



Anglican Communion – Church of Ireland – Diocese of Clogher

## Carrickmacross and Magheraclone with Ardragh Group of Parishes



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



# Newsletter

September 2007

## Worship

### Midweek Service

Beginning on Thursday the 13th September we will be having a mid morning Holy Communion service every Thursday at 10.30am in St. Finbarr's Church in Carrickmacross. We will include in this particular prayers for the sick and on occasion we will offer to have the 'laying on of hands' on the sick. We believe this is an important ministry of the church we will begin anyway and see how it can be developed.

### Harvest Thanksgivings

The first of our services is in Ardragh on Sunday the 16th September at 3pm. The preacher will be David Gough who is the Regional Mission Co-Ordinator for CMS in Sudan and North Africa. On the following Sunday

in Magheraclone, the 23rd September at 7pm the preacher will be Roger Cooke who is the Regional Mission Co-ordinator for CMS in Asia. The final Harvest Thanksgiving service is in Carrickmacross on Sunday the 14th October at 7pm when the preacher will be USPG in Ireland Mission Adviser, Linda Chambers. This year as you see there is a Mission emphasis at our three harvest thanksgiving services. We have invited representatives from various missionary societies to come to preach to emphasise again that a parish which is not looking outwards with a mission emphasis is only looking inward to its own survival and, in fact, will not survive for long. Mission is the energy that builds the church and it must look outwards as well as inwards.

### Confirmation Service

This will be held on Sunday the 21st October at 11.30am in St. Finbarr's Carrickmacross and we very much look forward to having

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

the Bishop with us for this special occasion in the life of the young people involved. This will be a central service for all three churches and we hope that there will be full support for our candidates. Please continue to pray for Victoria, Emma, Richard, Keith, Patrick, Lisa, Laura and Rachel.

Confirmation Classes will begin again on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm and continue each Friday. There will be no class on the 28<sup>th</sup> September as the Rector is away at the CMS conference that day.

### **Service Sheets**

The sheets that we are using each week with the prayers and readings for the day will be recycled on a three yearly basis. So they are collected up after each service and stored for use, D.V., in 2010. However, if people would like to take them home for further study or to use the prayers during the week they are welcome to do so. When we produce a service sheet for a Family Service or Funeral etc. they will never be used again and may be taken away or left to be recycled after the service.

## **Parish News**

### **Sunday School**

This will re-commence in

September and we hope to have had a planning meeting in late August to sort out the details which will be announced locally.

### **Go-cart Push**

Our Confirmation candidates are currently planning a 'go-kart' push on the 15<sup>th</sup> September in aid of the 'Jack and Jill' charity. This provides support in their homes for families with severely disabled children and does marvellous work all around the country. Four go-carts have already been built or procured and Gardai and Council permission is being sought. This will not be a public collection, just among friends and families, and if you are asked we hope you will give generous support.

### **Select Vestry**

Carrickmacross Select Vestry will meet in the Parish room at 8pm on Tuesday 11th September mainly to review progress on 'the wall'.

Magheracluone and Ardragh Select Vestry will meet on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 8.00pm in Magheracluone Church.

### **Women's Group**

Following a very successful meeting at the end of June there have been twenty five replies to the survey about the desirability of starting a Women's Group in the Parish. There will be a women's meeting to discuss the results on

## THIS MONTH

Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am 5.00pm	Glebes meeting Enniskillen School Chaplain Training, Lisbellaw
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Clerical Meeting, Enniskillen
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Confirmation Class
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup>		Monaghan Orphan Society collection
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Women's Meeting in Parish Room
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Select Vestry, Carrickmacross
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Confirmation Class
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Go-cart Push
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Harvest Thanksgiving, Ardragh, CMS
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup>	7.00pm 7.00pm	Confirmation Class Harvest, Magheracloune, CMS
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am 4.30pm	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's Diocesan Synod, Clabby
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	CMS Conference Armagh.

## NEXT MONTH

Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.00pm	Select Vestry Magheracloune Ardragh
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Confirmation Class
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Harvest Thanksgiving, Siddon
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Confirmation Class
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Harvest, Carrickmacross, USPG
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Confirmation Class
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	11.30am	Confirmation Service (United)

## COMING SOON

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	3.00pm	Monaghan Orphans AGM, Carrick.
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Monday the 10th September at 8pm in the Parish Room in Carrickmacross.

### Favourite Hymns Survey

During the summer the Rector has

been choosing the music basing the choice closely on the themes of the readings or other seasonal variations. But now we would like to get some idea of what the musical taste of parishioners is. We are including with

## Sunday Services

### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2007, 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity, Proper 17 (Green)***

Jeremiah 2.4-13, Ps. 81.1, 10-16, Heb. 13.1-8, 15-16, Luke 14.1, 7-14

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

### ***9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2007, 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity, Proper 18 (Green)***

Jeremiah 18.1-11, Ps. 139.1-5, 12-18, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14.25-33

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

### ***16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2007, 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity, Proper 19 (Green)***

Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28, Ps. 14, 1 Timothy 1.12-17, Luke 15.1-10

Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracloune	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	3.00pm	HTG	Mr David Gough

### ***23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 2007, 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity, Proper 20 (Green)***

Jeremiah 8.18-9.1, Ps. 79.1-9, 1 Timothy 2.1-7, Luke 16.1-13

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracloune	7.00pm	HTG	Mr Roger Cooke

### ***30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2007, 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity, Proper 21 (Green)***

Jer. 32.1-3a, 6-15, Ps. 91.1-6, 14-16, 1 Tim. 6.6-19, Luke 16.19-31

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracloune	11.45am	HC	Rector

### ***7<sup>th</sup> October 2007, 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity, Proper 22 (Green)***

Lamentations 1.1-6, Psalm 137.1-6, 2 Timothy 1.1.-14, Luke 17.5-10

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

## Parish Ministry

**Rector:** Rev Robert Kingston, 042 9661931, 087 6386463

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this newsheet a 'Top Ten Favourite Hymns' questionnaire and we would be very grateful if everyone would fill one in. There will be more sheets available at the back of the churches. We would ask everyone to sign their sheets and if there are reasons for a particular choice we would like to hear them. Maybe we will use the top choices in a hymns of praise service some Sunday.

## **Mallow Tapes**

We are very grateful to Mallow Union Select Vestry and to St. James' Church in Mallow for sending us their tape collection. They have recently moved to to CD's. Not all the old tapes are usable with the new hymn-book as many hymns have had their wording altered so we have had to move things around a bit. There are now about 120 tapes available for the new Church Hymnal in Carrickmacross, eighty or so for the old Church Hymnal in use in Magheraclone and about half that for Ardragh. If the Rector is leading the worship in Carrickmacross we have all the hymns in the new book available in MIDI format.

## **Lesson Readers**

Starting in September we will be asking everyone in Carrick-macross if they would be willing to join a rota of lesson readers in St. Finbarr's. Later on we may try to develop a list of Prayer leaders as well. If you would like to join the lesson readers rota please let the Rector know. We already have a number of offers and will begin to use them now. Please do

not feel in anyway embarrassed if you do not want to join this list. Reading in church is not something everyone feels comfortable about and we will try to develop other ministries as well.

## **Diocesan News**

### **Safeguarding Trust**

A Safeguarding Trust Training session for Parish Youth Leaders, i.e. Sunday School Leaders, Youth Club Leaders, etc. will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2007 in Ballybay Church hall at 8.00pm. Canon John McCullagh, who ran a very interesting and informative session for Panel members before the Summer will be accompanied by the newly appointed Child Protection Officer for the Republic. We have to confirm attendance with Canon Riddel as soon as possible so those involved who would like to go should contact the Rector please. In future no new youth leaders will be allowed who have not done this training and it is very useful even for those already involved to use this as a refresher course.

## **Church News**

### **Enthronement**

The Right Revd Alan F Abernethy will be Installed and Enthroned as Bishop of Connor in Christ Church Cathedral on Thursday, 6 September 2007 at 8.00 pm.

### **Church 21**

This is the name of the Parish

Development Programme being run in the Church of Ireland. A number of parishes have been chosen to take place in a programme which will last some years and maybe eventually draw in all our parishes. At a recent review some interesting ideas emerged.

A new contemporary-styled church notice-board, a team of people to welcome newcomers into the community, an experimental worship service led almost entirely by young adults – these are typical of the kind of things that have been happening over the past year in parishes taking part in the Church 21 Parish Development Programme.

On 15 September representatives from the 34 parishes will come together at Isaacs Hotel, Dublin, for a Follow-up Day. The focus will be on listening, encouraging and sharing ideas and experiences. The Day will include addresses by members of the Working Group on aspects of parish development, drama, illustrated reports from the parishes and those who have been facilitating them and discussion times, all interspersed with periods of reflective worship.

The Revd Paul Hoey, Chairman of the Church 21 Working Group, says, "We are encouraged not just by the range of things that are happening but above all by what churches have been discovering about their role in God's world. Parishes have found resources in themselves, in the Holy Spirit and a joy and energy that comes from working in partnership with God and

with one another."

Taking into account feedback on the Day the Working Group will look at ways to enable more parishes to share together in the journey of development.

## Reports

### Open Air Service

While the weather was not entirely co-operative this year we celebrated St. Molua's Day with a lovely act of worship in the church involving the whole community and a fine sermon from Paul Hoey which in a very practical way focused us all on the future of the church and our part in it. It was good to have Fr. Tom Finnegan P.P. with us and to have such excellent music from Eleanor and Francie Wilson. We thank all those who prepared the church and the grounds for this very happy community occasion.

## People

### Sick

We have been remembering in our prayers those whom we have been asked to pray and especially at the moment for Adam. Please do ask the clergy to support you in prayers and if you do not want names mentioned in the public prayers in church or in the magazine just say so.

## Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr Malachy Connolly on the death of his brother Frank recently in New Jersey. Having left Carrickmacross in 1953 to work in the goldmines of South Africa his life took him to Zimbabwe and the United States. His journeying on this earth ended we pray he may enjoy the peace of heaven.

## School

Our thoughts are with our young people returning to school at the moment and with the older students returning to college later in September. We hope this academic year will be one of blessing and growth for all our young and not so young students.

## Organisations

### Study Group

Beginning in October we are hoping to have a series of evening meetings perhaps six at fortnightly intervals on a particular topic. We have some ideas of what we should study but would be interested to have suggestions from parishioners who might be interested in coming.

### Bowling Club

This will recommence probably on the last Wednesday of September at the Jackson Hall. The committee hope to welcome

back all the members that night. There will be a short planning meeting as well as the bowling. New members would be welcome.

## Notices

### Monaghan Orphans

On Sunday the 2nd September Ardragh will have a collection and on the 9th September there will be a retiring collection at each of the services in Carrickmacross and Magheraclaone for this society which we have benefited from over the years. The Society will be having their Annual General Meeting in the Parish Room in Carrickmacross on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 3.00pm and we would hope that some parishioners will find the time to attend.

### Cancer Support

There will be a Coffee Day and Sale in aid of the Irish Cancer Society and the Oncology Unit in Drogheda Hospital by kind invitation of Jimmy and Margaret Babington at their home in Magheraclaone on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 9am to 2pm and from 6pm to 10pm. Your support for this annual event would be very welcome.

### Craft Exchange

On Tuesday 11th September in Carrickmacross a "craft exchange" will be started. Participants will meet in the

morning once a week in the Drumlin Meeting Room in Farney Street and share their skills. You dont need any experience. At the beginning of the session someone will demonstrate a craft. This will be followed by the chance to try the craft if you wish. A wide variety of crafts will be sampled

over the coming weeks. We hope to have a display and sale of the items occasionally. Further information contact: Drumlin CDP, Farney Street, Carrickmacross, Phone: 042 966 2958

## Top Ten Hymns

We are doing a survey among parishioners of the most popular hymns from our hymn-books. Please list your favourites from 1 to 10 below.

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Thank you for your help.