



Anglican Communion – Church of Ireland – Diocese of Clogher

Carrickmacross and Magheraclaone with Ardragh Group of Parishes



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



Newsletter

April 2009

Worship

Holy Week

Each morning in Holy Week there will be a short service in St. Finbarr's at 8am. We will have the last of our Study Groups on the Passion on the Monday in Holy Week, the 6th April, at 8pm in the Parish Room. On the Tuesday night, the 7th we will have a Passion and Easter Hymn review at 8pm in St. Finbarr's. Spy Wednesday will be observed with a Penitential Service in St. Finbarr's at 8pm. On Maunday Thursday the Rector will have to go to the Ematrix Group so there will be a Holy Communion service in St. Finbarr's at 10.30am and an evening service in Magheraclaone at 8pm led by Ms Naomi Quinn. On Good Friday we will have a three hour meditation

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

from midday to 3pm using the series of films on the Passion produced by the BBC for last year's Holy Week. We will intersperse these with hymns and prayers. The at 8pm there will be the reading of the Good Friday Gospel in St. Finbarr's.

Easter

The seven week season of Easter begins on Easter Sunday the 12th



April. We will have Holy Communion services in Carrickmacross at 8am and 10.30am, in Magheraclooke at 11.45 and in Ardragh at 1pm.

Youth Council

The Monaghan Youth Council have asked us to have a youth service in St. Finbarr's on Sunday 17th May in the evening. It would be good if we should put a music group together for that service to which young people from all over the Monaghan area will be coming and at which the proceeds of the Youth Councils St. Patrick's Day walk will be presented to the beneficiaries. This will be the first Diocesan Service we will have had in our Group of Parishes for some time so we hope everyone will take a note of it and try to be present for it.

News

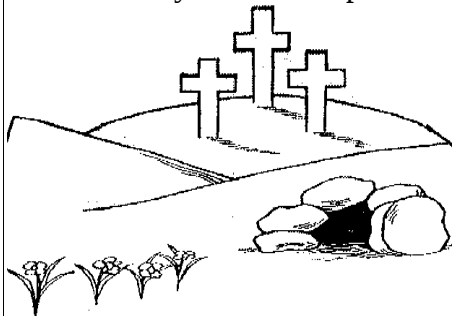
MAC & Ardragh EGV

The Easter General Vestry for Magheraclooke and Ardragh will be held in St. Molua's Church on Monday 20th April at 8.30pm. Please note that this is not a Select Vestry meeting, it is rather a meeting open to all parishioners at which the main business is to review the accounts for last year and to elect in a new Select vestry to run the parish for the year. We

would appeal for a good attendance of parishioners.

Lutherans

A representative of the Latvian Lutheran congregation in Carrickmacross attended the Easter General Vestry in Carrickmacross and explained why they have requested the use of St. Finbarr's for their worship. They meet mainly in Dublin but a few enthusiastic members are keen that their priest, the Rev Ugis Bruklene should hold services around the country as well, so every now and again they hope to have services in this area. They had not been able to get permission to meet in some other centres so they are very pleased to have had their request accepted by us. At this stage they have no idea how this may develop but for the time being they would like to meet from time to time in St. Finbarr's and would be happy for any of us to attend their services which will be held in Latvian but which Ina told us they would explain in



THIS MONTH

Monday	6 th	8.00am	Morning Prayer
		8.00pm	Study Group, Parish Room
Tuesday	7 th	8.00am	Morning Prayer
		8.00pm	Hymn Practice, St. Finbarr's
Spy Wednesday	8 th	8.00am	Morning Prayer
		8.00pm	Penitential Service, St. Finbarr's
Maunday Thursday	9 th	8.00am	Morning Prayer
		10.30am	Holy Communion, St. Finbarr's
		8.00pm	Service in St. Molua's
Good Friday	10 th	8.00am	Morning Prayer
		Midday	Three Hours by the Cross, CMX
		8.00pm	Service in St. Finbarr's
Monday	20 th	8.00pm	Easter Vestry Magheraclone
Monday	27 th		Rector at Clerical Conference

NEXT MONTH

Friday	May 8 th	MU Festival Service, Enniskillen
Sunday	May 17 th	Diocesan Youth Service, St. Finbarr's

COMING SOON

Saturday	13 th June	Parish Barbecue
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English if any of us attend. Their next service is on Easter Monday and is planned to include some baptisms and we are welcome to be there.

Reports

CMX EGV

The Easter General Vestry for Carrickmacross was held on Tuesday 31st March at 8pm in the Parish Room. After a welcome and thanks were expressed by the

Rector to all who had looked after the church and church business and youth work the annual accounts were presented by Mr John Simpson and Mrs Eleanor Howell. We include a copy of the accounts with the news sheets which are being handed out in Carrickmacross. Despite the difficult year that is past the accounts how an increase of about E6800 but this is almost fully accounted for by a rebate from the Diocese. Next year will be a very

Sunday Services

5th April 2009, 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	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector

12th April 2009, Easter Sunday (White)

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

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	HC	Rector
Ardragh	1.00am	HC	Rector

19th April 2009, Second Sunday of Easter (White)

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

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	1.00am	MP	Rector

26th April 2009, 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	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector

3rd May 2009, Fourth Sunday of Easter (White)

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

Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	HC	Rector
Ardragh	1.00am	HC	Rector

10th May 2009, 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
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector

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difficult year because of the collapse of the investment income which made up a big proportion of our income in the past. Mr Simpson and Mrs Howell were thanked sincerely for keeping the accounts.

The election of a Select Vestry then followed. Mr Gordon Sweetnam and Mr John Howell were elected Church wardens with Mr Herbert Kenny and Mr Alan Sweetnam as Sidespeople. Mr Herbert Kenny and Mrs Betty Greer were elected Glebe wardens. Mr R. Howell, Mr J. Simpson, Mrs E Howell, Mr R. Greer, Mr P Keegan, Mr S. Lewis, Mrs F. Collins, Mrs V. Markey, Mr F. Merrin, Mr A Hill and Mr S. Babington were elected as Select Vestry members. Mr Sammy Babington was thanked for all the years he had given such faithful service as a Church Warden.

WWDP

The Women's World Day of Prayer was observed in Carrickmacross this year with a very well attended service in the St. Louis Convent. A number of parishioners took part and the issues affecting Christians in Papua New Guinea gave fresh sharpness to our prayers for our own country, relationships

between its different communities, the use we make of our natural resources and how we care for the sick. We thank all those who arranged this service.

Work on Churches

Once again this month great work has been done on decorating and sorting out problems with the buildings. St. Molua's is absolutely shining with all the care and attention it has been given and the interior of the tower of St. Finbar's has been cleaned down, grids have been refitted behind the louvres and the bell and clock have received attention. We thank all the volunteers who have undertaken this work at virtually no cost to the parish, Thank You!

People

Bereavement

Three families in the parish have suffered bereavement in the past month and we express our sincere sympathy to them, to Mr Patrick Coyngnam on the death of his father on the Isle of Man, to Mrs Florence Collins on the death of her mother in Carlow and to Mrs Doreen Monahan on the death of her mother, Emma, so shortly after the death of her aunt in England.



Sick

Quite a number of parishioners have been ill during the month and a number continue to struggle with serious on-going illness and the difficult treatments involved. To all those who are sick or recovering from illness we assure them of our continued prayer and concern for them.

Baptism

We welcome into the family of faith Tristan James McElwaine, son of Philip and Niamh who was baptised in St. Molua's on Sunday 8th March. We pray that, encouraged by his sponsors and the whole church, Tristan and all the young people who have recently been welcomed in baptism, will continue to grow in faith and in the love of the Lord.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Graham and Donna McDaniel on the safe arrival of their baby daughter.

Organisations

Study Group

Because of the Easter Holidays, the clerical conference and Easter Vestries there are no free Monday nights in April for our meetings. Once we get in to May the long evenings tend to make it difficult to have meetings so we will have to discuss what we will do after Easter with all those interested.

MU & Friends

The open meeting organised by the group on the 5th March was a marvellous success with a very large attendance. Philip McCabe the General Manager of the Citizen's Information Service gave a most useful overview of entitlements and responsibilities and how the CIS can help us deal with them.

For the April meeting Pauline O'Hagan spoke to the group about maintaining our health. The May meeting will be on the 7th May and it will be a meal out. Please contact Eleanor Howell to put your name on the list.

Table Tennis

We have come to the end of a season in which we have had three teams competing for the first time in many years. All our players have done very well for their first season and Sam McCullagh crowned it all by winning the individual final for Division 7 which were held on the 21st March in Drung. He played against Leah Shekleton of Bailieborough and won 3-1. Congratulations to him and to everyone involved. The Table Tennis dinner dance was held on Friday 27th March and was very well attended. Sam was presented with his award at this ceremony.

The recent results were:

League Division 6

Carrick vs Doohat won 29-8

Carrick vs Newbliss lost 30-0

Carrick vs Doohat won 22-13

Carrick vs Monaghan lost 20-16

The division winners were Newbliss and the runners up were Bailieborough.

League Division 7

Carrick vs Doohat won 30-2

Carrick vs Corroneary lost 22-11

Carrick vs Doohat won 30-0

Carrick vs Drung lost 25-11

Carrick vs Drum lost 18-15

The division winners were Drung and the runners up were Corroneary.

Bowls Club

The season of friendly matches is coming to an end and we are beginning the internal tournaments as we wind down towards the summer break. The season has flown by and many pleasant nights have been enjoyed visiting other clubs and welcoming visitors to us. It has been a particular pleasure to have encouraged the new club in Billis, Virginia, to field a team and we were the first to have them visit us. We thank the committee who have run the club so well this year and all those who have provided the excellent suppers and transport.

Notices

Parish Barbecue

There are plans in train to run a Barbecue at the Rectory on Saturday 13th June. A small committee is being set up to run this and there should be more details in the next news letter.

Al-Anon

Al-Anon family Groups is an established world wide voluntary fellowship of people who have been affected by the stress of a past or present close relationship with a problem drinker.

We have left out some leaflets about his organisation. Their

Information Centre is at 5 Capel St. in Dublin and is open from 10.30am to 2.30pm from Monday to Friday. For further information phone 01 873299, email info@al-anon-ireland.org or look at their website at www.al-anonuk.org.uk.

Flower Festival

Belleek Parish are running a Flower Festival from Friday 22nd May to Monday 25th May to mark the bi-centenary of the present Church of Ireland building. Their strong links with the Pottery are going to be celebrated through the Flower Festival's theme 'The Potter's Wheel' and there will be displays in both the church and the pottery, a community display in the Wark Hall and other attractions. Booking is essential, especially for catering and the person to contact is Joy at 048 68658756 or 004479 07932245 or www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org

THE BIBLE

What is the Bible?

The Bible is a collection of texts in two parts, the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament comprises the sacred scriptures of the Jewish people at the time of Christ. These writings formed the authoritative scriptures of the earliest Christians. Alongside the Jewish scriptures, writings from within the early Christian community, which came to be known as the New Testament, took on a similarly authoritative role. Among these writings, the gospels bear witness to the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

The epistles, or letters, help to spell out the centrality and the significance of this for a Christian way of life within the developing Christian movement, and also address practical problems faced by the early believers.

The biblical texts provide a 'normative record of the authentic foundation of the faith. To these the Church has recourse for the inspiration of its life and mission; to these the Church refers its teaching and practice.' (ARCIC Final Report, p.52). Because scripture is uniquely inspired it conveys the Word of God in human language.

It is likely that from an early date, when Christians gathered together for worship, they read from such writings of their own as well as from the Jewish scriptures. The Church continues this practice with readings from the Old and New Testament in its worship.

Do all Christians share the same Bible?

All Christians recognise the same twenty-seven early Christian writings as belonging within the New Testament. There are some books which the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches regard as part of the Old Testament but which the Protestant Churches do not. Protestant Churches generally refer to these books as the Apocrypha, that is, the 'hidden' books.

These include, for example, Ecclesiasticus, the Wisdom of Solomon and the books of the Maccabees. The Church of Ireland considers the Apocrypha as worthy of reading by the Church 'for example of life and instruction of manners' (Articles of Religion; 6), but not for establishing doctrine.

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