

Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug

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THE RECTOR WRITES



The Rector Writes

Young children do not always do what their parents tell them. Human beings do not always do what God tells them.

The rather harassed mother was getting the tea ready. Her young son Sam had slipped into the front room unnoticed. He was a lively young lad who loved climbing. His mum had often told him to be careful climbing and she definitely had told him not to climb on the furniture. Yet his mum was not there so Sam got up on to the sofa and then on to the window ledge and there he perched waving at people who went past.

Then he saw his friend go past and he was waving so frantically to attract his attention that he overbalanced and fell on to the floor. He howled because the floor was hard and he certainly was hurt. The tears flowed and his cries brought mum running in from the kitchen. What was her response as she quickly realised what had happened - "Serves you right for climbing up on the furniture - that will teach you a lesson - you need not think I am going to have any sympathy."

Mum put her arms around him and hugged him to herself, "There, there, everything will be all right - I'll hug the hurt away." Slowly in her embrace the sobs became less. She was sharing in some way his hurt and drawing it to herself. Eventually her embrace and her love neutralised his hurt, drew its sting and yes, soon everything was alright. As Sam was reassured by his mother's love so he did take to heart her words - "So you will remember Sam, not to climb on the furniture in future."

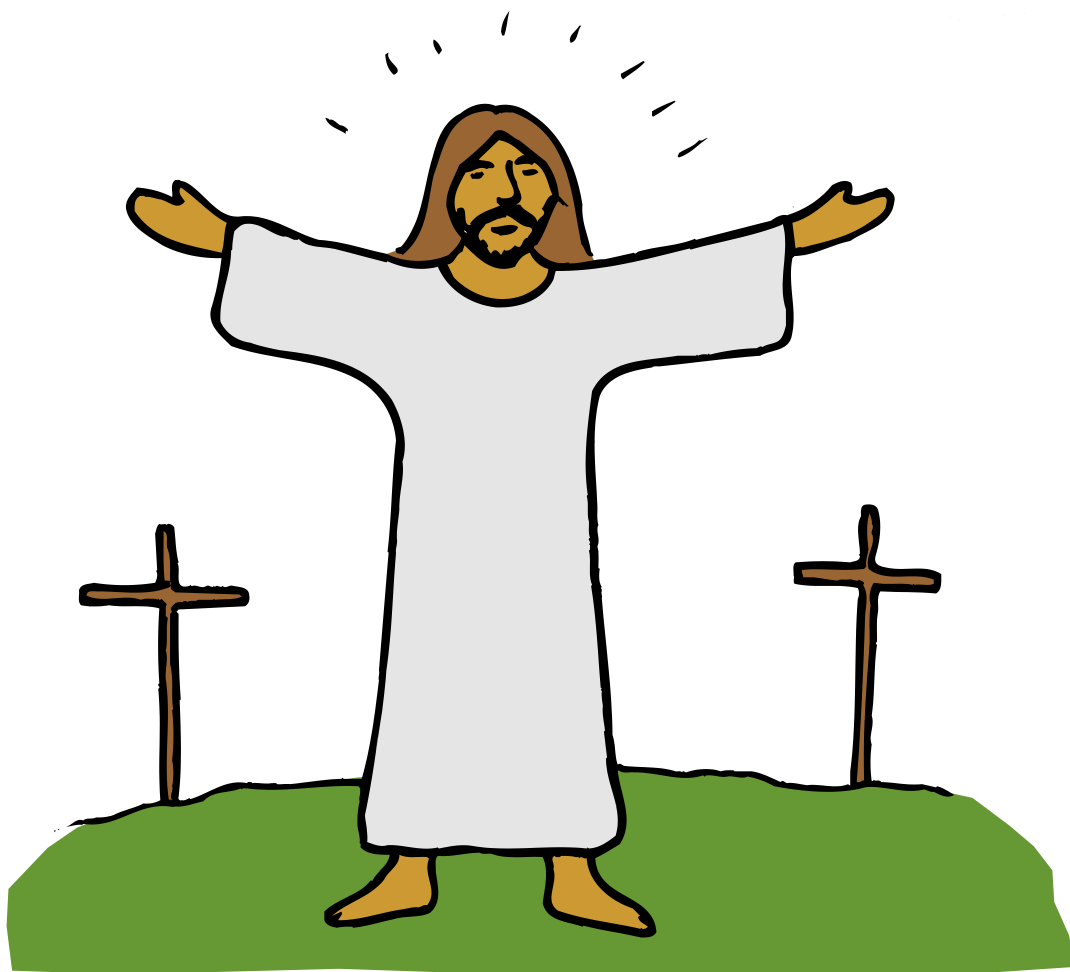
I wonder if we can take anything from this story to try to make sense of what was happening on the cross. Our disobedience was met by the love of Jesus and his embrace - holding out his arms on the cross to embrace

the brokenness and hurt of the world. And in some mysterious way he drew our sins and their hurt to himself and in doing so neutralised them so that in the end everything was all right.

We rightly affirm the truth that Jesus died on the cross for our sins. How it actually works is debated by theologians with all sorts of theories of what is known as the Atonement - the barrier of sin being removed to make us at one with God once again.

Our story may give us a little insight but ultimately we can't comprehend because we are mere creatures. We nevertheless can live by that truth and we have the assurance that while we may now 'see through a glass darkly', in the end all will be revealed. For while we affirm the truth that Jesus died for our sins we also affirm the truth that Jesus was raised to life to give us a whole new way of life. Easter puts aside all our present limitations - then we will see and then we will understand and then we will truly appreciate our God.

Stuart Lloyd.





Parish News

MESSY CHURCH

This is a new way of doing church that is being practised across the water and also in some Church of Ireland parishes in our own Diocese. It may not seem a very appropriate name until we realise that Jesus came into a messy world and through his ministry dealt with many messy lives. To-day we might recognise that there is a somewhat messy nature to our lives. Messy Church seeks to reach out to those who are not presently involved in church. It is not a hard sell and might be termed a soft form of evangelism. It is an all age initiative. The idea is to gather people somewhere, to give them the experience of a short act of worship with a simple talk, alongside some craft activities which convey a Christian theme and an act of eating together.

While it is primarily intended for those outside the church we in-

tend to have Messy Church in place of the next Family Service in St Patrick's - **Sunday 19th April**. We trust that many who would normally come to this service will come along. We intend to leaflet some areas near to the church to invite outsiders and we would love our own folk to ask friends or relatives who presently are not involved in church to come along. This Messy Church will be held in the hall and is a one off trial to see if this could be an effective way to encourage people in the life of faith.

MINISTRY TEAM

This group of parishioners continues to meet every 2 months. Presently it is sponsoring the Discipleship Explored course and many of its members are acting as facilitators. It is also responsible for the layout of different services during Holy Week and has arranged for a Labyrinth Exhibition to be in place during that week.

For 2 years there have been regular vigils each term and again the Ministry Team oversees these. At our last meeting we also discussed the opportunities that Messy Church might afford and how we might develop our relationship with the local Methodist Church, as well as the potential for some form of retreat/pilgrimage before the summer break. In the past the Ministry Team has undertaken some visiting around new housing developments in the town and it was reminded that this would be an ongoing task.

The Ministry Team is chosen by the rector and is there to minister under his leadership. With a new rector on the horizon the ministry

team will be considering the variety of ministries underway in the parish so that a new rector might be well informed and encouraged by some of the strengths and challenges of ministry in this place. A new rector will of course have his/her own thoughts and will bring their own strengths and will seek with others to shape ministry into the future.

MAGAZINE

Many have already given in their payment for the magazine. If you have not already done so please do it ASAP. The payment envelope or any envelope marked 'magazine' can be returned to church.

ANNUAL EASTER VESTRY

To elect
New church committee and officers
and to hear reports

Wednesday 15th April at 7.30 pm
Minor Hall

A good turn out is always encouraging.



YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club have been busy this month. On Saturday 7th March we had a fun evening to raise money for Comic Relief. We dressed in red, wore red noses, had our red noses painted on our faces, coloured in and made red nose biscuits. Everyone had a good night and £100 was raised - well done.



We also made lots of nice things for Mother's Day. We talked about how our mothers are always there for us just like our mother church. There will be no Youth Club on Saturday 4th April. We start back on Saturday 11th April. On Saturday 21st March Connor Diocese held a youth event in our parish. The theme was discovering the possibilities when we pray. It was led by Trash Creaney from 24/7 prayer. The night included games, worship and pizza. It was good to see young people there from all over the Diocese.

Sunday School is busy collecting 20 pence pieces in their Smartie tubes for the CMS project 'Little Lights'. We have been learning about different people in the bible who were little lights for Jesus and how we can be too.



'I am the light of the world' John 8:12; 'You are the light of the world' Matthew 5:16.

The project is based in the DR Congo. Did you know?

- It is the poorest country in the world.
- It is the second biggest country in Africa and is surrounded by nine other countries.
- It has the highest frequency of thunderstorms in the world.
- The capital city is Kinshasa.
- Over 75 million people live in DR Congo.
- It has the second biggest rainforest in the world.
- The currency used there is the Congolese franc.
- Many different languages are spoken but the official language is French.
- The Congo river is the world's deepest river.

The Sunday School teachers had an evening together with Jill Hamilton Children's Worker for Connor and regional NI coordinator for Messy Church. We got lots of ideas and information and hope to use them to put together our own Messy Church which will take place on **Sunday 19th April** at 10.15 am.

Equipped Ripple Training
Saturday 16th May
9.30 am - 1.30 pm
Antrim Parish Halls

A practical 'hands on' morning with a creative atmosphere to help you feel refreshed, invigorated and excited about children's ministry. Please contact Lucy if you would like to book a place.

On Good Friday there will be a family service at 10.30 am followed by buns and crosses in the hall. This includes refreshments for all and activities for the children. There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday as it will be Family Communion.

Lucy

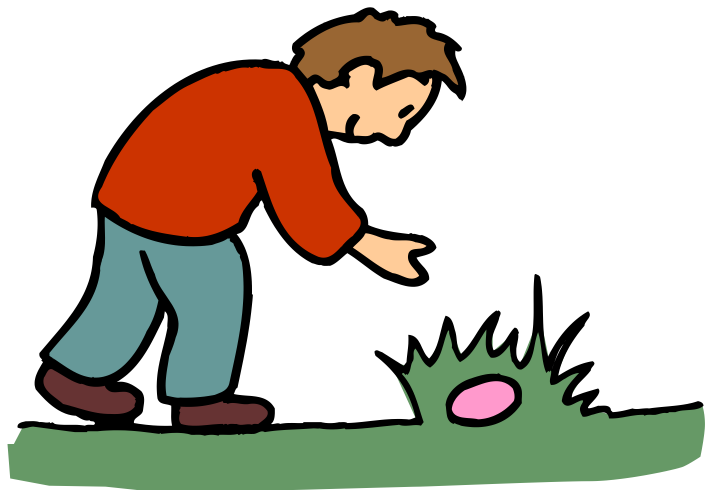


The Curate's Letter

EASTER TIME, SPRING TIME, HAPPY TIME

If I'm ever asked what my favourite time of the year is, without a thought I will always give the answer of Easter. When we think of Easter words that spring to mind are 'Hope', 'New Beginnings', 'Purity', 'A Fresh Start'. When we look around we are reminded of things coming to life as we see little lambs, chicks, rabbits, trees turning brighter and greener, flowers springing up, the grass getting longer needing a cut, the days are brighter and longer, the air is fresher and clearer. All these things can't help but have a positive impact on our mood, even the birds chirping earlier in the morning is nice (most of the time). Easter is always seen as 'the start of something', whereas other times of the year I think of as 'the end of something'; Christmas is the end of the year, summer is the end of the school year.

I have memories, only happy ones, from a long time ago when I was a school child during the Easter holidays. On Easter Monday my mother and aunt used to take my cousins, my brother and myself to Bellevue Zoo to roll hard boiled eggs down the hill. I may have complained climbing up the hill but I still really enjoyed it. Easter Tuesday was always a trip on the train up to Portrush where we would go on amusements, get covered in sand and eat chips, ice cream and other things bad for my teeth and waist line. When my two girls were growing up times had changed and instead of a hard-boiled egg, they always got a new outfit fresh from the shops and their pick of course for Easter and a chocolate egg also. Easter can only be seen as fun and a family time.



Although we think of the Easter story and imagine Jesus hanging on the cross and the pain he suffered for us, I still think of Easter as a happy time because darkness was turned into light and the world was made pure, clean, fresh. God's love for us put Jesus on the cross and that is why He was crucified.

In John 19:10-11 Pontius Pilate, prefect of Judea, with all the power and authority of the mighty Roman Empire behind him says to the flogged and humiliated Jesus, *"Don't you realise I have power either to free you or to crucify you?"* Jesus answered, *"You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above."*

Jesus' death on the cross is no accident. It happens because He chooses to let it happen; because it is God's own plan for the salvation of the world. Earlier on in this gospel Jesus said, *"I am the good shepherd and I lay down my life for the sheep. I lay down my life.....no one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord."*

Jesus dies as the Lamb of God: the sacrifice that takes away the sins of all who trust in Him.

As the creed says, Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate. Pilate and Jews were the immediate cause of Jesus' crucifixion. However, what is required of us is that we recognise that their sins are our sins, and our sins as much as theirs nailed Jesus to the cross. Also though we must say, "My sins took Jesus to the cross," we must equally affirm, "His own love took Jesus to the cross." What a sacrifice, what love!

My favourite song at Easter is one from my school days: *'There is a green hill far away without a city wall, where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all'*. This is a beautiful Easter hymn written by Mrs Cecil F. Alexander. It is said that Mrs Alexander wrote this hymn while sitting at the bedside of her sick child. At the time she lived not far from the walls of Londonderry where her husband was the Bishop. The sight of the massive town walls and green hills beyond might well have inspired her to begin writing her well known passionate hymn for children. She wrote several other well known hymns such as, All Things Bright and Beautiful, The Christmas Carol and Once in Royal David's City, which Christians sing still today worldwide.

I wish you all a Happy Easter and encourage you to embrace New Beginnings.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John McCune".

HOLY WEEK

30th March – 3rd April

St Patrick's Church

The Journey

With

The Rt. Rev. Alan Abernethy

Bishop of Connor

Through different styles of worship



MONDAY	8 pm	Motivation Choral Evensong
TUESDAY	8 pm	Praying Living Faith Service
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am	Holy Communion Form 2 followed by refreshments
	8 pm	Denial Forgiveness Service of Word and Drama
THURSDAY	8 pm	Strength for the journey Holy Communion and Washing of Feet Form 2
GOOD FRIDAY	10.30 am	Family Service and 'Buns and Crosses'
	12.30 pm	Walk of Witness
	8 pm	Death Tenebrae Service – light and darkness

EASTER DAY

St Patrick's	8.15 am	Holy Communion Form 2
	11.30 am	Family Communion Form 2
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion Form 1
Ballyclug	10.00 am	Holy Communion Form 1
St Columba's	11.30 am	Family Communion Form 2



Around the Parish

SQUIRRELS

This term the Squirrels have been busy playing lots of fun games and cooking up yummy goodies in the kitchen. We recently had a very special night where the Rainbows came along to join us. We had lots of fun playing Rainbow Races, jigsaw relays and listening to a story from our Superworm Book.



We hope to meet up again in our summer term for some more fun and games. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and we'll be able to meet outdoors very soon.

Paul, Ann, Jack and Mr Squirrel

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE



St Patrick's CLB attended a special 70th Anniversary Parade and Thanksgiving Service for the Formation of the Ulster Regiment on the 22nd March in Seagoe Parish Church, Portadown.

Thanks to Ronnie and Barbara Fleming for attending and presenting awards at our Parents Night on 27th March. A full list of winners in next month's magazine.

Dates to look forward to:

- Regimental Sports Day, Antrim Forum on **6th June**.
- 5-a-Side Football and Netball, Lisburn on **20th June**.

Alan Ross
2589 2740

CHOIR NOTES



The choir held a 'surprise' birthday party for Jonathan. We wanted to acknowledge his birthday and show him how much we appreciate his dedication to his role as organist and choirmaster. A special thanks to Rachel and Laura Smyth for organising the cake and decorating the minor hall (and to all their assistants).

We also wanted to celebrate Maureen Patterson's birthday which had taken place on the previous Thursday and she was presented with a small gift. Whilst we work hard as a choir we also know how to relax!



We are always looking for people interested in joining the choir and if you have a look through the list below, you will see all the benefits you get from singing:

- Singing releases endorphins, which make you feel instantly happier.
- And when you sing you also release oxytocin, which is a natural stress reliever and is found to alleviate feelings of depression and loneliness.
- You'll also sleep better, as a result of being less stressed.
- Tests have shown that singing improves heart rate, which reduces the risk of heart disease.
- And, when singing with someone else, your heart rates can even sync together.

- Your posture will get straighter and you'll gradually look more confident.
- And your feelings of safety and confidence increase when singing in a group.
- It's actually a good workout. You'll work out your lungs, improve your circulation, and tone your abdominal and intercostal muscles.
- Singing also has been proven to boost your immune system.
- And even if you're already sick, just hum a little number and you'll open up your sinuses and respiratory tubes.
- It's really good for your brain and will enhance your mental awareness, concentration, and memory.

So raise your voice, because the benefits are endless!

Ruth Dixon (Secretary)



MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

In March we have had a very busy time with our usual activities, crafts and play. Surestart came along with singing, they will be back again for more singing and craft. We also made cards and snakes on St Patrick's Day and Mother's Day cards.

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**. We are looking forward on **Tuesday 14th April** to a presentation on Baby Resuscitation and First Aid by Audrey Vance and then on **21st April** we will be having a visit from Ballymena Library for storytelling and singing. We are thinking of Davy Nelson.

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. But note that we will be closed for Easter on the **31st March and 7th April**.

Rota for April:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
14 April	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Mary Steele	Welcoming
	Oliver Reid, David Oliver and Robert McGimpsey	Car Park
21 April	Dorothy Hegan, Isabel Halliday, Karin Agnew and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Ann Fisher	Welcoming
	Jackie McMaster and Jimmy Tuff	Car Park
28 April	Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair and Nell McIlwee	Tea
	Liz Peachey	Welcoming
	Bob Peachey and Davy Nelson	Car Park

Our sincere thanks to you all.

Dorothy (2589 2740), Anna, Anne and Liz

MOTHERS' UNION

Wednesday 8th April at 8 pm - 'Olympic Experience'. Speaker Jennifer Campbell. (Supper Joan Holden/Barbara Fleming).



Jean Kennedy



GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The annual GFS display was held on Tuesday, 17th March. We would like to thank everyone who attended. Your support is most appreciated by all the leaders and we hope that everyone enjoyed the display. We would particularly like to thank the Revd John McClure and his wife for attending and presenting the prizes.

At the display the following prizes were awarded:

UNDER 5

Jessica Rock
Ellie Thompson

Best Newcomer
Best behaviour

JUNIOR CANDIDATES

Maggie Lorimer
Zoe Moore
Libby Millar
Issy Workman
Miley Doherty
Kaitlyn Gibson
Maya Grainger

Attendance at GFS and Church
Most helpful
Drama
Marching
Best Newcomer
Best behaviour
Best overall

CANDIDATES

Anna Coid
Jess Workman
Maddie Carter
Alex Workman
Anna Service

Most improved
Choir
PE
Best behaviour
Attendance at GFS and Church

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Jessica Farrar
Caragh Hamill
Louisa Shaw

Most improved
Marching
Best overall

MEMBERS

Kelsey Monaghan

Most helpful

SHIELDS

Cotter Shield
Adair Shield
Molly Carson Shield
Galbraith Shield

Maya Grainger
Issy Workman
Louisa Shaw
Kelsey Monaghan

We would like to thank Karen for all her help over the past 12 years and to wish her all in the best for the future. GFS will start again on **Tuesday, 8th September 2015 at 7.15 pm.** We hope to see everyone back again and any new girls who would wish to join us would be most welcome - have a lovely summer.

GFS Leaders



Missions

For many years we as a parish have had a link with St Columba's Hospital Hazaribagh in India - about 200 miles north west of Calcutta. We remember the staff and work of the hospital in prayer and we make a yearly financial offering from our envelope scheme to the parish. As well as this many parishioners contribute through the small milk collection bottles and St Columba's Church also makes a special offering. Also of importance is the fact that our rector is chairman of the Friends of St Columba's Hospital and Barry Duke is the secretary. The Friends usually collect over £12,000 per annum to send to the hospital. The link has been fostered with the rector visiting the hospital 6 times over the last number of years and on 2 occasions he was joined by Ian McKay another parishioner. News about the hospital has been shared over the years and more recently the very future of the hospital has been in question. It is good therefore to bring parishioners up to date about the present situation.

Our good friends Dr Pushpa Dass and Shirley Imam who have been at the very centre of hospital life for very many years have now stepped down from their posts. Pushpa has been replaced as superintendent by Dr Sheuda Bengra though she continues to help on a part time base. Shirley has been replaced as administrator by Priyanka Sanga, a young Christian lady from the local parish who has training in hospital administration.

The main challenge for the hospital is to attract more doctors, to allow more admissions and to widen the range of medical disciplines and thus to generate more income. It is good to report that a new doctor has just joined the staff - Dr Anita Khalkho - and she has a mission heart and is ready to undertake night duties and thus is a valuable asset.

Priyanka is working hard to attract other medical staff whether full or part time and she needs our prayers in this difficult task. She has also upgraded the water supply from the bore well and this provides running

water to many parts of the hospital - a big improvement and something funded from Ireland. She has plans to upgrade other parts of the hospital but clearly is curtailed by lack of money. She has been in post for nearly a year and has made a good start and has gradually gained the trust and respect of the staff.

The hospital comes under the care of the Diocese of Chotanagpur and is administered by a diocesan committee stationed in the state capital of Ranchi. While the life of the hospital is still precarious and functioning at a low level, it is to be hoped that new initiatives may attract new staff and patients and there are those working hard to this end. The Friends thus believe that it is important to continue to support the hospital and are due to send over £6,000 to the hospital. As a parish we too should continue in our support and could be challenged by the thoughts of Priyanka in her latest email.

'At this point of time I really need your prayers. I seek God's grace be with me and provide me strength to uphold the responsibilities that he had planned for this institution. I must say God is answering, and I can see it through the love and support from Friends of St Columba.'

*With Regards
Priyanka*





Secretary's Notes

Since I last wrote there has been a great deal of progress with the work at St Patrick's and it is good to be able to report that the building works there are all complete and (so far at least) seem to have been successful. The return of the ringing chamber to much more like its original condition took a little getting used to, and the removal of the ceiling above the organ loft lets more of the sounds from the church carry up into the tower. We need Wells Kennedy to get the organ back into action now to discover if that is going to be too loud for comfort in the tower, or if we might also need to put in some kind of sound proofing again.

There continues to be a problem with dampness at Ballyclug, now thought to be rising damp due to the soak aways around the building not working efficiently any more. The possibility is that the internal plaster might have to be stripped from the east wall to allow treatment, and then of course all would have to be made good again in due course which would be much the bigger part of the job.

Just to prove that it isn't only the old buildings which need ceaseless care and attention there are now signs of weathering of the brickwork and render showing in places at St Columba's too. Internally the work on the new doors is progressing, though it isn't visible because it is all happening at the joiner's workshop at the moment.

Sadly, the Select Vestry have already had to turn our thoughts in some measure to the rector's retirement, in that the Church Representative Body will want us to do as much as we can to bring the rectory up to date once it becomes vacant. All those jobs of modernising and renewal that can't be easily done while the house is being lived in will have to be done to make it as attractive as possible for any new incumbent coming along. The 'powers that be' in control of such things will be making an inspection of the property and will no doubt give us a list of all that they think needs to be done in due course.

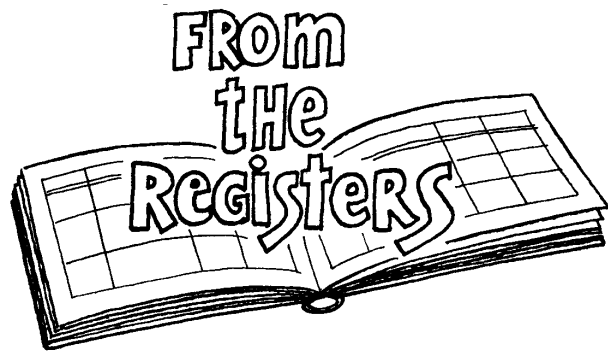
When you are reading this we will be getting ready of course for the Easter General Vestry giving you your chance to choose again who will represent you and make the decisions for next year, so please make sure you come along on the night and use your vote (assuming that you remembered to register) and have your say in the running of the Parish.

All the Best,
Alastair

THE EASTER STORY USING EGGS



- ◆ The disciples had seen Jesus do eggstraordinary things.
- ◆ The disciples knew that Jesus was eggstra special.
- ◆ Jesus tried to eggsplain that he was going to die.
- ◆ As Jesus rode into Jerusalem they didn't eggspect a big crowd.
- ◆ The people were very eggsited, waving their cloaks and palm leaves.
- ◆ Jesus eggspressed his anger at how the temple was being used.
- ◆ The crowd eggsclaimed, 'Crucify Him'.
- ◆ Judas decided that the people wanted to eggsecute Jesus.
- ◆ Jesus was eggstremely sad as he saw the people watch him being crucified.
- ◆ The nails were eggscruciatingly painful.
- ◆ Jesus finally eggspired, and the sky went black.
- ◆ Soon there was eggstraordinary news.
- ◆ The disciples could not eggspress their joy!
- ◆ Jesus eggsplained to them that he really was alive again.



CHRISTIAN BURIAL



27th February

Vera Moore

Rylands Nursing Home

19th March

Winterton Reid

32 Ballylig Road, Broughshane

Vera Moore

Vera had been in poor health for some time and Parkinson's disease had taken its toll. Her state of health necessitated her being in care and in Rylands she was quite restricted and had a limited quality of life. Nevertheless when visited by the clergy she would respond to talk about the parish and especially about the choir. She started her life in Cullybackey and worked in Gallahers before marriage and then after marriage as a hem stitcher. With Stanley her husband their first house was in Whiteabbey but then she wanted back to Cullybackey. They were to settle on the Carniny Road and this is the home their children and grandchildren will remember. Vera was the homemaker, a very good cook and very involved not only in the rearing of her own children but also the 7 grandchildren and then their children. She provided for all and all were able to enjoy her humour and infectious laugh. Vera had been a member of the parish for a long time and a faithful member of the choir for many years. She loved singing and as well as the choir she and others formed a small singing group which entertained around the locality. Even in the home she sang and indeed when other communication was limited she could still sing hymns and did so till the end. We remember her daughter Margaret and son Ernest and also the grandchildren Glen, Nigel, David, Clare, Jill, Nicola and Joanne.

Winterton Reid

Winterton's death was sudden and a shock to all. He was tending his mother's grave for Mother's Day when he suffered a heart attack. He had undergone major heart surgery 6 years ago but there had been no warning that his life was in danger. Winterton was brought up in Ballymena and after school studied at Greenmount. Horticulture was to be the great interest of his life - it was the area in which he worked and it was his passion outside work. He was to spend periods working in England both before and after marriage and for a time he had a horticultural shop in Ballymena. Eventually he was to settle locally working for many years with the Housing Executive. His spare time was also spent laying out gardens and nurturing plants. On occasions the church was to make use of his expertise through the survey of trees on church property. Winterton as well as having green fingers was also good with his hands in terms of DIY and could turn his hand to many jobs about the house. Although he was connected with the parish throughout his life it was in latter years and especially after his operation that he came to value worship in St Patrick's - he was a regular attendee at the mid week communion and enjoyed the fellowship afterwards. We remember his wife Frances, his son Christopher and daughter Joanna.





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