



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 2012

Worship

Confirmation

We hope that by now everyone knows that the confirmation service for the south Monaghan area will be held in St. Maeldoid's Church in Castleblayney on Sunday 11th March at 3.00pm in the afternoon. While we will have the usual Sunday morning services we would encourage everyone to come to the Confirmation service, the first held by our new Bishop in Co. Monaghan.

Hymn Rehearsal

Its a long time since we had a run through up-coming hymns in Carrickmacross but we have a free night on the 5th March and will spend an hour or so from 8pm singing through what is on the list. All are welcome.

Holy Week

Easter is quite late this year so Holy Week comes in early April. There will be services on the Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th all at 8pm.

Easter

Resurrection Sunday is on the 8th April

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

and there will be services at 6am and 10.30am in St. Finbarr's and at 11.45am in Magheraclone.

United Service

On the last Sunday of April, the 29th we will have a United Service and Parish Party at St. Patrick's Church in Ardragh at Midday. A number of parishioners have never been to this beautiful site with its unique little church and we hope that everyone will make a special effort to come to this.

Midweek Communions

The midweek communion will be held on Wednesdays the 7th, 14th and 28th. Please note there will be no service on the 21st as the Rector is away.

Parish News

Bishops Appeal

We are distributing Envelopes for our churches Third World and Development Aid Fund during Lent this year. The idea is that everyone takes on some personal discipline and puts something by for the benefit of others during Lent. We will be asking that the filled envelopes are returned on Easter Sunday.

Easter Vestries

We will be holding the parish AGM's on

Thursday 12th April 8.00pm in Carrickmacross on Tuesday 17th at 8.00pm in Magheracluone and on Wednesday the 18th at 2.00pm in Ardragh unless these times do not suit.

Barbecue

Plans are in hand to run a Barbecue during the summer and a small committee has been set up to carry through with the planning. We thank everyone who has volunteered to help with this.

Concerts

The Rector has been in discussion with Lieve Kelly who ran a youth choir Concert in St. Finbarr's at Christmas and Darren Clarke who is involved in various music projects in the area about running a series of concerts during the Summer in St. Finbarr's. Please look out for further details.

Tidy Towns

Mr Jim Deery has invited the Parish to support an initiative to get various organisations to take an interest in their part of the town. He is contacting the Select Vestry to ask if parishioners would clear litter from the area between the Jackson Hall and the Convent Gates and in front of God's Acre Graveyard.

Diocesan News

Training Day

The clergy of the diocese had a re-training day as to how to implement Safeguarding Trust on the 2nd March. This is being followed by a training day for Panel members on Saturday 31st March in Clones beginning at 10.30am. We hope that as many Panel members as possible will attend this.

Readers Course

Canon David Skuce, Clogher Warden of Readers has indicated that he is willing to run a course for Parish Readers in the Monaghan area in the near future. We know there are a number of people in the parish interested in helping in this way and we would be grateful for further expressions of interest.

Organisations

MU and Friends

During February we had an "Answers night" and also 20 people went to RTE for a show. A few were even seen on the TV. Both evenings were enjoyable.

For March we are meeting on Thursday 15th when we will be introduced to laughter therapy and a group are also going to a Fashion Show being run by Clontibret parish on Thursday 29th in the Four Seasons in Monaghan.

Our April meeting will be the 19th April and we are planning a parish picnic at Ardragh church on 29th April. There will be a family service at mid-day followed by a picnic and events for the children. Rosemary is looking for helpers, so if you can face-paint, turn balloons into animals, design a treasure hunt or do anything else please volunteer your talents. Everyone is invited to bring something for the picnic. Some of the collection will go to the 'Mums-in-May' MU 125th Anniversary.

Members have expressed an interest in going to a Flower Festival in May or June. There are several to choose from this year.

Faure Requiem

On Palm Sunday evening Lorraine Cotter

THIS MONTH

Sunday	4 th	7.00pm	Confirmation Class in C'blayney Church
Monday	5 th	8.00pm	Hymn Rehearsal in St. Finbarr's
Wednesday	7 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Thursday	8 th	8.00pm	Youth Council meeting in Monaghan
Friday	9 th		Special Synod Seminar, Ballyconnell
Saturday	10 th		Special Synod Seminar, Ballyconnell
Sunday	11 th	3.00pm	Confirmation Service, Castleblayney
Monday	12 th	8.00pm	Study Group in Parish Room
Wednesday	14 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Thursday	15 th	8.00pm	MU and Friends, Parish Room
Saturday	17 th	11.00am	Youth Council Sponsored Walk in C'blayney
Thursday	29 th	8.00pm	Clontibret Parish Fashion Show
Saturday	31 st	10.15am	Training Day for Panel Members

NEXT MONTH

Sunday	1 st	7.00pm	Faure Requiem in St. Finbarr's
Wednesday	4 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
		8.00pm	Spy Wednesday Service, St. Finbarr's
Thursday	5 th	8.00pm	Maunday Thursday Service, M'cloone
Friday	6 th	8.00pm	Good Friday Service, Carrickmacross
Thursday	12 th	8.00pm	Carrickmacross Easter General Vestry
Tuesday	17 th	8.00pm	Magheraclone Easter General Vestry
Wednesday	18 th	2.00pm	Ardragh Easter General Vestry
Sunday	29 th	Middy	United Service in Ardragh

COMING SOON

July/August

Barbecue

(Pat's daughter) is putting on a performance of Faure's Requiem in St. Finbarr's at 7pm. This is a most suitable introduction to Holy Week and we hope it will be well supported.

Sponsored Walk

The Monaghan Youth Council are holding a walk from Castleblayney Church on St. Patrick's Day at 11am in aid of Cavan Hospice. Cards are

available from the Rector.

Fashion Show

Clontibret Parish are actively Fund Raising to meet a shortfall in their Hall building programme and their next fund raising effort is on Thursday the 29th March at 8pm in the Four Seasons Hotel in Monaghan. Please come and bring your friends.

Sunday Services

4th March 2012, 2nd Sunday in Lent

Purple

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22.23-31, Romans 4.13-25, Mark 8.31-38

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

11th March 2012, 3rd Sunday in Lent

Purple

Exodus 20.1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1.18-25, John 2.13-22

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheraclone	11.45am	MP	Rector
Castleblayney	3.00pm	Confirmation	Bishop McDowell

18th March 2012, 4th Sunday in Lent (Mothering) Purple

1 Samuel 1.20-28, Psalm 127.1-4, Colossians 3.12-17, John 19.25-27

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Mr W. Pringle
Magheraclone	11.45am	MP	Mr W. Pringle
Ardragh	1.00pm	MP	Mr W. Pringle

25th March 2012, 5th Sunday in Lent (Passion) Purple

Jeremiah 31.31-34, Psalm 51.1-13, Hebrews 5.5-10, John 12.20-33

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Mr R. Crowe
Magheraclone	11.45am	MP	Mr R. Crowe

1st April 2012, 6th Sunday in Lent (Palm)

Purple

Isaiah 50.4-9a, Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29, Philippians 2.5-11, Mark 11.1-11,

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