



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



Newsletter

January 2010

Worship

Unity Week Service

This year it is our turn to host the service of prayer for Christian Unity which is held in mid-January. It will be held on Tuesday 19th January at 7.30pm in St. Finbarr's and we hope that there will be a good attendance of parishioners. We also hope to provide light refreshments after the service and items for this would be very welcome.

Prayer Meeting

On Sunday 10th January at 9.00pm we have the next of our Prayer meetings in St. Finbarr's. The particular focus in this month will of course be Christian Unity and the relationships between and indeed within the various churches which are so much under scrutiny and stress at this time.

Confirmation

The date for this, the 7th March is fast

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

approaching and we look forward to the Bishop's visit and the commitment to be made by our candidates. The service will be at 11.30am to give sponsors and relations time to travel and end in time for families to get together for lunch.

This will be one service on that day and we hope that there will be good support from Magheracloone and Ardragh.

Midweek Communion

Each Wednesday at 10.30am we celebrate Holy Communion in St Finbarr's and we would encourage those to come to like a quiet time of prayer.

Parish News

Study Group

Because of other commitments it will not be possible to hold meetings until the 1st February. For the following six weeks we will meet weekly each Monday night at 8pm to work through the basic Emmaus Course, which is an introduction to the core elements of the churches teaching. It

would suit anyone who perhaps worships regularly but feels that the scattered nature of sermons takes from the overall picture, or people who have become confused about whether the young man from Galilee really has anything important to say to today's confused world.

Reports

Christmas

The Rector was honoured to be invited to represent the Parish at the Lord Mayor's Town Council Party in the Shirley Arms Hotel on Friday 11th December. It was a chance to meet in an informal setting with leaders of the community and we thank the Meara a Bhaile Councillor Mary Kerr-Conlon for her kind invitation.

The Children's Christmas Pageant on the second Sunday of the month in Carrickmacross involved a great deal of work from the young people and their leaders but its 'different' approach to the Christmas story highlighted aspects of the story we should think more about. Sincere thanks to all involved.

Mrs Caroline Merrin and Mr Ray Howell represented the parish at the annual Community Carol Service held this year in St. Joseph's Church.

The Carrickmacross annual Carol Service of readings and Carols featured two carols prepared by our little choir, the superb organ playing of Mrs Lorna Lewis and the

representative readers from all our associated activities. The Magheracloone Carols service had to be postponed to Wednesday 23rd but if anything it increased the attendance. We thank Mrs Meta Kinnear for playing the organ and all those who decorated the church.

The annual children's Christmas Party time did not suit a number of families this year but we still had two dozen or so of our younger children enjoying themselves thoroughly. We thank the parents who provided the refreshments and rounded off the event after the Rector had to leave. Santa came with lovely book which were very much appreciated.

People

Marriage

Congratulations and every blessing for their future to Kathryn McGinn and Nigel Babington who were married in the Sacred Heart Church in Lough Egish on Saturday 19th December. Fr Noel McConnell presided at the lovely service assisted by Mr Kingston.

Sick

In this season of colds and flu and worse we have a number of people facing a lot worse and our prayers and good wishes go especially to Isaac and Eileen in nursing home and others unwell at home. It is wonderful to note the remarkable recovery that some have experienced over the past months and praise God

THIS MONTH

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| Friday | 1 st | 10.30am | New Year's Day Holy Communion |
| Wednesday | 6 th | 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday | 10 th | 9.00pm | Prayer meeting in St. Finbarr's |
| Monday | 11 th | 7.00pm | Confirmation Class |
| Wednesday | 13 th | 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| Tuesday | 19 th | 7.30pm | Unity Week Service, Carrickmacross |
| Wednesday | 20 th | 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| Monday | 25 th | 7.00pm | Confirmation Class |
| | | 8.00pm | Select Vestry, Carrickmacross |
| Wednesday | 27 th | 10.30am | Holy Communion |

NEXT MONTH

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| Monday | 1 st | 7.00pm | Confirmation Class |
| | | 8.00pm | Study Group |
| Monday | 8 th | 7.00pm | Confirmation Class |
| | | 8.00pm | Study Group |
| Monday | 15 th | 7.00pm | Confirmation Class |
| | | 8.00pm | Study Group |
| Wednesday | 17 th | | Ash Wednesday |
| Monday | 22 nd | 7.00pm | Confirmation Class |
| | | 8.00pm | Study Group |

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| Sunday 7 th March | 11.30am | Confirmation Service, Carrickmacross |
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Organisations

MU & Friends

Plans for January are for a 'Pot-Luck' Party in Mrs Doreen Monahan's home on Thursday 14th January at 8.00pm. We hope there will be a good turn out of members.

Junior Table Tennis

This will recommence on Friday 15th at 7.30pm in the Jackson Hall. We have two

hour sessions at which we are encouraging new and younger members to come for the first hour and a half or so an new member are welcome.

Bowls

Bowls will start after the Christmas break on the 6th January with a match at home with Castleblayney. This will be followed on the 13th with a home match with Ballyalbany. The last match of January will be away to Bailieboro on the 30th.

Sunday Services

3rd January 2010, 2nd Sunday of Christmas....(White)

Jeremiah 31.7-14, Psalm 147.13-21, Ephesians 1.3-14, John 1.10-18

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| Carrickmacross | 10.30am | HC | Rector |
| Magheracloone | 11.45am | MP | Rector |
| Ardragh | 1.00pm | HC | Rector |

10th January 2010, 1st Sunday of Epiphany (White)

Isaiah 43.1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8.14-17, Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

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| Carrickmacross | 8.00am | HC | Rector |
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| Magheracloone | 11.45am | HC | Rector |

17th January 2010, 2nd Sunday of Epiphany (White)

Isaiah 62.1-5, Psalm 36.5-10, 1 Cor. 12.1-11, John 2.1-11

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| Carrickmacross | 10.30am | HC | Rector |
| Magheracloone | 11.45am | MP | Rector |
| Ardragh | 1.00pm | MP | Rector |

24th January 2010, 3rd Sunday of Epiphany (White)

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19, 1 Cor. 12.12-31a, Luke 4.14-21

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| Carrickmacross | 8.00am | HC | Rector |
| Carrickmacross | 10.30am | MP | Rector |
| Magheracloone | 11.45am | MP | Rector |

31st January 2010, 4th Sunday of Epiphany (White)

Ezekiel 43.27-44.4, Psalm 48, 1 Cor. 13.1-13, Luke 2.22-40

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| Carrickmacross | 10.30am | MP | Rector |
| Magheracloone | 11.45am | MP | Rector |

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

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

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