

Anglican Communion - Church of Ireland - Diocese of Clogher

Carrickmacross, Magheracluone and Ardragh Group of Parishes

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

Newsletter

December 2011

Worship

Crossduff Carols

The first of the Carol Services in the area is held in the church between Shantonagh and Lough Egish. It will be held on Sunday 4th December at 3pm and will be conducted by the Rev George Beattie of the Ematrix Group. The preacher will be the Revd. David Nesbitt of Ballybay. The soloist will be Ms Emily Fleming and the organist will be Mrs Wendy Sloane. All are welcome.

Hymn Rehearsal

We will have a run through of the Christmas music and the Carols on Tuesday 13th at 8pm in St. Finbarr's. If you have any particular favourites you think have been neglected by the current chooser of hymns please come

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

along or just get a message in beforehand to the Rector.

Carol Services

Because we are rather 'short' of Sundays in December this year we will have all our Carol Services on the one day, the 18th December. Ardragh will be first at 1pm which will be a Communion Service followed by Magheracluone at 3pm and Carrickmacross at 7pm at which the young people are planning to do something special.

Community Carols

All the churches in Carrickmacross will get together for a Carol Service in St. Joseph's Church on Tuesday 20th December at 7.30pm. We hope there will be a good attendance from our congregation.

Christmas Communions

This year we are changing the arrangements a little with the 11.30pm Midnight Communion in Carrickmacross on Christmas Eve and a 9.15am Communion in

Magheraclaone on Christmas morning. There will be services in Carrickmacross at 8am and 10.30am on Christmas morning.

Midweek Communions

Each Wednesday at 10.30am in St. Finbarr's we have a said communion service. We have a particular concern for all that is going on in the community as we pray and for those who are not well.

Parish News

Reports

Auction of Promises

At this stage we do not know the full results but it seems to have done extremely well and particularly in the way so many parishioners and friends rallied round to do so much work in preparation and in making such generous donations. A really big thank you to everyone. While it may be invidious to mention anyone in particular we have to say Siobhan Dolan's help in preparing and printing the Catalogue which was crucial to its success.

People

Head Girl

Congratulations to Emma Merrin

who was recently elected Head Girl of St. Louis Convent Secondary School. The Head Girl is an elected position and so carries a great deal of esteem and we extend our good wishes to her.

Organisations

MU & Friends

In November Marie Burke came and gave us a demonstration of Bowen Therapy which was sensitively done and very interesting. There is no meeting in December because of everything else that is going on and members played a big part in running the Auction of Promises for which we are very grateful. In January we are organising a Pot Luck supper on January 19th.

Table Tennis

The Carrickmacross teams have done extremely well in their first matches this season. The Division 6A team beat Bailieboro 28-10 and beat Coroneary 30-0, the Div. 6B team beat Bailieboro 27-18 and beat Coroneary 24.10. Our Div. 8 team beat Coroneary 21-10 and the Div. 4 team beat Doochat 30-9 and Belturbet 23-14. So they have made a great start which we hope will lead on to even greater things.

Youth Club

THIS MONTH

Thursday	1 st	8.00pm	Auction of Promises, Shirley Arms
Friday	2 nd	7.00pm	Confirmation Class, Castleblayney
		7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis, Jackson Hall
Saturday	3 rd	7.00pm	Youth Club in Parish Room
Sunday	4 th	3.00pm	Crossduff Carol Service
Monday	5 th	3.00pm	Orphan Society AGM in Monaghan
		8.00pm	Study Group in Parish Room
Wednesday	7 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Friday	9 th	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis, Jackson Hall
Tuesday	13 th	8.00pm	Hymn Rehearsal in St. Finbarr's
Wednesday	14 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Thursday	15 th	8.00pm	Monaghan Youth Council AGM
Friday	16 th	7.00pm	Confirmation Class, Castleblayney
		7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis, Jackson Hall
Saturday	17 th	3.00pm	Children's Christmas Party, Jackson Hall
Tuesday	20 th	7.30pm	CMX Community Carols, St. Joseph's
Wednesday	21 st	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Saturday	24 th	11.30pm	Christmas Eve Communion, St. Finbarr's
Wednesday	28 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's

NEXT MONTH

18th – 25th

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

COMING SOON

Sunday 11th March 3.30pm Confirmation in Castleblayney

Study Group

We have been making our way through the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. It has led to some lively discussion as people take very different views about the rather controversial character of St. Paul. There will be one meeting in December as the diary for the rest of the month has become very crowded and we

will meet again in mid-January.

Sunday Services

4th December 2011, 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B (Purple)

Isaiah 40.1-11, Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3.8-15a, Mark 1.1-8

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
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Magheraclone	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	MP	Rector

11th December 2011, 3rd Sunday of Advent (Purple)

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126, 1 Thess. 5.16-24, John 1.6-8, 19-28

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Mr R. Crowe
Magheraclone	11.45am	MP	Mr R. Crowe

18st December 2011, 4th Sunday of Advent (Purple)

2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16, Psalm 89.1-4, 19-26, Romans 16.25-27, Luke 1.26-38

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	Carols & HC	Rector
Magheraclone	3.00pm	Carols	Rector
Carrickmacross	7.00pm	Carols	Rector

24th December 2011, Christmas Eve (White)

Carrickmacross	11.30pm	HC	Rector
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25th December 2011, Christmas Day (White)

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Magheraclone	9.15am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector

1st January 2012, 1st Sunday of Christmas (White)

Isaiah 61.10-62.3, Psalm 148, Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 2.15-21

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheraclone	11.45am	MP	Rector

Parish Ministry Team

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