



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 2011

Worship

Midweek Communion

These will continue through the month of January uninterrupted. The time is 10.30am every Wednesday in St. Finbarr's.

Unity Week

This begins on Tuesday 18th and ends on the 25th January. We have been invited by Mgr. Vincent Connolly to a prayer service in St. Joseph's church at 7.30pm on the 25th in which we will be participating with the other churches in the area. We would appeal for a good representation of parishioners at this service.

Parish News

Study Group

These will be held over until be beginning of February. If we followed last years pattern this would be the time when we would look at some aspect of Church Teaching. However, the general response we

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got was that people prefer straight Bible Study. So if you have any strong ideas about what you would come to a six week course to discuss please let the Rector know.

Select Vestry

At the next regular meeting we will have to review the list of General Vestry members and the Parish Accounts. If you filled out a form at any time in the past you do not have to apply again but if you would like to be 'officially' a member of the parish please ask the Rector for an application form.

Prayer Meeting

The first of our late Sunday evening special prayer times for the year will be held in St. Finbarr's on Sunday 9th January at 9pm. All are welcome.

Reports

Christmas

We seem to have been one of the few parishes that did not have to cancel any of the scheduled Christmas services and activities. One of the other Monaghan parishes ended up having their only service in the Rectory kitchen. We would like to

thank everyone who prepared and decorated the churches, cleaned the linen, helped with the Children's party and so on. In particular we thank all the musicians who took part and those who were willing to read lessons. The fact that people made such an extra effort for things like getting out to early services and so on, seemed to create an even more friendly adversity as people shared their experiences of overcoming adversity. Maybe, at the end of the day, that is what faith based activity is all about and the extreme weather highlighted it!

Anyway thanks to everyone who made the Nativity celebrations so special this year.

Organisations

Junior Table Tennis

This is held every Friday night in the Jackson Hall at 7.30pm and there are also club matches on other nights. Club nights will recommence on Friday 14th.

Bowls

January and February are going to be busy months for the Jackson Hall club. The away match with Castleblayney had to become a home match because of water damage to Castleblayney Presbyterian Hall. This seemed to work to our advantage score-wise! On the 12th we will be away to Bailieboro and on the 19th away to Derryvalley. There will be a normal club night on the 26th January followed by a home match with

Billyhill on the 2nd February.

MU and Friends

The January meeting will be the middle of the year party with a Pot Luck supper in the Rectory on Thursday 20th at 8pm.

People

Sympathy

We sympathise with Mrs Emily Lewis of Corcrin and her family on the death of her last remaining sibling, Mrs Alvie Meek, in Scotland on the 14th December last at the age of 92. Raised in Kilanny she had gone to nurse in Scotland and married and settled there.

Sick

All those who had short stays in Hospital during the last month or so are now safely home and we remember them in our prayers and wish them well in their recovery.

Birth

Congratulations to Niamh and Philip McElwaine on the birth of their new baby daughter Rebecca Rose on the second last day of 2010.

Notices

Flower Festival

Aghadrumssee Parish are having a Flower Festival on the 14th and 15th May at their church on the road to Enniskillen just beyond Rosslea. It begins on the Saturday at 11am and closes with a Praise Service on the Sunday at 7pm. All are welcome.

THIS MONTH

Wednesday	5 th	10.30am	Holy Communion, St. Finbarr's
Sunday	9 th	9.00pm	Prayer time in St. Finbarr's
Wednesday	12 th	10.30am	Holy Communion, St. Finbarr's
Friday	14 th	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis in Jackson Hall
Wednesday	19 th	10.30am	Holy Communion, St. Finbarr's
Friday	21 st	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis in Jackson Hall
Monday	24 th	8.00pm	Carrickmacross Select Vestry
Tuesday	25 th	7.30pm	Unity Week Prayer Service St. Joseph's
Wednesday	26 th	10.30am	Holy Communion, St. Finbarr's
Friday	28 th	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis in Jackson Hall

COMING SOON

Friday	4 th March	Womens World Day of Prayer
Wednesday	9 th March	Ash Wednesday

Magazines

Payment is now due for the Diocesan Magazines and you are asked to make the payment through Mr Alan Sweetnam as soon as possible please. If anyone would like to take the Church of Ireland Gazette, the only weekly newspaper connected with our church, please contact the Rector to add you name to the list.

Blood Donation Clinic

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service is appealing for donors to attend their Blood Donation Clinic in the Phoenix Centre, Carrickmacross, next Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th January between 5pm and 8pm. Recent bad weather affected attendance at other clinics, resulting in low blood stocks in our local hospitals.

Yoga Classes

10-week Yoga Course for Beginners and Mixed Abilities starting in Carrickmacross Workhouse, Shercock Road. Evening Class starts Tuesday, 18th January from 7.30pm - 9pm, and Morning Class starts Wednesday, 19th January from 9.45am - 11.15am. For more information, contact Pauline at 086 891 7901.

Come Ceili with Me

Host packs are now available for the Lions 'Come Ceili with Me' activity. Whether it's a morning, afternoon or evening event, big or small, your support is appreciated. Packs available from any member of the Lions club or McGuire's Pharmacy, Market Place. Glenn O'Reilly
Carrickmacross Lions Club PRO

Sunday Services

2nd January 2011, 2nd Sunday of Christmas (Year A) (White)

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

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

9th January 2011, 1st 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
Magheracluone	11.45am	HC	Rector

16th January 2011, 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany (White)

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

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

23rd January 2011, 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany (White)

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

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

30th January 2011, 4th Sunday after the Epiphany (White)

Micah 6.1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Cor. 1.18-31, Matthew 5.1-12

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

Parish Ministry Team

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