



Anglican Communion – Church of Ireland – Diocese of Clogher

## Carrickmacross, Magheraclone and Ardragh Group of Parishes



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



# Newsletter

June 2011

## Rector

### Holiday

The Rector will be away from the 8th to the 14th June at a wedding in Holland. The Rev William Steacey of Kingscourt has agreed to cover any emergencies that might arise. His phone numbers are 0877513183 and 0429667255.

## Worship

### Midweek HC

Please note that because of holidays there will be no midweek Communion service in Carrickmacross on the first two Wednesday's of the month, the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have the service on the other Wednesday mornings at 10.30am.

### Confirmation

As previously mentioned we hope to arrange a confirmation service

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

with our new Bishop either late this year or early next year and now that he is named we will be getting in touch with him to arrange a date. It is likely that this will be organised with our neighbouring Ballybay Group of parishes as they have indicated they have a number of candidates for the laying on of hands. If anyone in the parish would like to be prepared for confirmation please let the Rector know.

### Prayer Time

Please note that because of the Rector's holidays there will be no prayer time on the 12<sup>th</sup> June.

### St. Molua's Day

The Rev Dr. Canon Adrian Empey who is the Chaplaincy Coordinator for the Mission to Seafarers in Dublin Port and who was previously the head of the Church of Ireland's Theological College will be the preacher at the Open Air service at St. Molua's in Magheraclone. It will be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 3.00pm in

the church grounds, weather permitting. Precentor Empey is an academic historian with expertise on the Medieval period and we look forward to what new light he can throw on St. Molua's foundation here in Magheracloune. All are welcome.

## Parish News

### Youth Ministry

We have been having a number of discussions about how to develop Youth Ministry in Carrickmacross and the most recent was a meeting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June when we decided to start a club for the younger age group on a Saturday night at 6.30pm meeting fortnightly beginning on the 17<sup>th</sup> September in the Jackson Hall. We will now develop a programme for the club in discussion with Jonny Phenix but roughly what we have in mind is Games, Activities, Refreshments, Video's, visits to other groups, Epilogue and worship preparation. We will try to arrange visits to Kingscourt and Clontibret if they get clubs going and work closely with them. We will hope to organise Praise Services perhaps every eight weeks or so and gear some of the time towards preparation for these music, readers, drama, prayer etc. We may have separate activities for

the older members if enough of them turn up, but that will depend on how things develop. All those involved are very excited about this and pray that it will be a way to develop our youth work building on the excellent work that is already being done in the Table Tennis and Sunday School.

### Ardragh Vestry Meeting

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at about 2pm after the first Sunday Communion service there will be a meeting to discuss parish business after the regular service.

### Carrickmacross S.V.

The first ordinary Select Vestry meeting after the Easter Vestry will be held in the Parish Room on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

### Ardragh Barbecue

Plans for this pencilled in for the 30<sup>th</sup> July will be discussed at the next Vestry meeting.

### C'macross Barbecue

We're planning a great night out for all the family on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July with a Parish Barbecue at the Rectory.

## Reports

### Easter Vestries

Ardragh: We welcome the new church wardens, John Breden and Jimmy Whyte and Sarah Whyte who is the Parish Secretary

## THIS MONTH

Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Select Vestry, Ardragh (After service)
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Study Group in Parish Room, C'macross
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Select Vestry, Carrickmacross
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Study Group in Parish Room, C'macross
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's

## NEXT MONTH

Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	CMX Barbecue at the Rectory
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Ardragh Barbecue

## COMING SOON

Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> August	3.00pm	Open Air service at St. Molua's M'cloone
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and Westley Breden the Parish Treasurer.

Magheracloone: The new church wardens are Nigel Babington and Davy Babington and the Parish Secretary is Janine O'Neill with Violet Babington the Parish Treasurer.

Carrickmacross: Here the church wardens are Gordon Sweetnam and Caroline Merrin and at the following vestry meeting Philip Keegan was elected Parish Secretary and John Simpson and Eleanor Howell are the Parish Hon. Treasurers.

We had a good attendance at most of the meetings and we thank those who were willing to take on the work as officers and members of the Select Vestries.

### MU & Friends

The years activities have now

come to an end for the summer break but they ended up with a burst of activity. Members took part in a Sli na Slainte Walk around the designated route in C'macross and a fortnight later had a meal together in the Shirley Arms. Both events were very well attended and great fun. Rosemary also attended the diocesan council in Enniskillen. The next meeting will be the opening service, election of officers and planning the years programme which is pencilled in for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in St. Finbarr's followed by a training day for officers on the 17<sup>th</sup> in the Killyhevlin Hotel in Enniskillen.

## Diocesan News

### Bishop's Election

The Rev John McDowell, Rector of St. Mark's Parish, Dundela in East Belfast was appointed Bishop

## Sunday Services

### ***5th June 2011, Seventh Sunday of Easter (White)***

Ezekiel 39.21-29, Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35, 1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11, John 17.1-11

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

### ***12th June 2011, Whitsunday (Red)***

Numbers 11.24-30, Psalm 104.26-36,37b, 1 Cor. 12.3b-13, John 20.19-23

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Mr Roy Crowe
Magheraclooke	11.45am	MP	Mr Roy Crowe

### ***19th June 2011, Trinity Sunday (Green)***

Genesis 1.1-2.4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13.11-13, Matthew 28.16-20

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

### ***26th June 2011, 1st Sunday after Trinity, Proper 8, (Green)***

Genesis 22.1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6.12-23, Matthew 10.40-42

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheraclooke	11.45am	HC	Rector

### ***3rd July 2011, 2nd Sunday after Trinity, P. 9, (Green)***

Gen. 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67, Ps. 45.10-17, Ro. 7.15-25a, Mt. 11.16-19, 25-30

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

### ***10th July 2011, 3rd Sunday after Trinity, P. 10, (Green)***

Genesis 25.19-34, Psalm 119.105-112, Romans 8.1-11, Matt. 13.1-9, 18-23

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
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Magheraclooke	11.45am	HC	Rector

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of Clogher by the House of Bishops on the 30<sup>th</sup> May. We don't know yet when he will actually start work but we wish him and his wife and daughter well as they make their plans for the move to Fivemiletown. We will try to get him to come to some important event in the parish in the near future. Bishop-elect McDowell was a late ordinand having worked in British Aerospace and then being a lobbyist for the Confederation of British Industry until his ordination in 1996. As well as parish responsibilities he quickly became secretary to the Down and Dromore Synod, secretary to the General Synod and the Church of Ireland representative (with our last bishop, Archbishop Jackson) to the Porvoo (Scandinavian Lutheran) churches as well as other central church responsibilities. He is an amazingly able person and we very much look forward to his ordination and arrival.

## People

### **Congratulations**

Our best wishes to Nigel and Katherine Babington on the birth of their daughter Lily Rose.

### **Sick**

Our prayers are with all those who are unwell and especially just now

with Eileen and Isaac, Elizabeth, Emily and all those who have had health issues in the past month.

## **Bereavement**

We extend our sincere sympathy to all those who have recently been bereaved and especially Mrs Elizabeth Locke on the recent death of her sister May Bowles (nee Beattie)

## **Organisations**

### **Sunday School**

At the moment we are busy preparing prayer books to be submitted for the Diocesan Board of Religious Education Competitions. Although we have never won the top prize for this we have done well in the past and are hoping for an even better result this time round.

### **Study Group**

We will have meetings on the 6th and 20th of June before we take a summer break. We will continue to look at short videos on the background to the New Testament. They are helping us visualise the world of our Lord and the issues involved in reading the past with the tools available to us.