

# *Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug*

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THE RECTOR WRITES



# The Rector Writes

Do you like to win? I expect most of us if we are playing football, golf, snooker or cards do like to win. We may claim that we play for the enjoyment of it and not for the winning but secretly we do rather appreciate winning. I wonder how it is when it comes to games with family members? Do we show an aggressive streak and in fact can prove poor losers or are we more than happy to let our loved ones win and especially the children?

When in court the prosecution can win its case and the defence loose or visa versa. Often cases are settled out of court so maybe no one can claim to be the winner. Unfortunately when it comes to conflict situations we tend to seek an outcome that has winners and losers. That may apply in custody situations or divorce proceedings or at a lesser level in arguments we can be determined to come out on top. When it comes to proceedings in our own country over the years if one side seemed to win certain demands it was seen as the other side loosing out. In fact what is more helpful is where different parties can see that in some measure they both win - we should always strive towards a 'win, win' situation.

I wonder who will win the forthcoming General Election? Will one party win an outright majority or will it just be a matter of one party winning the most seats? And of course a party may win an increased number of seats without being part of a winning government.

We can hardly have missed that we are in 'election mode'. The parties and politicians are all trying to persuade us how wonderful they are and how rotten the other lot are. Promises by one lot are dismissed by the other and their promises are in turn 'rubbished' by their opponents. This brings us to another aspect of winning - where people seek to win us over to their point of view. The parties all want to win us over to their way of thinking - to win our vote.

Thus we come to a phrase in one of our famous hymns - St Patrick's Breastplate - and we observe our patron saint this month. In this hymn, among many other things, we sing and pray, 'Christ to win me'. That acknowledges that surely for all of us we are not won yet. We have not arrived - we are not completely dedicated to his way. In all honesty we are half won, half trusting and not all that loving. We have still so much more to be revealed to us, we have greater depths to be drawn to - God calls us to travel further.

The encouraging thing is the desire of God as reported in scripture, 'He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion' Philippians 1:6. The question for us is what is our desire. Will we pray 'Christ to win me'. And it is only the love of God, that unimaginable love I see in Christ, that as I come to realise it more and more will draw me onwards.

In this season of Lent many parishioners are engaging in the course 'Exploring Christianity' and thus in a sense desiring Christ to win them further to his way. And Lent culminates in Good Friday and what does that other hymn declare of the cross - 'Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all'. It is that love, written in shining letters on the cross that will win me to himself. Thus we approach the cross with that prayer 'Christ to win me'.

*Stuart Lloyd.*

# Engage Connor Youth

21<sup>st</sup> March at 7 pm



The event with 'Trash Creaney'

24/7 Prayer Ireland

And worship by Aaron Boyce



# Parish News

## COMING OUR WAY

Our bishop, the Right Reverend Alan Abernethy, will be with us for a week at the end of the month. He is to be the special preacher each night in Holy Week. Clearly we will be encouraging parishioners to come to these services and we intend to have a different style of service each evening. The plan is to have Choral Evensong on Monday, the Living Faith team will lead Tuesday worship, the emphasis on Wednesday will be on the spoken word, then we will have our Maundy Thursday Holy Communion with washing of feet and then on Good Friday a Tenebrae Service. None of the parish groups or organisations meet that week so they are encouraged to at least attend the service on the night they usually meet.

## CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

It is good to report that over 50 parishioners turned up for the first night of our Lenten course as well as 10 facilitators who had agreed to assist. Our prayer is that the course will be fruitful for all who participate and indeed for the life of the parish. The word disciple just means a learner and we should all be in the business of learning. The course encourages people to learn

more about the Christian way in the light of the Letter of Paul to the Philippians and also challenges them to better live that way.

## HOSPITAL

An important aspect of the ministry of clergy is visiting people in hospital. Obviously we need to know that they are in hospital so that we can fulfil this ministry. This can happen in 3 ways. The persons themselves or their relatives may inform us and this is the surest way of ensuring a visit by the clergy. Mind you it has been known for some of us to forget a name if it was passed to us hurriedly on leaving church. Another way we hear of patients is through hospital chaplains. This system is limited and often we miss out on hearing of parishioners in hospital. A third way is that for many years in Antrim Hospital - where most of our parishioners go - there was a visiting clergy list for each denomination which we always consulted at reception. This enabled us to discover many Church of Ireland people in Ballymena whom we did not appreciate had been hospitalised. This unfortunately has now been withdrawn for reasons of data protection and this makes it harder for us to discover patient parishioners.

Please therefore do inform us if people are in hospital. We appreciate that people often do not want to bother the clergy but often it is more bother trying to track parishioners when we hear second hand rumours of people being somewhere in hospital.

### **SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2014**

Active Kids is back! Vouchers are available to collect from all Sainsbury's stores and petrol stations until 5 May 2015.

St Columba's Scout Group (Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) will be taking part again and would really appreciate it if you would bring your vouchers to church. There is a collecting box at the back of each.

Please remember that if you're asked if you want 'School Vouchers' to say, "Yes, please," as youth organisations are also eligible to take part. Thank you very much for your help as the Group will be able to obtain much needed equipment with your vouchers.

*Christie Colhoun*

### **MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION**

Yes, its that time of year again when we encourage all who receive the magazine to make their annual subscription. You should find a subscription envelope in this month's magazine and this should, when filled, be returned to church. We are keeping the subscription rate at the same level and thus would like people to give at least £6. We do appreciate all who do return their envelopes - unfortunately many

manage to avoid payment! Please try to do your best.

### **WANTED**

Part of the curriculum for the Youth Club as stipulated by the NEELB is that some IT facilities are provided. At the moment what we have is limited and mostly out of date. There may be parishioners who have spare computers that are still in working order and that could be of value in the Youth Club context. Please, if that might be you, speak to one of the clergy, Youth Workers or phone the office.

### **VIGIL**

Parishioners may be aware that we have now held 5 vigils over the last year and a half. It is good to report that at the last one back in October on a very wet stormy night quite a few people turned out for at least part of the evening. Our vigils last from 8 pm - 12 midnight. Much of the time is given over to quietness when people just sit to meditate read or pray. Interspersed through the night we have several times of joint worship and the vigil ends with a short service of Holy Communion taking place around the communion table in the sanctuary.

Our next vigil is set for **Friday 27th March** - a good preparation for Holy Week which starts on the following Monday.

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

**Tuesday 17th March** - Holy Communion at 10.30 am in St Patrick's. No Holy Communion service on the Wednesday.



## YOUTH CLUB

Everyone has been busy in Youth Club doing different activities. We made Valentine crafts and learned that the most important Valentine we will ever receive is from God. We also made pancakes and are looking forward to doing fun activities to raise money for Comic Relief.

In Sunday School over the next couple of months we will be looking at this years CMS project 'Little Lights'. It is focused on Christ's call for his followers to be lights to the world. There are stories from the Bible and from around the world showing how God's people shine for him as 'little lights' sharing his love and bringing his hope. The special focus this year is on DR Congo, the poorest country in the world and a place where there is profound suffering and deep darkness. The church there is doing an incredible job, shining brightly and helping to transform lives. This year we want to help the church in DR Congo in three ways by:



- Helping to buy beds and furniture for a children's home that looks after over 48 abandoned children.
- Supporting an adult literacy programme teaching adults, particularly women, to read and write.
- Supporting a Mothers' Union project that brings food and care to prisoners who are often mistreated.

The children will receive Smartie tubes which they can fill with 20 pence pieces and collection boxes will be left at the back of the church.

*Lucy*



# The Curate's Letter

I won't be giving up anything for Lent, I don't believe in it. Used to, but I have given it up. I really don't think God cares whether I eat chocolate biscuits or not. And to think he does doesn't really do justice to God. I will be adding things in though, which is much better, like some serious reading. I have started Ruth Burrows book 'Love Unknown'. I'll give a gist of what it is about in the small space allowed:

We know the Old Testament talks a lot about God as angry, vengeful, destructive, possessive and holding grudges. (Just put your finger anywhere in the OT and see what you come up with). Some of this is true: God is most certainly awesome, and has his terrifying aspects, and will hold us to account; but we might nonetheless agree that it is somewhat overdone in the OT. In the OT information on God's love, while not in any sense absent, is something of a minority report.

Why should this be? Burrows gives us a possible answer.

She goes back to Genesis: all is not well in the Garden. Satan, masquerading as a serpent, has convinced Eve and Adam to eat the forbidden fruit. Satan, the great deceiver, did this by telling the first lie: he persuaded Eve and Adam that God withholds from his children the good things which they need. This led to Adam and Eve eating the fruit and then being ejected from the Garden, and it poisoned the previously carefree relationship between God and his people. Israel (being the descendants of Adam and Eve) continued to believe that God, despite saying all the right things to them about 'love' actually held back from giving them all of his good things (his blessings). Therefore it's not surprising that they started to think of him as very angry, and started to



imagine that he is not fully to be trusted and that he must have a very nasty side.

In fact the truth is, as Isaiah tells us (in chapter 49) that the love of God is even greater than the love which a breast-feeding mother has for her child. The endless love of God begins, as it were, where mortal love leaves off. And yet because of Satan's lie, Israel (and to a lesser extent, we ourselves) have become infected by a serious misunderstanding of God. We sometimes see God, not so much as a breast-feeding mother who longs to give all to her child, but as a bad mother, who withholds her breast full of milk so that her child never gets fed properly, and when she does feed her child her milk is sour. No wonder Israel saw God as vengeful! What could be more vengeful than an evil God-Mother who has enough milk and goodness for all but won't give it to her children? I can't tell you anymore because I haven't finished the book yet but I am certain that Burrows has hit on something important here about our relationship with God.

Anyway back to Lent. The purpose of Lent as I said is not the pointless giving up of innocent pleasures, but to become more serious about our faith. What needs to be given up are things which separate us from God. Or put another way: Keep it Simple: Go back to a more simple, direct and uncluttered faith.

I was recently at a church called St Colman's on the Island of Yell in the northern Shetland Islands. And at St Colman's they know all about how to keep things simple.

St Colman's is the northern most Anglican Church in the UK. All of the Shetland's are bleak but Yell is the bleakest of them all. It is a big urine-coloured peat bog. There are no trees. In fact there is nothing at all. You might well wonder who would want to live on Yell? But people do, and they seem to be happy enough. Seven of the local population form the congregation of St Colman's. Sadly, through death and other reasons, the congregation had recently fallen back to three, but now stands at seven. They meet for worship every other Sunday afternoon at

3.00 pm. The minister has to come by boat. If the sea is very rough there is no boat of course. A faithful parish reader lives on the island, and she keeps open house for all and sundry in a big old clapboard house next to the church, which used to be the rectory, back many decades ago when Yell had its own full-time minister.

It was a privilege to worship with them. On the day I was there we were an almost unprecedented eleven at worship, as there were visitors. It was a bleak afternoon and three o'clock is the time when it goes dark in Shetland in winter. And yet they were not discouraged. The service was very uplifting. The failing light came through the stained-glass windows and there was a wonderful sense of simplicity and peace. This church will stay in my memory.

It made me think about all the things which we feel are necessary for a church. Maybe we do too much that is not necessary. Maybe too many structures of the church are not really necessary at all. The St Colmanites have a tiny church, a priest, an organist, a parish reader and few worshippers and they have all they need. We really need very little. What does a tiny baby need except to be fed and to experience love? Please pray for the welfare of this small church.

*Iain Jamieson*

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



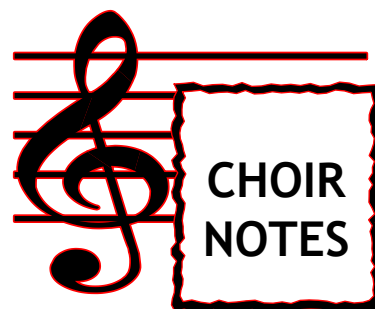
**FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015**



# Around the Parish

The Choir is practising for Easter and as mentioned before we are performing some amazing musical anthems from Handel's Messiah.

A committee meeting took place on Thursday 12th February 2015 where we discussed up and coming events (one very important date in particular on 10th March)!



It was remiss of me not to thank the outgoing secretary, Mrs Ella Duddy. We so appreciate all her commitment during her term as secretary. I certainly have 'big shoes' to fill, not of course that I am suggesting Ella has big feet!

Each Thursday night before practice the Rector comes in for a short time for prayers. He also reads over the Psalm allocated for the Sunday service. He then gives a brief talk on the Psalm which is both very enlightening and helpful.

The important date we have on 10th March is the very, very BIG birthday of our Choir Master, Dr Jonathan Drennan. The Choir would like to take this opportunity to send Jonathan best wishes on his birthday.

*Ruth Dixon (Secretary)*



## MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

During February we had our usual activities of craft, toys, healthy snacks and singing. We made Valentine Cards and decorated pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. Sure Start came along, providing enjoyable singing and dancing and they will be back soon with art and craft. In March we are looking forward to St Patrick's Day and Mothering Sunday and before the holiday break we will enjoy a

day of Easter fun. We plan to be out on the lawn rolling our eggs on **Tuesday 24th March**. It's good to see some new faces on a Tuesday morning. Please feel welcome to come along to the church hall on Tuesday mornings between 10 am and 12 noon, but note that we will be closed for Easter on the **31st March and 7th April**.

We are very pleased to congratulate Jackie McMaster and Anne Johnston on the birth of their granddaughters. A special thank you to the gentlemen of the parish who are braving the very cold winter mornings helping with car parking in very difficult circumstances. It is much appreciated.

Rota for March:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
03 March	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Mary Cochrane and Jean Cunningham	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay and Eddie McClelland	Car Park
10 March	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Mary Steele	Welcoming
	Oliver Reid, David Oliver and Robert McGimpsey	Car Park
17 March	Dorothy Hegan, Isabel Halliday, Karin Agnew and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Ann Fisher	Welcoming
	Jackie McMaster and Jimmy Tuff	Car Park
24 March	Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair and Nell McIlwee	Tea
	Liz Peachey	Welcoming
	Bob Peachey and Davy Nelson	Car Park

Our thanks to you all for your continued support.

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

Our next meeting will be held on March 11th. Topic Mental Health/Drug Abuse with the Rev. John McClure. We will also be having a 'Bring and Buy' sale on the night.

*Jean Kennedy*



## **The Castle Players**

### **A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**The Castle Players will perform the Sam Cree play entitled 'Cupid Wore Skirts'**

**In the Braid Centre  
On Thursday 30th April**

**The performance begins at 7.30 pm**

**Cost £7 (£5 concession)**

**Proceeds to Charity**

**Please come along and support us**

# My visit to Iraq

Dear Christian friend,

Late last year, you may have watched a BBC programme (at 8.00 pm on Sunday 7th December) about the dismantling of Camp Bastion in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. What you may not know, however, is that Barnabas Fund has bought a section of the camp which formerly accommodated 600 soldiers. Now en route to Northern Iraq, it includes tents, kitchen facilities, toilets, showers, generators, heating and air conditioning - modern amenities allowing the occupants to live a fairly normal life. Once re-assembled it will accommodate some of the homeless Christians who have had to flee the onslaught of Islamic State (IS).

## Became a reality

In the last week of November I travelled to Northern Iraq where I visited pastors and displaced Christians in cities and villages. I saw the needs and the difference that aid from Barnabas Fund is making. The media reports I had heard suddenly became a reality as I met our brothers and sisters and heard their stories first hand.

In a refugee camp in the city Erbil in Iraqi Kurdistan, a young man from Qaraqosh told us how a mortar attack had without warning killed two young girls in his neighbourhood. By word of mouth, the community learned that IS was approaching, so the family and all their neighbours packed essentials and left Qaraqosh for the safety of the camp further north. Following an all-night journey, they arrived at 4 am. Currently the young man, his wife and 2-year-old daughter are accommodated in a small, windowless portacabin. Their experience was typical of many thousands of Christian families.

In another cabin I met a Christian family with three children, all under 10 years old. They too are from Qaraqosh. They said,

*"ISIS came to our house and told us to get out ... They took everything. ... We had only our clothes with us. We left our house at 3 am and arrived here in the old pickup truck on 6th August."*

In the camp there are 200 portacabins, one family per cabin. Food is not always available, and medicine is scarce.

### **Summer tents in winter**

But these families are the fortunate ones, because they are at least warm and dry. In another city I met over 60 families living in an unfinished building. Among them are old men and women and small children. They live in flimsy tents erected on the concrete floors - the kind of tents we would buy for our children so that they can play in the garden in summer time. But the weather was bitterly cold when I visited the site. I spoke with a 75 year old man who complained that his coat was too thin - the temperature that day was 10°C, at night dropping down to 5°C. But then it was November. By now temperatures will have fallen further. These 60 families had spent eight days hiding in mountainous terrain and then walked for 19 hours to get to their current location.

In a village nearby I visited a church which accommodates 24 Christian families in its small church hall. It was filled to the brim with tents. There was just enough space to walk between them. In the tents people keep their clothes and a few cooking items. They own nothing else. Everything was taken from them as they escaped. These families had fled from the small towns of Tilkaif and Telskove on the outskirts of Mosul.

I also spoke with the pastors who take care of many refugees. They mentioned the lack of accommodation, food, medicine and other necessities. But right now the items needed most are heaters, as winter is approaching rapidly with snow already on the hills. In the cities electric heaters are used, but in the villages, where the electricity is frequently cut off for many hours, kerosene heaters are more useful.

I met a girl who was kidnapped by IS and held for ten days, but managed to escape. She would not speak to anyone about what had happened to her.

I was told on many occasions how close we were to IS positions. During my visit I felt an atmosphere of total fear and despair. No one I spoke with dared even to consider returning to their homes. Many had endured great horrors.

### **Hope**

The camp I mentioned earlier offers some hope. It will bring some relief to many families who have lost everything and are currently living in most unsuitable and unhealthy facilities - all because of their love for the Lord Jesus Christ. It will be set up near Dohuk and called 'Sawra Village' from the Assyrian word for 'hope'. The first Christian families will move into the tents early in 2015, Lord willing, and we hope that up to 1,000 will be accommodat-

ed there. They may feel homeless and abandoned but the book of Isaiah reassures us:

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed,  
for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah  
41:10)

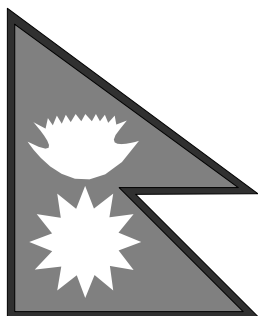
I want to ask if you can pray with us that the camp will be delivered and set up as soon as possible. January and February are very cold months in Iraq and the shelter is needed urgently.

If you would like to hear more about my visit to Iraq and the people I spoke to, please get in touch and I would be happy to arrange a visit to your church/church group.

Yours sincerely in the Lord,  
Dr Kris Baraniuk  
Barnabas Fund coordinator for NI/Rol  
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mob: 07867854604

P.S. If you would like to give a financial donation to assist Iraqi Christians, please send your gift payable to 'Barnabas Fund' to PO Box 354, Bangor BT20 9EQ or go to [www.barnabasfund.org](http://www.barnabasfund.org). For basic humanitarian needs, mark your gift for project ref. 20-246. For the Sawra Tented Village, mark your gift for project ref. 20-1200.

## **NEPAL - ITS CHALLENGES**

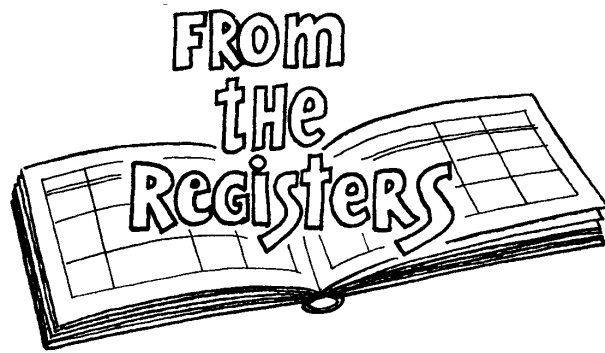


Nepal

**Last year's mission team share  
their experience through chat,  
PowerPoint and short DVD's.**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
Minor Hall at 8 pm**





## CHRISTIAN BURIAL



31 <sup>st</sup> January	Edgar Weir	Braefield Nursing Home
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Eleanor Armstrong	1, Drumard Cottage, Dan's Road
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Bella Kernohan	Andena Nursing Home

### Edgar Weir

Edgar had a good long life which began back in 1923 in Broughshane where he was brought up. At an early age he joined the R.A.F. and then a few years later switched to the Merchant Navy. He was thus to spend most of his working life travelling the high seas and visiting most ports in the world. Away from home for long periods he was nevertheless devoted to his wife Frances and when she became ill he showed wonderful care for her. In her latter days he was seldom away from her side in the hospital and her death left a great gap in his life. While he tried to manage on his own in Parkmount Road he eventually needed to receive support in Braefield Nursing Home in Connor where he was quite content. As well as his travelling, Edgar enjoyed his gardening and in all aspects of life he liked things done right. He had a good brain, was well mannered and always appreciated visits from the parish.

### Eleanor Armstrong

Eleanor's health had been declining for some years and after being so active for many years this decline was hard to accept. She tried to stay

in her own apartment as long as possible but a tiredness set in which in the end required her to be in hospital. She will be remembered as someone who was always on the go - she tried to stay fit attending the gym well on into life. All this activity led to her being named 'Super Nana' by her grandchildren. She raised four of a family and was especially involved in the life of her daughter Alison who for many years has suffered from ill health. They sought to be there for each other in difficult times. When Eleanor's husband Robert died back in 1996 this was a great blow but she still had others for whom to care. She enjoyed the garden and was very attached to her dogs over the years. Alfie was a great companion for her over these last years. Eleanor was a life long member of the parish, a regular worshipper while health lasted and she appreciated the Bible Fellowship and other nurture opportunities. She had some long standing friends in the parish who sought to be with her in her difficulties. While she lost much in her latter days she just held more firmly to her faith and it was in that faith that she approached death. We offer sympathy to her daughter Alison and sons John, Boyd and Douglas.

### **Isabella Kernohan**

Isabella or Bella as she preferred to be called was born on 10th November 1915. She was in her 100th year, a fact that she was very proud of. Bella was a Ballymena woman born and bred - brought up in Albert Place. Bella married Herbert in 1936, and she moved round the corner to Fountain Place where she lived for most of her married life. Bella had two children Ethel and Herbie. Sadly both her husband and son died but Bella carried on, never complaining. She had moved to Glenshesk Drive and was often to be seen heading for the shops, shopping trolley in tow. Ill health meant that Bella had to move first to a residential home in Leighinmohr and then to Andena where she was very happy. In fact two days before she died, after she returned to Andena from Whiteabbey Hospital, she told Ethel how happy she was to be home. She took great joy in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and her first question to anyone who visited was, "How are the weans?" Bella was determined and independent and will be sadly missed by her family and all who knew her. We express our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to her daughter Ethel and all the family circle.





# OUR ACTIVITIES

## SAINT PATRICK'S

	Day	Time	Venue
<i>Bellringers</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Tower</i>
<i>Bible Fellowship</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Choir Vestry</i>
<i>Church Choir</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Choir Vestry</i>
<i>Church Lads' Brigade</i>			
<i>YBC</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>7.00 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>JTC</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>CLB</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>Girls' Friendly Society</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>7.15 pm</i>	<i>Minor Hall</i>
<i>Healer Prayer Group</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>7.15 pm</i>	<i>Church Vestry</i>
<i>Indoor Bowling Club</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>Mothers and Toddlers</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>Mothers' Union</i>	<i>2nd Wed.</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Minor Hall</i>
<i>Still Active Club</i>	<i>3rd Wed.</i>	<i>2.00 pm</i>	<i>Minor Hall</i>
<i>Youth Club</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>Junior Youth Club</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>7.00 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>Youth Fellowship</i>	<i>3rd Sunday</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>Badminton</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>
<i>Sewing Group</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>Parochial Hall</i>

## SAINT COLUMBA'S

	Day	Time	Contact
<i>Beavers</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Mrs L McCullagh</i>
<i>Cubs</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>7.00 pm</i>	<i>Miss H Hughes</i>
<i>Ladies' Circle</i>	<i>4th Monday</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Mrs L Hughes</i>
<i>Brownies</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Mrs S Foster</i>
<i>Guides</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Mrs K Black</i>
<i>Squirrels</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Mr P Houston</i>
<i>Choir</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10.15 am</i>	<i>Mrs S Montgomery</i>
<i>Rainbows</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Mrs H Strain</i>
<i>Scouts</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>7.45 pm</i>	<i>Mr K Hughes</i>



# 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*