



Anglican Communion - Church of Ireland - Diocese of Clogher

Carrickmacross, Magheracloone and Ardagh Group of Parishes



St. Finbarr's Carrickmacross, St. Molua's Magheracloone, St. Patrick's Ardagh



Newsletter

September 2012

Worship

Donaghmoyne Service

Fr Daly has invited us to join with the parishioners of Donaghmoyne and Lisdoonan at an open air service in the graveyard of St. Patrick's Church in Donaghmoyne on the first Sunday of September. We hope that people with a connection with the church back over the years will make a special effort to attend.

Parish Readers

Five new Parochial Readers were admitted by the Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell, at a special service in St Finbarr's Church, Carrickmacross on the evening of Sunday 24th August 2012. They were Mrs Jennifer Leathem from

the Ballybay Group of Parishes, together with Mrs Caroline Merrin, Mrs Florence Collins, Mrs Doreen Monahan and Mr Alan Hill, all from the Carrickmacross Group of Parishes.

The Rector, the Revd Robert Kingston, led the service and the organist was Mr Glenn Moore. The Warden of Readers, the Revd Canon David Skuce, presented the candidates to the bishop.

The first reading was read by Mrs Jennifer Leathem, one of the newly admitted parochial readers who is also Honorary Secretary of St. Colman's Parish Church, Clontibret. The second reading was read by Mrs Caroline Merrin, another of the newly admitted parochial readers who is also Honorary Treasurer of St. Finbarr's Parish Church, Carrickmacross. The sermon which was preached by the Bishop. Prayers were led by three of the newly admitted parochial

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

readers, Mr Alan Hill, Mrs Florence Collins and Mrs Doreen Monahan. After the service everyone joined for refreshments in the Parish Room and Church grounds, taking advantage of one of this year's few pleasant summer evenings.

(Press release from Glenn Moore)

Reader Plans

Our plan for our new Readers is that they will be assisting the Rector at Morning Prayer services shared out in rotation. We will continue to need people to be Lesson Readers at the Sunday services. Our failure to secure a Lay Reader for the 9th September has leant that we have had to use

our readers to cover for the Rector much sooner than we expected, but we are grateful to Caroline and Doreen for taking the plunge!

Harvest Thanksgivings

The first of our Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be in St. Patrick's Church Ardragh on Sunday 30th September at 3.00pm when Mr John Irvine will preach. The second will be a fortnight later in St. Molua's, Magheracloone on the 14th at 3pm at which we invited the Rev Joyce Rankin of Bailieboro to preach. The final service is in St. Finbarr's Carrickmacross on Sunday 21st October at 7pm and we have invited the Rev Artis Druvitis to



THIS MONTH

Sunday	2 nd	3.00pm	Open Air Service in Donaghmoyne
Monday	3 rd	8.00pm	Hymn Practice in St. Finbarr's
Tuesday	4 th	8.00pm	Carrickmacross Select Vestry
Wednesday	5 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Wednesday	12 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Friday	14 th	7.30pm	Ordination in Kesh Parish
Sunday	16 th	7.00pm	Diocesan Missionary Service, Enniskillen
Monday	17 th	10.00am	Rural Deans Property Inspection
Wednesday	19 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
		8.30pm	Jackson Hall Bowling Club AGM
Thursday	20 th	8pm	MU & Friends opening and planning.
Monday	24 th	8.00pm	Study Group in Parish Room
Wednesday	26 th	10.30am	Midweek Communion, St. Finbarr's
Thursday	27 th	4.30pm	Diocesan Synod, Enniskillen
Friday	28 th		...Clontibret Dance in the 4 Seasons
Sunday	30 th	3.00pm	Ardragh Harvest Thanksgiving Service

NEXT MONTH

Monday	1 st	8.00pm	Hymn Practice in St. Finbarr's
Sunday	14 th	3.00pm	Magheracloone Harvest Thanksgiving
Sunday	21 st	7.00pm	Carrickmacross Harvest Thanksgiving

COMING SOON

December	23 rd	1.00pm	Ardragh Carols and Christmas Communion
		3.00pm	Magheracloone Carol Service
		7.00pm	Carrickmacross Carol Service

preach. He is the pastor of the Latvian Lutheran congregation which has been worshipping in St. Finbarr's on a monthly basis for the past three years.

Hymn Review

We will run through the upcoming Sunday music on Monday 3rd

September and Monday 1st October at 8pm in St. Finbarr's. Anyone is free to come to this sing along and review of the hymns.

Rector away

On Sunday 9th September the Rector will be away at a family

Sunday Services

2nd September 2012, 13th Sunday after Trinity, Proper 17

Song of Songs 2.8-13, Ps.45.1-2, 6-9, James 1.17-27, Mk 7.1-8,14-15,21-23

8.00am	Carrickmacross	HC	Rector
10.30am	Carrickmacross	HC	Rector
11.45am	Magheracloone	HC	Rector
1.00pm	Ardragh	HC	Rector

9th September 2012, 14th Sunday after Trinity, Proper 18

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

10.30am	Carrickmacross	MP	Mrs C. Merrin
11.45am	Magheracloone	MP	Mrs D Monahan

16th September 2012, 15th Sunday after Trinity, Proper 19

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

8.00am	Carrickmacross	HC	Rector
10.30am	Carrickmacross	MP	Mr W. Pringle
11.45am	Magheracloone	MP	Mr W. Pringle
1.00pm	Ardragh	MP	Mr W. Pringle

23rd September 2012, 16th Sunday after Trinity, Proper 20

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

8.00am	Carrickmacross	HC	Rector
10.30am	Carrickmacross	MP	Mr Alan Hill
11.45am	Magheracloone	MP	Rector

30th September 2012, 17th Sunday after Trinity, Proper 21

Esther 7.1-6, 9-10, 9.20-22, Psalm 124, James 5.13-20, Mark 9.38-50

8.00am	Carrickmacross	HC	Rector
10.30am	Carrickmacross	MP	Mrs C. Merrin
11.45am	Magheracloone	MP	Rector
3.00pm	Ardragh	HTG	Mr John Irvine

7th October 2012, 18th Sunday after Trinity, Proper 22

Job 1-1, 2.1-10, Psalm 26, Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-12, Mark 10.2-16

8.00am	Carrickmacross	HC	Rector
10.30am	Carrickmacross	HC	Rector
11.45am	Magheracloone	MP	Rector
1.00pm	Ardragh	HC	Rector

wedding in West Cork the service will be led by Mrs Caroline Merrin in Carrickmacross and Mrs Doreen Monahan, Magheraclaune.

Midweek Communions

These will be held on Wednesday mornings at 10.30am through September without interruption D.V.!

Parish News

CMX Select Vestry

We are bringing our scheduled meeting forward to Tuesday 4th 8pm as we need to make some decisions about the proposed footpath and steps. We hope this short notice will not be an inconvenience.

Reports

CMX Barbecue

This fund raising event was held on Saturday 28th July at the Rectory and despite the awful weather was accounted a great social occasion. The addition of a band playing through the night was a nice new touch and added greatly to the fun. Congratulations and good work to those who put so much work into organising it and selling tickets and to those who supplied goods and services free of charge we say a sincere thank you. We would like to thank

Fr Jimmy McPhillips and the people of Kilanny Parish on the generous donation they made to the event and we soon hope to get on with the job of providing the pathway up to the church which was the object of the fund raising.

Open Air Service

The Open Air Service in Magheraclaune was held on the 12th August and despite threatening weather was very well attended. The Bishop, the Rt. Rev John McDowell came on his first visit to St. Molua's to preach and meet parishioners, local people and Fr Tom Finnegan and Fr Philip Crowe. A cup of tea was offered after the service and everyone stayed around for a long time enjoying the good weather and the superbly kept grounds. Families with relatives buried in the graveyard have been invited to make lists of those they believe to be buried there and give them to the Rector as the records are not complete and it would be good to have this extra information.

Diocesan News

Diocesan Synod

Please pray for all the parish representatives who will meet on Thursday 27th September at 4.30pm in Enniskillen. There are a

number of important discussions and decisions to take place this year so please do support all those involved, Bishop, clergy and laity.

People

Wedding

Every blessing and good wishes to Graham Howell and Catherine Rennick who were married at St. Patrick's Church Rockchapel on Saturday 30th June. Fr Tom Finnegan presided at the very pleasant ceremony and made everyone feel most welcome. The reception was held in the Nuremore Hotel and thankfully the sun shone on the happy couple!

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Mrs Helen Sweetnam on the recent death of her mother, Mrs Alexena Matthews who had reached the wonderful age of 97. The most joyful funeral Service, organised with strict instructions by Mrs Matthews was held in St. Nahi's Church Dundrum on Monday 30th July and was conducted by the Rev Bernie Daly who, who is currently in charge of Taney Parish. The warmth of her address reflected the way in which Mrs Matthews was regarded in Dundrum.

We also extend our sincere condolences to Robert and Freddie Monahan on the sudden death of their brother David at a relatively young age. David had lived with poor health for many years in a brave and cheerful manner and he will be greatly missed by his wife and all the family circle.

Organisations

Study Group

This recommences on Monday 24th September at 8pm in the Parish Room. For the autumn/winter session we will turn to the Jewish Scriptures and study the book of the prophet Nehemiah.

Table Tennis

It is hoped to start the club up again for the autumn season on Friday 14th September at 7.30pm for the most junior members with more experienced members coming a bit later. New members very welcome at 7.30pm

Mothers Union & Friends

We will have our opening service, followed by elections and a planning meeting on Thursday 20th September.

There is a **Service celebrating 125 years of MU** in Ireland on Sunday 23rd in Christ Church in Dublin. If anyone is interested in

going please contact Rosemary ASAP.

The Mothers Union **Young Members Getaway** is on 12-13 October, Friday evening to Saturday afternoon in Julianstown.. Have you children and would you like to go? Will Granny or Dad take care of the children and give you a night away? This weekend is heavily subsidised. Contact Rosemary.

Bowls

The A.G.M. of the Jackson Hall Bowls club will be held in the Hall on Wednesday 19th September at 8.30pm. We look forward to meeting all the familiar faces and would be delighted to have some new members as well.

Notices

Children's Ministry

Starting in October there is a new Church of Ireland Children's Ministry Certificate Course. This is for anyone working in children's ministry and will consist of 7 Saturday morning sessions plus the Building Blocks Conference.

The course will be delivered by members of the Church of Ireland Children's Ministry Network who are all experienced practitioners in children's ministry. The modules

will cover Child Development; Leadership Skills; Programme Planning; Children & Community; Pastoral Awareness and Spirituality and the Bible. There will also be the opportunity to look at current resources.

The cost of the course, which includes the fee for the Building Blocks Conference, is €95 which it is hoped parishes will be willing to cover/subsidise. The course will run in The Church of Ireland Theological Institute in Dublin, in St. John's Parish Centre Moira and in Cork.

Further information from Lynda Levis, CITI Tel: 4923506 / lyndalevis@theologicalinsitute.ie

Booking forms are also available at The Sunday School Society Resource Centre Bookshop in The Holy Trinity Church Rathmines.

Articles

Hearts

One day a young man was standing in the middle of the town proclaiming that he had the most beautiful heart in the whole valley. A large crowd gathered and they all admired his heart for it was perfect. There was not a mark or a flaw in it. Yes, they all agreed it truly was the most beautiful heart they had ever seen.

The young man was very proud and boasted more loudly about his beautiful heart.

Suddenly, an old man appeared at the front of the crowd and said "Why your heart is not nearly as beautiful as mine." The crowd and the young man looked at the old man's heart. It was beating strongly, but full of scars, it had places where pieces had been removed and other pieces put in, but they didn't fit quite right and there were several jagged edges. In fact, in some places there were deep gouges where whole pieces were missing. The people stared - how can he say his heart is more beautiful, they thought? The young man looked at the old man's heart and saw its state and laughed. "You must be joking," he said. "Compare your heart with mine, mine is perfect and yours is a mess of scars and tears."

"Yes," said the old man, "Yours is perfect looking but I would never trade with you. You see, every scar represents a person to whom I have given my love - I tear out a piece of my heart and give it to them, and often they give me a piece of their heart which fits into the empty place in my heart, but because the pieces aren't exact, I have some rough edges, which I cherish, because they remind me

of the love we shared. Sometimes I have given pieces of my heart away, and the other person hasn't returned a piece of his heart to me.

These are the empty gouges -- giving love is taking a chance.

Although these gouges are painful, they stay open, reminding me of the love I have for these people too, and I hope someday they may return and fill the space I have waiting. So now do you see what true beauty is?"

The young man stood silently with tears running down his cheeks. He walked up to the old man, reached into his perfect young and beautiful heart, and ripped a piece out. He offered it to the old man with trembling hands. The old man took his offering, placed it in his heart and then took a piece from his old scarred heart and placed it in the wound in the young man's heart. It fit, but not perfectly, as there were some jagged edges. The young man looked at his heart, not perfect any more but more beautiful than ever, since love from the old man's heart flowed into his. They embraced and walked away side by side.

How sad it must be to go through life with a whole untouched heart.

(Roseleen Coleman)