



Anglican Communion – Church of Ireland – Diocese of Clogher

## Carrickmacross and Magheracluone with Ardragh Group of Parishes



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



# Newsletter

October 2008

## Worship

### Harvest Thanksgivings

The Ardragh service is already over, and while we were somewhat disappointed with the number of visitors, the idea of an evening service there worked well. It was lovely to make our way almost in the dark through the 'wood' surrounding the church into the bright atmosphere created with the extra lights. The decorations were really tasteful and our preacher Lay Reader Abraham Storey reflected the quiet warm atmosphere. We look forward now to the service in Magheracluone on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00pm, when the preacher will be the Rev Malcolm Kingston Rector of Kilmore and the Dobbin in Armagh Diocese and nephew of Rosemary Kingston. The Carrickmacross Harvest is on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm, when the preacher will be the Rev Alison Seymour-Whitely, who is currently the curate's

assistant at Clogher Cathedral and who is studying for a degree on the relationship of theology to ecology.

### Midweek Communion

These services are on Thursdays but this month the Rector has to be at a meeting in Enniskillen on the 16<sup>th</sup>. This means that they will be on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am with laying on of hands if requested.

### Lesson Readers

It is really wonderful to have a large team of Lesson Readers now in Carrickmacross, so much so that, with young people reading at our Family service on the second Sunday of the month, we virtually have a full three month rota. We would hope to get back to having lay people leading the prayers as well but we must do some training for this as it is not just a case of reading something out of a book or sheet.

### Christmas Services

With the way Christmas falls this year it should be possible to arrange all the Carol services on the Sunday before Christmas. So we are proposing to have a Carol service in Carrickmacross on the 21<sup>st</sup> at

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be with the Rector by the last  
Sunday of the month please*

10.30am, Ardragh at 1pm or 3pm, to be decided, and Magheracluone at 7pm. Christmas Communion are planned for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve, in Magheracluone at 11.30pm, and on Christmas Day at 8.00am in C'macross, 9.15am in M'cluone, 10.30am in C'macross and 11.45am in Ardragh.

## Hymns

It has been suggested we have our hymn run through in C'macross more regularly so we are planning to have them once a month, the next ones being on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December, the first Mondays at 8pm.

## Activities

### Table Tennis

Junior TT is held on Friday nights at 7.30pm in Jackson Hall and all young people are welcome. We are delighted that so many adults have agreed to have the required training and vetting to be able to help lead this and other your activities and we thank them for this. There will be a senior team entering the C of I league and we are also thinking of entering one or two junior teams as well.

### Study Group

This will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Parish Room as we meet fortnightly, this year studying the Book of Nehemiah with its themes of return from exile, rebuilding and dealing with racism and religious difference. We look forward to all the input from our very diverse and enthusiastic group.

## Sunday School

We would like to thank all those who have volunteered to lead for the next session, Caroline, Anne, Siobhan, Lorna, Florence, Lorna, Heather and Rosemary. We are also hoping to have the young people put on a short pageant during the Christmas Carol service in C'macross and they will prepare to help lead at family services during the club time.

## Bowls

Seventeen members attended the AGM which was held on Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> October. The Rector was elected as Chair and Carol Eakin was elected Hon. Secretary. Freddie Monahan and Edgar Eakin are the joint Hon. Treasurers and Doreen Monahan is the P.R. Gents Captain is Edgar Eakin and Ladies is Irene Merrin who also takes responsibility for refreshments. There was a wide ranging discussion about various aspects of the club. The Hon. Sec. Circulated a list of fifteen friendly matches to be played, six at home and nine away the first being at Bailieboro on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

## MU and Friends

A sheet has been distributed to members giving details of the planned meetings. On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October Garda Valerie Campion led a very interesting session on Security and there will be a second meeting in October, the next on the 23<sup>rd</sup> when Paula Gowan will demonstrate Cake Decorating. In November we are invited to the Monaghan Branch.

## THIS MONTH

Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion, CMX
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis, CMX
		8.30pm	KilanyIFA Farewell to Merrin Family
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Harvest Thanksgiving Mag'cloone
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Study Group, Parish Room CMX
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>		No Midweek Communion, CMX
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis, CMX
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Harvest Thanksgiving CMX
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion, CMX
		8.00pm	MU and Friends, Cake Decorating
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis, CMX
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Study Group, Parish Room CMX
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion, CMX
Friday	31 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Junior Table Tennis, CMX

## NEXT MONTH

Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00pm	Music Review in CMX
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>		JJ, Diocesan Youth Weekend

## COMING SOON

December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	MU and Friends going to Iontas Theatre
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	MU and Friends going to Haarlem Gospel Choir
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service, Crossduff
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Carols Services in all our churches
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Midnight Communion, Magheracloone
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion in all our churches

### Every Blessing

To our young people returning to school or moving on to college, or indeed into employment at this time. It wonderful to find eighteen young people turning up for our first Sunday School session in September and we pray hard that the Spirit will anoint us with the wisdom and quality of community which will give them a true vision of the Kingdom of God

and deep desire to enter more fully into it.

### Prayer Pointers

In our prayers we remember particularly at the moment Mary, Davy, George, Robert and those recovering from treatment. We also remember those who have recently been bereaved

## Sunday Services

### ***5<sup>th</sup> October 2008, 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity, Proper 22, (Green)***

Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19, Philippians 3.4b-14, Matthew 21.33-46

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

### ***12<sup>th</sup> October 2008, 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity, Prop. 23, (Green)***

Exodus 32.1-14, Psalm 106.1-6, 19-23, Philippians 4.1-9, Matthew 22.1-14

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	Family	Rector
Magheracluone	3.00pm	Harvest TG	Rev. Malcolm Kingston

### ***19<sup>th</sup> October 2008, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity, Prop. 24, (Green)***

Exodus 33.12-23, Psalm 99, I Thessalonians 1.1-10, Matthew 22.15-22

Magheracluone	11.45am	HC	Ms N Quinn
Ardragh	1.00pm	HC	Ms N Quinn
Carrickmacross	7.00pm	HTG	Rev A. Seymour-Whiteley

### ***26<sup>th</sup> October 2008, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent, P. 25, (Green)***

Deuteronomy 34.1-12, Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17, 1 Thess. 2.1-8, Matt. 22.34-46

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

### ***2<sup>nd</sup> November 2008, 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### ***9<sup>th</sup> November 2008, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
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Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector

## Parish Ministry

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