



Anglican Communion - Church of Ireland - Diocese of Clogher

Carrickmacross, Magheracloone and Ardragh Group of Parishes



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



Newsletter

May 2012

Worship

Pentecost Service

The Bishop has asked us to take part in organising the annual ecumenical Whit Sunday Service which this year will be held in Inniskeen on Sunday 27th May. At this stage he is looking for a young person from the parish who would be willing to give a short reflection on Pentecost and a group of people who would be willing to provide refreshments.

Lutheran Service

The Latvian Lutheran community locally are holding their monthly service in St. Finbarr's on Saturday 12th May at Midday.

Hymn Rehearsal

We are planning to run through the hymns for the Pentecost and

early Trinity season on Monday 21st May at 8.00pm in St. Finbarr's and all are welcome to help us pick the hymns for the six weeks or so following.

Midweek Services

These will continue throughout May and June on Wednesdays at 10.30am in St. Finbarr's Church.

Parish News

Safeguarding Trust

We have been told that we are to have a review of our implementation of Safeguarding Trust in the parish in the near future. We are going through all our archives at the moment and will be calling leaders together to discuss this.

Parish Readers

There are eight candidates from the Monaghan area who have been interviewed and as we write we are awaiting the outcome. The training sessions will be on Tuesday nights beginning on the

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

15th May and running into June. Please pray for those who have offered themselves for this ministry and who we hope will soon be assisting to help us maintain the weekly round of worship in the Group.

Reports

Missing Prayerbooks

We are pleased to report that most of the missing prayerbooks have now reappeared and on the latest count it looks as if only one is still unaccounted for.

United Service

On the last Sunday of April, the 29th we had a United Service and Parish Party at St. Patrick's Church in Ardragh at Midday. This event was our 'Mums-in-May' - MU 125th Anniversary event. There was a good turnout. We had a chocolate treasure hunt and also a hunt looking for clues. Rosemary and Siobhan provided the quiz sheets and prizes. There is still one person to collect his/her prize. Did you enter and hand in a sheet and not receive your prize? Contact Rosemary.

Holy Week & Easter

We are pleased to report that involvement in all our services this year was in line with that of

other years with a number of very welcome visitors.

People

Trinity Scholar

The highest award that Trinity College Dublin can make to an undergraduate is to elevate them to being a Scholar. As the TCD website puts it: "Scholars are students who have demonstrated exceptional knowledge and understanding of their subjects and are elected annually in various subjects as the result of an examination held in the week before the start of Hilary term, the second term in the academic year." Very few students are ever awarded this title and it opens up all sorts of practical and academic opportunities. We are not sure if anyone from Carrickmacross has ever been awarded this honour before but we are delighted to report that Ms Catherine Simpson, daughter of Heather and John was made a Scholar of the House at the recent ceremonies on Trinity Monday 16th April 2012 at 10.00 a.m. from the steps of the Public Theatre. We offer our congratulations to Catherine.

Wedding

Trevor Merrin and Catherine Rourke were married in

THIS MONTH

Sunday	6 th	3.00pm	Donagh Church, Glaslough, Rededication
Wednesday	9 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarrs
Friday	11 th	8.30pm	American Supper, Ballybay
Saturday	12 th	Midday	Lutheran Service in St. Finbarrs
Monday	14 th	8.00pm	Study Group in Parish Room
Tuesday	15 th	8.00pm	Parish Reader Training
Wednesday	16 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarrs
Thursday	17 th	8.00pm	MU & Friends Meal in Nuremore
Friday	18 th	8.00pm	MU Festival Service, Fintona
Saturday	19 th	11.00am	Cabra Central School Garden Fete
Monday	21 st	8.00pm	Hymns Rehearsal in St. Finbarr's
Tuesday	22 nd	8.00pm	Parish Reader Training
Wednesday	23 rd	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarrs
Thursday	24 th	8.00pm	MU Spring Council, Enniskillen
Friday	25 th	11.00am	Orphan Society Coffee Morning, B'thorpe
Sunday	27 th	3.00pm	Open Air Service in Inniskeen
Monday	28 th	8.00pm	Study Group in Parish Room
Tuesday	29 th	8.00pm	Parish Reader Training
Wednesday	30 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarrs

NEXT MONTH

Tuesday	5 th	8.00pm	Parish Reader Training
Sunday	10 th	3.30pm	Friends Service in Castleblayney

COMING SOON

Sunday	12 th August	3.00pm	Open Air Service, Magheracloune
Sunday	16 th September	3.00pm	Ardragh Harvest Thanksgiving
Sunday	14 th October	3.00pm	Magheracloune Harvest TG
Sunday	21 st October	7.00pm	Carrickmacross Harvest TG

Catherine's home parish of Ballyjamesduff on Saturday 28th April. We are delighted to know that they will be living in the Kilanny area and we wish them every blessing for the future in their lives together.

Sick

We continue to pray for the many people in the parish who are

Sunday Services

6th May 2012, Fifth Sunday of Easter (White)

Acts 8.26-40, Psalm 22.25-31, 1 John 4.7-21, John 15.1-8

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

13th May 2012, Rogation Sunday (White)

Acts 10.44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5.1-6, John 15.9-17

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

20th May 2012, Sunday after Ascension (White)

Acts 1.15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5.9-13, John 17.6-19

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

27th May 2012, Whit Sunday (Red)

Acts 2.1-21, Psalm 104.26-36, 37b, Romans 8.22-27, John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15

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

3rd June 2012, Trinity Sunday (Green)

Isaiah 6.1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8.12-17, John 3.1-17

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

Parish Ministry Team

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experiencing health problems and other troubles at the moment.

Organisations

Study Group

We are planning to have two meetings in May, on Mondays the 14th and 28th and two in June, on the 11th and 25th before having a Summer break. We will look at the Epistles of St. John which are used so frequently at wedding ceremonies of which we have many this year. Meetings will run from 8.00pm to about 9.00pm and all are welcome.

MU and Friends

The Mums in May event in Ardragh was most enjoyable.

We are going to the Nuremore on the 17th at 8pm for a meal and chat before the summer break.

On the 18th there is a Festival service in Donacavey, Fintona to which we are invited.

On 24th there is the MU Diocesan Council in Enniskillen, starting at 7pm with a 'Bring and Buy'.

There are still some 'Mums in May' cook-books for sale. €4 or £3, contact Rosemary.

Table Tennis

The season has now come to an end with another run of successes

for the club. In Div.3 David Mitchell, Mark, Keith and James Wilson were runners up in the League. In Div.4 Freddie Merrin, Ian McCullagh, Richard Hill and Caroline Merrin won the League. In Div.6 we had two teams. Sam McCullagh, Andrew Hill, Cheryl Rowntree and George Merrin were 3rd in the League and John McCullagh, Linda Merrin, Leon Keegan and Amy McCullagh were 5th. This team was promoted from Div.8 last year which means they have done extremely well. In Div.8 the team of Leona Hill, Lesley Dolan, Tracy Hill, Kyle and Kamie Eakin with Jeffrey Eakin as sub were 4th in a very closely fought division. In Div.4. Caroline Merrin won the individual and Freddie was runner up. Freddie gallantly faced Caroline's +3 point advantage! In the Jackson Hall Club's in-house tournament Freddie beat Andrew Hill in the final of what Caroline says was a very enjoyable end to a busy season. Finally, congratulations to Ian McCullagh who, in the League Trounament won Division 4

Notices

Cabra School Fete

This is being held on Saturday

19th May at Kingscourt Rectory and the Parents Association would value support from our area of the school catchment.

First Aid Training

Monaghan Integrated Development and Co Monaghan VEC are running an Occupational First Aid training for community and voluntary groups. This is a three day course running on Saturday, 12th May, Saturday, 19th May and Saturday 26th May in Castleblayney. A few places are still available. If you are interested please contact Regina Byrne 042-9664478

News

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

Tickets are now on sale at Keegans, Main Street for the Concert in St. Finbarr's on Sunday evening June 24th at 8pm. It features Declan O'Rourke and his band and given the intimacy of the church his soul searching kind of music should make for a stunning

experience. Tickets are E25 and this includes a little wine reception beforehand which should be very special.

Tidy Towns

We repeat last months item on this as some people may have missed it. 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.

Carrickmacross Easter Vestry

Carrickmacross Easter General Vestry was held on the 12th April. The Rector and Parish Secretary, Philip Keegan presented their reports and the Hon Tresurers, John Simpson and Eleanor Howell presented the accounts for 2011 which showed a total income of E47679.21 and total expenditure of E52248.11. The annual elections followed and Alan Sweetnam and Gordon Sweetnam were elected Church Wardens. The Glebe Wardens are Freddie Merrin and Robert Greer. Vestry members are Sammy Babington, Caroline Mertrin, Herbert Kenny,

John Simpson, Eleanor Howell, John Howell, Alan Hill, Georgina Keating, Richard Hill, Philip Keegan, Florence Collins and Sammay Lewis. There was a general discussion about parish matters and it was agreed to have a number of fund raising efforts this year as the projects like the fence and wall have seriously eroded the parish finances.

At the Select Vestry meeting which followed Philip Keegan was elected Hon Secretary and Caroline Merrin and Eleanor Howell were elected Hon Treasurers, John Simpson having indicated that he did not wish to continue as Hon. Treasurer. Regrets were expressed about this and John was thanked for the many years that he, assisted by his wife Heather, had looked after the accounts.

Magheraclone EGV

This meeting was held on Tuesday 17th April at 8pm. A report of the years work was presented and Mrs Violet Babington presented the Parish Accounts. The accounts showed income of E13315 and outgoings of E10658.55 indicating a healthy financial situation. In the elections which followed Davy Babington and Jimmy Babington were elected Church wardens.

Thomas Babington and Jimmy Babington were elected Glebe Wardens. Vestry members elected were Mrs Martha Rountree, Gail Callan, Robert Henry, Margaret Babington, Janine O'Neill and Violet Babington. At the ensuing Select Vestry meeting Janine O'Neill was elected Hon. Secretary and Violet Babington was elected Hon Tres for the coming year.

Ardragh Easter Vestry

On Wednesday 18th April at 2pm there was a meeting of the Easter Vestry in the Church. Westley Breaden provided the accounts which were explained by the Rector in Mr Breaden's unavoidable absence. It was agreed that they should be forwarded to the Auditor for verification. At the elections John Breaden and Jimmy Whyte were elected Church Wardens. William Breaden was elected Glebe Warden. Select Vestry members are Mary Pepper, Sadie Breaden, Robert Whyte, Lorna Pepper, Sarah Whyte, David Pepper, Stephen Whyte, Eileen Whyte and Westley Breaden. At the Select Vestry meeting which followed Sarah Whyte was elected Hon. Secretary and Westley Breaden was elected Hon Treasurer.

Articles

THE HAND YOU PULL UP,
MAY BE THE HAND THAT
SAVES YOU!

A SIMPLE LESSON:

A rat looked through a crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife opening a package. What food might it contain? He was aghast to discover that it was a rat trap. Retreating to the farmyard the rat proclaimed the warning; "There is a rat trap in the house, a rat trap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Excuse me, Mr. Rat, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The rat turned to the pig and told him, "There is a rat trap in the house, a rat trap in the house!"

"I am so very sorry Mr. Rat," sympathized the pig, "but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured that you are in my prayers."

The rat turned to the cow. She said, "Like wow, Mr. Rat. A rat trap. I am in grave danger. Duh?"

So the rat returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's rat trap alone.

That very night a sound was heard

throughout the house, like the sound of a rat trap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see that it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife.

The farmer rushed her to the hospital. She returned home with a fever. Now everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient.

His wife's sickness continued so that friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer's wife did not get well. She died, and so many people came for her funeral that the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide meat for all of them to eat.

So the next time you hear that someone is facing a problem and think that it does not concern you, remember that when there is a rat trap in the house, the whole farmyard is at risk.

"Am I my brother's keeper?"
(Genesis 4:9d) Author Unknown

