# Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug

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With family in Dublin, over the years I have made numerous journeys to that city. In the old days it was quite a journey as you often had to fight your way through the bottle necks of Newry, Dundalk, Drogheda and Balbriggan. It was especially long if you had a young family with you and this required several stops. I can remember the journey at times taking up to 5 hours. Today if you choose the right time of day you can be at the far side of Dublin in two and a half hours. It is motorway for nearly all the journey and you sail along.

If you have travelled the route numerous times the journey can be rather boring and with little scenery of note you just want to get there as soon as possible. At other times it's nice to have the freedom of the road and a few hours away from telephone and the pressures of work. Yet, however, the journey - whether tedious or interesting - it is the destination that really counts and what you do there.

I also have made quite a few journeys to Nepal. Again they can be rather difficult if flights are delayed, if there are long queues at check in or security, if there are small children crying beside you in the plane or if the food upsets your stomach or perhaps worst of all if your baggage has been misplaced. On the other hand the journey can be a pleasant experience - no delays, interesting people to talk to, a real letting go of all the usual work demands and of course a magnificent view as you remember to get a seat on the left side of the plane as you fly along the Himalayan range on the way into Kathmandu. Yet again whether the journey has been relaxing or demanding the main thing is the destination and what's going to happen there.

I have climbed a few mountains in my time. Sometimes you wonder why you do it - especially when an icy rain is soaking you, you can't see a few feet in front of you and your legs are killing you. At other times the sun is beating down on you, you are skipping up the mountain and the view is magnificent. Yet it's the destination that beckons - reaching the top is what counts. That puts everything else in perspective.

We all make the journey through life. For some it can be relatively uneventful and straight forward. For others it can be especially demanding and painful. And very often life is a mixture of the rough and the smooth. At times for some just to keep going requires a tremendous effort, for others life can seem just to flow past almost unnoticed. Whatever the nature of the journeying we do need to remember what really counts is the destination and what happens there. This will put all that journeying into perspective.

Paul clearly affirms, "In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept for you in heaven." 1 Peter 1:3,4. Jesus declares, "I am going to prepare a place for you," and we recognise in our prayers that 'you have prepared for us such good things that pass our understanding'. We know from scripture that this will include no more death or mourning or crying or pain. We surely can say that it will be a life of no disappointments - indeed life will open out and blossom in a manner that will far exceed anything that we can contemplate. One picture Jesus gives us is that of the wedding feast - but even that is a very earth bound and restrictive picture - surely it will be so much more.

We need to see our journeying in the context of the destination. Ultimately all the struggle of the journey or the apparent glory of the journey will be put in context when the destination is reached. Yes at the moment maybe all we can see is the journey and our day to day living. Yet scripture declares 'what we see will last only a short time, but what we cannot see will last forever'. 2 Corinthians 4:18.

We journey to a destination. We journey in the light of that destination. We journey encouraged by the hope of that destination. For those given that hope through their friendship with Jesus - heaven beckons.

Stuart Slayd.



## **Parish News**

#### SUMMER SERVICES

During July and August there will be no Family Service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in St Patrick's at 10.15 am. However, each Sunday children will be facilitated at the 11.30 am service - they will be able to leave during the service for children's church over in the hall.

In St Columba's the only change is that there will be no early communion at 8.30 am on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in July - this service as usual in August.

#### TIME TO ACT!

Have you some experience of amateur theatre? Castle Players, a new amateur theatre group based in Ballymena, want you! If you can provide practical experience in the areas of acting, stage management, set design, costumes, props and/or make up you can be in at the start of something special.

The first performances which will be one act comedies are in prepa-

ration. These will provide opportunities to demonstrate theatrical skills and experience and this also gives the audience a taste of what is to come as the Players become established.

If you are prepared for the hard work the commitment necessary to achieve success the Players want to hear from you. Contact Lorraine at 074 4921 7349.

#### THE PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

Love it or hate it, there's no way around it. People are on Facebook and so are we!

#### https://www.facebook.com/ ballymenaparish

Our parish covers the entire urban area of Ballymena and includes much of the surrounding suburban and rural areas. This is geographically a large area and includes three churches. Therefore good communication is essential.

Of course we have the traditional methods of communicating. The

church magazine, parish website, notices sheets and of course the notice boards. We use all these resources on a regular basis but would be missing a trick if we did not use Facebook to our advantage and to supplement the communications system already in place!

So what can it do?

- We can use it to connect with friends in the church and get to know others better.
- Share details of events/ meetings.
- Share photographs of events.

We should look on it as a 'window' into parish life. It is a public record of who we are and what we do. Just another way to reach out and connect.

So therefore we are encouraging parishioners who use Facebook to 'like' the page and 'share' it with their friends?

It is 'our' page and will be what we as a parish make it!

There are so many organisations and groups associated with the parish. It would be lovely to see folk share what they are getting up to with each other. All you have to do is post on the page like you would on any other Facebook page. We would love to hear from you all, it's good to talk.

#### ORGANIST AWARD

Dr Joe McKee OBE who was a former organist and choirmaster St Patrick's was recently at awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Guild of Church Musicians. Joe had been acting Master of the Choristers of Armagh Cathedral The award was in 2010 - 2012. recognition of his contribution to church music in Northern Ireland and Armagh. It is thought that this is only the second time that this award has been conferred on a church musician in Ireland, the other one being Martin White former organist of Armagh Cathedral.

#### **BACK TO ASIA**

Some of you will remember John Ewart who came to this parish from another church, spent quite a few years with us as an active parishioner and then went on to be ordained as a deacon and priest in the Church of Ireland. Having served a curacy in Cookstown he then became rector of Bright, Ballee, Killough and Rathmullan in the Diocese of Down. Earlier in his life John had spent quite a few years in China and now he is returning to Asia with his wife Rebekah. He has been accepted by an organisation called OMF International and will be working with people (mainly students) who have lived outside Asia and have become Christians and have subsequently returned to their home country. Although John will not formally be in ordained ministry the work will involve providing pastoral care and mentoring for these 'returnees' and helping them to integrate into the local church.

We wish John and Rebekah every blessing as they travel to Asia in July.

#### FAREWELL GIFTS

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June our departing curate Brian Lacey received a private Communion Set and a cheque from the parish. He also received a cheque from St Columba's as well as a painting of that church undertaken by a parishioner, St Clair Beatty. To bid him farewell he finally was provided with a fun tee shirt with cats and some cat food. We trust his cats will settle into their new home - and of course their master!

#### INTO THE FUTURE

So many people comment on how well St Patrick's now looks. The restoration work has given us a church that stands out and draws people by its fresh face. And you the parishioners responded to the challenge of raising money to meet the cost of that restoration work. Not only will we be able to pay for the quarter million project with grant money and our own money but the Renovation Fund will still be in a reasonably healthy state.

We need, however, to consider the state of the General Fund the one to which we contribute through our Christian Responsibility Envelopes. By the time you read this our accounts for last year will have been audited and will be available. These are likely to show a marked deficit in the General Fund. This poses our next challenge.

The figures for this year up to mid June, show that the CRG envelope giving to the General Fund amounted to £62,266 while that at the same time last year was £68,606 - a decrease of 9.25%. On the other hand Renovation Envelope giving to that fund amounted £30,137 as compared to to £26,385 an increase of 12.45%. The increase in one fund and the decrease in the other may be partly explained by people responding to the ongoing restoration work during the first part of the year.

We now need to focus on giving to the General Fund through the CRG Envelopes. This fund, as its name suggests, covers the general running costs of the church. This includes payment of the clergy and other staff and contributions to national insurance and pension funds. It also covers the costs of maintaining churches, halls and houses in terms of heating costs, electricity, water charges, teleand rates insurance. phone, There is also guite a required hefty contribution each month to the diocese. Added to this is the ongoing cost of maintaining the regular ministry of the church which includes the cost of running an office. And every year as well as the money raised directly for charity and mission the select vestry gives a proportion of the church's money to mission and charity and this comes from the General Fund. The bare facts are that more money is going out than is been taken in. This means that we have to examine carefully our expenditure but also that we do need to bring home to our people the importance of their giving.

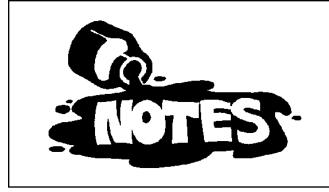
In the autumn season we will be providing teaching on the subject of giving in a Christian context, we will be laying out the facts and we will be encouraging a response. Mindful of the recent generosity of parishioners we are hopeful that our people will step up to the challenge. In the harvest season we will be reminded of the biblical injunction to bring the first fruits of our labour to God - the giving of our best to God and that includes what we put in our envelopes!

#### PARISH VIGIL

About 30 people participated in the parish vigil towards the end of May and some 20 of those contributed reflections on the evening. These were in some way to indicate how they perceived the Spirit might be leading the parish. Trying to summarise these, one direction that seemed to be coming through was that we should continue doing what we are doing to the best of our ability but in the midst of our formal way of going we should leave space for the Spirit and positively seek his influence. Along with this there was a desire for:-

- More following of the Spirit
- More open prayer and calling upon God
- More boldness and risk taking, moving away from our comfort zones
- More opportunities to share with others and show practical concern for others

We need to continue to discern the leading of the Spirit and to take steps to follow that leading.



## Around the Parish

#### BEAVERS

Beavers drew to a close with a Treasure Hunt at Antrim Castle Gardens. It's been a lively year with the Beavers wanting to explore volcanoes, floating and sinking, learning how to bake, printing tee shirts and



of course lots of games and running around. Unfortunately we weren't able to get out and about so much as we really need another leader or two. If you or someone you know could volunteer for an hour on a Monday evening we would be delighted to hear from you.

Lise McCullough



#### **SQUIRRELS**

The Squirrels are currently on their summer break. Last term was full of fun and adventure. We were backwoods cooking, having teddy bear picnics, making dens, playing in the park, and to quote one of the parents, 'letting the boys be boys'. There was also our end of term party which was a

squirrel family barbecue which everyone enjoyed. We were lucky that the rain stayed away until the party was over.

We have also been very lucky to have had a fantastic group of Squirrels, and fantastic group of parents. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their help and support throughout the year. Without the parents support we wouldn't be able to offer the boys such varied activities. Squirrels will be back on **Wednesday 11th September at 6.30 pm** in St Columba's Church. We look forward to seeing our boys back again and would welcome any other boys aged 4 or 5 who would like to join us.

To our older boys who will be leaving us for Beavers, we wish them all the best for the future and trust that God will bless them in all that they do. *Paul and Ann* 



On Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, the choir enjoyed an evening at the Ross Park Hotel. We had a beautiful meal, a quiz with a musical theme and good fun all round. As a token of our appreciation of their help and support over the past three years, we invited Dr Drennan's parents and sister to be our guests. A lively quiz was organised by Judith Orr with team 'Jonathan plus his girls' declared

the winners.

The winner of the Fireside Quiz was Rachel Smyth (a choir member).

We are pleased to welcome another new member, Lynda Brooks, into the alto section of the choir and hope that she will enjoy her time with us.

In September we will be making a great effort to recruit new members into the choir. During September choir practices will be held in the church and will be open to everyone each Thursday evening from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm. We hope that interested parishioners will come along to listen, take part in, observe and just enjoy the experience and fun without any obligation or pressure. A warm welcome and a cup of tea will be assured to all.

Please keep this in mind and consider helping us to keep alive the fine choral tradition which has been built up in St. Patrick's over many years. *Ella Duddy* 



#### MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

We finished the year with a visit from Surestart who gave us a morning of craft. Then on 11<sup>th</sup> June we had our party when we had some treats and sadly said goodbye to some of our little ones who are moving on to nursery school. Thank you to all our helpers, friends and members for their commitment and support which all helped make this another successful year for the Mother and Toddler Group.

We start back on **11<sup>th</sup> September** and would welcome new faces, we have the perfect place, come and bring whoever pushes the buggy, mum, dad, granny or your child minder!

They might get to put their feet up, drink tea or coffee and chat to some other grown ups! See you there - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon in the main hall - £2 per adult, first two children free, for each additional child 50p.

We hope everyone has a good summer and look forward to seeing everyone in **September**. God Bless.

Dorothy (2589 2740), Anna, Anne and Liz



May shortly be available for renting. Parishioners interested? Enquiries please to the rector on 2565 2253 or email <u>sgelloyd@btinternet.com</u>



# Navigating in Nepal

Navigating in Nepal Helping others find their way "without your role, we couldn't have played our part."

This is certainly true for Sundar Dhoka Saathi Sewa (SDSS).

SDSS was established in 2005 by CMS Ireland's Global Partner, SD Church. Since its inception some 20 years ago, the church has sought to respond to the needs of the poor, the marginalized and those with disabilities. SDSS was started as an independent organisation to develop this work and over the past seven years, CMS Ireland has sought to support this ministry.

The most prominent of SDSS's initiatives is the *Patient Navigator Programme*. This provides support to patients from rural areas who come to Kathmandu for medical procedures. The patients are referred to SDSS by mission hospitals and rural clinics.

For the mostly poor, Nepali population living in the foothills of the Himalayas, Kathmandu is another world - it is easy to get lost in the system or to fall victim to those who would prey on the vulnerable. That's where the Patient Navigator Programme comes in.

A member of the SDSS staff meets each patient (and their carer) at the bus park or airport in Kathmandu and brings them to the SDSS compound, where they are given a room for the duration of their stay. SDSS helps them through the hospital system, advocating on their behalf and ensuring they receive adequate care. After surgery or treatment, the patients are looked after until they are ready to return home. The whole process can last for many weeks or months.

It is a relatively simple model, but it has been hugely effective. The quality of the service and the depth of love and care that is provided tends to have a significant impact.

There are 75 districts in Nepal. To date, over 1000 patients from 50 of these districts have benefited from the Patient Navigator programme.

Of course, it's also significant that the SDSS compound is shared by SD Church and that the SDSS leaders are also leaders of the Church. Many patients find themselves drawn to the love and care shared among the church family; significant numbers find faith in Christ during their stay and return to their village having experienced both physical healing and spiritual renewal.

As the Patient Navigator Programme grew, the main obstacle to the work became the limited size, unsuitable space and uncertain tenancy of the SDSS compound in Kathmandu. In 2007, SDSS shared their dream to build a more suitable centre for the work of SDSS.

Within a year, thanks to the generous support of a few individuals, a parish (<u>St Patrick's, Ballymena</u>) and a Church of Ireland Trust fund, CMS Ireland had raised over £40,000 towards the purchase of land - not enough to buy all the land required and certainly not enough to start building, but it was a start. And then, the waiting began.

As SDSS sought suitable land and additional donors, and as they negotiated various stages of bureaucracy, the money sat in an account, untouched for over two years.

The result of all the waiting and planning was that on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013, SDSS officially opened its new Patient Navigator Centre. It's an impressive building, with spaces for 50 beds, a modern, professional kitchen, a large multi-purpose hall (which is 'rented' to SD Church for services and meetings), a counselling room, office space and a state of the art water filtration system (which CMS Ireland helped to fund). There's also a wheelchair ramp running round the outside of the building to the first floor, making it a rare example of a fully accessible Nepali building.

This new building has doubled the capacity for the Patient Navigator Programme and has improved the quality of care that can be offered across all of the SDSS programmes. It also provides a much-needed increase in space for SD Church services - with well over 200 people attending each week. I represented CMS Ireland at the opening event and met with the other main donors for the building project. A Canadian organisation and a Canadian church provided the bulk of the money, but one of the representatives impressed upon me the significance of CMS Ireland's initial 'seed money'.

"You showed confidence in SDSS by giving those funds before any other money was committed. In turn they showed that they were trustworthy by leaving the funds untouched. These two things were crucial in our decision to support this project. <u>Without your role, we couldn't have</u> <u>played our part.</u>"

> Roger Cooke CMS Ireland



. 'This way we get outdoor activities and the roof repaired at the same time!'



## Honorary Secretary's Notes

As we go into the summer months work is beginning to renovate the tower roof at Ballyclug, and the contractors are lined up to start on the re-pointing and storm-glazing to the east end of the church after the Twelfth. God willing then all should be completed during the longer days and the church will be once again weather-proofed going into the winter.

The Select Vestry is giving some thought over the summer as to what we might do about the interior of St Patrick's in Castle Street. I think that it would be fair to say that some of the budget estimates which came out of the report we had done on the state of the floor were larger than most of us had envisaged. It is likely that we will have to tackle this project in stages just to spread the cost, if that is, we decide to do anything in the foreseeable future. It is more important now to get everything needed done out at Ballyclug before we commit to another substantial round of spending. Also in Castle Street we need to bring back to mind another go at the upkeep and improvement of the halls, especially to try to brighten up the main entrance a bit more.

There are also still minor works of various kinds to be tackled around all of the Parish estate, hanging over as desirable but not urgent from the last five yearly report by the Diocese inspectors. It is always good to get these ticked off the list, but there is nearly always something else cropping up which needs to be done more urgently. We do now need to turn our attention again to making some further improvements to the rectory, which could at least stand a lick of paint in places but would also benefit a lot from some new windows and perhaps PVC soffits and fascia. Once we can get some firm idea of the likely costs of such work we'll be better placed to make decisions on it. In order to prevent it falling into disrepair we'll also be looking for a new tenant for the gate-lodge at Castle Street, so there could well be a little bit of re-decoration to be done there again to get it looking its best. Any volunteers when the time comes will be gratefully received, and as ever if you think you can contribute anything in that line around any of the buildings of the Parish and have the time to spare over the summer months then please don't be shy about offering. As ever too, grateful thanks to all those who do already regularly turn out for grounds-keeping at both Ballyclug and St Columba's, a very valuable contribution which is maybe too easily overlooked just because it is made quietly and without fuss, but without which we would really be quite lost.

Hoping that we get some better than average weather this year to help even out the last couple of wash-outs, have a good summer and enjoy your holidays.

Alastair

## FIT FOR LIFE

A walk to suit your needs

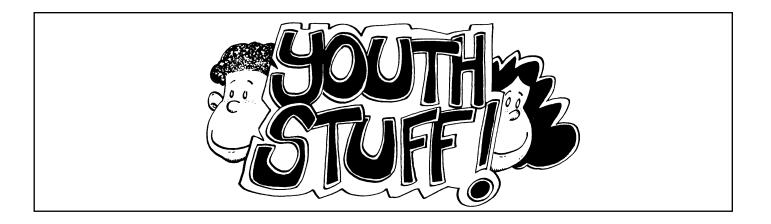
Good chat

On return -Healthy food and a short reflection

Each Tuesday at 7 pm



Any monies collected will help sponsor our project of the ROC Café in Ballee



Space Academy was our Children's Week which was based around the story of Daniel. We had over 40 children each night learning about the forbidden food, the difficult dream, the stunning statue, the heavenly hand and in the pit. We also learnt about God's amazing universe and the power of prayer. A great week was had by all. Thank you to all the leaders who helped.



On Saturday night we had the Family Fun Night - thanks to all those who came despite the rain. Willie Drennan entertained us with his music and we also had reptiles from Jungle World. The children enjoyed the bouncy castles and face paints. Special thanks to William Allen Meats for providing the sausages for the BBQ.

Sunday ended the week with Children's Day where the children received their Sunday school attendance prizes and they also sang the songs from the Children's Week and the CMS project song. We raised over £500 which will go to the All things New project in South Sudan to build new schools and provide more teachers.

The following were awarded:-

Minnie McAuley cup best overall in kindergarten	Wyatt Lorimer
Magee cup runner up in kindergarten	Euan Hamill
	and Harry Lamont
McKervill cup best overall seniors	Caragh Hamill
Stuart Dixon memorial cup runner up seniors	Oonagh Lamont
Robert Adair cup best overall in Fusion	Callum Ross
Youth shield contribution to youth	Luke Cunningham
Family service attendance	Harry and
	Caron Cooke

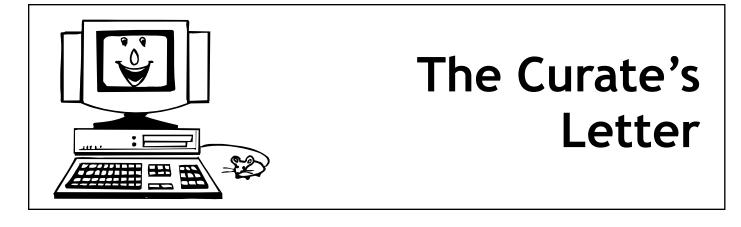
Thank you to all leaders who have helped throughout the year, without you we could not do it. We hope everyone has a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all back in September. Youth club restarts on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September** and Sunday School on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September**.

At the end of youth club we said goodbye to Brian who is now rector of St Peter's and St James in Belfast. We thank him for the work he has done with the young people of this parish. He took an interest in them and got down to their level. We will all miss him and his cats and we wish him all the best for the future.

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June the confirmation group for this year met for a get to know each other evening and the young people went to summer madness on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> other events will be arranged during the summer.

Summer scheme **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August** for primary school children - £1.50 per child per day please contact Lucy to book a place 077 5995 0497.

There will be children's church during the summer months when the children will go out during the 11.30 am service.

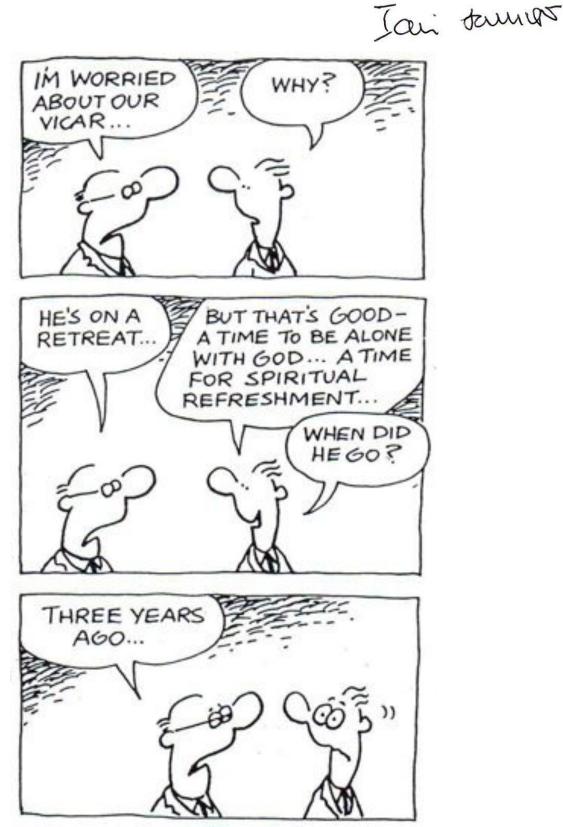


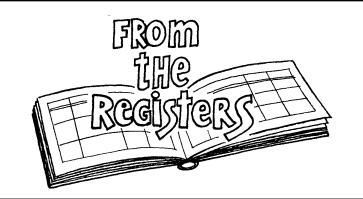
#### FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD

As someone who has an enormous appetite I always have lots of sympathy for anyone who goes short of food. Personally the thought of going short of food fills me full of horror. I would rather have hot needles put in my eyes than be even slightly hungry. I have therefore been very pleased that people are bringing food for the food bank, it's a pleasure to see the shopping trolley filling up so often. There is a real need for this food and it goes to people in our own community. If you haven't given any food to the food bank can I encourage you to think about bringing something even if it is only a tin of beans or a tube of toothpaste, because the food bank needs toiletries too. No item will be wasted. If you prefer making a financial donation or giving time that's all right too.

#### A CHANGE FROM SPAIN

This time of year is holiday time, I expect most of you who are going abroad have decided where you are going already but for people who have not settled their plans, I would encourage you to consider going to Israel. I have yet to meet anyone who has been to Israel, and especially Jerusalem, who has not wanted to go back for a second visit. Israel of course has a Mediterranean coastline so is both a seaside destination and the place where the events of the Bible happened. The interesting combination of Tel Aviv, seaside resort full of coffee shops and cafes and Jerusalem the most historic city in the world go well together and they are only half an hour apart. I know that's where I'll be off when I have some money. I was interested to hear of the experience of members of our parish who were recently on pilgrimage in Jerusalem and Galilee. Our churches are busy social churches and the different sorts of events that we have had on recently from fun nights for children to Barn Dances have given the place a real buzz. Perhaps you could all consider inviting people who are not members of St Patrick's along to some of our events. Our hope of course is that through being involved in social activities they will come to realize that the community of a busy church is but a mirror of the two way relationship we can have with God.





### HOLY BAPTISM



9<sup>th</sup> June Tom Heaton Coulter

Lexi Joanne Sam McPeake

24 Rockstown Road, Ballymena 40 Chichester Park Central, Ballymena

HOLY MATRIMONY



5<sup>th</sup> June

Aaron Alexander

Norma Graham

65 Station Road, Cullybackey 65 Station Road, Cullybackey

**CHRISTIAN BURIAL** 



31<sup>st</sup> May Thomas Cully

12 Chichester Park West, Ballymena

#### **Thomas Cully**

It was less than 2 years ago that Tommy's wife Jean was buried. He, like her, had not enjoyed good health for some time and he had been in and out of hospital regularly. He was thus confined for quite some time and just tired. Tommy started off life in Water Street and then Alfred Street Place. For many years he and Jean and his large family lived in the Doury Road Estate before moving back to Harryville and to a flat in Chichester Park. He worked for a time in the Mill and also for Toals the bookmakers and he would study the papers for racing tips. He also had a job looking after his family - all twelve of them. Tommy was intelligent and liked to hold forth on various issues. He had a long association with the Orange Order and had plenty of certificates to prove it. Over these last years he received great attention from a few of his family and we remember them all - Edward, John, Nat, Sammy, Thomas, Jennifer, Joanne, Betty, Kate, Margaret, Marion and Josephine.





# **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				

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



**OUR WORSHIP** 

### ST PATRICK'S PARISH CHURCH

### SUNDAY SERVICES

8.15 am 10.15 am 11.30 am 1st Sunday in the month 6.30 pm

4th Sunday in the month

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

10.30 am

Holy Communion Family Service Morning Prayer Parish Communion Evening Prayer Living Faith Service

Holy Communion

### ST PATRICK'S, BALLYCLUG

#### SUNDAY SERVICES

10.00 am

4th Sunday in the month

Morning Prayer Holy Communion

### ST COLUMBA'S, DUNCLUG

#### SUNDAY SERVICES

8.30 am 1st Sunday in the month 11.30 am

2nd Sunday in the month 3rd Sunday in the month Holy Communion Morning Prayer Family Service Family Communion

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS

#### **ST PATRICK'S**

11.30 am Church

Leaders - Mrs L McLaughlin and Mr A Ross

### ST COLUMBA'S

11.30 am Church

Superintendent - Mrs S Foster

### HOLY BAPTISM

At Sunday services by arrangement