



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

March 2011

## Worship

### Confirmation

The Bishop will be leaving some time after Easter and it's unlikely that there will be an appointment until the Autumn. We have talked to some people about having confirmation classes later this year but for now we will put any plans on hold until we can make arrangements for a date with the new Bishop.

### Prayer Time

Unfortunately because of a clash with the date of the commissioning of the new Diocesan Youth Officer we will have to cancel the prayer time this month.

### St. Patrick's Day

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion on the 17<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am in St. Finbarr's to mark the national saint's day.

### Ash Wednesday

This year Lent begins on the 9<sup>th</sup>

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

March and we will mark it with two services. The first will be the usual midweek communion in Carrickmacross at 10.30am. The second service this year will be in Magheraclone at 8.00pm to allow people time to attend other evening events.

## Parish News

### Lent

During Lent we are encouraged to take on some form of self-discipline which will benefit others who have a tougher life than we have. The Select Vestry agreed some years back that such efforts will be channelled through the Bishops' Appeal, our Bishops Fund for development projects. We will be providing envelopes for this during Lent and we hope that everyone will contribute something. We realise that times are much more difficult for everyone but we have been very generous in the past and, even if we can give less, it is important to keep focused on what we can do to make the world a better place for others to live in.

### Study Group

This year we have begun by looking

at the Parables, the stories Jesus told as part of his teaching, stories which still have a meaning today. Our meetings during March will be on Mondays the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> meeting in the Parish Room in Carrickmacross at 8pm.

## Select Vestry

Carrickmacross Select Vestry will meet on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in the Parish Room. There are a number of important items to be discussed including the ramp and graveyard management. We hope there will be a good turnout of members.

## Diocesan News

### Youth Officer

The new Diocesan Youth Officer, Jonny Phenix will be introduced to the Diocese at a service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in St. Macartin's Cathedral in Enniskillen. They would like to have at least one young person from each parish involved. The Diocesan Secretary writes: "The service will be focused around the Wells theme, and the text of Isaiah 35:7. We are also asking each parish to nominate a young person, in the 12-30 age range, to represent their parish at the service. These young people will represent each parish, and take part at two points in the service. They will come forward at the start of the service with a handful of clay from their parish to represent the parched ground in the text, and represent the

parishes of the diocese. And after Jonny is commissioned they will come forward to congratulate Jonny, and receive a small cross."

## Clogher Institution

On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 8.00pm the Rev Noel Regan who is currently in Beleek will be instituted as Rector of the Clogher Cathedral Group of Parishes.

## People

### Sick

We ask for your prayers for those who are elderly and sick especially Mary, for those who have undergone surgery, those who are in long term care in the parish, especially Emily and Isaac and for those who are sick at home.

### Congratulations

To Doreen Monahan on the birth of her grandson Oisin in Clonmel.

### Sympathy

We express our condolences to Margaret Babington on the recent death of her aunt in Abbeyleix.

We also extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs Freda McElwaine of the death of her cousin Fred Adair of Blackrock Co. Louth on the 8<sup>th</sup> February. Fred and his wife were regular visitors to Carol and Harvest Services here and know that he will be greatly missed by his large family circle and all his many friends.

## THIS MONTH

Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion, Carrickmacross
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis
		8.00pm	Womens' World Day of Prayer, Convent
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Select Vestry, Carrickmacross, Parish Room
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion, Carrickmacross
		8.00pm	Ash Wednesday Service, Magheraclone
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Youth Officer Commissioning
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Study Group, Parish Room
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion, Carrickmacross
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	St. Patrick's Day Service, Carrickmacross
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Youth Committee Training, Monaghan
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion, Carrickmacross
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	MU & Friends outing to Glaslough
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Study Group, Parish Room
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion, Carrickmacross
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	8.00pm	Clogher Parish Institution

## Organisations

### MU & Friends

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March Anne Hill is organising an outing to Ambledown Cottages in Glaslough for a talk on antiques and light refreshments. Admission is E10. Please contact her or Eleanor Howell if you would like to come. People who have been on this say it is really excellent.

### Youth Training

The Monaghan Youth Council have organised a training morning for young people who are or might like to become interested in youth clubs. It will be on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March in St. Patrick's Hall in Monaghan at 10am. If anyone is interested in getting involved please contact Mr

Kingston or Mrs Diane Wright-Kendrick who is organising it.

### Youth Activities

There is quite a lot planned for young people in the diocese over the coming year. The next events are:

St. Patrick's Day Sponsored Walk in Ballybay, starting at 11am with a service in the church. Sponsorship cards available from the Rector. It will be an opportunity to meet the new youth worker Jonny Phenix and the Bishop will also be there. Some of us are hoping to travel up after our own service.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> April there will be an Easter Dawn service at St. Peter's Lake in Monaghan followed by breakfast in St. Patrick's Hall.

## Sunday Services

### ***6<sup>th</sup> March 2011, Sunday before Lent, Year A (Green)***

Exodus 24.12-18, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1.16-21, Matthew 17.1-9

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

### ***13<sup>th</sup> March 2011, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent (Purple)***

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
Magheracloune	11.45am	HC	Rector

### ***20<sup>th</sup> March 2011, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent (Purple)***

Genesis 12.1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4.1-5, 13-17, John 3.1-17

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

### ***27<sup>th</sup> March 2011, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent (Purple)***

Exodus 17.1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5.1-11, John 4.5-42

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

### ***3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (Purple)***

1 Samule 16.1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5.8-14, John 9.1-41

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
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## Parish Ministry Team

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