



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

November 2008

Worship

Choir

To help us improve the quality and suitability of our music in Carrickmacross we will be having another music review on Monday 3rd November at 8pm in St. Finbarr's. All are welcome but wrap up well!

Midweek Communions

We apologise for the disruption to the midweek services during October but this month it looks as if there should be no other events cutting in to the regular Thursday time of 10.30am.

News

Select Vestry

We have twice now delayed the date of the next Select Vestry meeting for Carrickmacross in order to have some progress to report on the wall. The meeting is on Tuesday 4th November at 8pm in the Parish Room and we hope for a good attendance of members.

Study Group

There will be no Study Group on the 10th

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

November as the Rector is away so the next is on the 24th November at 8pm in the Parish Room.

Activities

MU and Friends

Our two meetings in October were both interesting. First we had Garda Valerie Campion advising about security. Our next evening was Cake Icing by Paula Gowan. She certainly gave us new twists on cake icing with luxury chocolate covering and the iced Christmas cake.

First Castleblayney, Frankford and Corvally Presbyterian Women are inviting our members to a Visitor's night on Thursday 13th November at 8pm in Castleblayney Presbyterian Hall. The guest speaker will be Mr Donald Howe of the Northern Ireland Middle East Christian Organisation. Please let Eleanor know if you are going.

For December our 2 trips to the Iontas theatre are on the 2nd and 6th December. For tickets to "Don't say a Word" on the 2nd contact Rosemary.(no charge for tickets) The tickets for the Harlem Gospel choir on the 6th have already been purchased for those who have paid.

Junior Table Tennis

We had such an influx of players this year that we have now entered two junior

teams in the Churches League in Divisions 6 and 7. This is along with our senior team. We would like to thank Caroline Merrin and the parents for all the work they have done in setting this up. The first match was at home to Monaghan and after a very exciting night we lost by one point. The second match was with Coranearry, away, on the 28th when we won by 20 points to 12.

People

Sick

Many people in our parish are seriously ill just now and others are ill or recovering. We continue to pray for Patricia, George, Davy, Sadie and others, who have asked us to pray for them.

Reports

Launch of Report

On Sunday 26th October we officially launched the report “Whatever you say say nothin” at our morning services. Unfortunately attendances were not great at what was a holiday weekend and we were not able to get a copy of the book to every family. This is your book containing the comments and views of ordinary Church of Ireland members within the diocese about what has happened over the past forty years in our country and where we go from here. Its important we read it and come together to discuss it. So please take the first step and make sure you get your copy.

Harvest Thanksgiving

This pleasant round of services has now been completed with the service in Magheraclone on the 12th and in Carrickmacross on the 19th October. Malcolm Kingston spoke with great energy and enthusiasm and Alison Seymour Whiteley talked in a very

interesting way about the biblical background to why we should be concerned for the planet. We thank everyone who prepared the churches and who took part in the services and for those who provided the wonderful refreshments after the service in Carrickmacross.

Presentation

At and IFA organised event in Killanny GAA centre a presentation of a beautiful framed piece of Carrickmacross Lace was made by the Rector on behalf of the Parish to David and Jenny Merrin and their family to wish them well in their new home and farming enterprise in England. It is sad to see them go but we wish them well and expect to hear great things about how they are doing in their new surroundings. They have since sent us a beautiful 'Thank-you' card which is up on the noticeboard in St. Finbarr's

Graveyard Clean-up

We thank all the men led by church warden Freddie Merrin who took part in the hedge trimming and clean up of God's Acre recently. The whole place looks really well now and we hope to do a little each year to keep the place well in hand.

Magheraclone

Great work has been going on in St. Molua's recently with the FAS scheme redecorating the hallway and Vestry room and a new carpet laid in the church. While the painting was in progress it was discovered that the Hallway ceiling was in a very dangerous state and had to be repaired immediately. We thank Thomas, Jimmy and Leslie Babington for getting on with then job so quickly and we understand they will be inviting others in to help finish it. We are most grateful to all involved.

THIS MONTH

Monday	3 rd	8.00pm Choir Practice, Carrickmacross
Tuesday	4 th	8.00pm Select Vestry, Carrickmacross
Thursday	6 th	10.30am Midweek Communion, St. Finbar's
Friday	7 th	7.30pm Junior Table Tennis
Thursday	13 th	10.30am Midweek Communion, St. Finbar's
Friday	14 th	7.30pm Junior Table Tennis
Thursday	20 th	10.30am Midweek Communion, St. Finbar's
Friday	21 st	7.30pm Junior Table Tennis
Monday	24 th	8.00pm Study Group, Parish Room, CMX
Thursday	27 th	10.30am Midweek Communion, St. Finbar's
Friday	28 st	7.30pm Junior Table Tennis

NEXT MONTH

Monday	1 st	8.00pm Choir Practice, Carrickmacross
Tuesday	2 nd	8.00pm MU & Friends Outing to Iontas
Wednesday	3 rd	8.00pm Bowls Club
Thursday	4 th	10.30am Midweek Communion, St. Finbar's
Friday	5 th	7.30pm Junior Table Tennis
Saturday	6 th	8.00pm MU & Friends Outing to Haarlem Gospel Ch.
Sunday	7 th	3.00pm Crossduff Carol Service 7.00pm MU Diocesan Service, Newtownbutler
Saturday	20 th	3.30pm Children's Christmas Party
Sunday	21 st	10.30am Carol Service, Carrickmacross 3.00pm Carol Service, Ardragh 7.00pm Carol Service, Magheraclone
Wednesday	24 th	11.30pm Midnight Christmas Communion, M'cloone
Thursday	25 th	8.00am Christmas Communion Carrickmacross 9.15am Christmas Communion, Magheraclone 10.30am Christmas Communion Carrickmacross 11.45am Christmas Communion, Ardragh

COMING SOON

Thursday 8th Jan. Youth Council outing to Mother Goose Pantomime

Bowls

The Bowling Club meets on Wednesday nights in the Jackson Hall about 8pm. New members would be very welcome

but check with a member before coming as there are quite a few away friendly matches going on and there may not be anyone in the hall some nights.

Sunday Services

2nd November 2008, 4th Sunday before Advent, P. 26, (Green)

Joshua 3.7-17, Psalm 107.1-7, 33-37, 1 Thess. 2.9-13, Matthew 23.1-12

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

9th November 2008, 3rd Sunday before Advent, P. 27, (Green)

Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78.1-7, 1 Thess. 4.13-18, Matthew 25.1-13

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

16th November 2008, 2nd Sunday before Advent, P. 28, (Green)

Judges 4.1-7, Psalm 123, 1 Thess.5.1-11, Matthew 25.14-30

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

23rd November 2008, Sunday before Advent, P. 29, (White)

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1.15-23, Matthew 25.31-46

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Ms N. Quinn
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Ms N. Quinn

30th November 2008, Advent Sunday, (Violet)

Isaiah 64.1-9, Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20, 1 Corinthians 1.3-9, Mark 13.24-37

Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	HC	Rector

7th December 2008, 2nd Sunday in Advent, (Violet)

Isaiah 40.1-11, Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13.1, 2 Peter 3.8-15a, MaMark 1.1-8

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

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