

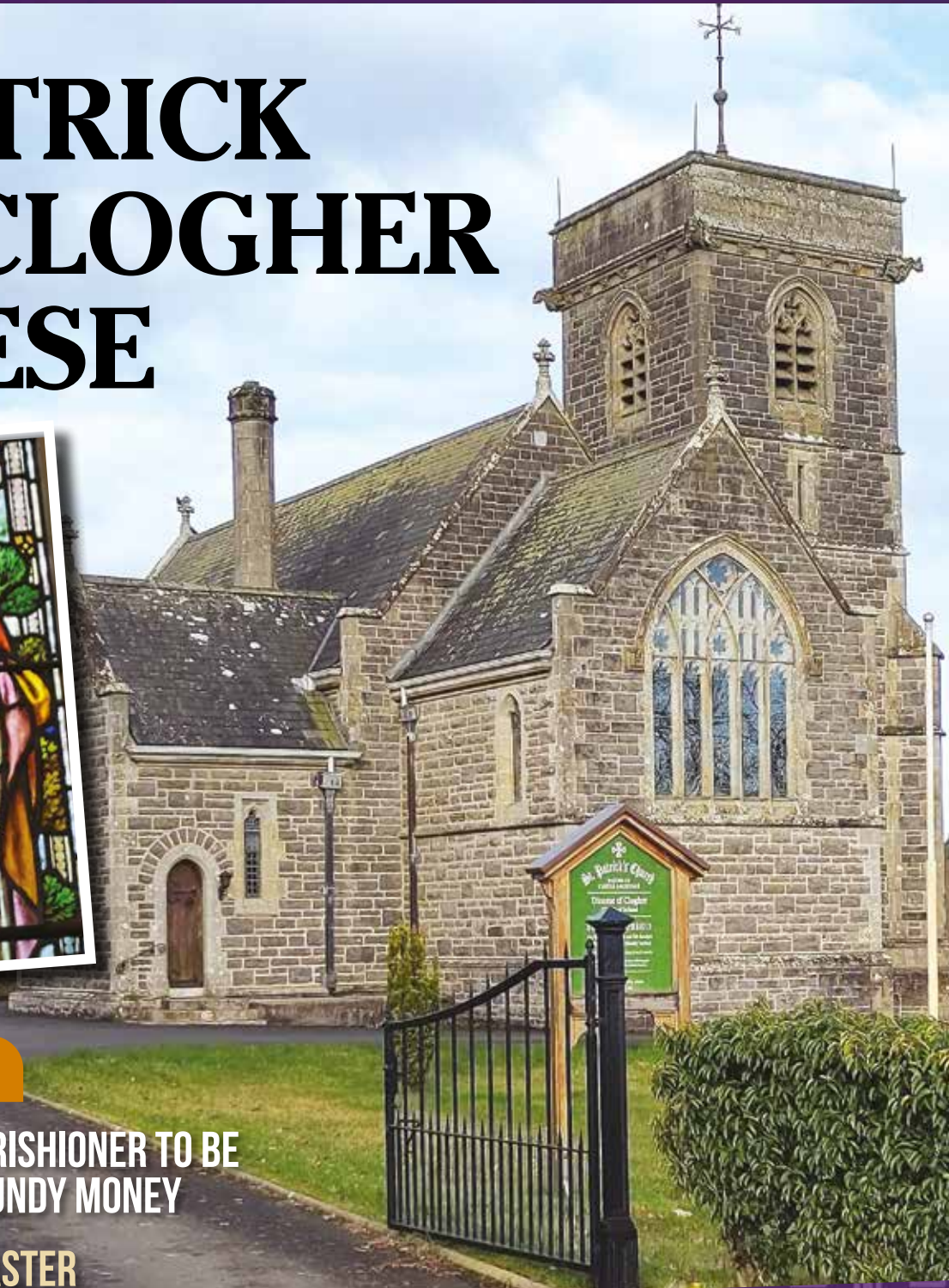


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A stained-glass window depicting St. Patrick in St. Patrick's Church, Castle Archdale. The church was consecrated on St Patrick's Day 1908. See Page 52 for further details.

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St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.



St Patrick's Grave, Down Cathedral

A Message from the Bishop

ST PATRICK – APOSTLE OF THE IRISH PEOPLE

St Patrick's Day this year falls on a Sunday which gives us an opportunity to reflect upon the life of our Patron Saint within the context of a main Sunday service. Much of the tradition attached to his life and ministry is the result of myths and legend. However, two documents have come down to us and are reckoned to be authentically written by the saint himself: the Confession and the Letter to Coroticus. Nonetheless it can be stated with some certainty that he was a native of Roman Britain at a time when Roman control of that province was coming to an end. He was a Christian, son of a deacon and grandson of a priest.

At the age of 16 he was taken prisoner by Irish raiders and brought to Ireland where he endured six years of enslavement tending to livestock in the north of the country.

He escaped, probably making his way back to Britain where he received, what his writing vividly describes, his call to be the apostle of the Irish people. The precise date of his return to Ireland, traditionally 432 AD is much debated. His travels seem to have been confined to the northern half of the island where he claimed to have baptised, confirmed, and ordained bishops. Through the work of Patrick and other evangelists the Irish Church grew, and Armagh became the centre from which it was governed. Patrick is reputed to be buried in Downpatrick where his gravestone is marked beside Down Cathedral.

St Patrick's Confession gives some detail of his sense of 'call' as he gradually became convinced that it was God's purpose that he should return to Ireland as a missionary to the Irish people. He recounts several dreams where he heard a voice calling him from Ireland 'We beg you holy boy, to come and walk among us once again'.

VOCATION – OUR CALL

We use the word 'vocation' (from the Latin noun *vocatio*, 'a call or summons') to describe a sense of call to a certain role / occupation or way of life. The church uses it to refer to those who follow a path towards ordained ministry, but it can equally be applied to any way in which someone serves in the church - Sunday school teacher, youth leader, adult group leader, parish reader or diocesan reader. Disciples of Jesus Christ should always be open to the possibility that God may be calling them forward to some new form of service. This leads us to consider – what is my vocation?

St Patrick's Breastplate is a well-known prayer which is thought to date from a period later than Patrick's time, but it echoes much of the thought in his Confession. The prayer is a gem of devotion which reminds us that being a Christian is 'life in Christ' and that demands a response from our whole being. It has these famous verses:

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

These ancient words are especially reassuring as we seek the call of God upon our personal lives. 'Christ beneath me, Christ above me' are words which served the wandering Patrick who travelled over land and sea. His escape from Ireland was turned by faith into a journey with a purpose. He discovered that he had not run away but had been called by God to embark on a voyage of exploration.

If as you reflect and pray, you begin to sense a vocation to serve God in the Church in any way, please do seek out your Rector

and chat to her or him about your thoughts. It could be the start of a new adventure of faith.

May God bless you as you continue your journey with Christ through Lent and may you remain open and alert to his call, just as St Patrick was alive to God calling him to Ireland to share the Good News of the Gospel.

Yours in Christ's service.

+Ian Clogher

NEW DIOCESAN APPOINTMENTS:

Diocesan Director of Ordinands

I am delighted to announce that the Ven Paul Thompson has agreed to accept my appointment as Diocesan Director of Ordinands. This role fits well with his position as Archdeacon in presenting candidates for ordination or institution to a parish. I look forward to working with our new director as we plan to develop the nurture of vocations to ordained ministry within the diocese.



Warden of Readers and Support Officer for Lay Ministry

I am very pleased that Revd Lorraine Capper has agreed to take on the roles of Warden of Readers and Support Officer for Lay Ministry in the Diocese, which are currently being undertaken by the Archdeacon. I know she will bring her gifts of enthusiasm and skills of organisation to this work of promoting and supporting Diocesan Readers and Diocesan Pastoral Assistants.



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Sunday 3rd March

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

Sunday 10th March

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer
Clogh 10.45am Morning Prayer
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Sunday 17th March

Drumsnatt 9.30am Morning Prayer
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Confirmation classes continue for the Aghadrumsee Group.

Sunday 24th March

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

Thursday 28th March

Clogh 8.00pm Holy Communion

Friday 29th March

Aghadrumsee 8.00pm Good Friday Service

Sunday 31st March

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

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 28th March – Group service of Holy Communion in Clogh Church at 8.00 pm
Good Friday 29th March – Group service in Aghadrumsee at 8.00pm
Easter Sunday – Services in each church

at the usual time.

Confirmation Classes

These continue in Aghadrumsee Old School at 7.00pm on 7 and 21 March.

Clogh Mothers' Union

The next meeting is on Monday 4th March at 8.00pm when the speaker will be Dean Raymond Ferguson.

Sympathy

It was with sadness we learnt of the death of Jim Johnston. A lifelong member of Aghadrumsee Parish Church, Jim served on the Select Vestry for almost 60 years during which he served as Glebewarden, Parochial Nominator and Synodsman for many years. Sincere sympathy to Davy, Ethel and Moira Johnston, Kenneth, Janet Nixon and family and the extended Egerton Family.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Sunday 3rd March

9.30am Cooneen Holy Communion
11.00am Colebrooke Holy Communion

Sunday 10th March

9.30am Cooneen Morning Prayer
11.00am Colebrooke Morning Prayer

Sunday 17th March

11.00am Colebrooke Family Service

Sunday 24th March

11.00am Cooneen Palm Sunday Combined Service

HOLY WEEK

Wednesday 27th March

7.30pm Colebrooke Hall Wednesday Bible Study

Thursday 28th March

8.00pm Cooneen Maundy Thursday Last Supper



A cheque presentation is made at Mullaghfad Church.



Enjoying the Friendship and Food evening.



Friday 29th March

8.00pm Colebrooke Good Friday Service

Sunday 31st March

11.00am Colebrooke Family Communion for Easter Day

Lent Services

The midweek Bible Study throughout Lent continues each Wednesday evening in Colebrooke Hall at 7.30pm. This year we are Walking in the Footsteps of the Saviour, an informal study following Jesus through Israel, to which everyone is welcome.

Mullaghfad Carol Service Presentation

The collection from our Carol Service in Mullaghfad on the 3rd December 2023, raised £450, which this year was for Cancer Research UK. Tyler Breadon met with Jean Martin from Cancer Research UK and presented her with a cheque. Thank you very much everyone who was at the Carol Service and so generously contributed to this very worthwhile charity.

From The Registers

HOLY MATRIMONY

On Friday 16th February 2024, in St

Ronan's, Colebrooke, Zena Wilson and Paul Elliott were joined in Holy Matrimony. Bridesmaids and Groomsmen were Alison Kettle and Danielle Davies, Gary Elliott and David Elliott. Revd John Hanson led the prayers. Our prayers and blessing are with Zena and Paul as they begin this new stage in their lives together.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

The funeral service for Mervyn Henry Downey (husband of the late Joyce) was held in St Ronan's, Colebrooke on Wednesday 17th January 2024. Mervyn had been a long-standing member of Colebrooke and was both a Select Vestry member (30 years) and Rector's Churchwarden for 16.

The committal took place in the adjoining graveyard following the service. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mervyn's surviving family members at this time.

GFS – Girls Friendly Society

The branch meets every Monday, at 6.45pm in the Parish Hall for girls 3 years and upwards, and new members will be made very welcome, taking part in games, cookery, craft, bible study and especially having lots of fun.

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

When they resume, the Scouts meet every Tuesday from 7pm-8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-11 years, and continues to 9.15pm Scouts, 11 – 14 years.

The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.

Squirrels (4 - 6 years)

Beavers (6 – 8 years)

Cubs (8 – 11 years)

Scouts (11 – 14 years)

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meet 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.

Mothers' Union

The new year began with members participating in the regular service of Holy Communion on Sunday 7 January. They welcomed parishioners, read lessons and prayers, lifted the offering and Joy, a Diocesan Reader, assisted with Holy

Communion.

The meeting on 17 January welcomed Eryn Kirkpatrick and her mum Evanna to share Eryn's experiences of First Year in Fivemiletown College. Eryn has been blind from birth because of Optic Nerve Hypoplasia and had used Braille as her main means for learning. She recently featured on television when the 200th anniversary of Braille was celebrated. She reported that she was enjoying the first year at Fivemiletown College, where she receives help from the teachers and QTVI staff as well as regular help from Jackie, the support worker from RNIB.

Eryn first learned Braille at Fivemiletown Primary School and she loves reading the same books as her peers. This is made possible by those who convert books into Braille text. She brought some of the technology devices she uses to help in her studying as well as the Braille Bible which her parents had sourced as a Christmas gift.

Eryn loves to learn the hymns which are sung weekly in church so she learned the words of the hymn 'Spirit of God' and accompanied the members and friends during the singing to open the meeting. She also read the Bible passage from



Eryn at her computer.

Genesis 2 v 1 to 3 and during the meeting also read from Genesis chapter one. Eryn has a wonderful attitude to life, is so enthusiastic about learning and at the moment would like to be an inventor. Her granny Violet, a member of the branch, has been a great encouragement and support to her and her parents Evanna and Maurice and siblings Kayla and Ava. Those present at the meeting were challenged by Eryn's positive attitude and how courageously she

is meeting the adversity she and her family face.

The next meeting is on 20 March where members share in the Lenten service and enjoy some fellowship afterwards with refreshments and Mothers' Union updates. The first Friendship and Food morning was held on 13 February. Maureen and Irene ventured to make pancakes which the participants enjoyed with toppings of golden syrup, maple syrup, lemon juice or just real butter!

Linda Lyndsay led the singing of some well-known songs. She then sang some of her familiar gospel pieces. Irene Boyd introduced the hymn 'Love Divine' and relating the story of Charles Wesley the author. She explained some of the meaning behind the beautiful words and everyone sang the verses before she closed in prayer.

Edfield restaurant staff then served a tasty meal which was followed by Valerie's homemade heart shortbread.

The next 'Friendship and Food' event is planned for Tuesday 12 March from 11am when the senior pupils from Brookeborough Primary School will entertain everyone. Come and bring others.

Ballybay, Clontibret & Muckno



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Alice's mission trip to Paraguay

Alice Crawford from Ballybay Parish completed a four-month mission placement in Paraguay which was arranged through SAMS (South American Mission Society) Ireland.

She has written the following:

"I finished my time in Asunción, Paraguay, at the beginning of December 2023. The

experience was very interesting and I learnt so much about another culture and way of life. I was able to use half of the money donated by the church to buy two air conditioners for the school, which they needed in order to use a classroom that was previously out of use due to the heat. I donated the other half of the money to the mission in the Chaco that is run by the church. The Chaco is the very rural part of Paraguay that suffers from extreme poverty in many areas. The church will use the money to bring out food, clothes and other necessities to people living in the Chaco." Alice.

Birth of twins!

Congratulations to John Montgomery, Castleblaney, on the birth of his 23rd and 24th grandchildren, Eoin and Noah, on Thursday 11th January 2024. They are the twin sons of David and Fiona Montgomery, Ballybay.

Engagement

Congratulations to Alice Crawford (Springfield, Ballybay) and Samuel Dundee (Carrickfergus) who recently announced their engagement. We wish them all of God's blessings as they prepare for their marriage later this year.



Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week and Easter include some of the most important dates in the Christian calendar during which we follow the story of Jesus' life, how he faced suffering and death, and inspired many to believe and live a new way of life.

On Palm Sunday we recall Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to crowds and cheers (see Mt 21:1-11, Mk 11:1-11, Lk 19:28-44 & Jn 12:12-19), then on Maundy Thursday we remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples (see Mt 26:26-29, Mk 14:22-25, Lk 22:14-30 & 1 Cor 11:23-25), while on Good Friday we remember the events leading up to, and including, Jesus' crucifixion. Services will take place in each of our parish churches on Palm Sunday at the usual times. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion in Christ Church, Ballybay, at 8 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, 28th March. On Good Friday, 29th March, there will be

a service in St. Colman's Church, Clontibret, at 8 p.m. Services on Easter Sunday, 31st March, will take place in each of our parish churches at the usual times.

Please try to journey with us through Holy Week as we follow Jesus' path to his death on the cross and then celebrate his triumphal resurrection from the dead on Easter Day.

Open Day at Clontibret N.S.

An 'Open Day' for prospective new pupils and their parents was held at Clontibret National School on Thursday 8th February. The school has two classroom teachers and a Special Education Teacher. In addition, individual help with reading and maths is provided to children, if necessary, and there is a full-time Special Needs Assistant. The school has a child friendly atmosphere and emphasis is placed on learning through play and hands-on activities.

Anyone wishing to enrol their child for the 2024/25 academic year should contact the school for an application form - please phone 047 80865 or email clontibretns@gmail.com.

Easter Vestry Meetings

The annual Easter Vestry meeting for each of our parishes will be held shortly and parishioners will be notified of the date and time for their respective meeting.

During these meetings, elections for the following positions will take place:

- A People's Churchwarden



Alice Crawford on her mission trip to Paraguay.

- A People's Glebewarden
- Up to 12 members of the new Select Vestry.

Supporting Donna Geary and her work

If you would like to support Clontibret parishioner, Donna Geary, and her ongoing missionary work in Papua New Guinea, you might consider donating a regular sum of money on a monthly basis or a once-off amount. You can set up a recurring monthly donation or a one-off donation through the following link (make sure to include the name "Donna Geary" in the additional comments box):

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If you have an email address and would like to receive emails relating to our group of parishes, please speak to the Rector.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those from our group of parishes who have been unwell, lonely, troubled or saddened in recent months.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh



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Carrickmacross Foodbank

Our community group was set up in 2019, after noticing families struggling to provide food for their families after



The Food Bank at Carrickmacross.

bills were paid. We started with four families and now support up to 30 families weekly. We are based in Market Square, Carrickmacross and support families in surrounding communities also. We deliver the shopping ourselves. It is mostly providing dry goods, but also we ensure there is fruit, vegetables and

meat provided to each family to help with nutrition. We also provide once off supports to help families, such as an electricity top up, oil refill, help with a utility bill etc. We help to source second hand furniture and clothes and get this delivered to families in need in the area. Many thanks to all involved with the



Carrickmacross Food Bank. It is a privilege to be able to help out in some way with this dedicated group of angels. They may not have wings or halos, but they surpass themselves with goodwill in action to their neighbour. Appreciate the continued generosity of the parishioners in our parish group of St Finbarr's Carrickmacross, St Molua's Magheracloone and St Patrick's Ardragh. It was good to wish someone a Happy New Year. It's even better if we can help make it a reality.

Being a church in the community it's good to keep abreast of what is happening with different groups from the town.

Carrick Rovers trip to our twinned town in France Carhaix in October 2023.

Twenty two girls drawn from the Under 15 and Under 16 panel from Carrick Rovers soccer club travelled to Carhaix at the October Bank Holiday to play and train with their counterparts in our twin town. They were accompanied by three coaches, four Child Safety Officers, the President of the Twinning Committee and his wife.

The group travelled to Cork, to board the ferry to Roscoff, in the capable hands of Thomas Gernon from Coolderry Coaches. The windy weather in the English Channel meant that the departure was delayed, and the group didn't reach Carhaix until early Sunday afternoon. Despite the lengthy travel schedule and the lack of preparation time, the team were in action at 5.00pm to play the inaugural match for the Coupe de Jumelage for girls.

Two evenly balanced teams played a very exciting game and an early goal from Niamh Marron put the Carrick team ahead. The Carhaix team fought back and scored an equaliser shortly afterwards. The second half was very closely contested, and it took a late goal from Grace Elliott to settle the game in favour of the Rovers. The cup was presented

The Carrick Rovers team who played their tournament in France.



to the winning captain by Marie Louise Huiban, the President of the Carhaix Carrickmacross Twinning Committee. The group enjoyed the hospitality provided by the hosts in France until the return trip on Tuesday evening. The team travelled to the nearby city of Brest on Monday to participate in a training session with some of the French international ladies futsal team, followed by a number of indoor mini games with these players and the Carhaix girls. The local Twinning committee hosted an evening meal on both Sunday and Monday evenings, followed by a sing song and some Irish and Breton dancing. Some time was set aside on Tuesday morning for shopping before heading to Roscoff for the return trip. This proved to be a race to beat Storm Ciarán but the ferry reached Cork Harbour early on Wednesday morning before the strong winds hit Ireland. The team returned to Carrickmacross on Wednesday afternoon with the cup and are now looking forward to defending it next year when the Carrick Rovers girls will host the Carhaix team.

Lent

We tend to see Lent as a period to strengthen our Spirit by resisting temptation, usually by giving up a form of food which we enjoy. But it can also be a time of preparation for what is ahead of us during the rest of this year. Jesus spent

forty days and nights in the wilderness before beginning his ministry. Moses and the nation of Israel spent forty years in the wilderness before going into possess the land God had promised them. The number forty in the bible is associated with a time of preparation and cleansing.

The time Jesus spends in the wilderness in ways is like the time Israel spent in the desert after the Exodus, prior to their entrance into the promised land. Even the quotes that Jesus uses are taken from this time period.

The First Temptation - Jesus eats nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he is famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus replied, "It is written, 'People do not live on bread alone.'" The words of Jesus agrees precisely with



Moses when he reminded the Israelites in the wilderness that they should trust God's word rather than the manna or bread that he gave them.

The Second Temptation - The devil shows Jesus "all the kingdoms of the inhabited earth". The temptation begins and ends with emphatic promises: "To you I will give it. . . . It will all be yours" In resisting this temptation, Jesus responds with "worship the Lord your God and serve him only" which again is part of a quotation from the time Israel was in the wilderness.

The Third and Final Temptation - This brings us to Jerusalem to the pinnacle of the temple. Jesus is commanded, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here". In the Psalms there is a verse that states that God's angels will protect "the Son of God," from injury. The devil is quick to quote Scripture. The final temptation is a plea for Jesus to publicise his divine sonship by means of a spectacle or sensation. For the third and final time, Jesus counters the devil with the authority of Scripture, and again from the time Moses and Israel spent in the



wilderness. "Do not put the Lord your God to the test".

Jesus was alone without the disciples or others looking on and Israel was in the wilderness out of sight from the other nations. The testing was done in privacy, but the results of the testing the strengthening, the building, the reassuring were to be seen in public.

So, may this season of Lent be for us a period when using time of quiet and privacy we can allow God to test us to see where we truly are and permit Him to

bring us into a place of encouragement and challenge and development for the time that is ahead of us.

Lenten services held in Carrickmacross

- A time for reflection and penitence

Weekly midweek services evenings at 7.30pm

Ash Wednesday evening 14th February at 7.30pm

Thereafter Tuesdays;

Tuesday 20th February at 7.30pm /

Tuesday 27th February 7.30pm.

Midweek Holy Communion

This continues weekly on Wednesdays at 10.30am

Monthly evening Prayer Sunday 4

February in Ardragh Church at 7.30pm

Monthly Bible Study

This takes place on Thursday 29th

February at 7.30pm

Sunday School

Sunday school will take place every

second Sunday commencing Sunday 12th

February in St Finbarr's, Carrickmacross.

Thanks again to all the teachers and parents for their support and hard work.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin



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Canon Jen writes...

As I write this I am two days away from celebrating my first year in Cleenish and Mullaghduin and it is amazing how quickly the time has gone. I am enjoying getting to know you all and settling into the annual ebb and flow of parish life here. As I prepare to start my second Lenten season with you I pray that we might grow together as we journey towards Easter. The miniature daffodils which are blooming already in the pots in front of the rectory are urging me towards the new life we find in the resurrection of Christ. Mothers' Day this year will be celebrated on 10th March. In both churches there



will be a celebration of the women in our lives. The 10.00am service in Mullaghduin will include the enrolment of new members and both services will take the form of a family service.

Easter Vestry meetings

The Easter General Vestry meetings will be held before Easter this year, dates and times are below. This is the meeting every year to which all are invited to attend in order to find out what has happened over the past year and what might be happening in the year ahead. Those who

are Registered Vestry members have the opportunity to elect the incoming Select Vestry. Please do attend and offer your support.

Cleenish EGV meeting - Wednesday 20th March at 8.00pm in Cleenish Parish Hall.

Mullaghduin EGV meeting - Tuesday 19th March at 8.00pm in Mullaghduin Parochial Hall.

Both meetings will be followed by a short Select Vestry meeting to elect the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter LENTEN BIBLE STUDY AND SERVICE

This year during Lent we have started a Lenten Bible Study which is exploring 'The Final Week'. We meet each week at 7.00pm before the Lenten service in the church where the service is to be held. The service then follows at 8.00pm. The dates for the rest of Lent are as follows: Wednesday 6th March - Mullaghduin Wednesday 13th March - Cleenish Wednesday 20th March - NO SERVICE due to EGV in Cleenish.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday (28th March)

8.00pm Service of Holy Communion and institution of the Last Supper in Mullaghduin.

Good Friday (29th March)

8.00pm Service for Good Friday in Cleenish.

EASTER SERVICES

Easter Sunday (31st March)

6.00am Dawn service at the Cleenish Centre

10.00am Holy Communion in Mullaghduin
11.30am Holy Communion in Cleenish

Mothers' Union

In January we had our Opening Service followed by the AGM and the programme for the year was prepared. Some members attended the Diocesan HC Service in Enniskillen Cathedral on St Brigid's Day and we look forward to joining in the Diocesan Big Sing, also in the Cathedral on Sunday 25th February. For our meeting in February, we had "Bring a Friend Evening" and learned some new flower arranging skills. In March we look forward to joining other ladies in Rossorry for the World Day of Prayer. Our monthly meeting will be in Cleenish Parish Hall on Thursday 21st March at 7.30pm when we will be joined by our Community PSNI Officer.

From the registers

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

■ Kathleen Hicks, Milverne Nursing Home (formerly Thornton Villas, Bellanaleck),

aged 81. Service of Thanksgiving on Monday 8th January 2024 at 1.00pm in Cleenish Parish Church followed by burial in the adjoining Churchyard. Service conducted by Revd Stephen McWhirter. ■ Catherine Harron, Tilery Nursing Home (formerly Skea, Arney). Funeral Service in Enniskillen Elim Pentecostal Church on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 1.30pm followed by burial in Cleenish Parish Churchyard. ■ Norman Elliott, Derryscobe, Letterbreen. Service of Thanksgiving on Friday 12th January 2024 at 1.30pm in Letterbreen Methodist Church followed by burial in Mullaghduin Parish Church Churchyard. ■ Iris Thornton, The Graan Abbey Care Home (formerly of Derryhowlaght, Bellanaleck), aged 99. Service of Thanksgiving in Drumminskill Church of Ireland, Florencecourt, on Monday 22nd January 2024 at 1.00pm followed by burial in Cleenish Parish Churchyard. Sympathy is expressed to their families and friends.

Clogher Cathedral Group



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From the Rector's Desk

What would you do?

Someone asks you for the lend of some money, but it's all you have left in your purse or wallet and you need it for yourself – what's your response? Elijah was an Old Testament prophet, we read of him in the book of 1 Kings. The land is suffering a drought, and God tells Elijah to go to Zarephath where a widow would feed him.

Widows in normal times in the Bible survived on little, hardly surprising then that the widow God sent Elijah to in a period of drought was down to her very

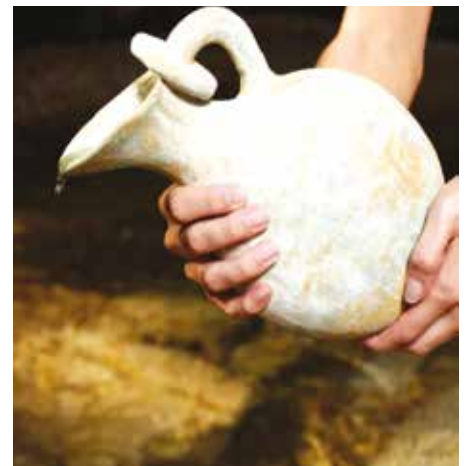
last provisions of flour and oil. She was gathering some sticks for a fire so she could go home and cook this last bread for her and her son, then that would be it, nothing left.

So why did God send Elijah to ask a widow to share the last food she and her son had? Elijah after requesting a drink of water from her and then telling the widow not to fear, but to go ahead and prepare the bread, he said *"For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: "The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land." 15 She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. 16 For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah." 1 Kings 17:14-16*

I believe this story is a tremendous story of trust and faith in Almighty God, because had the widow and Elijah not trusted in their God none of them might have survived. I think this story teaches us at least three important truths about our Father God.

Firstly, God knew Elijah's and the widow and her sons' needs and circumstances. God knew all about the drought, Elijah's physical needs and the limited resources and not least circumstances of the widow. God knew, He cared, and He had provision for them all.

Secondly, God is not bound by natural constraints. Elijah was obedient to what



God asked him to do, the widow was happy to follow the prophets directions, but more than this. Though she had little, the first characteristic the widow showed was kindness and hospitality, her faith and trust in God evident by these. I wonder what you or I would have done in the this situation.

Finally, God knows and works with the bigger picture of our lives for our good, He is faithful to all His promises. The remainder of this chapter in 1 Kings 17 tells how the widows son fell ill and stopped breathing, Elijah prayed and the boy was raised. God knew what lay ahead in the widows life and had made the provision of Elijah being there. Imagine if the widow had not of been willing to show kindness and hospitality, imagine if Elijah or she had not trusted their Father God.

How do you steward the provisions God

has given you, do you trust Him for what you need, or do you think you live your life completely self-sufficient? I leave you with just one final question – what happens when circumstances arise and you reach the end of your natural provisions?

¹⁵ She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.”

Lent Services

Each Wednesday night during Lent, we will be taking a closer look at the 10 Commandments. These services will be an opportunity to take time out midweek in an informal service as we journey with Jesus to the cross.

Wednesday 6th March

7.30pm - St. Mary's Errigal Portclare

Wednesday 13th March

7.30pm - St. Mark's Newtownsaville

Wednesday 20th March

7.30pm - St. Mark's Augher

Good Friday 29th March

7.30pm - St. Macartan's Cathedral

Easter Sunday 31st March

10am St. Mark's Augher and at 11.30am St. Macartan's Cathedral. Please note these are the only services in the group on this Sunday.

Mothers' Union are Celebrating 120th Anniversary

This April, St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher Mothers' Union Branch will be celebrating their 120th Anniversary. Our



The standard for Clogher Mothers' Union.

branch was the third to be formed in Clogher Diocese. There will be a special Anniversary Service in St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher on Sunday 14th April at 3.30pm and everyone is invited, you do not have to be a member of a Mothers' Union branch to come along, however, it would be great to see as many branches represented as possible. Murley Silver Band will lead our hymns and the RUC Women's Choir will be singing and the Mothers' Union All Ireland President Mrs June Butler MBE will also be joining us. Afternoon tea will be provided in the Cathedral Hall following the service. Please come along and help us fill our beautiful Cathedral with praise and thanksgiving.



St. Macartan's Cathedral which is to host a 120th anniversary service for Clogher Mothers' Union.



At the baptismal service for the Wylie family in St. Mark's Augher.

St. Mark's Newtownsaville Coffee Morning

St. Mark's Newtownsaville will be holding a coffee morning in Eskra Community Hall on Saturday 20th April 2024. Please put the date in your diary, more details will be included next month, please also keep an eye on their Facebook page.

Knit, Stitch & Natter Dates

Thursday 14th & 28th March 10.30am – 12noon

Thursday 11th & 25th April 10.30am – 12noon

Mothers' Union

The members of the Mothers' Union held their annual service of Holy Communion and enrolment on Wednesday 17th January in St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher. Rev. Olie our Rector conducted the service and enrolled Mrs Linda Blackledge as a new member. We welcomed Linda into our branch. Rev. Olie preached an excellent sermon based on the Mothers' Union theme 'Transformation Now.' Mrs Diane Simpson was the organist for the service. A short meeting followed the service to inform members about future events, correspondence and to adopt the previous minutes. Hilary and Joyce provided the supper. Mrs Lynn Winslow wished everyone a safe journey home and the meeting was closed with the Grace.

Baptism

Miss Maddison Grace Wylie, infant daughter of Grace and Craig, St. Mark's Augher, 4th February 2024.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

3rd March

Clones 10.00am: Holy Communion
Newbliss 11.30am: Holy Communion

10th March

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

17th March

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

24th March

Currin 11.00am: Joint Group Palm Sunday
Worship

29th March

Killeevan 8.00pm: Joint Group Service of
Reflection for Good Friday

31st March

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

4th April

Clones 7.00pm: St Tighernach's Day
Ecumenical Celebration (organised by the
Clones Community Forum)

7th April

Newbliss 11.00am: Joint Group Worship for
The Second Sunday of Easter

Condolences

We offer our sincere condolences to David Johnson as well as to all the family and friends of Derek Johnson, whose funeral was held in Clones Church on 18 January 2024.

We also extend our sympathy to the Walsh family on the passing of Noble Hetherington, the dearly beloved husband of Margaret who came from Scotshouse.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union held their latest meeting on Thursday 22 February, when members were invited to come along with their children and grandchildren to be shown how to crochet. As ever, a thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all present – and the meeting was rounded off by tea, cakes, and lots of convivial conversation.



The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place on Thursday 21 March, when Helen Ritchie will give a talk on the topic of "Motherhood". Helen is a former parishioner of Killeevan Parish, and we have no doubt she will give a fascinating presentation. Members old and new are all very welcome.

Easter Vestry Meetings

We have recently revised our lists of General Vestry members, and Easter Vestry meetings will now take place across the Group in March and April. These will be advertised in the usual way in church as well as on our WhatsApp forum, and we hope that as many parishioners as possible will be able to attend.

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Services

MARCH

3rd - Holy Communion 11.30am

10th - Family Service 11.30am

17th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

24th - Palm Sunday 11.30am



The Bowling Club at their meal out in the Durlush.

28th - Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
8.00pm

29th - Good Friday 8.00pm

31st - Easter Holy Communion 11.30am

APRIL

7th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

14th - Family Service 11.30am

21st - Morning Prayer 11.30am

28th - Morning Prayer 11.30am

Mere words, without sincerity are just
that merely words that manipulate and



Attending the evening on "Theology and Suicide."

give a false sense of security and hope. The misguided understanding of what true reconciliation is from a biblical perspective, is to the detriment of us all. The supposed blending of good and evil without acknowledgement of wrongdoing, remorse, and repentance, is nothing more than a fictitious approach that builds on a sandy foundation. It would do well, if all from state, civic, church, and wider society, as Easter approaches, focus attention on the passion narrative. To give careful thought to how Christ as He hung on the cross, dealt with the thieves on either side, the repentant and the unrepentant. God does not condone sin, nor does he turn a blind eye to wickedness and evil. While both exist, there will come the great separation, there is no blending of both. The day approaches when He will come again to execute His righteous judgment. (2 Corinthians 5: 10) What account will state, civic, church, and wider society give before God their creator, redeemer, and

judge, as they bear in mind that He knows all things. (Romans 2: 1ff)

Theology in Suicide

As a parish we hosted the first of three evenings of a rural deanery initiative, on the Theology of Suicide, Self-Care, and Life after lockdown. At what was a well-attended evening focused on the biblical passages, the bible's approach, societies approach and on how we relate to others. The course was delivered by Revd Charlie Eames, with input from others and our thanks to those who provided a cup of tea during the interval.

Bowling Club

The members held their indoor club games, singles, doubles, round robin prizegiving awards with a meal in the Dulrush Restaurant. Our thanks to the staff at Dulrush for an enjoyable meal and to Isobel for making the arrangements. As these notes are being published, the league matches will be over, and the



winners of each of the groups will be known. To all who competed we offer our sincere thanks.

Women's Fellowship

The monthly meetings continue with members enjoying fellowship together, with Peter Booth the speaker in February. On 4th March at 8.00pm will be the 'Bring and Buy' sale, with guest speaker Sandra Irvine, of Drop Inn ministries. This is one of the highlights of the monthly meetings and affords opportunity for other groups to come along and share fellowship.

Young @ Heart

The club meets monthly and would encourage others 55 and over to come along and see for themselves. A few speakers with useful advice and with some other activities, is then usually followed with a lunch at a small cost. It provides a place for fellowship that helps to address the feelings of isolation and loneliness.

Please keep an eye on announcements for updates or changes.

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Public Worship

Sun 10th March

10.30am Derryvullen North (Informal Morning Prayer followed by refreshments)
11.45am Castle Archdale (Informal Morning Prayer)

Wed 13th March

11.00am Shoppers' Service and refreshments in Irvinestown Parish Centre
7.30pm Late Evening Office (Derryvullen North)

Sun 17th March

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer for St Patrick's Day)
11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer for St Patrick's Day)

Wed 20th March

7.30pm Late Evening Office (Derryvullen North)

Sun 24th March

10.15am Castle Archdale (Morning Prayer





The Junior BB members.



The Patterson family at the Baptism Service.

& blessing of the Palms)
11.30am Derryvullen North (Morning Prayer & blessing of the Palms)

Wed 27th March

7.30pm Late Evening Office (Derryvullen North)

Thur 28th March

7.30pm Holy Communion of the Last Supper (Castle Archdale)

Fri 29th March

7.30pm Good Friday Worship (Derryvullen North)

Sun 31st March

10.15am Castle Archdale (Holy Communion of Easter)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Holy Communion of Easter)

Sun 7th April

10.15am Castle Archdale (Holy Communion)

11.30am Derryvullen North (Holy Communion)

Parishes' Craft Group

Love in action - Twiddle Muffs: Members of our joint parishes Craft Group are at present making these and some are now available. They are knitted muffs with items attached to keep dementia patients' hands active and busy. They contain strands of textured ribbons, beads, and various fabrics attached. People with dementia often have restless hands and like to have something to keep their hands occupied. A twiddle muff provides a wonderful source of visual, tactile and sensory stimulation and keeps hands snug and warm at the same time. If any parishioner knows of a friend or neighbour who might benefit from one, please let me know. Thank you to the Craft Group for this kind and very thoughtful project for the local community.

Mothers' Union

The members held an Auction Evening for branch funds on Wednesday 24th Jan. Lorraine led the opening, Paula

Moore was the auctioneer and she was assisted by Violet Duncan and Sharon Duncan. The lovely supper was provided by Margaret and Pam. There was a short business meeting led by Lorraine and Violet to end off the evening.

<http://www.mothersunion.ie>

Several members of our Branch attended the Diocesan MU Service in Enniskillen Cathedral yesterday morning. This is part of an all-Ireland programme of holding a monthly Service in each diocese.

Bishop Ian presided at this service marking St Brigid's Day and was assisted by Dean Hall along with our Rector. Mr Glenn Moore and the Cathedral Choir led the hymns. Afterwards there was tea and coffee plus some delicious scones served in the side chapel.

On Friday 9th February, members of the Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale Mothers' Union met for a meal in the Tullana, Lisnarick, to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Branch. We were joined by Mrs Heather Ellis (MU Diocesan President) and her husband, Bishop Ian Ellis. Lorraine (Branch Leader) welcomed everyone and Canon Betty said Grace. The meal was wonderful and we wish to thank Karen and Raymond and their

team for the lovely evening. After the meal, Long Service certificates were presented by Heather, who also reflected on the story of the MU in Clogher and congratulated the members for their anniversary. A presentation was made by Paula to Heather to thank her for coming and to mark the anniversary. There were also a display of photos and other items loaned by Canon Betty and Eileen along with a photo given to the Branch by the late Dr Margaret. In the photo accompanying these notes, you will see Mrs Margaret Beacom looking at some of the displayed albums and the picture she is looking at is of a past MU Diocesan President and current parishioner of Castle Archdale and a Branch Member, Mrs Valerie Stewart.

<http://www.mothersunion.ie>

<https://www.tullana.co.uk>

Boys' Brigade

Congratulations to our BB Junior Section boys, who on Saturday 3rd February, travelled to Randalstown for the NI Dodgeball finals. They reached this stage by winning the West Ulster Battalion Heats. They reached the semifinals of this final round on Saturday but just



Paula Moore who acted as auctioneer at the Mothers' Union auction.



Margaret Beacom looking through the album.

narrowly missed reaching the final. Well done to all the boys and huge thanks to Shane and his team for coaching and to everyone who helped with the driving on the day. You'd never guess where they stopped off on the way home – a certain well known fast food chain!

Bowling Club

Several of our members took part in the Colebrooke Fun Pairs Bowling Tournament held on Wednesday 24th January. Great success went to our members Laura and Darren who came first in the Tournament! Well done to them. Our club meets each Tuesday evening in Derryvullen North Parish Hall, Irvinestown. New bowlers are always welcome and the evenings are full of sport and friendship.

Baptism at Castle Archdale

At Morning Prayer on Sunday 28th January in St Patrick's Church, Castle Archdale, we had the Baptism of little Molly and welcomed her into the family of God. She was joined by Mum and Dad along with her big sister Amber and other family members and friends. All the children in the congregation gathered round to see it and be part of the celebration. The Rector was assisted in the Service by Kendal, a member of the Sunday School, and he was very grateful to her.

CMSI Church Mission Society Ireland

On Sunday 14th January we were joined by the Rev Andrew and Mrs Joanne Quill, formerly of Dromore Parish, who are commencing ministry in South Sudan

as Mission Partners with CMS (Church Mission Society). Together our parishes gave about £1700.00 to CMSI to support their ministry.

“Andrew and Joanne will be relocating to South Sudan in 2024 to partner with Bishop Wilson Kamani and his staff team in holistic discipleship and ministry in Ibba. The vision of Ibba. Diocese is to facilitate peace building and reconciliation, engage in evangelism and prayer, as well as promoting sustainable community development – a vision which the Quills share. Using their skills in pastoral ministry and counselling, Joanne and Andrew will support CMSI's partners in Ibba Diocese as God's kingdom work continues in South Sudan.” From CMSI online

Book Nook

This continues on the last Saturday of each month in the Parish Centre, Irvinestown. Folk may drop in, browse the books, have a free coffee, listen to the music or have a chat. In recent months we have had about 20 or more people call in each time and we thank all the volunteers, kindly organised by Ethel Johnston, for their support in running these sessions. Of course people are free to borrow a book at any time the Centre is open on any day of the week.

Sunday Schools

We are very blessed to have a great group of dedicated children's ministry leaders in both Castle Archdale and Derryvullen North. We have about 10 children at Castle Archdale and 45



children at Derryvullen North. More children are always welcome at our Sunday Schools in Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale. If any parents would like to know more about how to get their children involved please get in touch with the Rector or one of the Leaders.

From the registers

HOLY BAPTISM

Molly Ann Patterson (Castle Archdale)
28th January 2024

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Rita Irvine (Derryvullen North) 20th
January 2024
Geoffrey Armstrong (Castle Archdale)

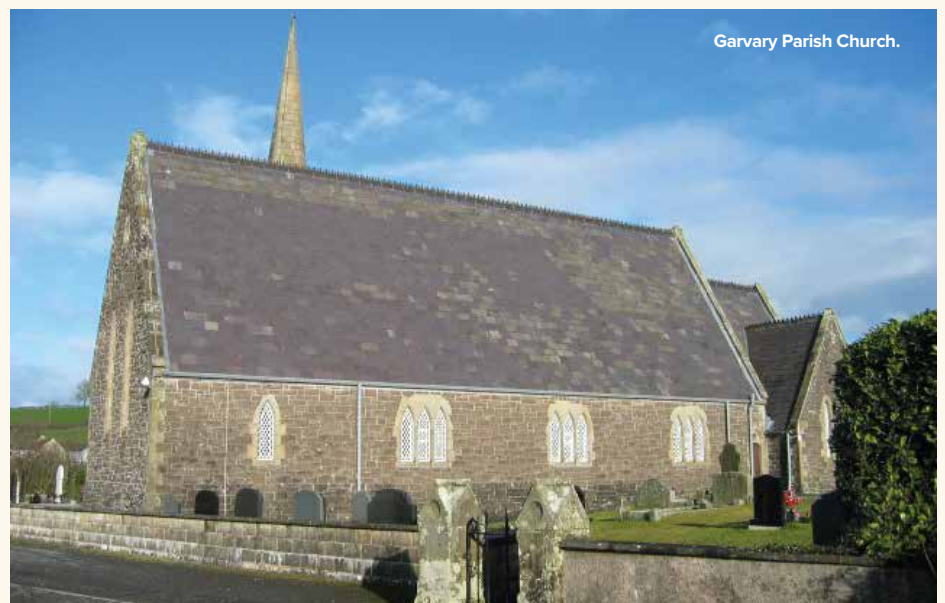
Derryvullen South and Garvary

Vacant:

Administrative Charge: **Rural Dean Revd William Jeffrey**

Service Cover as per Diocesan Rota
General Pastoral Care: **Revd Maureen Desborough**

Emergency Pastoral Care, Funerals and
weddings: **Dean Raymond Ferguson**
Baptisms: **Revd Maureen Desborough or
Dean Raymond Ferguson.**



Garvary Parish Church.

Services for March

Sunday, 3 March 2024

10.30am Morning Prayer, Garvary

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

Sunday, 10 March 2024

10.30am Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Garvary

Sunday, 17th March 2024

10.30am Morning Prayer, Garvary

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

Sunday, 24 March 2024

10.30am Morning Prayer, Derryvullen South

12 Noon Morning Prayer, Garvary

Friday, 29 March 2024

Good Friday 7.30pm Evening Prayer,
Garvary

Sunday, 31 March 2024

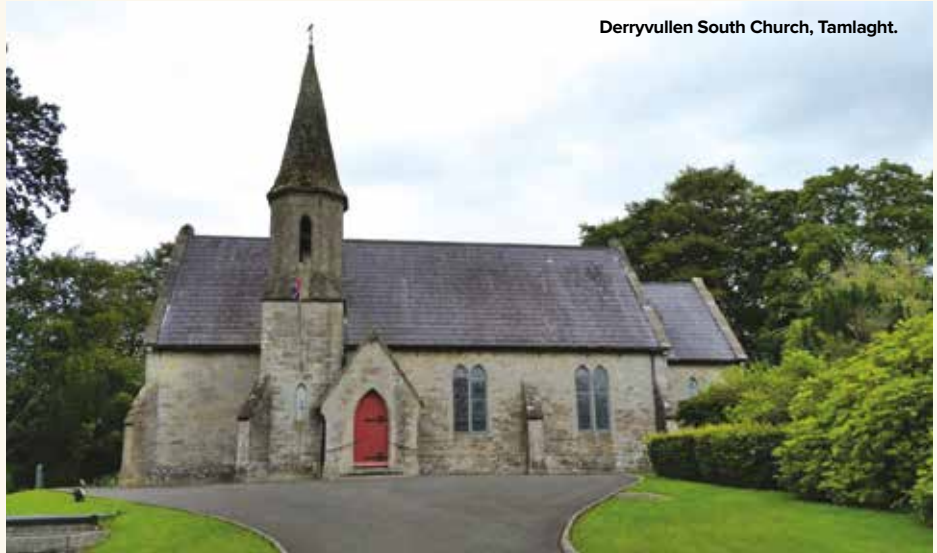
Easter Sunday: Service of Holy Communion

Lenten Services

These are held on alternate Wednesday evenings in Derryvullen South and Garvary at 7.30pm. Holy Communion.

Bequests

The sum of £2000 has been received from



Derryvullen South Church, Tamlaght.

the estate of the late Winifred Alice Irvine plus £2000 in donations in lieu of flowers. The money received will be used to pay for various items and projects in the church. These will all be dedicated at a later date. The sum of £3000 has been received from

the estate of the late Walter Beacom.

Prayers

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

Devenish & Boho



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Services

Sunday 3rd March 2024

10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 10th March 2024

10.00 am Mother's Day Service Boho Parish Church

11.30am Mother's Day Service Devenish Parish Church

St Patrick's Day, Sunday 17th March 2024

10.00 am Morning Prayer Boho Parish Church

11.30am Morning Prayer Devenish Parish Church

Palm Sunday 24th March 2024

10.00am Holy Communion, Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion Devenish Parish Church

Holy Week Services

8.00pm Monday 25th March Devenish Parish Church

8.00pm Maundy Thursday 28th March Boho Parish Church

8.00pm Good Friday 29th March Devenish Parish Church

Easter Sunday 31st March 2024

10.00 am Holy Communion Boho Parish Church

11.30am Holy Communion Devenish Parish Church

Lenten Services

Lenten Services will alternate between Devenish and Boho beginning at 8.00pm, every Wednesday evening. We would encourage everyone to take part in this year's Lenten Services

Mothers' Union

Twenty-three members and friends enjoyed a lovely meal and fellowship in the Horseshoe & Saddlers Restaurant on Wednesday, 7 February.

World Day of Prayer will be held in Inishmacsaint Parish Church on Friday 1st March at 8 pm and members are invited to attend this service.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 14 March at 8 pm. We look forward to



1st Monea Girl Guide Leaders; Leeann Muldoon, Catherine Irwin and Norma Ferguson.

hearing Catherine Scott, Enniskillen Castle Museums, give an account of stories that shaped the Workhouse's history from its opening in 1845 to its closure in 1948. Anyone who would like to hear Catherine speak on this topic will be most welcome.

Girl Guides

1st Monea Girl Guides have recommenced in the Reade Hall, Monea.

We ran four taster evenings over February to give girls an opportunity to come along and see what guides are about, we are delighted that 15 girls attended.

Guides and Ranger guides is open to girls aged 10 to 18 years; all faiths are welcome. Guides is on a Friday evening 7pm-8pm in the Reade Hall, Monea. New members welcome, contact Norma for more information 07895750448.

Donagh & Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Divine Service

Sunday 3rd March – The Third Sunday of Lent

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

12noon St Sillian's, Tyholland – A Celebration of The Holy Communion (Order 1) with Hymns and Sermon

Sunday 10th March – The Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – Morning Prayer (Order 1) with Sung

Canticles, Hymns, Sermon and Sunday School

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

Sunday 17th March – The Fifth Sunday of Lent – St Patrick's Day

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – A Festival Eucharist for St Patrick's Day with Sung Gloria, Hymns, Sermon and Sunday School

12noon St Sillian's, Tyholland – A Celebration of The Holy Communion (Order 1) with Hymns and Sermon

Monday 18th March – 11am at St Salvator's - St Patrick's Day Community Pilgrimage Walk.

Beginning with a short Prayer Service outside St Salvator's before walking to Glennan Presbyterian Church and St Mary's Catholic Church before lunch of soup and brown bread at the Parochial Hall in Glaslough Main Street.

Sunday 24th March – Palm Sunday

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – All Age Family Service of Morning Prayer for use on Sundays with Palm Procession, Dramatised Passion Gospel and Hymns for Palm Sunday and Passiontide.

12noon St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh – Morning Prayer (Order 1)

Thursday 28th March – Maundy Thursday

8pm St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh - A Liturgy of The Last Supper with The Watch

and Hymns

Friday 29th March – Good Friday

8pm St Salvator's – A Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with Passiontide Hymns.

Sunday 31st March – Easter Day

10.30am St Salvator's, Glaslough – The Easter Liturgy with Easter fire, Sung Gloria, Easter Hymns, Sermon and Easter Egg Hunt

NB - There is no Service at noon today.

Sunday 7th April – The Second Sunday of Easter

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

12noon St Sillian's, Tyholland – A Celebration of The Holy Communion (Order 1) with Hymns and Sermon

Epiphany

On Sunday 7th January we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany with children from the Sunday School Presenting the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The Blessing of the Ploughs (Tractor Sunday)

Sunday 28th January was 'Bring Your Tractor to Church' Sunday as we took time to be mindful of our responsibilities towards caring for the whole of God's creation, giving thanks to God for the beauty of our natural world and recognizing how we have failed to care for creation and share the bounty of creation with all people. At the beginning of the traditional agricultural year we blessed the ploughing, tractors and seeds ahead of the planting and growing season that comes with the beginning of spring. Thank you to everyone who brought along their tractor, plough and seed for a



At the Blessing of the Plough Sunday.



A celebration to mark Ethne McCord's birthday.



blessing and a special thank you to Barry and Cathy McKenna who came bearing gifts of blue baseball caps and beanies for the children...what well known brand of tractor comes in any colour as long as it's blue? Answers on a postcard available from your nearest New Holland dealer.

The Donagh Community Choir attempts the impossible

We all recognize the phrase "like trying to herd cats!" It is an acknowledgement that some tasks are impossible and that any and all attempts to succeed shall prove futile. Under the phrasebook entry for "like trying to herd cats" you will find the example: "Trying to throw a surprise party for Ethne McCord."

The members of the Donagh Community Choir's great capacity for deception, dissembling and general sneakiness was revealed on Sunday 4th February when they attempted the seemingly impossible: throwing a surprise belated birthday party (50th if you are wondering...ahem) for their Musical Director, Ethne McCord. Naively we initially thought that all we needed to do was to ensure that Ethne was kept away from the venue of the party until 4pm. So, Revd Tim was tasked by Operational Commander Diane Wright-Kendrick with taking Ethne out for a nice lunch. However, knowing Ethne and her tendency towards constant benevolent

activity, we should have realised that it would never be as simple as that...and, so it proved when Ethne informed Revd Tim of her intention to visit her aunt before going on to see the newest member of her extended family immediately after lunch!

Preparations were thrown into chaos and Operational Commander Diane Wright-Kendrick realised that we needed to up our game and she promptly called a council of war with second in command

of operations, Rear Admiral Ron Kendrick and operational assistant, Adjutant Air Marshall Alexandra Wright-Kendrick who determined that the only way to neutralise the risk of cousin Ethne's family visiting was to go for Ethne's weak spot: Jamie Duffy (local musical superstar in the making and long standing musical collaborator with Donagh Community Choir). A little white lie was told to the effect that RTE were interviewing Jamie at 4pm about his musical career and Spotify

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success and that they would like to speak to Ethne about Jamie's involvement with the community choir. How could Ethne possibly let down Jamie? Ethne was snared, the visits were cancelled, the surprise was kept, and a wonderful evening was had by all.

Thank you to: Diane and Ron for their wonderful hospitality, their team of bakers, makers and servers and to the members of the Donagh Community Junior and Senior Choirs for making the party such a success...and to our photographer Helen Irwin. It just goes to show that sometimes you can herd cats...you just have to be very, very clever about it, and more than a wee bit sneaky...and with regards to the little white lies etc, fortunately Lent was just around the corner.

The Mothers' Union

Unfortunately illness prevented the annual MU dinner from going ahead in January and the talk in Aughnacloy on "The History of Bacon" was cancelled due to the unexpected arrival of snow. But the ladies of Donagh MU are a hardy bunch and Dorothy Keith is working on a rescheduled date for the dinner and we shall report on talk on The History of Bacon (a topic very dear to my own heart, especially the hickory smoke innovation) in the next issue.

Billis National School

Unfortunately Revd Tim missed some assemblies in January but in February the pupils of the Senior Room presented the story of Zachaeus based on some research they had been doing as part of their Postal Bible Study Course. Mrs Ellis was shocked (SHOCKED!) to discover that only one of the pupils knew the song "Zachaeus was a very little man". Needless to say, Mrs Ellis lost little time in plugging this cavernous gulf in the childrens' cultural and musical knowledge. The children now not only know the song but can all sing it beautifully as evidenced by Revd Tim.

On Candlemas, 2nd February, Revd Tim told the children the story of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple and about how Simeon recognized Jesus as the light of the world for all people. As we celebrate the revelation of Christ as the light of all people at the beginning of Spring, the children sang a song welcoming the new light and hope that comes with spring and Easter.

Condolences

A number of our parishioners have been bereaved since the turn of the year and we extend our sympathies and condolences to them at this time.



The gifts being presented at the Epiphany.

To Emma Kendrick and her family on the recent death of her youngest sister Edith Gillespie. To Maurice Fielding on the recent death of his brother Aubrey Fielding. To Jim Keith following the death of his niece's husband, Trevor Clancy. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Dromore

Vacant

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'Will the real Jesus please stand up?'

Have you seen the poster depicting three men, each representing a different version of Jesus? The first looks like an uncouth mountain man, the second is tanned and athletic, the third is a slight, meek-mannered character. The caption underneath says 'Will the real Jesus please stand up?' In John 13, the real Jesus stands up. He tells us what He is all about – and it's love! In the upper room Jesus recognised that His time was short. The cross was looming, Judas was about to betray Him, and He had to prepare



His disciples to continue without Him. It's like asking a minister 'If you had one last sermon, what would it be?' Or asking a teacher 'What great truth would you most like to convey to your students?' Or asking parents, 'If you could tell your kids only one thing, what would it be?' Jesus spells it out: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have

love for one another' (v 34-35 NRSV). Like a last will and testament, Jesus' final message is important not only because of its content but because of its tone and timing. It sums up His life and our responsibility to God and to others – to love them! Now since love isn't what you say but what you do – today go out and find practical ways to express God's love to those you meet. They will feel good, and you will too.

'By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another'

John 13:35 NIV

(UCB 'Word for Today')

Social Events

We look forward to Seven Towers Male Voice Choir from Ballymena performing at a concert on Saturday 6 April at 8.00pm in Holy Trinity Church, a special event not to be missed!

Christian Burial

27th January – Nigel Deazley, Tiermacspird Road, Lack, Co Fermanagh. We extend our deepest sympathy to Nigel's sister Amanda (Foster) and all the Deazley family circle at this time of loss.

Services 3rd – 31st March

3rd March

11.00am - Family Service (Karl Saunders)

10th March

11.00am - Morning Service (Karl Saunders)

17th March

11.00am - Holy Communion Service

(Canon Eric McGirr)

24th March

11.00am - Morning Service (Harry

Anderson)

29th March

8.00pm - Good Friday Service (Bishop

Ian Ellis)

31st March

11.00am - Easter Sunday Holy Communion Celebration (Rev Colin Brownsmith)

Keeping up to date

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

- Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook
- Watch our Live Streamed Services <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitydromore/live/>
- Subscribe to our YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWj585CXlqOq6W6h7_2AiYg/
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- Get a recording of the service on CD every week.

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I am writing these words with my mind firmly on Ash Wednesday which is just two days away as well as on the Season of Lent.

As I think about Lent, I always consider the penitential aspect of this season as well as the requirement to make some form of sacrifice over Lent which can help focus our thoughts as we share to a small degree in the suffering that Jesus experienced.

I wonder how many people who read these words view Lent in this way.

I hope that some do but I suspect that the majority of people view Lent in the same way that they view Advent – as the days that lead us to a time of celebration whether that is Christmas (Advent) or Easter (Lent).

If our church is to flourish I believe that we need to rediscover what it is that we believe and what it is that makes us different. A good place to start would be to read the Articles of Religion hidden as

they are towards the back of our prayer book and unknown to many of those in our congregations and perhaps even to some of our clergy.

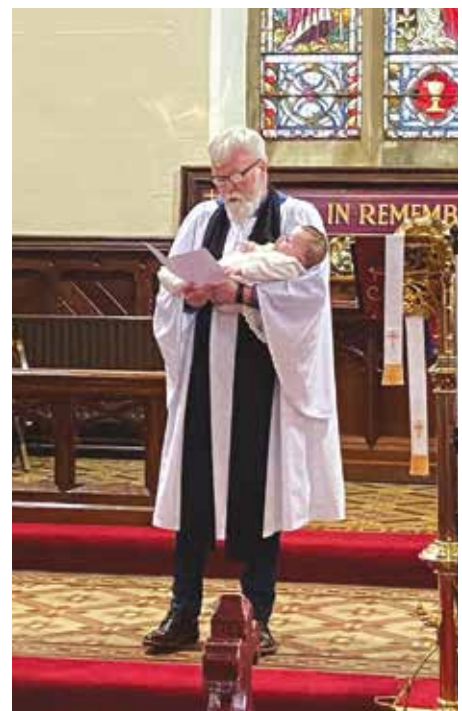
If we can be once again a church that truly believes what these articles say then we can be a church that could grow and flourish in the future.

Of course the Articles of Religion alone will not be enough but going back to basics is often a good place to start. Over the past few weeks I have touched on ministry and the church in my sermons and as I have done so I have tried to show the challenges that face those in ministry and by extension the church today with the ever increasing levels of red tape and bureaucracy that takes up increasing amounts of our time.

I think if this is ever to change those in leadership need to start challenging the status quo rather than simply suggesting that this is the way it is and what can we do about it.

The rest of us have a role to play as well and that goes right down to the members of our congregations. Again this is something that I have sought to highlight over recent weeks and I want to share some of my thoughts with a wider audience through the diocesan magazine. How do we view the church?

We might very well see the church as being like a bus with the minister driving while everyone else sits back and let them do all the work. I do not want to seem critical in saying this as there are many people who work within the church in various ways but often when it comes down to it the rector (or whoever is looking after a parish) is the one that people look to make the decisions. It is also fair to say that many people do not play any part in the life of the church apart



Revd Charles leading the baptism service for the Stevenson family.

from attending services on occasion.

I fully accept that those in leadership are called to lead but sometimes it is good for others to share the load.

I think that a better illustration than a bus would be that of a lifeboat. There are no passengers on a lifeboat and no one is there simply for the ride.

Everyone has a part to play, which will benefit everyone on the boat. One person drives the boat, another plots the course, someone else will operate the radio and so on.

Ultimately working together they strive to save lives.

Each crew member brings their own skills to the crew but they are all dependent on



At the evening out for the Women Together group.

each other. If everyone could drive the boat but no one could give first aid where would they be. We all realise the answer to that question.

A lifeboat is made for one purpose which is to go out to sea or locally onto Lough Erne to save people. While it looks lovely when moored up it is not fulfilling its task, which is to save lives.

We might very well ask a question. What has this got to do with church?

The answer is simply that a lifeboat crew all have gifts and skills which contribute to the overall work of the lifeboat and if everyone works together then it is more likely that lives will be saved.

The same is true for the church as we all have individual gifts, some of which may not seem very important.

What is important is for us to use these talents within our church so that we can hope to see growth within our churches and just as a lifeboat crew saves lives so should any church.

Our church is made up of different people who should be united in Jesus Christ. We all have different gifts which all matter and it is only when all these gifts are used that like the lifeboat we can enter stormy

waters and save those who are lost. That is after all what the church is called to do, to go into the world to save lost souls. I think we have lost sight of that to some degree today.

Women Together

Our ladies group continue to meet regularly and we enjoyed a lovely meal on Monday 22 January at Mahon's Hotel, Irvinestown. Our thanks to Joe and his staff for their attention and service and for facilitating us at relatively short notice. We marked Burn's Night and enjoyed the time together, the conversation, the fellowship and the fun as well as the food of course.

When you read these words the group will have had their next meeting which I will report on next month. I have included some photos from our meal in January.

Parish Register

We welcomed a new member into the congregation at Tubrid on 3 February 2024 when we celebrated the baptism of Lily Beth Stevenson, daughter of David and Rebecca.

It was great to mark this event with their

families and friends and we offer our congratulations to David and Rebecca and to the wider family circle on the latest addition to the Stevenson and Mahon families.

Diary

Sunday 3 March

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne, 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 10 March

Holy Communion 10.00 Muckcross, 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 17 March

Morning Prayer with Baptism 10.00 Templecarne, Morning Prayer 11.30 Tubrid

Sunday 24 March Palm Sunday

Morning Prayer 10.00 Muckcross, 11.30 Tubrid

Maundy Thursday 28 March

Muckcross 8pm

Good Friday 29 March

Tubrid 8pm

Easter Sunday

Holy Communion 10.00 Templecarne, 11.30 Tubrid

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum

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

Revd Tim Irvine chairs the Select Vestry meetings.

Aughnamullen

A special service will DV be held on Sunday 28th April 2024 at 3pm in Christ Church Aughnamullen to mark the 50th Anniversary in memory of the Late TD and Senator Billy Fox. This will be a cross community event and all are welcome.

Best wishes

We continue to remember those who have been unwell lately and wish them a speedy recovery.

90th Birthday

After morning service in Aughnamullen church on Sunday 11th February the congregation, friends and neighbours of George Montgomery had a reception in the school house to mark George's upcoming 90th birthday.

Aghabog

St Patrick's

A party night with musical items, supper etc. for the Ematris Group of Parishes and friends will be held in Aghabog Parish Hall on Friday 15th March at 8pm. All are welcome.

We wish those who have been unwell recently a speedy recovery.

Condolence

Our deepest sympathy to David and Ruth Norris and family on the death of Ruth's brother-in-law Hunter McKeown, Newry and also to others who have recently been bereaved.

Mothers' Union

Our Mothers' Union Visitors night will be held in Aghabog Hall on Thursday 21st

March at 8pm when our guest speaker will be Siobhan Mc Kenna, Tearmann Monaghan. Everyone welcome.

Dartrey and Rockcorry

New Baby

We were all delighted to learn of the safe arrival of a baby boy called Odhrán to Graham and Fiona Carleton- a brother for Isabelle and another welcome grandchild for Stephen and Carol. Good health and happiness to all.

Best Wishes

We extend our good wishes to all who have been feeling below par post Christmas and wish them a speedy return to good health, hopefully the advent of Spring weather will give a boost to one and all. Tommy Wilkin has been very much

in our thoughts and prayers following successful hip surgery and we look forward to seeing him out and about again in the near future.

Magazine subscriptions

Magazine subscriptions for 2024 are now due and should be paid to Carol Carleton.

Rockcorry N.S.

The boys and girls in Rockcorry N.S. have been very active this school term. We have been taking part in swimming lessons in Coral Leisure in Monaghan, had a tennis workshop in the school and also have GAA every week in the school. Also a big well done to our under 10s and under 12s table tennis players. Both teams came in 3rd place in the Ulster Table Tennis Competition.



George Montgomery celebrating his 90th birthday.

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March Services

Sunday 3rd March – The Third Sunday in Lent

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Confirmation and Holy Communion

Wednesday 6th March

7.30pm– Service of Compline

Thursday 7th March

11.00am – Holy Communion



On the first Sunday with the new Curate, Revd Edwin Aiken on 4 February were (from left: Arnold Graham, People's Churchwarden; Revd Colin Brownsmith, Staff Assistant; Adele Moore, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant (DPA) and Parish Reader; Dean Kenneth Hall, Revd Edwin Aiken and Vanessa Elliott, Rector's Churchwarden.

Sunday 10th March – The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Mothering Sunday Service - Morning Prayer

Wednesday 13th March

7.30pm– Service of Compline

Thursday 14th March

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 17th March – The Fifth Sunday in Lent

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 20th March

7.30pm– Service of Compline

Thursday 21st March

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 24th March – The Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Palm Sunday Procession and Family Service

Holy Week Monday

7.30pm– Service of Compline

Holy Week Tuesday

7.30pm– Service of Compline

Holy Week - Wednesday

7.30pm Service of Compline

Holy Week – Maundy Thursday

11.00am – Holy Communion followed by a cup of tea/coffee

7.30pm - Holy Communion

Holy Week – Good Friday

7.30pm – Service of Meditation



The reading of the Declarations for the new Curate.

Sunday 31st April – Easter Day – The First Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion (Traditional Form)
 11.00am – Holy Communion

Holy Week – Visitors welcome!

Some churches throughout the Diocese may not have services every night during Holy Week and if that is the case you are very welcome to come and visit St Macartin’s Cathedral any night at 7.30pm.

Holy Baptism

3rd February - Georgie Grace Skuce
 4th February - Olly Alan West
 10th February - Evie Breege Wilson
 11th February - Evie Sadie Elliott

Christian Burial

26th January - Samuel (Sam) John Magwood,
 Monree Hill, Donaghcloney.

New Curate

The reading of the Declarations took place with Bishop Ian Ellis for the new Curate, Revd Edwin Aiken. His first Sunday was 4 February.

Cathedral Hall Heather Beds

Remarks have been passed on how well our heather beds, at the front of the Cathedral Hall, look. This is all thanks to Mr Jim Clarke, who gives his time and gardening talent freely, to keep it looking in peak condition.

London Film Music Orchestra

On Tuesday 13th February evening, the London Film Music Orchestra performed ‘The Best of Hans Zimmer and Film Favourites’ in the Cathedral. The orchestra is made up of 18 musicians. There were two shows, both playing to a full Cathedral. It was a wonderful night of music and a joy to witness.

Mothering Sunday

– Sunday 10th March – Family Service at 11.00am



Mothering Sunday, what are its origins in the Church?

Each year on the fourth Sunday of Lent, countries around the world celebrate Mothering Sunday. This typically involves lavishing Mums with gifts and attention and celebrating the women who have nurtured us throughout our lives. But with the day becoming increasingly commercialised, how many people are aware of its very different origins? Here are some of the traditions that have shaped Mothering Sunday into the celebration recognised today:



The heather beds at the front of the Cathedral Hall.

The Journey to the Mother Church

In the 16th century, Mothering Sunday was less about mothers and more about church. Back then, people would make a journey to their ‘mother’ church once a year. This might have been their home church, their nearest cathedral or a major parish church in a bigger town. The service which took place at the ‘mother’ church symbolised the coming together of families. This would have represented a significant journey for many.

A day off to visit Mother

Another tradition was to allow those working in the fields on wealthy farms and estates in England to have the day off on the fourth Sunday of Lent to visit their mothers and possibly go to church too. This was a variation on the theme of visiting the 'mother' church and was a move towards a more family focussed occasion. Before the days of cars and roads, family get-togethers were rare, (and facetime was still a long way off). In some ways this tradition is still alive today as grown up children often visit their parents on mothering Sunday.



Scenes from the visit of the London Film Music Orchestra.



Traditions today

This Sunday, churches around the country will be sharing their own traditions, celebrating and giving thanks to the huge impact mothers have on each of our lives. The main service on Mothering Sunday in churches across the country is central to the life of the church. The church recognises that the day may be difficult for some people and so it is commonplace for services to include prayers for those who don't find the day particularly easy. Families across the country will be preparing little presents and cards and in some churches flowers are blessed and handed out during the main service. St Macartin's Cathedral We now have a tradition of handing out a small plant to all the females present on the day – so please come and worship as a family!



Messy Church

Messy Church is open to all children of Primary School age or younger and their parents and guardians. Even if you aren't a member of the Cathedral, you are very welcome to join us at any of the sessions. To ensure there are enough resources, and food for participants, you must contact Gwyneth Blair by email at gwyneth.blair@gmail.com or 07753522324 as soon as possible. Participants must complete a registration form. The next Messy Church will be held on Thursday 19th March from 4.00-6.00pm.

Sunday Lights and Café

Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-4, and Sunday Café welcomes children in P5-Year 8. We use interactive and creative forms of learning to help the children learn about the Christian faith (telling Bible stories, songs, discussion, games, and crafts). We are grateful to the leaders who make Sunday Lights and Café not only possible, but so enjoyable for our children! The children leave during the 11.00am service after the singing of a family hymn for their own activities and attend and take part in monthly Family Services. The children will leave church at 11.20am for approximately 30/40 minutes. A parent or guardian needs to remain in church during this time.



At the Mothers' Union.

The next dates for Sunday Lights and Café are as follows: MARCH

3rd March: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities.

10th March: Family Service (Mothering Sunday) - children attend Church with their families at 11.00am.

17th March: Holiday.

24th March: Palm Sunday - Everyone please meet at the Cathedral Hall and follow the Palm Sunday procession to the Cathedral.

Parenting Wellness

The Parenting Wellness Group will meet on Saturday 9th March in St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 2pm. Jamie from Urban Motion will be there to lead a 90-minute Hip Hop Session and Team Building Games. Refreshments provided afterwards. Children aged 5- 13 and their parents are welcome to attend. For more information or to reserve a place, please contact Linda Kingston on 07342045474.



The Pilgrim Course (What is the Bible and how should we read it)

The course continues in the Hilliard Room, Cathedral Hall, on Tuesday's 5th and 19th March from 7.30pm – 9.00pm. A warm welcome awaits you, and refreshments will be served at each session. We look forward to journeying with you.

Mothers' Union

The Dean opened the February meeting on Monday 12th with prayer in the Enniskeene Room. Our guest speaker was Archdeacon Paul Thompson with a presentation and a talk about research into his DNA journey, with a difference tracing back 10,000 years and how he is connected to Icelandic, Nordic, Gaels and Scottish heritage. He showed us Stone Age kitchen utensils and how they may have been used. Archdeacon Paul has a great knowledge and passion for history and we all enjoyed an interesting and informative evening. Jenifer, branch leader, closed the meeting with the Mothers' Union prayer.

The next meeting is Visitor's Night on Monday 11th March in the Main Hall with Guest Speaker, Noelle McAlinden, former High Sheriff of County Fermanagh. Everyone welcome.

Tuesday Club

The Tuesday club commenced 2024 with an informal meeting. Dean Hall opened with prayer followed by group members displaying a variety of knitted articles, patterns were available to those who wished to practice their knitting skills. The meeting continued with a general knowledge quiz, well done Phyllis and William who came out tops. The afternoon concluded with a welcome cup of tea.



At the Tuesday Club.



The next meeting was on Tuesday 27th February when the name of the game was BOCCE, chair bowls and on 26th March when there will be a Celebration of Holy Communion in Holy week. New members are very welcome.

Home Holy Communions for Easter

Any housebound parishioners wishing to receive Holy Communion for Easter please contact the parish office (6632 2917). Those who received Holy Communion before Christmas will automatically be on the list and will be

contacted to arrange a suitable time.

Easter General Vestry

The Easter General Vestry is on Monday 18th March at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend but only registered Vestry Members are eligible to vote.

Prayer

*Almighty God,
you have made us members of Christ and of his Church
here in this Cathedral Parish of Enniskillen.
May we as congregation reach*

*upwards to your throne in worship and adoration;
inwards to one another in understanding and fellowship;
and outwards to the world in evangelism and social compassion.
Make this Cathedral Parish like a city set on a hill whose light cannot be hidden, so that men and women may find Christ as the light of the world, and his Church as the family of the redeemed,
and eternal life as the gift of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

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Healing Ministry

During 2023 the Prayer Ministry had another positive and successful year. Holy Communion was taken and Prayers were said every alternative month on the third Wednesday night in the church at 8pm.

In 2024 God willing prayers will continue to be said for all who request prayer and we look forward as a Prayer Ministry to learning how to be true and faithful servants of Almighty God. We continue to keep prayer and the church an important part of our daily lives.

In each church pew you will find a Prayer request card. All names remains on the list for three months. During sickness, anxiety and fear, prayer can be of great comfort when said in faith.

A Prayer for Comfort

Lord you love me and by your Grace have given me eternal comfort and a wonderful hope, comfort and strengthen me in every good thing I do and say. Amen

An Early Morning Prayer

I come before you O Lord. As the sun rises may your hope rise in me. As the birds sing may your love flow out of me. As the light floods into the new day may your joy shine through me. I come before you O Lord and drink in this moment of peace,



that I may carry something of your hope, love and joy today in my heart. Amen

Mothers' Union

At our opening service on 11th January 2023, we had three new members enrolled and two members joined us from other parishes. Heather Ellis, Diocesan President, presented 11 members long service certificates ranging from 30 years to 55 years and reminded us that this Branch is going for 93 years - a great achievement!

At our February meeting it was "Invite a Friend" evening encouraged by Mothers' Union. Our speaker Ruth Blair spoke on the importance of exercise for everyone – no matter what age. Ruth demonstrated

exercises that can be done safely with a chair and had everyone involved. We held a minutes' silence in memory of Dr Margaret Knox, Indoor Members Co-Ordinator.

Our March meeting commenced with Lenten Service in church followed by a fire drill in the parish Hall. The Treasurer collected missionary money.

In April, Andy Little spoke on his trip to Peru in 2016 along with other members of the Parish. With the aid of slides, it showed the dreadful poverty. People lived in wooden shacks in the mountain with no electricity or clean water.

At our visitors' night in May we welcomed Rev. Derek Kerr who spoke on royalty and his recent visit to the Coronation. Revd. Derek brought a wonderful display of memorabilia and told us he always had an interest in royalty since he was a child. He had great knowledge of history of the monarchy and told it with such humour.

On the 5 May we lost one of our Indoor Members, Doreen Moore. Doreen had been a member as far back as 1957.

Ten members travelled to Monaghan to attend the Festival Service in St Patrick's Church on Friday 19th May 2023 where the Treasurer presented the overseas money. Several members attended the Indoor Members Tea Party which was held in St John's Parish Church, Fintona on Wednesday 7th June 2023.

After the summer break, the speaker at the September meeting was Beth Montgomery from Asia Link. With the aid of slides Beth was based in outer Mongolia, where part of her role was to help workers on how to take action in a disaster.

Beth encouraged us to pray for them. Our Annual Coffee Morning and Cake Sale took place on Saturday 7th October 2023 raising over £1,000 for funds.

Patricia Curran from the Presbyterian Church was our speaker at the October meeting. During illness and tragedy within her family she felt God was always with her. The couple and their family moved to Belfast where her husband trained to be a Presbyterian Minister and after two parishes they later moved to Fivemiletown and really love it here.

Members attended the Mothers' Union Rise Up Breakfast in Maguiresbridge Parish Hall on Saturday 25th November 2023.

At our November meeting, 39 hampers were filled by members for the senior members of our parish. Three toiletry bags were prepared for nursing home, hospital and Indoor members. At our December meeting we enjoyed a beautiful festive supper prepared by the Committee. The

speaker for the evening was Helen Mills who made a lovely table arrangement. Helen described in great detail using fresh foliage, flowers and candles.

During the year we have had good attendance at our meetings and look forward to fun and fellowship in 2024.

Seniors Holy Communion and Lunch

On Wednesday 6th December 2023 50 parishioners and friends of the parish attended the Christmas seniors Holy Communion and lunch. Edfield Restaurant provided a delicious Christmas meal of turkey and ham with seasonal trimmings. Once again the ladies of the parish kindly donated the desserts of Christmas pudding and trifle. Mince pies and shortbread followed to accompany the tea and coffee.

Fivemiletown Primary School provided the entertainment singing Christmas carols. We meet up again on 6 March for our Easter Seniors Lunch.

Lent and Easter

Every Wednesday through Lent:

Morning Prayers 11am St John's

Evening Prayers 7.30pm St John's

Gospels Study 8.15pm Parish Hall

We are also looking forward to the parish choir and musicians partaking in Holy Week and Easter services, as well as our annual Good Friday Brunch for the children and young people.

Youth weekend

'Young people and leaders have just returned home from a Youth weekend in Castlewellan Castle Conference Centre. This is an annual event, and we return each year to the same venue, because the accommodation works so well for our group.

This year 14 young people in their teens, and seven youth leaders travelled by minibus on Friday evening to County Down. We were welcomed by the new centre manager Jonny who lives on site with his

young family.

After hearing about the site rules and boundaries, and receiving a supper, we settled in with some team games, before the introductory focus session.

This led on to an outdoor nightline where wellies were an essential, and even later evening games.

Saturday and Sunday were a mix of focus times, games, food, a challenge in Newcastle, a visit to Newry Laserquest, the Castlewellan Maze and team competitions.

Although competition was rife, a team of younger girls won the trophy.

We are indebted to Yvonne and Timmy for all of the preparation they put into organising the games.

However, the highlight of the weekend was the focus times.

At these we thought about what it means to pray, read the Bible and to worship God. The guest speakers were Elliott and Rosie Hanlon, and leaders agree that perhaps this was one of the best delivered, challenging and encouraging weekends we have had.

The worship was led by Patrick Hanlon and Rosie who led us in familiar worship songs and taught us some new ones.

It is very encouraging to see a weekend led by young adults who are sons of the parish, and who have both been committed members of Connect Youth group.

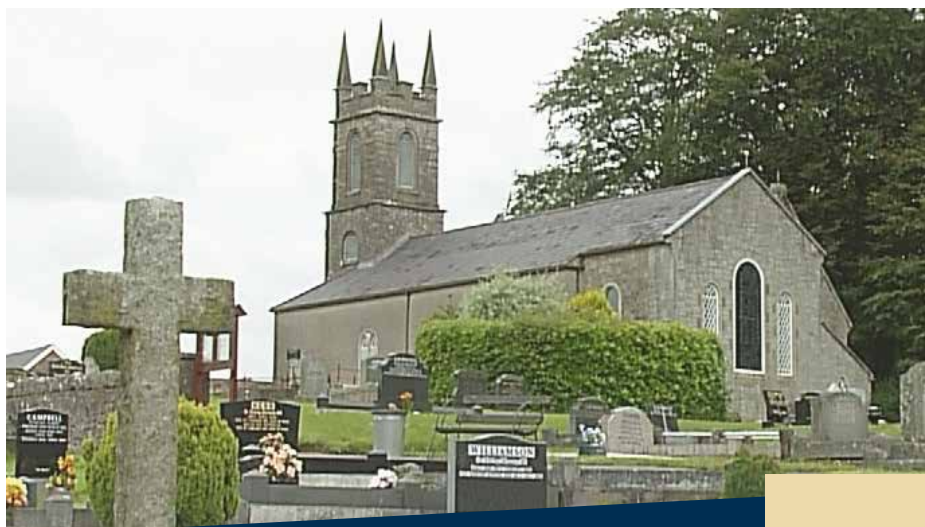
Another highlight was the panel question time when Andy, Timmy, Patrick and Julie shared their own experience of quiet times with God, and the resources they use.

Also may we say thank you to Brian and Julie, Yvonne, Patrick, Andy and Timmy for giving up their time to organise the weekend.

And to the Connect Youth Group and Select Vestry who very generously subsidise the weekend costs.

We hope that all the young people who attended and leaders were encouraged in their walk with God.

Precentor Hanlon.'



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The Devotion of Mary

Into Spring and thinking about Easter-time already. Doesn't time fly? Where have the last three months gone? Reflecting on this made me realise that nothing remains static; life moves on, everything changes, seasons come and go. There is really very few constants - the Love of God and His Word. As we approach Holy Week and the highlight of the Christian calendar, Easter Day, I am reminded once again of just how much God loves us, by sending his Son, the Lord Jesus, to suffer and die for us. The bible is full of stories of individuals. We encountered many individuals in the passion story, leading to Jesus' death and finally to his glorious resurrection. For me, I am in awe of Mary Magdalene.

Mary was a Jewish woman from the fishing town Magdala on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. Her name is

mentioned 12 times in the Gospels, more than most of the apostles. Mark and Luke recorded the healing of demons from Mary's life "Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out..." Luke 8:1-2.

Women in Jewish society did not typically carry important roles, which makes their involvement in Jesus' ministry more radical than normal for the time they lived in. In every stage of Jesus' steps on earth, He modelled love for all, even the least in society. Yet it is Mary Magdalene who, according to all the Evangelists, stood at the foot of the cross and assisted at the entombment and was the first recorded witness of the Resurrection.

"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" (John 20:1-2)

While the disciples were sleeping, Mary was not only awake but working. It was still dark when she went to the tomb. After the disciples had found the tomb empty and went home, it was Mary who stayed behind. She was the first and the last at the tomb of Jesus. That's devotion. She stood by Jesus through the most difficult of times and her devotion persisted even in his death. Remember that when Mary went to the tomb, she did not expect to meet Jesus. She expected to find a dead

body that needed to be prepared for burial. Mary acted out of devotion. In her devotion we also see an emotional Mary. Today, like Mary, if we will seek the crucified, risen, and ascended Saviour, He turns our sorrows into hope. We are faced with death today but thanks be to God that death is not the end of our story. Christ is risen from the dead and that gives us hope today that we who believe in Jesus- death is not our end. The news of Jesus' resurrection brought hope to people who were overwhelmed by despair and grief let His resurrection bring you hope today.

Services in March 2024

Friday 1st March: World Day of Prayer at 7.30pm in Galloon Parish Church. We look forward to welcoming people from: Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully as well as the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations. The theme this year is: "I beg you, bear with one another in love" and has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine.

Sunday 3rd March 2024 - The Third Sunday in Lent

9.00 am: Drummully Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion
10.30 am: Sallaghy Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion
12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 10th March 2024 - The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

9.00am: Drummully Parish Church: Family Service
10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Family Service
12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Family Service

Sunday 17th March 2024 - The Fifth Sunday in Lent

9.00am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer
10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer
12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 24th March 2024 - The Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

9.00am: Drummully Parish Church: Morning Prayer
10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Morning Prayer
12.00 noon: Galloon Parish Church: Morning Prayer

Sunday 31st March 2024 - Easter Day

10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Holy Communion (Group Service)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Thursday 28th March 2024 - Maundy Thursday





Keeping the scores were John Fleming and Andy Smith.

8pm: Galloon Parish Church: Holy Communion Service with the Methodist Congregation in attendance
Friday 29th March 2024 - Good Friday
 8pm: Drummully Parish Church: Service of Reflection.

Sunday 31st March 2024 - Easter Day
 10.30am: Sallaghy Parish Church: Holy Communion (Group Service)

Ash Wednesday Service

A Group Service of Reflection was held on Ash Wednesday in Sallaghy parish. Rev Lorraine said, "Let us approach Lent as treasure hunters, discovering what we truly value, where we actually spend our time and energy, and what occupies our thoughts and worries. Let us name our treasures, and find our hearts. She reminded us that our hearts follow and give themselves to what we treasure. When we name our treasures, we find ourselves, our very hearts. When we name our treasures, we begin to see (for better or worse) the direction in which our lives are headed. Some treasures are of lasting and eternal value and there are others that we need to let go of regardless of how much we think we love or need them. Some treasures enrich and grow life. Other treasures hold our hearts captive and impoverish life.

Bowling Tournament in Sallaghy

The bowling club held their annual pairs tournament (the first since before the Covid pandemic) in the parish hall from Tuesday 6th February with the finals taking place on Friday 9th. There were 60 entries from various clubs taking in Fermanagh, Tyrone, Antrim, Monaghan and Cavan. There were a number of very close games recorded with all pairs keen to get their hands on the Isobel McWilliams Memorial Trophy. Our own



At the Bowling Club Tournament Finals, Seamus McGlinchey and Mark Wilson receiving the Isobel McWilliams Memorial Trophy from Club Chairman, John Fleming and Brian McWilliams.

pairing of Brian McWilliams and Ruby Rountree made it through to the final after a very closely fought semifinal with Ian McElroy and Lisa McVitty from The Wellington Bowling Club but unfortunately defeated by two well practised bowlers, Seamus McGlinchey and Mark Wilson from Cookstown. Everybody enjoyed the bowling and the fellowship with a great atmosphere each night with all members helping out where needed. The ladies produced a fabulous supper each evening with one man commenting we had created a love affair between himself and Beulah's coffee cake. Our thanks to all our sponsors and those who gave donations and draw prizes to help make this tournament a great success. Thanks to all who came and supported the event as well as huge thanks to all our sponsors (ready Egg Products, Armstrong's Pharmacy, Derek Kerr Farm Feed, L A Richardson Butchers, Dough and Arrow Pizza, S D Kells Lisnaskea and G C Batteries) who made this event possible.

Opening Service for Mothers' Union

Despite the cold weather there was a good attendance in Galloon Parish Church for the Opening Service for Drummully and Galloon Mothers' Union. Revd Lorraine led the service preaching on this year's theme "Transformation Now". She added that God wants us to be real people. People relate to people who are real. It is only God who can change us from the inside out and bring about a real and lasting transformation in our lives. Grace Rickey played the organ and the



Runners-up in the Bowling Club tournament were Brian McWilliams and Ruby Rountree from Sallaghy Bowling Club who received their prize from Chairman, John Fleming.

ladies provided a lovely supper.

Easter Vestry Dates

Drummully: Tuesday 12th March at 8pm in Church Hall.
Galloon: Wednesday 20th March at 8pm in the Sunday School Room.
Sallaghy: Wednesday 17th April at 8pm in the Church Hall.

Confirmation

We are looking forward to welcoming back Bishop Ian Ellis on Sunday 28th April at 10.30am for a Group Service in Galloon Parish Church. Confirmation is always a special time in the lives of people as they take on the vows made at their baptism and receive their first Holy Communion. Please pray for our four candidates as they prepare to be confirmed (Abbie, Kayla, Dawson and Harri).

Parish Auction

Our next auction will be on Saturday 6th April 2024 at 12 noon in The Church Hall, High Street, Newtownbutler. We look forward to welcoming you all back. We have a wide selection of items which include antique furniture, delph, clocks etc. There is also a large selection of other furniture, linen, bed-linen, hand tools, household items, bathroom fittings, collectables, mirrors, pictures and boxed lots ideal for car-booters or traders. This is an auction with something for everyone and should not to be missed. Come along, bid, get yourself a bargain and enjoy the "craic". Refreshments will be on sale. Viewing is on the morning of the auction from 11am.

From the Registers

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

- 15th January 2024 - Elizabeth Kettle, Derryadd, Lisnaskea, Co Fermanagh
- 19th January 2024 - George Robert Kettle 52 Moorlough Road, Cushwash, Lisnaskea, Co Fermanagh
- 20th January 2024 - Anna Hall, The Colorado Residential Home, Lisnaskea, formerly of Leitrim, Newtownbutler Co. Fermanagh
- 28th January 2024 - Noble Cecil Hetherington 57 Wattlebridge Road,

Kilgarrett, Newtownbutler BT92 6NJ

■ 3rd February 2024 - John Robert (Johnny) Johnston 112 Cloughagaddy Road, Lammy, Magheraveely, Co.Fermanagh.

We express our sympathy to all who have been recently bereaved and to those who remember the anniversary of a lost loved one.

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

Visiting in Hospitals

As the Western Health and Social Care Trust normalise visiting, local clergy may visit their parishioners in hospital. They are encouraged to follow all hospital guidelines including where possible, confirm with the ward/department a suitable time to visit, after agreement with the patient.

The final decision for visiting a patient will always be made by the Ward Sister/ Charge Nurse. If you have a relative in hospital, please let the Rector know, this would be much appreciated.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Church Services

MARCH

Sunday 3rd March

Garrison 10am HC
Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 10th March

Kiltyclogher 10am HC
Belleek 11.30am HC

Sunday 17th March

Garrison 10am MP & FS
Slavin 11.30am MP & FS

Sunday 24th March

Kiltyclogher 10am MP
Belleek 11.30am MP

Maundy Thursday

Service of HC in Belleek church 8pm

Good Friday

All age reflective service, in Kiltyclogher,
11 am

Saturday 23rd March

Lent retreat morning, led by Rev John Corry at 10am in Garrison Church Hall.
Everyone welcome.

Sunday 31st March

Garrison 10am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC with Baptism

Sunday 7th April

Garrison 10am HC
Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 14th April

Kiltyclogher 10am HC
Belleek 11.30am HC

Sunday 21st April

Confirmation service in Garrison at
11.30am

Weekly Diary:

Monday: Youth Group at the Rectory at
6.30pm

Tuesday: Mothers' Union monthly as
detailed below.

Wednesday: Parish Prayers at the Rectory
at 9.30am

Thursday: Confirmation Classes at the
Rectory at 6.30pm

Followed by Bible Study during Lent at
7.45pm

Notes from the Rectory

Peace is a relative concept.

A year ago, we had pigs, goats, rabbits and a kitten. This year, we have no animals (a combination of untimely death, disappearance and judicious rehoming). We're enjoying what you might think of as relative peace.

For many, our house with three gambolling young boys is a far cry from peaceful, but for us, we can breathe a sigh of relief that there are no rabbits to



catch, goats to feed or pigs to muck out. Peace is relative. In certain parts of the West, we might see peace as associated with quiet, a moment to put our feet up, the opportunity to kick back and relax. In other parts of the world, peace is when the bombs stop falling.

I'm sure you, like me, are deeply disturbed by the continuing conflict in Gaza; by the recording of six-year-old Hind Rajab, crying to her cousin that she felt scared, as she lay in a car surrounded by the bodies of her dead relatives, with bullets raining down on her and the ambulance crew trying to reach her. Not a terrorist, not an insurgent, just a girl, who should have been in school, or out on a playground. The ambulance never reached her – two of its paramedics were killed in the process. Such bloodshed should horrify us.

The Hebrew word for peace is 'Shalom'. It indicates not simply a lack of conflict, but an environment of human wellbeing and thriving, of children born into a world where they don't have to concern themselves of where the next meal will come, or whether their family can afford to bring them to the doctor. Children who know the roof over their head is secure and feel the world to be a safe place. Part of Lent is a deep reflection on humanity's failings, and our need for a saviour. But it is also a time of intercession. We fast to turn our hearts to the things that break our Lord's, and to turn his face to answer our prayers. At this time, it feels as though our world needs intercessors as never before. Let us pray that we may keep a Holy Lent.
Every blessing, Revd Rebecca

Mothers' Union

Our opening service in January for the MU year was in Slavin Church conducted by the Rector assisted by the branch leader, Dot Barlow.

After supper we looked at the programme



Pictured at the tea following the Garrison Family Service in January.



for the year ahead.

On Tuesday 13th February the MU met in Garrison church hall and we were delighted to welcome visitors from our wider parish and our neighbouring MU in Inishmacsaint. The guest speaker was Mrs Linda Johnston who gave us many tips and advice on de-cluttering our

wardrobes and our homes.

The March meeting will be held on Tuesday March 12th and the speaker will be Norma Ferguson who will speak about Healthy eating for a healthy life. Everyone was invited to attend the Diocesan Big Sing in the Cathedral in Enniskillen on Sunday 25th February at 7pm.

Prayers

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

Confirmation

There will be a morning service of

Confirmation for our young people in the group on Sunday 21st April in Garrison Parish Church at 11.30am where our Bishop Rt Rev. Dr. Ian Ellis will administer confirmation rites to our candidates. We remember our five boys in our prayers:- Scott, Robin, Henry, Zach and Joe as they prepare for this important event in their lives.

Social Media

Parish website:

Please visit our website garrisongroup.org.uk and give us your feedback. Follow us on Facebook using the name Garrison Group of Parishes. Simply 'Like' our page to receive updates on events.

Inishmacsaint

Vacant

Revd William Jeffrey, Rural Dean, is in charge of the parish.

Revd Sampson Ajuka is providing emergency pastoral cover.

Service cover arrangements will be announced in the parish.

Inishmacsaint Mothers' Union

Members of Mothers' Union (pictured right) organised and served the tea on the occasion of the last Sunday service of Revd. Stephanie Woods.





Robena Elliott MU, Evelyn Skuce MU, David Carson, Rector's churchwarden and Gillian Rutherford MU/organist.



Inishmacsaint MU held their annual dinner in The Riverside Cafe, Derrygonnelly. 11 ladies enjoyed a delicious meal.



Eileen Kilpatrick and Robena Elliott. Eileen celebrated a special birthday and received a cake and card from her fellow members.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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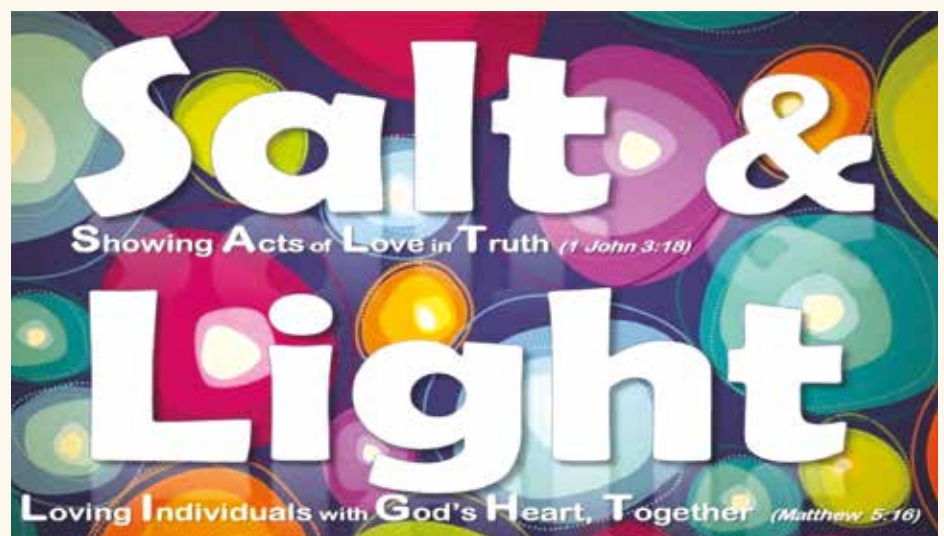
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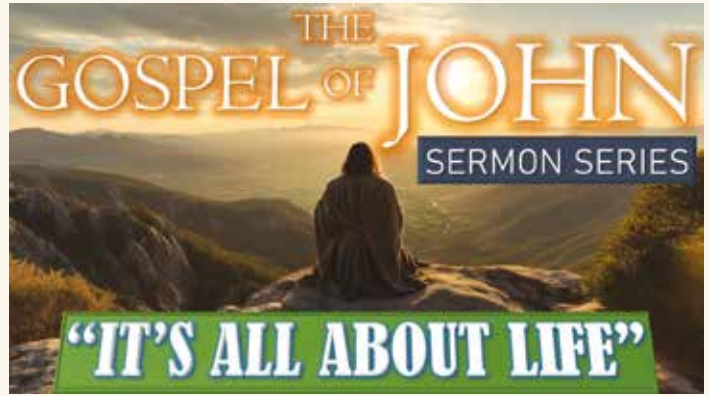
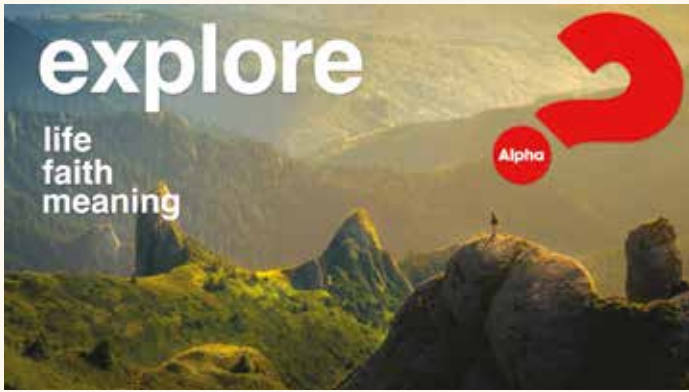
but he also stated that there was another commandment like this and it was to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. If the journey and process of Lent is to be what it was intended to be then we should notice a growing love for God and for others and perhaps it might be reasonable to think that these two love focusses can or should grow together. Jesus taught his disciples without suggestion of it being just an option, that they were to be SALT and LIGHT in the world where Father God had placed them. We might feel that we are not upfront, in your face, social butterfly Christians with boundless boldness and a word of spiritual encourage on the tips of our tongues at the drop of a hat, but nevertheless being a follower of Jesus comes with some expectations from his part. We are

expected to be SALT and LIGHT, to make a difference where we are; to season the lives of others with our Christlike nature and hope-filled message of grace and life. Is it possible to truly journey through Lent and focus on better loving God alone? Or if we are truly engaging with the process, surely we will be discovering how loving God is intrinsically bound up together with loving people. Could it be that our Lenten journey could or should include a challenge to not only love the Lord God better but also to look for opportunities to love others too. In Kilskeery and Trillick our challenge through Lent, for those who are willing to accept it, is to do one act of kindness a day, to be SALT and LIGHT and allow our growing love for God to be partnered with our growing love for others too.

Walking the Good Path, loving God and your Neighbour

The slow journey through Lent and towards Easter was considered to be paved with personal reflection and self-examination, fasting and a willingness to address possible hinderances in the Christian's relationship with the Lord, and repentance, by way of realigning one's spirit with God's Spirit. The end result of the Lenten journey would therefore be to be able to love God more but also to be able to love our neighbours more too. Lent more often than not has an emphasis on the first aspect of this love challenge and rightly so for Jesus himself called loving God with all of who we are, the first and great commandment





The Alpha Course

Our Alpha Course began at the end of January and has been running well. It has been encouraging to see so many come along and enjoy the engaging presentations along with good company and chat, nice tea or coffee and some craic. We look forward to the weeks that lie ahead.

The Gospel of John: Sermon Series

We are travelling through the Gospel of John with our sermon series picking out some of the main themes and ideas contained in John's Gospel. The Gospel motivation is that the reader may discover that Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah, the Saviour of the world and that through believing all people can have life through his name.

Queen Elizabeth II Family Table Quiz

Our outstanding local Primary School, the Queen Elizabeth II, held a very successful Family Table Quiz in February with around 100 people in attendance. It was a night of music, good craic, puzzling and a chance to catch up and socialize with friends and family. A big thank you to the team who made it all possible.



Bowling Competition

Our annual Kilskeery Bowling Competition has taken place in February this year. It is encouraging to see a rebuilding of numbers and interest after the pandemic years of being cautious and closed. Teams arrive from far and wide across Northern Ireland for a weeks competition packaged with good company, tea and traybakes and lots of other goodies. To organise this event takes a lot of person-power and time and so a big thank you to all involved.



Weekly Schedule

- Monday:**
Girls' Brigade at 6.30pm
Mothers Union at 8.00pm (3rd Monday of the month)
- Tuesday:**
Senior Citizen's Club at 2.00pm
Guitar Class at 7.00 – 8.00pm
- Wednesday:**
R.O.A.R. Boys' Club at 6.30 – 8.00pm
Midweek Fellowship (Alpha Course) at 8.00pm
- Thursday:**
Prayer Meeting at 9.00am
- Friday:**
Bowling Club at 8.00pm

Sunday:

- Christ Church Parish, Trillick at 10.30am
- Kilskeery Parish Church at 11.45am

Coming Soon in March

- 1st:** World Day of Prayer – Trillick Parish
- 9th:** Faith Mission Rally – Trillick Church at 7.30pm
- 15th:** Trillick Family Table Quiz - Young Farmers Hall, Trillick at 7.30pm
- 28th:** Maundy Thursday Communion Service – Trillick Parish at 7.30pm
- 29th:** Good Friday Service – Kilskeery Parish at 8.00pm
- 31st:** Easter Sunday – 10.30am Trillick Parish and 11.45am Kilskeery Parish



Lisbellaw with Coolbuck



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Looking Back

One of the major blessings during Epiphany that I have been so thankful to Almighty God for - is how the family unit reflecting the various generations is seen across the Parish of Lisbellaw with Coolbuck. We are so fortunate to have young couples bringing their babies out to church in car seats, through to families with nursery, primary and secondary school age children and young people attending church with mum's and dad's including grandparents and great grandparents.

This is something we dare not take for granted – as it is not necessarily the picture in other parts of our land. So, I want to thank you and encourage you to keep this good practice and spiritual discipline up during the penitential season of lent which we have just entered as I write these notes.

In this edition of the Diocesan Magazine, I include a snapshot of photographs



At the Ash Wednesday service.

showing some of our church family across the generations. Encouraging to us all!

Holy Baptism

It gives me much joy to report on another baptism within the parish. On Sunday 11 February 2024 baby Katie Ivy Acheson was baptised.

Whilst covering in my notes (in the February 2024 edition) the baptism on Sunday morning 19 November 2023 of Sophia Eileen Walker limited space meant we couldn't carry a photograph of the special day. So, in the March edition we are pleased to include a lovely photograph of baby Sophia. May God bless and protect these two precious babies and their parents and families as they grow and are nurtured in the Christian faith.

Looking Forward

We look forward to reporting on a further Holy Baptism planned for later in February



along with the annual Thinking Day service in the next edition of the Clogher Diocesan Magazine.

Having entered the penitential season of Lent, I would prayerfully encourage you to attend as many services as possible, inviting and bringing with you family members, neighbours, and friends. All will be extremely welcome. It was most encouraging to have a goodly number attend our Ash Wednesday evening service.

During our midweek Wednesday evening Compline Lenten services at 8pm in the Parish Church I plan to draw on the 2024 Lent Book entitled, 'Lent with the Beloved Disciple' written by Bishop Michael Marshall.

Our 2024 Lenten Appeal will be in support of Mission through the Church Mission Society Ireland (CMSI) which has strong links to the Church of Ireland and the Worldwide Anglican Communion. CMSI Mission Boxes will be available in



Katie's baptism.



Sophia's baptism.



After church on 4 February..

Wednesday 6th March
8pm Compline Lisbellaw
Sunday 10th March *Mothering Sunday
11am MP Lisbellaw
3pm EP Coolbuck



the church porch from Ash Wednesday and the First Sunday in Lent.

I should like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Holy and Blessed Lent.

Every Blessing,
Revd William

Services

Sunday 3rd March

11am MP Lisbellaw

NB *No afternoon service in Coolbuck today. All Coolbuck Parishioners warmly invited to MP in Lisbellaw.



Wednesday 13th March
8pm Compline Lisbellaw
Sunday 17th March *St Patrick's Day
9.45am HC1 Lisbellaw
11am Parish Communion (HC2) Lisbellaw
3pm HC2 Coolbuck
Wednesday 20th March
8pm Compline Lisbellaw
Sunday 24th March *Palm Sunday
*10.40am Palm Sunday Procession
11am MP Lisbellaw
3pm EP Coolbuck
Maudy Thursday 28th March
8pm HC Lisbellaw
Good Friday 29th March
11.30am Walk with the Cross – *starting from Lisbellaw Rectory to the Parish Church
12 noon Three Hours - Lisbellaw
8pm HC Lisbellaw
Easter Day – Sunday 31st March
6.30am Dawn Service HC1 Coolbuck
11am Easter Festival Eucharist Lisbellaw



After church on 28 January..



Lisnaskea



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Services For March 2024

FRIDAY 1st

8.00 p.m. World Day of Prayer

SUNDAY 3rd

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

MOTHERING SUNDAY 10th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY 13th

3.00 p.m. Holy Communion in Trinity Hall
for Seniors.

SUNDAY 17th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

PALM SUNDAY 24th

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer
(Collection for sponsored children)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

8.00 p.m. Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY

8.00 p.m. Evening Prayer

EASTER SUNDAY 31st

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Burial

13th JANUARY

Eileen Joyce O Malley, 70 Bog Road,
Croaghrim, Florencecourt.

Sincere condolences and prayers are with
the O'Malley family circle.

Ladies' Breakfast

A Ladies' breakfast has been organised
by the parish for Saturday 23rd March
in the Archdale Centre from 9.30 a.m.
Booking is essential with payment of £15.
The speaker will be Revd. Lorna Dreading
and everyone is very welcome.
Please contact Jackie Agnew on
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Office
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Working with the young people
in the parish.

Exercise Yourself Toward Godliness

*"exercise yourself
toward godliness. For
bodily exercise profits
a little, but godliness
is profitable for all
things," (1 Timothy 4:7 -
8) NKJV*

If you look up the
above scripture
reference, you will
realise that I have left some
words out at the beginning of verse 7
AND at the end of verse 8. You can, of
course, go and check this but I want to
stay focused on these three phrases
within these two verses from 1 Timothy 4:
Exercise yourself toward godliness
For bodily exercise profits a little
But godliness is profitable for all things
Life as we know it in 2024 has changed
remarkably. Church attendance numbers
for many have decreased in comparison
with pre-Covid times (2019 and before).
Many sports take place on a Sunday
which forces people to choose between
Church and their Team and no longer
simply Rugby and Football but Cycling,
Gymnastics and more...
Our children and young people (of the
church family) have expectations placed
upon them which can impact their futures
as regards Career choices and University
places as a result of playing or not playing
on a Sunday morning.
Not everyone is involved in these things
but when two or three are pulled away,
the rest can get fidgety and disinterested
and want to withdraw as well.
Only recently I was talking with some
friends and we were remembering the
way things used to be. Sunday was a
very different day and not too many years
ago. No sports on a Sunday. No shops
open on a Sunday. Shoes were cleaned
on a Saturday night, ready for church
in the morning. The family went to church
and the children went to Sunday School.
Children were expected to go to both



church and Sunday School - NOT one or
the other.

But let me get back to 1 Timothy 4:7 - 8
which actually does refer to what I have
been saying. The three phrases form, in
a way, a "sandwich" - two slices of bread
with a "filling" in-between. Bodily exercise
profits a little - it is good to be and stay
in shape but NOT to the detriment of our
faith in God. Hebrews 10:25 exhorts and
encourages us not to forsake meeting
together, thinking about the church
fellowship in particular.

Godliness then comes before and after
the reference to bodily exercise making
the emphasis on godliness of more
importance as it is mentioned twice.
Godliness is profitable for all things - ALL
THINGS.

Bodily exercise will help your body.
Godliness helps ALL things. The second
sentence is the way that God thinks. And
YES godliness includes looking after your
body since it is the temple of the Holy
Spirit who dwells within us.

So do exercise and be involved in
sports but do it from the perspective of
godliness and not simply to stay fit or to
be accepted by others. "But seek first the
kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added to
you." (Matthew 6:33) NKJV

Most people would like ALL THINGS to be
well. Looking after your body is a start but
exercise yourself toward godliness for it is
profitable for all things.

Magheracross

Vacant

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Pastoral Care, funerals, weddings, baptisms and occasional services:
Revd Alison Irvine;
DPA: **Wendy Kerr.**

Services for March

Sunday 3 March 2024

9.30am Holy Communion 1
11.00am Holy Communion 2

Sunday 10 March 2024 – Mothering Sunday

9.30am Morning Prayer 1
11.00am Family Service which will include the Mothers’ Union Enrolment and Presentation of Certificates. The Diocesan President, Mrs Heather Ellis will be the speaker and the Sunday School Children will also be involved in this service

Sunday 17 March 2024

9.30am Morning Prayer 1
11.00am Morning Prayer 2



Sunday 24 March 2024

9.30am Morning Prayer 1
11.00am Morning Prayer 2

Sunday 31 March 2024

9.30am Morning Prayer 1
11.00am Morning Prayer 2

Parish Register

11 February 2024

BAPTISM

Olivia Isabelle Davis daughter of Gary Davis and Charlene Carters.

Pilates

This continues in the Archdale Hall on Mondays from 9.30 am – 10.30 am.

Walk & Talk

Mondays 10.00 am – 12 noon at Ballinamallard Utd Football Club. This is an organised walk, where people of the community will gather, walk and talk together. (They walk around the pitches in groups.) Followed by a wholesome cup of tea/coffee to warm up the hands. Roughly lasts an hour. It’s a good way of meeting people. Contact Glen Latimer: 078 1809 5133 for more information.

Baby and Toddler Group

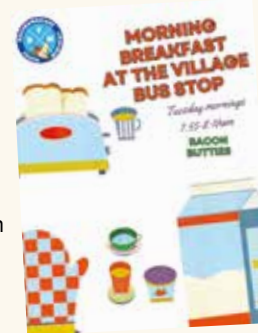
This continues each Tuesday morning at 10.00 am in the Archdale Hall.
GFS

This continues each Tuesday evening from 6.30 pm. Some photos of the girls acting out the story of Jonah are shown on this page.

Youth Fellowship

Morning Breakfast at the Village Bus Stop continues each Tuesday morning from 7.55 – 8.10 am.

Soul Mates – God’s story: Our Story will take place on 8 – 9



The Carters family at their baptism service.

March 2023 in the Emmanuel Church, Lurgan. Speaker will be Mark Hand – this event is for 9 – 13 year olds.

Magheracross Mothers’ Union

Mothers’ Union met on Thursday 1

February in the Archdale Hall. Linda Hamilton played the piano for our hymn, Jenny McHugh read the bible reading and Valerie McMorris lead the prayers. We then had a very enjoyable evening as the Rev Lorraine Capper entertained us with her talk - ‘fabulous fashion’. Rev Capper had brought along several articles of her own clothing and showed us how she matched outfits together while entertaining us with funny stories. Supper was served and we finished with a short business meeting. Our next meeting is on 7 March when we will have a visit from a Fire Safety Officer.



The GFS members acting the Jonah Story.

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Vacant:

Revd Abraham Storey (pictured left) is providing service and pastoral cover and the **Rural Dean, Canon Alan Irwin**, is in charge.

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Services for March

Sunday 3rd March

11.00am - Holy Communion

Wednesday 6th March

7.30pm - Third Week in Lent

Sunday 10th March

11.00am - Mothering Sunday

Wednesday 13th March

7.30pm - Fourth Week in Lent

Sunday 17th March

11.00am - Confirmation Day

Wednesday 20th March

7.30pm - Fifth Week in Lent

Sunday 24th March

11.00am; Palm Sunday - Service will be led by Children's Church

Wednesday 27th March

7.30pm - Wednesday in Holy Week

Thursday 28th March

7.30pm - Maundy Thursday Service



Friday 29th March

7.30pm - Good Friday Service

Sunday 31st March

11.00am - Easter Sunday Service

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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The confirmation class.

'Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer'. Romans 12:12

This short verse taken from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome follows his call to, 'never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord'. We very often forget that the word of God that we have within us, and share with others, is good news! All too often we can get weighed down by the worries of the world and the weight of life's challenges, and we forget that we hold good news within us. Paul reminds us that this good news should fill our hearts with joy, and that this in turn should ignite within us a sense of zeal to demonstrate in word and deed our love for God, and our thanks to Him for all the blessings he has bestowed upon us. But what do we do when the worries of the world descend again, as they inevitably will.

We are to, 'be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer'. Spring is the season when creation wakes from the dormancy of Winter once again. All around us buds are bursting into life and flowers are raising their heads to shine their bright colours to cheer us, despite the cold wind that still blows. Spring brings new life and fresh hope, and as we walk through creation which is bursting into life again, I encourage you to take a fresh look at the hope that we have in the person, the words and the promises of Jesus Christ. Jesus offers us a new way into God's presence. He has opened the door to a close and personal relationship with God. Through Him we now have fresh hope of entering into eternal life. But as we wait for His promised return, we have to journey through this world of sin, darkness and difficulty. And so we are encouraged by the apostle Paul to, 'be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer'. When we hold fast to these words, we will be strengthened to

cope with any challenge or difficulty that comes our way. Our call is to keep our focus on God, to remember his words,



This year's theme for World Day of Prayer.



At the family service.



to believe his promises, and to trust that, although darkness may surround us at the moment, a new dawn is coming when light will shine fervently again. And so, as we continue through the joys and challenges of another month, I encourage you to hold fast to the words of the apostle Paul, 'be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer'. God is ever present, and He will never disappoint us.

Mothers' Union

Just as creation is bursting into life again, so too are our church organisations following the Christmas break. Our Mothers' Union branches met in Belle Isle hall on 22 January where they were given a talk by a representative from the Oak Healthy Living Centre. This was a very informative evening, and it was wonderful to see so many gathered together from across both branches. On 1 February a number of our Mothers' Union ladies joined the All Ireland MU Holy Communion service which, this month, was held in St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. This was a very uplifting service and it was encouraging to see so many groups represented. On Monday 5th February there was a joint meeting

of Mothers' Union in Christ Church hall. Some representatives from the PSNI came to talk about home and personal safety. This meeting was well attended and was very informative. The next event is the MU Big Sing in St. Macartin's cathedral, Enniskillen on Sunday 25th February at 7pm. Mothers' Union are also asked to attend the World Day of Prayer service on Friday 1st March 2024, which takes place in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge at 7.30pm. Everyone is very welcome.

Brownies

On Monday 5th of February a number of Brownies from our pack made their promise for the first time. It was so encouraging to see their commitment, and the support given by the other members of the troop. Thanks again to our dedicated leaders who work so hard at building so many important life skills in our young people.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes continue on Tuesday evenings in the committee room in Christ Church hall at 7pm. We have 15 young people for Confirmation this year.

Please pray for them and their families ahead of the service of Confirmation, which takes place on Sunday 14th April 2024 in Maguiresbridge.

Storm Damage

Storm Isha made its' presence known in Derrybrusk in late January. Thankfully damage was minimal and there were no injuries! Thanks to all who worked so hard to tidy up after the storm's departure!

Parish Dance

As I write these notes, our annual parish dance is only hours away! A sincere word of thanks to all who have sold tickets, baked, planned and prepared in any way for this event. It is always a great night of fun and fellowship, and all support is greatly appreciated!

Mothers' Union

Maguiresbridge Mothers' Union made a donation to two charities following the annual Christmas lunch held in Christ Church Hall in early December. Joan and Pearl presented a cheque to Valerie Brown, Ambassador for Pulmonary Fibrosis NI, and Branch Leader Sandra



The Brownie Promise.



Storm damage at Derrybrusk.

presented a cheque to David McElhinney, Committee Member for Dementia NI.

Family Service

Family service took place in Maguiresbridge on Sunday 11th February. It was wonderful to have our young people taking part in every aspect of the service, and to see so many out in support of them and to enjoy this special time of worship. Thank you to Hazel and our Sunday School team for their work in preparing the children for these services.

Lenten Series

Midweek Lenten services continue on Wednesday nights at 7.30pm as we delve into the Lord's Prayer.

28th February

Maguiresbridge 7.30pm Midweek Service

6th March

Derrybrusk 7.30pm Midweek Service

13th March

Maguiresbridge 7.30pm Midweek Service

20th March

Derrybrusk 7.30pm Midweek Service

28th March

Maguiresbridge 7.30pm Maundy Thursday HC

29th March

Derrybrusk 7.30pm Good Friday Service

31st March

Easter services in both Churches



At the baptism service for Alex.

From the Registers

On Sunday 4th February 2024 Alex James was baptised in Maguiresbridge. We wish him and his family God's special blessing as they support him in his journey in faith.

On 19th January 2024 the funeral of Mrs Florence Kettyles took place in Maguiresbridge. Her death came as quite a shock to the entire community. We

continue to pray for her children, Herbie, Diane, Derek, Alan and Amanda, and the wider family circle.

Looking ahead

World Day of Prayer Service takes place in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge on Friday 1st March 2024 at 7.30pm. Please come along and support. Refreshments will follow the service.

Mothering Sunday

Family services will take place in both churches. A special service will be held in Derrybrusk as a new lectern Bible will be dedicated on behalf of the Nixon family. We are very much looking forward to this special day, and encourage all to support.

Easter General Vestry Dates

Maguiresbridge – Monday 15th April 2024 at 8pm in Christ Church hall.

Derrybrusk – Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7.30pm in Derrybrusk Church.

All are welcome to attend these meetings.

Save the Date

Friday 26th April 2024 – Table Quiz will take place in Belle Isle hall with proceeds in aid of Derrybrusk Church! Everyone welcome!

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

10th March Fourth Sunday in Lent

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12.15pm Ballinode

17th March Fifth Sunday in Lent

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12.15pm Kilmore

24th March Palm Sunday

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12.15pm Ballinode

31st March Easter Day

7am Easter Service at Monaghan Collegiate School

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)

7th April Second Sunday of Easter

10.30am St Patrick's (and on Facebook live)
12.15pm Kilmore

Lent

During Lent we having two midweek services in St Patrick's.

On Wednesday nights at 8pm we are looking at the book of Zechariah. We hear his words quoted on Palm Sunday "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' (Matthew 21v5) and we have been looking at the rest of his book seeing how God longs for his people to return to him and live with him.

On Thursday mornings at 10am we have a service of Holy Communion and we are looking at the disciples during Holy Week.

Holy Week and Easter

This year it is the turn of Monaghan Elim Church to host the Holy Week Services for the town churches. We will join with Monaghan Methodist Church, First Monaghan and Ballyalbaney Presbyterian Churches and Shalom Christian Fellowship. The services will be each night at 8pm On Easter Morning, as well as our usual morning service, we will meet with the other churches at Monaghan Collegiate School for a "Sonrise Service" at 7am followed by breakfast.

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 21st January, Finn Brendan, son of Victoria and Ciáran Duffy was baptised in St Patrick's Church. We welcome Finn into our church family and pray God's blessing on him, his family and all those who will have care of him in the future.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes began in February on Wednesday nights at 6.15pm. We have been using the "I believe" course from the Church of Ireland Youth Department. Please pray for those who are to be confirmed and we look forward to welcoming Bp Ian for the

confirmation service at 11am on 26th May.

Postal Bible School

On Wednesday 7th February we were pleased to welcome the Gareth McMeekin and his team to the hall for the annual postal Bible school prizegiving for a number of the local primary schools. This was something which we had missed since the start of the pandemic. The postal Bible school provides resources which a number of our schools use as part of the RE curriculum. You can find out more about their work at www.postalbibleschool.ie

Mothers' Union

The MU met on Tuesday 6th February Mothers' Union and the speaker was Margaret Finn. The next meeting is on Tuesday 5th March at 7.30pm which is the annual visitor's night. The speaker is Heather Ellis, MU Diocesan President. All are welcome to come along.

Ladies Group

This group will meet on Tuesday 19th March at 8pm for a talk on the history of the Gola Estate by Marie McKenna from Tydavnet Historical Society.

World Day of Prayer

This year the service has been prepared by the women of Palestine. The service brings together a number of churches in the town and is being held in 1st Monaghan Presbyterian Church on Friday 8th March at 8pm.

Ballinode

This parish is holding a Gospel Concert on Friday 22nd March at 8pm. Compered by Mr Wesley Graydon the featured singers



and musicians include; Keady Men's Choir; Condy brothers; Gervais sisters, pipers. Tickets are €12:50 and are available from church members and at Tommy Carson's stall.

Visiting Choirs

In March there are two visiting choirs coming to the town.

On Saturday 9th March at 7.30pm the New Irish Senior Youth Choir will be in St Patrick's Church. The choir are part of New Irish Arts which was founded in 1994 by Irish hymn-writer Keith Getty. Our central purpose is to encourage people to worship God, whether that be in equipping and giving opportunity to musicians or leading congregations and audiences in praise to our God.

Then on Saturday 16th March at 7pm the Abaana New Life Choir will be in Monaghan Eilm Church. The New Life Choir is a group of 20 children who are beneficiaries of Abaana's projects across Uganda. They will represent their local communities by singing their way around the UK and Ireland, acting as ambassadors for their friends and families still living in poverty.

Playaway Parent and Toddler Group

This continues on Thursdays 10.30-12noon during term time. At Christmas we said goodbye and thank you to Imelda who gracefully helped and organised the group week by week over many years

Christian Burial

It was with sadness we learned of the death of Elsie Finnegan on 7th February. Her funeral service was in St. Patrick's Church on 10th February conducted by the Rector and afterwards at Coolshannagh Graveyard. We express prayerful sympathy to her sister Flo Crawford and the wider family circle.

Condolences

We offer prayerful sympathy to those who have been recently bereaved, especially Chris Treacy and family on the death of his brother and Jean Garland and family on the death of her sister-in-law

Illness

Prayer is requested for all those from our group who are ill at home or in hospital and those in residential care and their families.

Works to Church Square

The council have begun redevelopment works to Church Square which has meant we've only had access to the church grounds through the gate opposite Flemings (which has taken a bit of getting used to!). The works are to extend the pedestrian area outside the courthouse and the footpath at the front of the church. Hopefully the first stage of this work will be finished by the time this magazine is out.

Rossorry



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Sunday Services

Sunday 3rd March 2024

The Third Sunday in Lent

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Family Holy Communion

Sunday 10th March 2024

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Mothering Sunday

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 17th March 2024

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Saint Patrick

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 24th March 2024

The Sixth Sunday in Lent

Palm Sunday

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am - Morning Prayer

3.00pm – Holy Communion in the Hall





Enjoying the Sunday School activities.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES BELOW
Sunday 31st March 2024
Easter Day

6.00am - Dawn Service, Old Rossorry.
 10.00am - Family Holy Communion.

It's been a very fast start to the new year with only two weeks of 'ordinary time' between the seasons of Epiphany and Lent, Easter will be upon us in no time. The evenings are stretching and the first signs of spring have appeared. In Rossorry we look forward to spring's arrival within the graveyard and surrounding grounds and, as always, we look forward to sightings of our red squirrels.

This year during Lent I've decided to go

barefoot over the six weeks. I'm a bit nervous about this as I'm hoping I'll be able to manage it physically, I've been wearing shoes a long time! Scripture has a lot to say about feet and I'll be exploring some of these themes in short daily reflections which will be posted on my own Facebook page and that of the Parish. Do follow along if you can. There's plenty on offer over this season. Each Wednesday there will be a service of Holy Communion at 10.30am and an evening service of Compline at 7.30pm. I would encourage you to take part in committing to either of these service over the six weeks in order to engage in the fullest extent of the glory of Easter Morning. During Holy Week itself we

have a full programme of services, noted below, and I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend some or all of these services. Our Readers will be leading or taking part in these services, along with the support of Catherine and the choir. There is always a huge amount of work involved in the preparation of these services and it would be remiss of me not to take this opportunity not to thank them for all they do throughout the year as they support worship in Rossorry.

Easter General Vestry

This is an important event in the Church Calendar and you are encouraged to come along to support our Select Vestry, who shoulder so much of



The Rainbows at work.





the responsibility in the running and management of our parish. It is also an opportunity to meet and chat and enjoy supper together. All are welcome and you are encouraged to come along.

Rossorry Mothers' Union

Due to inclement weather conditions, the January meeting of Rossorry Mothers' Union was postponed from Thursday 18th January 2024 until 1st February 2024. A Service of Holy Communion was held in the Church and our thanks to Rev Stephen McWhirter and Mrs Sarah Maguire who led the service. Also thanks to the organist Avril Crawford. The AGM was held in the Church after the service. All branch officers were returned as follows: Branch Leader: Lorraine Simpson, Secretary: Frances Storey and Treasurer: Arlene Graham. Members were reminded of the next meetings on the 15th February (speaker Rev. Canon Jen McWhirter on her trip to Africa), The Big Hymn Sing in St. Macartin's Cathedral on 25 February and 21st March 2024 with the speaker Sarah McQuaid from Island Flowers. A reminder also that the World Day of Prayer is on 1st March in Rossorry Parish Church..

Sunday School

We had our Sunday school party in December and also our nativity with our very own real life Baby Jesus (Larsa). The Sunday school spouses served up refreshments after the service....good to see the men in the kitchen! Since returning we have been learning about different parables and the kids have enjoyed making some craft pieces to help them understand and learn the meaning of them. We had another special visitor, a little lamb, who came to visit us to coincide with the parable of the lost sheep!

We are looking forward to Easter next and learning about Jesus' resurrection. Dates for the diary: Messy Church 29th March (Good Friday) Rainbows, Brownies and Guides Rossorry Rainbows started again in the new year with lots of enthusiasm and noise, as we began work on our new theme – Take Action – “Make a

difference to help your community and the wider world.” We have been thinking about people who help us, and how we can help others, and what charities we are interested in – with lots of games and arts and crafts to help us remember what we are learning. Alongside all this helping and good works, we also have been working towards our Scottish



The Sunday School making crafts.



badge – just in time for Burns Night. It was great to make the Scottish delicacy of Fifteen Buns, practice our ceilidh skills and colour in our own individual tartan bunting.

Parish Office

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

BURIALS

Rippey, Sheila (Mary), aged 95,
The Graan Nursing Home, formerly

Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown. Funeral Service Monday 12th February, interment in Derryloran Parish Church, Cookstown. Service conducted by The Very Revd. Kenny Hall.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesdays throughout Lent

10.30am – Holy Communion
7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 21st March 2024

7.30pm - Easter General Vestry

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday in Holy Week

7.30pm – Evening Prayer

Tuesday in Holy Week

7.30pm – Choral Evensong

Wednesday in Holy Week

7.30pm - Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday

Institution of the Lord's Supper

7.30pm – Holy Communion

Good Friday

10.00am – 11.30am – Messy Church

7.30am – 'The Way of the Cross'

Easter Eve

7.00am – 12 midnight

Church open for prayer

Easter Day

6.00am - Dawn Service, Old Rossorry

10.00am - Family Holy Communion

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Funeral

3 January 2024 -Sarah Elizabeth (Cissie) Morrow, Gilbrooke Care Home, Clabby. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Cissie sister Emily and all the family circle.

Diary – March

On 8 March, Tempo Variety Concert takes place at 8pm in Tempo Church Hall with Derryclavin Pipe Band, Lisbellaw Primary School Choir, Brookeborough Flute Band and Alistair Scott Ceildh Band Admission £10-00 towards Church Funds. Everyone welcome.

12 March 2024 - Mothers' Union at 8 pm in Tempo Church Hall. Speaker; Valerie on Perfect Feet.

28 March 2024 - Maundy Thursday service at 7.30pm in Tempo Church.

29 March 2024 - Good Friday service at 7.30 p.m in Clabby Church.

Confirmation

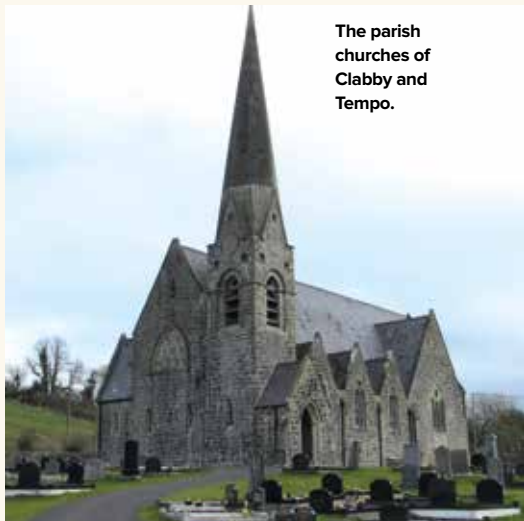
Please pray for our young people; Jamie Adams, Lexie Bell, Leah Carroll, Alice Crawford, Henry Follis, Alec-James Gardiner, Jessica McDowell, Thomas McDowell, Chloe Robinson, Sam Robinson, Nathan Robinson, Ewan Stronge, Jay Trimble, Lucie-Mae Vance, Charlotte Vance and Mia White, who are preparing for confirmation and their families.

Thank You

1st Clabby and Tempo Scout group would like to thank everyone who supported our coffee morning and cake sale. To date we have raised £583.

Diary – April

9 April 2024 - Mothers' Union at 8 p.m in Tempo Church Hall.



The parish churches of Clabby and Tempo.



10 April 2024 - Tempo Parish Annual General Vestry meeting at 8 pm in Tempo Church Hall.

11 April 2024 - Clabby Annual General Vestry Meeting at 7.30pm in Clabby Church Hall.

14 April 2024 - Confirmation in Clabby at 7.30pm.

20 April 2024 - Clabby Parish Coffee Morning at 10am – 12 noon in Clabby Church Hall. Proceeds to Church Funds.

To the Cross and Beyond the Grave

On the day of Pentecost Peter in a comprehensive sermon in which he described the life of Christ. In those few

verses he outlines God's plan for the Salvation of the world through Christ's death and resurrection. Sin and death which came into the world through Adam were now defeated. A means of our reconciliation to God because of our sin was provided through the once for all perfect sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Good Friday was not defeat but victory and Easter proved it "He is not here, He is risen".

God used the evil plans of the wicked men to fulfil His plan for our salvation. As you read these words from Acts Chapter 2 v 22-24, rejoice in what God has done for your salvation, forgiveness of your sins and the eternal imperishable unfading

inheritance that is available now and fully one day, when we respond to God's offer of salvation in Christ alone. May we respond as the crowd did on that day of Pentecost.

"Men of Israel, listen to this, Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you be miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and for knowledge, and you put him to death by nailing him to the cross, But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him."

Trory and Killadeas



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Lent, Holy Week and Easter

We continue our Lent series reflecting on the last seven words of Christ on the cross during our Wednesday midweek services in Priory Church, Killadeas.

Seven last sayings of Jesus on the cross

14th February (Ash Wednesday)

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34

Theme Forgiveness

Reading Psalm 51/Ash Wednesday lectionary

21st February

"Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43

Theme Salvation

Reading TBC

28th February

"Woman, behold thy son! and Behold thy mother!" John 19:26-27

Theme Relationship



Baby and Tots crafts

Reading TBC

6th March

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34

Theme Abandonment

Reading Psalm 22

13th March

"I thirst." John 19:28

Theme Distress

Reading Psalm 69 (verse 21)

20th March

"It is finished." John 19:30

Theme Triumph

Reading Isaiah 53 (verse 5)

27th March *In St Michael's Trory*

"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." Luke 23:46

Theme Reunion

Reading Psalm 31 (verses 1-5)

In Holy Week services move from Killadeas to Trory for the whole week. The reflections will move to the final words which others said to Jesus at the foot of the cross. In Holy Week we once again have the structure of our services mainly led by the Week of all Weeks Prayer book (the orange one we use every Easter) Easter Sunday starts with Dawn Holy Communion on the shore of lower Lough Erne behind Killadeas church at 6.30am (Time TBC when dawn/sunrise can more accurately be ascertained) This service is followed with bacon baps, coffee and



fellowship in Killadeas Hall. Our 10am and 11.30am services are celebrations of Holy Communion, and they finish with an Easter egg hunt around the church for the children.

Modern Country Moves

We look forward to welcoming Tina and her jive classes to Ballycassidy Hall on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm for the month of March. Booking is essential, and all details are on our social media.

St. Patrick's Weekend

On Friday 15th March there will be a celebration of St Patrick's Ulster roots and heritage in Ballycassidy Hall. Entry is £10/person (£5 for children). This is another cabaret style evening with food and entertainment. Food will be a unique version of an that great staple of the Ulster Scots tradition, the Ulster Fry, but served as unique themed canapes, as well as a variety of tasty desserts. Entertainment will include pipers from Killadeas pipe band, songs from the Ulster Scots musical 'On Eagle's Wings' written by John Anderson, and some well-known sing-along numbers too.

On St Patrick's day itself (Sunday) Killadeas will celebrate our most famous patron saint with an all-age service, and both Trory and Killadeas services are followed with tea and some tasty treats.

Confirmation classes

If you would like one of your young people to be considered for confirmation, please register your interest with Revd Mark. If you know of anyone who is coming to age for confirmation and does not get this magazine (or attend church regularly enough to have heard the announcements) please let them know about the dates as soon as possible. An attendance of 80% or more of the classes, as well as regular church attendance is expected from all candidates wishing to be confirmed.

Bishop Ian has graciously agreed to confirm those who are of age to take on the responsibility of their faith for themselves from both parishes on 9th



The Tuesday Fellowship.

June in our 11.30am Morning Service in Trory.

Confirmation classes will be running after Easter in Ballycassidy Hall on the following dates... (10th*), 17th, 24th April, and 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th May, with a run through of the service in St Michael's Church, Trory on 5th June.

N.B. There is a possibility that the class on 10th April may have to be postponed until 11th April to avoid a diary conflict, but at the time of submission of notes we hope to begin on April 10th. This also makes it even more important that you register interest for confirmation with Revd Mark, so as if things change, you can be contacted.

Rev. Mark's monthly column in Impartial Reporter

Rev Mark has started writing a monthly column in the Impartial Reporter. The first one came out on 29th February, and future columns will be in print on the last Thursday of every month until at least the end of the year. The overarching theme of the columns is to take a look at how science and faith fit together in everyday rural parish ministry. The overlaps are numerous, but I'm not going to give away too much here, buy the paper on the relevant weeks to read about it.

The reasons for giving time to this are numerous, but these are two of the main ones. Firstly, it is an outreach within the wider community which lets people outside of the Church of Ireland a flavour what is happening within our church and local community. As you know if you are



in our churches, we may be small, but we are vibrant, and if you read our notes, but you are not one of our parishioners I'm sure you'd agree. The column is not a rehash of Trory and Killadeas notices for the month, but it is intended that readers, many of whom may have limited or no active connection with church will see a rational approach to faith and how it helps with problems and everyday life in simple, subtle ways. Secondly, when I was first approached about doing it I spoke to a few of our housebound parishioners about it, and as they are not able to get to church and hear me (Revd. Mark) preach, and they also find online resources too challenging to access, this gives an opportunity for them to 'read' the rector's thoughts instead of 'hearing the rector speak' on a regular basis, and all of the households I spoke to about this were excited about the prospect of the column. I hope you all will enjoy it too.

Royal Society of Chemistry and Schools Outreach

Following on from the above, one of the ways I (Revd. Mark) will be integrating my passions for both science and faith is through a project with the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) and primary schools. I was recently approached to join the local section committee of the RSC, and I have been co-opted onto their committee to have special interest on schools and education in the west of NI. Although the RSC has a long history of working with schools at all stages of education, the only county which has never had any primary

school engagement is Fermanagh. (A usual story when bringing resources 'out west?!') As ministers still have a special relationship with schools to come in as visitors for assemblies and at other requests of the school, and the RSC is looking to get resources into our schools, this seems like a good idea where one can help the other.

For this year I will be approaching only the schools where Trory and Killadeas parishes have pupils attending, as an extra opportunity to meet my parishioners who are pupils 'on their turf' as well as meeting teachers and staff where they are, crossing the threshold of their workplace. There is an entire sermon I could happily preach but I shall refrain on crossing thresholds, and how physically going across the doorway into a workplace breaks down barriers, making the act of walking through a church door (which can be terrifying for some) easier in time, as they were met 'on their own turf' first. When a child sees their minister in school (whether taking assemblies, doing balloon models or delivering science kits) it also helps foster the community relationship of 'that's my minister' and creating that essential bond and rooting with a 'home' parish church. In the unique geographical area of Trory and Killadeas continuing community cohesion for the future can be challenging to say the least, with no discernible village centre within the parish boundary, and no primary school, young children in within our two parishes are spread over (at least) five separate schools in our neighbouring towns and villages.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 3rd March

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

Tuesday 5th March

- 2.30pm Tuesday Fellowship Group in Ballycassidy Hall

Wednesday 6th March

- 7pm Lent Midweek Service in Priory
- 7.30pm Modern Country Moves in Ballycassidy Hall

Sunday 10th March

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

Monday 11th March

- 7pm Mothers' Union in Killadeas Hall

Wednesday 13th March

- 7pm Lent Midweek Service in Priory
- 7.30pm Modern Country Moves in Ballycassidy Hall

Friday 15th March

- 7pm A Celebration of the Ulster roots and heritage of St. Patrick, Ballycassidy Hall

Sunday 17th March

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

Wednesday 20th March

- 7pm Lent Midweek Service in Priory
- 7.30pm Modern Country Moves in Ballycassidy Hall

Sunday 24th March (Palm Sunday)

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

Monday 25th March

- 7pm A Service for Monday in Holy Week in St Michael's, Trory

Tuesday 26th March

- 7pm A Service for Tuesday in Holy Week in St Michael's, Trory

Wednesday 28th March

- 7pm A Service for Wednesday in Holy Week in St Michael's, Trory
- 7.30pm Modern Country Moves in Ballycassidy Hall

Maundy Thursday 29th March

- 7pm A Maundy Thursday Service with stripping of the church, St Michael's, Trory



Baptism for the Johnston family.

Good Friday

- 7pm A Tenebrae Service for Good Friday, St. Michael's, Trory

Easter Sunday

- 6.30am* Dawn Holy Communion on the shores of lower Lough Erne with Bacon Baps and Coffee
- 10am Family Holy Communion with Easter Egg Hunt in Priory Church, Killadeas
- 11.30am Family Holy Communion with Easter Egg Hunt in St Michael's, Trory



Pancakes and Puzzles evening

MOTHERS' UNION

Clogher Diocese MU members mark All-Ireland Holy Communion Service

On Thursday 1 February 2024, Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union hosted the All-Ireland Mothers' Union Holy Communion Service in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

Over 130 members of the Clogher Diocese Mothers' Union branches attended the service along with members from Armagh Diocese.

The Right Revd Dr Ian Ellis, Bishop of Clogher, led the service and gave a very inspiring talk on St. Brigid whose feast day was being marked.

He said; "These early months of the new year are generally quiet in comparison with the busy celebrations of Christmas. In the calendar of the Church of Ireland, the first of February is St Brigid's day when we recall the life of Brigid, the fifth century Abbess of Kildare. She is said to have been baptised by St Patrick and stories of her portray a woman of great compassion who shone the light of the Christ at a dark time in this land.

"She is remembered especially well for her distinctive cross with four arms usually woven from rushes. By her life of prayer and service she is reputed to have strongly influenced the growth of the Church throughout Ireland.

"The lack of writings by Brigid or any of her contemporaries mean that much of what is written is from a much later period and it is difficult to disentangle truth from legend. What we can be sure of is that she was a remarkable person and who by God's grace gave unique spiritual leadership in her own time. It is interesting that in an age of a mostly male-dominated church, that an honoured place was given to Brigid of Kildare. It is a testimony to her leadership qualities. It is also fascinating to note that today (1 February) it so happens in the Church of Ireland, the Bishop of Meath and Kildare is our only woman bishop, the Most Revd Pat Storey.

"We can take inspiration from the life of Brigid and other women of faith; examples of practical witness for Christ and we can pray that we too might be known as people of prayer and compassion who bear the cross of Christ to our community. Today is also a very appropriate day then to bring together our family of the Mothers' Union to celebrate the leadership of women, in



Among those attending the service were (from left); Revd Charles Eames, MU Chaplain; Debbie Davidson, Armagh MU Diocesan President; Iris Suitor, MU Worldwide Representative; Bishop Ian Ellis, who gave the address; Heather Ellis, Clogher MU Diocesan President and Dean Kenneth Hall.

our parishes, diocese and across Ireland. "We could ask; what was it that inspired such witness, devotion to prayer and service in the lives of the early Christian leaders in these islands? It was simply the words and life of Jesus as they heard them read and preached. Those early saints had a deep reverence for scripture, they read it, sang it, and copied it out in beautifully illustrated manuscripts. The words of our Lord from the Gospels were especially treasured.

"In the Gospel reading for St Brigid's day, John 10:10, we find a source of inspiration 'I have come that they may have life.' In that imagery of the Good Shepherd caring for the sheep and helping the lost find their way into the shepherd's fold, we see Jesus bring life in all its fullness. And as those early saints believed, so do we, that just as the Good Shepherd cares for his sheep, we are called to serve and help others find their way to the shepherd's fold.

"On this special day of remembrance, we find inspiration in the example of those saints of old like Brigid, pointing people to Christ, shining the light of the Gospel in dark places, enabling others to find life in all its fullness. We do this best by our prayers, our compassion, loving words and generous actions.

"The Collect in the Book of Common Prayer for St Brigid's day gives us the

opportunity to thank God for her life and witness and to pray for a wider acknowledgement of the role of women in the ministry of the church."

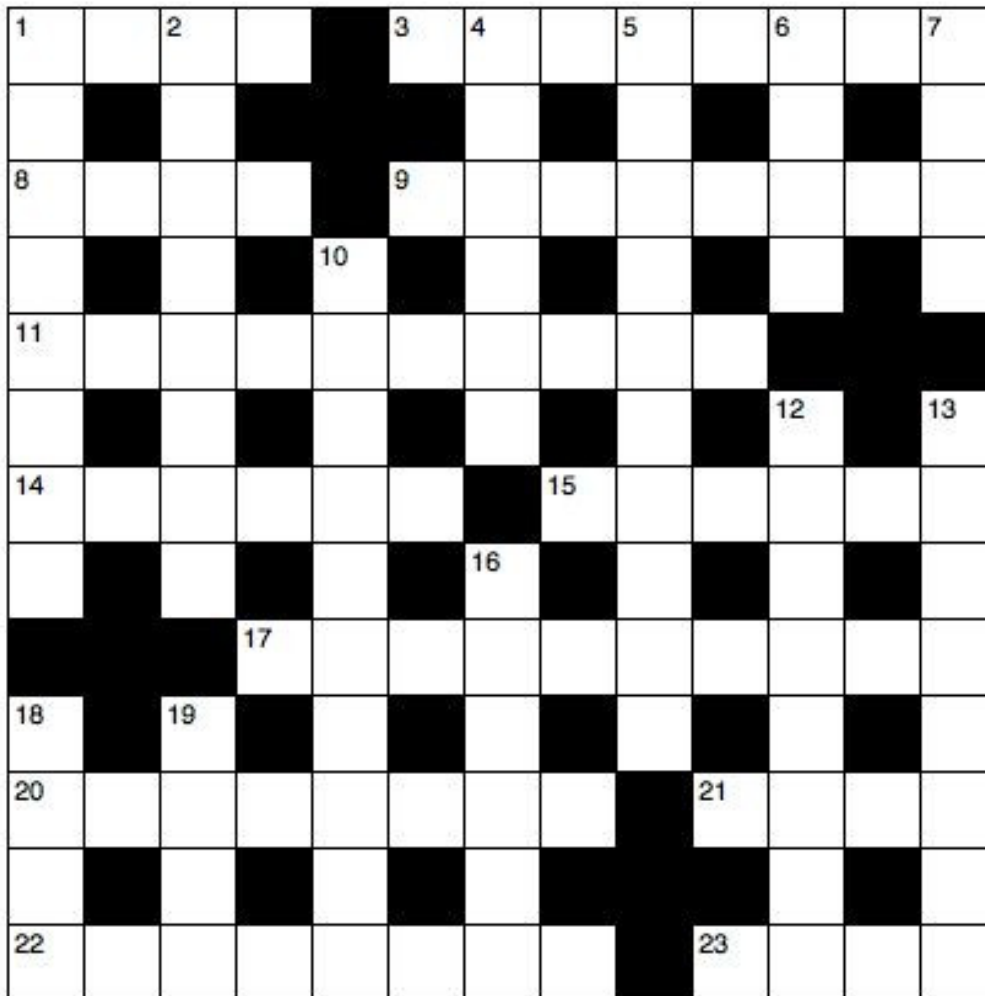
*Father,
By the leadership of your blessed servant
Brigid
you strengthened the Church in this land:
as we give you thanks for her life of
devoted service,
inspire us with new life and light,
and give us perseverance to serve you all
our days,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

The readers were Jenifer Johnston, Branch Leader in St Macartin's; Heather Ellis, Diocesan President and Dean Kenny Hall. Valerie McMorris, Faith and Policy Unit Co-ordinator, led the prayers.

Members of the Trustee Body collected the offerings, namely Liane Armstrong, Vivien Clarke, Myrtle Allen and Noreen Little. The music was led by Mr. Glenn Moore.

The Diocesan President recorded her thanks to everyone after the service and tea was served by the members of St Macartin's Cathedral Branch. Members of the Trustee Body provided the scones. This was a thoroughly enjoyable and inspiring service.

PUZZLE PAGES *for Adults*



ACROSS

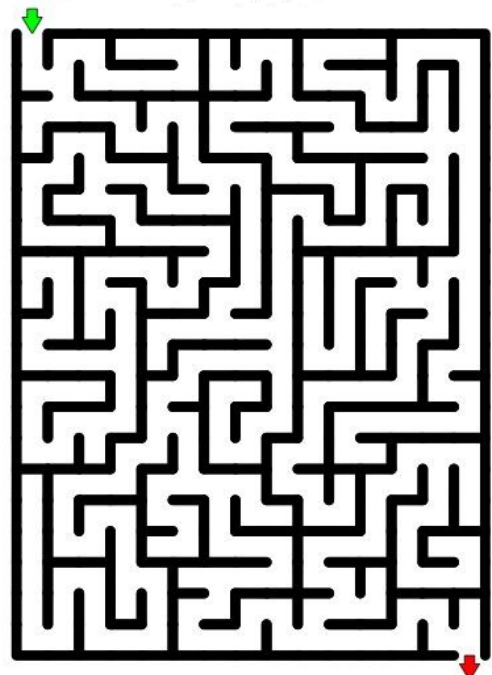
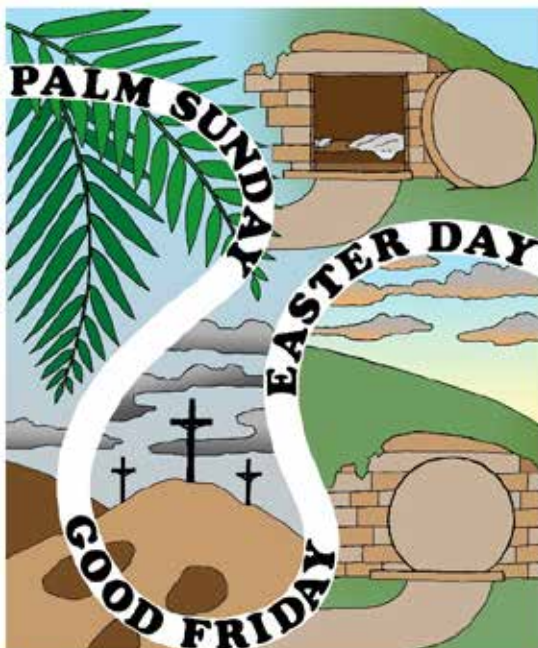
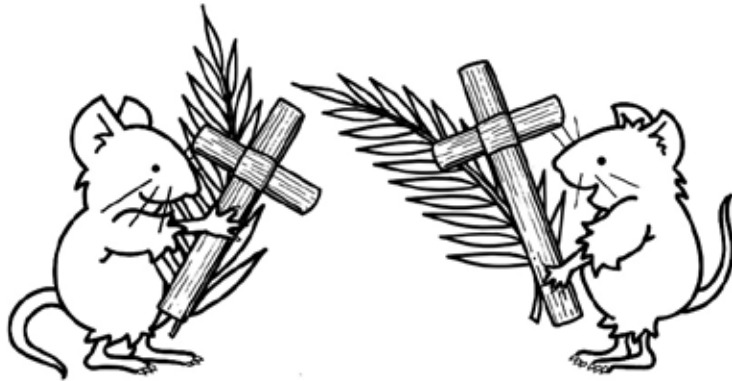
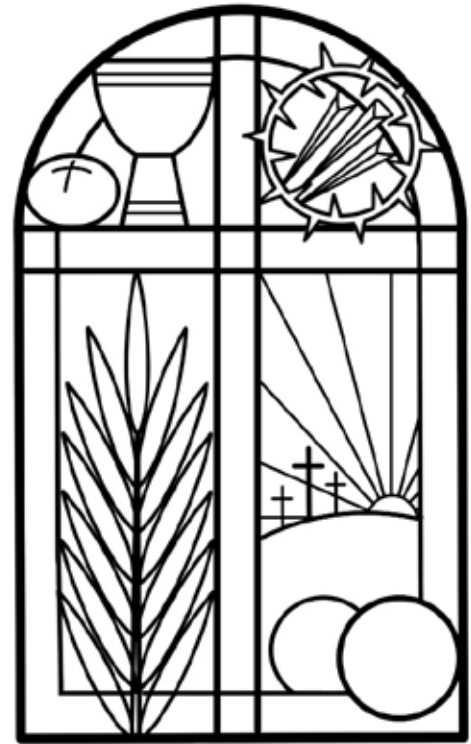
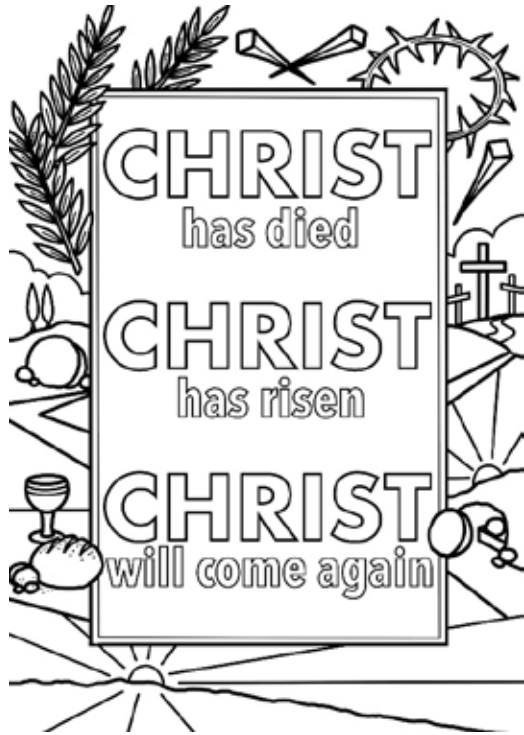
- 1 Made from the fruit of the vine, symbol of the blood of Christ (4)
- 3 'You are to set an ambush behind the city. Don't go very far from it. All of you be on — — ' (Joshua 8:4) (3,5)
- 8 Seep (4)
- 9 Celebrated by Jesus on the night of his betrayal (Luke 22:15) (8)
- 11 One of the supposed sites of Christ's burial place in Jerusalem (6,4)
- 14 'A city on a hill — be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (6)
- 15 He inherited Elijah's mantle (2 Kings 2:12-13) (6)
- 17 Where Jesus prayed 'Not as I will, but as you will' (Matthew 26:36, 39) (10)
- 20 'Only in his home town and in his — — is a prophet without honour' (Matthew 13:57) (3,5)
- 21 Sail (anag.) (4)
- 22 How Jesus was punished before his crucifixion (Matthew 27:26) (8)
- 23 Eye sore (4)

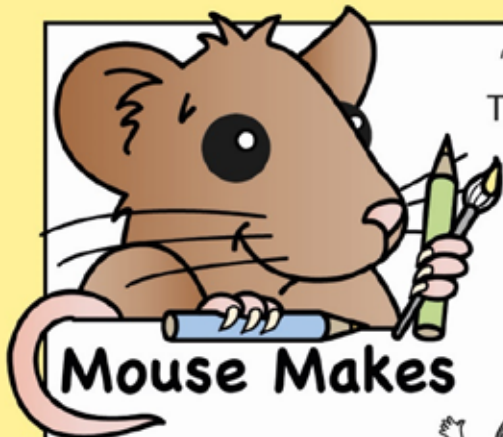
DOWN

- 1 Can't grow (anag.) (5,3)
- 2 A servant girl to Peter, 'You also were with that — , Jesus' (Mark 14:67) (8)
- 4 Well-being (Proverbs 3:8) (6)
- 5 Pentecostal denomination, — of God (10)
- 6 One of the 'obvious' acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19, 21) (4)
- 7 'I preached that they should repent and — to God' (Acts 26:20) (4)
- 10 ' — — , the world will not see me any more, but you will see me' (John 14:19) (6,4)
- 12 He betrayed Jesus: Judas — (Luke 6:16) (8)
- 13 Jesus to Peter: ' — — of my sheep' (John 21:16) (4,4)
- 16 The centurion said, 'Surely this man was — — of God' (Mark 15:39) (3,3)
- 18 Baked bread (Mark 8:14) (4)
- 19 'Blessing and honour, glory and power, be — Him' (Handel's Messiah) (4)

■ Crossword Puzzle answers on page 59

CHILDREN'S SECTION





Mouse Makes

"I am the **resurrection** and the life.
The one who believes in me will live
even though they die."

John 1:25



READ the Bible
passages to find
the answers to the
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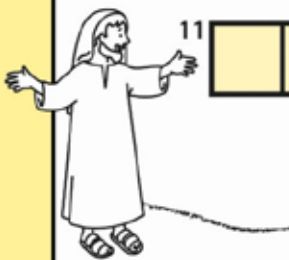
Matthew 21:1-11

1. Which city did Jesus ride into?
2. What did he ride on?
3. What did the crowd shout?
4. What did clothes did they put down?
7. What did they cut down to spread on the road?



Matthew 26:17-29

15. What feast did Jesus celebrate?
12. Who did he celebrate it with?
11. What did Jesus break to eat?



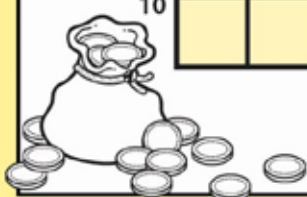
Matthew 26:36-75

6. What did Jesus go to do at Gethsemane?
18. Who denied Jesus?



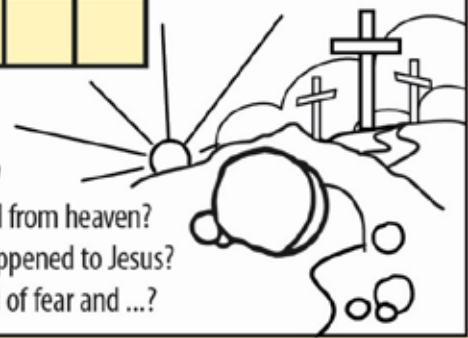
Matthew 26:14-16

- 8d. Who betrayed Jesus?
10. How many silver pieces was he paid?



Matthew 28:1-10

5. Who descended from heaven?
19. What had happened to Jesus?
- 8a. Mary was full of fear and ...?



A crossword puzzle grid with the following clues and answers:

- 1. Down: Jerusalem
- 2. Across: Donkey
- 3. Down: Hosanna
- 4. Across: Cloths
- 5. Across: Palm
- 6. Down: Supper
- 7. Across: Palm
- 8a. Down: Passover
- 8d. Across: Disciples
- 9. Down: Crucifix
- 10. Across: 30
- 11. Across: Bread
- 12. Across: Disciples
- 13. Down: Shroud
- 14. Down: Tomb
- 15. Across: Last Supper
- 16. Across: Stone
- 17. Across: Crown of thorns
- 18. Across: Peter
- 19. Across: Resurrection

DIOCESAN NEWS

St Patrick's Day in Clogher Diocese

St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, 17th March when churches will incorporate some element of the Saint's day in their morning service. In Clogher Diocese, the legacy of St. Patrick lives on in the name of three of the church buildings.

St. Patrick's Church, Castle Archdale (Front cover), was consecrated on St. Patrick's Day in 1908 and was built as part of the Arts and Crafts Movement. On a booklet produced for the parish where Archdeacon Paul Thompson is Rector, the following description is given; "St. Patrick's Church is a masterpiece of architecture and design, meticulously planned and executed to perfection. Its picturesque setting against the backdrop of Castle Archdale demesne adds to its allure. Unlike any other church in the diocese or the Irish style generally, St. Patrick's was designed to be more than just a replacement for the Chapel of The Mullies. Every detail, from foundation to completion, was carefully considered. Edward Archdale's unwavering commitment, driven by deep spirituality, provided the necessary financial backing, while James Harvey, the skilled builder, brought the visionary plan of architect Sir Thomas Drew to life. The result was a breathtaking church that blended artistry, functionality, and spirituality.

"The interior of St. Patrick's Church exudes an ethereal beauty, with its walls lined with Bath stone, a honey-coloured limestone sourced from Bath in Somerset. This versatile stone, reminiscent of the famous Royal Crescent in Bath, was shipped to Ireland in large quantities and used to build the church's prominent Archdale Coat of Arms, carved directly into the wall above the main door. The chancel area stands as a testament to fine craftsmanship, adorned with fluted columns and ornately carved capitals featuring a four-leaved shamrock motif, inspired by St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin.

"The ceiling, a high arched "wagon" design, boasts 117 carved bosses at every intersection, resembling intricate flowers. The beautifully carved screen separating the vestry from the nave is a work of art, with linen fold panels and a cornice adorned with vine foliage and clusters of grapes.



The stained-glass window in St. Patrick's Church, Castle Archdale featuring St. George and St. Patrick.

"The church's oak furniture, from the pews to the pulpit, showcases the expertise of the craftsmen Purdy and Millard, who contributed significantly to the church's exquisite interior. The choir area, initially divided, saw the choir using the stalls beside the organ, while the Archdale family occupied the pews on the vestry side, adding a touch of historical significance to the seating arrangement.

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

the evolving artistic brilliance of Alfred Child. His attention to detail and skilled craftsmanship are evident in the fine drawings of the saints' faces and lifelike features. St. Patrick, standing triumphantly on a snake, symbolizes the legendary story of driving the snakes out of Ireland, while St. George is depicted vanquishing a fearsome dragon. The shimmering smoothness of the metal armour in the stained glass is incredibly realistic, testament to Child's exceptional talent. The symbolic elements and vibrant colours add depth and significance to the artwork, making it a captivating sight for visitors and worshippers alike.

St. Patrick's Church, Castle Archdale will be having a Morning Prayer service on St. Patrick's Day starting at 10.15am on 17 March.

Also in Clogher Diocese is St. Patrick's Church, Monaghan town with its needle spire and tall lancet windows and pinnacles, built between 1831-1836.

Further east in Co. Monaghan is St. Patrick's Church, Ardragh, part of the Carrickmacross Union group of parishes in Co. Monaghan. This Gothic-style church was built in 1865-1868.

There will be a number of events taking place around St. Patrick's weekend. Trory and Killadeas Parishes are hosting a fun night on Friday, 15 March in Ballycassidy Hall celebrating the Ulster heritage of St. Patrick with an Ulster Fry served as unique themed canapes being served and Ulster Scots themed entertainment. On St. Patrick's Day, Killadeas parish will celebrate their most famous patron saint with an all-age service.

Also on the Friday evening, Aghavea Parish, near Brookeborough will be hosting a stew night while Aghabog Parish, part of the Ematrix Group of Parishes in Co. Monaghan, are having a party night for the Ematrix Group starting at 8pm.

On the Bank Holiday Monday, 18 March, St. Patrick's Walk, a community pilgrimage will take place starting from St. Salvator's Church of Ireland, Donagh Parish in Glaslough to Glennan Presbyterian Church and St. Mary's Church concluding for lunch at Donagh Parochial Hall, Glaslough. Donations are going to the Arch Club and Donagh Girls' Brigade.

Welcome for new Curate at Enniskillen Cathedral



The Revd Dr Edwin Aiken took part in his first Sunday service today as Curate of St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. He shared in the morning service along with the Dean, The Very Revd Kenny Hall and The Revd Colin Brownsmith as well as Mrs Adele Moore (Parish Reader).

Revd Aiken, who has a PhD in geography from Queen' University, Belfast and a post-graduate certificate in Theology, Mission and Ministry and a Master of Theology from Trinity College, Dublin, has arrived in Enniskillen with his wife, Alex and young son Orion.

Updated Church of Ireland Census underway

The Church of Ireland Census is being taken again in 2024 using information gathered from parish records for last year, 2023 over the four dates, 5th February, 11th June, 17th September and 26th November.

The processing of the information has been greatly simplified.

Those in charge of parishes were asked to submit the information for each Church in their Group or Union. The information included the attendance in church on each of the specified dates as well as the number of baptisms, weddings, funerals and confirmations.

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation will be held on Wednesday 8th May (the Eve of Ascension Day) at 7.30pm in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. Please contact your Rector or in the case of a vacant parish please contact the Rural Dean.



Regional Meetings 2024

Jesus said, 'Go and make disciples of all nations.' Matthew 28:19

Thursday 25 April, 7:30pm at Teemore Church Hall, Derrylin

featuring an interview with Trevor Watson (serving in Sweden)



and video news from Rick & Alanna Creighton (serving in Nigeria)



Come and hear about Crosslinks' wider ministry, including short-term mission and camps

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

March 2024

- Friday 1st March – **World Day of Prayer Service** in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge at 7.30pm. Please come along and support. Refreshments will follow the service.
- Monday 4th March – **Monday Walk & Talk** from 10.00 am - 12 noon at Ballinamallard Utd Football Club hosted by Magheracross. This is an organised walk, where people of the community will gather, walk and talk together followed by a wholesome cup of tea/coffee to warm up the hands. Roughly lasts an hour.
- Tuesday 5th March – **Kesh Rural Deanery Talk on Life after Lockdown** at 7.30pm in Derryvullen North Parish Hall, Irvinestown. Open to anyone.
- Friday 8th March – **Tempo Parish Variety Concert** Tempo Church Hall at 8pm featuring Brookeborough Flute Band, Derryclavin Pipe Band, Lisbellaw Primary School Choir and Alastair Scott Ceilidh Band. Admission £10 to parish funds.
- Friday 15th March – **St. Patrick's Weekend Fun Night** hosted by Trory and Killadeas Parishes in Ballycassidy Hall. This year the theme will be on Ulster heritage of St. Patrick, with food for the evening being an Ulster Fry and entertainment will be Ulster Scots themed too.
- Friday 15th March – **Annual St. Patrick's Stew Night** in Aghavea Parish Hall. More details will be announced in next month's magazine and will be advertised on our Facebook page, Aghavea Church, www.facebook.com/aghavea.
- Friday 15th March – **St Patrick's Party Night** hosted by Aghabog Parish with musical items, supper etc. for the Ematrix Group of Parishes and friends in Aghabog Parish Hall at 8pm. All are welcome.
- Monday 18th March – **St Patrick's Walk**, a community pilgrimage walk on Bank Holiday Monday starting at 11am from St.Salvator's Church, Glaslough to Glennan Presbyterian Church and St. Mary's Church concluding with a lunch of homemade soup and bread in Donagh Parochial Hall on Main Street, Glaslough. Donations for The Arch Club and Donagh Girls' Brigade. Everyone welcome.



- Sunday 24th March – **Palm Sunday Procession** at 10.40am to Lisbellaw Parish Church for service of Morning Prayer at 11am.
- Friday 29th March – **Good Friday Walk with the Cross** by Revd William Jeffrey, Rector of Lisbellaw with Coolbuck, at 11.30am starting from Lisbellaw Rectory to the Parish Church followed at 12 noon by 'Three Hours.'

- Sunday 31st March – **Easter Day Dawn Service** led by Revd Stephen McWhirter of Rossorry Parish Church at 6am at Old Rossorry, Enniskillen.



- Sunday 31st March – **Easter Day Dawn Holy Communion Service** on the shores of Lower Lough Erne hosted by the Priory Church, Killadeas, on the loughshore behind the church at 6.30am. This service is followed with bacon baps, coffee and fellowship in Killadeas Hall.

April 2024

- Saturday 6th April – **Galloon Parish Auction** at 12 noon in The Church Hall, High Street, Newtownbutler. A wide selection of items include antique furniture, delph, clocks, other furniture, linen, bed-linen, hand tools, household items, bathroom fittings, collectables, mirrors, pictures and boxed lots ideal for car-booters or traders. This is an auction with something for everyone and should not to be missed. Refreshments will be on sale. Viewing on the morning of the auction from 11am.
- Saturday 6th April – **Seven Towers Male Voice Choir in concert** at 8.00pm in Holy Trinity Church, Dromore. A special event not to be missed!
- Sunday 14th April – **120th Anniversary Service of St. Macartan's Cathedral Clogher Mothers' Union** at 3.30pm in St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher with special music featuring the RUC Women's Choir and Murley Silver Band. Afternoon tea in the Cathedral Hall, Clogher following the service.
- Friday 26th April – **Table Quiz in Belle Isle hall** with proceeds in aid of Derrybrusk Church! Everyone welcome!
- Sunday 28th April – **50th Anniversary Service in memory of late TD and Senator Billy Fox** at 3pm in Christ Church, Aughnamullen. This will be a cross community event and all are welcome.



May 2024

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



December 2024

- Friday 6th - Sunday 8th December 2024 – **Christmas Tree Festival** in Cooneen Parish Church celebrating their 150 year anniversary. Viewing will begin on the Friday and the weekend will conclude with a Carol Service on the Sunday. More information will follow.





Revd William Jeffrey carrying the cross on Good Friday 2023.

Lent and Easter in Clogher Diocese

Parishes throughout Clogher Diocese will be holding Lenten Services leading up to Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter.

On Palm Sunday, there will be a Palm Sunday procession to Lisbellaw Parish Church before the Sunday morning service at 11am.

There will also be a Palm Sunday procession to St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, led by the Dean, Curate and the Choir.

Then on Good Friday, there will be a Good Friday Walk with the Cross by Revd William Jeffrey, Rector of Lisbellaw Parish Church. He will walk with the cross from the Rectory to the church starting out at 11.30am and then holding a "Three Hours" reflection in the church. Revd Stephen McWhirter, Rector of Rossorry Parish Church has decided to go barefoot for the six weeks of Lent. Looking ahead to Easter, there are a number of Easter Dawn Services.

On Easter Day, Revd Stephen McWhirter of Rossorry Parish Church will lead an outdoor service at 6am at the Old Rossorry site.

Also on Easter Day, Revd Mark Gallagher



Revd Mark Gallagher at last year's Dawn Service behind Killadeas Church on the shores of Lower Lough Erne.

from Trory and Killadeas Parishes will lead an Easter Day Holy Communion Service on the shores of Lower Lough Erne hosted by the Priory Church,

Killadeas on the loughshore behind the church at 6.30am. The service will be followed by breakfast baps, coffee and fellowship in Killadeas Hall.

Ethne nominated to receive Maundy Money at Maundy Thursday Service

A PARISHIONER from Donagh Group of Parishes in Clogher Diocese will be among the 150 recipients of Maundy Money at this year's Maundy Thursday Service in Worcester Cathedral.

Mrs Ethne McCord, who resides with her husband, Dr. David McCord in Co. Down, is the nominee from Clogher Diocese to receive Maundy Money at this year's service in Worcester Cathedral on Thursday, 28 March which is traditionally attended by members of the Royal Family. She attends the weekly services in St. Salvator's Church, Glaslough as well as being involved in the group services at Tyholland with Errigal Truagh.

Ethne is described as an extraordinary woman whose compassion, concern and dedication to efforts that enhance and augment the lives of others through volunteering and charity work in communities on both sides of the border are "exceptional."

Among the work she does, Ethne is a regular volunteer in the McCague Day Centre in Aughnacloy which she has done for many years stretching back to when she managed her husband's GP surgery in Aughnacloy. She recently accompanied a group from the Day Centre to an ABBA tribute concert with Dr David driving the bus. Nearer her home in Co. Down, Ethne is a volunteer in the RNLI shop one day a week. Ethne is probably best known as the Musical Director of the cross community and cross border Donagh Community Choir based in St Salvator's Parish Church in Glaslough Co Monaghan. The Choir is made up of parishioners of the local Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic Parishes and members of the local Presbyterian congregation as well as people from across Co Monaghan and Co Tyrone aged from 18 to 86. Donagh Community Choir sing at the harvest festivals in the three local Church of Ireland Parishes and in St Mary's, Catholic Parish and in Glennan Presbyterian. One of the highlights of the social calendar in North Monaghan is the Winter's Tale Concerts held each year on the Monday and Tuesday before Christmas. Ethne is the organist in St Salvator's Parish Church in Glaslough and she travels from her home in County Down and trains the choir. As well as the senior choir, Ethne also nurtures the musical talents of the small junior choir who join the Donagh



Worcester Cathedral.



Mrs. Ethne McCord.

Community Choir for the Christmas concerts each year. Ethne is also Secretary to the Select Vestry of St Sillian's, Tyholland with St Muadain's, Errigal Truagh and she is proactive in securing heritage and community grants for the parishes within the Donagh Group of Parishes. She has a great interest in local history and has been involved in a project to archive, record and tell the history of St Sillian's, Tyholland and is currently putting together a proposal for an archaeological study which aims to reveal the history of the ecclesiastical site at Tyholland which is believed to stretch back to the earliest days of Christianity in north Monaghan. She is also a member of Clogher Diocesan Synod, Diocesan Council, and other committees, as well as assisting parishes in Co. Monaghan with charity compliance issues. At central church level, she is a member of the RCB and a member of the RCB Property Committee and a member of General Synod. Ethne was a member of the Diocesan Music Bursary Committee and helped to coordinate a number of musical events including training for music bursary recipients, a musical event bringing schools in Co Monaghan together held in St Patrick's Church, Monaghan, and a number of Diocesan Big Sing events. Recommending her on her role, Bishop Ian Ellis described Ethne as "an extraordinary person whose compassion, and dedication enhances the lives of others through her voluntary and charity work."

CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

Bishops' Appeal provides warmth in Ukraine community

Bishops' Appeal support has ensured that 250 wood-burning stoves have been distributed in the Kharkiv region by Habitat for Humanity Ukraine in recent months.

Many arrived just in time for Christmas, and all will keep families warm and allow them to cook simple meals.

The current situation in Ukraine is challenging with more airstrikes, less support, and a general concern about the most vulnerable.

Bishops' Appeal funds raised for people displaced in and from Ukraine by the war continue to support Habitat for Humanity's work.

Warren, a Habitat volunteer, describes the difference the stoves make, saying: "They help not just physically but mentally. A warm glow in a cold dark place, something life-sustaining to tend to and have some control over in these uncertain and difficult times."

In Romania, as well as support for Ukrainian refugees, the Government has asked Habitat to assist 400 people who have links to Romania and who have been evacuated from Gaza. Habitat has provided some nights in a hotel to allow them to catch their breath, helped them plan their next steps, and provided social housing.

To find out how you can donate to Bishops' Appeal online, by cheque or standing order, or through your parish, please visit: <https://bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/give>



Stoves in storage and ready for distribution in Ukraine. Photo credit Habitat for Humanity.

Church Leaders welcome restoration of NI Assembly

The Church Leaders Group welcomed the restoration of devolved government in Northern Ireland and recognised the challenges in reaching necessary accommodations to enable this to happen.

In a joint statement issued before the Northern Ireland Assembly met, the leaders of the Church of Ireland, Roman Catholic Church, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches in Ireland, and the Irish Council of Churches said, "As Church leaders we have consistently called for the UK Government to take all necessary steps to facilitate the restoration of good governance in Northern Ireland and the return of fully functioning and resourced devolved institutions, north-south and east-west bodies.

"As the final steps are taken that should lead to the welcome restoration of devolved government, it is important to recognise that government is never simply an end in itself, but rather a means to an end. A re-established Executive and Assembly are first and important steps towards re-establishing hope and a vision for the future. But for that to be achieved it will mean a commitment to focus on the common good. It will mean prioritising the needs of the most vulnerable and marginalised of our fellow citizens. And it will mean at times taking the long over-due hard decisions necessary to transform our public services, many of which are close to breaking point."

The Church Leaders continued, "Partnership government will almost always be challenging, but at its best it can be much

more than the sum of its collective parts. It can be the means of delivering together a better and more secure future for all of our fellow citizens, as problems are faced up to and solved, and the new opportunities opening up are grasped.

"In November 2023 we met separately with each of the main Northern Ireland political parties and those discussions were both positive and constructive. Each party expressed a desire and willingness to step up to the mark and play their part in restored institutions, if only the challenge of restoring devolution could be overcome. We are now approaching that moment."

The Church Leaders concluded by saying, "As in these coming days our political parties seek to move forward together, acting for the common good and governing for all, they do so with the support and prayers of many in our society, ourselves included."

*** Most Reverend John McDowell, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland**

*** Most Reverend Eamon Martin, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland**

*** Right Reverend Dr Sam Mawhinney, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

*** Reverend David Turtle, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland**

*** Right Reverend Andrew Forster, President of the Irish Council of Churches**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Community news briefs for local organisations

WRAP

Western Response & Action on Poverty Programme (WRAP) Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has very recently appointed a consortium of local organisations to deliver a programme of wraparound and financial support for households in the district experiencing, or at risk of, food poverty. Aply named WRAP, the programme centres on an eight-week plan of bespoke, personalised wraparound support, which will be developed and agreed with the client household. Support is aimed at maximising income and reducing household costs. Issues such as debt, benefits, budgeting, housing, healthy eating, physical and mental health will be addressed, as well as education, training and employability skills. The WRAP programme aims to support up on 140 households across Fermanagh and Omagh between December 2023 and March 2024. Local support organisations can refer households to the programme, or individuals can self-refer by calling 028 6632 7006 or emailing info@fermanaghrcn.org Further information on this programme and other support can be found at www.fermanaghomagh.com/costofliving

FREE FARM FAMILY FIRST AID AWARENESS TRAINING

This takes place in partnership with Global Horizon Skills Ltd/CAFRE. Open to farmers, farm employees, and farm family members Would you be able to offer a suitable venue for a face-to-face workshop, to provide life-saving training for a local group? They would be face to face workshops with between 12-20 people attending. Participants need to provide their farm number/business ID, along with registration information, name, address, etc. If there are several 'eligible' attendees from the same farm business, then each is eligible for a first aid kit. Workshops will provide the participants with the key skills that have the potential to save a life and reduce the impact of a farm accident. Training includes basic First Aid procedures for common farm-based injuries, how to use the contents of a First Aid kit, and awareness of tools/technologies to aid farm workers in emergency situations.

SENIORS AT THE CAVES

Book a Senior Ticket for a Guided Cave Tour of the Marble Arch Caves online or purchase on the day of visit and enjoy two senior tickets for the price of one! This offer can only be redeemed through online booking or purchase on date of visit for Guided Cave Tour tickets only. This offer is for public use and the ticket sales are capped. The offer ends on Tuesday 30 April.

ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY DEMENTIA CAFÉ

This is a warm and welcoming space for people living with dementia and their carers. It is open on Mondays, 2pm to 4pm - 4, 11 March. Carers Information and Support Programme For carers, family/friends of people living with dementia - Tuesdays 11am to 12.30pm - 6, 13, 20, 27 March. Carers Peer Support Group for the family and carers of people living with dementia - Thursdays, 11am to 12.30pm - 7, 14 March. All take place in The Belmore Court Motel, Tempo Road, Enniskillen. Refreshments provided. For more information and to book your place, please contact Martin Bradley, Dementia Adviser, Fermanagh on 07725 475715.

NI AMBULANCE SERVICE VOLUNTARY CAR SERVICE DRIVER ROLES

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CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

If anyone might be interested in attending the Christians Against Poverty Life Skills Group they should contact: Viola Bryson (Life Skills Manager) Mob: 07541 547900 Email violabryson@capuk.org Patricia Robinson (Life Skills Coach) Mob: 07522 175030 Email patriciarobinson@caplifefskills.org

DROMORE & TRILLICK GP PRACTICE SMALL STEPS BIG CHANGE

This is a programme to help you get from where you are, to where you want to be. Build good habits and break bad ones to become a better and healthier you. If interested, contact Stephen at Dromore & Trillick GP Practice on 028 8244 0600. Over 65 Group, The Tuesday Club takes place on Tuesdays 10.30am-1.00pm in Dromore Sports Complex with activities, health talks, social outings (dependent on funding and donations). If you are interested in joining or going along contact Martina on 028 8244 0600.

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

Apply for a free defibrillator for your community. All eligible UK-based community groups can apply. A limited number of funded defibrillators are available. Applications will be reviewed monthly against a set of criteria so defibrillators can be awarded to communities that need them most. For further details visit <https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators/apply-for-a-free-defibrillator-for-your-community> Applications will close on Friday 15 March 2024.

NEW COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME

Fermanagh Community Transport New Scheme: Home to Hospital, Health and Wellbeing Appointments for People with Disabilities, Mobility Problems and Older People. For further details contact Jason Donaghy, Manager on 028 6632 4260/ 07702 609432 Email jason@fermanaghcommunitytransport.com Website www.fermanaghcommunitytransport.com

Prayers for King Charles

Archbishop John McDowell has issued the following statement:

'I was saddened to learn of the King's diagnosis of cancer and ask that the King and his family should be remembered in public prayer and in our private devotions at what will be an anxious time for many people.

'The words 'Long live the King' are no empty formula or weary cliché but are an expression of the heartfelt desire of many people across these islands and far beyond,' said Archbishop McDowell.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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ACROSS: 1, Wine. 3, The alert. 8, Ooze. 9, Passover. 11, Garden Tomb. 14, Cannot. 15, Elisha. 17, Gethsemane. 20, Own house. 21, Lisa. 22, Flogging. 23, Stye.

DOWN: 1, Wrong act. 2, Nazarene. 4, Health. 5, Assemblies. 6, Envy. 7, Turn. 10, Before long. 12, Iscariot. 13, Take care. 16, The Son. 18, Loaf. 19, Unto.

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