



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

December 2008

Worship

CMX Community Carols

This year it is St. Finbarr's turn to host this Carol service for the whole community. Having floated a number of dates the only one that seems to suit most people is Thursday 11th December at 7.30pm. Music is being organised by Mrs Pat Cotter and Mr Pdraig O'Reilly and we hope to have a number of choirs and a good mix of people from the community present.

Crossduff Carols

Crossduff Church are holding a Carol Service on Sunday 7th December at 3pm. The service will be led by Ms Naomi Quinn and the preacher will be the Rev. Alison Seymour-Whiteley. All are welcome to this community service.

Ardragh Carols

On Sunday the 21st there will be a Carol Service with Holy Communion in Ardragh at 3pm. We hope that parishioners from other parts of the parish will come to support those who

keep this gem of a church open for worship.

Christmas Communions

The Christmas Communions will be on Christmas Eve at 11.30pm in Magheraclaone and on Christmas Day at 8am in Carrickmacross, 9.15am in Magheraclaone and 10.30am in Carrickmacross.

Midweek Communions

This is celebrated on the Thursday morning of each week unless the clergy clerical clashes. In December the services will be on the 11th, 18th and 25th, all at 10.30am.

New Year

On New Year's day the 1st January there will be a celebration of Holy Communion in St. Finbarr's at 10.30am.

Events

Children's Gifts

It has been suggested that during the Carrickmacross Parish Carol service children might be invited to give some gift which might be passed on to less fortunate children. The point is to underline for children that Christmas is about giving rather than getting as we celebrate God's gift to us of his Son

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

Jesus Christ. We would say that really it is only toys in near perfect condition that are acceptable to Women's refuges and other likely outlets.

Christmas Party

The children's Christmas will be held on Saturday 20th December at 3.30pm in the Jackson Hall. Last year there was some confusion as to who was welcome to come to this party and we had a very small number present. This year we are sending invitations to all those we believe are entitled to come, which is basically all children who have not reached confirmation age in St. Finbarr's, St. Molua's and St. Patrick's. If you think anyone is being forgotten please let us know.

Hymn Practice

At the hymn practice held on the 1st it was suggested that we should have a special practice of the carols for the Carrickmacross Carol Service on Thursday 11th immediately after the Community Carol service in St. Finbarr's. If anyone at that service would like to stay back and join in they will be very welcome.

Study Group

There will be Study Group meetings on the 8th and 22nd December in the

Magheraclone Carol Service

in St. Molua's Church
on
Sunday 21st December at 7pm.

Parish Room at which we will finish our study of Nehemiah.

Organisations

MU and Friends

For December we organised two trips to the Iontas theatre on the 2nd and 6th December. The tickets for the Harlem Gospel choir on the 6th have already been purchased for those who have paid.

Table Tennis

The two junior and one senior teams have all been busy recently practising and playing some games. In Division 7 our team lost 18 to 16 to the very strong Bailieboro team showing that we are beginning to reach a good level. In the Cup our team lost 6 to 5 again to Bailieboro and our Division 6 team lost 20 to 12. We are sure these margins will diminish as our young people get more experience.

Notices

Eimear Quinn Concert

Last year Eimear Quinn held a concert in St. Finbarr's to round off a series of concerts in Cathedrals around the country, including St. Finbarr's in Cork! She enjoyed the concert here so much that she has asked to use the church again for a Christmas Concert on the 19th December. Tickets are available in Keegan's and we look

Carrickmacross

Parish Carol Service

on Sunday the 14th December in
St. Finbarr's at 7pm Carols new
and old

Sunday school members present
a Christmas Play.

THIS MONTH

Monday	1 st	8.00pm Hymn Practice, Carrickmacross
Tuesday	2 nd	8.00pm MU and Friends to Iontas
Wednesday	3 rd	8.00pm Bowls, Jackson Hall
Thursday	4 th	10.30am Midweek Communion Cancelled
Friday	5 th	7.30pm Junior Table Tennis
Saturday	6 th	8.00pm MU and Friends to Haarlam Gospel Choir
Sunday	7 th	3.00pm Crossduff Carol Service 7.00pm MU Diocesan Carol Service, Newtownbutler
Monday	8 th	2.15pm Monaghan Orphan Society AGM, Aghabog 8.00pm Study Group in Parish Room
Wednesday	10 th	8.00pm Bowls, Jackson Hall
Thursday	11 th	10.30am Midweek Communion, Carrickmacross 7.30pm Community Carol Service, St. Finbarr's
Friday	12 th	7.30pm Junior Table Tennis
Saturday	13 th	2.30pm Rehearsal for Children in CMX Carol Service
Sunday	14 th	7.00pm Carrickmacross Parish Carol Service
Wednesday	17 th	8.00pm Eimear Quinn Concert, St. Finbarr's
Thursday	18 th	10.30am Midweek Communion, Carrickmacross
Friday	19 th	7.30pm Junior Table Tennis
Saturday	20 th	3.30pm Children's Christmas Party, Jackson Hall
Sunday	21 st	3.00pm Ardragh Carol & Communion Service 7.00pm Magheracluone Carol Service
Wednesday	24 th	11.30pm Christmas Communion, Magheracluone
Thursday	25 th	8.00am Christmas Communion, Carrickmacross 9.15am Christmas Communion, Magheracluone 10.30am Christmas Communion, Carrickmacross

NEXT MONTH

Thursday	8 th Jan.	8.00pm Youth Council outing to Mother Goose,
Monday	26 th Jan.	8.00pm Select Vestry, Magheracluone

COMING SOON

February	3 rd	Select Vestry, Carrickmacross
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forward to a most enjoyable evening.

Monaghan Orphan Soc.

The AGM of the Monaghan Protestant Orphan Society will be held in

Aghabog Hall, just off the main Ballybay to Clones road just south of Newbliss, on Monday 8th at 2.30pm.

Sunday Services

7th December 2008, 2nd Sunday of Advent Year B (Purple)

Isaiah 40.1-11, Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3.8-15a, Mark 1.1-8

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

14th December 2008, 3rd Sunday of Advent (Purple)

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126, 1 Thess. 5.16-24, John 1.6-8, 19-28

Carrickmacross	8.00am	HC	Rector
Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector
Carrickmacross	7.00pm	Carols	Rector

21st December 2008, 4th Sunday of Advent (Purple)

2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16, Psalm 89.1-4, 19-26, Romans 16.25-27, Luke 1.26-38

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Ms. Naomi Quinn
Ardragh	3.00pm	HC	Rector
Magheracluone	7.00pm	Carols	Rector

28th December 2008, 1st Sunday of Christmas (White)

Isaiah 61.10-62.3, Psalm 148, Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 2.15-21

Carrickmacross	10.30am	MP	Rector
Magheracluone	11.45am	MP	Rector

4th January 2009, 2nd Sunday of Christmas (White)

Jeremiah 31.7-14, Psalm 147.13-21, Ephesians 1.3-14, John 1.10-18

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

11th January 2009, 1st Sunday after the Epiphany (White)

Genesis 1.1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19.1-7, Mark 1.4-11

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

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