



Anglican Communion - Church of Ireland - Diocese of Clogher

Carrickmacross, Magheraclone and Ardragh Group of Parishes



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



Newsletter

February 2013

Worship

Ardragh

Service Times

Now that we have four Parish Readers it gives us the flexibility to have Magheraclone and Ardragh at the same 11.45am time slot. Beginning on Sunday 3rd February a Parish Reader will lead the Magheraclone service on the first Sunday of every month to allow the Rector go and celebrate Holy Communion in Ardragh at 11.45am and on the third Sunday the Rector will lead in Magheraclone while a Reader will lead the worship in Ardragh.

Unity Week

This years service was prepared by Christians from India who are enduring considerable persecution because of their faith and also because so many of them are Daliths. The service was hosted by Mgr. Vincent Connolly in St. Josphe's church and was well attended. He provided a very nice supper in "The Valley" after the service where people lingered chatting for a good length.

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

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins this year on the 13th February and as usual we have the 10.30am mid-morning Holy Communion as we do each week, and a Penitential Service in the evening at 7.30pm.

WWDP

The Women's World Day of Prayer Service this year was drawn up by the women in France. It will be held in the convent at 7.30pm on Friday 1st March.

Parish News

Lent

During Lent we again encourage everyone to take on some kind of self discipline in preparation for Holy Week and as a recollection of the reality and power of evil. Fasting and praying are encouraged in scripture. Scripture reading, reading some spiritually nourishing book or giving things up, particularly if the proceeds of this self discipline are used to benefit others, have become common ways of observing Lent.

Bishops' Appeal

We are again encouraging everyone to put money by for the Bishop's Appeal, the Church of Ireland third world relief and development agency and envelopes are being made available for this.

Concert

In commemoration of the Blind Fiddler, Patrick O'Byrne there will be a traditional Irish music concert in St. Finbarr's on Friday 22nd March at 8pm.

Membership

Everyone is welcome to come to our 'Common Prayer' worship and take part in the life of the parish but if anyone would like to become an 'official' member of the Church of Ireland and be a voting member of the 'General Vestry' they are invited to ask the Rector for a membership form.

Ardragh Easter Vestry

We are planning to have this parish meeting on the Tuesday after Easter, the 2nd April at 2pm in the Church. If this time does not suit please discuss it with the Rector.

Magheracloune SV

Originally we had set this for a later date but we have had to change it preferably to Monday 8th April at 8pm in the Church. We hope that this night is suitable.

Carrickmacross EGV

The 'AGM' of St. Finbarr's church will be on Thursday 4th April at 8pm. At this meeting we receive the accounts for 2012 and elect in a new Select Vestry to run the parish during the year. It is important that we have a good number of people to do this work if only because of the need for transparency in all that we do these days.

People

Bereavement

We extend our condolences to the family of Richard Pringle of Magheracloune on

the recent death of his mother Eleanor in a tragic road accident in Co. Fermanagh. A thanksgiving service was held in St. Patrick's church in Monaghan where she came from and lived until recently retiring to Co. Fermanagh.

Organisations

Study Group

We have begun to study St. John's Gospel and will be working on it through to Easter so it is not too late to come along and join in the discussion.

MU & Friends

On 3rd March we are going to see a play in the Iontas theatre, Castleblayney, "Out of Order", a farce about a politician. Tickets have been ordered, but if anyone else wishes to go contact Rosemary. Husbands and friends are welcome to join the group.

On 21st March at 8pm in the Parish Room we will have the Laughter Yoga session we should have had last month.

Notices

Crossduff Sale

There will be a sale in Jackson Hall on Thursday March 21st from 11am to 4pm in aid of Crossduff Parish Church funds. Anyone wishing to donate should contact Mrs Doreen Monahan or Mr George Montgomery

Relaxation

Elizabeth Giles, Psychotherapist is running Mind, Body & Weight Loss 6 week courses starting 6/2/13 @ 11.15am/8.00pm together with a 6 week Relaxation Classes @ 10.00am/6.30pm at The Clinic, Carrickmacross. Contact 042 9690300 / 086 1984179 for further information.

THIS MONTH

Monday	4 th	8.00pm	St. Finbarr's Hymn Rehearsal
		8.00pm	Bowling Club to Cootehill
Wednesday	6 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion
		8.00pm	Bowling Club, Billyhill visiting
Friday	8 th	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis
Monday	11 th	8.00pm	Study Group in Parish Room
Wednesday	13 th	10.30am	Ash Wednesday Communion
		7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Penitential Service
Friday	15 th	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis
Wednesday	20 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion
		8.00pm	Bowling Club, Drogheda visiting
Monday	25 th	8.00pm	Study Group in Parish Room
Wednesday	27 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion
		8.00pm	Bowling Club visiting Derryvalley

NEXT MONTH

Friday	1 st	7.30pm	Women's World Day of Prayer, Convent
Monday	4 th	8.00pm	Bowling Match in Billis
Friday	22 nd	8.00pm	Comhaltas Ceoltoir Eireann Concert
Spy Wednesday	27 th	8.00am	Morning Service St. Finbarr's
		8.00pm	Penitential Service, Magheracloune
Maunday	28 th	8.00am	Morning Service St. Finbarr's
		8.00pm	Commemoration, St. Finbarr's
Good Friday	29 th	8.00am	Morning Service St. Finbarr's
		8.00pm	Good Friday Service St. Finbarr's
Sunday	31 st	6.00am	Easter Dawn Communion, God's Acre

COMING SOON

April	2 nd	2.00pm	Carrickmacross Easter General Vestry
April	4 th	8.00pm	Carrickmacross Easter General Vestry
April	8 th	8.00pm	Magheracloune Easter General Vestry

Sunday Services

3rd February 2013, 2nd Sunday before Lent, Year C (Green)

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

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Mrs D Monahan
Ardragh	11.45am	HC	Rector

10th February 2013, 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	Mrs C. Merrin
Magheracluone	11.45am	HC	Rector

17th February 2013, 1st Sunday in Lent (Purple)

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

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Mr A. Hill
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	MP	Mrs D. Monahan

24th 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	Mrs F. Collins
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector

3rd 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	8.00am	HC	Rector
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Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Mr A. Hill
Ardragh	11.45am	HC	Rector

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