



Anglican Communion - Church of Ireland - Diocese of Clogher

## Carrickmacross and Magheraclone with Ardragh Group of Parishes



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



# Newsletter

May 2009

## Worship

### Diocesan Youth

We had been asked to host a Diocesan Youth Service in Carrickmacross on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Unfortunately because of circumstances elsewhere this has had to be postponed for the time being.

### Lutheran Service

The Latvian Lutheran community locally are holding a service in St. Finbarr's on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May probably about 2pm.

### Hymn Rehearsal

We are planning to run through the hymns for the Pentecost and early Trinity season on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30pm 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 at 10.30am in St. Finbarr's

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

## News

### Study Group

We are planning to have two meetings in May and three in June before having a Summer break. We will look at various aspects of the Book of Revelation as suggested by members before the Easter break. Meetings will run from 8.30pm to about 9.30pm and all are welcome.

### Parish Barbecue

There are plans in train to run a Barbecue at the Rectory on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June. This year it will be a fund raising effort for Carrickmacross Parish funds. A small committee has been set up to run this and there should be more details in the next news letter.

### Finances

On top of the bad news that our investment income has been very badly affected by the melt-down in stocks and shares it was learned recently that the new charity legislation will have a big impact on the running of parish finances. Exactly how this will be applied has yet to be worked out but it will certainly mean that our charitable status will have to be reapplied for

each year and our status as a Parish will depend on properly audited accounts being prepared annually. We are very fortunate to be in a situation where we have able and diligent Hon. Treasurers on our parishes and underlines how much we are in their debt for all the work they do on our behalf.

As yet we do not have a total for the donations made at the Gift Day on Easter Sunday in Carrickmacross but we would like to thank all those who gave so generously to this. We would also like to thank those who have responded positively with extra support for Magheraclone and Ardragh.

## Sunday School

We are delighted that for the first time in many years our CMX Sunday school is preparing a project for the Diocesan Prize. We thank the leaders who have agreed to undertake this and hope we will have success. But even if we do not it is really good that we are seen to be taking part in Diocesan activities.

## Reports

### Ardragh & Magheraclone Easter Vestry

This meeting was not well attended but we did have one or two new faces present and we are delighted that they were very keen to get involved. The Rector thanked the wardens and all who had served on the vestry, cared for the church and done the many repair and decoration jobs which now have St. Molau's in

beautiful condition. We have made an application for a worker for Ardragh under the Community Employment scheme and we hope this will be successful and help us get St. Patrick's Ardragh into good condition. Mrs Violet Babington presented the accounts which showed a small surplus on the year. Mrs Babington was thanked for all the work she had done throughout the year in keeping the accounts and they were unanimously adopted. In the subsequent elections Mr. Jimmy Babington was elected Peoples and Mr Davy Babington Rector's Church wardens for St. Molau's and Mr John Breaden, Peoples and Mr Robert Whyte Rector's churchwardens for St. Patrick's. Select Vestry members elected were Mrs Claire Mulligan, Mrs Martha Rountree, Mr George Anderson, Mrs Sadie Breaden, Mr Bill Breaden, Mrs Mavis Pepper, Mr Robert Henry, Mrs Eileen Whyte, Mrs Janine O'Neill, Mrs Margaret Babington and Mrs Violet Babington. At the following Select Vestry meeting Mrs Janine O'Neill was elected secretary and Mrs Violet Babington Hon. Treasurer. This means that Mrs Margaret Babington hands over the Vestry Minute book having been secretary since taking over from Jack Babington in 1983. She has recorded many changes and decisions since taking over twenty

## THIS MONTH

Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Midweek Service, Carrickmacross
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm MU meal in Cavolinas
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	8.30pm Study Group
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Midweek Service, Carrickmacross
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	8.30pm Study Group
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am Midweek Service, Carrickmacross
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	7.00pm MU Council Enniskillen
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00pm Lutheran Service in Carrickmacross
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	8.30pm Hymn Practice in Carrickmacross
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Midweek Service, Carrickmacross

## NEXT MONTH

Monday	8 <sup>th</sup>	8.30pm Study Group
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Barbecue
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	8.30pm Study Group
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30pm Study Group

six years ago and we sincerely thank her for her dedicated service all down through the years. In particular she has liaised with FAS in maintaining a steady stream of workers for the church and grounds and we are very much in her debt on this score as well. She will of course continue in this work. As we said it was good to see new faces at the meeting and we welcome Janine O'Neill as vestry secretary and thank her for being willing to let her name go forward. It is also good to have Mr Bill Breaden on the Vestry.

### Corduff Pitch

The Rector was invited to take part in the official opening of the Corduff

Gaels GAA Pitch on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Together with Fr Brendan McCague he took part in dedicating the pitch to the use of the community. Unfortunately the weather rather spoiled the official proceedings but a friendly match between Monaghan and Dublin Senior teams brought the sparkle back into the occasion.

### Congratulations

We wish every blessing to Wesley and Lisa Breaden after the baptism of their baby daughter in Greencastle, Co. Tyrone at which the Rector was present.

### Headstone Writing Restoration

Contact: Samantha Babington

## Sunday Services

### **3<sup>rd</sup> May 2009, Fourth Sunday of Easter** (White)

Acts 4.5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3.16-24, John 10.11-18

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

### **10<sup>th</sup> May 2009, 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	MP	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector

### **17<sup>th</sup> May 2009, Rogation Sunday** (White)

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

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Miss N. Quinn
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Miss N. Quinn
Ardragh	1.00am	MP	Miss N. Quinn

### **24<sup>th</sup> May 2009, Sunday after Ascension** (White)

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

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

### **31<sup>st</sup> May 2009, Whit Sunday** (Red)

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

Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	HC	Rector

### **7<sup>th</sup> June 2009, Trinity Sunday** (Green)

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

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

## Parish Ministry Team

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