



Anglican Communion - Church of Ireland - Diocese of Clogher

Carrickmacross, Magheracloone and Ardragh Group of Parishes



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



Newsletter

January 2012

Worship

Midweek Communion

The weekly midweek service will be held each Wednesday at 10.30am, except the 18th January.

Unity Week Service

There will be a prayer service in St. Finbarr's on Tuesday 24th January. This is the annual service we hold during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and this year it is our turn to host it. We will be inviting members of other churches to take part and we hope that it will be well supported by parishioners. Contributions to the cup of tea afterwards would be appreciated.

Confirmation

This year there will be a central Confirmation Service for the south Monaghan area in St. Maeldoid's Church in Castleblayney on Sunday 11th March at 3.00pm. We will have a

number of people from our group of parishes to be confirmed at this service and we hope that you will take note of it now and make a special effort to be present at that service. This will be the first time in a long time that Castleblayney, Clontibret and Ballybay will have come together for a service and the first time our new Bishop will have visited Castleblayney.

Parish News

Magazines

We would be grateful if everyone who gets the Diocesan magazine would confirm with Alan Sweetnam that they wish to continue getting the magazine in 2012 and we would be even more grateful if the annual subscription could be paid to him as soon as possible please. He can be contacted any day during business hours in Sweetnam's clothing store on Main Street in Carrickmacross.

Confirmation Classes

Beginning on Friday 13th January and continuing through to the Confirmation weekend we will have

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with the Rector by the last Sunday
of the month please*

classes in Castleblayney Church on Friday nights at 7pm and in Ballybay Church on Sunday nights also at 7pm. We will cover the same topics in each venue and we hope having the two times will make it easier for candidates to get to the classes.

Reports

Thanks

We would like to thank Mr Roy Crowe for leading the worship in the Group on Sunday 11th December when the Rector attended a family wedding in England.

Christmas Services

The weather was exceptionally kind to us this year and attendances at the Christmas services reflected this with well attended Carol Services and over one hundred and twenty in total at the Christmas Communion.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who prepared the churches for worship during the year by cleaning them and providing flowers, for those who make sure they are open and the heat on and to our lesson readers and Mrs Lorna Lewis who plays the organ in Carrickmacross on special occasions. Sincere thanks all round.

Diocesan News

Devenish Appointment

The Reverend Sampson Ajuka, who is originally from Nigeria and was in St George's church in Venice has

come to Clogher as Diocesan Curate in charge of Devenish and Boho. He started on 1st January 2012, and there will be a service of Introduction on Thursday 2nd February 2012 in Devenish Parish Church, Monea, Co. Fermanagh.

People

Sickness

There is a great deal of sickness in the parish at the moment. We are also conscious of the fact that many people are under a lot of stress just now and we continue to pray that they may know that the Spirit of God is powerful to heal our troubled spirits.

Sympathy

We extend our sincere condolences to the family of the late Mrs Christina Chambers of Donogue, Lurgan's Hill, Carrickmacross and especially to her daughter Betty, her son Robert, brothers John and Noel Cox and her sister Liz and grandchildren James, Emma and Rachel. She passed away Friday 30th December 2011 and was buried the following day in the family plot in God's Acre after the funeral service in St. Finbarr's. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Organisations

Study Group

Because of other commitments we will start up the Group again on the 30th January at 8pm in the Parish

THIS MONTH

Wednesday	11 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Friday	13 th	7.00pm	Confirmation Class, Castleblayney
Sunday	15 th	7.00pm	Confirmation Class, Ballybay
Wednesday	18 th	No	Midweek Communion
Friday	20 th	7.00pm	Confirmation Class, Castleblayney
Sunday	22 nd	7.00pm	Confirmation Class, Ballybay
Wednesday	25 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Thursday	26 th	8.00pm	MU & Friends, Pot Luck Supper
Friday	27 th	7.00pm	Confirmation Class, Castleblayney
Sunday	29 th	7.00pm	Confirmation Class, Ballybay
Monday	30 th	8.00pm	Study Group, CMX Parish Hall

NEXT MONTH

Wednesday	1 st	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Thursday	2 nd	8.00pm	Select Vestry Meeting, Carrickmacross

COMING SOON

Sunday	11 th March	Confirmation Service, Castleblayney
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Room. We will continue the study of the 2nd Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians through to Easter.

Table Tennis

The first week of January has been busy with many matches being played with great success to Carrickmacross. We now have a second new table in service and it is great to have the club equipped with such good quality gear.

Bowls

The Jackson Hall Bowling Club night is Wednesday beginning at 8pm except on nights when the members are playing away matches. Everyone is welcome to come along and find

out about indoor bowling and new members would be very welcome.

MU and Friends

There was no meeting during December but there will be a 'Pot Luck' supper on January 26th which will be hosted by Eleanor Howell. We would like to thank her for making her home available again for this annual event.

Youth Club

There are a few details to be sorted out but currently the plan is to get the club going again on Saturday 14th January.

Sunday Services

1st January 2012, 1st Sunday after Christmas (White)

Isaiah 61.10-62.3, Psalm 148, Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 2.15-21

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
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Magheracloone	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	HC	Rector

8th January 2012, 1st Sunday after Epiphany (White)

Genesis 1.1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19.1-7, Mark 1.4-11

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

15th January 2012, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany (White)

1 Samuel 3.1-10, Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18, Revelation 5.1-10, John 1.43-51

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracloone	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	MP	Rector

22nd January 2012, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany (White)

Jonah 3.1-5, 10, Psalm 62.5-12, Mark 1.14-20

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

5th February 2012, 4th Sunday after Epiphany (White)

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

Carrickmacross	8.00pm	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracloone	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	HC	Rector

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