



Anglican Communion - Church of Ireland - Diocese of Clogher

Carrickmacross and Magheracluone with Ardragh Group of Parishes



St. Finbarr's Carrickmacross, St. Molua's Magheracluone, St. Patrick's Ardragh



Newsletter

April 2010

Worship

Maunday Thursday

This year we will have a special Passover Preparation like service in St. Finbarr's at 8.00pm on April 1st. The congregation will sit around a table down the length of the aisle and have a special meal which will include a memorial of the Last Supper. The meal includes bread rolls, cheese, water and wine, alcoholic and non alcoholic. It would be helpful to know how many people will be coming to this for catering purposes but we hope as many as possible will make the effort to be there from all ends of the group.

Midweek Communion

These will be held on Wednesday 7th and 28th April at 10.30am in St. Finbarr's. Note there will be no midweek services on the 14th and 21st.

Dawn Service

As well as the usual Easter services Carrickmacross at 8am and 10.30am, Magheracluone at 11.45am and

Ardragh at 1pm we will have a service in God's Acre, Dundalk Road, Carrickmacross at 6am on Easter Morning. We have been thinking of having a special Easter Service for years but aren't convinced by the Saturday night Easter Vigil idea which to our thinking cuts across the sadness and lostness of Holy Saturday as we contemplate the hoped for Saviour and his promises buried in the tomb. But reading up about the Moravian practice of an all night vigil on Holy Saturday followed by a dawn service in their graveyards (which they always call 'Gottesacker', God's Field) it seems like a much more authentic special Easter worship. The service begins in darkness remembering how Mary went to the Lord's tomb before dawn and it ends by asking why we continue to seek the living among the dead. We are going to hold such a service and gather before dawn among the tombs of our dead., weather permitting. We will not hold the all night vigil! which for the Moravians involves bands marching around their towns all night playing religious chorales!

The Moravians, from what is now the Czech Republic, revolted against Roman authority in the 1400's, long before the Reformation, and were

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hunted around central Europe for centuries until they took refuge in North America. While they are a different denomination to us they are in communion with our Anglican Communion of churches.

Prayer Meeting

There will be no 9pm Prayer meeting on the second Sunday of April. We hope to re-commence these prayer times in May.

Parish News

Bishops' Appeal

Each Lent we ask parishioners to undertake some form of personal discipline to benefit those who are suffering through famine, drought or natural disaster. Once again we are urging everyone to take part in some meaningful way and then to use a Bishops' Appeal envelope, which will be distributed at Easter time to make their donation. Money we gave was available for use immediately the Haiti earthquake happened and while it is important to continue on with our support for the effort to rebuild that and other devastated countries it is also important our support will be there immediately the next disaster occurs.

Ardragh Dance

St. Patrick's Church in Ardragh are planning a fund raising dance on Friday 28th May in Corduff Community Centre. Help with promoting this event and selling admission tickets for it would be much appreciated.

Reports

Women's World Day of Prayer

This was held in St. Finbar's on Friday 5th March at 8pm using the ecumenical service provided by women from the Cameroon. Our speaker was Mr Christopher Steed who spoke with great knowledge about Christianity in Africa which is his special study. We thank him for making the journey and all those who took part in the service.

Confirmation

It was a great delight to have Bishop Jackson with us to preside at the Confirmation Service on Sunday 7th March in Carrickmacross. There was good support from the whole group for our candidates and we thank everyone who came along. Please continue to pray for George, Linda, Matthew, Lorna and Grace and lets pray for ourselves that we may continue to become the kind of worshipping community which will encourage young people like them to continuing worshipping with us and continue to grow into the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Rectory Grid

Sincere thanks to Mr Freddie Merrin and Mr John Babington for the replacement of the broken cattle grid at the Rectory gate.

Table Tennis

Our teams have been doing well this year and at this stage are playing in various finals. They have had a few very busy weeks but activities will close for the year soon. The Div.7 team will be playing in the final of the Minor

THIS MONTH

Wednesday	31 st	10.30am Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's 8.00pm Spy Wednesday Service, St. Molua's
Thursday	1 st	8.00pm Maunday Thursday Service, St. Finbarr's
Friday	2 nd	Midday 3 hours by the Cross meditation 8.00pm Good Friday Service, St. Finbarr's
Tuesday	6 th	8.00pm Easter General Vestry, Parish Room
Wednesday	7 th	8.00pm Easter General Vestry, St. Molua's
Monday	12 th	Rector on Holiday
Wednesday	28 th	10.30am Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Thursday	29 th	2.00pm Open Day at Cabra School

NEXT MONTH

Sunday	9 th	9.00pm Prayer Meeting in St. Finbarr's
Monday	10 th	8.00pm Hymn Practice, St. Finbarr's
Wednesday	12 th	10.30am Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Friday	28 th	9.00pm Ardragh Fund Raising Dance

Cup on Easter Monday in Corroneary against Doohat and we wish them every success in that. The Table Tennis Dinner is on the 9th April in the Lavey Inn and those wishing to attend should contact Caroline Merrin. We would like to thank her especially for all the work she has put in to running the Junior teams and all those have have helped. It is wonderful to see that it has all been so worthwhile both in terms of wins achieved and friendships and characters formed.

People

Holy Matrimony

On Saturday 20th February Jacqueline Hill of Cavanagera and Daire Kindlon of Coolderry were married in St. Finbarr's Church. We wish them both every blessing in their married lives together and it is good to know that

they will be making their home in the area.

Notices

Seeking Women!

Steadfast House Carrickmacross, in association with John Joe Cunningham's Vintage Run, are seeking volunteers to undertake the Women's Mini-Marathon in Dublin on June Bank Holiday Monday. Proceeds in aid of Steadfast House Residential Care, Carrickmacross. To register for the Mini-Marathon, please contact Sarah Callan at 086 30 39 803 before Friday, 23rd April.

Sunday Services

4th April 2010, Easter Sunday (White)

Isaiah 65.17-25, Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24, 1 Cor. 15.19-26, John 20.1-18

Carrickmacross	6.00am	HC,	God's Acre	Rector
Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC		Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC		Rector
Magheracloune	11.45am	HC		Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	HC		Rector

11th April 2010, 2nd Sunday of Easter (White)

Job 42.1-6, Psalm 118.14-29, Revelation 1.4-8, John 20.19-31

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC		Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP		Rector
Magheracloune	11.45am	MP		Rector

18th April 2010, 3rd Sunday of Easter (White)

Jeremiah 32.36-41, Psalm 30, Revelation 5.11-14, John 21.1-19

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP		Mr Walter Pringle
Magheracloune	11.45am	MP		Mr Walter Pringle
Ardragh	1.00pm	MP		Mr Walter Pringle

25th April 2010, 4th Sunday of Easter (White)

Numbers 27.12-23, Psalm 23, Revelation 7.9-17, John 10.22-30

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP		Mr Walter Pringle
Magheracloune	11.45am	MP		Mr Walter Pringle

2nd May 2010, 5th Sunday of Easter (White)

Leviticus 19.1-2, 9-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21.1-6, John 13.31-35

Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC		Rector
Magheracloune	11.45am	HC		Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	HC		Rector

9th May 2010, Rogation Easter (White)

Joel 2.21-27, Psalm 67, Revelation 21.10,22-22.5, John 14.23-29

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC		Rector
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Magheracloune	11.45am	MP		Rector

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