



Anglican Communion – Church of Ireland – Diocese of Clogher

## Carrickmacross and Magheraclone with Ardragh Group of Parishes



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



# Newsletter

February 2008

## Worship

### Ash Wednesday

Lent begins very early this year and Ash Wednesday will be observed on the 6<sup>th</sup> February. There will be a Penitential service in St. Finbarr's at 7.30pm which lasts about half an hour and it is hoped that those who have to go to other events that evening will try hard to get to this service on their way.

### Lent

While the tradition has been to 'give something up for Lent' the real purpose of Lent as the time of preparation for Holy Week and how-to-repair-corrupt-mbr-and-boot.htmlEaster is that we should take on some spiritual discipline. We would encourage everyone to perhaps put money by for some good cause, we will be making Bishops' Appeal envelopes available or perhaps read a challenging book or be more organised in setting time apart for

prayer or Bible reading. Whatever we decide to do should come from within ourselves rather than be imposed by someone else and we hope that everyone will return to the practice of taking Lent seriously.

### Services

On the first Sunday of February the Rector will be away. The services in Carrickmacross and Magheraclone will be at the usual times but will be Morning Prayer. There will be no service in Ardragh. Worship will be led by Mr Walter Pringle.

The Rector will be back on the 10<sup>th</sup> February, the second Sunday, of the month. As well as the usual 8am Communion there will be Communion services at all other services including a 1pm service in Ardragh.

On the 17<sup>th</sup>, the third Sunday, the Rector will be in Ematrix Group. The services here will be at the usual times but will all be services of Morning Prayer led by Ms Naomi Quinn. For the last Sunday of the month we will have the usual pattern of services. Please check the list at the back of this newsletter for details.

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

## Parish News

### Magazines

The Diocesan Magazine organiser in the parish, Mr Alan Sweetnam would like to remind everyone who gets a copy that payment for the magazine is now due. We would also remind some people who have not paid for last year to please do so now.

### Select Vestry

The Carrickmacross Select Vestry meets in the Parish Room on the 5<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm. Among other matters to be dealt with there have been some new developments in relation to the wall and we hope to make progress in this. We ask members to please keep this time free to be able to attend.

### General Vestry Register

At the February Select Vestry meeting the Register of General Vestry Members will be revised. This is the official list of parishioners and while everyone is welcome to come to the General Easter Vestry meeting, the AGM of the parish, only those on the Register are officially allowed to vote at General Easter Vestry meetings and to serve on the Select Vestry or Diocesan committees. If someone's name was added to the Register in the past they do not have to be added again but if your name is not on the Register and if you would like it to be please ask for an application form from the Rector and have it returned before the 5<sup>th</sup> February please.

## Thanks

We would like to thank all those who have done the various chores which keep the churches in good shape for our worship, cleaning, flower arranging etc. and those who have given their time in leadership with young people and in worship. We also thank those who have done work over the past year which has enhanced our property and saved us a lot of expense, clearing graveyards, sorting out the car park, providing computer equipment and so on. A sincere thanks to everyone who quietly did the work.

## Diocesan News

### Institution

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February the Rev Helene Steed, Curate Assistant at St. Finbarr's Cathedral in Cork will be made rector of the Clones Group of Parishes. We wish her and her family every blessing in this ministry. Helene was ordained in the Lutheran Church in Sweden, with which we are in full communion, before coming to the Church of Ireland.

## Activities

### Study Group

There will be no meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> January or on the 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> of February, the next meeting is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. We will then continue the series on the letters of St. Paul to the Corinthians. New members would be very welcome so if you are thinking of doing something special this Lent why not join this group.

## THIS MONTH

Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Lion's Meeting in Workhouse
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis, Jackson Hall
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Select Vestry, Carrickmacross
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Penitential Service, St. Finbarr's
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis, Jackson Hall
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Mothers Union and Friends.
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis, Jackson Hall
		8.00pm	Institution in Clones
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Study Group, Parish Room
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Select Vestry, Magheracloune and Ardragh
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis, Jackson Hall
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Study Group, Parish Room
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis, Jackson Hall

## NEXT MONTH

Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Mothers Union and Friends, Gardening
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	St. Patrick's Day Service
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup>		Good Friday
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Easter Sunday
Monday	31 <sup>st</sup>	8.00pm	Magheracloune and Ardragh Easter Vestry

## COMING SOON

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 8.00pm Carrickmacross Easter General Vestry

### MU and Friends

The February meeting will be held on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm and will feature a talk on local history by Mr Larry McDermott. The January get together in John and Eleanor Howell's home was a great success and we thank them for their hospitality.

### Table Tennis

Now that the Jackson Hall is back in use again there will be Table Tennis for junior members, Friday's 7.30pm.

## Notices

### New Lions Club

Lions Clubs International is the largest service organisation in the world giving aid to disadvantaged people at home and abroad. There are plans to establish a Lions Club in Carrickmacross and an information evening is planned for 8pm on Wednesday next 30/01/2008 at the Workhouse, Shercock Rd. Everybody is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. For further information contact Bill Goggins of Monaghan Lions Club at 086 8262937.

## Sunday Services

### *3<sup>rd</sup> February 2008, Sunday before Lent (White)*

Exodus 24.12-18, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1.16-21, Matthew 17.1-9

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Mr Walter Pringle
Magheracloune	11.45am	MP	Mr Walter Pringle

### *10<sup>th</sup> February 2008, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent (Purple)*

Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracloune	11.45am	HC	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	HC	Rector

### *17<sup>th</sup> February 2008, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent (Purple)*

Genesis 12.1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4.1-5, 13-17, John 3.1-17

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Ms Naomi Quinn
Magheracloune	11.45am	MP	Ms Naomi Quinn
Ardragh	1.00pm	MP	Ms Naomi Quinn

### *24<sup>th</sup> February 2008, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent (Purple)*

Exodus 17.1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5.1-11, John 4.5-42

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

### *2<sup>nd</sup> March 2008, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (Purple)*

1 Samuel 16.1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5.8-14, John 9.1-41

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

### *9<sup>th</sup> March 2008, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (Purple)*

Ezekiel 37.1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8.6-11, John 11.1-45

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

## Parish Ministry Team

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