

Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug

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Ballyclug	Rector's	Mr Eric McKee
	People's	Mr Jackie Greer
St Columba's	Rector's	Mrs Hilary Strain
	People's	Mr Ivan McCombe
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	People's	Mr Peter Chestnutt

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Mr Alan Adair, Mr Bill Balmer, Mr William Burnett, Mrs Anne Crawford, Mrs Debbie Crawford, Mr Barry Duke, Mr Dessie Dunlop, Mr Alastair Marrs, Mr Alex McKay, Mr Jackie McMaster, Mrs Adelaide Nimick and Mrs Loraine Watt.

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St Patrick's
St Columba's
St Patrick's
St Columba's

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Organists

THE RECTOR WRITES



The Rector Writes

Just before Easter we had another Prayer Vigil. Parishioners were encouraged to come along to St Patrick's for some or all of 4 hours and wait upon God. Primarily a time of quiet, this was interspersed with short acts of worship. There were very good reasons why some could not attend but the number participating relative to the size of the parish was small. As the evening started I was disappointed at the small numbers, saddened that so many may not have given it consideration. Focusing on those not participating was somewhat dispiriting. However, as the night wore on my focus shifted to those around me. I was heartened by their commitment and their sincerity of purpose. How uplifting it was to have twelve of us celebrate Holy Communion together as we approached midnight. As always focusing on the negative is draining, focusing on the positive is energising.

In our daily lives there can be much that may drain us. Simply the busyness of life and the demands made upon us can leave us tired. Many people do have real concerns in their lives and worry can take hold. Some of us of course worry even when there are no real difficulties - and worry drains us. Also as we encounter the world we hear of much bad news and we can let this dishearten us. We also in our society rely a great deal on all sorts of technology and while this can be very helpful it also can be annoying when the technology breaks down - whether it is the car, the washing machine or the computer! These break downs can be irritations for us which further drain us.

On the other hand each day contains opportunities - probably far more than we ever realise. If we are alert we can find moments which can energise us and as it were renovate the day. We can take in the sea of dandelions along the side of the road and let that wonderful glow of colour bring light to our day. We can register that lovely smile on that person's face and let that warm our day. In the moment that some

thought pops into our heads - that little insight - we can delight in that understanding that will make that day worthwhile and enrich further our lives. That small act of kindness, that tune we hear that really gets to us, that moment when peace reigns in our homes - all such experiences if we own them can be energising. Alertness to opportunities to be renewed goes with trust in a God who is richly active in what is happening. Even in the face of bad events we need to be always watching for God's way through them, bringing some aspect of good out of them.

The bible regularly urges us to be alert and watchful and surely this includes alertness to those moments which can energise. The bible also urges us not to be anxious and worry for that is so draining and rather to concentrate on the positives. Paul tells us in Philippians 4 v 8 'Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think upon these things'.

Most folks are familiar with computer screens. We can minimise and make the image disappear or we can maximise and enlarge the image. The biblical injunction is surely then that we seek to minimise the negatives and maximise the positives. I'll try to focus then not on the apparent lukewarmness and indifference of many when it comes to the Christian Faith but on the commitment and readiness of others to serve. And maybe you would join me in seeking to be alert for those moments which can energise our days.

Stuart Lloyd.





Parish News

New Curate

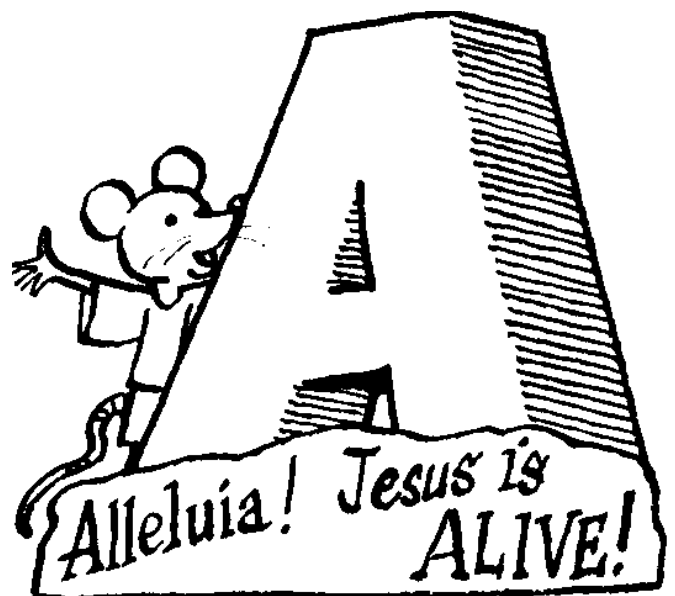
As reported previously our new curate, the Rev. John McClure, will start with us on Sunday 1st June and thus before most of you read our next magazine. John will continue to live in his own home in Connor but of course will be around the parish on a daily basis. We look forward to his coming and to the new aspects he will bring to the ministry team. I'm sure he will very soon feel part of the parish and that parishioners will appreciate his style of presenting and living the gospel. Do give him a warm welcome.

Visitor

Our parish has for generations been a supporter of the Church Mission Society Ireland and each year our main financial mission contribution is to CMSI. It is a very old mission society and this year celebrates its 200th Anniversary. As part of the celebrations CMSI is bringing mission partners to Ireland from the many countries in which it works. Thus a

group is coming from Nepal made up mainly of people from Sundar Dhoka Church but also one person from Human Development Community Service, the latter being an organisation with which we were involved when our team visited Nepal in 2009.

As a parish we are hosting this person from HDCS and so Shreya Thapa will be staying in the parish from 9th - 15th May. She is the communications officer and thus will be able to tell us much about the various projects that HDCS are undertaking. Her father Tirtha Thapa is the founder and director of HDCS and has himself visited Ireland.





Around the Parish

MOTHERS' UNION



- **Wednesday 14th May 8 pm**
'Springtime with Eleanor' (supper Margaret Spiers/Deborah Bennett).
- Senior Members Afternoon Tea will take place on **Friday 30th May at 2.30 pm** - further details will be available at the above meeting.
Jean Kennedy



CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE

Our Annual Parents and Friends evening was held on Friday 4th April. A large crowd enjoyed the packed programme. Thanks to Patricia McWhirter for presenting the following awards:

MARTINS AWARDS 2014

Boyd Shield for P.E. and Games

Hamill Shield - Best Squad

Stinson Shield - Best New Recruit

Scripture Competition

Gillespie Cup - Best Boy

Special Achievement Award

Willy Nelson Memorial Cup

Church/Sunday School Attendance

Carson Hume

Runner Up **Michael Leetch**

Alexander Bell, Jamie

Quigley, Corey Black

Kayden Wilson

Runner Up **Joe McGrattan**

Harry Lamont

Runners Up **Jamie Quigley,**

Corey Black

Alexander Bell

Runner Up **Harry Lamont**

Michael Leetch

Dan McGrattan

All boys received their Badges and Attendance Awards.

Y.B.C. SECTION

Andrew Dennison Shield for
P.E. and Games
Black Cup - Best Squad

McBride Shield for Scripture

Elliott Cup for Best Boy

Andrew Johnston
Runner Up Rico Kirk
Aiden Hoey, Mason Hume,
Rico Kirk, Euan Hamill,
Thomas Adair
Wyatt Lorimer
Runner Up James Johnston
Joe Monaghan

All boys received Attendance Awards.

J.T.C. SECTION

Burnett Shield for P.E. and Games

McCullough Shield - Best Squad

Rodgers Cup for Scripture

McCready Cup - Best Boy

Adam Lamont
Runner Up John Young
Sam Crawford, Aaron
Adair, James McIlfatrick,
John Young
Adam Reynolds
Runner Up James McIlfatrick
Callum Hamill
Runner Up Adam Boyd

All boys received Attendance Awards.

C.L.B. SECTION

O'Hara Centenary Shield for
P.E. and Games
Perry Cup - Best Squad

Nevin Cup - Best Boy

Ann Johnston Cup for Scripture

David Leetch
Runner Up Cameron Neilly
Callum McCarrison,
Callum Ross, Anthony
Shaw, Simon Bennett,
Neil McAllister
Matthew Boyd
Runner Up Adam Smith
Luke Cunningham
Runner Up Trai Hume

Ross Cup for Best Sportsman
Sittlington Cup - Brigade Week
Penney Cup for Church Duty

Callum Ross
Runner Up Neil McAllister
Matthew Adam Boyd
Callum McCarrison
Runner Up Simon Bennett
Anthony Shaw

Barr Cup - Best Boy overall in
Company

Five Year Service Medals

Matthew Boyd, Cameron
Neilly

All boys received Attendance Awards.

The C.L.B. presented £300 to parish funds and £200 to the Leprosy Mission.

The U-13 and U-15 Football Teams enjoyed success with both teams winning to represent Ulster at the national finals.

Over the summer break we are looking for parents or parishioners who would be willing to help with the boys for one hour on a Friday evening. This is not a big commitment and it would make a difference to have an extra pair of hands. Please consider this and contact any of the leaders so that we can have you in place for September.

Thanks to all parents and boys for their continued support over the year. We hope you have a nice summer break and we will see you all back again on **Friday 5th September.**

Alan Ross (Tel No. 2589 2740)

MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

We hope everyone has enjoyed their Easter break. In April we had a very enjoyable singing session with Jillian from Ballymena Library and on 8th April we enjoyed a day of Easter fun, making Easter cards and rolling our eggs. After Easter we enjoyed Audrey Vance coming to give a talk on baby and child resuscitation. We send our sympathy to Dorothy Hegan on the loss of her sister. We will continue our usual crafts, singing and healthy eating in May.



Rota for May:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
6 May	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Mary Cochrane and Jean Cunningham	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay and Eddie McClelland	Car Park
13 May	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Martha Caulfield	Welcoming
	Oliver Reid and Robert McGimpsey	Car Park
20 May	Dorothy Hegan, Isabel Halliday, Karin Agnew and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Ann Fisher	Welcoming
	Davy Nelson	Car Park
27 May	Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair, Nell McIlwee and Kathleen Thompson	Tea
	Liz Peachey	Welcoming
	Bob Peachey	Car Park

Our thanks to you all for your continued support.

Dorothy (2589 2740), Anna, Anne and Liz

SQUIRRELS

The Squirrels have had a few visitors recently. We had Rhonda from PSNI with us showing us her car and equipment. The boys all loved to make the sirens go. She talked about the different activities in her job and the dangers of strangers.

We then made a trip to the local Fire Station. The firemen showed us around their engines and allowed some of the boys to



try on the breathing equipment. We even got to see the firemen coming down the pole. The favourite activity had to be going outside to try out the hoses, and of course getting to soak everyone. The only person who managed to dodge the showers was Paul. Please take better aim at Paul next time Squirrels!

Paul, Ann, Jack and Mr Squirrel



The poster is enclosed in a thick black rectangular border. At the top, there are three square icons: a coffee cup with steam on the left, a circular logo with the words 'COFFEE MORNING' in the center, and another coffee cup with steam on the right. Below these icons, the text 'COFFEE MORNING' is written in a bold, italicized, sans-serif font. Underneath this, the location 'St Columba's Church Hall, Doury Road, Ballymena' is printed in a standard sans-serif font. This is followed by the date 'Saturday 14th June 2014' and the time '10am - 12:00pm'. In the center of the poster is a detailed illustration of a round cake with white frosting and a cherry on top, sitting on a silver cake stand. To the right of the cake is a white coffee cup filled with dark liquid, resting on a matching saucer. Below the illustration, the text 'Donation of £2-50 in aid of local team going to Ethiopia with Habitat for Humanity' is written in a sans-serif font. At the bottom right corner, there is the Habitat for Humanity logo, which consists of a stylized house icon with three human figures inside, followed by the text 'Habitat for Humanity' and 'Northern Ireland' below it.


COFFEE MORNING

St Columba's Church Hall, Doury Road, Ballymena

Saturday 14th June 2014

10am - 12:00pm

Donation of £2-50 in aid of local team going to Ethiopia with
Habitat for Humanity

 **Habitat**
for Humanity[®]
Northern Ireland



Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week 2014 - Your parish needs you!

Christian Aid Week this year runs from **11th to 17th May** and it's great that many of us will be able to support the two special lunches at St Patrick's and St Columba's after morning service on Sunday 11th. Many more parishioners will also be contributing to the valuable work undertaken by **Christian Aid** by putting money into the special envelopes in church.

Our contributions will assist **Christian Aid** as it seeks to eliminate poverty by enabling people in many parts of the world to set up small enterprises which help them to feed and educate their own families and to enhance their communities. The money we give will also enable **Christian Aid** to respond to the initial problems following natural disasters - and then to give follow-up assistance as well.

The money *we* give is vital to the work of **Christian Aid** - but we are also charged with the task of collecting from others as well, so that there will be even more funds to be used. As a parish we are asked to do a door-to-door collection in the area of the town allotted to us. This collection is very important because it not only enables non-church-goers to contribute to **Christian Aid's** work but it shows our commitment and witness to a wider public.

We have a band of willing helpers for the door-to-door collection but we do need some more. This is a whole parish effort and going out to collect in twos and threes allows us to get to know one another better as well as assisting **Christian Aid's** work. Please think about joining us in this valuable work and then give your name to one of the clergy or ring me on 2564 6701.

Mary Campbell



MARGARET'S STORY

South Sudan: a traumatic trip to safety

Apada began as a camp for people returning to South Sudan following independence. It is now a settled community of 40,000 people and continues to grow as others return to the country.

Many of these people have suffered terribly. Margaret Nanjok Deng's story is stark and shocking. It shows the damage war and poverty causes.

Starting again

Margaret fled to northern Sudan during the war. With peace in South Sudan, she wanted to return with her children, so she sold her house and took the money with her to start afresh.

But on the way, her convoy was ambushed. They were shot at. Terrified, they ran from their vehicles into the bush, leaving all their belongings behind.

A torturous time in hiding Margaret hid for almost two weeks, drinking only stagnant water. During this time, she saw terrible things.

Margaret recalls: 'A child died and the people who stole our vehicles ran the child over. They also drove over the leg of a man we were travelling with. They tried to come and take our boys and girls for sex.'

Around 700 petrified people sought refuge in a barracks in northern Sudan.

Margaret continues: 'We were rounded up, and we thought that we were going to be shot. We were crying and our bodies shivering.

I prayed to God, I did not want to die. I said to myself, "Margaret, be brave." I stood up and prayed. I feared they were going to kill us.'

Answered prayers

Margaret's prayers were heard: one of her leaders came and saved them. They were put on trucks and NGOs came to collect them, bringing them water, while local people gave them grain to eat.

The NGOs took them to a port, and put them on a boat to the capital, Juba. Then from Juba, they were flown to Aweil, which is close to Apada.

'If the NGOs had not supported us, our lives would be very different,' said Margaret.

The current crisis

Since 15 December 2013, over 700,000 people have been displaced inside South Sudan, forced from their homes amid escalating violence. The UN estimates that considerably more than 10,000 have been killed.

Our partners are supplying food and essential medical supplies where possible, but as the rainy season approaches we need to act fast. With your help, we can reach more vulnerable people.



Exodus

Exodus is a youth discipleship organization who aims 'to call a generation of young people to boldly follow Jesus and become life-long disciple makers'

The Team

Our team is made up of 12 young people from Ballymena. The age of the team ranges from 15 to 21. We meet weekly in Ballymena Baptist to plan our trip, read the Bible and discuss what it means to 'exchange our life with Christ's.' We will also be working alongside another Exodus team from Lisburn when we arrive in Spain.

Valdepenas

Valdepenas is a small town in central Spain, located approximately 127.5 miles south of Madrid. The largest religious affiliation in Spain is Roman Catholicism, practiced by over 70% of the population.

What we will be doing

Throughout our time in Spain we will be staying with

We would love your prayer

We would really appreciate your prayer for the



Many thanks for all the support we have received.
This is so encouraging as we prepare for our time in Valdenpenas.

Catherine McWhirter and Peter Todd

Christianity Explored

Life is full of questions. Some are trivial, some more serious and some tremendously important. But the greatest, the ultimate questions are about God and our relationship to Him.

Spending the seven weeks during Lent and taking part in the Christianity Explored Course helped me to get answers to some of my questions and has strengthened my faith. Why are we here? Is there a God? What is life all about?

Each evening over the seven weeks we explored The Good News, Sin, The Cross, Resurrection, Grace and other topics by studying St Mark's Gospel. The DVD which was shown at the beginning of each session gave much food for thought and opened avenues of investigation.

I found the rector gave greater insight and spiritual meaning to the numerous parables recorded in St Mark's Gospel.

Lively discussion took place in our groups. Here we shared our thoughts and concerns which we experienced on our journey of faith.

The understanding of sin dominated our discussions on many occasions.

In conclusion the study was exciting and satisfying but many more questions still remain unanswered.

Anne Adams

A number of parishioners from our three churches attended this course which comprised seven sessions. The course, centred on St Mark's Gospel, explored three questions at the heart of Christianity: Who was Jesus, Why did He come, What is involved in following Him?

Each session opened in prayer followed by a very informative DVD on the following topics:-

- Good news
- Identity
- Sin - why did Jesus come
- The cross - why did Jesus die
- The resurrection
- Grace
- Come and die

The rector gave further insight into what we had seen and went through the follow up from the previous week's study. We then broke into groups, each of which had a facilitator to guide us in our discussions on the questions set for that session. Many different views were expressed during these very lively discussions and it was interesting and encouraging to hear how others felt and thought about these very important matters.

Before breaking for tea the rector went over the questions set and further enlightened us.

This course has certainly been both challenging and informative. In our group we felt that it had triggered a desire to explore our beliefs further. Although we had many unanswered questions we felt that our faith had been deepened and that we had drawn even closer to Jesus. As a result, we were able to renew our Baptismal Vows on Easter Sunday.

Irene Rodgers

From not having done a course like this before we came to find it informative, educational and felt it communicated the gospel of Mark clearly and powerfully. We found that the course walked you through the gospel in a current and relevant way appealing to all ages. It truly expanded our knowledge of the Christian faith and introduced us to new ways of looking at Christianity. There was no compromise on the truth of the gospel and meeting new people really opens your eyes to the different kinds of people who have the same beliefs or different takes on Christianity as you do. We found Reverend Lloyd had a way of explaining the gospel which was easily understood, as sometimes the bible can be difficult to analyse and comprehend. Ryan and I believe that in finishing the course our faith has been strengthened which is nothing but a positive outcome.

Tammy and Ryan Reid



The Youth Club and Sunday School are still busy collecting 20 pence pieces in their Smartie tubes for the CMS project 'God's Big Family'. Please remember to bring your full tubes back.

Well done to the CLB and GFS for their displays - a lot of hard work and effort was put into both nights. Thanks to all the leaders for their work throughout the year and to the parents for their support.

The leaders of the parish will be having a night out in May - date to follow.

Energise will take place on **Sunday 11th May** in Portglenone Parish Hall at 6.30 pm.

CHILDREN'S WEEK

MEGA MAKERS

Monday 9th - Friday 13th June

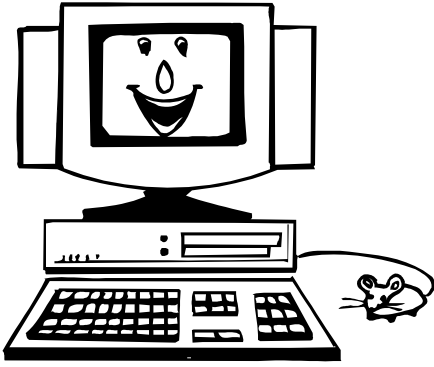
7 - 8.15 pm

For all primary school children



Enter the inventor's workshop and make some mega discoveries about God. Hear about how God's love is far wider and longer and higher and deeper than we can ever imagine.

Lucy



The Curate's Letter

Lana del Ray - Prophetess for our times?

I don't know much about popular culture, I don't have a telly and if it's not on Radio 4, in the Daily Telegraph or on the BBC news website I don't know about it. Sad I know. But there you are. However, one song did draw itself to my attention recently, 'Video Games' by Lana del Ray. I'd never heard of her obviously but it seems I'm in a minority because this song has had just short of 60 million hits on 'You Tube', and even though there are an awful lot of people in the world that's still pretty impressive.

The words of the song are mostly silly. There's this girl and she has to drink a lot and play video games, because that's what her boyfriend wants to do, and in so doing she finds a kind of happiness because she's doing it with him. There's a serious aspect to that of course, she is putting others before herself and as Jesus said the last shall be the first. She finds happiness in altruism and self denial. However, the best line is 'Heaven is a place on earth with you'. It seems that Lana del Ray is in fact an accomplished theologian for she talks more sense about heaven than is heard in many a church.

In 'heaven' as some see it, we will do little except float around, (unencumbered of course by our current oversized bellies or dodgy knees). To pass the time we'll maybe gossip with old acquaintances, about all the things we did while we lived on earth. We will look down on our undead relatives in a comforting sort of a way, never critical but always very supportive.

Is that how 'heaven' is to be? I see it somewhat differently. As that fascinating text the Book of Revelation makes it clear eternal life is right here. Jesus taught us after all to pray, 'Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven'. But this fallen world into which evil has entered will be purified. We will as it were be allowed back into the Garden of Eden. At

the second coming Christ will arrive with a new heaven, and it will join with earth (as it is now) to make a New Earth (or a New Jerusalem if you want to be poetic about it. The Israelites saw Jerusalem and earth as one and the same). The New Earth will be the old earth made perfect, but still just as much a real actual physical place as it is now, only without any death or unhappiness or suffering. Death, unhappiness and suffering are for the old world and will have no part in God's New Earth. The New Earth will be where all the saved souls will live out their eternal life.

Centuries of Puritanism have trained us to think that the physical world is evil and always at odds with our higher spiritual selves, but we were never designed to be purely spiritual but to be bodies and spirits in harmony. The physical world is good. God loves it. Eternal life will be perfect, but if it was purely spiritual then it wouldn't be perfect, because it would be lacking the important physical dimension, which Genesis tells us was pleasing in the sight of God.

So she's right, Lana del Ray, heaven is a place on earth with you. A considerable improvement I feel on that other well known theologian John Lennon.

Ian James

Annual Civic Service

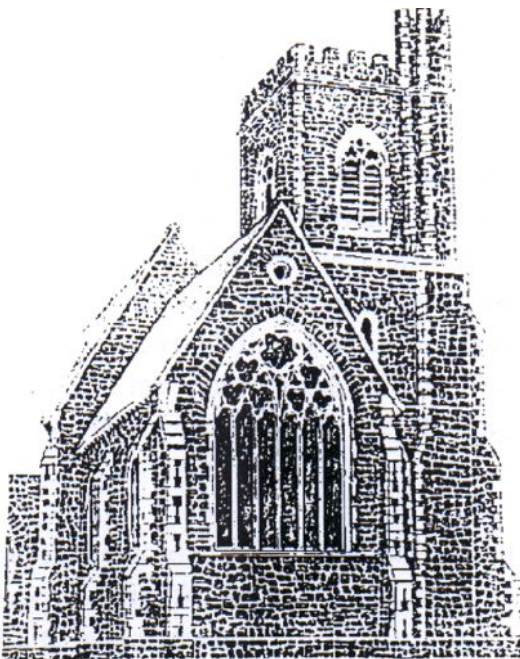
*Sunday 25th May
at 11.30 am in St Patrick's Church*

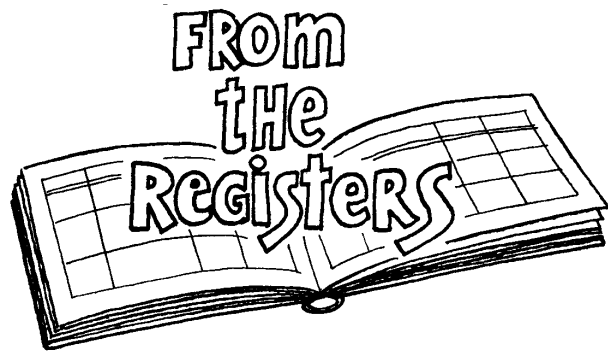
PREACHER -

*The Rev. Maureen Hassard,
Minister Ballymena Methodist*

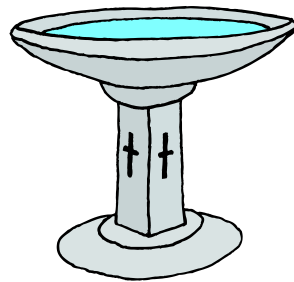
*This is a joint service for the parish -
No service in Ballyclug or St Columba's*

*Parishioners are requested to invite
someone from the wider community to
this service*





HOLY BAPTISM



13th April

Macie Elizabeth
Doherty

42 Glenshesk Drive,
Ballymena

CHRISTIAN BURIAL



2nd April

Tommy McCrory

29 Deerfin Fold,
Ballymena

4th April

William Edgar

Ben Madigan Nursing
Home, Newtownabbey

15th April

Macie Doherty

42 Glenshesk Drive,
Ballymena

23rd April

Norman Hamilton

28 Shetland Gardens,
Ballymena

25th April

Elizabeth Moore

31 Broughshane Road,
Ballymena

Tommy McCrory

Tommy did have a heart problem for many years but recently other health issues arose and his last weeks were difficult for him and his

family. He was very much a family man and he and Joan, his wife of many years, were always together. When illness affected either they were always there caring for each other. Tommy also gave great support to his daughters Sandra and Jennifer and took a deep interest in all that his grandchildren were doing. He worked a life time in the Mill as a fitter and also did part time work for Linton's - he was a wizard at mending bicycles. He also had green fingers and his small garden at Deerfin Fold was wonderful to behold - he could not have found a space for any more flowers and plants. In more recent years Tommy attended Ballyclug with Joan and as he approached death was able to declare a faith. We think especially of Joan and also Sandra and Jennifer.

William Edgar

Bill, as he was known, lived a full and active life until 9 years ago when he suffered a stroke and this led to the onset of dementia which over the years progressed and meant that latterly he did not recognise people. Thus quite a few years were spent in Nursing Homes. Bill was brought up in Coleraine and was to live in numerous places because of his work. He did have the happiness of 2 marriages but also the hurt of losing both of his wives - June after only a few years in childbirth and Laura after many years through cancer. Almost a life time was spent in the police service, entering as he did in 1953. He rose up through the ranks from sergeant to head constable to the youngest district inspector, to superintendent and finally to chief superintendent. Even after retirement from the police he was to do security work for the M.O.D. He was to serve through the worst of the troubles and was awarded the MBE in 1977. He was also a keen sportsman, playing and being involved in rugby and also competing in rowing. He involved himself in the local community through Round Table and Rotary. Also wherever he lived he was active in the local church. Here in Ballymena he was a regular worshipper and also a churchwarden. We remember his daughter Karen through his first marriage and through his second marriage daughter Julie and son Mark.

Macie Doherty

Macie had just a few short months of life. We acknowledge the anticipation and hopes of her parents Gerard and Nicola and their great sadness that their dreams were cut short. We affirm, however, the life that has been opened up to Macie and although hard to let her go we commit her

to God's care. As well as Gerard and Nicola we remember her brother Ryan and sister Mylie.

Norman Hamilton

Norman was not known to the clergy. Although he did have heart problems and was in hospital his death came as a shock to his family. He started life in Alexander Street in the town but lived in many different locations including along the coast which he loved to revisit. In his time he worked on a milk lorry, in the Mill, at O'Kane's factory and served for several years in the Territorial Army. He loved his horse racing and his cowboy books and DVD's. We remember his daughters Norma and Angela.

Elizabeth Moore

Elizabeth had come through a serious illness some 10 years ago and the death of her husband Sammy, who was so well known about the parish. She had continued on at the family home in Broughshane Road where she lived with her daughters Pamela and Heather. She and Sammy were from Donegal and lived for some years in Londonderry before moving to Ballymena. Elizabeth had worked in a shirt factory and so was well able to provide for family members when it came to curtains and other sewing jobs. She was a behind the scenes lady looking after the family, providing for them and always thinking of others. She loved baking and her apple tarts were a specialty as well as the beetroot jam which she made from what she had sown in the garden. She was happiest giving to others and loved providing hospitality to those who called at her home. Thinking of others she also worked as a volunteer in the Salvation Army charity shop. She herself was to suffer the loss of her only son Alan in difficult circumstances and now she will be greatly missed by Pamela and Heather and also by her other daughters Ann and Caroline.





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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

10.30 am	Holy Communion
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ST PATRICK'S, BALLYCLUG

SUNDAY SERVICES

10.00 am	Morning Prayer
	4th Sunday in the month
	Holy Communion

ST COLUMBA'S, DUNCLUG

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

ST PATRICK'S

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

11.30 am	Church	Superintendent - Mrs S Foster
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HOLY BAPTISM

At Sunday services by arrangement