



Anglican Communion - Church of Ireland - Diocese of Clogher

Carrickmacross, Magheraclone and Ardragh Group of Parishes



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



Newsletter

April 2012

Worship

Holy Week

On each morning in Holy Week there will be Morning Prayer at 8am. We will hold a Penitential service on Spy Wednesday the 4th at 8pm in Carrickmacross. On Thursday the 5th at 8pm there will be a memorial of the Last Supper in Magheraclone at 8pm and on Good Friday, again at 8pm we will have a special service in Carrickmacross.

Easter

Easter Sunday falls on the 8th April and there will be services of Holy Communion at 6am in God's Acre, at 10.30am in St. Finbarr's and at 11.45am in Magheraclone.

Readers

This will be a last appeal for people to offer themselves as

*Notes for the newsletter should
be with the Rector by the last
Sunday of the month please*

Parish Readers. We will begin four two hour training sessions on the 15th May in Monaghan. In the meantime we will need application forms filled and the Bishop's permissions granted. If anyone else would like to offer to do this work we would like to hear from you as soon as possible.

New Arrangements

Just to remind you again that we have dropped back to one Communion per month in Carrickmacross at the 10.30am time. It will be celebrated on the first Sunday. Each month the Rector will be going to Ballybay Group on the third Sunday, though this month because of Easter, he will be away on the 22nd of April.

United Service

On the last Sunday of April, the 29th The MU and Friends are planning that we will have a United Service and Parish Party at St. Patrick's Church in Ardragh at Midday. A number of

parishioners have never been to this beautiful site with its unique little church and we hope that everyone will make a special effort to come to this. Friends and relations will also be welcome. This event is our 'Mums-in-May' - MU 125th Anniversary event.

Midweek Communions

The midweek communion will be held every Wednesday in April in St. Finbarr's.

Pentecost Service

The Bishop has asked us to take part in organising the annual ecumenical Whit Sunday Service which this year will be held in Inniskeen on Sunday 27th May. At this stage he is looking for a young person from the parish who would be willing to give a short reflection on Pentecost and a group of people who would be willing to provide refreshments.

The Diocesan Office have sent us this statement.

On the afternoon of Sunday 27th May 2012 at 3.00pm, the Day of Pentecost, the annual open-air service which has customarily been led by both Bishops of Clogher will take place this year at the historic site of Inniskeen in County Monaghan, close to the border with Counties Louth and

Armagh. This will be the first time that the service takes place at Inniskeen, a site of historical importance for the early Christian Church in this region. This will also be a significant year as it will be first time in which the new Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell, takes part in the service. He will join with the Most Revd Liam MacDaid, Roman Catholic Bishop of Clogher, to lead this special open-air service.

Inniskeen dates from the late Neolithic to the early Christian period. A monastery was founded on the site in the 6th century by St Daigh MacCarell, it was later burned in 789, subsequently plundered by the Vikings in 948, and burned a second time in 1166. However, the lower third of the original round tower remains. The arrival of the Normans saw the construction of a Motte-and-bailey in the 13th century, and the motte is still standing to this day. The arrival of the Augustinian order of monks saw the construction of a new monastery, and one section of the monastery wall remains. The Church of Ireland Parish Church of Inniskeen was rebuilt on the ancient site in 1854, and was eventually closed in 1970.

THIS MONTH

Sunday	1 st	7.00pm	Faure's Requiem, St. Finbarrs
Monday	2 nd	8.00am	Morning Prayer, St. Finbarrs
Tuesday	3 rd	8.00am	Morning Prayer, St. Finbarrs
Wednesday	4 th	8.00am	Morning Prayer, St. Finbarrs
		10.30am	Midweek Communion St. Finbarrs
		8.00pm	Spy Wednesday Service St. Finbarrs
Thursday	5 th	8.00am	Morning Prayer, St. Finbarrs
		8.00pm	Maunday Thursday Service, Magheraclone
Good Friday	6 th	8.00am	Morning Prayer, St. Finbarrs
		8.00pm	Good Friday Service, St. Finbarrs
Wednesday	11 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion St. Finbarrs
Thursday	12 th	8.00pm	Carrickmacross General Easter Vestry
Saturday	14 th	Midday	Lutheran Service, St. Finbarrs
		2.00pm	Introduction of new Baptist Minister
Monday	16 th	8.00pm	Music Rehearsal in St. Finbarrs
Tuesday	17 th	8.00pm	Magheraclone General Easter Vestry
Wednesday	18 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion St. Finbarrs
		2.00pm	Ardragh General Easter Vestry
Thursday	19 th	8.00pm	MU and Friends
Wednesday	25 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion St. Finbarrs
Sunday	29 th	Midday	United Service in Ardragh

NEXT MONTH

Friday	11 th		MU Diocesan Barbecue
Friday	18 th		MU Diocesan Festival Service, Fintona
Saturday	19 th		Cabra Central School Fete, Kingscourt
Thursday	24 th		MU Spring Council, Enniskillen
Sunday	27 th	3.00pm	Open Air Service, Inniskeen

During the service two young people from the local area will each give a reflection of the subject of Pentecost. Bishop MacDaid will deliver a talk based on the readings, from the book of Ezekiel and the Gospel of John,

and singing will be led by a local choir.

After the service there will be a talk delivered by Sr Una Agnew on the spirituality of Patrick Kavanagh, one of the foremost

Sunday Services

1st April 2012, 6th Sunday in Lent (Palm) (Purple)

Isaiah 50.4-9a, Psalm 118.1-2,19-29, Philippians 2.5-11, Mark 11.1-11,

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracl Boone	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	1.00am	HC	Rector

8th April 2012, Easter Sunday (White)

Acts 10.34-43, Psalm 118.1-2,14-24, 1 Cor. 15.1-11, Mark 16.1-8

Carrickmacross	6.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracl Boone	11.45am	HC	Rector

15th April 2012, Second Sunday of Easter (White)

Acts 4.32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1.1-2.2, John 20.19-31

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Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracl Boone	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	1.00am	MP	Rector

22nd April 2012, Third Sunday of Easter (White)

Acts 3.12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3.1-7, Luke 24.36b-48

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Mr W. Pringle
Magheracl Boone	11.45am	MP	Mr W. Pringle

29th April 2012, Fourth Sunday of Easter (White)

Acts 4.5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3.16-24, John 10.11-18

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Ardragh	1.00am	United Service	Rector

6th May 2012, Fifth Sunday of Easter (White)

Acts 8.26-40, Psalm 22.25-31, 1 John 4.7-21, John 15.1-8

Carrickmacross	8.00am	MP	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracl Boone	11.45am	MP	Rector

Parish Ministry Team

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Irish poets of the 20th century. Inniskeen was the birthplace and childhood home of Kavanagh, and he is buried along with his wife in Inniskeen graveyard.

A warm invitation is extended to all to join in this occasion, and refreshments will be made available afterwards.

Parish News

Easter Vestries

We will be holding the parish AGM's on Thursday 12th April 8.00pm in Carrickmacross on Tuesday 17th at 8.00pm in Magheracluone and on Wednesday the 18th at 2.00pm in Ardragh.

Bishops Appeal

We have distributed Envelopes for our churches Third World and Development Aid Fund during Lent this year. The idea is that everyone takes on some personal discipline and puts something by for the benefit of others during Lent. We will be asking that the filled envelopes are returned on Easter Sunday.

Barbecue

Plans are in hand to run a Barbecue during the summer and a small committee has been set up to carry through with the planning.

We thank everyone who has volunteered to help with this.

Concerts

The Rector has been in discussion with Lieve Kelly who ran a youth choir Concert in St. Finbarr's at Christmas and Darren Clarke who is involved in various music projects in the area about running a series of concerts during the Summer in St. Finbarr's. Please look out for further details.

Tidy Towns

Mr Jim Deery has invited the Parish to support an initiative to get various organisations to take an interest in their part of the town. He is contacting the Select Vestry to ask if parishioners would clear litter from the area between the Jackson Hall and the Convent Gates and in front of God's Acre Graveyard.

Safeguarding Trust

The training day for Panel members on Saturday 31st March highlighted a number of areas where we have fallen down a bit on our record keeping. We also learned that we are to have a visit from Diocesan inspectors to go through all our records etc. After the Easter Vestries are out of the way we hope to arrange meeting with leaders and vestry members

to go over all our attendnace books, application forms etc. to confirm we have everything in order, so please look out for this soon.

Missing Prayerbooks

We seem to be missing some of the new prayer books from Magheracluone and it is making it difficult when we have visitors. We would urgently appeal to anyone who might have inadvertently taken one to leave it back in the church as they are expensive to replace.

Reports

Confirmation

The area service held in Castleblayney on the 11th March went really well with the very large church filled to capacity. We would like to thank Lesley Dolan for doing one of the readings so competently in front of such a large congregation. It was our first experience of our new Bishop taking such a service and he seemed to have struck just the right note with everyone.

Faure Requiem

On Palm Sunday evening Lorraine Cotter (Pat's daughter) put on a performance of Faure's Requiem in St. Finbarr's at 7pm. This was a

most suitable introduction to Holy Week and we are glad it was well supported.

Diocesan News

Children's Ministry

Resource Evenings in Clogher Diocese With Julie Currie

Jonny Phenix, Clogher Diocesan Youth Officer, comments "we are very happy to announce that Julie Currie, Children's Development Officer with the diocese of Down and Dromore, will be visiting Clogher Diocese later this month."

Julie will be bringing examples of children's ministry resources with her and will be speaking about effective children's work. It is intended that she will speak in both the north and south of the diocese.

For those in the Northern area of the diocese, Julie will deliver a workshop on Monday 23rd April in Enniskillen Cathedral Hall at 7:30pm in the minor hall. For those in the Southern section of the diocese, Julie will be delivering the same workshop in the YMCA building in Monaghan town at 7:30pm on Tuesday 24th April.

Wendy Houston, the newly appointed Children's Ministry representative for Clogher Diocese, has also kindly agreed to speak about her studies on the new Children's Ministry Certificate course which she and a number of others have been following this year.

In all both evenings promise to be very informative and worthwhile to all those who find themselves responsible in their parish for the nurture and teaching of our children. Please pass the word along to all for who this may be of help, should that be Sunday school teachers, GFS leaders or any others who are involved in this very important work amongst our children.

Church News

Bishop of Clogher response to incident in Rosslea

Responding to news that a viable bomb was discovered along the laneway of Councillor Harold Andrews' home in County Fermanagh, the Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell, commented that "it is appalling that such a destructive and life threatening plot could be hatched and carried out at any time but especially so in the very week when Christians from all traditions are recalling with real thanksgiving the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Across this island there is a desire to build a new sort of society where differences are settled through political debate. A tiny number of people think that it can be otherwise but I pray they will realise they are deluded and that there is no place for this sort of monstrous activity in our society. Mr Andrews and his family are in our thoughts and prayers."

People

Sick

There are quite a number of sad situations in the parish at the moment with so many ill or in trouble of various sorts. We pray earnestly for everyone in these situations that even if they do not find prompt relief they may find that they may find the grace and strength sufficient for their need.

Organisations

MU and Friends

During February we had an "Answers night" and also 20 people went to RTE for a show. A few were even seen on the TV. Both evenings were enjoyable.

In March we met on Thursday 15th when we were introduced to laughter therapy. The group also went to a Fashion Show run by Clontibret parish on Thursday 29th.

Our April meeting will be the 19th April when we will do the Sli' walk and finalise plans for the parish picnic at Ardragh church on 29th April. Rachael has agreed to do face painting and there will be other events for the children. Rosemary is looking for helpers, for the other activities. Please volunteer your talents. Everyone

is invited to bring something for the picnic. Some of the collection will go to the 'Mums-in-May' MU 125th Anniversary.

Members have expressed an interest in going to a Flower Festival in May or June. There are several to choose from this year. We will discuss this at our meeting in April.

Mothers' Union, Ireland
125th Anniversary Service
 Wednesday 18th April at 8pm
 St. Maeldoid's Church, C'blayney
 Speaker: Mrs Geraldine Beattie
 Clogher Diocesan President
 Guest Soloist: Miss Rachel Maxwell
 Refreshments afterwards
 All Welcome

Table Tennis

The club is thriving and has been busy with so many matches. They are now beginning the club tournament and looking forward to the end of season events. In the tournament in the Collegiate in Monaghan on the 11th February Sam McCullagh won in his group and Andrew Hill came 4th. John McCullagh was runner up in his group and Leona Hill and Amy McCullagh did well in theirs. Tracy Hill was runner up in her group. Carrick 3 are in the Semi-

final of the cup and will be up against Monaghan 3. Carrick 4 will meet Drung 3 in their semi-final and Carrick 6A are in the semi final of the Cup with Monaghan 6.

Div 6A were 3rd in the league and knocked out of the cup in the semi-final losing in a very tight game 6 - 4. Div 6B were 5th in the league. Sam McCullagh lost in the individual final 3-1 in a very good game. As of yet the results are not in for Div 8. Our Div 4 team won the league.

Bowls

We have had a very enjoyable season and have welcomed several new members. We had a closely fought competition. Nigel O'Neill and Victor Scott tying for second were only one game each behind Dawn Farrelly who won the cup for the year. Congratulations Dawn. Our AGM will be on Wednesday 19th September in the Jackson hall at 8.30pm.

Notices

Yoga

YOGA Classes starting in The Workhouse, Carrickmacross, on Tuesday 24th April from 7 - 8.30p.m. for 8 weeks. Cost €80. For more info, please contact Pauline on 086 8917901.