

# *Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug*

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## *Diocese of Connor - Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug*



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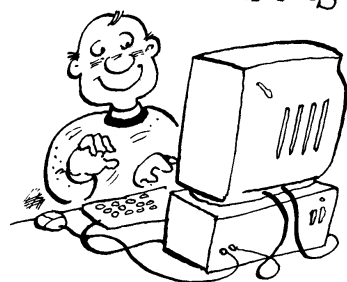
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THE RECTOR WRITES



# The Rector Writes

I write this just a day after the North West motorcycle races were cancelled. The organisers had been working towards this major event for most of the year. They had put a great deal of energy into bringing competitors from all over the world as well as attracting the thousands of spectators. As the big day drew near the signs were ominous - heavy rain was forecast. And they were spot on. It was a terrible day - the worst possible for road racing. Of course they tried to clear the course - they made valiant efforts to try to remove some of the water. Yet you can't stop a river flowing and that's what it almost amounted to - safety decreed that racing could not take place and eventually they 'threw in the towel' and abandoned everything. Now I can't say I am a fan of motorcycle racing but for all those enthusiasts it must have been a great disappointment.

I can't say I have a great interest in boxing either but I presume that's where that phrase that we often use 'throwing in the towel' comes from. When one boxer is being hammered by another and is taking too much punishment, his corner will 'throw in the towel' to admit defeat and end the contest.

I'm sure there are some reading this who are facing difficulties, who feel it is too much for them and are tempted to give up - 'throw in the towel'. There may be occasions when this is necessary but I wonder if there is another similar phrase that we should think of more often - that is 'taking up the towel'.

On the night before his crucifixion when Jesus may have been tempted to 'throw in the towel' he did not but rather 'took up the towel'. We read how in the Upper Room he took a towel and much to their amazement washed the disciples feet. He then told them that what they should learn from this was that as he had washed their feet they should wash each

other's feet. In other words they too should 'take up the towel' and engage in the way of service.

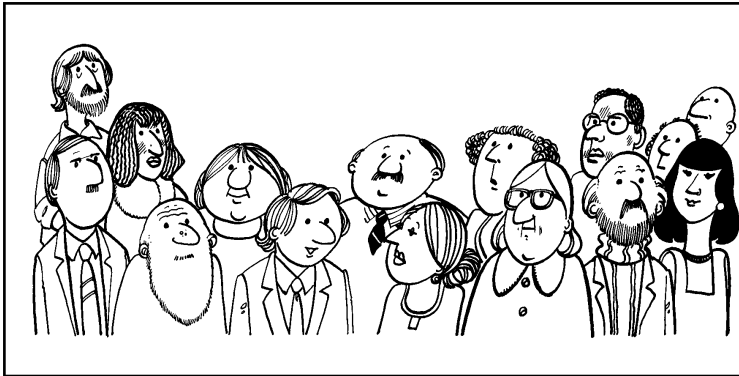
Yes life may often be such that we may want to 'throw in the towel'. Yet there will surely be opportunities when we can 'take up the towel' and do something positive for others. And as we pass through the season of Pentecost we are reminded of the gift of the Holy Spirit to strengthen us. He, the Holy Spirit, is there to help us in the face of the difficulties which might cause us to 'throw in the towel', but also there to enable us when opportunities arise to 'take up the towel'.

*Stuart Lloyd.*



**'Okay, okay, anybody want more of the same? Deacons? Churchwardens? Come on! I'll take you all on'.**





# Parish News

## **FIT FOR LIFE**

This programme has been running over the last 2 summers and those who have participated have enjoyed it. It consists of a fairly gentle walk followed by some refreshments and a short reflection. Last year, despite poor weather, a consistent number of people braved the weather and enjoyed the walks. Each evening's healthy food was sponsored by a local company and the offerings went towards nutrition work in Nepal.

God willing we will begin this year's programme on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** - starting at St Patrick's Hall at 7 pm. - and continuing through the summer each Tuesday night. You don't need to come on your own - consider bringing a friend or family member.

## **EASY FUNDRAISING!**

We are aware that some of our parishioners shop online. While we would always seek to promote local shops on our high street we would ask those who do use the

internet to consider registering at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk).

It doesn't cost you anything - just shop online using the retail partners including Amazon, John Lewis, M&S and over 2000 others. When you make purchases, they will donate money to your chosen cause.

Should you wish to support the church we are listed as St Patrick's Parish Church, Ballymena.

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2013**

Many thanks to all who helped with our efforts this year. The door-to-door collection raised £995.50 (with maybe a little still to come in). The lunches on 12<sup>th</sup> May raised £607.20 and then a further £512.50 was put on the collection plates in church. Altogether our parish has been responsible for collecting £2115.20 for the work of Christian Aid worldwide - and about half of that would not have come in had it not been for the group of dedicated

collectors. More than a quarter came from our fellowship together at the lunches where we were able to enjoy lovely soup and cheese - and catch up with many people we aren't always able to see to chat to every week. A sincere thank you to those who helped with the catering. A good week all round then!

**MEC**

## RESTORATION APPEAL

The last bits of the restoration work have finally been tidied up and all seem to be agreed that St Patrick's is now looking very well. This of course is due greatly to the generosity of parishioners. Our own Restoration Appeal raised a final sum of £52,824. This was made up of the monies received through the Harvest Restoration Appeal, various fun raising events, other donations and special mention should be made of an anonymous gift of £4,000 which enabled us to complete the stone work on the entrance arch. This was a great effort on behalf of many people and we really do appreciate the support given to the project. The final sum will be augmented also by gift aid money. Apart from this parish restoration appeal we also received money from various funding bodies including the Lottery and NIEA and some grants.

We attempted to acknowledge all monies given through the Harvest Appeal and these will also appear in the 2012 financial report. We now want to thank all others who contributed to the project and these are listed below.

Irene's soup and Maurice's coffee	£800
Mothers and Toddlers	£100
Anonymous donations	£80, £20, £100, £100, £100, £100, £10, £10, £50 and £25
Joan Holden coffee morning	£780
James Doloughan	£36
Mothers' Union	£50
Annie Snell	£100
Cheryl Sinclair	£50
St Patrick's Sewing Group	£150
Family Table Quiz	£820
Canon K Ruddock	£10
St Patrick's Bellringers Society	£300
James Henry	£500
J P Craig	£50
Priory Singers	£330
Harvest Supper (part)	£800
GFS coffee morning	£300
Ballymena Rugby Club	£100
The Walker Family	£300
Sarah McClung	£89.48
Dr A Greer	£100
Coffee morning (Joan Holden)	£902
Seven Towers M V Choir concert	£1238
Barn Dance	£838
Calendars	£307
Christmas Fair	£6793.20

Thank you to all. We trust that when you look at the church building in the future you will know that you had a part to play in its restoration and that you will have a certain sense of ownership.

### MESSAGE FROM ADY

Greetings from Nepal.

Here I am adjusting again to the warmth of summer, the dusty roads and the massive noise around me.

I thank the Lord for giving me the opportunity to stay for 3 months and the effort of Rev. Stuart Lloyd and the Mission Team in bringing me to Northern Ireland and Ballymena. I've learnt so many things during my volunteering - working in the different programmes and interacting with the parishioners.

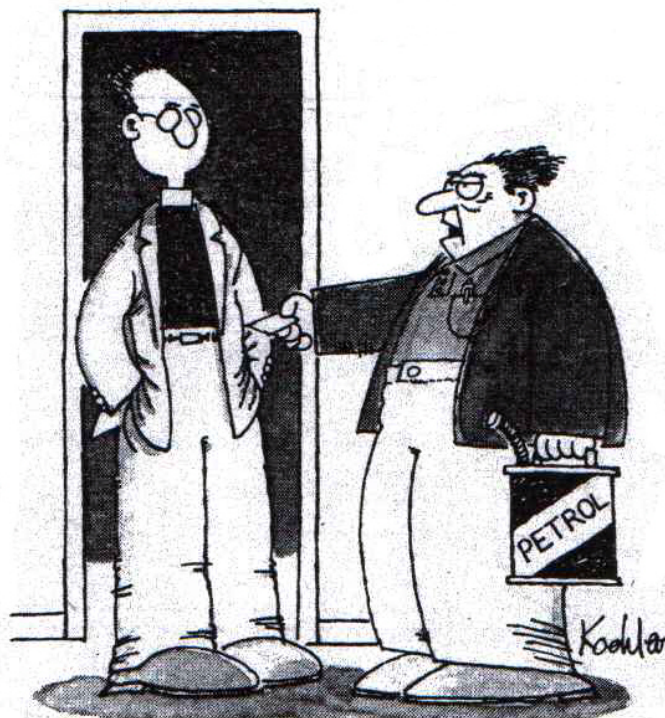
I personally experienced the culture, the life style, how they worship and the generosity and warmth of the people.

I was amazed at the massive array of foods in the supermarkets, the good roads, clean air to breathe, clean water to drink direct to the bathrooms and continuous electric power supplies. I was impressed at the welfare of the children, the good accommodation for the older people, the beauty of the country side and the coastal way.

I was amazingly amazed - how blessed the country.

To God be the glory!

***Blessings  
Ady***



'Good morning. Your Church Beautification Committee hired me to do some work. Have you got a match?'



# Around the Parish

## SQUIRRELS

As the Squirrel term comes near a close we have been out and about each Wednesday instead of staying in the Church Hall. We had a lovely time in the park and we also visited the local fire station. The Squirrels enjoyed looking around the engines and getting a drive in them, although the highlight had to be using the hoses. Paul was nearly soaked a few times. Better luck in getting him next time boys!



*Squirrels visiting the Fire Station*

We are hoping to have an end of term party for the boys and their parents. Without the parents help and support the Squirrels could not exist. We'll be saying a very sad goodbye to our older boys who will be



moving up to Beavers in September. The Squirrels new term will begin on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September** at 6.30 pm in St Columba's. Any 4 or 5 old year boys who would like to join us will be very welcome.

*Paul and Ann*

## STILL ACTIVE CLUB

Another season of the Still Active Club has come to an end. We have had well at-



tended meetings with a variety of speakers - our curate Iain, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Lorraine from the church office with her fruit sculpture, Rosemary Moore with her cooking tips, the Abernethy Butter Company and Gloria Lester who organised a Beetle Drive.

We also had a Christmas lunch to which we invited representatives of other churches and community groups, and were entertained by the Rev. Ian Magowan and his wife from St Saviour's in Kells, and a St Patrick's Tide lunch with musical entertainment, Irish dancing and recital of Ulster Scots poetry. On both of these occasions the lunch was prepared and served by members of the church catering committee led by Liz Hughes and Jean Kennedy.

We had two outings - in January we went to the Riverside Theatre to see 'Whistle Down the Wind' and had tea afterwards at the Lodge Hotel. In May we went to Londonderry via Maghera Garden Centre. We visited Mrs Good's walled garden, had some retail therapy, a tour of the city and tea at St Augustine's where our former curate the Rev. Pat Storey is the rector.

Thanks to everyone who helped this year - to Rev. Iain and the committee of Jean, Adelaide, Irene, Vera, Eva and Alex who helped me organise this year's programme and each of whom took responsibility for the tea on a monthly basis. Thanks to our members for their loyalty and for making the meetings fun. We hope everyone will have a good summer holiday, and that those who were not feeling so well at the end of our year will be feeling better by September.

*Isabel Halliday*



## MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

In May we enjoyed a presentation on healthy eating by Sadie Peachey of Sainsbury's and the healthy treats she brought with her. On 28<sup>th</sup> May we were visited by a lady from the library who sang and brought library books. We look forward to our final visit from Surestart this year on 4<sup>th</sup> June when they will be doing craft with us.

We are grateful to the men of the parish who have helped with car parking and in other ways. Thank you to Alex McKay, Oliver Reid, Trevor Halliday, Davy Nelson, Jimmy Coleman, Robert McGimpsey, Alan Ross and John Linton. We also would like to thank the ladies who help each week welcoming and preparing the healthy snack. We send best wishes to Martha Rainey after her recent little set back and continued good wishes to Oliver Reid. We are delighted to send congratulations to Sandra and Alex McKay on their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**June 11<sup>th</sup>** is the last Tuesday we meet before the summer break when we will say goodbye to some of our little ones. We will miss them but wish them all well as they now progress to Nursery School and school in September. Our first Tuesday back after the summer break will be **10<sup>th</sup> September**.

Rota for June:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
4 June	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay and Mary Cochrane	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay	Car Park
11 June	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Martha Caulfield and Rosalie Grainger	Tea
	Vera Owens	Welcoming
	Robert McGimpsey	Tea

God bless.

***Dorothy (2589 2740),  
Anna, Anne and Liz***

# Farewell

Once again the time has come to say farewell to a curate. As many of you know Brian Lacey will have his last Sunday in the parish on June 9<sup>th</sup> and will be instituted as rector of St Peter's and St James' on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. Brian will have been with us in the parish for 3 years and during that time has contributed much to the ministry and mission of our church family.

He was the first curate to live in the gate lodge at St Patrick's and that in itself provided him with a ministry - talking to the regular stream of people who are in and out of the church grounds. Being on site he was also able to perform some very practical duties such as opening up the church or closing gates at night and in general being a watchman.

Worshippers appreciated the manner in which he took services Sunday by Sunday. By his own admission he is a purist and strives to do everything by the book and to the highest standard. He spent much time preparing services and his reading of the liturgy engendered a spirit of worship. He was able to draw on a wide knowledge of various forms of liturgy and what he prepared seemed always appropriate to the occasion. His way of preaching allowed people to attend to the word and his direct approach could be quite challenging.

Brian loves constitutions, organisational charts, policy statements and questionnaires. He thus encouraged us to think about how we organise ourselves and present ourselves whether overall as a parish or as specialist committees. As one who has no background in management or organisation I appreciated this input. Likewise in the sphere of communications, while I am not into the modern means of connecting, Brian was very much to the fore - he seemed to be married to his I pad and no question went unanswered. His knowledge and ease in this area led him to establish and manage the Parish Face book page and to oversee the redrawing of the parish web site. It was also due to his encouragement

that a new audio/visual system was installed in the Minor Hall and recently a power point facility in St Columba's. Certainly if people had any difficulties sorting out audio/visual presentations Brian was usually on call and able to help. He was at ease in using power point - indeed most of his teaching included this form of communication.

During his time in the parish Brian started a Spirituality Group and a Theological Group. He put a great deal of work into these and the fact that they continued to draw a regular group of people speaks of how these groups were appreciated.

Establishing a link with the North East Institute was another of Brian's initiatives. The student lunches on a Thursday are now well established and can continue without Brian because of the team he formed. He was also responsible for being the local church link in the setting up of a chaplaincy service in the college.

For the last year Brian has had special responsibility for St Columba's - in ordering its worship and its ministry. This gave him valuable experience but it also allowed him to bring his many gifts to bear in a particular situation. With a confident and direct approach he was able to make his mark and the folk at St Columba's appreciated his time with them.

Every curate connects in a special way with certain parishioners, usually arising out of pastoral situations, and Brian was no different. There are those who will feel that he played a special part in their lives and will be thankful for his care, counsel and encouragement. He walked with certain people through challenging times in their lives and they appreciated his company.

I appreciated that company as we shared many pastoral situations and theological questions together. I appreciated that he often questioned and challenged and thus caused one to think further about ministry and how we should be fulfilling our ministries. We will miss his banter and provocative comments - "Just joking rector!" I really did appreciate his contribution to the ministry team and his ongoing support to me as rector. And its not every rector that gets the privilege of feeding the curate's cats! So thank you Brian for the time we had together and we trust that God will continue to use you in your new sphere of ministry.





# Honorary Secretary's Notes

I hope that by the time you are reading this St Patrick's will have received its deep clean and be looking at its best. For the future we now think we should give some attention to the state of the interior, in particular the floor. The tiles that can be seen are in several places discoloured by years of salt being walked in during the winter, some are also cracked and broken and ought to be replaced, and in at least one spot seem to be sinking away beneath the lino. The lino itself is showing its age and has just about worn through in parts, and to complete the list the marble steps have some cracks and chips. At this point in time we will be looking for some professional advice on the state of the flooring and recommendations on whether it can be cleaned, repaired or replaced, or what combination of all three might be necessary.

Outside at St Patrick's you'll have seen for yourself that the campanile had to be removed completely. Once work started it soon became apparent that it was in much worse condition than we had imagined. The bell is safely stored and we now have to consider whether we can justify the expense of putting up another structure, given the other calls which there always are on the Parish purse.

The main one of those calls at present is that we need to get on and get the remedial works at Ballyclug done. In order to protect the tower as far into the future as we can, rather than simply patching the existing bitumen roof it seems better to us to spend the extra and replace it with a proper lead roof which should last for decades without needing further work. Equally, or perhaps even more important are the urgently needed renovations to the east wall and installation of storm-glazing over the

east window to stop the ingress of water. All that work needs to be started as soon as possible to prevent any further deterioration and higher expense to repair it in the future.

All the while we also try to hold back some money for the unforeseen emergencies which come along. This month we got a nasty surprise when the standard lamp nearest the halls at the west end of St Patrick's toppled, no one had ever thought that might happen.

Finally this month all of the Select Vestry wish Brian every success as he leaves us to go to take up the rectory of St Peter's on the Antrim Road. We thank him sincerely for all of his good humoured hard work over the last few years, and hope that he hasn't picked up too many bad habits here to take with him to Belfast.

*Alastair*

## **CHILDREN'S WEEK**

### **SPACE ACADEMY**

**Monday 10th  
Friday 15th June**

**7 - 8.15 pm**

**For all primary school  
children**

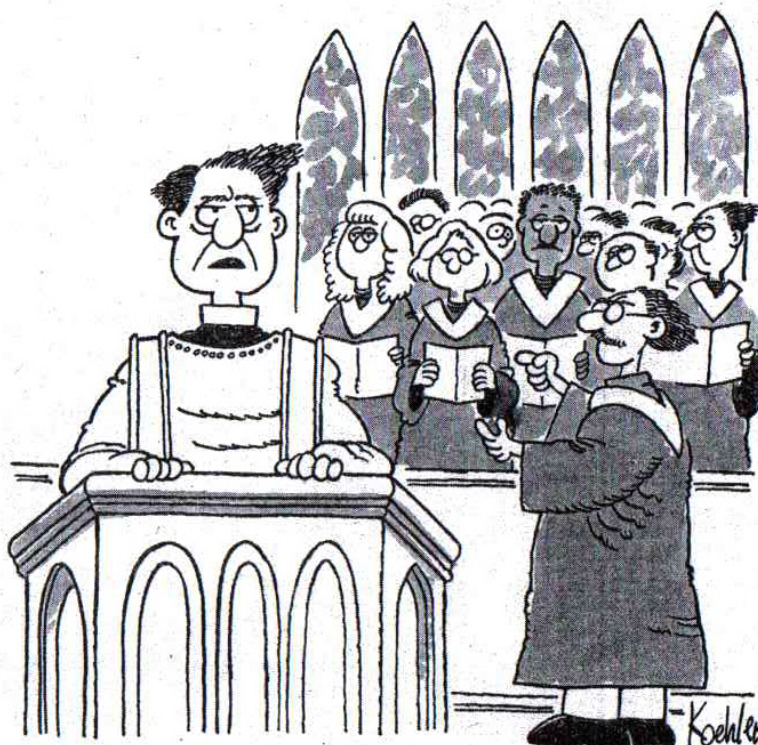
**Come discover and  
explore God's amazing  
universe**





- The youth leaders enjoyed a good night out at the Thatch. The annual leaders night out acknowledges the work of the leaders throughout the year and thanks them for their time and commitment to the parish.
- Anyone willing to help with Children's Week we would love to have you - just let Lucy know - especially any teenagers.
- Evening on prayer for all the family Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 7 - 8 pm St Patrick's.
- Summer scheme for all primary school - **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 3 - 6 pm** - £1.50 per child contact Lucy 077 5995 0497.

*Lucy*



'Please disregard the music director's admonition to "clap your hands, stomp your feet, and boogie till you drop" during the next hymn.'



**ST PATRICK'S**

**FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE OF ALL  
ORGANISATIONS, SUNDAY SCHOOL,  
YOUTH CLUB AND FAMILIES**

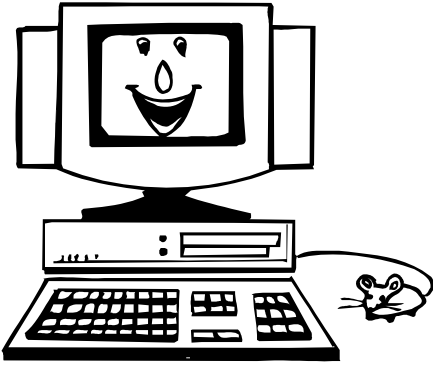


**BBQ, bouncy castles,  
'Jungle World',  
face painting**



**NO PARKING IN CHURCH GROUNDS  
PARENTS ARE  
RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THEIR  
CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES**





# The Curate's Final Letter

Before training for ordination I worshipped in various Church of Ireland parishes in Belfast. Particularly in the south of the city, parish churches are a dime a dozen, with parish boundaries no more than a few streets wide. Quite often, the congregations consist primarily of 'accustomed members': people who don't actually live within the parish. It's typical down there to have a main morning service consisting of around 80 people, with only a small handful of people for any other service. How different it is in the much larger country parishes such as Ballymena! Simply because of the relatively vast geographical size of our parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug, we are able to bring together perhaps 450+ people across our 3 churches for our main morning services, not to mention our very respectable congregations at the early morning, evening, and mid-week services. It is no wonder then that the bishop permits this parish to have two curates to assist our rector!

There seem to be two competing ideas within the hierarchy of the Church as to the purpose of having curates. The first reason, as suggested above, is that curates help the rector to share the workload in a busy parish. In this regard, a curate should arrive in the parish able and willing to tackle anything that the rector requires of him. The second reason, which is perhaps more realistic, is that curates come to a parish in order to learn. For most full-time clergy, this essentially means learning how to become a rector. In this regard, a curate should arrive in the parish on the basis that the rector will manage, encourage and correct them. Unfortunately, this means that any benefit of having a curate to help him, is negated by the need to spend time and energy training and supervising the curate! This is perhaps why - whenever we were selecting our curacies - we were told to, "Choose the rector, not the parish!" There is a good deal of common sense in this: finding a rector whom you like and respect would make for a much better curacy than being in a wonderful parish with a rector that you couldn't stick! On a personal level, I consider myself very

blessed that I have thoroughly enjoyed ministering alongside Canon Lloyd, and even though we might disagree on some things, I have always respected his experience, wisdom, and his absolute devotion to the ministry to which he was called.

As a place to learn the ropes of ordained ministry, Ballymena is certainly the place to be! With so many people who either attend our Sunday services, or the vast number of others who are affiliated somehow with the Church of Ireland, a curate in this town will minister to people from every imaginable walk of life, with every possible cause of joy or sadness. Through births, baptisms, confirmations, weddings, sickness, death, and funerals, being a member of the clergy is truly a roller coaster ride that perhaps most parishioners don't quite appreciate. It can sometimes be difficult to juggle all those things alongside our own personal lives. Naturally, clergy are not machines who simply switch off when not in the presence of parishioners; we too have our own families, friends, interests, concerns, highs, lows, and medical conditions! Finding that balance between living our own life, and sharing in the lives of others, is very much part of what being a curate is all about. But although the many demands of ordained ministry can occasionally threaten to overstretch us, there is a real sense of privilege at being invited to come alongside people at the most important moments of their life. On these occasions, we are called to discern God at work in the lives of those to whom we are ministering, and to help them sense his presence, his love and his guidance. This is an immense honour, even in the darkest times, to be tasked with articulating and expressing something of the light and love of God.

All of this is simply a long-winded way of saying that I have found my three years as curate in Ballymena to be an excellent experience, which has helped to shape my understanding of ordained ministry in general, and of my own vocation in particular. In terms of church services, which is where most parishioners regularly see the clergy, we are so fortunate to have our 3 churches here, each of which has its own customs and identity. Whether it is traditional services at Ballyclug, or more progressive liturgies at St Columba's, or a mixture of the two in St Patrick's, there has been a wealth of opportunities for me to try my hand at all styles of worship!

I want to single out the importance of St Columba's within this parish in terms of training curates. Most people know that after a while most

curates 'go up to St Columba's'. What this means in practice is that they become the curate-in-charge there, with additional responsibilities delegated to them by the rector. So, for example, they choose the hymns, prepare the liturgy, determine the rota of services, manage the volunteers, and chair the St Columba's Committee (which oversees its building, resources and activities). All of this prepares the curate for becoming a rector. In this way St Columba's - as well as being a worshipping community in its own right - is an extremely important training tool for the Church of Ireland. Our whole parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug should be rightly proud of this! So whilst it is not a traditional looking church building, please continue to value and invest in St Columba's for its preparatory role for so many ordained ministers.

Of course, I appreciate the friendship and kindness shown to me from parishioners from all 3 of our churches. I have met so many wonderful people, and will remember you with great fondness. My new parish, like so many in Belfast, only has about 70 people in its regular congregation. This means that there will be plenty of spare seats for any of you who fancy venturing down on a Sunday morning to St Peter's! I would be thrilled to break bread with you once again! I wish God's blessing upon you, and pray that you will continue to learn more about him, to praise him ceaselessly, and to share his love with everyone that you meet. Amen.

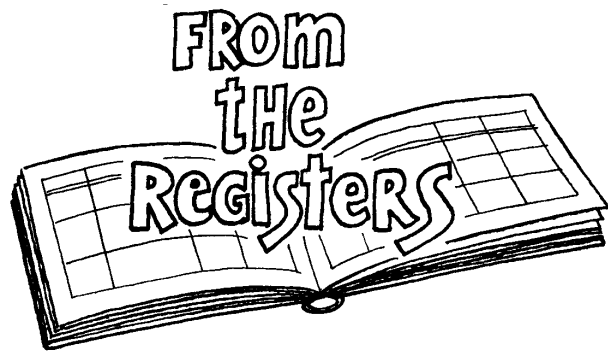
With much love,

*Brian*

# **CHILDREN'S DAY**

**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE 11.30 AM**  
**ST PATRICK'S**

**Sunday School prize giving**  
**CMS Presentation**  
**Space Academy Finale**



## HOLY MATRIMONY



25<sup>th</sup> May

Mark Woulahan

115 Lettercreeve,  
Ballymena

Natasha Cole

115 Lettercreeve,  
Ballymena

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL



30<sup>th</sup> April

Hubert Weir

9 West Road, Portglenone

9<sup>th</sup> May

Frances McWilliams

27 Shandon Park,  
Ballymena

Frank Bell

20 Hollybank Park,  
Ballymena

15<sup>th</sup> May

Benjamin Johnston

17 Richmond Park,  
Ballymena

16<sup>th</sup> May

William Morgan

29 Tardree Grove,  
Ballymena

## Hubert Weir

Hubert was not really known to the clergy but one of his family is a parishioner. Brought up in Portglenone, he was later to live there looking after his mother, although his last years were to be spent on his own. He



had shown much promise in his earlier days and rose quickly to be a charge hand in O’Kane’s. Unfortunately he had to struggle through much of his life with an addiction and this limited the quality of life. His family did their best to help him and in latter years sought to look after him. We remember his children and also his brother Raymond and sisters Jean and Meta.

### **Frances McWilliams**

Frances died at quite a young age. There was obvious sadness at her death but also because her life had been limited by ill health and family problems and by the fact that she had not always looked after herself. She had lived with her mother over the last 7 years and Rosemary had given of herself in the care of her. After studying at Cambridge House she went to University in Nottingham and obtained an Honours Degree in Chemistry. She worked for a time and then there was a time of family life in Ahoghill with her husband and 3 children. She was a great lover of books and took a great interest in everything to do with nature - she particularly liked flowers. We clearly offer our sympathy to Rosemary and also remember Gary and the children Taylor, Jacob and Isaac.

### **Francis (Frank) Bell**

Frank was born in Larne in 1928. He was an electrician by trade and during his working life worked at Ballylumford Power Station and at Enkalon in Antrim. Frank spent 8 or 9 years living in Manitoba, Canada where he worked for Canadian Railways, which went under steam in the 1950's. Frank married his wife Jesse in Canada. She had come out from Ballymena to be with him, and their son Michael was born in Canada. Frank, Jesse and Michael later returned to the UK to make their home in Ballymena where Frank finished his working life at the Seven Towers Leisure Centre in Ballymena. Frank was a friendly and considerate man who is remembered by people as a kind neighbour and friend. He was a practical man who enjoyed working with his hands and was a great reader. Frank's wife Jesse sadly died a few years before Frank, and our sympathy goes to Michael, Caroline and Elizabeth for their loss.

### **Benjamin Johnston**

Benjamin’s immediate difficulty started with a bad finger. Because he did not have it seen to matters went from bad to worse till his arm had

to be amputated. Even this did not prove sufficient and eventually his whole body closed down. Thus for his family there was sadness at his death but also at the manner in which it came about. Benjamin worked most of his life in the Mill. He was very good with his hands and was much in demand from friends and neighbours to fix things. He enjoyed fishing and a drink and certainly there was no airs and graces about him. We remember his sister Anna and brother Billy.

## **William Morgan**

Although William's health had been declining over the last number of years his death came as quite a shock after just a few days in hospital. Despite the limited health William had battled on and always sought to get to church for as long as he was able. He was brought up in Belfast and worked as an engineer in Mackeys. He then came in an engineering capacity to the Braid Mill and worked there for many years. He finished his working days as a caretaker in the Farm Lodge site of the North East Institute. William loved his garden and delighted in bringing on plants and having colour in the garden. This was his main occupation in retirement. He and Jean - they were married nearly 60 years - loved having the family around them and the house in Tardree Grove was a staging post for many including the grandchildren. William's faith was nurtured in his early days in Christ Church, Durham Street in Belfast and when he came to Ballymena he was a regular worshipper in St Patrick's. His faith held him and gave him strength through all the ups and downs of life. We remember Jean, sons Billy, John and Houston and daughters Amanda and Rhonda.





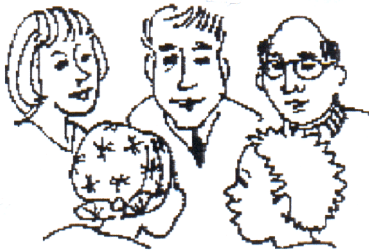
# OUR ACTIVITIES

## 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*