



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



# Newsletter

March 2013

## Worship

### St. Patrick's Day

This falls on Passion Sunday this year which a very unusual conjunction. We will have Holy Communion services at the usual times giving everyone the chance to use the bit of Irish this year.

### Easter Sunday

There will be a dawn Communion in God's Acre on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 6.30am (as official sunrise is at 6.58am that day and we like to start the service in the dark) and Holy Communion services then at the usual times. There will also be Holy Communion services in Carrickmacross at 10.30am, Magheracloone at 11.45am and Ardragh at 1.00pm.

### Midweek Communion

This Wednesday service at 10.30am will continue each week during March but please note there will be interruptions to it during April.

### Holy Week

There will be Morning Prayer in St. Finbarr's each morning at 8am and

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

evening services on Spy Wednesday, Maunday Thursday and Good Friday in Magheracloone and St. Finbarr' alternately all at 8.00pm.

## Parish News

### Lent

During Lent each year we encourage everyone to take on some kind of self discipline in preparation for Holy Week and as a recollection of the reality and power of evil. Fasting and praying are encouraged in scripture. Scripture reading, reading some spiritually nourishing book or giving things up, particularly if the proceeds of this self discipline are used to benefit others, have become common ways of observing Lent.

### Bishops' Appeal

We are again encouraging everyone to put money by for the Bishop's Appeal, the Church of Ireland third world relief and development agency and envelopes are being made available for this.

### Ardragh Easter Vestry

We are planning to have this parish meeting on the Tuesday after Easter, the 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2pm in the Church. If this time does not suit please discuss it with the Rector. As well as the elections and presentation of accounts we would also

like to discuss the future of the service rota.

## Magheracluone SV

Originally we had set this for a later date but we have had to change it preferably to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the Church. We hope that this night is suitable.

## Carrickmacross EGV

The 'AGM' of St. Finbarr's church will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the Parish Room. At this meeting we receive the accounts for 2012 and elect in a new Select Vestry to run the parish during the year. It is important that we have a good number of people to do this work if only because of the need for transparency in all that we do these days.

## Patrick O'Byrne

Each year Comhltais Ceoltoiri Eireann mark the life of this 19<sup>th</sup> century blind Irish harper from Magheracluone who had some Church of Ireland connections with a concert in St. Finbarr's. The concert is on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 8pm. The Rector has been asked to give a talk at the opening session of the weekend on the Thursday night.

## People

### Marriage

We offer our best wishes to Darren Babington and Kathleen Keenan who were married in St. Mary's Church Lisdoonan on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### 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 on occasion

## Organisations

### Study Group

We are looking at St. John's remarkable Gospel this session and continue on Mondays the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> march at 8pm in the Parish Room, bringing us up to Holy Week.

### Bowls

The season is coming to an end with the club tournament commencing on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. A schedule of matches has been drawn up and we hope each member has their personalised score sheet.

### MU and Friends

On 21<sup>st</sup> March at 8pm in the Parish Room we will have the Laughter Yoga session we should have had in January but which had to be cancelled. Contact a member of the group if you would like to join us. We are planning a walk for April

## Notices

### Crossduff Sale

There will be a sale in Jackson Hall on Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> from 11am to 4pm in aid of Crossduff Parish Church funds. Anyone wishing to donate should contact Mrs Doreen Monahan or Mr George Montgomery

### Art Classes

Six art classes starting in the Workhouse, Carrickmacross run by professional artist/qualified art teacher Monday mornings 10am to 12 noon beginning on 11<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday evenings 7pm to 9pm beginning 6<sup>th</sup> March. Please

## THIS MONTH

Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Bowls Match in Billis
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Study Group in Parish Room
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Monaghan YC Sponsored Walk
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	8.00pm	MU & Friends Laughter Therapy
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00pm	Patrick O'Byrne Concert, St. Finbarr's
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Morning Prayer St. Finbarr's
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Morning Prayer St. Finbarr's
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Morning Prayer St. Finbarr's
		10.30am	Midweek Communion
		8.00pm	Penitential Service, St. Finbarr's
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Morning Prayer St. Finbarr's
		8.00pm	Maunday Thursday Service, St. Molua's
Good Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Morning Prayer, St. Finbarr's
		8.00pm	Evening Service in St. Finbarr's

## NEXT MONTH

Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00pm	Ardragh Easter General Vestry
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Carrickmacross Easter General Vestry
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Magheracloune Easter General Vestry

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### Cabra School

Cabra National School, the Central School for our area is currently enrolling Junior Infants for September 2013. Please contact the school at 042 9667194 for an application pack. All enquiries welcome.

### Magazine Subs

Please remember the Diocesan magazine the annal sub is now overdue. Please make contact with Alan Sweetnam as soon as possible please. The Church of

Ireland Gazette is now available through newsagents and may be ordered from Keegan's on the Main Street.

We also thank Siobhan Dolan and Keegans for printing this newsletter and any special service sheets for us during the year at no cost to the Parish.

## Sunday Services

### **3rd March 2013, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent (Purple)**

Isaiah 55.1-9, Psalm 63.1-9, 1 Corinthians 10.1-13, Luke 13.1-9

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

### **10<sup>th</sup> March 2013, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, Mothering (Purple)**

Joshua 5.9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5.16-21, Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	Family	Mrs D Monahan
Magheracluone	11.45am	HC	Rector

### **17th March 2013, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Passion (Purple)**

Isaiah 43.16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3.4b-14, John 12.1-8

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

### **24<sup>th</sup> March 2013, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Palm (Purple)**

Luke 19.28-40, Psalm 118.1-2, 19-21

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Mr Alan Hill
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector

### **31st March 2013, Easter Sunday (White)**

Isaiah 43.16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3.4b-14, John 12.1-8

Carrickmacross	6.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	HC	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	HC	Rector

## Parish Ministry Team

**Rector:** Rev Robert Kingston, 042 9661931, 087 6386463

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**In Charge in late April: Mr Walter Pringle and the Rev William Steacy**