



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

January 2008

## Worship

### Unity Week

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity, to give it its proper title, is a period of eight days of prayer running from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> January in which the churches are encouraged to pray for each other and for a greater unity between them. This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this week and it is our turn to host the Carrickmacross service in St. Finbarr's Church. The service will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 7.30pm and we hope it will be well supported by parishioners.

### 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 is the forty day period of preparation for the Holy Week and Easter Services which are central to the way we express our faith in our worship. The death and Resurrection of our Lord are key to how Christians understand the nature of God and so the lead in to this is very important to us. We will say more about Lent next month but for the moment we hope that everyone will take note of the Ash Wednesday service time.

### Service Rota

This month on the first Sunday of the month all services will be Holy Communion and there will be no other mid-morning communion services in Magheraclone or Ardragh for the rest of the month. On the fourth Sunday of the month, the 27<sup>th</sup> services in Carrickmacross and Magheraclone will be at the usual times and will be led by Ms Naomi Quinn. The 8.00am communions will be as usual during this month on the second and fourth Sundays.

### Rector Away

The Rector will be away for a few days in late January and including Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February. The

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

Rectory will still be occupied during the few days and phone calls will be taken as usual. More details about services will be announced during the month.

## Midweek Communion

These will be as usual this month on each Thursday morning at 10.30am except for the 31<sup>st</sup> when the Rector will be away.

## Christmas

We would like to thank everyone, especially the younger people, who decorated the churches and took part in Carol Services over Christmas. It was a pleasure to welcome Santa back for the party on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Those who came thoroughly enjoyed it and we thank the Carrickmacross Band for the use of their new Hall.

## Parish News

### Select Vestry

There will be a meeting of the Select Vestry in Carrickmacross on the 5<sup>th</sup> February. We ask members to please keep this time free to be able to attend.

### Updating Registers

The February Select Vestry meeting has a particular importance because at it the Register of General Vestry Members will be updated. This is the official list of parishioners and only those on it 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 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.

## People

### Bereavement

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr Jimmy Babington and his family on the death of his brother George in Dundalk and whose funeral service was held on St. Stephen's Day last. George came originally from Magheracluone and became a master craftsman in carpentry bringing him to Dundalk from where he did wonderful work over a wide area. He was a very faithful worshipper in Dundalk and the magnificent Funeral Service bore testimony to the high esteem in which he came to be held in that parish. We pray that Jimmy and all who deeply mourn his passing may find comfort in the Lord and in the fact that George achieved so much and to such a high standard in his life.

### Holy Baptism

Once again this month we have the delight or reporting yet another baptism in the parish. On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December Jack Walter Victor McElwaine was baptised in St. Finbarr's in Carrickmacross. It was a wonderful lively service with so many children and other members of the Keating and McElwaine families

## THIS MONTH

Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00pm Bowling, Kingscourt
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am Midweek Communion
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm Bowling, Kingscourt
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Midweek Communion
		8.00pm Mothers Union and Friends
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm Study Group in Parish Room
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Midweek Communion
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	8.00pm Study Group in Parish Room
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm Prayer Service for Unity Week St. Finbarr's
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Midweek Communion
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm Study Group in Parish Room
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	No Midweek Communion

## NEXT MONTH

Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm Study Group in Parish Room
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm Select Vestry Carrickmacross
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service St. Finbarr's
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Institution, Clones

taking part. To Georgina and William his parents we promise every prayerful support as they continue the work of nurturing their children in the way of the Lord.

### Sick

During the month a number of people have been sick in hospital and at home, many suffering from a nasty stomach bug which has done the rounds. In particular we continue to pray for Sammy and Eileen as they continue to recover.

### Activities

#### Bible Study

This month we are beginning a series

on the letters of St. Paul to the Corinthians which will be held every Monday night in the Parish Room a 8pm through to Lent, with a few breaks for holiday weekends etc. New members would be very welcome.

#### MU and Friends

The January meeting will be held on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in John and Eleanor Howell's home and will be a Pot Luck supper with everyone asked to bring one or two favourite items and explain why you like them!

Rachel Hill's Flower Arranging demonstration in December proved to be a master class of a very high standard and we thank her for all the work she put into preparing it.

## Sunday Services

### *6<sup>th</sup> January 2008, Epiphany* *Year A (White)*

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

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

### *13<sup>th</sup> January 2008, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany (White)*

Isaiah 42.1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10.34-43, Matthew 3.13-17

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

### *20<sup>th</sup> January 2008, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany (White)*

Isaiah 49.1-7, Psalm 40.1-12, 1 Corinthians 1.1-9, John 1.29-42

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

### *27<sup>th</sup> January 2008, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany (White)*

Isaiah 9.1-4, Psalm 27.1,4-12, 1 Corinthians 1.10-18, Matthew 4.12-23

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Ms Naomi Quinn
Magheracloone	11.45am	MP	Ms Naomi Quinn

### *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	HC	
Magheracloone	11.45am	HC	
Ardragh	1.00pm	HC	

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

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	MP	Rector
Magheracloone	11.45am	MP	Rector

## Parish Ministry Team

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