' to explain how we all need to listen to God, through His Word and prayer, Observe the needs around us and



Mothers' Union members try out dance steps.

then Act to meet those needs, in Step with God as He directs us through scripture.

After prayer each person enjoyed the variety of tasty desserts provided by MU members, and all shared fellowship together.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 20 November at 8 pm, when Yvonne Cunningham plans to speak about 'Keeping Healthy'. Everyone is welcome.

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

Aghavea & Colebrooke

7.00pm to 9.00pm on alternate Sunday evenings. Check notices for details. All young people of secondary school age welcome.

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### Aghavea



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Parish life continues to move along at a terrific pace! We've had another busy month, opening with our Parish Auction, followed by our Harvest celebrations. We've had a wedding, two baptisms, harvests,

and so much more! As autumn comes to our land, and we start to watch the leaves change colours and fall, we are aware of the cycle of life and how nature adapts to the changing conditions.

In our lives, we need to be aware of changes happening around us and be prepared to adapt to our changing conditions. In the colder, darker nights, please be aware of our elderly neighbours and be prepared to help out in even the small ways. Please take extra care being out and about in the dark or wet evenings, and please be considerate to everyone.

We also need to remember all those who don't enjoy the "creature comforts" we all take for granted like food, heat and a roof over our heads – and remember how Jesus was prepared to reach out to those who society overlooked or shunned. Simple things can mean so much, never underestimate how significant any act of kindness can affect anyone in need.

#### **Condolences**

It was with great sadness that we said farewell to one of our most dedicated and favourite parishioners, Ernie Thompson, in recent days. Ernie was a longtime Select Vestry member, a dedicated worker that you could always rely on, and a regular parishioner at every service. His death came as a great shock to all the parishioners of Aghavea Church, and deeply saddened all who knew him. We extend our deepest sympathies and sincere condolences to his wife Edna, and their family at this difficult time. One of the nicest lines in our funeral service has to be when we remember "those whom we love but see no longer", which will always describe how we will remember Ernie.

#### **Baptismal Celebrations**

We have had two beautiful occasions in recent weeks, when we have witnessed two families dedicate their young children





to God's family. We supported Frainc and Amanda McManus as they brought Charlotte Hall into our fellowship, and then David and Louise Shaw as they presented James David. It was a joy to be with them on the different occasions when the young children were adopted into God's family. It was also a joy to be joined by their extended families in Aghavea.

#### **Wedding Joy**

One of the greatest joys in clergy life is to one part of a wonderful occasion such as a wedding, when a couple demonstrate their love and commitment to each other in front of their family and loved ones. It was such a wonderful occasion in Maguiresbridge recently when Christopher and Natasha became Mr and Mrs Lester. We wish them God's richest blessings on their future life together, and hope they realise that Killylea isn't far enough away to visit us occasionally!



**Bible Fellowship** 

We continue to meet together to study God's Holy Scriptures on alternate Wednesday evenings at Aghavea Parish Hall at 8pm.



Attending the McManus family baptism.

Our meetings are always informal, enjoyable occasions where we can all feel free to ask questions and discuss the passages that we are considering. Everyone is always welcome to our fellowship, and there are always tea, coffee, juice and biscuits to keep us refreshed!

#### **Mothers' Union**

We would like to publicly thank all those who came along to our MU Visitors Evening recently and enjoyed hearing about homeopathy and alternative/supplementary treatments from Mrs Isobel Todd. She gave us a fantastic history of alternative treatments and was able to discuss specific cases afterwards with many of the visitors. If you would like any further advice from her regarding anything on the evening, please contact the rector at any time.

#### **Bowls Club**

By the time the next edition of the magazine is released, we will have had our Annual Bowling Competition in Aghavea. We would like to thank all those who came along to support us, and we will be bringing more news and pictures in the next edition.

#### Select Vestry

The next Select Vestry meeting will take place on Tuesday 19th November at 8pm in the Committee Room. There is plenty of work still to do, so we look forward to a good turnout that evening. If you are not a member of the Select Vestry, please pray for the members as they seek God's plan for our parish.

#### Renovation

The renovation work continues, and with each decision we see the end getting inevitably closer. With the work due to be finished in December, we are starting to get excited about our return to the parish's spiritual home. We will keep everybody up to date with the latest news, and as soon as we know our moving-in date, we'll invite everyone to join us for our unveiling event.

#### **Fundraising**

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Parish Auction in any way. There were almost 350 lots, which were all sold brilliantly by our fantastic auctioneer! Everything from ornaments to pushbikes, pictures to petrol leaf blowers, teapots to gas barbecues, giant hay bales to giant trailers of sticks, sofas to tables – and so much more was on offer to the crowds who came along to bid on the items of their dreams! The auction was a fantastic success, and over £7000 was raised towards our Building Fund.

In November, we will be collecting at Dunnes Stores in Enniskillen, hosting a sale of baby clothes and accessories and holding our Annual Christmas Fayre on 27th November. On 7th December we will be hosting our Annual Craft Fayre, (some tables are still available), and our next Christmas Concert will be on 12th December, hosted by our very own Malcolm McDowell. Details of the performers and tickets for the concert will be available soon and will be announced on our Facebook page and advertised locally.

#### **Safeguarding Training**

We are currently updating all our training and procedures around Safeguarding in Aghavea. We are delighted that there will be an evening of Safeguarding Training on 14th November at 7.30pm. All young people's leaders from the GFS and Sunday School are expected to be there, many of our Select Vestry members will be sitting in on our training, and our Safeguarding Panel have recently undertaken specialist training on their specific roles.

At Aghavea, we wish to ensure that our Safeguarding exceeds our obligations and regulations and pervades through everything we do. Our young people are not "tomorrow's church", but very much part of our church today, and valued as such.

### Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno

Vacant.

In charge: Chancellor Ian Berry, (Rural Dean) Pastoral Care: Chancellor Ian Berry (Rural Dean), Revd James Stevenson and Mr Walter Pringle (DPA).

#### **Ballybay**

#### A marvellous achievement

We are all so proud and delighted for Alanna Crawford, daughter of Julie and Joseph Crawford who graduated as a Doctor from RCSI Dublin in May this year. Alanna is currently working as an interim in the Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown. Well done Alanna. All your hard work and devotion has definitely paid off.

#### Harvest Thanksgiving Service

It was lovely to see all the visiting members from other Parishes attend our Harvest Service on Sunday 13th October. Thank you to Keith Brown for the lovely sermon and to Wendy Sloan for the beautiful music, thank to everyone involved who cleaned, decorate and provided the fabulous array of food. It was a lovely service and refreshments afterwards is always a lovely time to have a catch up.

#### Safeguarding

Anne Gray, Julie Crawford, Tanya Pratt and Stanley Moffett underwent training for the safeguarding panel of Christ Church in Monaghan and Lisnaskea in the past few weeks

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Sandra and James Moffett on the birth of their new granddaughter Alexandra, daughter of Jamie and William.

#### Junior Cert Results

It was a long wait on both Isaiah Dixon and Robin Pratt-Clarke but well done to them both. We hope they keep up the good work.

#### **Prayers**

Please remember in your daily prayers parishioners who have been ill over the past weeks. We remember those who have been in hospital and are recovering at home and we wish them a speedy recovery. Please remember those in nursing homes and residential care, the lonely and sad especially at this time of year. We especially remember Gerry and Joan Grimes in our prayers on the death of Gerry's aunt. Our sympathy and prayers are with all who have been recently bereaved.



#### Driveway

It's great to see the work has commenced on our driveway at Christ Church, the weather hasn't been in our favour but it's great to see it going along so nicely. We are looking forward to having the work completed.

#### Looking ahead

#### **Community Carol Service**

Our Carol Service in Christ Church will take place on Wednesday 11th December at 8pm. There will be refreshments afterwards, Everyone welcome.

#### **Christmas Eve**

Christmas Eve Candle lit Holy Communion Service will take place at 11pm in Christ Church .

#### **Clontibret**

#### **Mission Calling**

We pray for Donna Geary on her discipleship with YWAM (Youth With A Mission), an organisation that gives young people the chance to not only help people but to learn more about God and the bible as they do. Donna started her journey in mid-October travelling to Townsville in Western Australia and then on to Papua New Guinea to train and work for five months.

Donna says; "topics studied will be encountering God, seeing life from God's perspective and doing the work of Jesus to name a few of the units. The medical mission is in Papua New Guinea where I will be part of both land and ship teams





connecting with local villages to help with their medical needs".

We wish Donna safe travelling and look forward to hearing of her experiences.

#### Carol Service

Our Carol Service will be on Sunday, 8th December at 3.30pm when the children from Clontibret National School will play a major role in the service. We appreciate all the work that the school teachers and children undertake as they prepare for this much looked forward to event to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

#### Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Dorinda Lowey and family on the death of her aunt Mrs Patricia Coyle and pray that they will know God's comfort in the days ahead.

#### Thank You

We give our sincere thanks to those who minister to us during our vacancy. We thank them for their prayerful preparation and wise words of advice from their sermons. We thank Mrs Elaine Lister for her talents on the organ. We thank all who work with the children in the Sunday School. We thank God that he has sent these people

to support us and pray for them and their families. We thank God for the bounty of the harvests which have been saved to ensure that we have plenty and we pray for those who are not as comfortably well off. We thank God too for our wellbeing and good

We pray for all who are unwell and unable to be with us due to ill health or age. We pray for their carers and all who work to support them.

#### Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union annual event in support of those suffering from domestic violence will be held on Friday, 15th November in St Patrick's Hall, Monaghan from 11am -12.30pm. The aim is to raise awareness of the issue in the locality and to hear of the support that is available to victims. The format will be informal with the opportunity to have a cup of tea and some light refreshment and we hope that people will "drop in" while getting their shopping. A small toiletry item would be welcome.

#### Muckno

St Maeldoid's Harvest Thanksgiving was held on Sunday 6th October at 3.30pm. The service was conducted by Mr Keith Brown, Pastoral lay reader. Thank you Keith for a very inspirational message from the pulpit. The message was very simple but yet rarely used in today's busy world. The simplicity of saying "Thank you" was the focus. Thank you to all who decorated the church so tastefully, especially The Sunday School children who along with the teachers Martha and Lynn did a wonderful display of harvesting and decorated the seats with crowns and paper flower displays. Thank you to Bobby Abraham for his wonderful songs and to Charlotte for playing the organ. Tea was served in the Church afterwards. St Mary Hospital harvest Thanksgiving was held on Friday 10th October. The service was led by Mr Walter Pringle, Revd David Nesbitt and Fr Nicholas with Charlotte Adair leading the singing. There was a huge turnout of staff, friends, families and residents. Thanks to Paula and staff for organising this great event. A lovely cuppa was served after the service.

#### **Community Carols**

After the Harvest services comes Christmas time so keep free Thursday 19th December for our Community Carol Service at 7.30pm.

#### Mothers' Union

September Meeting - Thank you to Jennifer Leathem of Clontibret for the history lesson on Mary Sumner and her life story. She was a truly inspirational woman of her time and today there is estimated four million members globally in the Mothers' Union. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.



























on 9th October. Revd Colin McConaghie, Rector of Carrickmacross and some of his parishioners spoke about their experiences in Malawi with the charity, Habitat for Humanity and the project to build houses. Thank you to all who came, it was a truly motivating and emotional evening.

October meeting - It was Visitors Night

#### Vestry

A Select Vestry meeting is scheduled for Thursday 17th October at 8.30pm with Canon Ian Berry. As these notes are being written, the Team Hope Shoe Box appeal will be well underway. The Church Hall in Castleblayney is once again acting as a sorting/warehouse. Thank you to all those who give up their time to help sort and pack the boxes. Last year in South Monaghan we sorted and packed 2550 boxes. That means 2550 children got a present.

#### Sympathy

Sympathy is expressed to the Gray family and to John Montgomery, our Churchwarden and his extended family on the recent sad passing of his sister-in-law, Irene Chambers. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

#### Safe travelling

Best wishes and safe travelling to Miss Sarah-Jane Hill and her cousin Melissa as they travel to Sydney, Australia to take up work and experience life down under. "O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel in particular Sarah-Jane and Melissa; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord". Amen.

### Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh



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#### **Services**

#### Sunday 3rd November

Morning Prayer St Finbarr's 10.30am Morning Prayer Magheracloone 12noon

#### Wednesday 6th November

Midweek Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

#### **Thursday 8th November**

Service of Prayer for Healing and Remembrance 8.00pm St Finbarr's

#### Sunday 10th November

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 12noon Holy Communion Magheracloone 12noon Morning Prayer Ardragh 1.15pm The services will include an Act Of Remembrance.

#### Wednesday 13th November

Midweek Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

#### Thursday 14th November

Service of prayer for healing and remembrance St Finbarr's 8pm

#### Sunday 17th November

Arise and Shine St Finbarr's 10.30am Service of the Word Magheracloone 12noon

#### Wednesday 20th November

Midweek Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

#### Sunday 24th November

Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am Holy Communion Magheracloone 12noon Holy Communion Ardragh 1.15pm

#### Wednesday 27th November

Midweek Holy Communion St Finbarr's 10.30am

#### Harvest 2019

Thank you to all who contributed to our Harvest Festival services from the decorating of churches, providing refreshments, our organists and choir and readers. In Ardragh our guest speaker,



Captain David Hamilton, used some wonderful illustrations to remind us of both the physical and spiritual harvest we have to give thanks for. In Magheracloone we welcomed Revd Ricky Rountree, a son of the parish, who last year retired from his role as Archdeacon of Glendalough to return home to live in Magheracloone. In St Finbarr's the Diocesan Youth Officer Jonny Phenix reminded us of the need to pass on the baton to the next generation. At each service we collected gifts of non-perishable food items which were presented to St Vincent de Paul's for their work with the homeless and those who are struggling to feed their families.

This year for the first time as part of our Harvest Celebrations we held a service to celebrate animals. It was lovely to see so many dogs, a goat and people in St Finbarr's celebrating the wonderful gift animals are in our lives. Proceeds from the service of €350

were presented to Collon Animal Shelter.

### Service Of Prayer For Healing And Remembrance

Our annual service to pray for healing and also a time of remembrance of loved ones takes place in St Finbarr's on Thursday 14th November at 8pm. The service will be reflective offering a sacred space to pray for ourselves and others who are struggling in anyway as well as those who wish to remember loved ones who have died. There will also be the opportunity for prayer ministry.

### Prayer Meeting And Advent Bible Study

Our next prayer meeting will take place on Monday 4th November at 8pm in the Rectory. Each month we chose a different topic and style for our meetings as we pray for our church, community, world and





Enjoying refreshments at the Group Harvest Supper.



Enjoying refreshments following the Ardragh Harvest.

ourselves.

This year's Advent Bible Study Series will take place on three Tuesday evenings 26th November, 3rd and 10th of December at 8pm. Venue to be confirmed.

#### **Youth Group**

Our Youth Group enjoyed their annual trip in October when they travelled to Blanchardstown for 10-pin bowling, food and then took in a movie at the cinema. The outing gives the young people the opportunity to get to know each other better as well as saying thank you to them for their dedication to Youth Group and our church family over the year.

In November our meeting will be another outing as we travel to Clogher Cathedral on Sunday 24th November for the launch of the Clogher Diocesan Youth Council's Follow initiative.

### Jewels Women's Group And Men's Group

The new term for our Women's Group 'Jewels' and our Men's Group got off to great starts as the women enjoyed a meal out at Cabra Castle and the men had a rugby breakfast at the Rectory taking in the first of the Rugby World Cup semi-finals.

Our two groups come together in November for a joint outing to watch the Farney Players' production of "Noises Off" in Carrickmacross on Friday 8th November. It promises to be a really good night out with the local production featuring our very own Philip Keegan.

#### **A Christmas Carol**

We are delighted to be hosting a performance of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" in St Finbarr's on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th December at 8.00pm. The production is the brainchild of local director, David O'Rourke and will feature members of the Farney Players Drama Group and friends including some familiar faces from St Finbarr's.

Our Group of Parishes Choir will be providing musical entertainment on the nights with the chance for audience participation in both the singing and the play itself

Tickets are now available from St Finbarr's, David O'Rourke Oils or Keegan's Newsagents.

#### Congratulations

We would like to pass on our congratulations to Craig Fannin and Natalie McMahon who recently announced their engagement. We wish Craig and Natalie every blessing for the future.

## Cleenish & Mullaghdun



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### Church Services for November/December

Sunday 10th November, Remembrance Sunday

10:00 a.m. Remembrance Service, Mullaghdun

11:30 a.m. Remembrance Service, Cleenish

Wednesday 13th November

10:00 a.m. Monthly Healing Service. Mullaghdun Hall

#### Sunday 17th November

10:00 a.m. H.C. Mullaghdun 11:30 a.m. H.C. Cleenish

#### Sunday 24th November

10:00 a.m. M.P. Mullaghdun 11:30 a.m. M.P. Cleenish

#### **Sunday 1st December**

10:00 a.m. H.C. Mullaghdun 11:30 a.m. H.C. Cleenish

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

#### Dates for your Diary

- Saturday 16th November, Cleenish Parish Auction
- Wednesday 27th November, Monthly Meeting, Bellanaleck Community Group, open to local residents
- Saturday 7th December, Bellanaleck Community Group, Childrens' Christmas Party
- Sunday 8th December, Mullaghdun Carol Service
- Sunday 15th December, Cleenish Carol Service
- Wednesday 25th December, Christmas Day

#### Harvest Services, Cleenish

Details of the above services, held on Friday 18th and Sunday 20th October, will be published in the next issue.



The working party at the Bread and Soup lunch.



George McCutcheon's table at the lunch.

#### **Monthly Healing Service**

At the next monthly Healing Service on Wednesday 13th November, we will remember with thanksgiving the late Mae Kells. Mrs Kells was a faithful member of this particular service. She was ever ready with a cup of tea and small eats.

The next monthly Healing Service takes place on Wednesday 11th March in Mullaghdun Hall. It combines the usual shortened form of Holy Communion with the opportunity for prayer for the sick and bereaved, followed by a cup of tea and time for a chat.

### Harvest Thanksgiving Services, Mullaghdun.

The Harvest Services were held on Friday 4th and Sunday 6th October. On Friday evening the Rector led the service and the Choir sang the canticles, "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" and the anthem "All Things Praise Thee, Lord Most High". The preacher was Dean Raymond Ferguson. On Sunday morning the Rector led the service and introduced Stephen McIlroy, who gave all present an insight about the dreadful dangers some Christians suffer for

openly Worshipping God and sharing the good news about Jesus Christ. The Choir sang the anthems; "This Is My Father's World" and "Harvest Song of Praise".

On Sunday evening the choir sang the Canticles, "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" and the anthem, "This Is My Father's World". The Preacher was Revd. Alistair Donaldson. We thank Elizabeth and the choir for leading the singing; Caroline for decorating the church so tastefully and we also thank Dean Raymond, Stephen, and Revd Alistair for their thought provoking input to the Services.

#### **Bread and Soup Lunch**

A most enjoyable Bread and Soup Lunch was held in Mullaghdun Parish Hall after the morning Harvest Service. Thanks to all who attended, and to Eveline and her very efficient team for preparing and serving a most enjoyable meal. Donations of over £450 being devoted to the Persecuted Church and CMS Ireland.

#### **Select Vestry Meetings**

Wednesday 20th November. Cleenish Thursday 28th November. Mullaghdun

### Cleenish and Mullaghdun Mothers' Union

Members have been saddened at the passing of their dear friend and member Mae Kells. Mae will be remembered within the Branch for her lovely smile, pleasant helpful nature and dedication to the work of the Mothers' Union. Our sincere sympathy is expressed to her daughter Florence and family circle. Non-perishable foods were generously given to the Mothers' Union Branch appeal for the food bank over the harvest church celebrations. As the harvest was gathered in members at their last meeting thanked God for the joy of harvest time. For the satisfaction gained from making jams and chutney and preserving fruit and vegetables. For the beauty of the fields and the tints of autumn leaves, For the smell of wood fires, and ripe apples for the feel of a dry crisp morning and dry leaves crunching under their feet, for these



Decoration at the front of the Church.



and many other blessings and prayed for God to accept their grateful thanks. Non-perishable foods were generously given to the Mothers' Union Branch appeal for the food bank over the harvest church celebrations. Copies of the Mothers' Union publication "Curry in a hurry" were distributed to Kerry Brownlee and Sarah Dobson, as they move away from home to further their studies in third level education. We wish them both good health, and every success in their studies. Next meeting on Tuesday 19th November in Cleenish Parish Hall at 8pm. The speaker will be Valerie McMorris, Unit co-ordinator Faith and Policy Unit Diocesan Trustee Board.

#### **Cleenish Parents and Toddlers**

Numbers of mothers and toddlers vary from week to week, after the summer break. New members to this weekly Group, which runs during school term times on Tuesdays 10am-11.30am in Cleenish Parish Hall, will still be made welcome. Last term we had several new-born babies attending, and look forward to seeing them, and our regular toddlers develop as they enjoy creative play, and the opportunity to join in the actions to music each week. We hope mums/dads, grandmas/granddads continue to enjoy the opportunity to have a chat over a cup of tea. Any ideas for developing the Group further are welcome as the committee meet to plan a programme for the incoming term. Please forward your thoughts to Rosita Bridle Tel 6634 8259, chair of the Group, or any member of the committee.

#### **Cleenish Brownies**

The Brownies are at present involved in badge work and games. As is the custom in previous years the Pack will be attending St John's, Florencecourt on Remembrance Sunday. However one member will lay a wreath in Cleenish Church. New girls aged 7 to 11 years will be made most welcome from 6:30pm to 7:45pm, in Cleenish Parish Hall.

#### **Cleenish Parish Auction**

The bi-annual Auction will be held in the Parish Hall, Bellanaleck, on Saturday 16th November commencing 2pm. Sale of firewood, farm goods, silage bales, household furniture and goods, collectables, etc. The hall will be open to receive items on the Friday afternoon 3pm to 10pm, and Saturday morning from 10am.

#### **Bereavements**

Alan John Graham was born on 8th February 1965. Son of the late John and Florence, he was the younger brother of George, and the subsequent births of his sisters, Valerie and Wilma completed the family. Alan received much loving care and support from his parents and siblings, and in turn contributed greatly to family life. Confined to a wheelchair, he died peacefully at the South West Acute Hospital on Saturday 14th September. Following a Service of Thanksgiving for his life, held in Mullaghdun Parish Church on Friday 20th September, he was laid to rest with his late parents. We extend sympathy to George, Valerie and Wilma, and to the wider family circle.

Mae Kells, Mullaghdun Parish and the local community were deeply saddened by the death of Mae Kells, on Sunday morning 29th September. From childhood Mae had developed a love and devotion for Mullaghdun Church. This was evidenced by the countless ways in which she served the church family. For many years Mae looked after the Parish Hall and also assisted her late husband Jim, in taking care of the church and preparing it for worship. She was always available for tea-making duties whatever the occasion and took a delight in organising the distribution of the Easter and Harvest offering envelopes each year. A long-time member of the Mothers' Union, she also for many years organised the ordering, collection and distribution of the Diocesan Magazine within the Parish; took a keen interest in the welfare of her friends and neighbours and performed many acts of kindness too numerous to mention. The large attendance at her funeral service, indicated the public appreciation held for Mae's life within the local community. We extend sympathy to Mae's daughter, Florence, her son-in-law, David; grandchildren, Sharon and Peter; great-grand-children, Adrian, Gemma, Jason, Aria and Brayden; brothers, Billy, Tommy and George; sisters, Gretta and Hannah and the wider family circle.

#### **Deepest Sympathy**

Sympathy was expressed by members of Cleenish Choir and Mothers' Union to Mrs Violet Gault, on the death of her brother, John Robert Armstrong in Leicester Royal Infirmary, on Sunday 6th October. His funeral service took place in St Mark's Parish Church, Aghadrumsee, on Wednesday 16th October.

#### **Bellanaleck Community Group**

On Tuesday evening 24th September, 24 adults and children were briefed in the Parish Hall by environmental scientist, Catherine Reilly. The presentation was followed by Catherine giving a twilight bat walk on a fine warm evening in the Community Garden. However from two years ago, numbers of bats were well down as on the previous occasion. At the monthly meeting on Wednesday 25th



Community notice board outside Cathcart's shop.

September, members discussed the recent consultation about the future of the Stroke Unit in the South West Acute Hospital. Due to the large numbers of written objections, it will be some time before a decision either way is expected. The general maintenance of the Community Garden was discussed including power washing, removal of moss off pathways, and the general upkeep of the allotments. The recent advertisement for planning permission to upgrade and widen the slipway at Bellanaleck Quay, hopefully flags up the commencement of the proposed Blueway Scheme at the river end of Waterhen Lane. The Community notice board has now been removed and re-erected beside the entrance to Cathcart's shop.

The date for the Children's Christmas
Party was then chosen for the
afternoon of Saturday 7th December.
Next meeting Wednesday 27th November.
Enquiries to Group Secretary Owen Wilson,
email:-owenjwilson@btinternet.com.

#### **Holy Baptism**

Mullaghdun Parish Church Sunday 13th October 2019 Ben Matthew Foreman, baby son of Brian and Pamela Lorna, 128a Carryduff Road, Lisburn.

#### **Holy Matrimony**

Mullaghdun Parish Church Saturday 28th September 2019 Andrew Thomas Walker, and Ariane Gibson, 59 Rosscah View, Kesh

#### **Christian Burials**

Mullaghdun Parish Church Friday 20th September 2019 Alan John Graham, Cloonaveel, Letterbreen, aged 54. Tuesday 1st October 2019 Mary (Mae) Kells ,4 Heathdale View, Letterbreen, aged 87.

## Clogher Cathedral Group



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#### **Inklings Bible Study**

Fellowship and fun as we gather around God's word. This continues as we study the life of Joshua. We meet on the second and fourth Thursday nights of every month at 7.30pm in the Carmichael Hall in Augher. You don't have to be theologian, all you need is a desire to get to know God and His word a little better. Have a chat with Revd. Olie if interested.

Dates for November: Thursday 14th and 28th.

#### **Ablaze Youth Fellowship**

Ablaze continues every Sunday evening 7pm - 8.30pm.

Everyone of secondary school age welcome for fun, food and fellowship.
All confirmation candidates are required to attend. Please speak to the rector if you have any questions.

#### St. Mark's Augher Youth Club

Youth Club please note new arrangements: Both Youth Clubs now meet on a Tuesday evening.

Junior youth Club (pre-school – P4) 6.30-7.30pm

Senior Youth Club (P5 – 1st Year) 6.30-7.30pm

#### **Mothers' Union**

The Mothers' Union Christmas dinner will take place in the Court House, Clogher on Wednesday 20th November at 7pm. Please speak to Ann Graham to book.

#### Knit, Stitch and Natter

Knit, Stitch and Natter continues on Thursday, 14th and 28th November, from 10.30am-12noon in the Carmichael Hall,



Some of the 'team' at St. Mary's Errigal Portclare's Coffee Morning.

Augher. Come along for a chat, a cup of tea or coffee and something sweet – and if there's time some needlework! New members very welcome.

#### Very busy couple of months!

September and October have been incredibly busy months in the Cathedral Group of Parishes – but great ones!

#### **Coffee Morning**

Our fun began with St. Mary's Errigal Portclare when they held a very successful coffee morning in St. James' Church of Ireland hall (kindly granted) in Aughnacloy. St. Mary's Errigal Portclare is a small congregation, however they have a wonderful family ethos which was very much to the forefront during the coffee morning — even when a bus load of folks from Letterkenny stopped at the door and asked if they could come for morning coffee! Thank you to all who worked so hard and indeed for all our friends and neighbours who came and supported us.

### Harvest Thanksgiving Services St. Macartan's Cathedral

Our Harvest Thanksgiving services began in the Cathedral on Friday 27th September when our Guest Preacher was Dean Raymond Ferguson, former Dean of Kilmore and we had a double blessing when Dean Raymond joined his daughter Marina and grand-daughter Sarah and Emma singing a couple of pieces.

#### **Errigal Portclare**

On Friday 4th October it was the turn of St. Mary's Errigal Portclare when our Guest Preacher was the Revd. Colin McConaghie, Rector of Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh. The excellent parish choir accompanied by Matthew Anderson on organ and piano not only led our singing but also treated us to two very appropriate anthems.

St. Mary's Errigal Portclare's Coffee Morning – the supply table!

#### **Augher**

On Friday 11th October St. Mark's Augher exploded into colour as a parish effort ensured every available space and ledge reverberated with the glory of God's creation. Our Guest Preacher was the Revd. Ruth West, Rector of Florencecourt Group of Parishes and the parish choir accompanied by Sylvia McClung sang two anthems

Harvest supper was enjoyed after each Friday evening service and the rector preached at the Sunday morning Family Harvest Services on each occasion, very ably assisted by the young people of each parish. A huge thank you to the parishioners of each parish who worked so hard to bring their offering of thanksgiving and praise to almighty God – very well done everyone. Please do check out the parishes individual Facebook pages for more photos!

### Wonderful Celebrations of our Centenarian!

On 2nd October St. Mark's Newtownsaville was full of parishioners, friends and family of Mrs Violet Clarke to celebrate her 100th birthday. Violet, a native of Cloverhill, County Cavan moved to County Tyrone just outside Omagh with her husband Bobby shortly after they were married. A short time later Bobby and Violet settled in Newtownsaville where they quickly became much valued and loved members of St. Mark's where they both played very



Mrs Violet Clarke with the Rector in St. Mark's Newtownsaville



Birthday greetings from Bishop John.

active roles in parish life with Bobby serving on the Select Vestry and Violet teaching Sunday School.

Violet, who is now a resident in St. Macartan's Nursing Home in Clogher was welcomed back to St. Mark's with three cheers as she was wheeled up the aisle. The evening was described by the rector as 'a ceilidh in church!' It was a joyful combination of worship, musical tributes and of course supper with a very special cake in the shape of '100' made by a very talented young lady from the parish, Miss Daisy Smyth, Violet blew out her candles with a little help from Daisy and the Rector! Many of Violet's extended family travelled quite a distance for the evening, some from as far as Dublin and County Meath. Violet presided over the evening with great cheerfulness and grace, with her cards proudly displayed for all from Michael D. Higgin, President of the Republic of Ireland and our monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, an evening no one who was present, not least Violet, will ever forget. Many thanks to all, especially Violet's family and Mrs Jean Bell for making the evening possible.

Our Bishop unfortunately was unable to join the birthday party in St. Mark's as he was out of the country. However, Bishop John dropped into St. Macartan's nursing home a couple of days later with the Rector to offer his own birthday greetings. Violet was delighted but told the Bishop that she was still a bit tired from the party. Bishop John asked Violet what her earliest memory was and Violet recounted very vividly a memory from 97 years ago — Violet explained how it was her birthday and her father was coming up the yard with a pitchfork over

his shoulder, he was coming from Violet's granny's house. Violet running up to her dad announced that it was her birthday, that she was seven, her dad reached into his pocket and took out a pear, Violet said that that was her birthday present. The Rector and parishioners wish Violet God's richest blessings for many years ahead.

#### 'Blue Christmas' Service

On Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm there will be a 'Blue Christmas' service in Clogher Cathedral.





St. Mark's Augher – a helping hand with the corn!







St. Mark's Augher.

The Christmas season is not always a happy time for some folks, or indeed at best it can often be a time of many emotions.

The Advent and Christmas seasons can remind us of loved ones or relationships we have lost. The sights and smells of the weeks approaching Christmas, rather than bring joy and delight, can bring sadness and grief. A "Blue Christmas" service is a gentle contemplative service for those who are carrying pain and loss during the season of celebration. It provides an opportunity to address the sadness, the pain of loss, and even the anger that can accompany the season.

Readings and prayers focus on the "light in the darkness," the hope of our faith, not a hope that removes the suffering, but a hope that enables us to acknowledge our true feelings and walk through the dark days without fear. Everyone is welcome, put the date in your diary or if you are unsure Revd. Olie will be happy to have a chat.

#### **Baptism**

13th October 2019, Zara Ruby Alexander, daughter of Andrew and Jennifer Alexander, St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher.

#### **Christian Burial**

St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher 18th September 2019, Kenneth (Kenny) Cobane, 16 Annaloughan Road, Augher.

### Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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### September Services

3 November

Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion (followed by refreshments)

Newbliss 11.30am (in Hall): Holy Communion

#### 10 November

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

#### 17 November

Clones 10.00am: Morning Prayer (followed by refreshments)

Newbliss 11.30am (in Hall): Morning Prayer

#### 24 November

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

#### 1 December

Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion (followed by refreshments)

Newbliss 11.30am (in Hall): Holy Communion

#### **Remembrance Services**

Please note that our usual Sunday services in each church on 10th and 17th November will begin with a short act of remembrance as we remember past parishioners who have lost their lives in conflict.

#### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Glenda and Ivan Hall on the birth of their second child, Emily Hazel, and to Keira Rusk who has just graduated

from the Open University with a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree.

#### **Condolences**

We offer our sincere condolences to the families of Sadie Hall and May Pringle, whose funeral services were held in our Group this month. We also extend our deepest sympathy to Maureen Kennedy as she grieves the loss of her sister-in law, Hazel Hutchison.

#### Please pray for:

Helen Faulkner, Jack Hall, John Keating, Mabel Keating, Rowena Mealiff, Shirley Smyth, James Moore (nephew of lan Jordan), Isabelle (sister of Maureen Kennedy), and all currently in hospital or recovering at home. Also for Harry Cleary and other young people moving on to third level education.

#### **Mothers' Union**

Our October meeting involved delicious food and a great deal of fun as we used tried-and-trusted recipes from our members to make, and then eat, a wide range of desserts. Our next pre-Christmas meeting will take place on Thursday 21st November in Killeevan at 8.00pm. New members welcome.

#### **Harvest Festival**

On Sunday 13 October, Clones and Currin parishes celebrated a joint Harvest Festival in Scotshouse Church. The church was full and looked magnificent, the guest choir from Lisnaskea Parish Church sang beautifully, and the Revd. Captain Richard Waller gave an entertaining and interactive sermon. The service was followed by delicious refreshments, and we thank all who helped to make our Harvest Festival such a wonderful occasion as we worshipped our loving Creator together.

### Newbliss Church temporarily closed

Following a recent quinquennial inspection, we have had to close Newbliss Church until we carry out some important roof repairs. For now, Sunday services will take place in the church hall instead.



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#### Services NOVEMBER

3rd - Holy Communion 11.30am

10th - Remembrance Sunday 11.30am

17th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

24th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

#### **DECEMBER**

1st - Holy Communion 11.30am

8th - Family Service 11.30am in Hall

15th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

22nd - Morning Prayer 11.30am

22nd - Carol Service 7.00pm

**25th** - Christmas Day Family Communion 10.00am

29th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

31st - New Year's Eve worship 9.00pm

The month of remembrance, as we pay homage to the fallen in Two World Wars, wars, conflicts and terrorism throughout our world, is a reminder of the human sacrifice for peace for future generations. 'Lest we forget' are words we often hear, though their depth of meaning may have evolved in the present to merely lip service. We live almost daily with threats of violence and threats of terrorism from those who should know better, neither of which are an excuse, nor even justifiable as a response for not getting one's own way. Sadly, these threats



are used today to raise fears and tensions, as democracy and the democratic process is challenged in every way imaginable to achieve aims regardless of the overall consequences for everyone. What then is peace, if peace is forfeited for another's selfish ideology and greed? What then is peace if it is built on man's earthly desires and not on Christ the Prince of Peace?

#### Farm, Fellowship and Faith

We were pleased to have the Farm Health bus with us for the recent meeting from 5 – 9pm where 18 members of our farming community availed of the free health checks during the course of the evening. This is a valuable service for the farming community, along with Rural Support, who looks at the bigger picture of mental well-being, of looking after yourself and that of the family. The most important assets on a farm are the farmer and his family.

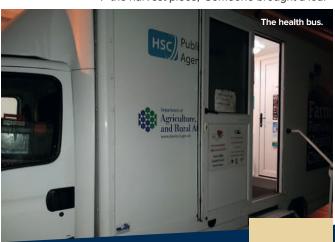
Alex Cromie from 'Rural Support' gave an informative talk on the support that is there for farmers with all the pressures they face in the present day. Francis Breen spoke on the financial services which DAERA offer to farmers, those that may open in the future and others that may be subject to other factors.

Our sincere thanks to the speakers, health bus nurses, those who sponsored the tea over the evening and their willing helpers, and all who came along, availed off and supported the evening.

#### **Parish Mission and Harvest**

'To God be the glory, great things He hath done', and great things He hath done throughout the week of mission in the parish. The mission theme '...Thy word is truth', truth of creation, truth of sin, truth of rejection, truth of the cross, truth of death and the truth of heaven, was faithfully expounded each night by the Revd William Anderson. One could not but be enriched, challenged, corrected, informed, affirmed, encouraged in making the right choices in life, in what we are in Christ, and in what separates us from God, and of where we will spend eternity, dependent on whether we have chosen to accept Christ as Lord and Saviour. Our sincere thanks and deepest appreciation, to our speakers Revd William and to Jeff Gawn who spoke at our family harvest for the honesty and sincerity of their message. And to all of the musicians who led the worship each night, and on Sunday morning for sharing their gifts and in choosing very appropriate music for each service. Also to organist and choir for the beautiful harvest pieces, and leading the worship, the IT team, and to the Select Vestry members who supplied and served the refreshments each night, to Derek Evans for the apple squares and all who assisted throughout the week. To the children for their contribution at the family harvest, leading the prayers, reading and for the harvest piece, 'Someone brought a loaf







of bread'. And to everyone, who supplied and decorated the church for the harvest, for the wonderful displays expressing God's blessings to us again this year, our sincere thanks and to everyone who came along to be a part of the mission week, we trust you have been blessed as we have in sharing with you. Mission, to be continued....

#### Women's Fellowship

The first meeting followed on from the week of mission with the rector, Canon Alan as the speaker. It was an opportunity for reflection, for thanks and praise for God's blessings upon us. The Rector's text was from John 15, 'the true vine', sharing some words of encouragement. The meeting on 11th November will welcome Edith Moore with the topic, 'Get Creative'.

#### Young@Heart

The next meeting is on Wednesday 20th November at 10.30am.

#### **Rural Deanery Youth event**

Hannah Arnold of CARE (Christian Action Research and Education) will be the speaker at Colaghty Parish Hall on 22nd November 2019 at 8.00pm. The evening has been



arranged under the auspices of Kesh Rural Deanery and other churches within the locality for our young people aged 11 years upwards and youth seeking to engage to meet the challenges of moral issues facing them at present. Identity, our identity as God has created us, "...you knit me together..." Psalm 139: 13 – 14. Please add the date to your diary and plan to attend this important evening. Can groups who are planning to attend, let Canon Alan know numbers by 18th November to assist with catering.

#### **Gift Sunday**

The annual Gift Sunday will be on 24th November 2019. This is an opportunity to give an additional gift to the mission of the church, as God has blessed each one of us, parishioners are asked to please use the gift envelope included with the weekly offering envelopes. On behalf of the select vestry, many thanks to all for your continued support to the churches witness and mission.

#### **Accounts**

Please note that parish accounts will close on 31st December 2019 in accordance with Charity Commission regulations. Any outstanding monies or payments should be with the Hon. Treasurer by that date. Again, we offer our sincere thanks for your assistance with this for accounting purposes.

Please see weekly announcements regarding times, updates and activities of the various groups that meet regularly.



### Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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#### **Services**

#### Sunday 10th November

10.30am Derryvullen North, Family Service 11.45am Castle Archdale, Family Service with Act of Remembrance

3.30pm Derryvullen North, Remembrance Day Service with Parade

#### Sunday 17th November

10.15am Castle Archdale, Morning Prayer 11.30am Derryvullen North, BB Enrolment Service

#### Sunday 24th November

10.15am Castle Archdale, Morning Prayer (Mission Theme)

11.30am Derryvullen North, Morning Prayer (Mission Theme)

#### **Sunday 1st December**

10.15am Castle Archdale, Holy Communion 2

11.30am Derryvullen North, Holy

Communion 2

#### Dates for the diary

- Each Tuesday 8.00pm, Bowling Club
- Each Monday and Thursday, Boys Brigade
- Choir (DVN) as announced in the weekly bulletin
- 12th Nov 2.30pm, Tuesday Club
- 12th Nov 8.00pm, Faith & Friendship interchurch Bible Study (Mahon's Hotel)
- 20th Nov 11.00am, Shoppers' Service (Holy Communion) in DVN Parish Centre
- $\bullet$  20th Nov 11.30-12.30, Rector's Drop In @ the DVN Parish Centre
- 20th Nov 8.30pm, Women's Group "Candle Making" with Sue Harper
- 27th Nov 8.00pm, Mothers' Union
- Christmas Sale and Irvinestown Lights, Saturday 30th Nov
- Lisnarick Christmas Lights, Friday 6th Dec



The Rector, Canon Paul Thompson in Castlecaulfield church where he preached at their harvest service.

#### **Tuesday Club**

The Meeting was held on 8th October with eight members and the Rector present. After the opening devotions led by Dr Margaret Knox the Guest Speaker, Mrs Deidre Boyd, a Podiatrist, gave a presentation about her work and included some useful and practical advice on "Care of the feet". Tea was provided by Martha and Sharon. The next meeting will be held on 12th November.

#### Women's Group

The members met on 18th September at the home of Mrs Adele Moore for a wonderful cookery demonstration and tasting evening. This was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and they were very grateful to Adele for her hospitality and great recipes. At the time of writing, the November meeting was planned for 16th, an evening with Dianne Elliott of Tropic Skincare.

#### **Harvest Services**

The Castle Archdale Children's Harvest was held on the morning of Sunday 6th October and the Church was looking resplendent with all the harvest decorations - fruit and vegetables, displays, flowers, turf etc – our thanks to all who spent time getting all of this ready. The Service took the form of Holy Communion and the children took a leading role with Scripture readings, intercessions and a special harvest presentation to the congregation. The evening Castle Archdale Harvest Service was held the same day and the Guest Preacher was Mrs Jennifer Grey, Methodist local preacher, and she based her message on Bible Reading Romans 8:28, 31-39 and Habakkuk 3:17-19. The Rector was assisted by Dr Margaret who gave a

reflection based on each of the hymns in the Service. The organist was Mr William McBride who also contributed a wonderful organ solo, the Third Movement from the "Goldfinch" Concerto by Vivaldi. The piece portrays a goldfinch singing. The evening was made complete by a Supper - our thanks to Mrs Sylvia Woods for organising this and to all who contributed and served it. At the time of writing the Derryvullen North Harvest Services are still to take place and a full report will be made in next edition of the magazine. The Rector preached at the Harvest Service in St Michael's Church, Castlecaulfield (Donaghmore Parish) on Friday 11th October and a photograph is included from that occasion where he is pictured with the Rector of Donaghmore, the Revd Canon Dr Peter Thompson.

#### Faith and Friendship

The Group met in Mahon's Hotel on 8th October with attendees from the Church of Ireland, Presbyterian, Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches. The reflection for the evening was "The other side" and was based on the Gospel of Mark, chapter 4 vv 35-41. This was led by Mrs May Glenn and Dr Margaret. The members considered what constitutes "the other side" for us and what storms, real or imagined, prevents us from crossing over. The meeting closed with prayer and a welcome cup of tea and biscuits. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th November and the Bible passage to be studied will be Mark 5:1-20 and this session will be led by the Methodists of the Group.

#### **Mothers' Union**

The opening meeting took place on 25th September with a good number of members in attendance. After the opening



orations for harvest services

devotions led by enrolling members and Dr Margaret Knox, the speakers Miss Diane Graham and Mrs Joan Agnew from CMS Ireland were introduced. Diane spoke in appreciation of the work of the MU and other Church members in producing sanitary wear for the "Days for Girls" Project. The products had been widely distributed n South Sudan, Uganda and Ethiopia. Diane and Joan had travelled to Nairobi during the summer of 2019 and spoke about the work of the Project in that city.

Arrangements were made at the meeting for the Harvest Supper to be held after the Monday Evening Harvest Service in Derryvullen North on 21st October.

The speaker at the next meeting (Wed 23rd October) will be Mrs Noreen Little, MU Outreach Co-ordinator.

The theme for 2020 in the Mothers' Union is "Building Hope and Confidence" and the Autumn Council Meeting will be held in Aghavea Parish Hall on 24th Oct at 7.30pm. The Prayer Vigil will be held on 26th November at 8.00pm in Garvary Parish Church.

#### From the Registers

#### **Holy Baptism**

22th Sept, Summer Lily Annabelle Taylor (Derryvullen North)

#### **Holy Matrimony**

5th Oct, Vicky Louise Dilworth and Patrick Séamus Dolan (Derryvullen North)

#### **Christian Burial**

4th Oct, William James (Bill) Ternan (Castle Archdale)

### Derryvullen South and Garvary



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#### **Services**

### 3RD November, The Fourth Sunday before Advent

10.30 am. Garvary Parish Church - Holy Communion

12.00 noon Derryvullen South Parish Church - Holy Communion

#### 10th November, The Third Sunday Before Advent

10.30 am. Derryvullen South Parish Church -Morning Prayer

12.00 noon Garvary Parish Church - Morning Prayer

At both services there will be an Act of Remembrance

### 17th November, The Second Sunday before Advent

10.30 am. Garvary Parish Church - Morning Prayer

12.00 noon Derryvullen South Parish Church - Holy Communion



### 24th November, Christ The King Sunday Mission Sunday

10.30 am. Derryvullen South Parish Church -A Service of the Word

12.00 Noon Garvary Parish Church - A Service of the Word

#### 1st December, Advent Sunday

10.30 am. Garvary Parish Church - Holy Communion

12.00 noon Derryvullen South Parish Church - Holy Communion

#### Derryvullen South Parish Church Harvest Thanksgiving Services

The Thanksgiving services held on Sunday 6th October were occasions of thanksgiving and praise to God for all the blessing we enjoy. At the Morning Service the children played their part through singing, drama and leading the prayers. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion displaying all sorts of fruit and vegetables and floral arrangements. The choir sang lovely harvest anthems trained by Rosemary Watts, the organist and Lewis

Nixon accompanied the congregation in the first hymn on the organ. The children were presented with their certificates for participating in the Archdeacon Ruddell competition. The Guest Preacher at the evening service was the Revd. Helen MacArthur. Nicholas Watts read the lessons and after the service, tea was served by the ladies of the Parish. Thank you and well done once again.

### Garvary Parish Church Harvest Thanksgiving Services

This year the Harvest Thanksgiving services were held on Sunday 13th October. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables with displays of objects of harvest celebrations of bygone years incorporated into the decorations. It was a real joyous occasion with special music by the choir and thanks to Diane Simpson for her preparation for the services with the choir. At the morning service the children played their part by singing and leading the prayers. At the Evening Service, Revd. Canon Raymond Fox was the Guest











Preacher, Mr. John Irvine led the prayers and again the choir sang harvest anthems. After the service tea was served by the ladies of the Parish. Thank you and well done to everyone.

In both parish churches as well as it being the Harvest Celebrations it was also Tractor Sunday. It was great to see the tractors all spruced up for the occasion and each farmer was thanked for their work carried out during the year and presented with a Rosette

This year the Harvest theme was 'SHARE AND CARE'. Everyone was invited to bring a non-perishable food item which was given to the "Food Pantry" In Lisnaskea. Thanks to

everyone who gave so generously to a very worthy cause.

#### **Mothers' Union**

Congratulations to Betty Little and Iris Henderson who were presented with Mothers' Union 25 years' Service certificates. We wish them every blessing and may they continue to faithfully serve for many years to come.

#### **Variety Concert**

Derryvullen South Parish Hall is the venue for the Concert which will begin at 8.00 pm. on Friday 7th November. The compere for the evening is Ian Coalter (Moy). Tickets available from Clive Weir or Kathleen Kettyles.

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to David and Iris Henderson on becoming grandparents.

#### **Prayerful Support**

We remember in our prayers those in our parishes who are ill, those who have been in hospital and are now recovering at home. We especially pray for those who are undergoing treatment at present and pray for God's healing touch and His peace to be with them. Remember in your prayers those who live alone as the evenings draw in.

#### Devenish & Boho



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#### Services for November Sunday 3rd

10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion, Devenish Parish

7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

#### Sunday 10th

10.00am Remembrance Service, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Remembrance Service, Devenish Parish Church

7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church.

#### Sunday 17th

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

7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

#### Sunday 24th

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

7.30pm Evening Service, Devenish Parish Church

#### **Remembrance Day Services**

Sunday 10th November, Boho at 10.00am and Devenish at 11.30am.

#### **Harvest Thanksgiving Services**

We wish to thank our harvest preacher, Revd Colin Brownsmith, Mr Harry Anderson Revd Abraham Storey and Revd Sampson Ajuka. Thanks also to our parish choirs, the organists, Mrs Kathleen Irwin and Mrs Gill Spence and all who brought flowers and vegetables and helped decorate both churches. We also would like to thank the ladies, who provided such lovely harvest suppers in both Boho and Devenish.

### Devenish Parish Annual Auction and Sale

This takes place on Saturday 9th November at 2.00pm in the Reade Hall, Monea. This is the main annual fundraising event in the Parish and the Select Vestry would be grateful for all gifts for the Auction and Sale. This can include agricultural products, vegetables, firewood, electrical goods, cakes, groceries, bric a brac or financial donations.

#### Winter Fayre

Devenish Parish are holding our first Winter Fayre in the Reade Hall on Friday 29th November from 4pm to 9pm. Admission free and everybody welcome. Exhibitors include Corrys Christmas Wonderland, Castlederg; Monea Metal Design, Jaynes Teds, Ballyclare; Ballylisk Cheese, Armagh; Yummy Mummy Cakes, Boho; Clips, Body Shop, Christmas Wreaths, Peaches and Penny candles, Blonde Bakes and lots more including tea/coffee, mince pies and Christmas cake.

This is an opportunity to support our local producers and purchase that special Christmas present.

#### **Mothers' Union**

Mothers' Union commenced after the summer break on Tuesday 17th September 2019 with a Service of Holy Communion conducted by the Rev Sampson Ajuka in Devenish Parish Church. Georgina Whittaker, our Branch Leader, welcomed everyone to the service and led us in prayer. Psalm 71 was read by Norma Ferguson, Kay McKeown read the first lesson and the Gospel was read by Gladys Latimer. The organist was Mrs. Barbara Ferguson. During the service Mrs. Dorothea Kells was enrolled to membership of the Mothers' Union.

A short business meeting and cup of tea followed the service when Georgina welcomed Dorothea as a new member of the Branch. She also thanked all those who had participated in the service especially Barbara who had very kindly agreed to accompany the hymn singing.

On Tuesday 19th November 2019 we look forward to welcoming Laura Gallagher, Yummy Mummy Cakes. This is our Visitors' Night and anyone who would like to see Laura demonstrate cake decorating with



David Scott handing over a cheque to Rodney Connor for the Air Ambulance NI, the proceeds of a coffee morning held in the Reade Hall in memory of Howard Cathcart. The total amount raised has now increased to £2544. The Cathcart family and Devenish Parish wish to express their thanks and appreciation to everyone who contributed to the event.

a Christmas theme will be most welcome. The meeting will be held in the Reade Hall, Monea at 8 pm.

#### Safeguarding Trust Training

This will be held on Monday 18th November 2019 at 7.30pm in the Reade Hall.

#### Reade Hall Activities

Our activities this year are as follows:

- Tuesday nights Table Tennis
- Wednesday nights Keep Fit

 Friday nights - Bowling
 Please support our organisations and encourage others to join.

#### **Table Quiz**

Derrygonnelly Primary School PTA held a very successful table quiz in the Reade Hall on Saturday 12th October. The Hall was filled to capacity and over £800 was raised for school funds. Thank you to the organisers, Michael Skuce, the question master and to all who attended.

## Donacavey and Barr



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### 3rd November, Fourth Sunday before Advent

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

#### 10th November, Third Sunday before Advent

Barr: 10:00am Morning Prayer with an act of remembrance.

Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer with an act of remembrance.

#### 17th November, Second Sunday before Advent

Barr: 10:00am Morning Prayer Donacavey 11:30am Morning Prayer **24th November, Kingship of Christ and Mission Sunday** 

Barr: 10:00am Service of the Word
Donacavey 11:30am Service of the Word.

#### Harvests

Donacavey church celebrated the harvest season on Sunday 13th and 14th September. We were reminded of the many good and wonderful gifts we have received from God. We praised Him for another fruitful year with so much gathered in for the incoming winter. The church, as always, was decorated with a beautiful display of

flowers and vegetables and our go to those who so hard over several days sourcing and arranging the flowers, fruit and vegetables. Thanks also to those people who loaned implements of yesteryear. Revd Clarke Deering from the Presbyterian Church was the guest preacher on the Monday night and reminded us of the compassion of Christ.

#### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Johnathan and Linda Hunter on the occasion of their wedding in September. Everyone had a wonderful day as they celebrated the beginning of their marriage. God blessed us with an incredibly beautiful day and we wish both of them many happy and blessed years together.

#### **Baptism**

Christopher and Amanda are the very proud parents of Sam Devon. The other four boys are delighted they have now a new brother to play with. We wish Sam



Johnathan and Linda on their wedding day.



Christopher and Amanda and family.

and all the family God's blessing throughout their lives. Continue to pray for Sam and all our young people.

#### **Craft Fayre**

Our annual 'Craft Fayre' will be held on Saturday 23rd November. Everyone welcome.

#### Special collections

'Families Intervention Service' supports families in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area and are in need of new items that can be used as Christmas gifts for children and, in particular, teenagers. A collection will be made in both Donacavey and Barr churches from now until the first week in December.



### Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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#### Remembrance

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1. I think that no Psalm in all the Psalter expresses the tremendous truth that God's presence and power are with us in all circumstances more than Psalm 46. This psalm encourages us to hope and trust in God; in his power and providence, and his gracious presence with his church and indeed with us even in the worst of times. He is a Help, a present Help, a Help found, one that is always near; we cannot desire a better, nor shall we ever find the like in any creature. We need to know God offers us two kinds of help: a stronghold into which we can flee and a source of strength by which we can face the uncertain future. Forget not the personal possessive word "our;" make sure each one of your portion in God, that you may say, "He is my refuge and strength." Neither forget the fact that God is our refuge just now, in the immediate present, as truly as when David penned the word. God alone is our all in all. As we remember with thanksgiving may we commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace. Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace as we remember the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God.

#### Services in November Sunday, 3rd November 2019 - The Fourth Sunday Before Advent

10.30am: Donagh Parish Church: Confirmation with Holy Communion. Bishop John McDowell



Members of The Westport Eco-Congregation in the handover of The ECI Climate Justice Candle (from left); Mary Murphy, Kathleen Friel, Bríd McAuley, Michael Hall (Principal of Sligo Grammar), Eunice Hall, Mary Manning and Caroline Goucher. Eunice Hall and Michael Hall, parishioners of St. Salvator's, Donagh Parish in Glaslough, Co. Monaghan travelled to receive the candle as it transverses the parishes of Ireland on its ecumenical journey.



Revd. Lorraine and Fr Hubert with Mrs. Diane Wright-Kendrick and Mrs Patrica McDonnell who organised the Ecumenical Harvest.



Revd. Lorraine with Fr Hubert at St. Mary's, Glennan, for the Ecumenical Harvest with the ECI Climate Justice Candle.

### Sunday, 10th November 2019 - The Third Sunday Before Advent

10.30 am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer with an Act of Remembrance 12.00 noon: Errigal Truagh: Morning Prayer with an Act of Remembrance

#### Sunday, 17th November 2019 - The Second Sunday Before Advent

10.30 am: Donagh Parish Church: Morning Prayer

12.00 noon: Tyholland: Morning Prayer Sunday, 24th November 2019 - The Sunday before Advent (The Kingship of Christ).

10.30 am: Donagh Parish Church: Family Service

12.00 noon: Errigal Truagh: Morning Prayer

#### **Confirmation Service**

We are delighted to have Bishop John McDowell with us at our Confirmation Service at 10.30am on Sunday 3rd of November. We wish Hannah, Sophie, Rebecca, Rhys, Alexandra, Emily, Colin and Sarah every blessing as they prepare to be confirmed.

#### **Harvests**

■ Sunday 15th September started our services of thanksgiving for harvest in St. Sillian's, Tyholland. We were delighted to have a full church and to welcome back some past parishioners and members from the community. The church was beautifully

adorned with flowers and crops from the land. There was also a lovely display showing homemade apple juice as well as a beautiful fox and squirrel. Donagh Parish Junior Choir sang two uplifting pieces: "Harvest-time is Here Again" and "Push Little Seed". Donagh Community choir sang two anthems: "The Temple"; and "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" as well as ending the service with "Go Now In Peace". Readings were led by Mr Robert Wilson and Canon Paddy McGinn. Revd. Lorraine was delighted to welcome Canon Paddy for his first visit to Tyholland Parish Church. She also welcomed Revd. Jason Kernohan, Rector of Eglantine Parish, and a very good friend with whom she had trained with at Theological College. Revd. Jason preached an inspirational and thought-provoking sermon on Psalm 65. A lovely harvest supper was provided after the service in Tyholland Community Hall. We are thankful to all the ladies of the ICA who offered a helping hand in setting-up for the supper.

■ Friday 27th September was the Ecumenical Harvest for Glaslough. This harvest was hosted by Fr Hubert Martin in St. Mary's Glennan. Miss Ciara McArdle played two beautiful flute solos. Revd. Lorraine Capper was the preacher. She preached on our God-given mandate: "Taking Care of God's Creation". Donagh Parish Choir joined with the choir from St. Mary's to sing: "This is my Father's World"; "When your Father made

the World" and finishing with the blessing: "Go Now in Peace". Both congregations had contributed to the beautiful decorations in the church and porch. A very welcome cup of tea and beautiful scones and sweet delights followed. The offering of €550 will be donated to the Solas Drop-in Centre, Monaghan. Thanks to Patricia McGonnell and Diane Wright-Kendrick for organising this Inter-church Harvest Thanksqiving Service.

- Sunday 6th October we were joined in Errigal Truagh with many past parishioners who make the annual pilgrimage to meet up at harvest-tide. The church was filled with people who had travelled from as far away as Co. Down, Cork and Scotland. Again the church was beautifully decorated reminding us of times past. Donagh Community Choir led us in the singing of Psalm 24: "This Earth Belongs to God" together with "This is my Father's World"; and "When your Father made the World" and ended the service with a sung blessing. Readings were given by Fr John Flanagan and Mrs Pauline Pollard (nee Woods). Revd. Gerald Macartney, the Diocesan Chaplain for Down and Dromore Mothers' Union, preached on John Chapter 6. Scrumptious refreshments were gratefully received at the end of the service in Blackwater Valley Learning Centre, Ballyoisin. Thanks to all you provided the supper and to the members of the centre for their help.
- On Sunday 13th October we celebrated harvest in Donagh Parish Church. This was







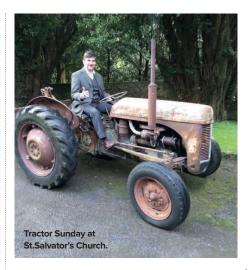
our "Tractor Sunday" and many travelled to church via their tractor. Readings were given by Mrs. Marina Waller and Miss Rachel Dudgeon. Mr. Kenneth Atkinson, violinist, played a duet with Colin Sheridan on his tin-whistle. Donagh Community Choir sang Helen Killick's arrangement of the Psalm 24: "The Earth Belongs To God"; as well as two anthems: "I Will Sing Praise"; and "When your Father made the World," ending the service with "Go Now In Peace". Jamie Duffy accompanied the choir playing his tin whistle with Gerard Toal as our Pianist and Ethne McCord our organist. The Junior Choir sang: "Someone's Brought A Loaf of Bread"; and "Harvest-time is Here Again". A lovely harvest supper was provided and served by the ladies and gentlemen in the parochial hall.

On Sunday 20th October harvest celebrations culminated in Glennan Presbyterian Church. The Donagh Community Choir sang.

Thanks to everyone who offered their time, gifts and talents to make these harvest services very enjoyable and special. We very much appreciate the support given by the local communities. We also acknowledge the huge amount of effort given by Donagh Community Choir in attending choir practices and all five harvest services. We are also grateful that God has blessed us with a very talented Junior Choir. We are indebted to Mrs. Ethne McCord whose musical directorship of both choirs shows her dedication and commitment.

#### **Climate Justice Candle**

Mr. Michael Hall, Principal of Sligo Grammar and his wife Eunice (both parishioners of St. Salvator's, Glaslough) made the long trip to Westport to collect the Climate Justice Candle. The candle came to Glaslough being present at: the Ecumenical Harvest in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church; then it travelled to Errigal Traugh Harvest followed by St. Salvator's for the Harvest in Glaslough and finally it visited Glennan Presbyterian Church. Harvest, what a wonderful time to reflect on God's wonderful masterpiece of creation and for us to realise our mandate to care for it. In caring for all of God's creation



we will care for others not forgetting we have a responsibility to care for ourselves.

#### Winter's Tale

This takes place on Monday and Tuesday 16th and 17th December at 8pm. Unfortunately, this year we have a reduction in availability of tickets for the Winter's Tale. Apologies to those who are disappointed!

#### **Mothers' Union**

In September we had an opening service of Holy Communion which was led by the Revd. Lorraine who gave an interesting sermon on the Mothers' Union theme 'Being in Step'. She was assisted by Mrs. Marina Waller who also read at the service. For our visitors' night in October we were given a very informative talk and presentation from Revd. Canon Paul Thompson on his ministry whilst in England. We are looking forward to Wednesday 6th November at 8pm in the Parish Hall when we will be having Janet Hill who will give us a presentation on the Shoebox Appeal.

#### **Congratulations - Four Prizes!**

Sarah Taylor received her very well-deserved award for her independent research on the "Hymns of Mrs. Alexander". The Bishop's medal was presented to her at Diocesan Synod in September by the Bishop along with Miss Frances Boyd and Miss Joyce Clingan, all of whom sit on the Board of Religious Education. Revd. Lorraine along with all the congregation congratulated



Sarah at the Group service on September 29th. Revd Lorraine said: "Sarah you are to be praised for the very high standard of your project." Sarah is the third member of the Taylor family to awarded the Bishop's Medalwhat an achievement for Jennifer, Dean and Sarah! Congratulations, to St. Salvator's Sunday School for achieving second place in the Archdeacon Ruddell Prize. This was a huge team effort from the Sunday School Teachers, Helpers and all the children. The project was highly commended for being well presented with detailed information about Mrs Alexander with lovely colourful illustrations. Revd. Lorraine presented each child with their certificates on Sunday 29th September.

#### **Tidy Towns**

Glaslough in Co Monaghan has been named as the winner of the 2019 SuperValu National Tidy Towns Competition. Glaslough was one point ahead of its rivals, gaining 346 points in its category of Ireland's Tidiest Village, and beating off competition for the overall award from Blackrock, Co Louth, which won the title of Ireland's Tidiest Small Town with 345 marks. It was a double victory for Glaslough! Congratulations to all the volunteers who work so hard to make our village so beautiful.

#### Congratulations

■ Congratulations to Dean Taylor and Ryan Breakey who achieved very good results in their Junior Certificate. Keep up the good



Sunday School Children at St. Salvator's who received their certificates for achieving second in the Archdeacon Ruddell Prize.



Celebrating the Bishop's Medal win for St. Salvator's Church, Glaslough.

work!

- Congratulations to Sarah Hall who recently celebrated her 30th birthday with family and friends in Dublin.
- Congratulations to Mrs Eileen Fielding who has recently received a further two trophies to add to her growing collection of bowling awards.

#### **Shoe Box Appeal**

As we approach Christmas you can make a difference. Every year with your help Christmas Shoebox Appeal sends millions of gift-filled shoeboxes to children. So, how do you send Christmas to a child in a shoebox? Get an empty medium sized shoebox, and wrap the box and lid separately in colourful wrapping paper Attach the appropriate boy/girl label, marking if your gift is for a boy or a girl. Select an age category 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 and attach the label to the top of your shoebox. Fill your shoebox with a selection of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. If possible, include one or two special items you know a child will love such as a doll, cuddly toy. A suggested donation of €4 is essential to cover project costs and includes shipping. Some ideas of things you might fill your Christmas Shoebox:

#### 4 W's

WRITE: Pens/pencils, crayons, paper/copy books, colouring books, markers, sharpeners and erasers.

WASH: Soap (wrapped), hairbrush, comb, toothpaste, toothbrush, facecloth.

WEAR: Socks, underwear, flip-flops, hat, scarf, gloves, T-shirt.

WOW: Cuddly toy, stickers, doll, toy car, skipping rope, yo-yo, sunglasses, photo of yourself.

What NOT to include: please do not send liquids (shampoos, bubbles), sharp objects, books with a lot of words, breakables or medicines.

#### **Dromore**



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#### **King Canute**

Long ago, England was ruled by a king named Canute. Like many leaders and men of power, Canute was surrounded by people who were always praising him. Every time he walked into a room, the flattery began.

"You are the greatest man that ever lived," one would say.

"O king, there can never be another as mighty as you," another would insist.

"Your highness, there is nothing you cannot do," someone would smile.

"Great Canute, you are the monarch of all," another would sing. "Nothing in this world dares to disobey you."

The king was a man of sense, and he grew tired of hearing such foolish speeches. One day he was walking by the seashore, and his officers and courtiers were with him, praising him as usual. Canute decided to teach them a lesson.

"So you say I am the greatest man in the world?" he asked them.

"O king," they cried, "there never has been anyone as mighty as you, and there never will be anyone so great, ever again!"
"And you say all things obey me?" Canute



John Shades from Enniskillen Foodbank arriving at Holy Trinity Church.

asked.

"Absolutely!" they said. "The world bows before you, and gives you honour." "I see," the king answered. "In that case, bring me my chair, and we will go down to the water."

"At once, your majesty!" They scrambled to carry his royal chair over the sands.
"Bring it closer to the sea," Canute called.
"Put it right here, right at the water's edge."
He sat down and surveyed the ocean before him. "I notice the tide is coming in. Do you think it will stop if I give the command?"

His officers were puzzled, but they did not dare say no. "Give the order, O great king, and it will obey," one of then assured him. "Very well. Sea," cried Canute, "I command you to come no further! Waves, stop your rolling!. Surf, stop your pounding! Do not dare touch my feet!"

He waited a moment, quietly, and a tiny wave rushed up the sand and lapped at his feet.

"How dare you!" Canute shouted. "Ocean, turn back now! I have ordered you to retreat before me, and now you must obey! Go back!"

And in answer another wave swept forward and curled around the king's feet. The tide came in, just as it always did. The water rose higher and higher. It came up around the king's chair, and wet not only his feet, but also his robe. His officers stood before him, alarmed, and wondering whether he was mad.

"Well, my friends," Canute said, "it seems I do not have quite so much power as you would have me believe. Perhaps you have learned something today. Perhaps now you will remember there is only one King who is all-powerful, and it is he who rules the sea, and holds the ocean in the hollow of his hand. I suggest you reserve your praises for him."

King Canute on the Seashore, by: James Baldwin, The Book of Virtues

As we approach the season of Advent, let's remember that Jesus is the King of kings and that he is coming back to reign. The only right way to prepare for his second coming is to ensure, day-by-day, that we keep him as the ruler of our lives. 'But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.' 1 Peter 3:15a

#### Parish Breakfast and Pop-up **Foodbank**

John Shades, the manager of the Enniskillen Foodbank was our speaker at our Parish Breakfast on Saturday 5th October. It was great to hear how it has grown, from small beginnings to what it is today, partnering with 47 agencies to give emergency food parcels to those struggling financially for various reasons. Unfortunately, an increasing number of people are needing the help of Foodbanks, right across the UK. Last vear Enniskillen Foodbank distributed 2,403 food parcels away (7,209 meals) and already it looks like being more than that this year.

#### On their website they state:

'We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK'. (https://enniskillen.foodbank. org.uk/about/)

More recently they decided to have Popup Foodbanks in various towns/villages outside of Enniskillen due to the poor transport system as well as reducing the cost of transport for those seeking help. John announced at our Parish Breakfast that Dromore would be the next to have a Pop-up Foodbank. So, every Tuesday, from 1pm – 2pm, the Enniskillen Foodbank will be coming to Holy Trinity Church Hall, Dromore to distribute emergency food parcels to those in need.

#### Cake Sale and Coffee Morning in aid of Air Ambulance

There will be a cake sale and coffee morning at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Dromore on Saturday 7th December, 10am - 4pm. This is in aid of the Air Ambulance. Every welcome!



#### An Evening of Christmas Praise, 7th December at 7.30pm

Dromore Primary School are hosting 'An Evening of Christmas Praise' on Saturday 7th December at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church. We are privileged to have some amazing gospel artists taking part, namely Lorraine Vance, Alex Robb and The Morrisons. Dromore Primary School Choirs will also be taking part. Admission £10 (Children under 11 free!) and all proceeds will be in aid of Dromore Primary School, All welcome!

#### 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.
- 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)

### Drumkeeran, **Muckross and** Templecarne



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I began my article for last month's magazine by reflecting on the harvest services that had taken place in the group of parishes, but I was unable to include pictures of Tubrid due to submission dates. I have included some pictures for this month's magazine.

We were privileged to host SEFF's 7th Annual Service in Templecarne on 6 October where it was wonderful to see the church full to capacity.

Our thanks to Canon Ngozi Njoku who was the speaker at the service and to all those who took part in any way by reading lessons, leading intercessions, playing the



organ, singing and sharing their life stories. It was wonderful to be part of the service and to I was honoured to dedicate some new patches on the Memorial Quilt which was entitled Terrorism Knows NO Borders which is a timely reminder to us all. This was reinforced for us by David Kelly, son of Patrick Kelly, the only Irish Defence Force soldier to be murdered by the IRA who shared his story with us which was very powerful and was also very moving. I would like to thank all who prepared the church, those who provided food for the tea after the service and all those who helped to serve it on the day. This included folk from Templecarne, Tubrid and from the Garrison Group of Parishes.

I trust that all who attended this service

were not only uplifted and encouraged but also learned more about God and his purposes for them through our shared worship.

I would like to place on record my thanks once again to all who work in various ways in all three churches so that we can continue to worship God and shine a light into the communities around us. As we look forward, we will take time to remember the sacrifices of the past as is our custom on Remembrance Sunday. On this day we remember the sacrifices in two World Wars but also in the various other arenas of conflict where our country has been involved at various points in history. This includes the years of violence in our own land and as we take time to remember



all those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom we should resolve to do all that we can to ensure that the situations that led to such conflicts should never be allowed to happen in the future and that we should always strive to seek peaceful resolutions to whatever may divide us.

I want to suggest that the best way that we can do this is to look to the one who offers us salvation Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace.

As I said last month this is also the time of year when we can offer some Christmas cheer to a child through the Shoebox Appeal. I would ask that you consider supporting this initiative if you don't do so already.

As always, the boxes will be processed by Irene Boyd and her team of helpers in Tubrid Hall which provides another opportunity to help. If you are interested in assisting, please speak to Irene.

#### **Parish Register**

#### **Baptism**

We were delighted to welcome a new member for Templecarne Parish on Sunday 20 October 2019 when Amelia Eve Fitzpatrick, daughter of John and Marie was baptised.



We would like to congratulate John and Marie on their new arrival and hope that they would encourage Amelia to take her place in the church as she grows up.

#### Marriage

Michelle McCutcheon and Ross Irwin were married in St John's, Muckross on Saturday 5 October and we wish them God's richest blessing for their life together.

#### **Christian Burial**

On Sunday 8 September we said our farewells to Rita Gibson, a member of Templecarne Parish, Pettigo. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her husband Eric and to their wider family circle.

On Tuesday 8 October we said our farewells to Noreen Runacres, a member of Drumkeeran Parish, Tubrid. Our deepest sympathy to her brothers and sisters and to the wider family circle.

Blessed are those who die in the Lord.

#### **Diary**

- Sunday 3 November Morning Prayer 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid
- Sunday 10 November Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion 10.00 Muckross, Holy Communion 11.30 Tubrid
- Sunday 17 November Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid
- Sunday 25 November 2018 Morning Prayer 10.00 – Muckross, Holy Communion 11.30 – Tubrid

#### **Annual Variety Concert**

The 35th Annual Variety Concert will be held in the Youth Hall, Tullyhommon (kindly granted) on Thursday 14 November at 8pm. The guest artists will include Kenny Archer along with Boxcar Brian and there will also be a number of other local artists performing. This is a wonderful evening which is enjoyed by all who attend.

### Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

Pastoral Cover:

Mr Walter Pringle, assisted by Canon Charles McCollum.

**Archdeacon Brian Harper or Canon lan Berry** are in charge.

#### Aughnamullen

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Abraham Storey and Colin Brownsmith on being ordained as Deacons by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right. Rev John McDowell on Sunday 15th September. We wish them both every success in their future ministry.

#### **Carol Service**

Our Annual Carol Service will be held on Sunday 8th December at 3pm and all are welcome.

#### Prayer

We continue to remember those in our Parish who are in residential care.

#### Pop-up shop

Forthcoming fundraising event- we hope to run a pop-up shop on a weekend in December with further details later.

#### Crossduff Church

The Annual Carol service will be held on Sunday 1st December at 3pm. Guest speaker is Venerable Canon Craig McCauley, Rector of the Virginia Group along with Ballybay Country Gospel Group and organist Wendy Sloan. Refreshments will be served after the service in the old Stables. Everyone most welcome.

#### **Aghabog**

#### Soup morning and cake sale

Our soup morning and cake sale held on Saturday 28th September was very well supported. Our grateful thanks to those who made the soup, baked for the cake stall and served the teas, also to those who came and supported this event. Our special thanks to those who set up the hall and tidied up afterwards.

#### Harvest

Our Harvest service held on Sunday 13th October was well attended. Our thanks to Walter Pringle for conducting the service and to our guest speaker, Revd A Storey and to our guest soloist, Mr Robbie Pearson who sang three beautiful pieces, to the choir and organist for their contribution. Also to those who brought flowers, fruit and vegetables and decorated the church so tastefully.

#### **Dartrey and Rockcorry**

"Now thank we all our God, With hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, In whom his world rejoices"

#### **Harvest Thanksgivings**

In beautifully decorated churches in Dartrey and Rockcorry, we thanked God, in word and song, for all the blessings that the harvest season brings. Our "special" preachers this year were Dean Raymond Ferguson and Revd Stephanie Woods and they really proved to be very special indeed. We also had a very special soloist in Rockcorry in the person of Janice Niblock. We thank them most sincerely and we also extend our thanks to all others whose help was much appreciated-to Mr Walter Pringle who conducted the services, to organists, and decorators and everyone involved.

#### **New Deacons**

A good number of parishioners travelled to St. Macartin's Cathedral in Enniskillen to support Mr Abraham Storey and Mr Colin Brownsmith who were ordained as deacons, the first in Clogher Diocese, following their training in Ordained Local Ministry. We have happy memories of their time amongst us and wish them every blessing in their new sphere of ministry.

#### Remembrance Sunday

Apprentice Boys of Derry, Browning Club, Monaghan Branch at the annual Remembrance Sunday Parade Service on Sunday 10th November 2019 at 3.00pm in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dartrey. Assemble at Church gates at 2.45pm. Collection in aid of Poppy Appeal.

#### **Sunday School**

Congratulations to the Sunday School Children of Rockcorry and Dartrey parishes who took part in the Archdeacon Ruddell Prize, which was on the hymns of Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander who wrote a lot of our favourite hymns.

#### Personal

We are aware that a number of parishioners have been bereaved.

We are aware that a number have been ill at home and in hospital and we have just learned that Walter Pringle's sister - in - law, May Pringle, has passed away. To him and to all the bereaved we extend our condolences.

#### **Baptism**

On Sunday 13th October 2019 in St. John's Church, Dartrey we welcomed James David Coalter, son of Jason and Julie Coalter and brother of Joshua. We wish James and his family God's richest blessing.

#### Winter Sale

The annual Winter Sale will take place in Rockcorry School on Saturday, 30th November commencing at 11.00 am. until 2pm for parish funds.

Rockcorry National School will also have their own sale on the day for school funds. Everyone Welcome.

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#### **Services**

### Sunday 3rd November: The Fourth Sunday before Advent

9.00am — Holy Communion 11.00am — Holy Communion

7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Thursday 7th November

11.00am - Holy Communion

### Sunday 10th November: The Third Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Day

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.30am – Morning Prayer (Remembrance

Day Service)

7.00pm - Evening Prayer



Clergy and Churchwardens at the harvest services.

#### **Thursday 14th November**

11.00am - Holy Communion

#### Sunday 17th November: The Second Sunday before Advent

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Communion

7.00pm – Evening Prayer

#### Thursday 21st November

11.00am - Holy Communion

### Sunday 24th November: The Sunday before Advent (The Kingship of Christ)

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer - Family Service for Confirmation Candidates & Xplore

7.00pm - Holy Communion

#### **Thursday 28th November**

11.00am – Holy Communion 1.05 p.m. Healing Service

## Receiving into the Congregation (already baptised)

6th October - Charles John Alexander Crawford

#### **Christian Burial**

13th October - Martha Jane (Mattie) Louden, Copperfield Nursing Home, Aughnacloy, late of 34 Loane Drive, Enniskillen.

#### **Christian Marriage**

5th October - Andrew Bartholomew Bradley and Natasha Alice Carney

#### **Harvest Services**

The Cathedral was beautifully decorated for our Harvest Services on Sunday 13th October. A sincere thank you to all those who helped in any way with our harvest celebrations.

#### **Messy Church**

Come along to Messy Church on Thursday 21st November in the Cathedral Hall from 4.00-6.00pm. There will be Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, food and lots of fun. Free for children of primary school age and their parents and guardians. Invite your





friends! Remember – no child without an adult – no adult without a child!

#### Confirmation

A Confirmation service will be held in the spring of 2020 for young people of school Year 9 and above. Application forms for Confirmation are available in the Parish Office for those who wish to be confirmed. Please collect and return them as soon as possible.

#### **Xplore**

Xplore is a relaxed, café-style venue for young people in Years 10-12. We want the young people of St Macartin's to feel they belong to the wider church family, to know that they are valued, and to have a safe space to ask questions about faith as a teenager and young adult. We meet in the Upper Room (youth wing) of the Cathedral Halls. Upcoming events.....

Monday 25th November – Movie Night 7.30-9.00pm

Monday 16th December – Christmas Party 7.30-9.00pm.

#### **Mothers' Union**

Branch Leader Stephanie opened the meeting on Monday 14th October with a poem "How to plant your Garden" taken from Prayers of Celebration and Inspiration from Mothers' Union All Ireland 130th Anniversary, followed by the Mothers' Union Prayer.

Members then made their way to Headhunters Barber Shop and Railway Museum in Darling Street which was established in 1981 by Gordon and Nigel Johnston. The Johnston family's decision to combine traditional barber skills with their interest in local railway history has led to one of the most fascinating and unique attractions anywhere in Ireland. Alan Devers gave a marvellous tour of the Museum and looked back at the impact railways had on people's lives. There is an absorbing range of railway memorabilia, including uniforms, tableware, tickets, crests, lamps, locomotive nameplates and a working model railway. We appreciate the time Gordon, Nigel and Alan gave to make our evening most enjoyable. Headhunters is well worth a visit. The next meeting on 11th November is 'From the Ward to the Pulpit' with the Revd Olie Downey.

#### **Tuesday Club**

At the September meeting Eleanor welcomed members back to the new season. Prayers and scripture reading followed. Revd Colin Brownsmith was introduced to his first meeting of Tuesday Club! The speaker was Davina Coalter

and her subject 'Improving Health and Well Being.' With the aid of slides Davina took members on the 'Falls Prevention Programme'. Everyone found the steps that can be put in place to prevent falls excellent. Each member received a goodie bag which also contained useful information and reminders to put into action. Tea brought a most informative meeting to a close. The next meeting is on 29th October and is a game of Bocca in the Enniskeen Room at 2.00pm with Jack Spratt and his helper.

#### A Big Sing

As part of the fund-raising effort to meet the cost of installing a memorial for the Enniskillen Bomb victims in the wall of the Clinton Centre, 'A Big Sing' was held in the Cathedral on Sunday 29th September, featuring choirs from the Methodist, Roman Catholic and Church of Ireland churches of the town as well as a soloist from the Presbyterian church. £1,800 was raised, but we hope to present a cheque for £2,000 to the Enniskillen Memorial Project. Donations can still be left in the Cathedral Office.

### Cubs and Beavers meet with The Duke of Wessex

1st Inniskilling Scout Group attended the opening of Cladagh Glen Scout Centre by Prince Edward.



### Launch of book detailing history of St Macartin's Cathedral

The book entitled 'St Macartin's Cathedral – At the Heart of the Community' by Samuel B Morrow will be launched by The Right Rev John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher, in the Cathedral Hall on Wednesday 13th November at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

#### Shoebox Appeal

Put some of your Christmas into a shoe box - and send it to a child in need! When you start planning your Christmas this year, why not plan to share some of the joy and fun? For hundreds of thousands of desperately needy children, there will be no Christmas coming at all in 2019 – unless you send it to them in a shoe box. Our Mothers' Union supports this project each year, so let us all as a parish support them in this very worthy cause. Operation Christmas Child is a project run by Samaritan's Purse International, a Christian relief and development charity. The shoe boxes are given unconditionally, regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs. So - how do you send Christmas to a child in a shoe box? It's easy! Simply take an empty shoe box,

wrap it in gift paper (lid and box separately) and fill it with toys, educational supplies, hats and scarves and other items that will bring joy to a child's life. You also need to include £5.00 'Shipping' donation per shoebox, to cover UK transportation, overseas shipping, distribution and promotion, with any surplus going to the work of Samaritan's Purse. If you would like to contribute, there are fliers full of ideas of what to buy - as well as a label to stick on the front of your box available in the cathedral porch or contact any member of the Mothers' Union or the Churchwardens for more information. Please bring your wrapped and filled shoe box to church on or before Sunday 17th November. Since 1990, more than 168 million children in over 160 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child.

#### Prayer

May the joy of Christ shine in our eyes, the compassion of Christ reach out through our hands, the word of Christ fall from our tongues and the love of Christ flow from our hearts? Amen.



Davina Coalter is pictured receiving a token from Gillian Stephenson after her talk at the September meeting of the Tuesday Club.

# Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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I recall the opportunity I had to visit one of the world's leading cities. It was a treasure house of buildings, ruins, archaeological digs and heritage. On almost every street corner there was something ancient and puzzling. Who had built this? What was it used for? How was it being preserved? Of the many churches, most of which I seemed to visit, I distinctly remember only one. Inside was the usual group of tourists, like me. Phones doubling up as cameras, the usual snap shots and selfies. But here was something else. A picture of the face of Jesus, perhaps a metre tall, leaning against the Holy Table. And a light beaming onto it. An icon. I was deeply struck by it. A small act of worship by someone, set in

place when the bustle of the day had passed. Placed perhaps by cleric? A caretaker?

But there is was, and I paused to pray, to remember, and to give thanks for Jesus. A quiet moment with God in the midst of the bustle and the busy and the other. A moment to consider and remember Jesus. The hymn writer puts it like this.

'Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face.

And the things of the earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace.'

Had he in mind the words of the letter to the Hebrew Christians, in chapter twelve. 'Fix your eyes upon Jesus, the author and the perfecter of your faith.'? It is a challenge that transcends the ages, to hear the call of scripture to look to, and to look upon Christ. To fix your eyes on Him. It makes me think of the single vision of a horse who wears eye shields, to prevent him being distracted by other things, to the side of his view. Is there something like that in this? A single vision, and commitment to look to Christ. In this very busy age, with an endless amount to consider, whether ruins from the past, or something from this day demanding our attention, the disciple is called again and again to keep their gaze fixed upon Christ.

### Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully

Vacant

**In Charge:** Archdeacon Brian Harper or Chancellor Ian Berry

**Pastoral Care:** Dean Raymond Ferguson and Mr Roy Crowe (DPA)

#### **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).

#### **Harvest Services**

At the time of writing we have had two of our group harvest services. In Sallaghy, Mr Keith Brown led and spoke at the service whilst in Galloon, Canon Maurice Armstrong, Rector of Tempo and Clabby, led and spoke at the service. In Galloon the lessons were read by four Sunday School children: Zoe Heaslip, Emma Rickey, Isaac Hutchinson and Matthew Heaslip. The Sunday Schools also sang; "He made the stars to shine" accompanied by young organist Hollie Hutchinson.

Thanks to everyone who helped to decorate our churches so beautifully, catered and came to celebrate the harvest home. Thanks to all who have given generously not only of their time and talents but also in their offerings.

#### Remembrance Sunday

The annual Remembrance Service will be held in Galloon on Sunday 10th November at 11.00am. This will be a Group Service.



The local Methodist and Presbyterian congregations will be joining us as will all the uniformed youth organizations along with the parishioners of Sallaghy and Drummully. Acts of Remembrance will take place in Sallaghy and Drummully on Sunday 3rd November.

#### Galloon

#### **Craft Fayre**

A Craft Fayre will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday 16th November at 11.00am. All support appreciated.

#### Sympathy

We sympathise with all who have had a bereavement in their extended families and continue to pray for all known to us who are unwell, whether at home, in nursing homes or in hospital.

#### Sallaghy

#### **Mothers' Union**

On Thursday 14th November, the speaker at the monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union will focus on "Getting Ready for Christmas". The meeting will start at 8.00pm.

#### **Parish Dance**

The next Parish Dance will be held on Friday 8th November with music provided by "Wee Tom" with dancing from  $10.00 \, \text{pm} - 1.00 \, \text{am}$ . The cost will be £5 including supper and all proceeds are in aid of Church Funds. Everyone will be made most welcome.

### **Drummully** 175th Anniversary

Our 175th Anniversary in Drummully Parish Church will be celebrated with a joint service on Sunday, 24th November at 3.00pm, the Feast of Christ The King. Mr Roy Crowe and Bishop John McDowell will lead the worship. Supper will be served afterwards in the Church Hall. Everyone will be made warmly welcome.



### Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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#### Services

#### Sunday 10th November

Belleek 11.30am HC Garrison 5pm Remembrance Service

#### **Sunday 17th November**

Garrison 10am FS & MP Slavin 11.30 FS & MP

#### Sunday 24th November

Kiltyclogher 10am HC Belleek 11.30 MP

#### **Sunday 1st December**

Garrison 10am HC Slavin 11.30 HC

#### Sunday 8th December

Kiltyclogher 10am HC Belleek 11.30 HC

#### **Harvest Services**

Belleek Church held their Harvest Thanksgiving on Friday 20th September. The Church was decorated with a wonderful array of floral arrangements, fruit and vegetables. The service was led by Canon Ngozi and the visiting preacher was Revd. Douglas Reid, who lives locally. The Bible readings were read by Ethan Johnston and local Pharmacist, Marie McGuinness MPS. The Group Choir accompanied by Mrs. Sadie Moore sang two anthems, 'Bountiful Harvest' and 'The Beautiful Garden of prayer." Canon Ngozi dedicated the new scarves and ties which the choir were wearing for the first time. She also thanked all who had helped decorate and also Peter McMahon and Damien McGlone who gave gifts of flowers and vegetables for the

A delicious supper was served afterwards in the Wark Hall.

### Garrison Harvest Service was held on Friday 27th September.

The service was led by the Rector and the



The Strule String Band at Garrison Friends' Service on Sunday 29th September.

guest speaker for the evening was Mrs Eileen Cutler. The readers were Mr Stephen Irwin and Miss Helen Thompson and Mrs Dot Barlow led the psalm. The choir sang "Down to the river to pray" and "Peace in the Valley". We were very pleased to welcome a guest soloist, Miss Lucy Muldoon from Innishmacsaint who sang "The Lord's my shepherd" and "Across the Lands". Lucy, just nine years old, has a very special and beautiful voice and we were very grateful for her sharing her talents with us. Canon Ngozi thanked the ladies for the tasteful church decorations and the lovely supper which followed.

#### Garrison Church "Friends" service

Garrison Church welcomed "old" and "new" friends to a special service on Sunday 29th September. Strule River String Band brought the church alive with some wonderful music on the day and the congregation enjoyed joining in the fellowship. Joy Graham accompanied the congregational hymns and the choir who sang "The beautiful garden of prayer". Thanks to all the visitors for travelling to join us and for those who

attended from other parishes. A lovely tea was served in the Gillaroo centre and grateful thanks to all the ladies who helped and provided it.

#### **Mothers' Union**

Rachel Love (churchwarden in Belleek church) was the guest speaker at our September meeting in the Wark Hall, Belleek. It was a brilliant meeting during which Rachel enlightened us on her long and interesting career in Belleek Pottery. She also brought us some of the specially commissioned items of pottery that she had painted. With Doreen's assistance she showed us slides of many important occasions when royalty and VIPs came to visit in the pottery. At the end of the meeting she presented each member with a bespoke Belleek Pottery MU badge which she had hand-painted especially for each member.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 19th November in the Reade Hall Monea at 8pm where we are invited for their Visitors night. Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those



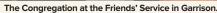
Canon Ngozi and Mrs Lily Graham, on her birthday, with her daughters, Lorraine, Elizabeth, and Hazel and her son Eddie.

from our group of parishes who have been unwell at home in recent weeks. Best wishes to Miss Florrie Hamilton and Mrs Liesel Zink who are recovering after being in hospital.

#### **SEFF Service**

On Sunday 6th October, a good number of parishioners travelled to the service in Templecarne church, Pettigo, for the annual service to remember all innocent victims of the Northern Ireland troubles. The service was led by Revd Charlie Eames and Revd Canon Ngozi preached the sermon. A moving testimony was given by David Kelly whose Irish Army father, Patrick was killed by the IRA. There was an opportunity to view the newly dedicated patches in memory of loved ones after the service. Audrey Ovens and Robert Johnston sang two pieces "In the Garden" and "Precious Lord". Thanks to those from the group who kindly donated food and helped to serve afterwards. Thanks also indeed to Revd











Attending the Slavin Harvest were (from left); Joan Law, Irene Knox, Jacqueline Keys and Sarah Henry from Kesh.



Georgina and Ernie Whittaker and Dorothy Scott from Monea with Rosemary Barton MLA attending Slavin Church.

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The Group Choir with new scarves which were dedicated at Belleek Harvest Thanksgiving.

Charlie and the parishioners of Templecarne who made everyone very welcome.

#### **Holy Baptism**

- Sunday 15th September, Slavin Church, Clarke Andrew George Earls, son of Jenna and Edwin was baptised by Revd Canon Ngozi in Slavin Parish Church. The godparents were Nicole and Demi Clarke.
- Sunday 22nd September, Belleek Church, Jonathan Robert Henry Pye, son of James and Donna was baptised by Revd Canon Ngozi in Belleek Parish Church. The godparents were Clare and Marcus Hunter.

#### **Remembrance Service**

■ Sunday 10th November is the date for our annual remembrance service in Garrison Parish Church at 5pm. Members of the regimental associations will be present to



Revd. Douglas Reid and Canon Ngozi.









lay the wreaths to remember the fallen.

#### **Garrison Church Cookery Book**

Joy Graham has compiled a collection of recipes from cookery classes over the years which will be launched in a Cookery Book on Saturday 7th December in the Gillaroo Centre at 7pm. Thanks to all who supported this venture, particularly the ladies on the launch committee. Thanks also to local business for their support in advertising. Proceeds from the book go to Garrison Church funds.

#### Keep up to date

Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on www.belleek.clogher.anglican. org. The web manager is Jenna Earls. Photos and articles etc. for the website to be e-mailed to Doreen Earls at Social Networking: Follow us on Facebook using the name Garrison Group of Parishes. Simply 'Like' our page to receive updates on events.



Belleek Church, Jonathan Robert Henry Pye, son of James and Donna. The godparents were Clare and Marcus Hunter.



At Slavin Church, the Earls family at their Baptismal Service.

#### **Inishmacsaint**

Vacant

**In Charge:** Canon Mark Watson (Rural Dean) or Archdeacon Brian Harper.

Pastoral Care: Canon Mark Watson (Rural Dean), Canon Ngozi Njoku and Miss Isobel Stewart (DPA)

#### **Auction and Cake Sale**

The committee and members of Derrygonnelly Orange Hall would like to thank everybody who contributed in any way to our auction on Saturday 28th of September and also everybody who gave donations. They were all very much appreciated. We raised almost £6000, a great effort.

#### **Prayers**

We continue to pray for parishioners who are in hospital nursing homes those sick at home also people who are lonely.

#### **Pastoral Care**

Anybody needing pastoral care please get in touch with the churchwardens.

#### **Bowls Club**

Derrygonnelly Bowling Club continues every Thursday night in Derrygonnelly Orange Hall from 8 pm. New members welcome.

#### **Remembrance Service**

Sunday 10th November is the date for our annual remembrance service at 11 30am. Members of the Regimental Association will be present to lay wreaths to remember our fallen.

#### **Mothers' Union**

For our November meeting on Tuesday 19th November, we join Devenish and Boho Mothers' Union for their Vistors' Night at 8pm in the Reade Hall.

Laura from 'Yummy Mummy Cakes' will be 'Decorating for Christmas'.

Hopefully all our members will be able to come along.

#### **Date for your Diary**

Friday 22nd May-Monday 25th May 2020 - Inishmacsaint Mother's Union trip to Ennis, cost; £340 for three nights Bed and Breakfast and three evening meals and a meal on way home. Single supplement is £60.

Contact Mrs Robena Elliott on 02868641569/ 07561820087. A deposit of £100 to be paid to Robena before the end of November.



#### Kilskeery and Trillick



Rector: **Revd Philip Bryson** 

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New beginnings, fresh starts, and clean sheets are always good.

It is a privilege to find myself in the position of the newly appointed incumbent of the parishes of Kilskeery and Trillick.

It is with gladness and expectancy that I have joined the family of Christ here.

It is my hope and prayer that we will be a praying people who will see many answers to our prayers, as we pray together.

It is my hope and prayer that we will grow more and more into the likeness of Jesus our head and Lord and Saviour.

It is my hope and prayer that we will be one, united family, enjoying the Lord's blessing that comes through unity.

It is my hope and prayer that as we share fellowship together, the Lord's presence would be experienced in our midst. It is my hope and prayer that we would know the presence of the Spirit of God in our midst, growing within us His fruits and releasing amongst us His gifts.

It is my hope and prayer that we would be acutely aware of the Father's love and from this awareness and experience - we would overflow with love for one another and for the communities around us.

It is my hope and prayer that we will be those who worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth and with all of our hearts.

It is my hope and prayer that we would know His word and find life, authority, and power within it.

It is my hope and prayer that as we pray the Lord's prayer, we will indeed see it answered in our community of the King. New beginnings, fresh starts, and cleans sheets are always good - but from this starting line - to look out and dream and hope and pray - is good too.

#### **Harvest Celebrations**

Our Harvest Celebrations began in Christ Church, Trillick at 11.00am on Sunday morning, 13th of October. It took a little

> longer to reach our seats this morning as people couldn't help but stop to admire the beautiful harvest arrangements and decorations that adorned the church. We were blessed as the children from the Sunday School led us in our morning worship, with singing and prayers as well as participating in the all-age talk. We were also blessed by the joint choir who led us so beautifully in their presentation of a number of Harvest pieces. Our theme was based on Jesus' words to His disciples that the harvest was ready but the workers were few. We were pleased that both

parishes joined together for this All-Age Service of Thanksgiving and it was great to see the church full.

In the evening at 7.30pm we joined together again in Christ Church, Trillick, for something a little different, which had a more contemporary feel to it with computer and screen and some modern worship with a reflection on the Fruit of Love. After the service we reclined to the Sunday School rooms for a harvest tea which was kindly and generously organised by the ladies of the parish. At the time of going to Press, we look forward to our harvest celebrations reaching Kilskeery on Friday, 18th and Sunday, 20th October.

#### **Sunday Services**

Trillick 10.30 am

Kilskeery 11.45 am

We have Sunday School at both services and Holy Communion is celebrated during the first Sunday of the month.

Remembrance Day and B.B. Enrolment Service: 10th November

G.B. Enrolment Service: 1st December

#### **Mothers' Union**

The next meeting on 18th November will be 'An Evening of Indulgence'. Members will have an opportunity to sample homemade desserts and swap recipes.

#### Weekly activities continue as follows:

- Girls' Brigade: Mondays at 6.30pm in Trillick Orange Hall.
- Senior Citizens Lunch: Each Tuesday @ 12:30pm with games in Kilskeery Youth Hall.
- Boys' Brigade: Wednesdays at 7pm in Kilskeery Youth Hall.
- Bowls: Fridays at 8pm in Kilskeery Youth Hall.

#### **Holy Baptism**

#### Kilskeery

6th October: John James, son of Stuart and Kerri McCormack, Kilskeery.

#### **Wedding Blessing**

#### **Trillick**

7th September: A service of blessing was held in Trillick Parish Church for Lindsay (nee Brunt) and Stuart Phair. Canon Mark Watson officiated.

Lindsay and Stuart were married in Fenton Tower Castle, Scotland.

#### **Christian Burial**

#### Kilskeery

19th September, Hazel Hutchinson, Lisnahanna, Kilskeery.



## Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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#### **Services**

#### **3rd November, Fourth Sunday before Advent**

11am Lisbellaw Holy Communion 3pm Coolbuck Holy Communion

#### 10th November, Third Sunday before Advent

10.45am Lisbellaw Service of Remembrance

3pm Lisbellaw Veterans' Service of Remembrance

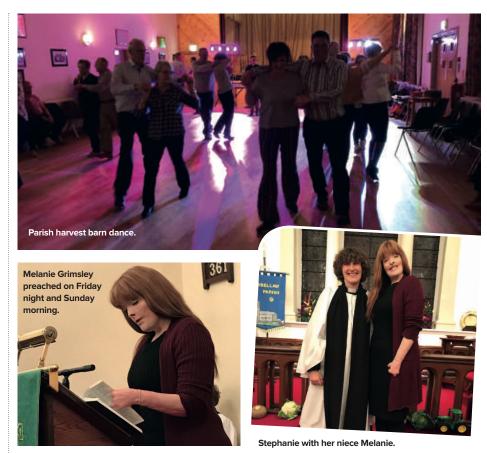
#### 17th November, Second Sunday before Advent

9.45am Lisbellaw Holy Communion 11am Lisbellaw MP

3pm Coolbuck Late Evening Office

#### 24th November, Kingship of Christ and Mission Sunday

11am Lisbellaw Family Service for Mission Sunday with speaker Rosaliene Donaldson 3pm Coolbuck Service of the Word for Mission Sunday with Rosaliene Donaldson Mothers' Union on Tuesday, 26th November at 8pm: 'Festive Treats'.





Bishop John with Ann Orr and John Gordon who organised the restoration of Coolbuck along with the Rector.







Some of the creative harvest decorations.





#### Dancerella

Due to popular demand 'Dancerella' is also now on Thursday, 28th November but tickets are going fast. Adults £10, Children, £5. Contact Liz Kingston on 07523007770.

#### **Shoeboxes**

Samaritans' Purse Shoeboxes will be collected on the first Sunday in November.

#### Collections

'Families Intervention Service' support families in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area and are in need of new items that can be used as Christmas gifts for children and, in particular, teenagers. A collection will be made in both Lisbellaw and Coolbuck churches from now until the first week in December.



This young girl sang a solo at the harvest thanksgiving service.

#### **Sympathy**

The parish extends its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late Hazel Hutchinson, formerly of Trillick and Betty Barbour, formerly of Lisbellaw.

#### Lisnaskea



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The Revd
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#### **Baptism**

29th September: Meredith Pearl Evelyn Keith, 21 Ryedale Way, South Shields, a daughter to Brian and Sarah. Congratulations to you both.

#### Marriage

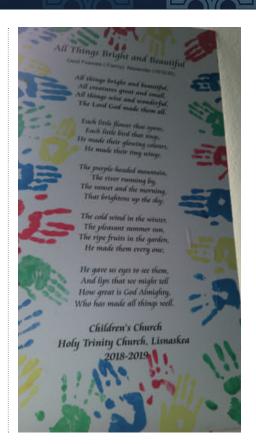
5th October: Alison Amelia Johnston, and Gary Edward Kettyle, Mullybritt, Lisbellaw. Congratulations and best wishes to you both.

#### **Sunday School**

Very well done to all our Sunday School teachers and children for putting together such an excellent entry for the Archdeacon Ruddell competition organised by Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education, earlier in the year (pictured right). The theme was "The Hymns of Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander" and they concentrated in particular on that well- loved hymn "All things bright and beautiful". The children really enjoyed bringing along photographs, writing poems and prayers and generally taking part in the project. We were delighted to hear that they were awarded first prize and each child will receive a certificate in due course. Congratulations to everyone involved!

#### **Harvest Thanksgiving**

Harvest services have been and gone



once more and as usual our church looked beautiful with great displays of flowers, fruit and vegetables generously donated by parishioners. We were pleased to welcome local Methodist lay reader, Mr lan Graham as our speaker on Friday evening and on Sunday morning there was a family service. On both occasions our organist Karen and choir members led the hymns as well as singing two lovely anthems. Thank you to everyone for their help in making this a great weekend.

It was also lovely for our organist and choir to be asked along to Scotshouse to take part in their harvest service on 13th October. They received a very warm welcome and enjoyed the wonderful hospitality afterwards.

#### **Tearfund Table Quiz**

Last year more than 500 churches across the UK, including 26 in Northern Ireland had a lot of fun hosting Tearfund's Big Quiz Night and this year our parish is also going to take part. The quiz will take place on Saturday 16th November in Trinity Hall at 7.30 p.m. and all money raised on the night will be going to this great charity. We hope it will be well supported so get your team together and come along. Remember it is just for fun!

#### **Mothers' Union**

At our October meeting we had Chloe Hogg, grand-daughter of one of our members, who showed us slides and gave us a very interesting and informative talk on her time at the Scout World Jamboree Camp in West Virginia USA. Her photographs let us see the expanse of ground covered by the camp, "A city of tents." As she told us her experiences of meeting so many other young people from different countries and cultures we could see how much she had enjoyed her time there. She also visited New York, Washington and parts of Canada. It was a



Photos from this year's Harvest decorations.



wonderful experience for her and all others involved. We hear such negative stories of our young people and it was refreshing to hear Chloe speak and share with us an experience which obviously has made an impact on her life. We are grateful to Chloe for coming to speak to us and we wish her every success for her future.

Our Christmas Dinner is arranged for





Thursday 28th November in Carrybridge Hotel at 6.30pm and we would be delighted to welcome visitors. If you are interested just contact any of the members.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 7th November at 8.00pm in the Trinity Hall. We look forward to having Sandra McMullan to tell us about her visit to India. Again we invite visitors to this meeting.

#### Magheracross



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#### **New Kitchen**

The newly installed kitchen was officially dedicated and opened at our Harvest festival and lunch on October 13th. The churchwardens and rector conducted the dedication and the opening was carried out by Mr Ernie Fisher DL. In his opening remarks, he outlined a brief history of the Archdale Hall and his family's close connection to it. He commended those who helped to plan the kitchen, especially Norma Scott, Helen Reeve and Iris Hurst and also Roly Hurst who organised the various contractors. The lunch of soup and dessert was enjoyed by many.



At the same service, the churchwardens and rector dedicated the new signage erected outside the church in memory of the late Ms May Armstrong. The double fronted A1 sign is to be used to advertise church events throughout the year. Along with the hospitality role of the kitchen, these two items match our motto "Christ in the community".

#### **Mothers' Union**

Magheracross Mothers' Union met in the Archdale Hall on Thursday 3rd October. The meeting opened with a hymn, Bible reading and prayer. Archdeacon Brian Harper then gave us a very interesting and informative presentation of his time spent walking the Camino Santiago earlier this year, highlighting the places he visited and the friends he made during his journey. A soup and dessert lunch followed our 11 o'clock service on Harvest Sunday. The new kitchen and notice board outside the church was also dedicated. At our November meeting Image Consultant Shirley from Pandani 62 will come along to speak to us. This will be our Visitors' Night so everyone is welcome.









The new church signage.

#### Magheraculmoney

Vacant

#### In Charge:

Canon Alan Irwin (Rural Dean).

Pastoral Care: Canon Alan Irwin (Rural Dean), Mrs Joan Nelson (DPA) and Mrs Sue Hogg (DPA)

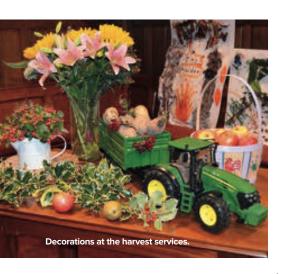
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#### **Harvest**

We have just finished an amazing weekend of harvest celebrations with many people coming through the church doors to our services (Mullaghfarne 15th September, Friday night 4th October and two services on Sunday 6th October.) Thank you to everyone involved in the church decorations (please see the photographs), the worship, the choir and organist. Friends in the Afternoon had a

delightful Harvest Lunch on 22nd October. As we reflect on this time of Harvest, we especially give thanks for the provision of The Courthouse, Kesh, which will help us to fulfil Ardess Parish Church's purpose and vision to 'Love God, Love People and Love Each Other'. We pray that this will be a cornerstone of the community and will enable us to fulfil the Great Commandment (Mark 12:30-31) and the Great Commission (Mark 28:18-20).







#### The Courthouse, Kesh

We have opened a new purpose-built services delivery centre at 45 Main Street, Kesh, Co. Fermanagh called 'The Courthouse' (the new centre replaces the old derelict corrugated iron and asbestos Courthouse building). The centre with the church vision of loving God, loving each other and loving those in the community will reach out in a caring way to all irrespective of their age, gender, race, nationality, ability or religion. The centre will be a:-

- drop-in area for tea, coffee and light food (currently being run by volunteers and open 9.00am - 3.00pm Monday to Saturday (evenings by appointment 028 6863 2112);
- a place to meet others and avail of services (the services that are, or could be delivered, will be food bank provision, befriending and self-help; debt advice; addiction support; victim support; isolation and rural support; health and wellbeing; family support; craft programmes; Christian outreach and employment advice);
- a place to pick up information on tourist amenities, genealogy and parish records;
   and
- a place to volunteer support for both The

Courthouse and out in the community. **Background** 

The old courthouse (a corrugated iron and asbestos building) was purchased by Ardess Parish Church in 2002 with full knowledge that it would need to be replaced (it was closed by the Council's Environmental Health Department in 2014) and to enable a larger foot-print, land was purchased from the rectory (situated behind the Courthouse in 2009). In 2016/17, after public consultation, preparation of a business plan, strategy and advice from Venturei, Ardess Parish Property Trust sought help from Fermanagh District Council in funding technical support and this enabled us to appoint Chris Allen Architects to prepare development proposals, secure statutory approvals and provide a cost estimate for the project.

#### **Funding**

In 2018, Ardess Parish Property Trust was superseded by The Courthouse Kesh Limited, tenders were advertised for the construction project and applications for capital funding were made and received from The Department of Agriculture, Environmental and Rural Affairs; Fermanagh and Omagh District Council;

The Northern Ireland Housing Executive; SSE Airtricity; and Fermanagh Trust. The contractor, Bradley Construction, was appointed and the construction contract started in October 2018. Since commencement of the contract, we have managed to secure further funding from The Prince's Countryside Fund; Fermanagh Trust: The Halifax Building Society; Dunnes Stores; TNL Awards for All and The Ulster Garden Villages. We are indebted to the support of the funders and in particular the Local Action Group of Fermanagh Omagh District Council who are administering the funding for DAERA. We are also deeply grateful to the residents living locally who have put up with disruption over the last year. We are also very thankful for the support given by Ardess Parish, by past Rectors Canon Eric McGirr, Canon Henry Blair and Curate Reverend Philip Bryson and by the Directors on the Board of The Courthouse Kesh Limited.

On Friday, 11th October 2019, service providers, leaders, volunteers and church representatives were welcomed to a pre-opening viewing of the centre to ask questions and have a cuppa. Two photographs of The Courthouse were on display showing the change over time (see photographs). It was very poignant that the the first 'customer' who came in to the centre (not knowing that it had not yet publicly opened) was actually a judge on holiday! On Saturday, 12th October 2019, we had our first opening to the public with a Macmillan Cancer Fund Coffee morning which raised £750.

We were kindly donated four artworks by the Late Clive Wiseby, and his wife Henrietta, which depict a young boy stealing a £5 note, judged and sentenced at Court and the forgiveness of our Saviour. We look forward to you coming to The Courthouse, Kesh, for a cuppa and a treat and you can of course view the artwork!



#### **Cladagh Glen Scouts Centre**

On Wednesday, 9th October 2019, the HRH Prince Edward Earl of Wessex officially opened the new Cladagh Scout Centre. Prince Edward was welcomed by Maurice Lee MBE, County President; Jonathan Styles, County Chairman; Robin Ferguson, Centre Warden and members of the Cladagh Glen Management team. It was a momentous occasion for Fermanagh Scouting enjoyed by over 200 people and a fantastic day for everyone who attended.

#### Events SUNDAYS

Church Services @ Ardess Parish Centre Morning Prayer/Family Worship: 9.30am/11.00am

Children's Church (age 3+) and Youth Church (yr 8+): 11.00am @ AP Church/ Centre

Connect: 4.30pm - 6.00pm @ The Fountain Centre

#### Mullaghfarne Service

Mullaghfarne: 3.00pm, 17th November 2019

#### **MONDAYS**

- Ardess Little Lambs (term-time only): 10.00am 12.00 noon
- Magheraculmoney Guides: Rainbows (age 4-7) and Brownies (age 7 - 10) 6.30pm - 7.45pm @ Ardess Parish Centre. Guides (age 10-14) and Rangers (Age 14+) 7.30pm - 9.00pm @ The Fountain Centre
- Revival Prayer: Mon 8.00pm 9.00pm @ Ardess Parish Centre



- Ardess Historical Society: Monday 18th November, Maurice Neil - The Campaign for Partition

#### **TUESDAYS**

- Waterworks (P3 P7) 3.15pm 4.30pm @ Kesh PS (term-time only)
- Friends in the Afternoon 2.00pm @ AP Centre (12th Nov Alzheimers by Conall Smith and 26th Nov Christmas Crafts - Lyn & Georgina)

#### **WEDNESDAYS**

- Wednesday Prayer: 9.30am 11.00am
- Magheraculmoney Scouts: Beavers 6.30pm - 7.45pm, Cubs & Scouts 6.45pm -8.00pm @ The Fountain Centre

#### **THURSDAYS**

- Fountain Kids Club @ The Fountain Centre 6.30pm - 7.30pm
- In-Stitches 8.00pm @ Upstairs at The Fountain Centre
- Mothers Union: Thursday 21st November, Christmas Crafts - Kate Osborne

#### **FRIDAYS**

- Healing Prayer 7.30pm 8.30pm @ AP Centre
- Fountain Youth Club @ The Fountain Centre (Year 8 - Year 14) 7.00pm - 9.00pm

#### Baptism

13th October 2019 - James Joseph Bogle son of Lee and Rachel Bogle, Kesh.

## Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



Rector:
The Revd Canon
Mark Watson

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OLM Deacon: The Revd Abraham Storey

#### Walk at Belle Isle

Thank you to all who took part or sent donations to the family walk at Belle Isle Estate on 27 September 2019.

The total raised from the evening was £940 which will be divided between Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk parishes.

#### Men's Breakfast

Thank you to all who attended the Men's Breakfast held in Christ Church Hall on 12 October 2019. Thanks to those who donated food and prizes and to all the ladies who organised the morning activity and prepared the food. The total raised was £420.



#### Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



Rector: The Revd Chancellor Ian Berry The Rectory, Clones Road, Monaghan, Co. Monaghan.

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#### **Services**

#### 10th November Third Sunday before Advent

10.30am St Patrick's Holy Communion 12:15pm Ballinode Morning Prayer

#### 17th November Second Sunday before Advent

10.30am St Patrick's Morning Prayer
12.15pm Kilmore Holy Communion
24th November Sunday before Advent
10.30am St Patrick's All Age Worship
12.15pm Ballinode Holy Communion
1st December First Sunday of Advent
10.30am St Patrick's Holy Communion
12.15pm Kilmore Morning Prayer

#### Ladies' Group

The Group met on Tuesday 17th September for a talk and guided tour of Glaslough



village with Enda Galligan. The evening concluded with refreshments in Wrights and all in attendance enjoyed the tour and hospitality.

They will meet on Tuesday 19th November for a table quiz in St. Patricks Hall, with the quiz master being David Hamilton. The charge is €30 for a table of four and refreshments will be served at the interval. All are welcome.

#### **Diocesan Synod**

The Diocesan Synod was held on Thursday 26th September in the Cathedral Hall in Enniskillen, at which our group of Parishes was well represented by the elected members. A full report of the business appears elsewhere in this issue.

#### **Mothers' Union**

The Members met in the Church on Tuesday 1st October at 8pm. The guest speaker was Mr. Walter Pringle, Diocesan Reader / Pastoral Care assistant, who gave a talk on a typical day in his life as a farmer and his Diocesan work. The evening concluded with business meeting and refreshments. They will meet again on Tuesday 5th November for "A Night of Christmas Crafts" by Geraldine Casey.

#### Illness

Please remember in prayer those who are ill or recovering, the housebound and those in residential care and their families.

#### Monaghan Collegiate School Sale

This event not to be missed will be held in





Activities at the youth group.

St. Patrick's Hall, Monaghan on Friday 6th December from 10am – 3pm. There will be the usual stalls and tea and coffee will be available. Please keep the date free and bring your friends.

#### **Baptism Sunday**

13th October

#### **Harvest Services**

Thank you to our guest preachers Mr Roy Crowe, Revd. Simon Genoe and Canon Ali Calvin and to all who helped to decorate the churches.

#### **Vortex Youth Group**

The Group met in Hall on Saturday 20th September for enrolment and a night based on following instructions to build marshmallow towers, make ice cream cones and the best way to eat cookies and ice-cream, then looked at the 10 Commandments and taking God's instructions into everyday life. They will continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month.

#### **Holy Baptism**

On Sunday 13th October, Neiva Erin son of Lynne and Jamie Thorpe was baptised at morning service. We pray for God's richest Blessing on her, her parents and all who will have the care of her in the years ahead.

#### Rossorry



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The Revd Canon
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#### A note from the Rector Looking Back To The Harvest

Sincere thanks to all who made our weekend of Harvest Thanksgiving services so enjoyable – especially our Sunday morning preacher – Mr Karl Saunders, those who so skilfully decorated the church, the choir and Mrs Joan Nelson for their musical lead, the lesson readers and the ladies who prepared such a delicious supper following the Sunday evening service.



#### BBC Radio Ulster - Your Place And Mine

Following our recent retelling and unfolding the history of Rossorry in the early 20th century and the connections between our church and the Johnston family, the BBC's Anne-Marie McAleese of 'Your Place and Mine' visited recently and recorded some of the story for her Saturday morning programme. If you missed the broadcast do look it up on the BBC iPlayer. It was really good to bring this amazing story of Rossorry and our links to Derrylin, Manhattan, Stuttgart and London to a wider audience.

#### Remembrance Sunday – 10Th November 2019

We shall hold our act of remembrance at the church memorials during morning service at





11am. As is our custom the uniformed youth organisations will parade to church, and we bow our heads in solemn remembrance of young men who left this parish to serve King and country in two world wars and also others who died in the conflict here in NI – especially thinking of those killed in the Enniskillen Poppy Day bomb in 1987.

#### **Dedication Of Chandeliers In The Vestry Rooms**

On Sunday 20th October at the 9am Holy Communion service, two new chandeliers were dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of David and Lena Elliott. David for many years was a regular attender at the early morning Sunday service and Lena at evening services. We are very grateful to the Elliott family for these most beautiful and practical gifts which match another chandelier presented a number of years ago for the church porch.

Your friend and Rector,
Revd Canon Dr IW Ellis





#### Wonderful Harvest Celebration at Rossorry

Harvest in Rossorry this year was held over the weekend of 4th - 6th October. On Friday 4th a traditional Harvest Thanksgiving service was held at 8pm.

On Sunday 6th, at our Harvest praise service at 11am we were delighted to welcome Mr Karl Saunders as guest preacher. He gave a very inspiring talk at our Family Service on the theme of waste and thanks, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole congregation.

On Sunday evening we had a service of 'Words and Music for Harvest', based on the Royal College of Church Music service 'Bread of Life'.

The church was beautifully decorated and the Choir were in full voice and we were treated to a moving and meaning treat of sight and sounds, as we gave thanks for the bounty of God in our lives.



Ruth Boyd (pictured right) who demonstrated the Art of Decoupage with Carol Sheridan at the Mothers' Union meeting while photo right shows members decorating the liquid soap bottles.





Members of Rossorry Wednesday Club.



The Prayer group meets at the Parish office and continues throughout the year with meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

Meetings were on 9th October 2019 (Communion) and 23rd October 2019 at the Parish Office at 7.30pm. They will continue to meet throughout the year and all are welcome to join us.

Feel free to come and join us when you can - 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 Mothers' Union branch opened their year with a meeting on Thursday 19th September in the Parish Hall Committee Room. They heard from Rodney Connor on the work of NI Air Ambulance and presented him with a cheque for £795, the proceeds of our very successful 'Easter Tree.'

Members were invited to Cleenish and Mullaghdun MU at their meeting on 15th October at Cleenish Hall to hear Stephanie Lavery on 'Medieval Medicine'.

The October meeting of Rossorry MU was held at the Parish Hall on Thursday 17th October, when Ruth Boyd gave a demonstration of the 'Art of Decoupage'. Members were delighted to take part in this craft by decorating liquid soap bottles and they went home with some useful decorated items.

The November meeting will be in the Parish Hall on Thursday 21st November at 8pm.

#### **Wednesday Club News**

The Wednesday Club has been running

now for 20 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.

#### **Birthday Party**

The Wednesday Club celebrated its' 20th birthday on Wednesday 2nd October at the Parish Hall in some style.

There was a good attendance and a special cake to mark the occasion. The cake was cut by four of the founder members of the Club from 20 years ago, who still attend regularly!

Further details of dates and speakers appear on the Rossorry Weekly Newsheet in church or online at rossorryparish.com *The Autumn programme is outlined below.* If you want to know more give Ethel Oldcroft a ring at - 66 326339

#### Radio Ulster – Your Place and Mine

The Radio Ulster show, 'Your Place and Mine' which is broadcast on Saturday mornings recently interviewed the Rector and Mrs Heather Ellis on the subject of the connections with Rossorry Parish to the Johnston family and Mrs Caroline Henrietta



Founder Members cutting the cake.

Field, who were all generous benefactors to Rossorry in the early 20th century and largely responsible for transforming Rossorry Church from a 'dull and plain building' to 'a most beautiful place of worship'.

As the parishioners will know, the research for our open day during European Heritage Day has sparked a renewed interest in the history of the church and our benefactors. The interview by Anne Marie McAleese will be aired at a future date (to be notified).

#### Scouts

There was a big day out at Claddagh Glen, which our scouts have used for many years. Following the extension of the building and a renovation, the Centre was opened officially by Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex on Wednesday 9th October 2019. Despite damp weather a good team of our scouts attended and had a very exciting day! Happy camping for years to come! There are always spaces for new members in these very active units. This is a healthy and active social group which helps guide young people into useful skills and socialisation.

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

#### ROSSORRY WEDNESDAY CLUB NOVEMBER

6th "Old Enniskillen – by request" Benny CASSIDY
13th "Jekita Soaps" Tanana
20th "Craft Morning" Ethel
27th "Christmas Wreaths" Marylin GIBONY

**DECEMBER** 

4th Service of Holy Communion Rector 11th "Christmas Lunch" TBC





Scouts meet Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex.

on 02866 323653 Rainbows - Mon 6.15pm Brownies - Mon 6.15pm Guides - Wed 8.00pm or ring Avril Armstrong on 02866 329589

#### Parent and Toddler Group

The Parent and Toddler group opened again on Wednesday 18th September. The response to this has been amazing. It provides a safe space in the Parish Hall for toddlers to meet and play under the supervision of a parent or grandparent and is a happy and social setting.

Always room for a little one! – so feel free to drop in and take part.

Contact: - Avril Armstrong for information on 02866 329589.

Details appear in the Rossorry Weekly Newsheet in church or online at rossorryparish.com

#### **Arts and Crafts Classes**

The Painting class began on 27th September at 2pm in the Parish Hall. Come and join us at any stage- never too late to get involved- all levels of competence catered for!

The Wool Shed and the Basket Weaving started in October with a demonstration / workshop on Wednesday 9th October in the Parish Hall. Classes will be on Wednesdays, for the foreseeable future.

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.

#### SERVICES for November 2019

Sunday 3rd November

9.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Evening Praise Sunday 10th November 9.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Service of Remembrance (Remembrance Sunday)

Sunday 17th November

9.00am Holy Communion11.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 24th November

9.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Morning Prayer (Kingship of Christ)

#### Contact Us...

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## Tempo and Clabby



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Tempo and Clabby Scout group at Cladagh Glen Scout Centre.

#### Harvest Services Tempo Harvest Services

- were held on 27th - 29th September. The choir with organist Carole Graham helped lead the worship. They sang two pieces, 'The Sower went forth sowing' and 'Let us sing to the God of Salvation.' On Sunday morning they were joined in the singing by the Sunday School on the second piece. The Sunday School read the scriptures and led the prayers on the Sunday morning. Mr. Mark McDonald played 'How great Thou Art' on the flute. The preachers were Mr. Keith Brown on the Friday evening and Mr. Colin Morris from Crosslinks who both delivered challenging sermons.

#### **Clabby Harvest**

These were on 4th - 6th October. The choir was accompanied by Ryan Crawford on Friday evening and Mrs. Ann Bloomfield on Sunday morning led the worship. On Sunday morning some of the children and young people led the prayers and read the scriptures. The preachers were Revd. David Cupples on Friday evening and the Rector on Sunday morning.

Thank you to those people who came along to decorate both churches for the services.

#### **Burial of Ashes - 1st October**

The Ashes of the late Mr. Wilson Matthew Woods and Mrs. Joan Helen Woods from Northchapstow, Lincoln were buried after a service of thanksgiving in St. Margaret's Parish Church, Clabby. They died within a few months of each other last year, Wilson in January aged 94 and Joan in July aged 93. Wilson was the brother of our highly esteemed parishioner, Miss Audrey Woods. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her and all the family circle.

#### **Mothers' Union**

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be held on Tuesday 12th November in Tempo Church Hall. The speaker is Christelle, Life within ministry. Invite a friend.

#### Fireside Fellowship

This continues to meet at 403 Tempo

Road at 2pm on Thursday afternoons for fellowship, Bible study, prayer and a cuppa. Everyone is welcome to come along and learn from God's word.

#### **Scout Group**

Our Scout leaders and some children had the opportunity and privilege of attending the Official Opening of Cladagh Glen Scout Centre on 9th October. The historic event was made more important for everyone by the presence of Prince Edward to open the Centre. Our group were especially privileged by the fact he stopped and talked to the young people. In fact Prince Edward spent a lot of time with all the young people invited to attend. This will be a wonderful time for all the young people to look back on. A very special thanks to all the hard work completed by the Cladagh Glen management team. It is lovely to have the brochure about the history of Cladagh Glen from 1965 to 2019. Also to see the Prayer framed in Cladagh Glen written by Bishop Hannon for the opening of the Centre in

#### **Diary Dates**

- Sunday 3rd November Healing Service in Tempo Parish Church at 7.30pm.
- Sunday 3rd to Sunday 10th November County Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge Banner Mission at 8pm each night. Tempo district will host Monday 4th November when the special preacher will be Revd Geoffrey Abraham and Soloist Mrs. Julie Scott. Music by Ballyreagh Silver Band.
- Thursday 13th February 2020 Table Quiz Tempo Church Hall 8pm.

#### Remembrance

The month of November is a solemn, often grey month as we remember the sacrifice of many men and women in two world wars, the troubles in Northern Ireland and other conflicts who died in the cause of peace, freedom and justice. We live in difficult, unstable and uncertain times. We need to pray for our leaders - 'I urge then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people, for

kings and those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all Godliness and holiness'. (1st Timothy 2 v 1-2)
In the midst of a troubled world, with wars, conflicts intelerance a lack of respect for

conflicts, intolerance, a lack of respect for human life and troubles and attacks on people and property in our communities, it is good to trust in a unchanging God. "God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble" (Psalm 46 v1)

The psalmist goes on to say that despite what disasters may happen, "The Lord Almighty is with us" the God of Jacob is our fortress." Whatever troubles may be in the world, country or communities we can take confidence and courage in the words of the hymn 'Abide with me,' "change and decay in all around I see; o thou who changes not abide with me".

But Remembrance brings to mind the one who died for the sin of all the world for all time and rose victorious over sin and death. Jesus has died to reconcile God and the world. He alone can bring true peace, inner peace to people's troubled lives and to those who plan and execute murder and attack's upon people. When people are at peace with God, then they will be at peace with each other.

We read in the Bible John 14 v 27 "Peace I leave with you: my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid". Colossians chapter 1 v 19 "
For God was pleased to have all his fullness

dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross".

The purpose of Jesus' death was to reconcile God and mankind divided by sin through his blood shed on the cross. Jesus is the answer to our needs to be reconciled to God, when this happens then peace between God and man and one person to another, one country to another will take place. As we remember those who died for our world peace and freedom, let us remember those who died for our peace and freedom, let us remember Jesus the true prince of peace who alone can reconcile us for eternity with God.

#### Trory and Killadeas

Vacant

Services covered by Canon Billy Johnston

Revd John Woods, Rural Dean is in charge with Mrs Sue Hogg, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant, assisting with pastoral care.

#### **Trory**

#### **Church Services**

Sunday services will continue as normal at 11.30am with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month, Sunday School will take place during the later half of service. Holy Communion will be conducted by Revd Dr. William Johnston and Morning Prayer by a variety of visiting clergy and lay readers through to Christmas.

#### **Harvest Services**

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Services have gone for another year. Our thanks to our visiting preachers, Canon McGirr and Mrs Eileen Cutler for their inspiration on such an occasion and we must not forget the ladies who decorated the Church beautifully and for providing the tea after Sunday Service.

#### **Rectory update**

On the subject of thanks it is only fitting that we should mention the Saturday work team (and Wednesday evening) for the progress made at the Rectory. If you think that stripping paper is boring you should listen to Team Trory going about their work, never a dull moment. The provider of food was unaware that she was catering for magicians when the homemade apple tarts vanished in the blink of an eye. Thank you all.

#### **Prayers**

Our thoughts and prayers go to all the sick in our parish whether at home or in hospital, a special mention for Iris Crowe who is not well at this time and to her sisters who care for her deeply.

We know that many of you are interested in the wellbeing of our former rector, Canon Mark Watson. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. David Cathcart continues to make good progress.

#### Mothers' Union

The next meeting will be on Monday 11th November 8pm at Killadeas.

Ethel Johnston, the guest speaker, will give a talk on Autism and everyone is welcome to attend.

#### **Tuesday Club**

The members will meet again on Tuesday 12th November at 2.30pm at Killadeas when it is intended that Canon Paul Thompson will keep you enthralled with his experience as a Chaplain with the Prison Service.

Easy listening so please come along.



#### Keep Fit

The ladies continue with the autumn exercise evening every Wednesday 7.30pm at Ballycassidy Church Hall. We are told it is open to all ages and standard of fitness so come along and give it a try.

#### Bowls

The Church League is now in full swing and an excellent opportunity to meet up and chat with old friends.

Our congratulations to the winners of the Trory Pairs competition; lan McElroy and Ronald Nixon.

#### Cake Sale

Parishioners please remember the Parish Cake Sale at the Diamond Enniskillen on Saturday 16th November from 9.00am until 1.00pm.

Please bring your cakes (wrapped and preferably homemade) to the Old School House on Friday 15th November between 6.30pm and 8.00pm

#### **Killadeas**

#### **Harvest Services**

The Priory Church held their Harvest Thanksgiving on Friday 27th and Sunday 29th August. It was great to welcome back some former parishioners and friends. As always the church was beautifully decorated with a great array of flowers, fruit and vegetables including an award winning cabbage. Thank you to the ladies and gentlemen, for their wonderful displays.



#### Services

Church Services continue as usual at 10.00am on Sundays, with Holy Communion on the First Sunday of each month and coffee being served in the Parish Hall after our service on the third Sunday in the month.



# Non-conformists, Radicals, Playwrights and Poets: Challenging the Stereotypes of the Ulster Protestant Imagination

with Connal Parr

Thursday's 7.30-9.30pm
Commenced 10 Oct and continuing
7,14,21,& 28 November - Garrison C of I Hall

5 Dec Performance 'The First Protestant' -The Regal, Enniskillen

A seminar series exploring the mindsets and perspectives of writers (playwrights, poets, novelists), from Thomas Carnduff to the contemporary and next generation writers, writing out of a northern Protestant experience or about a Protestant experience. Come along, discover something more about this creative pulse and take part in stimulating cultural conversations with Connal and guest speakers.

Ulster ... Irish ... British ... European: a Hierarchy of Values (John Hewitt)... [or] a hierarchy of Identities...?

Participation is free - places limited. To take part contact Ruth Gonsalves Moore M:00353 871669951 acrossthelines@theglenscentre.com









## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### October 2019

- Saturday 2nd November **Lisbellaw Parish Auction and Sale of Cakes** at

  12 noon in the Parish Centre
- Sunday 3rd November **Healing Service** in Tempo Parish Church at 7.30pm.
- 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
- Thursday 7th November **Variety Concert** in Derryvullen South Parish Hall at 8.00 pm. The compere for the evening is lan Coalter (Moy). Tickets available from Clive Weir or Kathleen Kettyles.
- Thursday 7th Thursday 28th November 2019 – Seminar Series: Challenging the Stereotypes of the Ulster Protestant Imagination with Connal Parr on Thursday's from 7.30-9.30pm in Garrison Church of Ireland Hall.
- Friday 8th November **Sallaghy Parish Dance** will be held in the Parish Hall with dancing from 10pm 1am with music provided by "Wee Tom." The cost will be £5 including supper and all proceeds are in aid of Church Funds. Everyone will be made most welcome.
- Friday 8th November **Variety Concert** will be held in Derryvullen South Hall (Tamlaght) at 8.00 pm. The compere will be Mr. Ian Coalter from Moy. There will be a mix of music, song and comedy and this should be a great occasion in the life of our parish.
- Saturday 9th November **Concert organised by Clogh Parish** with Larne Cross Community Choir in the hall at 7.30pm. Supper served and tickets £10.
- Saturday 9th November **Parish Sale and Auction** for Devenish Parish at 2.00pm in the Reade Hall, Monea.
- Wednesday 13th November **Book Launch of 'St Macartin's Cathedral At the**

Heart of the Community' written by Samuel B Morrow will take place in the Cathedral



Hall, Enniskillen at 7.30pm. The launch will be performed by The Right Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher. All are welcome.

- Thursday 14th November Annual Service of Prayer For Healing and Remembrance to pray for healing and also a time of remembrance of loved ones takes place in St Finbarr's Church, Carrickmacross at 8pm. The service will be reflective offering a sacred space to pray for ourselves and others who are struggling in anyway as well as those who wish to remember loved ones who have died. There will also be the opportunity for prayer ministry.
- Thursday 14th November **35th Annual Variety Concert** will be held in the Youth Hall, Tullyhommon (kindly granted) at 8pm. The guest artist will be Kenny Archer with various other local artists performing. Please support this annual event which is enjoyed by all.
- 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
- Friday 15th November **Mothers' Union Prayer Vigil** (Southern part of the Diocese) in St Patrick's Church Hall, Monaghan at 11 am. Special Speaker will be Mrs. Jacqui Armstrong, Diocesan President of Derry and Raphoe.
- Saturday 16th November Cleenish Parish Auction in Cleenish Hall, Bellanaleck commencing at 2pm. Sale of firewood, farm goods, silage bales, household furniture and goods, collectables, etc. The hall will be open to receive items on the Friday afternoon 3pm to 10pm, and Saturday morning from 10am.
- Saturday 16th November **Galloon Parish Craft Fayre** will be held in the Church Hall at 11.00am. All support appreciated.
- Saturday 16th November Tearfund's Big Quiz Night hosted by Lisnaskea
   Parish in Trinity Hall at 7.30 p.m. and all money raised on the night will be going to this great charity. We hope it will be well supported so get your team together and come along. Remember it is just for fun!
- Saturday 16th November **Trory Parish Cake Sale** at the Diamond Enniskillen from 9.00am until 1.00pm. Please bring your cakes (wrapped and preferably homemade) to the Old School House on Friday 15th November between 6.30pm and 8.00pm.
- Friday 22nd November **Kesh Rural Deanery Youth Event** at 8.00pm in
  Colaghty Parish Hall. The evening is
  open to all young people across the

- Kesh Deanery and beyond. The speaker will be Hannah Arnold of Christian Action Research and Education (CARE) on relevant topics making the news at present.
- Saturday 23rd November **Craft Fayre** In Donacavey Church Hall, Fintona. Everyone welcome.
- Saturday 23rd November Church of Ireland's National Programme to mark 150th anniversary of Disestablishment official launch in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin at 3pm with the Archbishop of Canterbury as preacher. Tickets for members of the general public are available.
- Sunday 24th November Official Launch in Clogher Diocese of FOLLOW the new youth initiative for 2020 in Clogher

Cathedral at 4pm.
FOLLOW seeks to
inspire our young
people to start on
a spiritual journey
following Jesus.
Chairman, Revd
Philip Bryson, will be
speaking to our young
people about following



Jesus in the incoming year and they will be given back packs containing a personal prayer diary, daily reflection notes, pens and wrist bands.

- Sunday 24th November **175th Anniversary of Drummully Parish Church**will be celebrated with a joint service
  on Sunday, 24th November at 3.00pm,
  the Feast of Christ The King. This is to
  be officiated by Bishop John McDowell.
  Supper will be served afterwards in the
  Church Hall. Everyone will be made warmly
  welcome.
- Monday 25th November **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal** last date for delivery of shoeboxes to Drumkeeran Parish Hall, Tubrid. Through Operation Christmas Child you can fill a shoebox with gifts and the box will be sent to some of the most needy and marginalised children in the world. Preferably

shoeboxes can be brought earlier to give more time for the preparation and transport so that the gifts can reach the children before Christmas. If



you would like further information on this project please contact: Mrs Irene Boyd at 028 6863 1009

- Tuesday 26th November Mothers' Union Prayer Vigil (Northern part of the Diocese) in Garvary Parish Church at 8pm. Speakers: Ardstraw Against Trafficking.
- Wednesday 27th November Liturgical Training for all clergy, retired clergy, LMO's NSM's, Diocesan and Parish Readers in Christ Church Parochial Hall, Maguiresbridge. Training for serving clergy will begin at 3.00pm with all others involved in taking services asked to attend at 7.30pm.
- Thursday 28th Saturday 30th November 2019 - Lisbellaw Parish Presents their play, Dancerella, at 7.30 in Lisbellaw Parish Centre. Friday and Saturday evenings are sold out but an extra night has been added for Thursday and tickets are going fast. Adults £10, Children, £5. Contact Liz Kingston on 07523007770.
- 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.
- Friday 29th November Grand Christmas Country Concert in the

Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen featuring Declan Nerney and his six-piece showband with special quest, T.R.Dallas. Tickets from the Cathedral Office or Leslie's Coffee Shop.



Proceeds in aid of Enniskillen Parish Funds. Organiser, Ivan Kee Tel. 07768000167.

- Friday 29th November Winter Fayre in the Reade Hall on Friday 29th November from 4pm to 9pm. Admission free and everybody welcome. Exhibitors include Corrys Christmas Wonderland, Castlederg; Monea Metal Design, Jaynes Teds, Ballyclare; Ballylisk Cheese, Armagh; Yummy Mummy Cakes, Boho; Clips, Body Shop, Christmas Wreaths, Peaches and Penny candles, Blonde Bakes and lots more including tea/coffee, mince pies and Christmas cake. This is an opportunity to support our local producers and purchase that special Christmas present.
- Saturday 30th November Crafty Church in Clogh Hall, for an afternoon of Christmas themed fun from 3pm - 4.30pm.
- Saturday 30th November The Annual Winter Sale will take place in Rockcorry School on Saturday, 30th November commencing at 11.00 am. until 2pm for Rockcorry Parish funds. Rockcorry National School will also have their own sale on the day for school funds. Everyone Welcome.

#### December 2019

- Friday 6th Saturday 7th December 2019
- A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

- will be performed in St Finbarr's Church at 8pm each night. The production is the brainchild of local director, David O'Rourke and will feature members of the Farney Players Drama Group and friends including some familiar faces from St Finbarr's. Our Group of Parishes Choir will be providing musical entertainment on the nights with the chance for audience participation in both the singing and the play itself. Tickets are now available from St Finbarr's, David O'Rourke Oils or Keegan's Newsagents.
- Friday 6th December Monaghan Collegiate School Sale an event not to be missed will be held in St. Patrick s Hall, Monaghan from 10am - 3pm. There will be the usual stalls and tea and coffee will be available. Please keep the date free and bring your friends.
- Friday 6th December Christmas Concert for St. Mark's Parish Church, Aghadrumsee with the Ferguson Family.
- Saturday 7th December Evening of Christmas Praise at 7.30pm hosted by Dromore Primary School in Holy Trinity Church, Dromore. We are privileged to have some amazing gospel artists taking part, namely Lorraine Vance, Alex Robb and The Morrisons. Dromore Primary School Choirs will also be taking part. Admission £10 (Children under 11 free!) and all proceeds will be in aid of Dromore Primary School. All welcome!
- Saturday 7th December Garrison Church Cookery Book compiled by Joy Graham comprising a collection of recipes from cookery classes over the years will be launched in the Gillaroo Centre, Garrison at 7pm. Thanks to all who supported this venture, particularly the ladies on the launch committee. Thanks also to local business for their support in advertising. Proceeds from the book go to Garrison Church funds.
- Saturday 7th - Sunday 8th December 2019 -**Festival of Wreaths** in the Priory Church, Killadeas



10am - 5pm and on Sunday from 2pm -6pm. Wreath making workshop on 30th November from 1-3pm.

- Wednesday 11th December Community Carol Service in Christ Church, Ballybay at 8pm. There will be refreshments afterwards, Everyone welcome.
- Thursday 12th December Christmas Concert in Aghavea Parish Hall organised by Aghavea Parish Church and hosted by Malcolm McDowell. Details of performers and tickets for the concert will be announced soon

- Saturday 14th December Christmas Fayre organised by St. Tighernach's Parish Church, Clones in the Creighton Hotel Ballroom from 10am until 12.30pm. Christmas Cakes, Puddings, Handmade Christmas Wreaths and a variety of other items. Come and join your friends for Tea. Everyone Welcome
- Wednesday 18th December A 'Blue Christmas' Service will take place in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher at 7.30pm. The Christmas season is not always a happy time for some folks, or indeed at best it can often be a time of many emotions. The Advent and Christmas seasons can remind us of loved ones or relationships we have lost. A "Blue Christmas" service is a gentle contemplative service for those who are carrying pain and loss during the season of celebration. Everyone is welcome.
- Thursday 19th December **Ecumenical** Carol service will be held at St Maeldoid's Church, Muckno, Castleblavnev on Thursday, 19th December at 7.30pm. More details in the next magazine.

#### February 2020

 Friday 21st February – Curtis Magee Dance in Maguirebridge Parochial Hall organised by Christ Church, Maguiresbridge. Keep free.



 Saturday 22nd February – Mothers' Union Prayer Breakfast will be held in Fivemiletown with June Butler, All-Ireland President. More details later.

#### **March 2020**

• Sunday 8th March – Favourite Hymns in St Mark's Parish Church, Aghadrumsee 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, Aghadrumsee 200th anniversary year.
- Friday 22nd Monday 25th May 2020 - Inishmacsaint Mothers Union Trip to Ennis, Co. Clare. Cost £340 for three nights sharing, including Bed and Breakfast and three evening meals. Single supplement £60. Please contact Robena 02868641569 for further details.

#### **June 2020**

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

## **MOTHERS' UNION**



The Diocesan President, Irene, was delighted with her aift and said that she will treasure it.

Members of Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher Mothers' Union Branch who were all present for the first meeting in September, following the summer break. The speaker was Rachel Love from Belleek Pottery and the meeting was held in the Wark Hall.

## Members supporting theme for 2020: BUILDING HOPE AND CONFIDENCE

Our theme for 2020 aims to help us live out our faith to build hope and confidence in ourselves as well as those we support, and to nurture faith as we continue to walk forward in step with God.

#### TRAINING EVENT

Lisbellaw Mothers' Union hosted a MULOA training evening in their Parish Hall recently. Over 20 members of MU from Lisbellaw, Magheraculmoney, Derrybrusk and Killeevan joined with four Trustees to explore the theme for 2019 'Listen Observe Act – in Step with God.'

Through discussion, Bible study and drama, they listened to each other and to God and then recorded how they could act in their own lives, in their Branch activities and their community to fulfil the MU theme.

After much chat and sharing the members concluded the evening sharing fellowship over welcome refreshments.

Thank you to Irene, Liane, Valerie and Diane for making this a very worthwhile and enjoyable evening for those who attended.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Annual Prayer Vigils held in both parts of the Diocese to support the 16 Days of Activism campaign.
- Friday 15 November 2019 Prayer Vigil (Southern part of the Diocese) in St Patrick's Church Hall, Monaghan at 11 am. Special Speaker will be Mrs. Jacqui Armstrong, Diocesan President of Derry and Raphoe.



Members of the Mothers' Union Diocesan Trustee Body admiring a limited edition of a Mothers' Union Belleek Pottery Brooch which was made for members of the Garrison Group and for the Diocesan President. The brooch was designed and made by Rachel Love, an experienced painter and expert in Calligraphy. From left: Ann Armstrong (Diocesan Treasurer), Ivy Edwards, Irene Boyd, Liane Armstrong (Diocesan Secretary), Lettie Coulter and Myrtle Allen.

- Tuesday 26 November 2019 Prayer Vigil (Northern part of the Diocese) in Garvary Parish Church at 8 pm. Speakers: Ardstraw Against Trafficking.
- Keep free- Saturday 22nd February 2020 for a Prayer Breakfast which will be held in Fivemiletown with June Butler, All-Ireland President More details later.



Members of Tempo and Clabby Mothers' Union celebrating with a cake for the recent birthday of Mrs. Joan Rutledge.



# YOUTH PAGE FOLLOW...

"Follow" is the new CDYC youth initiative for 2020. It seeks to inspire our young people to start on a spiritual journey following Jesus. There will be an official launch of follow on Sunday 24th of November in Clogher Cathedral at 4pm.

Chairman, Philip Bryson, will be speaking to our young people about following Jesus in the incoming year and they will be given back packs containing a personal prayer diary, daily reflection notes, pens and wrist bands.

Worship at the Follow launch will be led by the Mark Ferguson Band and there will be a supper provided at the end of the evening. It will be very encouraging to see parish youth groups take this opportunity to journey with each other in following Jesus in 2020 and so the youth council are also happy to provide participating groups with the resources to journey together spiritually following Jesus.

We would also like to support rural deanery groups following Jesus and Follow to be resourced to celebrate their journey together through rural deanery gatherings and the youth council will also be providing funding for these as well.

As a culmination of Follow, the council are proposing to gather both young people

and their leaders together for a weekend to allow them to share their stories and experiences from the past year and to celebrate the achievement of faithfully following to the end.

Rural Deanery representatives have been contacting and seeking to gather their youth leaders together to gauge the numbers of groups and young people involved.

If any parish wishes to be a

part of Follow and benefit from the support and funding available, please contact your rural deanery youth council representative: Monaghan - Lorna Doran, Kesh - Shirley MCann, Clogher – James Armstrong, Enniskillen - Jonny Phenix, Clones - Marina Elliott and Kilskerry - Joanne Quill. Last year's SEE initiative proved to be very beneficial to parish youth ministry work and so the Youth Council are extending this funding stream for a further 12 months. Applications for single youth ministry events may receive £250 with more extended work and programmes benefitting from £500 - £750 funding.

Further details and application from are available from the Diocesan Youth Officer, Jonny Phenix or any of the Youth Council Rural Deanery representatives.





## CHILDREN'S SECTION

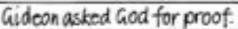


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It can be read in the Bible in Judges 6:36 - 7:8,16-22

## A short story from the Bible

God had told Gideon he would drive the Midianite invaders out of his country. 32000 men had come to fight with Gideon







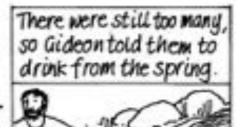


God said The army is too big. They will think that

be wet but the ground be dry.













At the signal, they blow the trumpets, smashed the jars and shouted a war cry







The Israelites won without having to do any fighting

## DIOCESAN NEWS



Canon Maurice







Synods members Charles Crawford, Sallaghy Archdeacon Brian Harper. and Stanley Atwell, Fivemiletown,



### Diocesan Synod presented with reports from various boards and committees

The Report of the Diocesan Council to the Synod of 2019 was presented at this year's Clogher Diocesan Synod on Thursday, 26th September in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. The meeting of Synod followed a Service of Holy Communion in St. Macartin's Cathedral. The Assessor appointed was Right Honorable Lord Justice Stephens and the Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd. John McDowell presided. The Bishop read his Presidential Report.

Other churches were represented by Revd Lorna Dreaning from the Methodist Church; Revd Jane Nelson from the Presbyterian Church and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly and Mrs Eileen Gallagher from the Roman Catholic Church.

The Report of the Diocesan Council was proposed by Archdeacon Brian Harper who referred to his three-month sabbatical which enabled him to walk the Camino in Spain. The Report of the Youth Council was proposed by the Chairman, Revd Philip Bryson who reflected on the success of initiatives such as SEE (Support, Engage with and Equip youth and youth ministry). He also reported on the success of youth on mission and summer camps, the attendance by young people at various youth events such as Autumn Soul and looked ahead to the new initiative for the next year, FOLLOW which seeks to inspire young people to start



Synod members making their way to the Cathedral Hall from the service.

on a spiritual journey following Jesus. This will be launched on Sunday 24th November in Clogher Cathedral at 4pm.

The Report of the Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education was proposed by Miss Joyce Clingan and she also announced the winners of the Bishop's Medal (1, Sarah Taylor, Donagh Parish) and Archdeacon Ruddell prizewinners (1, Holy Trinity Church, Lisnaskea; 2, St. Salvator's

Parish, Donagh; 3, Hannah Barr, Lisbellaw Parish). Their projects were based on the hymns of Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander. The Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission was proposed by Revd. Colin McConaghie who told members of Synod that they just can't sit and not do anything in relation tomission work. He said the role of mission was to support and encourage and said Christ the King Sunday or Diocesan Mission Sunday (24th November) was a Sunday to focus on mission and to "plant the seed."

The Report of the Clogher Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action was proposed by Mr Neville Armstrong, its secretary, who said they had provided practical and effective training on autism. The next training session was examining disability and the Church which was taking place on 30th October. In early 2020, the Board will be running an event on gambling addiction. The Ministry of Healing report was presented by Canon Maurice Armstrong, Chairman, who referred to lunchtime healing services in the Iona Room of the Cathedral Hall on the fourth Thursday of each month.

The final report of the Clogher Diocesan Glebes Committee was proposed by Mr. Henry Robinson who referred to a considerable amount of work going on within parishes and rural deaneries.



Neville Armstrong.



Joyce Clingan.



Revd Colin McConaghie.



Revd Colin McConaghie with Revd Andrew Quill.

St Macartin's Cathedral Hall **ENNISKILLEN** 

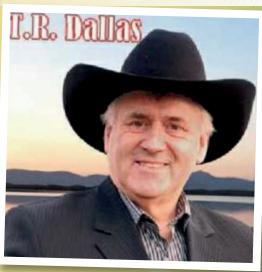
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Drummully parish officials outside their church preparing for the Church's 175th anniversary later this month



Roy Crowe, Diocesan Reader with William Armstrong, Rector's Churchwarden and Eileen Hall, People's Churchwarden and Parish Secretary looking over a history of the church by a former Rector, Revd. Nigel Baylor.

## CHURCH ON THE BORDER CELEBRATES 175TH ANNIVERSARY

St. Mary's Parish Church, Drummully, was built in the townland of Clonooney in Co. Monaghan in 1844 and later this month will celebrate its 175th anniversary. The special anniversary will be marked at a joint group service including Galloon and Sallaghy on Sunday, 24th November at 3pm, the Feast of Christ the King at which the service will be led by the Bishop of Clogher and Mr Roy Crowe, Diocesan Reader and Diocesan Pastoral Assistant who has been leading services during the vacancy. Interestingly while Drummully Church is situated in Co. Monaghan, the majority of its congregation are from Co. Fermanagh. As was written for the 150th anniversary by the Revd Nigel Baylor, "Since the church was built, the world as it was then, has changed enormously and many people have come and gone from the area. The church, however, has remained and is a continual witness to the Christian faith in the district."

The parish church of Drummully remained in the Newtownbutler area throughout the 18th Century when during an Act of Privy Council in 1804, Drummully lost a number of townlands and because the loss included the parish church at Newtownbutler. As a result, Drummully took over Drumkrin Church which was



Officials from Drummully Parish preparing for the 175th anniversary of the church (from left); William Armstrong, Rector's Churchwarden; Hazel Robinson, Treasurer; John Robinson, Vestry member; Eileen Hall, People's Churchwarden and Secretary; Roy Crowe, Diocesan Reader and DPA and Brian Robinson, Glebewarden.

dissolved at this time.

When Drummully built their new church on the present site, dated 1844, they named it St. Mary's, Drummully, after Drumcrin.

A vestry meeting held at St. Mary's

Drumcrin in 1828 resulted in a decision to build a new church rather than repair

Drumcrin and also because it was often

surrounded by water during floods. A site in the land at Clonooney was acquired for the new church built in the 1840's. However repairs were carried out at Drumkrin in the meantime.

The building of the church also coincided with the Famine and the population of many parts of Fermanagh and Monaghan

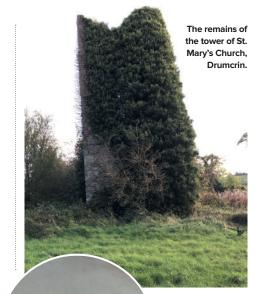
was decimated but the parish of Drummully was largely unaffected. Drummully church is designed in early English Gothic style. One of the characteristic features of this style is the use of the single lancet window, long and narrow in proportion.

The roof is supported by Queen-post trusses and wall brackets.

Drummully's fine old silver plate dating from 1776 is still in use in Galloon Parish Church and the oldest silver in Drummully Parish Church is from the former parish of St. Mary's, Drumcrin.

The lectern was a gift presented in 1891 and the Font made in Dublin was a gift in 1890.

Following Partition n 1921/22, Drummully Parish was cut off from the United Kingdom by the new border. However





an area known by Drummully Salient, an area of Co. Monaghan surrounded by County Fermanagh and inaccessible by road except through County Fermanagh was not policed until May 1924. Then police from the Free State were allowed to pass into the 16 cut-off townlands through Northern Ireland.

Rural depopulation resulted in a decline in the number of parishioners of Drummully Parish, not only as a result of the Troubles but the lack of employment in the area as well.

Drummully Parish is the smallest of the group of Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully with 36 people on its register but its parishioners have continued to preserve this place of worship for many others to share.





George Moore and Brian Robinson, Glebewardens, examining the interior of the church with its Queen-post truss roof.









## ST MACARTIN'S CATHEDRAL - AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

A comprehensive book on the history of St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, will be launched this month.

The book, "St Macartin's Cathedral – At the Heart of the Community" will be launched by the Right Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher, in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen, on Wednesday 13th November at 7.30pm. The hardback book, extending to almost 400 pages and containing around 500 photographs, many of historical significance, has been written by Mr. Sam Morrow, who has been associated with the Parish of Enniskillen for many years.

This book, with 42 chapters, records the establishment and development of the Church of Ireland Parish of Enniskillen and its church, now St Macartin's Cathedral. For Sam Morrow, this has been important to his life as he has been a member of Enniskillen Parish for over 50 years. He said: "I know the place and the people and its historical importance in the life of Enniskillen, Fermanagh and indeed Northern Ireland.

"I was amazed by some of the aspects of the memorials, e.g. the Cole Vault, the number of people buried in the church, the stainedglass windows and the tragedies associated with them.

"The highlight of 400 years here was the visit of Queen Elizabeth II," he says fondly. Sam Morrow explains; "The church was established as part of the plan for the Plantation of Ulster but it also has an inheritance from the ancient Catholic Church. The cathedral has a strong link with the ancient parish of Inishkeen which had its church on Inishkeen Island. Inishkeen parish stretched from Enniskillen to the boundary of Tyrone beyond Clabby. The Plantation church in Enniskillen was known for many years as Inishkeen Church. Inishkeen, over

the centuries, has had various spellings, including Eniskeene. The oldest piece of Communion silver still in use in the cathedral carries the name Eniskeene. Its inscription is in Latin and when translated reads: 'The cup of the Parish Church of Eniskeene, the gift of Edward Davis, Gent., in the year 1638.' "Only part of the original Plantation church remains, part of the tower and south wall. The original church was smaller than the present-day cathedral. It had a north transept and its entrance was by way of a porch in the south wall. Mr Richard Pierce, the noted architect, now retired, has produced a watercolour drawing of the original church and this is featured in the book. The earliest headstones in the graveyard date from 1625. The Cole (Enniskillen) family vault is under the cathedral and the entrance stone originally carried the date 1627. In addition to the church in Enniskillen the Inishkeen parish had a chapel of ease at Pubble as a place of worship and with a graveyard.

The original Enniskillen church was enlarged in 1842 and the chancel was extended in 1889

Until 1869, the Church of Ireland was the Established Church which meant that it had some responsibilities akin to a government department. It had a duty to collect tithes and a tax known as cess from all, irrespective of religion, which made it unpopular.

Over the years from its establishment its clergy and people have experienced many challenges in Enniskillen. The 1641 rising and the defence of the town in 1689 were two such challenges. The rector of Enniskillen, the Presbyterian minister and leading members of the church, including Allan Cathcart, joined in the defence of the town against King James's army. Cathcart and others played an important part in winning the Battle of the Boyne for King William. Allan Cathcart and others from the church subsequently presented an address to King William for their 'Deliverance' Allan Cathcart presented a silver flagon for use in the Communion services. This flagon, dated 1707, is in regular use in the cathedral. One of the bells in the cathedral tower was founded from bells made from canon captured at the Boyne and presented to the Enniskilleners by King William.

Enniskillen men played an important role in supporting King William against the army of King James II. This conflict led to the establishment of two British Army regiments bearing the old name of the town, Inniskilling. The cathedral is home for many of the laid-up standards and memorials of these regiments and within its historic walls

is the Inniskillings Regimental Chapel.

The cathedral, because of its size and central position for the Church of Ireland people of the diocese, was consecrated as a cathedral in 1923. The cathedral contains many memorials to significant individuals, including some very fine stained-glass window memorials.

Over the centuries the pupils of the Royal School have worshiped in Enniskillen church and include such notable churchmen as Henry

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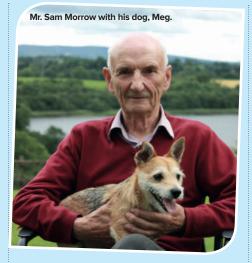
Left: One of the oldest pieces of silver
belonging to St. Macartin's Cathedral.



#### THE AUTHOR

The author of the book, Mr, Samuel Boyd Morrow OBE has served as a member of the select vestry continuously since 1968, the year in which he was appointed rector's churchwarden by Dean Thomas Clements. Since then he has served a further three years as rector's churchwarden and nine years as Glebewarden. He was elected honorary secretary in 1989 and has fulfilled that role since then. In addition to select vestry responsibilities, he has served as an elected member of Clogher Diocesan Council, Clogher Diocesan Synod, and as a member of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland. He was also an elected member of the Diocesan Electoral College, Church of Ireland Committee on European Affairs and a member of the Church's Northern Ireland Board of Education. As a Diocesan Council appointed member of the Fermanagh Protestant Board of Education he is a trustee and member of the Board of Governors of Enniskillen Royal Grammar School.

Mr Morrow, as secretary of the select vestry, made application to The Executive Office for funding towards the



refurbishment and extension of the cathedral hall. This application was eventually successful and resulted in an award of £870,000. When approval was granted he was a member of the Project Board and was appointed Project Manager. This entailed responsibility for liaising with the architect, contractor, and The Executive Office staff throughout the period of construction and for the associated administration.

Mr. Morrow spent a career in agricultural

administration. Following his education at Portora Royal School and Queen's University, Belfast, where he graduated with a degree in agriculture, he was appointed as an agricultural adviser in County Antrim by the then Ministry of Agriculture. In 1966 he was appointed by the Ministry to the post of Deputy County Agricultural Executive Officer for Fermanagh. He succeeded as County Agricultural Executive Officer in 1977. In his last two years in the Civil Service, before retiring in 1996, he served as Principal of Enniskillen Agricultural College in addition to his role as County Agricultural Development Officer. He was appointed OBE in The Queen's New Year Honours in 1996 for services to the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland. His latest book is the fifth he has written. Other books include; The Church of Ireland Parishes of Tempo and Clabby - a Shared Heritage; Clabby on the Map - The Church of Ireland Parish of Clabby and its People; Farming in County Fermanagh - Development in the Twentieth Century; and A Landlords' Legacy the Fermanagh Farming Societies' contribution to development of agriculture in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.



Pictured right: The font in the Cathedral.

Francis Lyte and the Blessed John Sullivan SJ.

In more recent times, St Macartin's Cathedral has made a major contribution in developing community relations and has hosted the most important people in the United Kingdom, at acts of worship, remembrance and thanksgiving. These included Queen Elizabeth II and the Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher. St Macartin's has been served by 28 rectors, and many curates, dating from 1622. A list of churchwardens who have served the parish from 1622 exists. All of this information, including the names on the headstones in Enniskillen and Pubble graveyards, is included in the book.





## Coffee Morning

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## 'Farm, Fellowship and Faith' evening offering support to farming community

A parish in Clogher Diocese has brought its farming community together to support them in health and welfare issues.
Colaghty Parish, near Lack in North
Fermanagh held a "Farm, Fellowship and Faith" evening on 30th September when the focus was on health at Colaghty Parish Hall

Farmers and those from the rural community were invited to book an appointment with the Farm Families Health Checks Programme bus which was based for four hours at the Parish Hall where nurses offered on-the-spot health checks. The unit was booked out for the duration of the evening.

The checks included blood pressure monitoring, Body Mass Index, cholesterol checks and diabetic screening as well as getting advice on lifestyle and mental wellbeing. The Programme is funded by the Public Health Agency and DAERA and the health bus travels around Northern Ireland as a one-stop mobile unit to support the farming community which is considered at risk from health problems.

Inside the Hall, Rector Canon Alan Irwin, introducing the evening, said he hoped the services provided on the evening would be of benefit to the farming community who looked after God's creation, especially evident at harvest time.

Among those speaking was Francis Breen, CAFRE Senior Beef and Sheep Adviser in Fermanagh, who introduced the range of grants that have been and would continue to be available to farmers such as the Environmental Farming Scheme.

He also referred to the Farm Family Key Skills short courses on 'Making Tay Digital'

Skills short courses on 'Making Tax Digital' and 'Health and Safety,' 'Use of Pesticides' and said that farmers would have to have a certificate to administer animal medicines in the future. He also highlighted the Farm Innovation visits, Farm Business Groups and Technology Demonstration Farm applications.

Another speaker was Alex Cromie, a mentor from the charity, Rural Support set up in 2002 in the wake of the Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak. There was evidence of distress within the rural community and the need for a support service was identified. The organisation provides this support through a helpline which offers a listening and signposting service for farmers and farm families. The types of issues the charity addresses include financial and debt problems, inheritance issues, physical and



Among those attending the 'Farm, Fellowship and Faith' evening in Colaghty Hall were (from left); Francis Breen, CAFRE Senior Beef and Sheep Adviser; Graham Ellis; Canon Alan Irwin; Crozier Ginn and Alex Cromie, Rural Support.

mental health concerns, farming paperwork and bureaucracy.

Alex Cromie said that 40 per cent of their calls were related to finance and debt problems.

He pointed out that the lowest uptake of calls came from Fermanagh, just seven per cent, while Co. Antrim, for example provided 24 per cent of the calls

which are always as confidential. Enterprises prompting the majority of calls are beef and sheep followed by dairying. He stressed the importance of mental health and told those present there was plenty of support available to ensure farmers looked after themselves. "You are manager of your farm business. Self-care is one of the most important issues and you are key to the farm business,"

He added, "There is no such thing as 'can't."

he told them.

Canon Irwin, providing a spiritual message, said members of the farming community often don't talk or share thoughts with each other enough and it was important to be mindful of this.

"God is there for us, you can see Him there to help you and be with you," he said. "We should not let the stigma stop us from availing of the assistance. The church family is there. God should be central to our lives because God walks through the dark valley with you and He is the light guiding you. "Don't let the small doubt take over your life and don't be afraid to ask for help," added Canon Irwin.



## A goat and dogs join people for unique service

There was an unusual congregation in St. Finbarr's Church, Carrickmacross on 3rd October when 25 dogs, a goat and about 80 adults and children gathered for a Celebration of Animals Service.

As Rector, Revd. Colin McConaghie said, "When people and animals come together in a church service you're never quite sure what to expect but the outcome was a service full of fun, music and the odd bark as the community came together to give thanks to God for the gift of animals. Revd Colin entered the church accompanied by Alfie, the Miniature Schnauzer to welcome everyone before opening with prayer as we give thanks for the gift of animals and the joy they bring to our lives. As the congregation stood to sing: 'If I Were a Butterfly,' the animals looked on in amusement at the actions and the odd dog tried to sing along.

Revd Colin read the parable of the lost sheep followed by a short talk on what it's like to lose a pet, with Alfie having a history of escaping the Rectory grounds to explore the fields. In comparing the love of the



Rev Colin with Alfie.

Garret Finnegan with Tirion the goat.

Ella and Jack McElwaine with Ziggy.

shepherd to find the one animal that was lost, Rev Colin reminded the congregation how much God loves us all, animals and humans, and that He never stops searching for us.

Following prayers of thanks the next song was, 'Lovely Jubbly' with the congregation joining in animal actions and noises as we were reminded that God made us all. The service ended with Revd Colin praying a prayer of blessing over the animals and their owners.

Donations on the evening were for Collon

Animal Sanctuary and €350 was raised for their work in caring for all sorts of animals that have been abandoned or lost. Revd Colin was delighted by the response to the service.

"It was wonderful to see so many happy faces and all the humans and animals mixing together. All the dogs were so well behaved and it was amazing to have a goat. We look forward to having an even bigger variety of animals in future years as we give thanks to God for the love and enjoyment we have for animals of all shapes and sizes."



Valerie Markey with Lucy.



Tommy and Erika Babington with Lucy,

#### 'DANCERELLA' IS A SELL-OUT

A play written by Lisbellaw and Coolbuck Rector, Revd Stephanie Woods, is proving so popular that the two nights earmarked for performances have been quickly sold out and an extra night has been arranged to cope with demand. The performances take place on Thursday, 28th November as well as Friday, 29th November (sold out) and Saturday, 30th November (sold out).

'Dancerella' was written by Revd Stephanie while she was teaching in Belleek Primary School many years ago. Now she has gathered a cast from her parish for several nights of "fun" which she says will not only help raise some funds for the parish but also "bring people together." The play, directed by Tracey Kernoghan, who grew up in the village, is based on the popular Cinderella story but with some fun elements and with an emphasis on dance. At the time of going to Press the last few tickets were available from Lisbellaw Medical Hall.



#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**





## Four churches come together for Enniskillen Memorial fundraiser



The choirs from Enniskillen's four main churches came together in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Sunday evening, 29th September for "A Big Sing," a fundraising event to raise money towards the completion of the new Enniskillen Memorial to be erected in memory of those who lost their lives during the Remembrance Day bombing in 1987.

The clergy from the four churches, St. Macartin's Cathedral Church of Ireland, St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Enniskillen Methodist Church and Enniskillen Presbyterian Church all attended the service and shared in the closing prayers.

The occasion resulted in a cross-community congregation who enjoyed participating in congregational hymns as well as listening to well-known traditional and modern hymns, Gospel songs and classical pieces. The main organist was Mr. Glenn Moore.

The Big Sing was introduced by the Dean of St. Macartin's Cathedral, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall, who also asked everyone to pray for those "who have suffered from the effects of terrorist violence and particularly the victims of the Enniskillen bombing and others whom we knew and in their memory we treasure"

Dean Hall read out the names of those who died as a result of the Enniskillen bombing; Wesley and Bertha Armstrong, Kitchener and Jessie Johnston, William and Agnes Mullan, Edward Armstrong, Samuel Gault, Johnny Megaw, Georgina Quinton, Marie Wilson and Ronnie Hill.

The new Enniskillen Memorial has been granted full planning permission.





Mrs Irene Boyd at 028 6863 1009



# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Your Sunday School, Mothers Union or the whole congregation can bring hope and change lives again this Christmas. Through Operation Christmas Child you can fill a shoebox with gifts and the box will be sent to some of the most needy and marginalised children in the world. Boxes can be delivered directly to Drumkeeran Parish Hall by arrangement with Mrs Irene Boyd. Latest date for delivery to the hall - Saturday 25th November, preferably earlier to give more time for the preparation and transport so that the gifts can reach the children before Christmas. If you would like further information on this project please contact:

# Statement by the Archbishop of Armagh on Northern Ireland Act

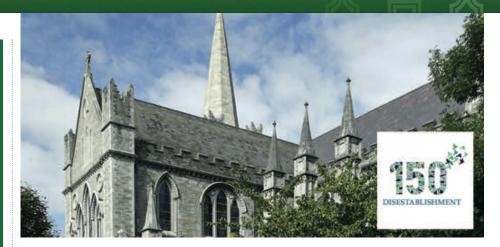
The Most Revd Dr Richard
Clarke, Archbishop of
Armagh and Primate of
All Ireland, issued the
following statement
following the meeting
of MLAs at Stormont
on Monday, 21st
October:

"Sadly, the opportunity for the Northern Ireland Assembly to consider the

Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Act has now passed.

"This reinforces the absolute necessity – so often pressed for by church leaders over the past two years and more – for our political leaders to work together for the restoration of the Executive and Assembly. Sensitive social issues and the wider welfare of the people of Northern Ireland should be the solemn responsibility of our locally elected representatives.

"The Northern Ireland Office consultation on the specific regulations to be implemented in the wake of this legislation should now be a matter for conscientious engagement by all our people. We continue to pray for our politicians, but we pray also for all who will be affected by this legislation, imposed as it is from elsewhere."



## NATIONAL SERVICE TO MARK 150TH OF DISESTABLISHMENT IN ST. PATRICK'S

The official launch of the Church of Ireland's National Programme to mark 150th anniversary of Disestablishment will begin at the opening commemorative National Service in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on Saturday, 23rd November 2019, at 3pm with the Archbishop of Canterbury as preacher. Tickets for members of the general public

are available.

The Cathedral has also created a ticketing option for representatives from each diocese of the Church to attend the service.

Each link below connects to a website from which a maximum of 20 tickets is available. A maximum of four tickets can be taken per transaction.

The service will be followed by a panel discussion – entitled 'Second City, 300, 150, Today' – starting at 6pm, as part of the annual Jonathan Swift Festival. Registration is essential via a separate link. Swift, a fervent defender of the Church of Ireland, but also a fierce critic of the hypocrisy of his

age, lived much of his life between London and Dublin: the first and second cities of the British Empire.

150 years after the Disestablishment of his beloved Church, the panel will consider what he would think, against the backdrop of Brexit, the future holds for Ireland and Great Britain, or for Church/State relations? It will discuss these and other important questions of our time. Panel members will include the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Mary McAleese and others. The discussion is expected to finish around 7pm.

This event is proudly supported by the programme to mark the Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland. Free of Charge. Registration Essential. For further information, please contact The National Cathedral and Collegiate Church of Saint Patrick, Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin Saint Patrick's Close, Dublin 8. Tel: + 353 (0)1 475 4817. Email: marketing@stpatrickscathedral.ie



#### INCREASED RISK OF SCAMS

#### Information for members in Northern Ireland

The Financial Conduct Authority has advised that during this period of uncertainty around the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union, there is a greater risk of scams.

Information on staying safe from scams is available from Consumerline (0300 123 6262), the Scamwise NI Facebook page or nidirect. qov.uk/scams

Please note the following advice:

- Beware of all unexpected calls, emails and text messages;
- A genuine bank or organisation will not ask for your PIN, full password, or to move money to another account;
- Never give out your personal or financial details unless it is for a service you want to use, and where you trust the provider; and
- Do not be pressurised into acting quickly

 a genuine bank or financial services firm will not mind giving you time to think.

Remember the ScamwiseNI advice – if you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

The four main Churches and the Irish Council of Churches are supporting the Scamwise NI campaign through the Church Leaders Group. The above information is sourced from nidirect.gov.uk/

#### Information for members in the Republic of Ireland

Scamwise NI relates to Northern Ireland but, as many scams cross borders, members of the Church living in the Republic may also find the above general points of advice helpful. An Garda Síochána has provided a listing of local crime prevention officers who will be able to assist with this and other policing matters. The Garda National Economic Crime Bureau also provides guidance on preventing and tackling fraud.

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