



Anglican Communion – Church of Ireland – Diocese of Clogher

Carrickmacross and Magheraclaone with Ardragh Group of Parishes



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



Newsletter

March 2008

Worship

St. Patrick's Day

Rather unusually this year St. Patrick's Day falls on the Monday in Holy Week. There will be a service of Holy Communion in Carrickmacross at 10.30am.

The Diocesan Youth Council are organising a walk commencing from the Car Park at Rossmore Park in Monaghan also at 10.30am that day in aid of the Camphill Community. Sponsorship cards are available from the Rector.

Holy Week

We will remember the first Lord's Supper on Maunday Thursday with 10.30am Holy Communion in Carrickmacross and an 8.00pm Evening Prayer Service in Magheraclaone led by Ms Naomi Quinn.

On Good Friday at 8.00pm there will be an evening service in

Carrickmacross based around the reading of the long Gospel reading for the day led by the Rector.

Easter Sunday

We will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with an early communion service at 8.00am on Easter Sunday and the usual mid-morning service at 10.30am in Carrickmacross. At 11.45am there will be Holy Communion in Magheraclaone and at 1pm Holy Communion in Ardragh. We hope that every parishioner who is at home will attend one of these services on this the most important day of the Churches year or, if you are away, will make every effort to attend a church near where they will be that day. While it was good to see so many people at worship on Christmas Day we have to say that Easter is much more significant in the story of our redemption and we hope everyone will acknowledge that fact by being in church that day.

World Day of Prayer

This will be observed in Carrickmacross on Friday 7th March at 8.00pm in St. Finbarr's Church. This year the service has been drawn

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up by women in Guyana on the theme 'God's wisdom provides new understanding'. The speaker will be Mrs Grosser, wife of the Baptist Pastor in Carrickmacross.

Parish News

Magheracloone/Ardragh Easter General Vestry

We have had to change the suggested date for this meeting and it will now be on Wednesday 26th March at 8.30pm. We hope that there will be a good representative attendance at the meeting from both churches in the Union.

Carrickmacross E.G.V.

We have had to change the date for this meeting and it will now be held on Tuesday 8th April at 8.30pm in the Parish Room. This meeting is the AGM of the parish and is open to all parishioners, though only those who have their names on the General Vestry Register are entitled to take part in any voting.

Lent

During Lent we are encouraging parishioners to put something by as we will be collecting for the Jacqueranda Farm Project in Nigeria at Easter. Mr Walter Pringle spoke about on his visit to the parish on the 3rd February. Envelopes have been distributed with the Diocesan Magazine and more will be distributed towards the end of Lent in the churches. We would appeal for a generous response.

Reports

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Members of the Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and Baptist churches in the area joined with us in St. Finbarr's on the 22nd January for a short prayer service. Using the CTBI form with its imaginative use of ribbons challenging us to continued Christian action in the world the service was well attended and quite a number remained for the refreshments afterwards.

People

Dorothy Cooper

On Tuesday 19th February the late Miss Dorothy Cooper was buried in God's Acre after a funeral service in St. Finbarr's. She had died on the 12th in a Nursing Home in England where she had spent the last eight years. Having been born in Carrickmacross she had worked in England and the North of Ireland before coming back to care for her sister Ester. She was a very involved member of the community and also a great supporter of the parish. It was good that so many people came to the funeral so pay tribute to a marvellous lady. We extend our condolences to her brother, niece, nephew and all the other members of her family. It was good to have the Rev John Sutcliffe taking part in the service as he had been to visit her regularly in England. The Rector would like to thank Robert and Betty Greer for all their help in making the arrangements for the funeral.

THIS MONTH

Monday	3 rd	8.00pm	Study Group in Parish Room
Friday	7 th	8.00pm	Women's World Day of Prayer, St. Finbarr's
Sunday	9 th		Passion Sunday
Thursday	13 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion St. Finbarr's
		8.00pm	Mothers' Union and Friends, Parish Room
Friday	14 th	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis, Quiz Results
Sunday	16 th		Palm Sunday
Monday	17 th	10.30am	St. Patrick's Day Service
		10.30am	Youth Council Sponsored Walk
Thursday	19 th	10.30am	Maunday Thursday Communion
		8.00pm	Service in Magheracloune, Ms Quinn leads
Good Friday	21 st	8.00pm	Service in St. Finbarr's
Sunday	23 rd		Easter Sunday
Wednesday	26 th	8.30pm	Magheracloune and Ardragh Easter Vestry
Thursday	27 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion

NEXT MONTH

Tuesday	8 th	8.30pm	Carrickmacross Easter General Vestry
Sunday	20 th	7.30pm	Ministry of Healing Service, Glaslough
Monday	28 th - 30 th		Clerical Conference, Donegal

COMING SOON

May	2 nd		Mothers' Union Service, Killeevan
May	13 th		General Synod in Galway

Bible School

As the Postal Bible School has just completed another successful year we would like to congratulate Victoria, Richard and Lorna on obtaining first class certificates. Postal Bible school is celebrating 50 years this year and the encouragement the McMeekin family give towards the young people in this school is outstanding.

Entrepreneurs

Congratulations to Victoria Lewis (and her two pals) on obtaining a

prize in the annual Dundalk Grammar School Trade Fair for her business project - beaded jewellery.

Mothers' Union & Friends

The March meeting will be held on Thursday 13th at 8.00pm in the Parish Room in Carrickmacross and Rachel Hill will be talking about Gardening. In February Liam McDermott gave a most interesting lecture on the history of Carrickmacross which led to a good discussion with many people asking questions.

Sunday Services

2nd March 2008, 4th Sunday in Lent Year A (Purple)

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

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

9th March 2008, 5th Sunday in Lent (Purple)

Ezekiel 37.1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8.6-11, John 11.1-45

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

16th March 2008, Palm Sunday (Purple)

Isaiah 50.4-9a, Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29, Philippians 2.5-11, Matthew 21.1-11

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector

23rd March 2008, Easter Sunday (White)

Acts 10.34-43, Psalm 118.34-43, Colossians 3.1-4, Matthew 28.1-10

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

30th March 2008, 2nd Sunday of Easter (White)

Acts 2.14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1.3-9, John 20.19-31

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector

6th April 2008, 3rd Sunday of Easter (White)

Acts 2.14a, 36-41, Psalm 116. 1-3, 10-17, 1 Peter 1.17-23, Luke 24.13-35

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

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