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THE RECTOR WRITES



The Rector Writes

Many of us may have had the experience of seeing probably a boy racer roaring down the road at a great speed and we have thought, "Wise up!" Yet at the same time many of us motorists will confess that there have been times when we have exceeded speed limits and indeed a few will have been caught.

Advertisements on television drive home the message that speed kills. We witness in gory detail the carnage that can take place as a result of speed and careless driving. It seems that the scenes portrayed have to become more and more shocking to make us see sense.

Yet it is not only on the roads that the message applies - speed kills. Would it not be right that we can be so busy in life, speeding from one demand to another, that we can fail to actually appreciate life. Over activity and busyness can detract from the quality of our lives and in that sense speed may kill. Contrary to popular belief, pace and busyness is not necessarily the best way to live. Quality may require time, thought, reflection and rest. The pace of much contemporary life and work practices may be damaging people in all sorts of ways.

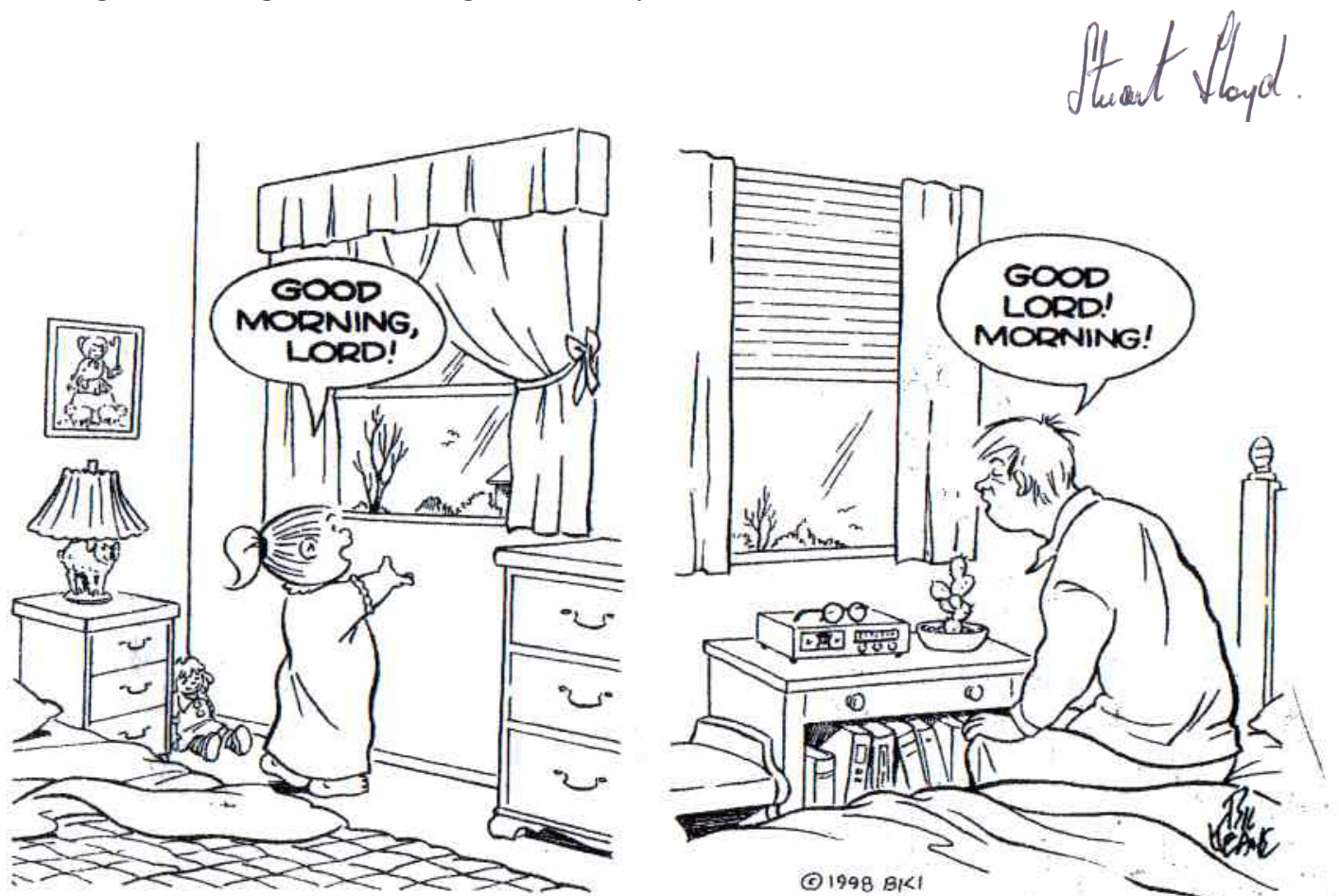
As Paul exhorted in scripture we are called as believers not to conform to the standards of the world but rather to reflect in our attitudes and actions, hearts and lifestyles the ways of the kingdom. This may be very demanding given the pace and pressure that we may find ourselves facing.



From the creation narratives in the bible it seems that God establishes seasons of work and rest, periods of growth and activity, waiting and quiet. As we look at the life of Jesus although he had so much to accomplish and was under so much pressure one senses that he was not a hurried person but rather that he was a person in control, at ease, with time clearly for his Father and for other people. We hear from scripture the importance of 'waiting upon the Lord' and we recognise how for instance Elijah found God not in noise and dramatic happenings but in silence. We also hear the warning of the prophet Isaiah, "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it."

The graffiti artist may have penned on the wall 'For fast acting relief from stress try slowing down' but the psalmist says, 'Be still and know that I am God'.

Speed kills and yet many continue to do it on the roads. Some of us, and we may recognise it, are still doing it in life. We need to seek God's strength to begin to change our ways.





Parish News

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 19th January was a very bad morning - snow on the ground, so we were very pessimistic about the numbers coming to the coffee morning. There was a very favourable turnout of people, enjoying the scones and tray bakes and of course the chat! A very big thank you to those who contributed £700 to the success of the morning - from the band of helpers.

MONY A MICKLE MAKES A MUCKLE

Some of you, I hope, (especially from up the Braid) will understand this to mean that small change adds up. Your generosity towards our bottle collection certainly proves this!



Last year our wee plastic bottles brought us £736.38.

Thank you so much - the Hospital can use every penny (but not those cents, zlotys and other odd coins we get)!

Please keep giving, and a happy and prosperous New Year to all our faithful supporters.

Barry Duke
Secretary
Friends of St Columba's
Hospital, Hazaribagh

TO THE PICTURES

We are going to the pictures during Lent. We now have the facility in the Minor Hall, through the recently installed audio/visual system, to show pictures. We intend to show *The Passion* - a film made some years ago for the BBC with our own James Nesbitt as one of the leading actors. We will break it into four 45 minute segments and show it on 4 Wednesday nights concluding each evening with some questions and

a cup of tea. This will run from **Wednesday 20th February** through to **Wednesday 20th March** with a break on the middle Wednesday 6th for an evening with our friend Ady from Nepal and to also hear from those who were in Nepal before Christmas. This will be a different way of reflecting on the events of the passion which is central to our faith and we trust that it will prove helpful.

CHALLENGE

Doesn't time fly? Christmas is a distant memory and now Lent is looming on the horizon. What do you do for Lent - give up chocolate or sweets or something else? Would you consider the discipline of taking up more exercise? So here is a challenge. Will you walk with us to Jerusalem? This is how it works.

Jerusalem is 2787 miles from Ballymena as the crow flies. The aim for us as parishioners is to cover those miles and in the process take on that discipline of a little more exercise. We start on **Ash Wednesday 13th February** and finish on **Maundy Thursday March 28th**. We are hoping that as



many as possible from the 3 churches will take part.

First you sign up on a form at the back of each church and you receive a card to record your mileage over the weeks with a bible verse also to reflect on during that week. The following Sunday you fill in your mileage on the master sheet, also at the back of each church and then the mileage from all those participating will be totted up so that we can have a regular update on how far we have walked to Jerusalem.

Here's the good news - it isn't only walking that counts. It can be any form of exercise - running, swimming, keep fit, stretching, cycling, gardening, housework or even pushing a shopping trolley. We are suggesting that for those not measurable in mileage you simply record 3 miles for an hour of any exercise. It will be interesting to measure how many miles we would normally undertake in a week - the challenge is to up this a bit! By the way miles covered driving a car do not count - we can hardly reckon these as exercise!

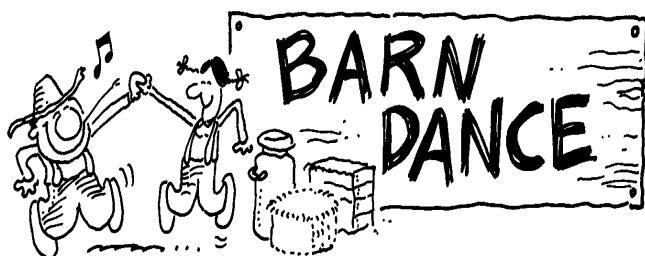


As we are walking to Jerusalem we thought we might do something for the people of Jerusalem or the Holy Lands. Bible Lands Society - or as it is now known 'Embrace the Middle East' is a Christian organisations which seeks to help especially handicapped children of all backgrounds. We would like those participating to consider making a donation of £10 or raising that amount through sponsorship. People of late have been generous in supporting our own church building appeal - this is an opportunity to look out to others.

We would hope to bring the challenge to a conclusion on Maundy Thursday by taking a short walk together to either St Patrick's or St Columba's for the Maundy Service at which we remember the Last Supper which did of course happen in Jerusalem.

DANCING FOR NON DANCERS!

Have you got rhythm?
Have you got the moves?
Have you got twinkling feet?
No? It doesn't matter.



This is the dance where you cannot embarrass yourself - all you need to do is just keep moving and having a good time.

Come to the Church Halls at Castle Street on **Saturday 9th March** for our BARN DANCE. No previous experience necessary - the Caller will tell you what to do and some dancers might even do it.

It begins at 7.30 pm. If you are not smiling by 8.00 pm you will be by 8.30 pm.

For £7.50 you not only get the joy of stripping the willow you also get Irish Stew for supper!

Tickets will be on sale soon. All profits to the Church Tower Fund.

SINGING YOUR HYMNS

As part of the Christmas Fair and our fund raising there was the opportunity to sponsor a hymn. Quite a few people did just that and we are going to sing at least some of them at a Hymn Festival Service on **Sunday 10th February** in **St Patrick's** at **11.30 am**. Most of the hymns chosen are very well known so there will be the opportunity for all to have a good sing but also to hear something about the hymns and their writers and what they were seeking to convey.

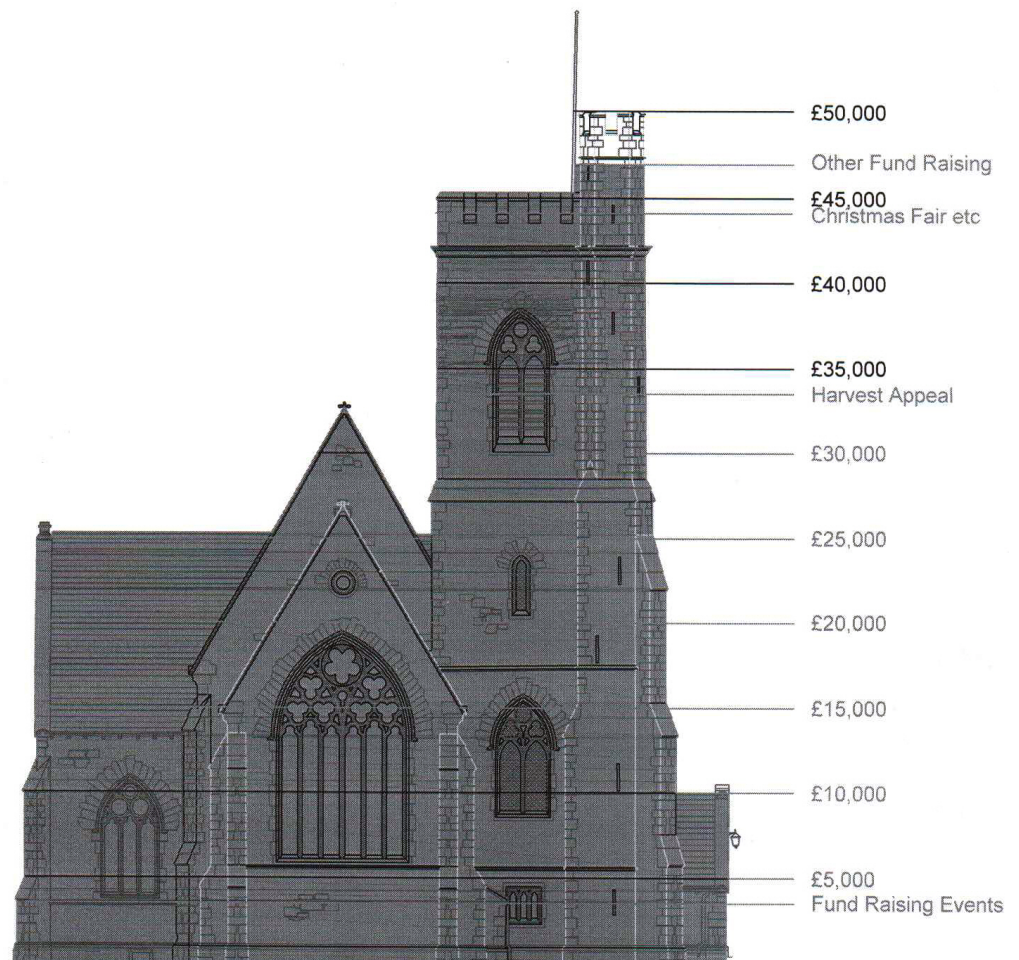


Fundraising

Parishioners will be aware of the major Restoration Project underway at St Patrick's Church and thus of our engagement in fundraising. The overall cost of the project is £250,000. We are obtaining substantial grants and we are drawing on some of our own funds but the immediate challenge was to raise £50,000.

Readers will be interested to hear how this is going. The direct harvest envelope appeal raised over £32,000 and the Christmas Fair just under £7,000. Then there

were other events - GFS Coffee Morning £325, Maurice and Irene's Soup and Coffee £800, Harvest Supper £800, Coffee Morning (Joan Holden) £800, Table Quiz £800, Priory Singers £320, Young People's projects £373 - all of this amounting to over £4,000. As well as this there were other monies which brought the total up to over £45,000.



EXISTING NORTH EAST ELEVATION

So we are well on our way to meeting our immediate target. And since these figures were given, another £700 has been raised at a Coffee Morning organised by Joan Holden and monies are still coming in from the sale of the Youth Calendar. Other fundraising events are also in the pipe line.

Our thanks to all who have been part of this fundraising, especially to our Fundraising Committee and those who took the initiative and organised various events.

It is vital that with all this fundraising for this Restoration Project which is channelled through our Renovation Account that our General Account, which provides for all the ministry and mission of the parish, does not suffer. It will take generous giving for this account to continue to support this work and with all the emphasis on fundraising we must still keep to the fore the encouragement of faith, the practice of worship and the engagement in mission.



"What's this we hear about you laying up treasures in heaven?"

living faith

It's New Years Eve and it feels a little strange writing an article for a magazine that's not out until February. I am still enjoying Christmas although there's a lot of debate in our home on when the season ends. Personally, I'd make it twice as long, but is that possible? Our first reaction probably will be, "I couldn't afford it!" Underlying the secular issues relating to Christmas is something of greater concern. Have we enough joy and passion to celebrate the birth of Christ in our lives to sustain this until the end of January? I know the Anglican Church has its own calendar but I reserve the right to have mine! It has two special seasons, Christmas and Easter. You see, I like to keep everything simple and in my world it's all about God's plan to save us from ourselves.

Anyway, by now, God willing, our first Living Faith service of 2013 will have come and gone. We hope that you enjoyed it and that God spoke to you through it in some way. Our next service is on **Sunday 24th February** and the theme is 'Habits ... taking over our lives? Good habits, bad habits and their effect on our lives'. There is no doubt that we all have habits. Unfortunately some of us struggle with more bad habits than good (and those that don't are probably in denial). We hope and pray that this service will help us all to explore this aspect of our lives. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

I'm going to listen to a few more carols now. They might still be on my play list when you are reading this! After all, what is wrong with singing about Jesus' birth any time of the year!

Sam Wilson

February 24

Habits Taking over our lives?

Good habits, bad habits and their effect on our lives.

March 24

Prayer 101—the basics!

Prayer is as simple as 123, or is it? An exploration of how we communicate with God.

April 28

If God is love, what are we?

Do we reflect God in our relationships with one another?

May 26

God's plan. Let's get involved.

Encouraging Christians to fulfil part of God's plan for our lives by helping others.

June 23

Caring for the mind and the body

A service of divine healing.

St. Patrick's Church of Ireland, Castle Street at 6:30 pm.

Refreshments and fellowship after the service.

**living
faith**

YOUTH STUFF!

The Youth of the Parish have been collecting money over the last couple of months to help with the church repairs. In total we raised £373.75 from different projects such as selling ice cream at Youth Club, building churches with 50 pence pieces through the Sunday School and also a quiz and selling reindeer food at Christmas. This was a great total - thanks to everyone who contributed and especially to Helen Weir a parent who made the reindeer food.

For all Sunday School teachers there will be a meeting at 3 pm on **Sunday 3rd February** at which CMS will come along to show us their annual project.



Energise

For all young people aged 11-14. This month's Energise will be in our own church, St Patrick's on **Sunday 17th February** from 6.30 - 8.00 pm. We hope that many will join us for this evening. The Theme is the 'Call to Love'.

**Lucy and
Alan**



Around the Parish

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE

All sections are busy preparing for Scripture exams, First Aid badges and the display evening.

Our 'Big Spring Jumble Sale' will be held on **Friday 1st March**. I would appeal to everyone in the parish to support the sale by clearing out the attic! Donations of bric-a-brac, clothes, furniture, books, toys, unused gifts, groceries and cakes will be greatly appreciated. Contact Alan Ross (2589 2740) for collection.



Alan Ross



MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

In January we welcomed back our old and new mums/carers, grandparents and tots. We enjoyed making Christingles along with our usual weekly crafts.

On 16th January we had a very enjoyable lunch with the ladies and gentlemen who help in the kitchen and with the car parking. We are delighted to welcome Jimmy Coleman and Robert McGimpsey to the car park marshalling team. In February along with our activities with toys, books, crafts, singing and dancing we look forward to Valentine's Day and Pancake Tuesday and also Sure Start coming on 5th February for Arts and Crafts. If you or your friends have babies or pre-school age children, please do come and join us on Tuesday mornings. You will find us in the church hall between 10 am and 12 noon - everyone welcome.

We send congratulations to Rosemary Stacey on the birth of her granddaughter and our best wishes to June McMaster and Oliver Reid, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Rota for February:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
5 February	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay and Mary Cochrane	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay	Car Park
12 February	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, and Rosalie Grainger	Tea
	Vera Owens	Welcoming
	Davy Nelson	Car Park
19 February	Martha Rainey, Dorothy Hegan and Isabel Halliday	Tea
	Anne Fisher	Welcoming
	Trevor Halliday/Jimmy Coleman	Car Park
26 February	Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair, Nell McIlwee and Karin Agnew	Tea
	Ann Harrison	Welcoming
	Davy Nelson	Car Park

Our sincere thanks to you all.

Dorothy (2589 2740), Anna, Anne and Liz



After many weeks of very hard work leading up to Christmas and indeed some stressful hours in the last week we have received very positive remarks about the service of nine lessons and carols. Thanks to all members of the choir and a special thanks to Dr Jonathan Drennan for his patience and encouragement during this time. Also to Jonathan's mum, dad and sister who are always willing to help at our special services.

It is a pleasure to welcome new members and we are pleased to welcome Linda Bell to the soprano line. It would be great if we could have some

more new members especially young people to keep St Patrick's tradition of music alive.

Choral Evensong will be on **Sunday 10th February 2013 at 6.30 pm** - please come along and enjoy the music.

Ella Duddy



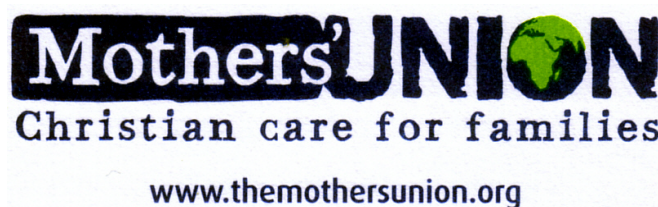
BADMINTON

Badminton has resumed after the Christmas break on a Wednesday evening. If you are free from 7.30 - 9 pm (year 8 - adult) - why not come along and join the fun.

Hazel Davison

MOTHERS' UNION

Wednesday 13th February 8pm - 'Fun with Flowers' with Pastor Lindsay. Supper - Ella Duddy and Rosemary Stacey.



Jean Kennedy

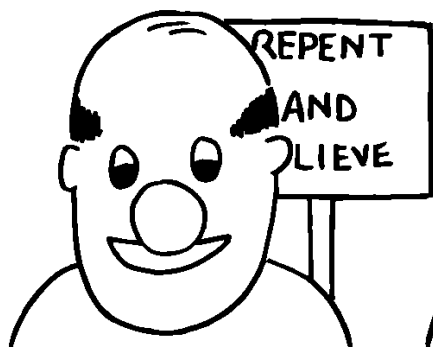
FLOWER GROUP

A word of sincere thanks to all who contributed to the St Patrick's flower list in 2012. This worked very successfully and we would remind parishioners that the 2013 list is now open and can be found at the back of the Church.

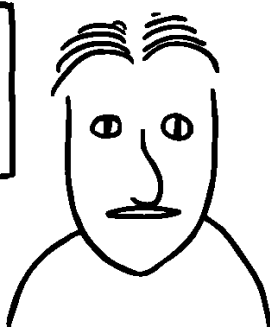


Etta and Jean

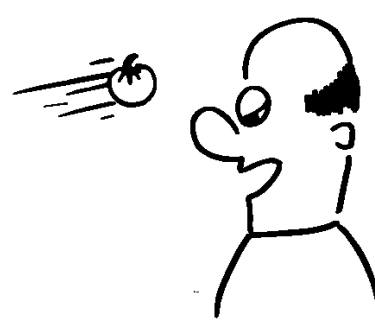
REVEREND ROGER



Evangelism is just like jogging



Is it? How?



No pain, No gain



Coming our way

Andres Camacho will be coming to us in February to spend time with us in the parish. And who you may ask is he? He is known to his friends including us as plain Ady. We met him for the first time when as a parish mission team we visited Nepal at the end of 2009. He was staying in the same guesthouse as ourselves and so began a friendship and partnership. In the years since whenever some of us were in Nepal we caught up with Ady and also kept in contact with him through email. In 2010 we worked with him in a project with street children.

Over these last years the partnership with Nepal has been forwarded by some of us going out to that country. We do try to tell parishioners about our experiences but we always realised that any mission partnership should be two way - it would

be good for someone from overseas to come to us. At the same time Ady was expressing a real desire to visit Ireland. So our wishes and his are now coming together. Visas are hard to obtain and are often a stumbling block for proposed mission visits but we were able to help Ady apply for a visa when we were in Nepal in November and soon after he got the good news that he had been successful. The Parish had paid for his flights and so he flies into Belfast on **Wednesday 20th February** and will be with us for nearly 7 weeks.

Ady is from the Philippines but has been working in Nepal for quite a few years. Much of his work has been with street children but he has also

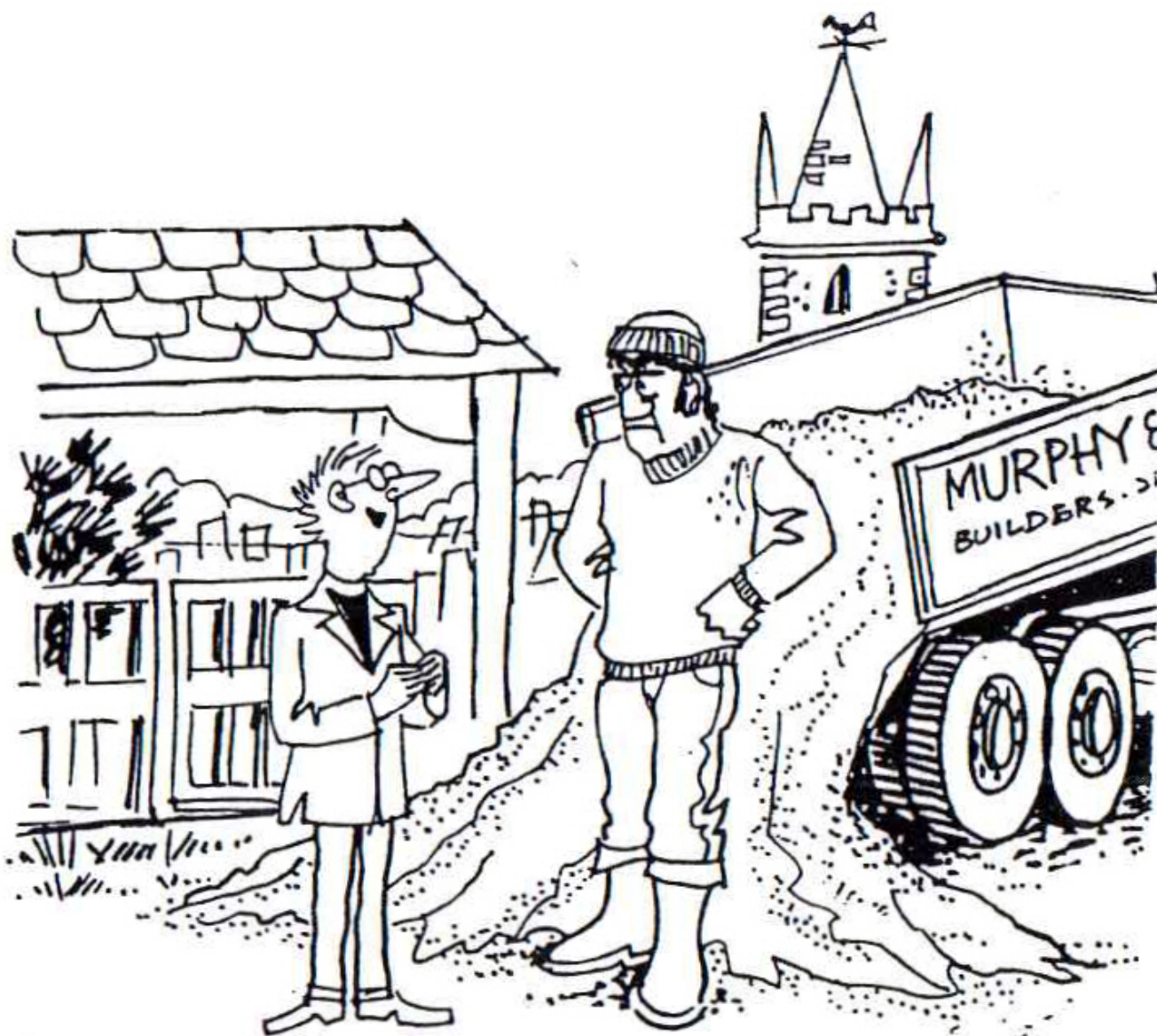


***Andres Camacho - Ady -
our partner***

engaged in other mission projects. He has an endearing nature being full of fun and really lives by faith. He trusts everything to God and this faith shines out. It is to be hoped that we will be uplifted by his simple but strong faith.

He does have quite a bit of English but at the same time we will have to make certain allowances and show some patience. We will be introducing him to various aspects of parish life and then considering where he may best contribute to our ministry. We will also want to allow him to see some of our tourist attractions.

Some members of the Mission Team will be providing hospitality in their homes but we trust that all whom he meets will make him feel at home. We want his visit to be a fruitful experience both for him and the parish.



Thank you Mr Murphy, but donations are usually made in the form of cheques or cash.



The Parish on the Internet

Even those people who refuse to get to grips with developments in modern technology will be hard-pressed to ignore it. It's everywhere! Nearly every television programme has some form of related information which can be accessed by pressing the red button on your remote control. You can even use your mobile phone to take a photo of a barcode of anything you see in the shops, and it will then tell you where to buy the same thing cheaper. The internet is now crammed with information about everything and anything. It doesn't matter if you're looking for directions, or a telephone number, or a review of the latest films, or to look up the menu of a restaurant before you go. Everything is now on the internet. So for a vast number of people in Ballymena, the internet is a tool which is never too far away.

It's within this context of our 'digital age' that our parish has two feet in the door of the online world. As you might expect, we have a website. Go to **ballymena.connor.anglican.org** and you'll see it. The primary purpose of the website is to provide an overview of the parish that a visitor or prospective parishioner might want to know. So it includes the history of the parish, service times, and information relating to people and activities. Whilst this website can be updated once in a while, it is intended that it should be fairly fixed in its content so as not to appear 'out of date' on a frequent basis. The site recently had an overhaul, and we are immensely grateful to Andy O'Rourke for his time and effort spent redesigning the website.

For more up-to-date information, we also have a Facebook page. You don't need to have a Facebook account in order to view much of the information on it. Have a look at **facebook.com/ballymenaparish** to see it. This site is updated a few times a week, primarily to highlight forthcoming events, and to display photos of events once they've happened. If you do use Facebook, then please 'like' our parish page. By

doing so you will be helping us to communicate our activities to a much wider audience. If you ever wondered why Facebook was such a useful advertising tool, then just consider this: currently just over 300 people have 'liked' our Facebook page. Between those 300 people, they have over 74,000 Facebook friends. Every time one of our 300 leaves a comment or 'likes' a photo or status update, then all their friends will see what they've 'liked'. That means that if we advertise an event, and all 300 people click on 'like', then 74,000 people in addition to our 300 friends, will see it. That is brilliant advertising, and best of all - it's entirely free!

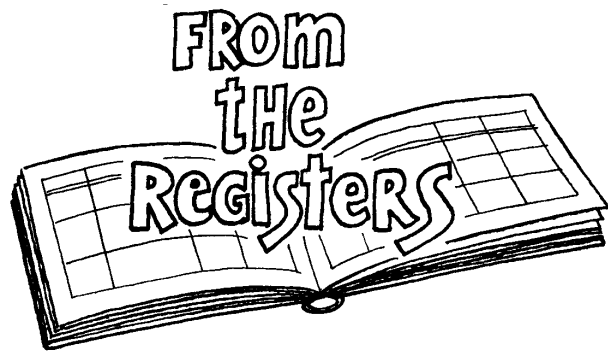
With our website and Facebook, our parish is well placed to handle any further developments in the technological world. We could venture into Twitter or to Google+ but perhaps quite soon there will be something even bigger or more radical to involve ourselves in. No doubt the Facebook bubble will burst one day, but there will definitely be something else to replace it, and it is important that we are ready to use all opportunities to advertise the Parish. The clergy have certainly already seen the benefits of our online presence - because new people have started coming to our churches because they have seen us on the internet. This can only be a good thing. It should be a reminder to us that in the modern age, the internet is a mission tool! If we can grow the Church through Facebook, then it can't be all that bad.

Brian

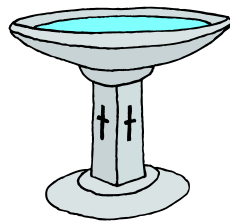
CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE GRAND SPRING



FRIDAY 1st MARCH 2013



HOLY BAPTISM



4 th Nov.	Leo Andrews	25 Pinegrove Park, Ballymena
30 th Dec.	Alex James Quigley	4 Rossdale, Ballymena

HOLY MATRIMONY



28 th Dec.	Robert McCabe Kathleen Baxter	12 Aylesbury Road, Mallusk 12 Aylesbury Road, Mallusk
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CHRISTIAN BURIAL



29 th Nov.	Margaret McAuley	7 Upper Princes Street
9 th Dec.	Jack Fleming	37 Old Cullybackey Road
11 th Dec.	Mary Magill	42 Granville Drive
21 st Dec.	Norman Carson	61 Old Galgorm Road
21 st Dec.	Margaret Cunningham	2 Gloonan House, Killane Park

23 rd Dec.	Albert Williamson	Camphill Clinic
28 th Dec.	Thomas Philpott	74 Lettercreeve
2 nd Jan.	Andrew Boyd	133 Moat Road
11 th Jan.	Joseph McAuley	6 Knockeen Road
21 st Jan.	Emma Turtle	5 Glenravel Park
26 th Jan.	Sidney Sherwin	Galgorm Nursing Home
27 th Jan.	Margaret Kilpatrick	31 Wilson Crescent

Margaret McAuley

Margaret had reached a very good age and though she was unsteady on her feet and quite deaf she still enjoyed life. Her two sons were very good to her and had her out in the car or van each day. She simply loved watching people and where possible engaging with them. She seemed to be always cheerful with a smile for everyone. Like many others she worked in Gallahers but also devoted herself to her family. Margaret loved to have her family about her and in times spoilt them with her baking. She always lived in this area and was a life time member of St Patrick's. We remember Roderick and Ronnie her sons.

Jack Fleming

Although Jack had not been well for some years his death came suddenly while he was on an errand up the town and thus was a traumatic experience for Tilly his wife who was with him at the time. Jack's life was very much tied up with the Fire Service - from earliest days to retirement he served in that capacity. He rose to become Assistant Divisional Commander with special responsibility for fire prevention. Married for 48 years, many were the holidays including cruises that he, Tilly and the family enjoyed together. Locally he served on the Road Safety Committee and in his time was an able sportsman. As a boy he had sung in St Patrick's Choir and much later was to be a churchwarden in St Columba's. We remember not only Tilly but also son Michael and daughter Patricia.

Mary Magill

Mary had reached the end of a good and profitable life and all through that life she was sustained by a strong faith. Brought up in Rathmullan, Co. Donegal, of which she had so many happy memories, she was to join the army and this brought her to Ballymena where she met husband

Herbie. Their years together were cut short when he died in 1976 and the death of their only son Robin in 1987 was a further blow. True to form Mary battled on and despite suffering from arthritis in later years continued to remain positive. She was fiercely independent and did remain living on her own to the end. She was a delight to visit with plenty of chat. She had played the organ in the church in Rathmullan and here was a regular worshipper and communicant. She was a lovely lady with a faith that shone through. We think of Muriel her daughter in law and Tanya and Michele her grandchildren.

Norman Carson

Although Norman had been very much slowing down, his death at home in the midst of the normal morning routine was a great shock to his wife Sandra. From Portadown he worked at Denny's Sausages, Malcolm Templeton's Garage, Enkalon, The Flower Shop in Ballymena and for his latter years he ran a business as a professional heating engineer. He was very good with his hands and in terms of engineering abilities self taught. He also had an analytical mind. He was to serve in the UDR for 17 years through the worst of the troubles and was to provide a particular break through in the field of signals. He was Treasurer of the UDR Association for many years and his accounting skills were brought to the UDR Benevolent Fund to which he gave so much of his time. Meticulous in nature he very much enjoyed classical music and was passionate about the preservation of the countryside. We offer our sympathies to Sandra his wife.

Margaret Cunningham

Margaret died on the same day as her husband did 17 years ago. That had been a great blow to her and eventually she was to move to sheltered housing. She did come through an operation for cancer but this was later to return. Brought up in Ballymena she worked in the Mill and then in Gallahers where she was involved in training. She was very particular and this showed in the way she kept her house. Margaret was very close to her daughter Deirdre who constantly came to care for her in her latter years. A life time member of St Patrick's she really came to appreciate Christ as her Saviour back in 1985. Even when she was not able to get to church she loved to receive Holy Communion in her little flat and to be visited by people from the church. We remember Deirdre and grandchildren Lee, Gavin and Danielle.

Albert Williamson

Albert was a Ballymena man who had lived in Broughshane for some time. He and his wife Elizabeth (known as Lily) had seven children: Brian, Audrey, Rodney, Noel, Nanette, Raymond and Ian. He had many grandchildren and a few great grandchildren. Albert worked for many years as a labourer for the Electricity Board, although he worked in the Mill and as a soldier prior to that. His interests included boxing, and fly fishing, for which he was well known in the local area. He was well respected in the community, and well cared for by his family. For the last year of his life he suffered ongoing illness and lived in Camphill Nursing Home. His wife Lily passed away exactly 26 years to the day prior to Albert's own death. We remember his surviving family in their grief.

Thomas Philpott

Thomas was not known to the clergy till he was hospitalised last year and then we continued to see him as his illness progressed. Brought up on the Shankhill Road in Belfast he was to become a professional boxer and even in his latter years he undertook voluntary work here in Ballymena with the All Saints Boxing Club. He spent many years in the army, serving in Borneo, Cyprus, Belize, Germany, Hong Kong amongst other places, and as a trainer of other men was remembered as a strict disciplinarian who got the best out of soldiers. When he left the army he was to continue to work with the MOD in St Patrick's Barracks. We remember his wife Mary, daughters Maria and Caroline and sons Thomas, Lawrence, Trevor and Gary.

Andrew Boyd

While for some years in poor health Andy had still been able to enjoy lunch and company with relatives on Christmas Day. He was soon after to pass away quietly at home and that was good as he had chosen to remain in his home despite declining health. Born in Scotland he moved to Broughshane where he was brought up. All his life he was to work as a painter with the Council and was an old style tradesman taking great pride in his work. Married to Georgina they were to be together till 3 years ago when she died. A quiet man he took a great interest in sport and was very knowledgeable on many sporting matters. Confirmed in St Patrick's Broughshane he and Georgina were regular in worship with us. We offer our sympathy to his brother Bill in Scotland and nephews and nieces.

Joseph McAuley

If Joe could have chosen a way to die it would have been how it happened - while he was out cycling in the area he so loved around Slemish. However the suddenness of his departure clearly was a great shock to his family. Joe lived much of the earlier part of his life in Queen Street, then had a house built in Deramore before moving to Knockeen Road. Most of his working life was at Gallahers where he met his wife Aileen. Very much a family man he was also to serve his country in the UDR. Joe had a great interest in matters historical and archaeological but his real passion was the cycling. He was a founder member of the Ballymena Road Club and through the years contributed much to the club. Through the cycling he was able to do charity work and it also gave him a great knowledge of the local countryside. We remember his wife Aileen and sons Brian and Alan.

Emma Turtle

Emma had been living independently until 6 weeks ago when she had a stroke. It was hoped that she would make a good recovery but unfortunately her death came just at the point when she was starting to get better. Emma would have hated to have to leave her own home and fortunately this did not happen. She had a variety of jobs in Ballymena - at the Braid Mill, in schools and as an usherette in the cinema - before marrying Jonny who had been a soldier. Emma and Jonny married in England and later came to live in Ballymena where Emma's main job became that of raising her family. She had ten brothers and sisters of whom four are still living Nanette, Meeta, Alfie, and Isabel. Jonny died in 1985. Their children are Carol, Roy and John. There are also grandchildren. They remember Emma as a warm person who loved to get out and who enjoyed trips and activities. We offer all Emma's family our sympathies at this time.

Sidney Sherwin

Sidney Frank Sherwin (known as Sid) was born in 1920 in Harrogate in Yorkshire. In his late teens he joined the army, and during his training he was based here in Northern Ireland where he met his wife Patsy. He was sent to Normandy two weeks after the 'D' Day landings, and was awarded the Military Medal for bravery. On returning home, he married Patsy and after a short time in England they moved to Ballymena, living in Railway

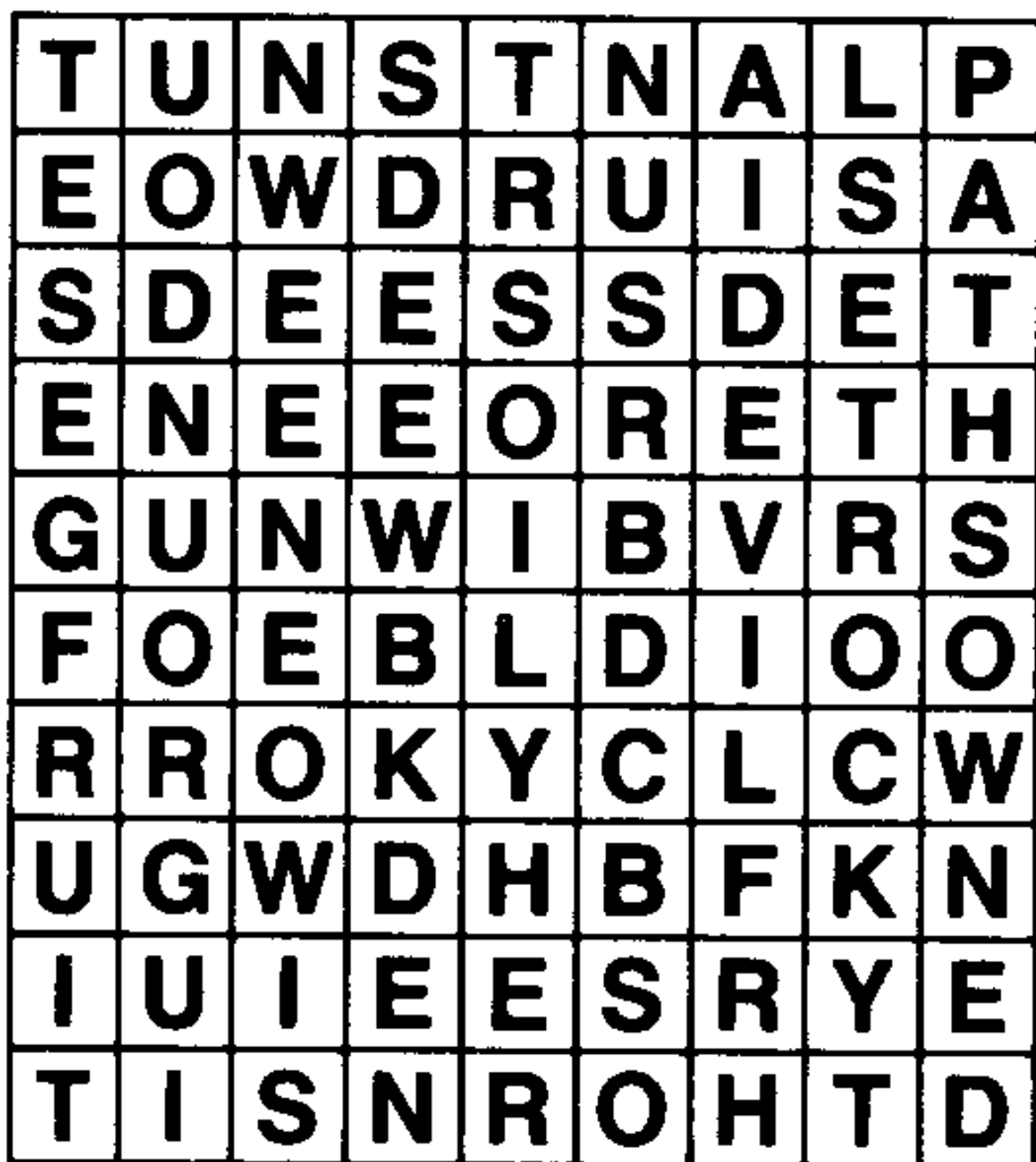
Street and then Kintyre Park in the newly built Ballykeel Estate. They had two sons, Brian and Roy. Sadly, Patsy passed away in 2004. Sid himself became ill just a few years ago, and moved in with his son Roy until eventually needing to move to Galgorm Nursing Home. Sid is remembered as a family man, who had a great sense of humour. He was not a churchgoer, although he had connections in his youth with the Church of England. We remember his family in our prayers, particular his sons Brian and Roy, at this difficult time.

Margaret Kilpatrick

Margaret had not been well for some years and indeed seldom ventured from the house. She seemed to appreciate that her time had come and was glad that she was able to die at home. Brought up in James Street in Harryville she was to live for a time in Cullybackey - she married husband Sammy there - but then she was to live for over 50 years in Wilson Crescent. Like many others she entered the Mill straight from school - indeed in her case even before her 14th birthday. Later of course her main work was in bringing up her family. A quiet and very private person she simply liked her own home and was content to watch her soaps on television. We offer sympathy to Sammy and Billy her sons and daughters Mary and Margaret.



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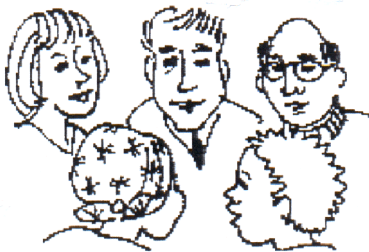
OUR ACTIVITIES

SAINT PATRICK'S

	Day	Time	Venue
Bellringers	Friday	7.30 pm	Tower
Bible Fellowship	Tuesday	8.00 pm	Choir Vestry
Church Choir	Thursday	7.30 pm	Choir Vestry
Church Lads' Brigade			
YBC	Friday	6.45 pm	Parochial Hall
JTC	Friday	6.45 pm	Parochial Hall
CLB	Friday	8.00 pm	Parochial Hall
Girls' Friendly Society	Tuesday	7.15 pm	Minor Hall
Healer Prayer Group	Tuesday	7.15 pm	Church Vestry
Indoor Bowling Club	Monday	7.30 pm	Parochial Hall
	Thursday	7.30 pm	Parochial Hall
Mothers and Toddlers	Tuesday	10.00 am	Parochial Hall
Mothers' Union	2nd Wed.	8.00 pm	Minor Hall
Still Active Club	3rd Wed.	2.00 pm	Minor Hall
Youth Club	Saturday	8.00 pm	Parochial Hall
Junior Youth Club	Saturday	7.00 pm	Parochial Hall
Young Adult Fellowship	2nd Sunday	7.30 pm	Jubilee Room
Youth Fellowship	3rd Sunday	7.30 pm	Parochial Hall
Badminton	Wednesday	7.30 pm	Parochial Hall
Theology Group	1st Thurs.	7.45 pm	Jubilee Room
Sewing Group	Thursday	10.00 am	Parochial Hall

SAINT COLUMBA'S

	Day	Time	Contact
Beavers	Monday	6.30 pm	Mrs L McCullagh
Ladies' Circle	4th Monday	8.00 pm	Mrs L Beatty
Brownies	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Mrs S Foster
Guides	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Mrs K Black
Squirrels	Wednesday	6.30 pm	Mr P Houston
Christian Living Group	3rd Wed.	7.30 pm	Rev B Lacey
Cubs	Thursday	6.45 pm	Miss H Hughes
Choir	Sunday	10.15 am	Mrs S Montgomery
Rainbows	Friday	6.30 pm	Miss E Peachey
Scouts	Friday	7.45 pm	Mr K Hughes



OUR WORSHIP

ST PATRICK'S PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.15 am		<i>Holy Communion</i>
10.15 am	<i>3rd Sunday in the month</i>	<i>Family Service</i>
11.30 am		<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	<i>1st Sunday in the month</i>	<i>Parish Communion</i>
6.30 pm		<i>Evening Prayer</i>
	<i>4th Sunday in the month</i>	<i>Living Faith Service</i>

EVERY WEDNESDAY

10.30 am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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ST PATRICK'S, BALLYCLUG

SUNDAY SERVICES

10.00 am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	<i>4th Sunday in the month</i>

ST COLUMBA'S, DUNCLUG

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.30 am	<i>1st Sunday in the month</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>
11.30 am		<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	<i>2nd Sunday in the month</i>	<i>Family Service</i>
	<i>3rd Sunday in the month</i>	<i>Family Communion</i>

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

ST PATRICK'S

11.30 am	<i>Church</i>	<i>Leaders - Mrs L McLaughlin and Mr A Ross</i>
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ST COLUMBA'S

11.30 am	<i>Church</i>	<i>Superintendent - Mrs S Foster</i>
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HOLY BAPTISM

At Sunday services by arrangement