



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

February 2009

## Worship

### Ash Wednesday

This falls on the 25th February this year and there will be a Penitential Service in Carrickmacross at 7.30pm.

### Midweek Communion

The February midweek services will be on Thursdays 5th, 19th, 26th all at 10.30am. There will be no service on the 12th as there is a Diocesan Clerical meeting on.

### Hymn Practice

The next run through will be on Monday 9th at 8pm in Carrickmacross. We will talk then about planning the next two sessions which would clash with the Lent Study Groups.

## Events

### Lent

Did you see the film 'The Passion of the Christ' with Mel Gibson's blood and gore approach to the sacrifice of our Lord. The BBC did and produced a rather more balanced dramatic explanation of the last week of our Lord's life. They provide

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notes and study material to help us think through what it was all about. While we have had a faithful Study Group who we hope will come to these we would hope that many others in the parish might make a special effort to use this Lent to think through our Lord's Passion. Meetings are at 8pm in the Parish Room.

### Select Vestry

A meeting will be held for Carrickmacross on Tuesday 3rd Feb. at 8pm in the Parish Room

### WWDP

The Women's World Day of Prayer will be observed with a special prayer service on Friday 6th March at 8pm and this year it is the turn of the St. Louis Sisters to host the event in the Convent.

## Organisations

### Mothers Union

We had a wonderful Pot Luck Supper evening in Caroline Merrins home We then had a very enjoyable fund raising evening in Lorna Moy's home where nearly E600 was made for the the Al Ahli hospital. Our February meeting will be on Wednesday 18th February. Our March meeting on Thursday 5th March will be in the Workhouse. Philip McCabe of RTE fame will be talking about Social Welfare. This will be a

visitors night, we will be inviting other groups and friends and family are welcome.

## Study Group

Because of other things these meetings have been a bit irregular of late. We will meet in February on Monday 16th, and on the 2nd March at 8pm

## People

### Bereavement

Only a few weeks after burying his brother the family of George Babbington had to make the sad return to St. Molua's for his own burial service. For twenty years George faithfully cared for Davy in Camaghy and we are all so sad that his health deteriorated so that he was never to get to recuperate with Richard in England. We express our sympathy to his family: Ann Kitty, Ester, Patrick, Richard, Lorraine and David, to his sisters Linda, Lily and Martha and all his grandchildren.

## News

### Al Ahli Hospital

We would like to thank everyone who supported our appeal for the Episcopal Hospital in Gaza City. In particular we thank Lorna and Karl Moy for opening their home for a Ladies night on the 29th January in aid of the Appeal. There may be more money to come but currently we have

### Table Tennis

League Division 6 on 5th January played Newbliss and lost 30 to nil. In League Division 7 on the 9th January played Drum and lost 21 to 16. On the 24th January played Bailieborough and won 18 to 16.

## Notices

### 'In the beginning was the Word' John 1:1

The fourth Gospel presents a strikingly different picture of Jesus from that of the other three Gospels. The formative issue for the Gospel of John seems to have been the question: Who is Jesus? And indeed, the Gospel does provide answers to this fundamental and essential question. St John, in his beautiful and poetic language, offers the reader many opportunities to discover Jesus for himself or herself.

Wednesday the 4th of March 'What is so special with St John's Gospel?' Bishop Richard Clarke, Meath and Kildare introduces the Gospel and gives us an overview.

Wednesday the 11th of March 'The Prologue' The Gospel of John, unlike the other Gospels, begins not in story, but in song. This evening we explore this hymn about how the word of God became flesh. Revd Robert Kingston, Carrickmacross.

Wednesday the 18th of March 'I am who I am' Canon Trevor Gillian, (Colebrooke), reflects on Jesus' 'I am'-sayings. Wednesday the 25th of March 'The women in St John's Gospel' Revd Helene T. Steed, Clones, highlights the significance of women in Jesus' ministry. Wednesday the 1st of April 'The men in St John's Gospel.' Revd Troy Morgan, Clones Presbyterian Church, on how men are portrayed in the fourth Gospel. The talks, followed by light refreshments and questions are held in the Cassandra Hand Centre, Clones at 8.00p.m. on Wednesdays in Lent.

All very welcome!

There will be a retiring collection after each session to cover costs. For more

## THIS MONTH

Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00pm	Carrickmacross Select Vestry
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Hymn Practice, Carrickmacross
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Study Group, Carrickmacross
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Ash Wednesday Communion
		7.30pm	Penitential Service St. Finbarr's
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion

## NEXT MONTH

Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00pm	The Passion, Film and Discussion
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Hymn Practice
		8.00pm	The Passion, Film and Discussion
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	The Passion, Film and Discussion
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	St. Patrick's Day Communion
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00pm	The Passion, Film and Discussion
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	The Passion, Film and Discussion

## COMING IN APRIL

Monday April	6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Hymn Practice
		8.00pm	The Passion, Film and Discussion
Spy Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Penitential Service Carrickmacross
Maunday Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Holy Communion Carrickmacross
		8.00pm	Service in Magheraclone
Good Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Service Carrickmacross
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Easter Vestry M'cloone and Ardragh
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	8.00pm	Easter Vestry Carrickmacross

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### Faith Mission

The Faith Mission are running a week of events in Ballybay from Sunday 1st to Sunday 8th February all at 8pm in the Cluain Mhuire Centre. On the 1st there is an evening of Story and Song, Monday a talk on 'The Story of Harry Ferguson' the

tractor builder, Tuesday 3rd a talk entitled 'Addiction 2 Freedom'. On Wednesday there is a praise and worship evening, Thursday a talk on Esther Gillanders Life Story, Friday is a ladies night, on Saturday afternoon at 3.00pm the film "Treasures of the Snow" will be shown and the events close on Sunday 8th with a talk entitled 'Wonderfully Made'. All are welcome.

## Sunday Services

### ***1<sup>st</sup> February 2009, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, (White)***

Deuteronomy 18.15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8.1-13, Mark 1.21-28

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

### ***8<sup>th</sup> February 2009, Proper 0 (Green)***

Isaiah 40.21-31, Psalm 147.1-12, 21c, 1 Corinthians 9.16-23, Mark 1.29-39

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
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Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector

### ***15<sup>th</sup> February 2009, 2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent (Green)***

Proverbs 8.1, 22-31, Psalm 104.26-37, Colossians 1.15-20, John 1.1-14

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Mr W Pringle
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Mr W Pringle
Ardragh	1.00pm	MP	Mr W Pringle

### ***22<sup>nd</sup> February 2009, 1<sup>st</sup> before Lent (Green)***

2 Kings 1.1-12, Psalm 50.1-6, 2 Corinthians 4.3-6, Mark 9.2-9

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
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Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector

### ***1<sup>st</sup> March 2009, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent (Purple)***

Genesis 9.8-17, Psalm 25.1-9, 1 Peter 3.18-22, Mark 1.9-15

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

### ***8<sup>th</sup> March 2009, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent (Purple)***

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22.23-31, Romans 4.13-25, Mark 8.31-38

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
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## Parish Ministry Team

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