



Anglican Communion – Church of Ireland – Diocese of Clogher

Carrickmacross and Magheraclone with Ardragh Group of Parishes



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



Newsletter

August 2007

Worship

Open Air Service

On the first Sunday every August for many years the whole Magheraclone community together with others who have connections with the area and the in particular the graveyard have gathered to mark St. Molua's Day.

This year, as we stand among the reminders of those who have gone before us the Rev Paul Hoey will be pointing us to those who come after us. He is the CPAS Representative in Ireland and heads up Church 21.

CPAS, the Churches Pastoral Aid Society has been producing literature for over a century now helping the church to develop and meets the challenges that arise. Church 21 is the initiative set up by our Bishop's to encourage parish development. A number of parishes have been chosen in each diocese to pilot this scheme which it is hoped will eventually reach every parish. So Paul is a key

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

player in our church today and we are really pleased he is coming to be with us for this occasion. The Service, on Sunday 5th August begins at 3.30pm and we are delighted that Eleanor and Francie Wilson are coming to provide the music. Fr Finnegan P.P will come and take part.

Harvest Thanksgivings

This year there will be a Mission emphasis at our three harvest thanksgiving services. We have representatives from various societies coming to preach to emphasise again that a parish which does not have a mission emphasis is flying on one wing!

On Sunday 16th September at 3.00pm in Ardragh we hope to have a speaker from CMSI and on Sunday 23rd September at 7.00pm we hope to have a different speaker again provided by CMSI. CMSI, the Church Missionary Society Ireland, has a long history of sending missionaries mainly to Africa and India. Our new Nigerian parishioners in Mallow had all heard of CMS and knew the work it had done in bringing to gospel to some of the more inaccessible parts of that country.

Mission has changed totally since the early days and we look forward to getting a new and clearer vision of what is involved today and what might be expected of us. On Sunday 14th October at 7.00pm in Carrickmacross our preacher will be from USPG. The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel is the oldest Missionary Society in our church but recently it had more or less disappeared from view in Ireland. They currently have a new and active committee and representative and we look forward to hearing from them something of what the Lord has been doing through them.

Sermon Themes

Some people have asked us about the series of sermons we are basing on the Trinity Season Gospel readings, emphasising the teaching of our Lord. As this is a quiet month for activities we thought it might be a good opportunity to list the topics we will be looking at, unless disturbed by other themes like Harvest Thanksgiving and so on.

- 3rd June: Our interactive God
- 10th God has visited
- 17th The nature of Faith
- 24th Jesus means freedom
- 1st July: Urgency and focus
- 8th Mission is vital
- 15th Compassion
- 22nd Time for God
- 29th Prayer
- 5th August: Using 'stuff'
- 12th True treasure
- 19th Why so much Trouble

- 26th Using Sabbath
- 2nd September: True Humility
- 9th Costly Discipleship
- 16th Saving the Lost
- 23rd Shrewd for God
- 30th Concern for the Poor
- 7th October: Increasing your faith
- 14th Thankfulness
- 21st Persistence in Prayer
- 28th Reality Prayer
- 4th November: Redemption
- 11th Resurrection
- 18th Signs of the End
- 25th Christ is King

Parish News

Sponsored Push

We will be getting the members of the Confirmation Class together in mid-August to make final arrangements for our effort to raise money for some good cause. We are currently planning a 'go-kart' push out the the Dundalk Road and back by the Old Dublin Road some Friday night in mid-September.

Monaghan Orphans

We have been asked to have a special collection for this society which has a concern for orphaned children. There will be a retiring collection on the 9th September after each of the morning services and Ardragh will make parallel arrangements.

Website

The Parish Website is up and running but in a very basic form. We would be glad to have any information parishioners would like

THIS MONTH

Sunday 5th 3.30pm Open Air Service in Magheracloune

NEXT MONTH

Sunday	9 th	Special Collection for Monaghan Orphans	
Monday	10 th	8.00pm	Women's Group meeting
Tuesday	11 th	8.00pm	Select Vestry, Carrickmacross
Sunday	16 th	3.00pm	Ardragh Harvest Thanksgiving
Sunday	23 rd	7.00pm	Magheracloune Harvest T.G.

COMING SOON

14 th October	7.00pm	Carrickmacross Harvest T.G.
26 th November	3.00pm	Protestant Orphans A.G.M.

to have included and we would value any comments on it. The address of the site is www.carrickmacross.clogher.anglican.org.

Reports

Priorities Fund News

The Priorities Fund was set up 27 years ago to have money available to promote parish and church projects around the country. In that time members of the church have donated E12 million which has all be re-distributed within the church. Copies of their report for 2006 are available and do ask for one if you are interested.

People

Prescott Hughes

Just a few weeks short of his one hundredth birthday Mr Prescott Hughes who had lived all his life on his farm at Essexford passed away

peacefully at home. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family and friends especially those who looked after him in his declining years. After the removal to St. Finbarr's and Funeral Service on the 18th July his mortal remains were buried in Killany Graveyard. This may well be the last burial to take place there. We compliment those who have kept the graveyard there in such wonderful order over the past years. While the occasion was sad the setting was absolute perfection.

Organisations

Women's Group

There have been twenty three replies to the survey about the desirability of starting a Women's Group in the Parish. If you are not one of the twenty three and would like to express a view please ask the Rector for a survey sheet. There will be a women's meeting to discuss the

results on Monday the 10th
September at 8pm in the Parish

Room in Carrickmacross.

Sunday Services

5th August 2007, 9th Sunday after Trinity, Proper 13 (Green)

Hosea 11.1-11, Psalm 107.1-9,43, Colossians 3.1-11, Luke 12.13-21

Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	MP	Rector
Magheracloune	3.30pm	EP	Rev Paul Hoey

12th August 2007, 10th Sun. after Trinity, Proper 14 (Green)

Isaiah 1.1,10-20, Ps. 50.1-8, 23-24, Heb. 11.1-3, 8-16, Luke 12.32-40

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

19th August 2007, 11th Sun. after Trinity, Proper 15 (Green)

Isaiah 5.1-7, Psalm 80.1-2, 9-20, Heb. 11.29-12.2, Luke 12.49-56

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

26th August 2007, 12th Sun. after Trinity, Proper 16 (Green)

Jeremiah 1.4-10, Psalm 71.1-6, Heb. 12.18-29, Luke 13.10-17

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

2nd Sept. 2007, 13th Sunday after Trinity, Proper 17 (Green)

Jeremiah 2.4-13, Ps. 81.1,10-16, Heb. 13.1-8,15-16, Luke 14.1,7-14

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

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