



Anglican Communion - Church of Ireland - Diocese of Clogher

## Carrickmacross and Magheracloone with Ardragh Group of Parishes



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



# *The Parish Monthly*

December 2012

## Worship

### Crossduff Carols

This year the special preacher at the Carol Service in Crossduff Church will be the Bishop, the Rt. Rev John McDowell. The service is always held on the first Sunday of December, this year the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the church which is just off the road between Lough Egish and Shantonagh.

### Ardragh Carols

The combined Carol Service and Christmas Communion in St. Patrick's Ardragh will be held on the Sunday before Christmas, the 23<sup>rd</sup> December, at the usual service time there of 1.00pm.

### Magheracloone Carols

This service will be held on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 3.00pm and we look forward to the rare treat of live music and good congregational singing to lift our spirits at the end of this wet and soggy year of 2012. There will be no morning service that Sunday.

### Carrickmacross Carols

There will be two Carol Services in St.

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Finbarr's this year. The first will be the Community Carol Service on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm The second will be on the following Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.00pm when we will have a traditional Advent Carol service of Carols and Readings. Apart from the early Communion there will be no morning service on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Christmas Communions

There will be five Christmas Communion services in the Group. One of the guidelines in our church is that we should receive communion regularly but at the very bare minimum at Christmas and Easter and one other time if we wish to be regarded as still being in communion with our church.

The first Holy Communion Service for Christmas is on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm in Ardragh which is combined with their Carol Service. The second is a midnight service in Magheraclone on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 11.30pm. Next is the 8.00am early Christmas Communion in St. Finbarr's followed by a 9.15am service in Magheraclone and finally the 10.30am again in St. Finbarr's

## Unity Week Service

The week of prayer for Christian Unity runs from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> January and this time it will be turn of St. Joseph's to host the event with arrangements to be made nearer the time.

## Midweek Communions

In December we will continue to have our midweek service each Wednesday at 10.30am in St. Finbarr's.

## Parish News

### Painting

Thanks to the good offices of Robert Greer in making the arrangements with FAS and the hard work of Freddie Merrin who organised the hoist and the paint etc. our excellent FAS worker is currently painting St. Finbarr's church. We would also like to thank the volunteers who came in to give the walls a preparatory wash down. It looks as if the work will be done within two weeks with the minimum of disruption.

### Hymn Rehearsal

We are having a practice in St. Finbarr's on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December to

run over the Christmas music. We invite anyone interested in improving the singing to come along.

## Children's Party

This party is for all the children who are members of any of the three churches in our Group. It will be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December in the Jackson Hall from 3.00pm to about 5.00pm. Last year a number of parents stayed which was a great help and we hope that the same will happen this year. The Parish will help Santa organise the presents but items for the tea will be very welcome. The Parish would like to have a healthy eating policy but that may not work entirely on this occasion but we would definitely like to have a healthy soft drinks policy!

## Monaghan Orphan AGM

The annual open meeting of the supporters and collectors will take place in the Aghabog Hall on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 3.00pm. The accounts for the year will be presented and new officers elected. It is important that any committee charged with handling other peoples money should be elected with good support and it is important to have a good number at this meeting. Refreshments are provided by the host Parish and all are welcome.

## People

### Great News

Congratulations and the best of luck to George Merrin and his classmates who are entering the young entrepreneur of the year with an invention they have

## THIS MONTH

Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3.00pm Crossduff Carol Service
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3.00pm Monaghan Orphans AGM, Aghabog 8.00pm Study Group, Parish Room
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Midweek Communion 8.00pm Bowls
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Junior Table Tennis
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm Hymn Rehearsal, Carrickmacross
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Midweek Communion 8.00pm Bowls
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm MU and Friends Supper
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Junior Table Tennis
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Midweek Communion
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Community Carol Service, St. Finbarr's
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	3.00pm Children's Christmas Tree Party
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Carol Services
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30pm Christmas Eve Communion, M'Cloone
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am Christmas Communion Carrickmacross 9.15am Christmas Communion Magheraclone 10.30am Christmas Communion, Carrickmacross

## NEXT MONTH

Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am New Year's Day Communion, C'macross Unity Week Service
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devised and promoted and which has apparently a great chance of success. Good news like this is great to hear in the times that are in it.

## Organisations

### MU and Friends

In November Arlene Carroll gave a very useful talk about First Aid. Our Pot Luck Supper is on the 13th December in Robert and Doreen Monahan's home by their kind

invitation. Please let Eleanor know what you are bringing. On January 17<sup>th</sup>, by popular demand, Aisling Coleman is returning to do laughter yoga. In February we are having an American Supper.

Florence is collecting the fees for this season.



## Sunday Services

### ***2nd December 2012, 1st Sunday in Advent (Purple) Year C***

Jeremiah 33.14-16, Psalm 25.1-9, 1 Thess. 3.9-13, Luke 21.1-9

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

### ***9th December 2012, 2nd Sunday in Advent (Purple)***

Malachi 3.1-4, Benedictus, Philipians 1.3-11, Luke 3.1-6

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

### ***16th December 2012, 3rd Sunday in Advent (Purple)***

Zephaniah 3.14-20, Song of Isaiah, Philipians 4.4-7, Luke 3.7-18

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

### ***23rd December 2012, 4th Sunday in Advent, .....(Purple)***

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

### ***30th December 2012, 1st Sunday of Christmas (White)***

1 Samuel 2.18-20,26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3.12-17, Luke 2.41-52

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

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