



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

September 2009

Worship

Harvest Thanksgivings

It feels almost fraudulent to be promoting Harvest Thanksgiving at this stage of the year with such appalling weather persisting and leaving us wondering whether there will be a harvest at all. If we had any doubts about climate change then they must be well and truly buried by this third bad year in a row.

However we are encouraged to give thanks even for small mercies and despite weather, recession, knife crime, collapsing bridges etc. etc. most of us are still here and most of us are not starving yet.

In fact Harvest Thanksgiving in some ways takes on a deeper meaning as we remind ourselves

that as well as about Thanksgiving these services are our our responsibilities for using these gifts of creation in a caring and moral manner.

So we begin our Harvest Thanksgiving services in Ardragh on Sunday 20th September at 3.00pm. The preacher will be Mr Keith Browne, himself a farmer just up the Shercock to Cootehill, a parishioner of Dartrey Parish. Keith has been a Parish Reader for many years and is completing his training as a Lay Reader. He has been a great support during the vacancy in his Parish and we very much look forward to hearing him preaching.

We will say more about the other services in the next newsheet but please note they are on the 11th October in Magheraclone where Canon Cecil Faull will preach and the 18th in Carrickmacross where Canon Charles Kenny from Belfast will be with us.

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

Magheraclooone

As from the second Sunday in September we will move the Holy Communion service in St. Molua's from the first to the second Sunday each month as it is listed on the church noticeboard.

Midweek Communions

This service recommences on the 2nd September. We are moving the service from Thursday to Wednesday. We realise this is a day off for some people in Carrickmacross but the Thursday time has clashed with so many other events over the past year we are hoping that Wednesday will prove more suitable.

Carol Services

I know we complain madly when shops start advertising Christmas in October but without wanting to wish the year away we discussed Pageants and Parties at the CMX Sunday School leaders meeting recently and we want to know if our plans clash with any other activities. Its very frustrating to get children all worked up about being in the pageant only to be told the week before they can't take part because of a Golf club outing to Lapland or something. So what we have pencilled in is Sunday 13th December 10.30 in CMX Christmas Pageant, Saturday 19th at 3pm Christmas Party for all three parishes. Sunday 20th, 10.30am Carols in CMX, 1pm Carols in

Ardragh and 3pm Carols in Magheraclooone. If people would prefer say 3pm in Ardragh and 7pm in Maghera-cloone or vice versa we could work with that. Please let us know what you think would suit best. Christmas Communions could be Magheraclooone on Christmas Eve at 11.30pm, Carrickmacross on the 25th at 8am and 10.30am. Magheraclooone at 9.15am and Ardragh at 11.45am.

Hymn Practices

It has been a great help to do a quick review of upcoming music and we hope to continue this. Mondays in September are all gone on other things so we hope Tuesday 1st September at 8pm and Monday 28th again at 8pm in St. Finbarr's will suit. Everyone is welcome to come, we have no formal choir as such, though it might be nice to have one for the Harvest Thanksgiving and Carol Service in CMX.

Prayer Meeting

It has been suggested that we might have an occasional time of open prayer in the Parish. Perhaps this should be a prayer meeting in a Hall but another possibility is a Sunday evening at 9pm for about an hour – no books, no structure, just praying for whatever is important to us. We will open the church at 9pm on Sunday 13th September just to pray and see if

THIS MONTH

Tuesday	1 st	11am Diocesan Meetings, Enniskillen 8.00pm Hymn Rehearsal, St. Finbarr's
Wednesday	2 nd	10.30am Midweek Communion, Carrickmacross
Monday	7 th	8.00pm Study Group in Parish Room
Wednesday	9 th	10.30am Midweek Communion, Carrickmacross
Thursday	10 th	8.00pm MU Opening meeting, Parish Room
Friday	11 th	7.30pm Junior Table Tennis in Jackson Hall
Sunday	13 th	9.00pm Prayer Meeting in St. Finbarr's
Tuesday	15 th	8.00pm Select Vestry, Carrickmacross
Wednesday	16 th	10.30am Midweek Communion, Carrickmacross 8.00pm Sunday School Teachers Training, Clones
Friday	18 th	7.30pm Junior Table Tennis in Jackson Hall 7.30pm Coffee Evening for Ardragh Repair Fund
Sunday	20 th	3.00pm Ardragh Harvest Thanksgiving
Monday	21 st	8.00pm Study Group in Parish Room
Tuesday	22 nd	8.30pm Magheraclone and Ardragh Select Vestry
Wednesday	23 rd	10.30am Midweek Communion, Carrickmacross
Thursday	24 th	4.30pm Diocesan Synod, Drumkeeran
Friday	25 th	7.30pm Junior Table Tennis in Jackson Hall
Monday	28 th	8.00pm Hymn Rehearsal, St. Finbarr's
Wednesday	30 th	10.30am Midweek Communion, Carrickmacross

NEXT MONTH

Sunday	11 th	3.00pm Magheraclone Harvest Thanksgiving 9.00pm Prayer Meeting
Sunday	18 th	7.00pm Carrickmacross Harvest Thanksgiving
Friday	23 rd	10.00pm Magheraclone Harvest Supper Dance

COMING SOON

November	10 th	Clerical Conference
December	6 th	Crossduff Carols
	13 th	Carrickmacross Sunday School Christmas Play
	19 th	Christmas Party at 3pm
	20 th	Carol Services : 10.30am Carrickmacross 1.00pm Ardragh ? 3.00pm Magheraclone ?

Sunday Services

6th September 2009, Trinity 13, Proper 17

Songs 2.18-13, Psalm 45.1-2, 6-9, James 1.17-27, Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

13th September 2009, Trinity 14, Proper 18

Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 125, James 2.1-10, 14-17, Mark 7.24-37

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

20th September 2009, Trinity 15, Proper 19

Proverbs 1.20-33, Psalm 19, James 3.1-12, Mark 8.27-38

Carrickmacross	10.30am	HC	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector
Ardragh	3.00pm	Harvest TG	

27th September 2009, Trinity 16, Proper 20

Proverbs 31.10-31, Psalm 1, James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a, Mark 9.30-37

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

4th October 2009, Trinity 17, Proper 21

Esther 7.1-6, 9-10.9.20-22, Psalm 124, James 5.13-20, Mark 9.38-50

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

11th October 2009, Trinity 18, Proper 22

Job 1.1.2.1-10, Psalm 26, Hebrews 1.1-4.2.5-12, Mark 10.2-16

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

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anyone comes. Feel free to drop in maybe just to sit, maybe to pray aloud for something really important to you, maybe to sing quietly to yourself! Other parishes have found this a great blessing and it has often developed into prayer triplets or duets where people promise to continue to pray for each other. Let's try it and see what happens.

News

Confirmation Class

We will be beginning preparation for Confirmation later in the year. We are already aware of a number of young people thinking about taking this important step but there may be others. Please contact the Rector. It is also possible for adults to be confirmed of course and we would like to hear from anyone who might be thinking of it.

Study Group

This group will recommence on Monday 7th September and meet fortnightly after that. For the next two months we are moving from focusing on the Bible text to looking at the upheavals in thinking about the Bible which resulted from Charles Darwin's book, *The Origin of the Species* published 150 years ago this year.

If this sounds interesting please don't be scared off by fears that you may be asked to deliver a tightly argued thesis on Natural Selection or something. Its not like that, you need say nothing at all, the Rector talks a lot anyway and other who come are not backward about coming forward which usually makes for a most enjoyable hour or so.

On one of the evenings we hope to have Dr Naomi Vity, a Conservation Botanist, to come and talk about what Darwin means to science today.

Ardragh Coffee Evening

Unfortunately you cannot see the beautiful little church at Ardragh from the road but the grounds have undergone a transformation since Mr Thomas Babington, who had been involved with others in the repair and beautifying of St. Molua's, began to work on them during the summer. He has transformed the place and we are really grateful to him for all the work. We have needed to get some equipment and will need money for further work we hope to do there so parishioners are having a Coffee Evening with a Bring and Buy stall at the Rectory on Friday evening 18th September from 7.30 to 10pm. We hope that

parishioners from all ends of the Group will support this.

Supper Dance

A great deal of work has been undertaken in recent months on St. Molua's Church. The building now looks marvellous and we are indebted to all the volunteers who did much of this work. However, there were fairly major costs involved and so the parish is running a Harvest Supper Dance in the Magheraclone Community Centre, kindly given for the occasion, on Friday 23rd October from 10pm to 1.30pm. Music will be by Valley Gold and Tickets are now on sale for E10.

Select Vestries

Both Select Vestries will meet during September, Carrickmacross on Tuesday the 15th at 8pm in the Parish Room and Magheraclone and Ardragh on Tuesday the 22nd at 8.30pm.

Diocesan Synod

This annual meeting will be held on Thursday 24th September just about as far away as you can get from us without leaving the diocese, at Drumkeeran beginning at 4.30pm. The policy of moving the Synod around the Diocese is a good one as it makes it less remote from the parishes, and hopefully it will come closer to us

some year, so we hope that there will be a good attendance of those elected to represent us. Please pray for them and all other members as they go to this important meeting about the proper ordering of our Diocese.

Activities

M.U. And Friends

All members are invited to the opening meeting on Thursday 10th Sept. At 8pm in Parish Room to plan the years programme.

Table Tennis

We are hoping to get Junior Table Tennis going on the 11th Sept. to get some training in before the competitions start. The Senior team will also soon be starting up.

Bowls

This will also recommence during September on Wednesday nights in the Jackson Hall. This is a good time of year to join and new members would be very welcome.

Sunday School

We have already had our planning meeting and we thank all those who have volunteered to be leaders in the coming session. There will be a Training Session in Clones on the evening of the 16th September to encourage us to teach the Apostle's Creed.

Reports

Ematris Situation

Ms Naomi Quinn has now left Ematris Group to study full time for ordination. The Rev Anita Kerr is currently visiting in that parish and celebrating the communion services with Lay Readers leading the Morning Prayer services. Your Rector is still 'in-charge' and chairs meetings and tries to keep things in order but, as you may have noticed, does not have to disappear down there quite so often on a Sunday morning. These arrangements will be reviewed in late September.

Glaslough situation

The Rev Margaret Pringle is doing virtually all the work now in the Donagh Group apart from chairing Select vestry meetings so, with her and all the excellent workers in the parish things are very manageable there.

Carrickmacross Painting

Over the summer the doors and windows at St. Finbarr's have been painted and it looks well. We thank all those who looked for estimates and got the work done. Unfortunately the painter discovered an outbreak of dry rot which could be very serious. We have been trying to get our architect to look at this and will then have to do whatever is necessary. As they might say one door never closes but another opens.

CMX Boundary Wall

After all the years of engineers reports, false starts and shying builders the work is now well under-way in capping, repairing and re-pointing the roadside wall at St. Finbarr's. When stripped back the wall looked better than was feared so we hope the work will be completed without any further set-backs. We are greatly indebted to Mr John Howell, Peoples Church Warden who finally found us the right people to do the job and to all the men who did the preparatory work and especially Mr Herbie Kenny who is keeping and expert eye on the job.

PUSH Communications

It as been suggested that people are missing out on events that are going on in the parish because they do not hear about them in time. The solution suggested is that we text everyone with a mobile phone on a regular basis advising them of upcoming events. If you would like to take part in this simply send a text to the Rector at 087 6386463 saying that you would like to receive the notices by text.

AWARENESS COURSE

For parents, or adults working with children. Course is compiled by Dr. Tony Humphreys, Consultant Psychologist, 8 week course

includes: Personal Development. Understanding Children's Challenging Behaviour. etc. Evening or Morning Course. Starting Thursday October 8th. Cost E115. Venue: Farney Workhouse, Further information Tel: 086 8161800 Terry O'Leary, Dip. Parent-Mentoring.

George Carlin's Views on Ageing

Do you realise that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about ageing that you think in fractions.

'How old are you?' 'I'm four and a half!' You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key

You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead.

'How old are you?' 'I'm gonna be 16!' You could be 13, but hey, you're gonna be 16! And then the greatest day of your life You become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony. YOU BECOME 21. YESSSS!!!

But then you turn 30. Oooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk! He TURNED; we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're Just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed?

You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50 and your dreams are gone.

But wait!!! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would!

So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50 and MAKE it to 60.

You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you HIT Wednesday!

You get into your 80's and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you TURN 4:30 ; you REACH bedtime. And it doesn't end there Into the 90s, you start going backwards; 'I Was JUST 92.

Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. 'I'm 100 and a half!'

May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half!!

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out non-essential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay 'them'
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.' And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love , whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.

8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.

10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER :

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

And if you don't send this to at least 8 people - who cares? But do share this with someone. We all need to live life to its fullest each day

This is a good opportunity to thank those who keep us well supplied with such nuggets by email!