



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 2010

Worship

Ash Wednesday

This will be observed on the 17th February at the midweek Holy Communion at 10.30am and a Penitential Evening Prayer at 7.30pm both in Carrickmacross.

Lent

During Lent this year we will hold the usual Sunday and midweek services and also have the Monday night Study Group each week rather than fortnightly. More important however is our using it for our own personal spiritual discipline to take on something or give up something which will benefit us and the building of the Kingdom. We encourage everyone to take on some task whether it be in prayer, Bible Study, fasting, support for others or whatever but also to put something by to be handed in at Easter for the Bishops' Appeal Fund. We will be distributing envelopes nearer to Easter but hope everyone will begin to

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

think about this now

Hymn Practice

Our next review of up-coming music will be held in St. Finbarr's on Tuesday 16th February at 8pm.

Midweek Communion

These will be held on Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th February at 10.30am in St. Finbarr's.

Prayer Meeting

Once a month we have had a short time of prayer with no plan or liturgy which is rather different to our usual kind of worship. This month it will be held on Sunday 14th at 9.00pm in St. Finbarr's.

Women's World Day of Prayer

This will be held in St. Finbarr's on Friday 5th March at 8pm using the ecumenical service.e. All are welcome.

Parish News

Confirmation Class

Classes are held each Monday night at 7pm in preparation for the Service on Sunday 7th March at 11.30pm in St. Finbarr's Church, Carrickmacross. Please pray for George, Linda, Matthew, Lorna and Grace during this time of preparation.

General Vestry List

At this time of year the Select Vestry updates the official list of parishioners, that is those who are entitled to vote at the Easter General Vestry. If you would like to check whether your name is on the the list please contact the Rector. Anyone over eighteen who supports the parish and regards themselves as Church of Ireland is encouraged to get involved.

Easter Vestry

This is the AGM of the Parish and will be held this year in Carrickmacross on the 6th April and in Magheraclone and Ardragh on Wednesday the 7th April aboth at 8pm. The Accounts for 2009 will be presented and Parish Officers and an incoming Select Vestry to serve for one year will be elected.

Magazines

If you have not yet paid for the Diocesan Magazine for 2009 or 2010 Mr Alan Sweetnam who looks after the magazine for us would be glad to have your subscription.

People

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Mrs Valerie Oliver and her family on the recent death of Jim Oliver a member of Corvally congregation and an enthusiastic member of the Jackson Hall Bowling Club where he will be very much missed.

Baptism

It was a great joy to welcome Hannah Ruth, daughter of Alan and Rachael Hill, into our parish on Sunday 24th

January

Organisations

Study Group

We are meeting at the moment every Monday night 8pm in the Parish room, and are using the Emmaus Course Part 1 – What Christians Believe. The Emmaus Course was produced in 1996 by the Bible Societies and Church House Publishing with a team headed by by Bishop Steve Croft, Robert Warren of CMS fame and others. We have been using it over the past fourteen years and while its not as glossy (or expensive) as Alpha we have found it much more simple and adaptable to use. Please invite others to come to this course which, initially, will last for eight sessions.

MU and Friends

We thank Doreen and Robert Monaghan for hosting our very enjoyable Pot Luck supper. The February meeting will be held in the Parish Room in Carrickmacross on Thursday 11th at 8pm. Pauline O'Hagan will talk again on 'Keeping Healthy'.

Cabra School

Cabra Primary School in Kingscourt is the central School for the geographical area which includes our parish. There seems to be a general move to close small schools and it is vital that the Board of Management which is chaired at the moment by the Rector knows the likely intake over the next four years. So if you are thinking of enrolling your child as pupil in the school please contact the School at 042 9667194 or look out for the Open Day which we

THIS MONTH

Monday	1 st	7.00pm	Confirmation Class, Parish Room
		8.00pm	Emmaus Course, Parish Room
Wednesday	3 rd	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Thursday	4 th	8.00pm	M'cloone and Ardragh Select Vestry
Friday	5 th	7.30pm	Table Tennis
Monday	8 th	7.00pm	Confirmation Class, Parish Room
		8.00pm	Emmaus Course, Parish Room
Wednesday	10 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Thursday	11 th	8.00pm	Mothers Union and Friends
Friday	12 th	7.30pm	Table Tennis
Sunday	14 th	9.00pm	Prayer Meeting in St. Finbarr's
Monday	15 th	7.00pm	Confirmation Class, Parish Room
		8.00pm	Emmaus Course, Parish Room
Tuesday	16 th	8.00pm	Hymn Practice in St. Finbarr's
Wednesday	10 th	10.30am	Ash Wednesday Communion, St. Finbarr's
		7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Penitential St. Finbarr's
Friday	19 th	7.30pm	Table Tennis
Monday	22 nd	7.00pm	Confirmation Class, Parish Room
		8.00pm	Emmaus Course, Parish Room
Wednesday	24 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Friday	26 th	7.30pm	Table Tennis

NEXT MONTH

Monday	22 nd	7.00pm	Last Confirmation Class, Parish Room
Friday	5 th	8.00pm	Women's World Day of Prayer
Sunday	7 th	11.30am	Confirmation Service, Carrickmacross

COMING SOON

Sunday	4 th April	Easter Day
Tuesday	6 th April	Easter General Vestry, Carrickmacross

are hoping to hold in the near future.

Unity Week

This year we hosted the annual service of Prayer for Christian Unity in St. Finbarr's on the 19th January. Pastor Jim Grosser and Monseigneur Vincent

Connolly took part and Mrs Lorna Lewis played the organ. The form of the service this year drawn up by Christians from Scotland marking the centenary of the Missionary Conference there which sparked the ecumenical movement.

Sunday Services

7th February 2010, 2nd Sunday before Lent Year C (Green)

Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-25, Psalm 65, Revelation 4, Luke 8.22-35

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

14th February 2010, Sunday before Lent (Green)

Exodus 34.29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2, Luke 9.28-36

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	Family	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	HC	Rector

21st February 2010, 1st Sunday in Lent (Purple)

Deuteronomy 26.1-11, Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16, Romans 10.8b-13, Luke 4.1-13

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

28th February 2010, 2nd Sunday in Lent (Purple)

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3.17-4.1, Luke 13.31-35

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

7th March 2010, 3rd Sunday in Lent (Purple)

Isaiah 55.1-9, Psalm 63.1-9, 1 Corinthians 10.1-13, Luke 13.1-9

Carrickmacross	11.30am	Confirmation	Bishop Jackson
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14th March 2010, 4th Sunday in Lent, Mothering (Purple)

Joshua 5.9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5.16-21, Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	Family	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	HC	Rector

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