

# ***Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug***

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*Diocese of Connor - Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug*



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THE RECTOR WRITES



# The Rector Writes

Some of you will either have read the book or seen the film based on it - 'The King's Speech'. The 2010 film which won 3 Oscars was an uplifting true story of how King George V1 'found his voice'. After the abdication of his brother Edward V111 he was forced into the limelight and in the face of the nation's desperate need for leadership he had to stand up and be heard.

Unfortunately he suffered from shyness and a bad stammer and this speech defect was a great limitation. He did try to get help from professionals but with limited success. Then he came across a rather unorthodox speech and language therapist Lionel Logue who was from Australia. He assured the king that he could help him to 'find his voice' if he did what Lionel required. Being King it was rather hard to accept someone else dictating to him but the king knuckled down and not without difficulty worked very hard at all the exercises he was given. The result was that King George V1 did eventually 'find his voice' and Lionel Logue helped him to deliver his first radio wartime broadcast. The king was still by no means a fluent speaker - he had always to overcome his limitations - but by constantly practicing he was able in some measure to speak. Logue and the king did become friends for life.

Now most of us do not have to contend with speech defects - except perhaps in one area. Many of us might struggle to speak about our faith and indeed might stammer when it came to speaking the gospel. Most of us would not naturally take to ourselves the role of evangelist - speaking the gospel. Yet might this not be an area in which we need to 'find our voice'. It's not that all of us will be natural evangelists but rather that we can become better at speaking of our faith if we work at it and if we practice. It may not come easy, it may at times be embarrassing, it may seem to be very inadequate but by persevering we can in some measure 'find our voice' and God can use that effort to impact on others.

King George VI believed it was his duty to step out from his natural shyness and to give the leadership that his country so desperately needed. Because it was such a struggle for him his people appreciated his contribution and warmed to him as king. When we work at this telling of our story of faith, if it is a genuine effort then it will have impact even if we are well aware of our own limitations. So let's be willing to 'find our voice' and whatever we have learnt of the gospel, whatever our story may be, to try to speak it to others when there are appropriate opportunities.

*Stuart Lloyd.*



*'And behold, King Elimilech approached the prophet Isaiah with great fervour saying . . . Teddy, you're NOT listening . . .'*



# Parish News

## MINISTRY

Parishioners were told in previous magazines that there is a real challenge to have sufficient money in our General Account to maintain the day to day running costs of the parish especially in terms of the payment of wages to those employed by the parish including our clergy. Last autumn we did encourage folk to increase their giving to this General Fund and it is good to report that the increase in giving does seem to have continued into this new year. At the moment the rector is supported by one curate. The Select Vestry has stepped out in faith and agreed that the rector can appoint another curate - trusting that the parish will also step out and provide the necessary resources. If this is to happen we will need to find extra money above what is presently being given.

The plan is to give parishioners an opportunity to support this initiative. We presently have a special St Patrick's tide envelope. We

intend to designate the appropriate Sunday as Ministry Sunday and to use this envelope in a special appeal to support the work of ministry and this year especially in terms of providing for another curate. Not that long ago parishioners responded very well to a special appeal for renovation work so hopefully there can be a good response again.

Over the last 2 years we also had to cut back on our charity/mission giving and in order for this not to be a continuing trend we are considering a Mission Sunday connected with our special harvest envelope to raise extra money. Folks are probably aware of other churches which are not afraid to bring financial challenges before their people and to call for committed giving.

Once again we are grateful for the continued regular giving of many - and thankfully this has increased somewhat over the last months. Special Sundays and special appeals will be needed but first and foremost comes the weekly giving

which underpins the financial health of the parish.

## **EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY**

We would very much like to run a nurture course before Easter. We would use 'Exploring Christianity' - a well tried and popular course that would run over 7 evenings. As its name suggests it explores the main aspects of the Christian faith and is suitable for those just setting out on the journey or for those who have some understanding but would like to learn more. There clearly is a commitment involved - people should try to participate in all or most of the evenings but again we would like to think that there are those willing to make such a commitment. Choosing a time/evening for the course will be difficult but we will have to go with what suits most people. We will award a certificate to those who complete the course so that there can be a clear sense of accomplishment. There will be an opportunity to sign up for the course in church.

## **NEPAL**

Parishioners will be aware of our continuing links with Nepal. In 2013 we had Ady, who presently ministers in Nepal, with us for 3 months. In previous years individuals or groups have gone out from the parish to further our partner-

ship so that people could have this mission experience. Those that have gone have greatly appreciated the experience. We would like to continue this partnership and would aim to have some from the parish travelling to Nepal again - probably towards the end of 2014. Some who have been before may consider returning but hopefully there might be others keen to have this experience and to contribute to this ongoing relationship. If you are at all interested please speak to the rector.

## **FLOWERS IN ST COLUMBA'S**

There are 52 Sundays in the year and on 50 of them, flowers are needed to decorate the church. The 2013 rota shows that ten people put their names down to provide flowers for 34 Sundays. Yet there were flowers every Sunday. How come? Perhaps you would like to help.

The flower rota for 2014 is now on display in St Columba's. So, if there's a special date on which you would consider providing flowers, please fill in your name and you will be contacted at the time. Thank you.

To all who already help, please keep up your support. It is really appreciated.

## **BROWNIE BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Calling all former Rainbows, Brownies and Guides! We are holding a big birthday party on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February in St Columba's for our 100th birthday.

If you would like to meet up and share some of your memories of when you were in these organisations please contact one of our leaders - Susannah Foster, Elizabeth Peachey or Sadie Peachey for more details.

***Susannah Foster***

## **LEPROSY MISSION**

The total donated in the little red boxes in 2013 was £673.85, our best total since 2009. I am very grateful to all those who contributed to this very worthwhile cause. If you wish to start, you can get a box in any of our three churches. Why not make it your Lenten Project for 2014?

## **The Leprosy Mission in Nepal - Anandaban Hospital**

This is one of the largest leprosy referral hospitals in the country, providing free, high quality treatment for leprosy complications and reconstructive surgery. Patients are also trained in self-care techniques to make sure that their injuries do not deteriorate.

The laboratory at Anandaban Hospital is one of the most important research centres for leprosy in the developing world. It contributes to the development of improved diagnosis and treatment and aims to enlarge the current knowledge base about leprosy.

Your help is always appreciated by The Leprosy Mission (TLM).

***Christie Colhoun***

## **THANK YOU FROM HAZARIBAGH**

On behalf of the Committee of the Friends of St Columba's Hospital Hazaribagh I would again thank all those who have contributed to our milk bottle collection.

Your contributions for 2013 have enabled us to add £787.00 to support the running of the hospital. All support is vital and at this time we would ask for your prayers for those involved in the work of St Columba's Hospital.

***Barry Duke, Secretary***

## **A POINTED PARABLE**

Now it came to pass that a certain parishioner invited his priest to lunch at a popular restaurant. The waiter was very efficient, and the food was good. As they rose to depart, the priest observed that his host laid some coins under the edge of the plate and the

waiter who stood by smiled happily, which meant that the tip was satisfactory.

Now, with such customs all are familiar, and this parable enters not into the merits or demerits of tipping. But the priest began to meditate. Well, he knew that the usual tip must be at least 10% (a tithe), lest the waiter turn against you. And it came to him that few people so honour their God as they do their waiter. For they

give unto the waiter the tithe, but they give unto their God whatsoever they can spare.

Verily, does man fear his waiter more than he fears his God? And does he love God less than he loves the waiter? Truly a man and his money are beyond understanding.

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Vicar of St Marks,  
Cheltenham)



*'And there's a 10% discount on tonight's collection provided you give it during the first two verses of the next hymn.'*



# Around the Parish

## SQUIRRELS

The Squirrels were very busy in the run up to Christmas. We were making decorations, winter wonderland biscuits and chocolate logs. On the last night of term we had our Christmas Party with lots of snacks, a DVD and of course a visit from Santa!



We are now back again after a lovely holiday. This term we have a helper, Jack, volunteering with us as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award. Mr Squirrel was very happy to see that Jack got a warm, friendly and deafening welcome! Jack has already settled in and has proved to be a great asset to the leaders.

*Paul, Ann, Jack and Mr Squirrel*

## SCOUTS

Scouts have been very busy over the past few months. One of our highlights was the opportunity to go Scuba diving in QUB physical education centre. All the scouts enjoyed the new experience and we will hopefully have an opportunity to do this again soon.



For the New Year we had a hike around Craigs Wood, Rasharkin. Some of the scouts managed to disappear, by stepping into a bog at every opportunity. There are easier ways to measure depths but they seem to prefer the 'disappearing up to their necks' method. I'm glad I didn't have to do their washing.

The scouts are continuing to work towards gaining lots of badges, and in the near future we will be starting to plan our camp. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us while we are away. For more information on all of our Scouting Sections please visit [www.stcolumbasscouts.co.uk](http://www.stcolumbasscouts.co.uk) or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/5th-Ballymena-St-Columbas-Scouts>.

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On the 8<sup>th</sup> December the choir took part in Choral Evensong at 6.30 pm in St Patrick's - the cantor was Canon Lloyd. We were busy during December preparing for the annual service of nine lessons and carols.

We would like to thank Laura and Rachel Smyth for their duet at the beginning of this service and to Sandra Thompson for her solo, also to Laura for reading one of the lessons. A former choir member Roy Bennett kindly came along to the practices and the service to join the tenor section - we thank him and hope he will return at some stage in the future. The choir would also like to thank Dr Drennan for all the preparation and hard work he put in for this service.

After the service on the 22<sup>nd</sup> the choir had refreshments and a finger buffet with family and friends and of course Secret Santa had left a gift for each choir member and Jonathan. A presentation was made to Eileen Caldwell who resigned from the choir in September after 35 years service. Maureen Patterson presented the gift and wished Eileen good health and expressed the great fellowship that we had experienced with Eileen over the years.

Thanks to Judith and Jean their families and Kathleen Thompson for organising and serving the food.

The choir AGM was held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014. Canon Lloyd chaired the meeting.

**Members Elected:-**

Chairperson	<b><i>Judith Orr</i></b>
Vice chairperson	<b><i>Jack Malcolm</i></b>
Secretary	<b><i>Ella Duddy</i></b>
Treasurer	<b><i>Moyna Kilfedder</i></b>
Assistant Treasurer	<b><i>Lynda Bell</i></b>
Robe Mistress	<b><i>Jean Kennedy</i></b>
Librarians	<b><i>Laura and Rachel Smyth</i></b>
Committee members	<b><i>Harry Fisher and Jim Thompson</i></b>

Choral Evensong will be held on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2014 at 6.30 pm** in St Patrick's. Please come along.

***Ella Duddy, Secretary***



## CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE

C.L.B. 'BIG SPRING JUMBLE SALE' will be held on **Friday, 7 March**. We would appreciate the support of the Parish for our sale. It's a great chance to clear out the garage and the attic. Donations of bric-a-brac, clothes, furniture, books, toys, unused gifts, groceries and cakes will be greatly appreciated.

CLB/GFS Enrolment Service will be held on **Sunday, 16 February at 10.15 am**. This is an important service for all members and I would encourage all boys and their families to attend and support the officers and boys.

*Alan Ross  
(2589 2740)*

## MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

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

On 13<sup>th</sup> January we had a very enjoyable lunch with the ladies and gentlemen who help in the kitchen and with the car parking. Gifts were given to Martha Rainey and Trevor Halliday to thank them for their help over many years. We are delighted to welcome Marlene Gray to our team of ladies who help in the kitchen. In February along with our activities with toys, books, crafts, singing and dancing we look forward to Valentine's Day craft, Sadie Peachey from Sainsbury's coming to talk about healthy eating on 11<sup>th</sup> February, Sure Start coming on 25<sup>th</sup> February for singing and dancing and 18<sup>th</sup> March to do Arts and Craft. If you or your friends have babies or pre-school age children, please do come and join us on Tuesday mornings. You will find us in the church hall between 10 am and 12 noon - everyone welcome.



Rota for February:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
4 February	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Rosalie Grainger and Mary Cochrane	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay	Car Park
11 February	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Martha Caulfield	Welcoming
	Oliver Reid and Robert McGimpsey	Car Park
18 February	Dorothy Hegan, Isabel Halliday, Karin Agnew and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Anne Fisher	Welcoming
	Jimmy Coleman	Car Park
25 February	Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair, Nell McIlwee and Kathleen Thompson	Tea
	Liz Peachey	Welcoming
	Davy Nelson	Car Park

Our thanks to you all for your continued support.

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

**CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE/  
GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY**



**ENROLMENT SERVICE  
ST PATRICK'S**

**SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY  
10.15 AM**



## The Buzzard

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small goal with no top.



## The Bat

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkable nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

## The Bumblebee

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.



## People



In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up. That's the answer; the escape route and the solution to any problem ... just look up!

Sorrow looks back,

Worry looks around,

But faith looks up!



We welcomed everyone back after the Christmas holiday in Youth Club. We started the new year off by making calendars and thinking about good things we could do to help others this year. We also made Christingles and looked at the meaning of them and how God's love can shine in the darkest of places. This month we will be looking at the theme of love. Love towards others and God's love for us.



In Sunday school we will be preparing for this year's CMS project God's Big Family. There will be a meeting for all Sunday School teachers and anyone else interested in the project on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 3.30 pm** in St Patrick's.

Fusion takes place every Sunday morning during Sunday school. It is a continuation on from Confirmation age 14+ and all those who were confirmed in December are encouraged to come. It takes place in the Youth Room with a relaxed atmosphere, tea/coffee, toast and snacks. We have discussions, bible studies, quizzes, drama, fun and fellowship together so come along and join the rest of your peers on a Sunday morning.

The first Energize event of 2014 took place in St Patrick's Ballymena with over 20 young people from the rural deanery. The theme was New Year and Andy Frame from the Church of Ireland Youth Department was the speaker along with his friend Ian. A good night was had by all with lots of games, a quiz, worship and of course food. Our next evening is on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February** in Ahoghill 6.30 - 8.00 pm with the theme being love.

*Lucy*

# Word search

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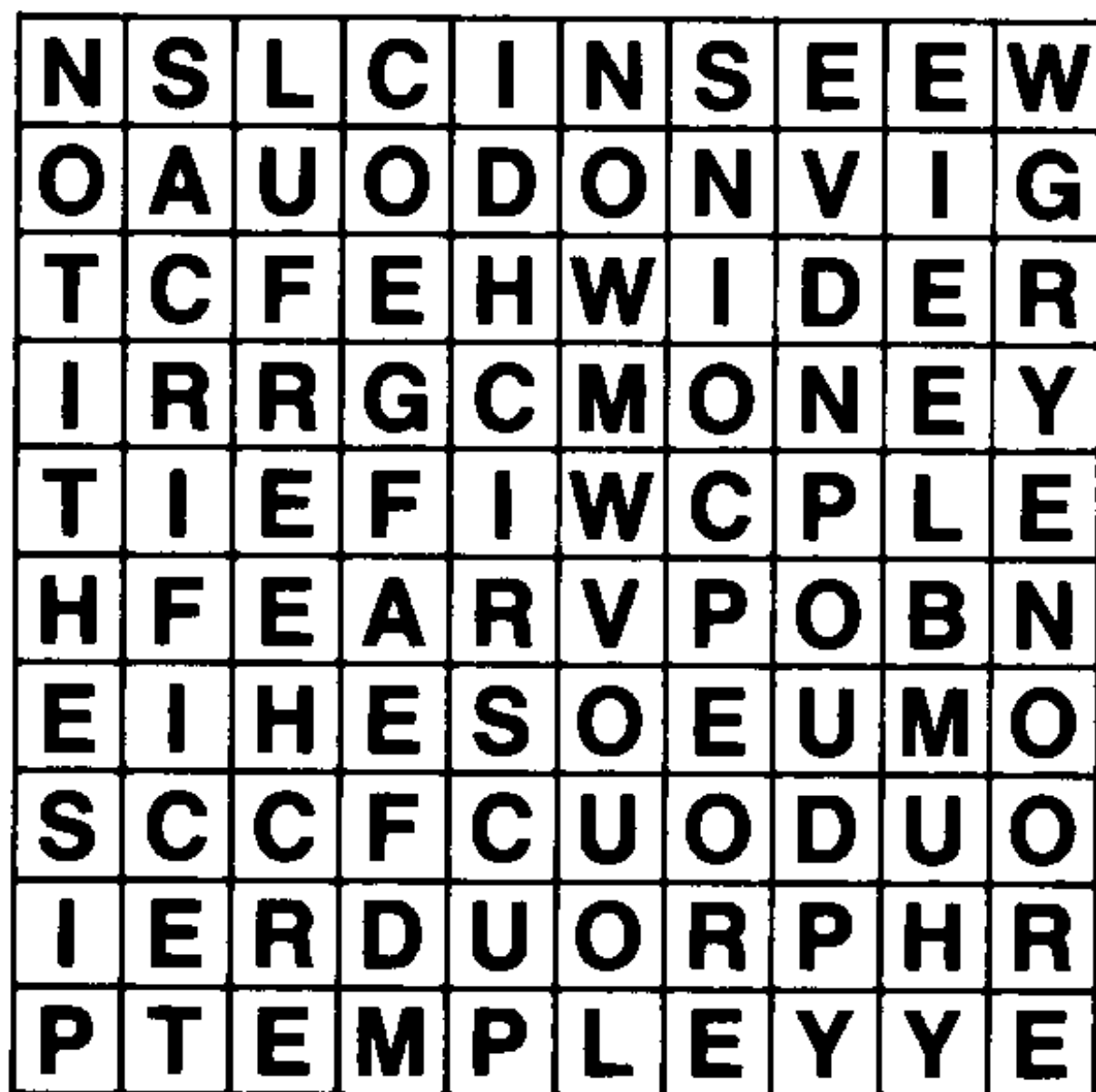
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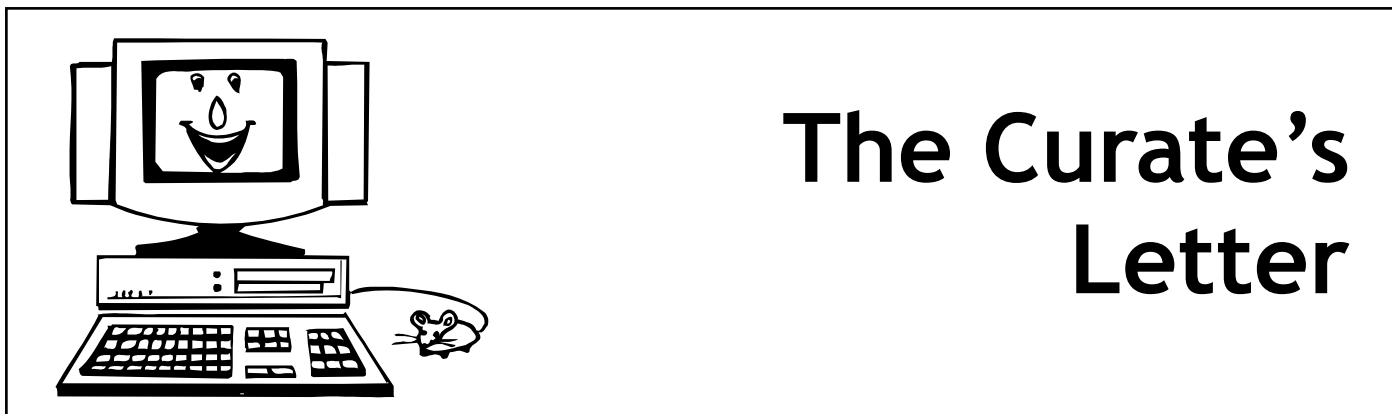
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# The Curate's Letter

## Count your bounties!

This is not a cheerful time of year and it can be difficult to keep your spirits up. Before Christmas there is a sort of pretend winter, but the real winter comes after Christmas when it is grey all day and the sun hardly ever shines and there is no happy prospect of Christmas ahead. Easter and spring are ahead to be sure, but a long way ahead. Things have to be faced now which we have put off for Christmas and debts have to be paid. I wish there was some magic cure for this but there isn't, just be glad you don't live in Norway and carry on doing the best you can. There's always something you've got to do today which has to be done so, why not get on with that? Otherwise it will have to be done tomorrow and you have other things to do then.

It's rather easy to think about things which are miserable, and easy to forget things we did or experienced which gave us pleasure, things which we enjoyed. Yesterday I had lunch in the cafe run by Barnardo's in Bridge Street in Belfast to give work experience to people with learning difficulties. The food is delicious, really cheap and the staff are nice. Sometimes they forget what you order and have to come back and ask you again, but it doesn't matter because they're so nice about it. Having lunch there cheered me up and gave me strength to sit through a training day at the cathedral. Definitely a small mercy.

When I pray I start off by trying to remember any good things which have happened to me since I last prayed. These are often quite small but they are well worth remembering and when they add together you can see there is much to be grateful for. There are good things everywhere, and many people are kind, but we must recognise the good things and the kind people and enjoy them. Psalm 13 says "I will sing to The Lord, for he has dealt so bountifully with me." There may not seem to be many

bounties in January, but there are, look and count and name them and be glad for the Lord's innumerable blessings and small mercies. Many mercies are small but they add up. It is well known that preachers write the messages they need to hear themselves, and I very much need to be aware of God's many mercies and great compassion to me. So I tell myself that, "Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever" ... even in January.

Please keep donations to the Food Bank coming, they slowed off for a while, but have picked up again lately. Some people think the Food Bank is a Green Pastures thing but it isn't really, and if they had more volunteers from us it would be even less of a Green Pastures thing. We have vouchers for this scheme and if you know of anyone, even someone who would never come forward themselves, please let us know and we'll sort it out.

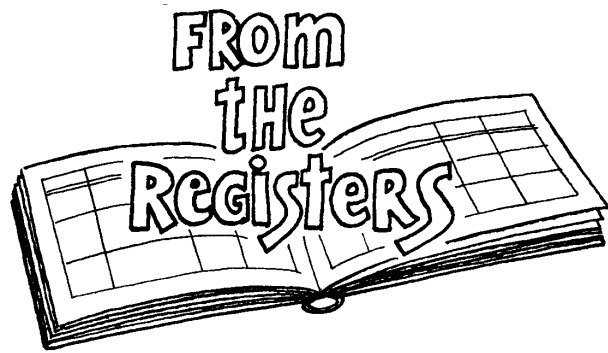
And in the meantime may your delight be in The Lord (Psalm 37) and if you struggle to think of the goodness in your own life, maybe start by giving thanks to God that you have never needed to go to the Food Bank for a week's supply of groceries ... and long may that last. Praise The Lord.

*Iain James*

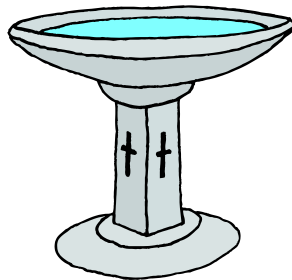
## **CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE GRAND SPRING**



### **FRIDAY 7th MARCH 2014**



## HOLY BAPTISM



22<sup>nd</sup> December

Oliver James Millar

2 Glenane Park, Kells

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL



30<sup>th</sup> November

Stuart Doey

209 Orkney Drive

6<sup>th</sup> January

Chester McMeekin

Rose Martha Nursing Home

10<sup>th</sup> January

Robert Taggart

26 Moat Road, Ballymena

12<sup>th</sup> January

Iris Wilson

29 Drumtara, Ballymena

15<sup>th</sup> January

Robert Martin

191 Moat Road, Ballymena

16<sup>th</sup> January

Jean McElroy

Slemish Nursing Home

17<sup>th</sup> January

Isobel Millar

99 Chichester Park East,  
Ballymena

23<sup>rd</sup> January

Liam Gillan

13 Bamber Park, Ballymena

## Stuart Doey

Despite having very limited mobility for many years and being confined to bed for some years Stuart fought on, accepted his condition and still enjoyed company and chat. Reared in Aghadowey, where his heart still lay, he had been in Ballymena for many years. He worked as long as he

was physically able - in quarries, driving lorries and buses, working with turf and as a bouncer. A generous man in all sorts of ways, over the years he looked after his mother and nephews and nieces. A man of simple faith, he always valued the visits of the clergy and their prayer. We remember his wider family circle.

### **Chester McMeekin**

Although Chester had spent some years in Rose Martha he was still able to be out in the car with his sons right up to the last weekend of his life. He started life in the Parkhead area and after a time in the Rectory Estate moved into the Harryville area. He spent a life time working in the Mill and was well known and respected. A quiet and private man he kept himself prim and proper. He very much enjoyed keeping house and garden looking well also. He had a good relationship with his two sons and they spent much time with him. For a time he attended the early communion service in St Patrick's and in more recent years was a regular at the 11.30 service. We remember both Denver and Colin and their respective families.

### **Robert Taggart**

Robert was not known to the clergy. A stroke some years ago had slowed him down and his life style probably did not benefit his health. He died at home which was what he would have wanted. From Dervock he had been a long time in Ballymena and had worked most of the time in the building trade. We think of his sons Ivor and Daniel and daughter Sonia.

### **Iris Wilson**

Iris was born in Magherafelt in 1943. During her working life she had many jobs working at Gallahers and in chip shops and cleaning jobs. Her jobs were just a way to keep her family going. Iris had a 17 year first marriage before her divorce and then a long 10 year relationship, before she was then lucky to find Tom the husband who was the love of her life. She was profoundly affected by his sudden death a few years ago. Iris was a cheerful and strong minded lady of great personality, who experienced much ill health and difficulty, suffering with patience and humour. Our sympathy goes to Lorna, Nicholas and Barbara and to her many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

## **Robert Martin**

The clergy were asked to assist in Robert's funeral as although he was unknown to them, in his earlier days he had been connected with St Patrick's. His wife had died over 20 years ago and he had been in and out of hospital for some time. Over the years he had worked among other places in the Mill, O'Kane's and Flexibox. We remember his son Noel with whom he lived and his daughter Selina.

## **Jean McElroy**

Jean had poor health for the last 15 years and this necessitated her being in care. She had numerous setbacks and yet rallied often and retained her personality. From Tyrone, she had lived in Dungannon and Castlederg before moving to Ballymena where her daughter lived. She touched the lives of many in her occupation as a social worker. She had a great interest in antiques, gathering many items for her house and she also enjoyed the garden. Although she was not known to the clergy and was not a churchgoer we understand that she did have a quiet faith. We remember her husband Norman and daughter Grace.

## **Isobel Millar**

Isobel's health declined rapidly some time before Christmas and she was to spend quite some time in hospital with a very limited quality of life. Her death was something therefore of a release for her and her family. She had started her life in Hope Street, got married to Jack in Scotland and had the family home in Granville Drive. In later years she was to move many times especially after Jack's death in 1997. Over the years she had many jobs usually in shops but her chief work was bringing up a family of five. In former years she enjoyed her holidays with Jack and the dances in the Service's Club. Lately she developed Parkinson's but was able to get out to the support group and to other senior citizen clubs. Isobel was a life time member of St Patrick's and is survived by her daughters Carol, Elizabeth and Margaret and sons James and John.

## **Liam Gillan**

Liam had to contend with much illness during his life but he still lived life to the full, never complaining but always taking a positive attitude and looking forward with hope. His positive approach together with the

wonderful support of his wife Lynda allowed him to enjoy life and to contribute much to the lives of others. Brought up in Antrim he trained as a painter and decorator and worked in Enkalon till it closed. Then he spent over 20 years as an instructor in the Seven Towers Training Centre in Railway Street. This was challenging work but Liam was well suited to it giving great encouragement to the young people and mentoring them in various ways. The fact that he was recommended for an MBE for services to young people is a powerful accolade. Liam was also a talented musician and along with others formed various groups which performed around the country. He and Lynda very much enjoyed their caravan and made many friends through this. Married for over 43 years they were a couple well matched - they kept each other going in all sorts of ways and were clearly devoted to one another. Liam valued his faith and his membership of St Patrick's. Aware that his life was drawing to a close he was able to confess a firm faith in the Lord and in the life that lay ahead. We continue to uphold in prayer Lynda and all others who shared closely in his life.





# 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
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
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>3rd Sunday in the month</i>	<i>Holy Communion</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*