



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



The Parish Monthly

January 2013

Worship

Unity Week Service

This year it is the turn of St. Joseph's RC Church to host this annual service. It will be held on Tuesday 22nd January at 7.30pm in St. Joseph's Church and we hope to have a number of parishioners involved.

Midweek Communion

Every Wednesday at 10.30am we have a said service of Holy Communion in St. Finbarr's with prayers offered as requested either by those attending or other parishioners. If you can pop in for this short service any Wednesday morning you will be very welcome.

Parish Readers

We thank Caroline Merrin, Doreen Monahan, Florence Collins and Alan Hill for their assistance in leading worship over the past months. We have now drawn up a rota for the coming six months and, as well as leading worship in St. Finbarr's, they will also begin to help in St. Molua's and St. Patrick's. Some details of the new schedule are still to be finalised.

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

Parish News

Select Vestry

This month we need to review the list of 'official' parishioners, that is those listed on the General Vestry list and to do a quick review of how the finances are looking at the beginning of another year.

In Ardragh we hope to have a short meeting after church on Sunday 20th at about 1.45pm and we have a meeting already organised for Monday 21st at 8pm in the Parish Room. We hope to have the Magheracloone meeting on Thursday 24th at 8pm in St. Molua's Church.

If you would like to add your name to the registered list please contact the Rector for an application form.

Magazine Subs

Please remember that another year has begun which means that if you want to continue receiving the Diocesan magazine the annual sub is now due. Please make contact with Alan Sweetnam as soon as possible please. The Church of Ireland Gazette is now only available through newsagents and may be ordered from Keegan's on the Main Street

Re-decoration

St. Finbarr's Church has been transformed by being repainted in early December by our FAS scheme worker. There has also been a major improvement made to the lighting by the

THIS MONTH

Tuesday	1 st	10.30am	New Year's Day Communion, C'macross
Wednesday	9 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion St. Finbarr's Bowls away in Bailieboro
Friday	11 th	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis
Monday	14 th	8.00pm	Study Group
Wednesday	16 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion St. Finbarr's 8.00pm Bowls home to Braddox
Thursday	17 th	8.00pm	MU and Friends
Friday	18 th	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis
Sunday	20 th	1.45pm	Ardragh Parish meeting
Monday	21 st	8.00pm	Carrickmacross Select Vestry, Parish Room
Tuesday	22 nd	7.30pm	Unity Week Service, St. Joseph's.
Wednesday	23 rd	10.30am	Midweek Communion St. Finbarr's
Thursday	24 th	8.00pm	Magheracloone Select Vestry
Friday	25 th	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis
Monday	28 th	8.00pm	Bowls away in Aghabog Hall 8.00pm Study Group
Wednesday	30 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion St. Finbarr's

NEXT MONTH

Monday	4 th	8.00pm	Hymns Rehearsal, St. Finbarr's
Wednesday	13 th	10.30am	Ash Wednesday Communion St. Finbarr's 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Penitential St. Finbarr's

replacement of the flood lights and the upgrading of the bulbs and floods by David McKeown to whom we are most grateful. We thank Kenneth our FAS worker and his father and Robert Greer who made the arrangements with FAS, Freddie Merrin who organised the Cherry Picker and many other aspects of the work and all those who responded to his request for help in doing the preliminary washing down of the walls. The standard of finish on the job is second to none and we are delighted with the result and delighted that it was all completed in a very tight time frame before Christmas.

Reports

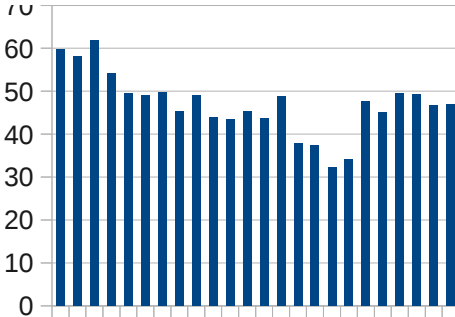
Christmas Services

There were a number of unique features to our services this year with a live crib at St. Molua's and the full nine lessons and carols in St. Finbarr's. It was great to have so much local initiative at work in the setting up of these services and we thank sincerely all those involved.

Attendances

The Rector keeps a graph of average attendances over the years based on the churchwardens entries in the Preachers

Book. The average for Carrickmacross in 2012 shows a very slight increase on 2011 with 46.83 on average present at Sunday services. This graph shows the attendances from 1988 to 2012.



Christmas

Live crib

Community Carols

Christmas Party

On the Saturday before Christmas we had a very pleasant little party for the children in the Jackson Hall. Our thanks are due to Santa and his helpers for organising the presents, games and refreshments.

People

Sympathy

One of the Rector's first parishioners was Ev Williams who sat on Eyrecourt Select Vestry in Co. Galway. His wry humour and laid back approach, when others were getting a bit excited, was always a steadying influence. Forty years on Evan Williams daughter Margaret Babington is on Magheraclone Select Vestry. Mr Williams, who lived at Towerview House, Meelick, Eyrecourt, Galway, died on Tuesday 1st January, just a few days short of his ninety second birthday and we extend our sincere sympathy to

Margaret and her family on his passing.

Gillian Hill

As we prepare these notes the really sad news of the death of Gillian Hill has arrived. After a promising early life she suffered major illness with lasting consequences which she never gave in to. She was a young woman of remarkable courage and determination who had the most marvellous support in her mother and father, her family, her various helpers down through the years and the efforts made by the local community to support her in the early stages. We express our sympathy to her family and all who most keenly mourn her passing.

Organisations

Study Group

These fortnightly meetings will begin again on the 14th January. At the end of the last sessions the request was for us to look at a book of the Bible so as this is the year of Luke we will study his gospel at least through to Easter.

Bowls

January will be a busy month for the club with three away nights. On the 9th we are travelling to Bailieboro for a return match. On the 16th we are at home to Braddox. On the 23rd we have another away match with Ballyalbany and finally on the 28th we are going to Aghabog.

MU and Friends

We thank Doreen Monahan for hosting the marvellous Pot Luck supper before Christmas. On January 17th, by popular demand, Aisling Coleman is returning to do laughter yoga. In February we are having an American Supper.

Sunday Services

6th January 2013 The Feast of the Epiphany (White) Year C

Isaiah 60.1-6, Psalm 72.1-7, 10-15, Ephesians 3.1-12, Matthew 2.1-12

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

13th January 2013, 1st Sunday after the Epiphany (White)

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

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

20th January 2013, 2nd Sunday of Epiphany (White)

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

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

27th January 2013, 3rd Sunday of Epiphany (White)

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

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

3rd February 2013, 4th Sunday of Epiphany (White)

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

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

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