

Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug

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Diocese of Connor - Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug



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	People's	Mr John Mawhinney
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St Patrick's	Mr John Linton
St Columba's	Miss Margaret Mawhinney

Organists

St Patrick's	Dr Jonathan Drennan
St Columba's	Mrs Sandra Montgomery

THE RECTOR WRITES



The Rector Writes

It's the time of year when I put away the garden hose. In May I lay it out around the rectory grounds ready to do the watering when the summer bedding plants go in. So you know how many times I used it for that purpose this year? Yes you have probably guessed right. I didn't use it once - no need when you had the rain to do the job. However, the hose did get much use in a different way. My young grandson loved playing with it squirting water in every direction and to his great delight at times at grandpa!

Now my garden hose is a long one - indeed it is made up of several hose lengths joined together. It has to be long to reach from the outside tap in the yard right around to the front of the house. And I am fortunate in having very good water pressure from that tap and thus I can get a great spray of water out of the nozzle. Yet do you



know what often happens? I turn on the tap and then go around to the far side of the house and turn the nozzle on. However, instead of a great flow of water what comes out is but a dribble. What has happened is that the hose has got turned back on itself and has got a kink in it thus preventing the flow of water. I need to go along the length of the hose, find the kink and straighten it out and then the water flows freely.

We are meant to be channels through which the love, mercy and compassion of God flow. We are the body of Christ - his hands, feet, eyes, ears etc. here on earth. We are to let his light shine out through us. We are to allow He who is the Water of Life to flow through us.

The problem is that often we are turned in upon ourselves, there are kinks in our lives and blockages mean that what comes out is but a dribble - much less than the full glory of the gospel that we are meant to convey by our deeds and words. Straightening out is required.

One of the blockages is surely that we may find it easier to display a judgemental spirit than a spirit of mercy and encouragement. That failing may in turn be hindering particular relationships and those poor relationships are a further blockage. Where people witness folk - and yes it happens among parishioners - denigrating others, little of the love and mercy of God is coming out.

So next time your hose only yields a dribble because of a kink, consider whether there are things in your life which might need straightening out!

Stuart Lloyd.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING



SUNDAY 14th OCTOBER 2012

ST PATRICK'S

11.30 am - Preacher the Rev. Jason Kernohan

6.30 pm - Harvest Hymn Festival with Reflections



Parish News

PRAYER VIGIL

We are having a prayer vigil on **Friday 19th October** in St Patrick's. It will run for 4 hours 8.00 pm to midnight. We will attend to God, wait upon him in the quietness of the church and in openness to him in prayer hear what he may have to say. Through prayerful waiting and listening we will seek to discern especially what God would have us to do as a parish.

There will be those who can commit to stay for the whole vigil but others will come for just part of it. Rather than a great deal of coming and going we would encourage people to come for a reasonable period of time.

Nothing will be required of people except to wait prayerfully upon God. People may sit where they wish and possibly move quietly about the church. There will be some aids about the church to encourage prayer and reflection. We will come together each hour

to have a short time of common prayer.

As we are seeking to listen to God there will be a facility whereby when anyone does hear a word or a thought is given to them, they may if they wish record this. Light refreshments will also be available throughout the vigil.

We may well admit that in the midst of all our activity and all we decide to do, we have overlooked this waiting upon God. We seek to approach this vigil with expectancy - please consider being part of it.

THEOLOGY GROUP

The Theology Group will be holding three meetings this term: On Thursday 11th October we will discuss 'What happens when we die?' On 1st November we will examine 'The Beliefs of Early Israel', and on 6th December we will study 'The Old Testament Prophets'. Each session commences at 7.45 pm, and lasts for about 90 minutes, with a tea break in the

middle. It doesn't matter if you have never attended the Group before, and it is geared towards those who have no previous theological training. The Group meets in the Minor Hall.

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

A new discipleship group is being formed which will meet monthly in St Columba's, but is open to parishioners from all three churches, and indeed any friends that they wish to bring with them. This group will meet on the third Wednesday evening of each month at 7.30 pm. The first meeting will be on 17th October. This will be a discussion group examining everyday issues from a Christian perspective, beginning with 'Should Christians Gamble?' The intention is not to enforce beliefs, but rather to allow us to share personal views and experiences in a safe environment, and to come to our own informed conclusions. For more information please speak to me.

Brian

GORE TRUST

Just a reminder. Applications for small grants for those parishioners involved in third level education can be made to the Parish Treasurer, c/o The Parish Office, St Patrick's Church, Trostan Avenue, Ballymena, BT43 5BT.

IRENE'S SOUP AND MAURICE'S COFFEE

We would like to thank most sincerely the many people from all three churches, including our three clergy, who supported our soup and coffee day! The response was wonderful. The crack was good even if folk thought at times we were having a game of musical chairs. Many of our neighbours also supported us and we felt a great sense of friendship and community spirit. A big thank you too to all those who gave us donations. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Without Nina and Rosemary this event could not take place. Thank you both so much for all your hard work!

Our total to date is £755.

Maurice and Irene

CONNECTIONS

Soon available - 'Connections' a short booklet of prayers. This booklet containing over 20 prayers is especially designed for the housebound or elderly. It can be given to them for their own use or could be used by those who visit the elderly. It will be available through church - small donation to cover printing costs would be appreciated. We trust it may

be a useful resource and that through it we may connect in prayer with our loving God.

REDEEMING OUR COMMUNITIES

We would like to thank all who helped over the summer at Ballee. If you would like to volunteer please contact me.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite any youth in the parish to come and join the fun at Ballee Community School on a Friday night from 7-10 pm, where

they can enjoy making music, designing cup cakes, nail art, pizza making, football and in the next couple of weeks we are going to Bangor to learn how to sail! Yes that is a real sailing boat, we are also going to try our hand at growing some vegetables and house plants for the winter, so if you see yourself as the next Alan Titchmarsh or Dermot Gavin please come along and join us - ALL FREE.

See you on Friday nights 7-10 pm.

Debbie Chestnutt

Arthritis Care has a UK-wide network of branches and groups where people with arthritis can meet up and support others locally, enjoy demonstrations, talks, information sessions, chat and outings!



ARTHRITIS CARE

*Empowering
people with arthritis.*

BALLYMENA BRANCH OF ARTHRITIS CARE
meets 2nd Monday of each month (Sept - June) 2 - 4 pm
at
The Michelin Athletic Club
Woodside Road, Ballymena

ALL WELCOME!

For further information contact:- Jean 075 9623 8470

ST COLUMBA'S LADIES' CIRCLE PROGRAMME 2012 -2013

We are a very informal group who enjoy a chat, a cup of tea
and learning something new.

Meetings are normally held on the fourth Monday of each
month at 8 pm.

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

2012



24th Sept
22nd Oct
26th Nov
10th Dec

Our curate Rev Iain Jamieson
Kids 4 School
Jenny Jackson - her life
daughter, mother, soldier
Flower Arrangements for
Christmas



28th Jan
25th Feb
25th Mar
22nd Apr
May/June

Belated Christmas Dinner
Meta Preston - Spiritual scones
Holy Week Service
Rev Derek Kerr (talk) - Royal
Memorabilia
Outing to be arranged

2013



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Around the Parish

SQUIRRELS

Fun, laughter and chaos have returned to Wednesday nights, which can only mean one thing - Squirrels are back!

We were delighted to see our boys again, plus lots of new members arriving to join us and new friendships have been made already. We have now reached the maximum number of boys that we can have in our Squirrel Drey, but if anyone wishes to join please let us know as there may be more spaces available after Christmas.

Paul and Ann



SCOUTS

The Scout section at St Columba's has now resumed. For information on all the summer's activities have a look at last month's issue of the magazine or head to our website: www.stcolumbasscouts.co.uk.

As part of our on-going charity project we recently sold Scout-themed fireside quizzes. It was quite tricky so very well done to the winners: 1st - Mabel Gregg, 2nd - Aaron Coates, 3rd - Joan Linton. The next badge the Scouts will be working on is the Community badge so watch this space!

ASL Richard McQuillan

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE

Thanks to everyone who supported the car boot sale and coffee morning. With numbers increasing in all sections we are very grateful for all the new leaders who have volunteered to help on a Friday night and welcome Zara, Tiffany and Nicole.



The boys are working towards their membership badges, scripture knowledge, first aid and healthy eating. Senior boys are looking forward to volleyball and uni hock competitions.

Hallowe'en party - Friday 26th October (usual times).

Alan Ross



MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

It's great to see everyone back and also many new faces, you are all very welcome. Sure Start are coming on Tuesday 9th October, we are looking forward to this. We will take a break for Hallowe'en on **Tuesday 30th October**, therefore our party will be on 23rd October - dress up if you like. Our coffee morning for the tea ladies and gentlemen who look after the car parking will DV be on Wednesday 10th October.

Rota for October:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
2 nd October	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay and Mary Cochrane	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay	Car Park
9 th October	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Martha Caulfield and Rosalie Grainger	Tea
	Vera Owens	Welcoming
	Oliver Reid	Car Park
16 th October	Martha Rainey, Dorothy Hegan and Isabel Halliday	Tea
	Anne Fisher	Welcoming
	Trevor Halliday	Car Park
23 rd October	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, Liz and Anne

MOTHERS' UNION

MOTHER'S UNION ANNUAL AREA
SERVICE MONDAY 8th OCTOBER at
8PM - ST PATRICK'S, BALLYMENA.
Supper in hall after service.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

www.themothersunion.org

SHOE BOX APPEAL - Filled boxes as soon as possible. Last collection date
Sunday 28th October.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING - Decoration of Church will take place on Friday
12th October from 10 am. Gifts of fruit, vegetables, flowers and help will
be greatly appreciated.

Jean Kennedy

ST PATRICK'S PARISH CHURCH HALL Castle Street



TABLE QUIZ

At 7.30 pm on WEDNESDAY
24th OCTOBER 2012

£4 PER PERSON - MAX 6 PER TABLE
SUPPER INCLUDED



The Ballymena Foodbank

The Foodbank scheme was set up by a Christian husband and wife Paddy and Carol Henderson in Salisbury, England in 2000. They had a charity called the Trussell Trust and while they were fundraising for poverty relief in Bulgaria, they received a call from a desperate mother in Salisbury saying, "My children are going to bed hungry tonight - what are YOU going to do about it." When the Henderson's researched food shortage and hidden hunger in the UK they were shocked to find that many local people, even in affluent middle class Salisbury, went temporarily short of food because of a sudden crisis. There are 13 million people living below the poverty line in the UK. Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy, illness, benefit delays, domestic violence, debt, family break-down and paying for the additional costs of heating in winter. At the moment state unemployment is rising and state benefits are being reduced so there is ever greater need. The Hendersons started Salisbury Foodbank in a garden shed, providing three days of emergency food to local people in a crisis. In 2004 the scheme went nationwide partnering with churches and communities to set up their own Foodbank. Doctors, social workers, probation officers (and so on) identify people in crisis and issue a food voucher. Clients receive three days of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food in exchange for their food voucher. Foodbank staff also make time to chat and to point clients to other helpful services. In 2011-12 Foodbanks fed 128,687 people nationwide, 100% more than the previous year. At the moment there are 250 food banks currently launched, and their goal is to have one in every town.

Foodbanks rely on the support of local communities. Volunteers target supermarkets and give a list of required foodstuffs and ask them to consider buying one or more items on a list to be given to people in need of food. This approach has a much greater take up rate than asking for money. Food collected locally stays locally and people are more willing to donate food than money because they know the food they buy is directly going to people in need. Foodbanks also give people an opportunity to volunteer, which can make a difference to their lives and give them self-respect and a way of contributing to society. Volunteers are used to sort donated food, to work in Foodbank centres meeting clients and giving out food, and helping at supermarket collections.

The Trust says the Foodbank scheme cuts crime; helps prevent housing loss, family breakdown and mental health problems. But from a Christian point of view these are secondary to the basic Christian duty to feed people: 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me'. (Matthew 25:35-36)

Green Pastures are going to start this service with their own money and are looking for assistance from volunteers from other local churches. They would like to use different church buildings as Foodbanks and St Patrick's would be well-located for this. Volunteers from St Patrick's wouldn't necessarily need just to volunteer at St Patrick's but anywhere in the Ballymena scheme. If interested please speak to Iain.

What's in a foodbox?

Milk (UHT or powdered)	Sugar (500 g)	Fruit juice (carton)
Biscuits or snack bar	Pasta sauces	Cereals
Sponge pudding (tinned)	Tomatoes (tinned)	Rice/pasta
Rice pudding (tinned)	Tinned fruit	Jam
Tea bags/instant coffee	Tinned meat/fish	Soup
Instant mash potato		

CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY 24th NOVEMBER AT 10 AM

Anyone interested in organising an event or who would like to have a table at the Fair please let a member of the Fundraising Committee know or the office.

You must let us know by the 26th October please.

If you want to donate an item for the auction it must be in good condition and must be valued over £25.

St Columba's Scouts



Be Prepared!
Come along this Friday!

What?

Hall, outdoor and wide games,
Several camps and trips each year,
Hiking, Canoeing, Pioneering, First Aid,
Orienteering, Survival Skills, Surf-kayaking,
Communication Tactics, Backwoods Cooking,
Charity Projects and much, much more...

Where?

St. Columba's Church Hall,
Grove Rd - Doury Rd Junction

When?

Fridays 1945 - 2150 for Scouts. Please refer to
the youth groups table for other sections' times.

Who?

New members are welcome at any time of year
but the start of a new term is a great time to join in the fun! The
Scout section is for boys and girls aged between 10 and 14 and
remember all the sections together provide adventurous activi-
ties for everyone from 4 to 18!

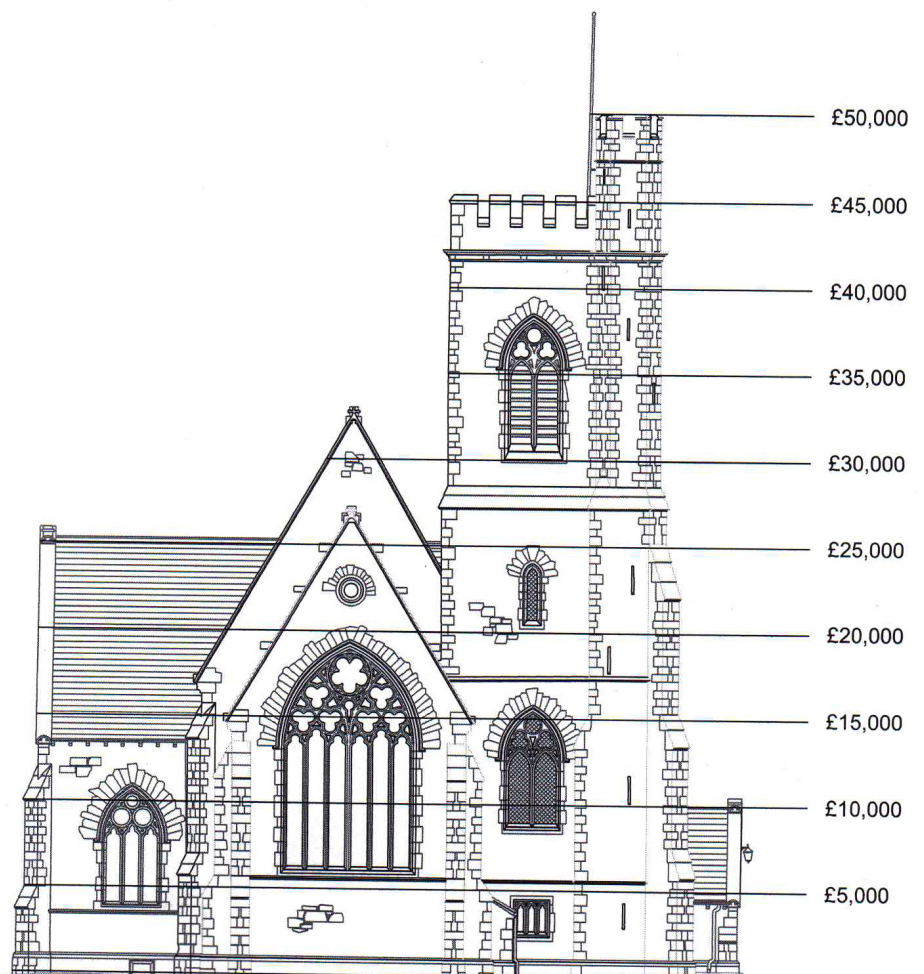
**For more info speak to Scout Leaders Ken Hughes
& Richard McQuillan or visit:**

www.stcolumbasscouts.co.uk

Be part of it!

Yes for most of us the big appeal is in front of us. This will be made through the Harvest Envelope and the main date for that is Sunday 14th October. By now most parishioners should be aware of the challenge - to make a sizeable dent in the £50,000 that we will have to raise over the next few months as we seek to fund our major Restoration Project at St Patrick's.

We are laying it on the line and calling for a committed response. Although it might seem to be asking a lot in these difficult economic times we are challenging parishioners to sponsor 'building blocks' at a cost of £50. Already, ahead of time, we have received a number of 'building blocks' and indeed some multiples of £50. That is encouraging. Of course we will be grateful for any sum contributed through the harvest envelope but it



will be especially encouraging if very many commit to sponsoring 'building blocks'. We are well aware that similar appeals in other

churches can raise considerable sums of money - now it is over to us. Trustingly all who belong to the parish will respond.

And don't worry if you miss contributing by Sunday 14th. In the weeks that follow you can use your Harvest Envelope or indeed any envelope with your name and address to participate in the appeal.

The finance committee is working away to secure the funding that is open to us - which could amount to just over £150,000. They are also considering other sources of funding. With £50,000 probably available from our Renovation Fund, that leaves us to find the £50,000 to meet the overall cost of the project which is £252,000.

In the light of the dedication of those who have gone before us, in the context of our membership of the parish today and in recognition of our Christian calling I would ask you to be part of it - our Restoration Appeal - sustaining our worship and maintaining our tower.

Rector

COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 13th October
Church Hall at 10 am**



**Come along and sing with the girls from the GFS
Coffee Morning with TEA/COFFEE AND SCONES**

Cakes available to buy on the day



All proceeds in aid of St Patrick's Church



The Curate's Letter

Thank you to everyone for making me welcome in Ballymena. I am deeply touched by the practical help and kindness which I have received. Ballymena is a welcoming parish, it's also a busy parish compared to others where I have worshipped or ministered, with a surprising amount of different things happening. There are so many groups doing different things in and around our three churches that I haven't yet got round them all. These are all signs of a healthy and energetic church community. Let's keep it that way!

This month we are reading through the Letter of James. One of James' concerns is that faith should express itself in action. James doesn't say that we are saved by works, because only the grace of God can save, but faith must express itself in works or it is cheap empty faith which merits no grace. Just as we were hearing this from James, as if on cue, just such an opportunity to express our faith in practical terms presented itself by way of an invitation to become involved in the Ballymena Foodbank. So that the whole of this letter will not be taken up with the Foodbank I have written a separate piece for the magazine outlining the Foodbank Scheme and I hope that some of you may feel able to get involved.

I was asked this week about how often it is fitting to take communion, and whether it was wrong to take it more than once a day? Quite a number of people, it seems, think it is improper to take communion more than once a day. My first thought on this was, there is no problem, but on the other hand there is no need to go necessarily *looking for*

communion more than once a day. I thought I would go to the top on this one so I emailed the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of Armagh to ask them what they think. If they reply I will let you know. Next month I will have some more information hopefully. I do know, however, that St Margaret of Scotland, (one time Queen of Scotland, born AD 1045 - died 1093 AD, who was in fact English) attended Mass *seven* times a day. That shows what a range of opinions there has been on this subject within the Christian Church.

The prophet-priest Ezekiel is a role-model of mine. Ezekiel is the only person in the Bible (apart from Adam, Eve and Moses) to have had an extremely close encounter with God. Adam and Eve say nothing about their encounter, but Ezekiel says much, after he recovered from such a severe shock that he fell on his face for three weeks. The Call of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 1-3) is one of the strangest pieces of religious literature ever. Another call, the Call of Isaiah (Isaiah 6: 1-8) is often read at Ordination services. Isaiah was quite a sensible sort of chap and his call from God was controlled and more tasteful than Ezekiel's bizarre call experience. No one would ever read the Call of Ezekiel at an Ordination service, because it sounds quite mad and would frighten people off. In fact Ezekiel's call reminds me of Aldous Huxley's experiences on the psychedelic drug Mescaline, which Huxley wrote about in his classic book about that drug *The Doors of Perception*. (That's a great read by the way if you ever fancy a Wacky Weekend).

Ezekiel's call reminds us that God is overwhelming and cannot be controlled. No one we know of has had a God-experience like Ezekiel. Not even an extreme prophet like Jeremiah. And the rub was Ezekiel was a *priest*, he had to connect his profound encounter with God with the daily practice of worship in the Temple in Jerusalem. Temple worship was always extremely controlled and ritualistic, and never causal or random. No one *ever* tried out anything new in the temple. Out of this dilemma came Ezekiel's vision of a new temple (the old one had been destroyed

by the Babylonians just before Ezekiel's call). And out of Ezekiel's dilemma came a paradox: Ezekiel's vision of a new temple better suited to witnessing to God's uncontrollable hugeness and unpredictability, has even *more* rules and regulations for ritual than the *old* temple. Yet, amazingly, in Ezekiel 47, we read that out of this rigidly controlled and ritualistic new temple flows a river of grace, of such power that it is capable of transforming the entire world.

This gives us a very strong message to worship carefully and reverently. As we have seen James thought faith *must* lead to action. Ezekiel thinks faith *must* lead to careful worship and careful worship may trigger grace. Worship with careful ritual, submitting to God's kingship, can trigger a power which will overflow from the church into the world transforming creation into a new Garden of Eden.

Iain James

St Columba's Hallowe'en Dinner

With Entertainment

Saturday 27th October 2012 at 7.00 pm

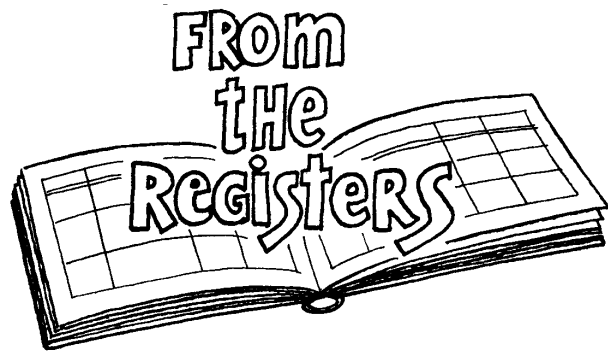


Three Course Beef Dinner

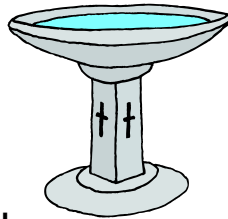
(Vegetarian option – please notify Liz Hughes)

Proceeds towards Audio Visual installation

Admission by ticket only - cost £15



HOLY BAPTISM



9 th Sept	Olivia Belle Taylor	47 Glendun Park, Ballymena
30 th Sept	Kerri Anne Wilkinson	20 Old Antrim Road, Ballymena
	Tiffany Amber Cunningham	9 Shona Green, Ballymena
	Natasha Carol Cole	115 Lettercreeve, Ballymena
	Cory Matthew Woulahan	115 Lettercreeve, Ballymena
	Luke Mark Woulahan	115 Lettercreeve, Ballymena
	John Josh Woulahan	115 Lettercreeve, Ballymena

HOLY MATRIMONY



7 th Sept	Samuel Neill	11 Old Staffordstown Road, Randalstown
	Jill Robinson	22 Westbourne Avenue, Ballymena
7 th Sept	Tom Wilson	113 Rosses Lane, Ballymena
	Heather Agnew	113 Rosses Lane, Ballymena

CHRISTIAN BURIAL



29 th Aug	Lilian Carson	12 Lanntara, Ballymena
30 th Aug	James Kenny	34 Harberton Park, Ballymena
10 th Sept	Bill Jordan	36 Arran Avenue, Ballymena
29 th Sept	Hugh McGuckin	42 Larne Road, Ballymena

Lilian Carson

Lilian had been ill since the beginning of the year and just 3 months before her own death she had suffered the loss of her husband Tommy. She wanted to spend her last days at home and she got that wish due to the unstinting care of her family. Although she was well aware that her time was limited there was a quiet and faithful acceptance of what lay ahead. Lilian spent all her life in Ballymena working in the Mill and later in Magees. Yet her main work in life was looking after her own family and then the grandchildren - she was very much a home maker. She and Tommy had shared 56 years of marriage and had come through some hard times including the loss of two of their family. We extend our sympathy to her daughter Elizabeth and sons David and Robin.

James Kenny

James had over the last 9 years, since he had heart difficulties, been in and out of hospital 34 times. As time went on he found himself more and more limited and this was frustrating for a man who was fiercely independent. He was blessed in having those who gave him good care over the years and it was not always easy for them. James was hard working - he spent many years in the building trade and then worked with the Water Service. He was generous to members of his own family and compassionate to those less fortunate in other parts of the world. A countryman at heart he had a great interest in animals and plants. An intelligent person he could hold forth on many subjects. Although not a church goer he was supportive of the church and still had firm beliefs. We remember his sister Julia at this time.

Bill Jordan

Bill was quite accepting of his illness and though greatly limited he tried to continue with church and bowls as long as he could and remained the same right to the end - keeping his family and friends going with his particular sense of humour. Brought up in East Belfast he was to spend 17 years in the Navy as a writer. He served on various ships in different parts of the world and many a story he could recount about those days. He also worked in Saudi Arabia with Lockheed International and back in Ballymena for a time in a garage on the Ballymoney Road. He loved working with books and accounts and right to the end he was maintaining the figures for the bowls. He contributed a great deal to bowling in the parish - it was thanks to him that the summer bowls was such a success over many years. He was also quite an artist undertaking paintings, etchings and line drawings. Married to Myra for 56 years they built a close knit family and the banter and carry on that one witnessed in the home was a sign of this. Bill had always been involved in the church and here in Ballymena he was a regular worshipper as well as assisting with the count and the bowls. And Bill was not just going through the motions - he had a faith which sustained him and allowed him to meet his illness without fear. We remember at this time Myra and daughters Carol, Valda and Yvette.

Hugh McGuckin

Hugh didn't have good health over many years and had to struggle with various problems. Recently he had been doing somewhat better and so his death was a shock to his family. From Ballinderry, his own family had moved to Ballymena a long time ago for work, and Hugh for a time worked in the asphaltting business. He made friends through A.A. and the Hope Centre and enjoyed working out on the weights there. He liked to have people around him especially his family - he was there for them to share problems and to help in any way. He will be sadly missed by his wife Anne Marie, Carley and Kirsty and grandchildren Celine, Joshua and Curtis.





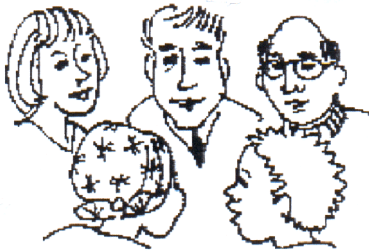
OUR ACTIVITIES

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	2nd 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