



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 2011

Worship

Lent

During Lent we are encouraged to take on some form of self-discipline which will benefit others who have a tougher life than we have. The Select Vestry agreed some years back that such efforts will be channelled through the Bishops' Appeal, our Bishops Fund for Third World and disaster aid and development projects. We are providing envelopes for Bishops' Appeal in the churches and we hope that everyone will contribute something to this appeal. We realise that times are much more difficult for everyone but we have been very generous in the past and, even if we can give less, it is important to keep focused on what we can do to make the world a better place for

others to live in.

Holy Week

The week of the 17th to the 23rd April is when we recollect the Passion of our Lord this year. We will have morning prayer every morning at 7.00am and there will be a Penitential service in Magheraclone on the Wednesday at 8pm, A Maunday Thursday meal in St. Finbarr's at 8pm, a Good Friday service in St. Finbarr's at 8pm.

Dawn Service

This year we will again begin Easter morning with a dawn service in God's Acre. Because Easter is so much later than last year the dawn is that much earlier, in fact it will be before 6am, but we have to be reasonable about these things so we will compromise and begin the service at 6am. We will again take our lead from the Moravian Church and celebrate our oneness with those who are buried in the graveyard as we will make a

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

round of the graves as part of the service. This year we will not have the 8am early communion but we will go back to the parish room after the Dawn service for a simple breakfast.

Parish News

Youth Activities

Our group of parishes is blessed with an excellent Sunday School in Carrickmacross and a thriving Table Tennis Club on Friday nights in the Jackson Hall which attracts young people not only from our own parish but from surrounding ones as well. We are greatly indebted to those who run these important activities. Rather surprisingly when we look at the church records we have ten children in the pre-school age bracket in the parish, about twenty of primary school age and twenty of teen age. This is a lot of young people and there would seem to be great potential for more youth activities in the parish. We have already had a visit from the new Diocesan Youth Officer and he would like to meet with the parents and Select Vestry members to discuss the possibilities for youth ministry in our area. He will be coming on Tuesday 5th April to the Parish Room in Carrick at 8pm. We realise that this is rather short

notice but he has this time free and would love to meet anyone who can come and who might be willing to give time to developing youth work in the area. Please do come along, there is an open invitation.

Easter Vestries

This year we have even more important than usual elections at the General Easter vestries. This year we are having the triennial elections of Diocesan Synod's members and Diocesan nominators. These are the parishioners who represent the parish at Diocesan Synods and those who will have the responsibility of finding a new Rector, something that is very likely to happen during the next three years. So please do not leave these decisions to the faithful few. These are meetings for all the parishioners and if you do not come you cannot complain about what those elected do in your name over the next three years. We have a democratic structure for governing our church and it simply will not work if church members do not get involved in coming to the Easter meetings and casting their votes.

Ministry

The Rev Canon Jonathan Heyhoe will be off duty again, this time

THIS MONTH

Sunday	3 rd	7.00pm	Lutheran Service in St. Finbarr's
Tuesday	5 th	8.00pm	Vestry and Parents meeting with DYO
Wednesday	6 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion St. Finbarr's
		2.00pm	Holy Communion in Castleross
Sunday	10 th	7.00pm	Farewell Service for Bishop Jackson
Monday	11 th	8.00pm	Study group in St. Finbarr's
Wednesday	13 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion St. Finbarr's
Friday	15 th	8.00pm	Patrick Byrne Concert, St. Finbarr's
Monday	18 th	7.00am	Prayers in St. Finbarr's
		8.00pm	Hymn Practice, St. Finbarr's
Tuesday	19 th	7.00am	Prayers in St. Finbarr's
Wednesday	20 th	7.00am	Prayers in St. Finbarr's
		10.30am	Midweek Communion St. Finbarr's
		2.00pm	Holy Communion in Castleross
		8.00pm	Penitential Service, St. Molua's M'Cloone
Thursday	21 st	7.00am	Prayers in St. Finbarr's
		8.00pm	Maunday Thursday Meal, Carrickmacross
Friday	22 nd	7.00am	Prayers in St. Finbarr's
		8.00pm	Good Friday Service, St. Finbarr's
Wednesday	27 th	2.00pm	Easter General Vestry, Ardragh Church

NEXT MONTH

Wednesday	4 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion St. Finbarr's
		2.00pm	Holy Communion in Castleross
		8.30pm	Easter General Vestry, St. Molua's M'Cloone
Thursday	5 th	8.30pm	Easter General Vestry, St. Finbarr's
Sunday	8 th	4.00pm	Liturgical Welcome in Christ Church Dublin

COMING SOON

until the end of July. Given the length of his incapacity we will have to give more time to that group in the coming months than

we did in the previous period. We have been relieved of our responsibilities for Ematrix Group on the arrival of the Rev George

Sunday Services

3rd April 2011, 4th Sunday in Lent Year A (Purple)

1 Samuel 16.1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5.8-14, John 9.1-41

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracloune	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	MP	Rector

10th April 2011, 5th Sunday in Lent (Purple)

Ezekiel 37.1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8.6-11, John 11.1-45

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

17th April 2011, 6th Sunday in Lent Year A (Purple)

Isaiah 50.4-9a, Psalm 31.9-16, Philippians 2.5-11, Matthew 21.1-11

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

24th April 2011, Easter Sunday (White)

Jeremiah 31.1-6, Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3.1-4, John 20.1-8

Carrickmacross	6.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracloune	11.45am	HC	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	HC	Rector

1st May 2011, 2nd Sunday of Easter (White)

Genesis 8.6-16, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1.3-9, John 20.19-31

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

Parish Ministry Team

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Beattie who we welcome warmly and who will work there, initially anyway, for the next year.

Reports

Facebook

We now have a Facebook page for the parish. It has the login name Finbarre Carrick and is open to all parishioners and friends to get information about what is going on in the parish or to make comments and suggestions. If you want to know how to get in please contact the Vestry Secretary, Philip Keegan. Any information on the site will be more up to date than in this newsletter or on our website.

Diocesan News

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Our new Diocesan Youth Officer, Mr Jonny Phenix was commissioned at a service Enniskillen Cathedral at 7.30pm on Sunday 13th March 2011. He is heading up the new 'Wells' project, a programme to encourage and develop new youth work in the Diocese and this scheme was launched at the service. We were asked to nominate young people from the parish to present a clod of earth from Carrickmacross to plant a new tree in the Cathedral grounds.

Victoria Lewis and Grace Keegan represented our Group.

Appointments

The Revd George Beattie has been appointed to work in the Ematrix Group of Parishes, comprising Ematrix with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullan and Drum, for one year beginning 1st April 2011.

The following appointments were announced recently: The Revd Alistair S.J. Warke to be Diocesan Curate, serving in both the Clogher Cathedral Group of Parishes and St Macartin's Cathedral Parish, Enniskillen. The Revd Canon Stanley G. Bourke to be Chancellor, The Revd Noel H.L. Regan to be Precentor, The Revd David Skuce to be Warden of Readers, The Revd E.R. Glenn West to be Prebendary of Donaghmore, Canon representing the Diocese of Clogher on the Chapter of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. The Revd Helene T. Steed to be Prebendary of Devenish, The Revd Ian T.H. Berry to be Prebendary of Donacavey, The Revd David Skuce to be Prebendary of Kilskeery, The Revd James Boyd, Curate of Magheralin Parish, has been appointed Rector of Dromore Parish. Date of installations and institution to be confirmed.

Institutions

On Thursday 31st March the Revd Noel Regan will be instituted as Rector of the Clogher Cathedral Group of Parishes at 8.00pm in St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher, and on Monday 4th April 2011 the Revd Rosemary Logue will be instituted as Rector of Trillick and Kilskeery Group of Parishes at 8.00pm in Kilskeery Parish Church. On Thursday the 19th May 2011 there will be the Institution of the Revd James Boyd as Rector of Dromore Parish at 8.00pm in Holy Trinity Church, Dromore, Co. Tyrone.

Farewell to Bishop

Farewell Service for Bishop Michael Jackson in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 7.00pm followed by refreshments. A warm invitation is extended to everyone to come along. The Enthronement of Bishop Jackson as Archbishop of will take place in Cathedral, at 4.00pm on Sunday 8th May 2011.

People

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 6th March Rebecca Rose McElwaine, baby daughter of Niamh and Philip McElwaine and sister of Tristan was baptised in St. Molua's church in Magheracluone. We were

delighted to have the ceremony in Magheracluone and wish the family every blessing in the future as we try to be the kind of community in which children can grow up into mature faith.

Sick

Quite a number of people have been sick or have had accidents or have needed operations during the past few weeks and we wish them well and pray that they will soon be restored to full health.

Organisations

Mothers' Union

The meeting on the 24th March which consisted of an outing to Glaslough to hear a talk on Antiques and enjoy supper together was well attended and most successful. The date for the April meeting has to be confirmed because of the unusual timing of Easter this year and will be announced in Church.

Table Tennis

The Table Tennis club was to come to an end on the 25th March but because the league championship final came down to a context between two of our members Andrew Hill and Sam McCullagh it was decided to hold the match in Carrickmacross on the 1st April. We do not have the results as we write, they will be on

our Facebook page as soon as they happen! But we congratulate all those involved. Its a long time since Carrickmacross produced both semi-finalists in this, or maybe any other competitions and we congratulate the club leaders and members, the parents and all involved.

Study Group

This year we have begun by looking at the Parables, the stories Jesus told as part of his teaching, stories which still have a meaning today. Our meeting during April will be on Monday the 11th in the Parish Room in Carrickmacross at 8pm.

Bowls

The Jackson Hall Bowling Club has now brought its season to a close with a keenly contested championship competition. After a number of nights of matches we congratulate Mr Jimmy Babington who emerged as the eventual winner.

Notices

Féile Patrick Byrne

Féile Patrick Byrne, 14 – 17 April 2011, Carrickmacross and locality.

The Féile Patrick Byrne takes place annually on the weekend before Easter in and around

Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan. Now in its fifth year this community festival is organised by Carrickmacross Comhaltas and commemorates local nineteenth century harper Patrick Byrne who was the first Irish traditional musician ever photographed.

The festival aims are :

- To provide expert tuition from distinguished traditional players which would not usually be available to local musicians
- To re-awaken local interest in the rich musical heritage of the area and especially in the legacy of Patrick Byrne
- To develop an audience in South Monaghan for traditional arts with special emphasis on local regional traditions and heritage.

Féile Patrick Byrne 2011 will be formally launched by the Mayor of Carrickmacross in the Shirley Arms Hotel on Thursday 14th April at 8pm. The launch includes the annual Patrick Byrne lecture. This year Prof. Patrick Duffy, NUI Maynooth, will speak on 'Social life, music and dancing in Monaghan during the 1930s and 1940s'. Admission is free.

On Friday 15th Seána Davey, one of Ireland's most accomplished young harpers, will give an intimate concert in the atmospheric setting of St.

Finbarr's Church. Featuring material from her recent debut album this promises to be a very special occasion. The local Comhaltas harpers will provide support and the recital will start at 8pm sharp.

Admission is €5 for adults with students free.

Friday closes with the irrepressible Martin Donohoe leading a lively session in the community centre in Corduff. All singers and musicians are welcome. Refreshments will be served and admission is free.

On Saturday 16th April there will be music workshops in Scoil Rois, Carrickmacross. The workshops are central to the festival each year. The confirmed line-up of tutors is: Harp (Seána Davey), Uilleann Pipes (Martin McCormack), Fiddle (Áine McGeeney), Piano Accordion (Tadhg Ó Meachair), Banjo/Mandolin (James Harvey), Bodhrán (Colm Phelan) and Guitar (Conal O'Kane). There will also be a tin whistle workshop.

On Saturday evening, the main festival concert takes place in the community centre in Corduff. The headline act this year is Goitse. This exciting new traditional music group have been

hailed as "simply terrific", earning rave reviews from many critics including Hotpress and Irish Music Magazines. Goitse, which is Donegal Irish for 'come here', includes Dundalk singer and fiddle player Áine McGeeney in its line-up. There will be support from Ceoltóirí Drumlin and Martin McCormack as well as local musicians and dancers. Start time is 8:30pm with admission priced at €10 for adults and €5 for students. Finally on Sunday 17th April, the legendary Gerard Butler returns by popular demand to teach a sean nós dancing workshop. This will take place in the Phoenix Centre, Carrickmacross from 2pm to 4.30pm. This workshop is suitable for all levels and ages, including complete beginners. The festival then closes with a family session in the Shirley Arms from 6:30pm on. Again this is suitable for all levels and admission is free.

Further details are available at www.comhaltas.ie/events and via phone at 087 2396665 e-mail from patrickbyrnefestival@gmail.com

Art Classes

Starting in Sulis Centre. Carrickmacross. Tuesday 5th April. Oil painting in the mornings and drawing classes in the evenings. Phone: Kate Beagan, 0872863915.