



Anglican Communion - Church of Ireland - Diocese of Clogher

## Carrickmacross and Magheracloone with Ardragh Group of Parishes



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



# Newsletter

May 2010

## Worship

### Midweek Communion

We will have to cancel the service on the 5<sup>th</sup> May because of a change in Diocesan arrangements but we hope to have the service on the other Wednesdays in May at 10.30am. These services will continue in June but will be suspended during July and August.

### Diocesan Youth Service

Last year we hosted this event and other parishes are still talking about how it went! So this year we want to give our encouragement to Glaslough parish (one of the Rector's out farms!) as they act as hosts. The service is being held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the church which is part of the Leslie Estate. Janet Wedlock from the ISPCC will be the speaker as the proceeds from the Youth Council's sponsored walk will be handed over during the service. We hope that some of our musicians will be able to come and take part with music groups from other parishes and it is hoped to have a

practice on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Glaslough Church.

## Parish News

### Barbecue

Carrickmacross Parish are planning a Fund raising Barbecue at the Rectory on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June. We are going to have much better facilities in place this year and hope that it will be well supported in the parish and community.

### Ardragh Dance

St. Patrick's Church in Ardragh are planning a fund raising dance on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July in Corduff Community Centre. Help with promoting this event and selling admission tickets for it would be much appreciated. It had been hoped to run this during May or June but various problems arose about getting a venue so please will everyone help to make this a success.

## Reports

### Easter Vestries

These were held in Carrickmacross on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April and Magheracloone and Ardragh on

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

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>. The incoming churchwardens in Carrickmacross are Robert Greer and Gordon Sweetnam, in Magheracloone Jimmy Babington and Davy Babington and in Ardragh John Breaden and Robert Whyte. The Glebe wardens in Carrickmacross are Herbert Kenny and Freddie Merrin. There have been a number of changes in personnel and we thank the outgoing officers for all the work they have done, in some cases over many years.

## **Maunday Thursday**

This year we had a special Passover Preparation service in St. Finbarr's at 8.00pm on April 1st. The congregation sat around a table down the length of the aisle and had a special meal which included a memorial of the Last Supper.

## **Dawn Service**

As well as the usual Easter services we held a service in God's Acre, Dundalk Road, Carrickmacross at 6am on Easter Morning. We have been thinking of having a special Easter Service for years but aren't convinced by the Saturday night Easter Vigil idea which to our thinking cuts across the sadness and lostness of Holy Saturday as we contemplate the hoped for Saviour and his promises buried in the tomb. But reading up about the Moravian practice of an all night vigil on Holy Saturday followed by a dawn service in their graveyards (which they always call 'Gottesacker', God's Field) it seems like a much more authentic special Easter worship. The service began in darkness remembering how Mary went to the

Lord's tomb before dawn and it ends by asking why we continue to seek the living among the dead. The service was very well attended and may become a regular feature of our Easter worship.

## **Coffee Evening**

We would like to thank all those who supported the Coffee evening at the Rectory in aid of the Monaghan Protestant Orphan Society and the Holy Land Medical Relief Fund.

## **People**

### **Sympathy**

We express our sincere sympathy to Caroline Merrin on the death of her Aunt, Jenny Paul at an ripe old age in Cork. Jenny was a good friend to the Rector's mother when she moved into the same sheltered accommodation in Cork and we have good memories of a wonderful lady.

### **Illness**

A number of parishioners are not well at the moment and we keep them regularly in our prayers.

## **Organisations**

### **MU**

Join us for a Meal out on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.

### **Study Group**

As discussed before the recent break we are hoping to make a film about the history of the parish in the coming months. We hope that younger people as well as our regular members may be interested in this project which may continue on and

## THIS MONTH

Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	No Midweek Communion 8.30pm Carrickmacross Select Vestry, Parish Room
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers Union Diocesan Service, Clogh
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00pm Prayer time in St. Finbarr's
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm Diocesan Youth Service, Glaslough
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm MU Meal Outing at Nuremore Hotel
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup>	8.30pm Study Group, Parish Room
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's

## NEXT MONTH

Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	8.30pm Study Group, Parish Room
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm CMX Barbecue at the Rectory
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	8.00pm Hymn Practice, St. Finbarr's
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup>	8.30pm Study Group, Parish Room

## COMING SOON

Friday	July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ardragh Dance
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off over the summer. The first meeting is on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30pm in the Parish Room.

### Select Vestry

The next meeting of the Carrick. S.V. will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30pm.

Would all Vestry members please note that Clogher Diocesan Glebes Committee in conjunction with Oval James have arranged two information evenings on the subject of parish insurance. The events, which are open to all involved in parish administration and the management and maintenance of parochial property throughout the diocese, will take place on two separate evenings during May. The first is

scheduled to take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm in the Hilliard Room, St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Hall's Lane, Enniskillen, and then for those who were unable to attend this event, it will be repeated on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm in St Patrick's Church Hall, Church Square, Monaghan.

## Sunday Services

### ***2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*** ***(White)***

Leviticus 19.1-2, 9-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21.1-6, John 13.31-35

Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracloone	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	HC	Rector

### ***9<sup>th</sup> May 2010, Rogation Sunday*** ***(White)***

Joel 2.21-27, Psalm 67, Revelation 21.10,22-22.5, John 14.23-29

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
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Magheracloone	11.45am	HC	Rector

### ***16<sup>th</sup> May 2010, Sunday after the Ascension*** ***(White)***

1 Sam. 12.19-24, Ps. 97, Rev. 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17.20-26

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracloone	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	1.00pm	MP	Rector

### ***23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010, Whit Sunday*** ***(Red)***

Gen. 11.1-9, Psalm 104.26-36, 37b, Romans 8.14-17, John 14.8-17

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
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Magheracloone	11.45am	HC	Rector

### ***30<sup>th</sup> May 2010, Trinity Sunday*** ***(Green)***

Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5.1-5, John 16.12-15

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracloone	11.45am	MP	Rector

### ***6<sup>th</sup> June 2010, Trinity 2, Proper 5*** ***(Green)***

1 Kings 17.8-16, Psalm 146, Galatians 1.11-24, Luke 7.11-17

Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracloone	11.45am	MP	Rector
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