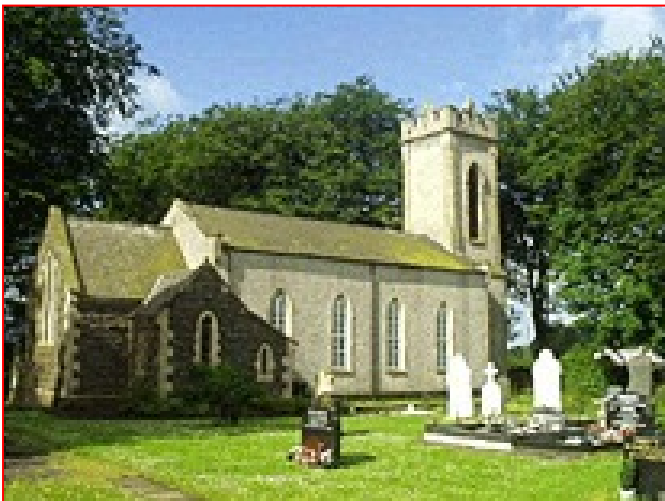


# ***Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug***



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THE RECTOR WRITES



# Rectory Ramblings

Sandwiched either side of our Christmas celebrations are the two seasons of our Christian Year we know as Advent and Epiphany. In all the razzle dazzle of this time of year their importance and meaning can often be overlooked. So for my Christmas thought this year I will stop for a while to unpack, a little, the joys and challenges of these two important and ancient times in our Church year.

Starting with Advent from the Latin 'Adventus' which means coming. Normally beginning on the Sunday nearest to 30th November, it lasts for the four weeks before Christmas. It is a time to prayerfully prepare for the Saviour's First Coming and to renew the spirit of expectation within us regarding the Messiah's Second Coming. In His first coming Christ demonstrates His total commitment to the whole of humanity, 'word made flesh'. From cradle to grave (manger to Joseph's tomb) we each one matter to God.

The perfection and completion of all of God's redemption plans will be brought about at Christ's Second Coming. Two more different arrivals can hardly be imagined (humble stable/trumpet blast heard around the world). In homes and churches across the world, in readings, prayers, wreaths, candles and even countdown calendars, Advent will be celebrated. It's clear overriding message - are you ready for the coming of Jesus?


The season of Epiphany normally stretches from 6th December right through to Ash Wednesday. Within this season we are encouraged to witness and ponder some key moments of awareness or realisation surrounding the birth of Christ.

Mary and Joseph realise this is no ordinary baby, John the Baptist Realises this is no ordinary baptism.

The Three Kings/Wise Men realise that they are following an extraordinary star. Of course, for Christians we are not only to be observing the wonder and awakening in the lives of these Biblical characters but to be seeking after a renewing within ourselves that God has come and made Himself known and available through faith and spirit to each person on earth. The message of Epiphany is clearly - Do I Realise What's Going On? What God has done in Jesus.

In wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and extending from the McConnell Clan our thanks for all your support and encouragement as we continue to settle in and come to terms with all the business and life of Ballymena and the Parish, I pray that the seasons of Advent and Epiphany might be recaptured, are you ready ... Do you realise ...

Have a Blessed Christmas everyone.

R.M.M.C. 





# Parish News

## **CONFIRMATION - SUNDAY EVENING 10th DECEMBER - ST PATRICK'S**

We very much look forward to this service where we will be joined by Bishop Alan. A good number of young members of our Church Family will take this important step forward in their Christian faith. It would be great to have a good number of our regular congregation present that night to be a prayerful encouragement.

I would also encourage those about to be confirmed to come to the next main morning Holy Communion service in the parish (which could be Christmas Eve or Christmas morning) and alongside other family members to receive their first communion.

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Please see middle pages of magazine for details of services in all three churches over the Christmas season. Note - no Evening Prayer in St Patrick's on 24th December and 31st December. On Christmas

Day Holy Communion will be at 9.30 am in Ballyclug.

## **SHOE BOXES - SAMARITAN'S PURSE**

Many thanks to all those who gave donations for the shoe boxes. £88 was raised for church funds and around 70 shoe boxes were filled and returned through the Church and are now on their way to children in Belarus.

*Liz/Jean*

## **BISHOPS' APPEAL**

Although we are confronted with many appeals for good causes we still want to support the annual Bishops' Appeal which is the Church of Ireland's World Aid and Development Programme. This does respond with immediate grants when there are disasters but mostly it is concerned with supporting ongoing development work. This is primarily in the areas of Health, Rural Development and Education.

There will be envelopes for this appeal in our churches on the first

three Sundays in December. There may be many pulls on our purse strings but we may still spend much on ourselves and our families. We should also support the poor and the stranger.

## **ADVENT**

During Advent we will be having our mid week evening services in Ballyclug. These will continue throughout December - 6th and 13th at 8 pm.

Also during Advent, as in the last few years, the Ballymena Church Members Forum is hosting a series of Advent Reflections in 4 of the local churches. Each lasts about 30 minutes starting at 12.30 pm and is followed by refreshments.

The details for December are:-

7th December - West Church  
14th December - All Saints  
21st December - St Patrick's

## **2018 ENVELOPES**

CRG envelopes for 2018 are now available for distribution - bags at the back of churches. A sincere thank you to the small faithful team who prepare the envelopes for distribution and to the many who complete the task by delivering them directly to your door. Without the help of everyone involved this would be a huge task and we are extremely grateful to you all. Those living in the coun-

try areas will find their envelopes at the back of church.

As in previous years the accounts will close on 31st December. The Select Vestry and in particular the Treasurer would be grateful if you could please fill all of your envelopes and return them before the end of the year. We really do appreciate your generosity.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE - ST PATRICK'S**

Volunteers required please to help decorate the Christmas tree in St Patrick's on **Friday 8th December**. Please come along at 11 am if you are able to help.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018**

**Table Quiz - Wednesday, 31 January 2018, 7.30 pm**

Some of our Church organisations have already pledged a team for this evening of craic and (not too challenging!) questions. It would be great if each of our organisations could field a team (or teams!) for a bit of friendly rivalry - and, of course, some refreshments - on a January night. Everyone welcome!

**St Patrick's Night Concert and Supper - Saturday, 17 March 2018, 7.30 pm**

Our very talented former Parish Reader, singer/musician and Bal-

lymena man, Rev Jason Kernohan - recently appointed Rector of All Saints' Parish Church, Eglantine - will head the line-up of artists. We are delighted that our very own Erin McConnell and other Irish dancers from the award-winning Ollar School of Dance, Ballyclare will also perform, along with a host of other local talent. More information will follow in the February magazine.

**Summer Fair - Saturday, 12 May!!!**

More details later!

### **CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING AND CAKE AND CRAFT SALE**

We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all those who helped to make this year's Christmas Coffee Morning such a great success. We had an excellent turnout and it was great to see so many people enjoying a cuppa and some fellowship with other parishioners and good friends.

Our special thanks go to Vera and her wonderful team of volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes. Thanks, also, to the stall holders who had spent a significant amount of time prior to the

event baking, painting clay pots, making jams and chutneys, knitting, producing cards and making table decorations. We really appreciated all your time and effort. Our thanks also go to the ladies from the Mothers' Union who kindly donated some items from their earlier 'Bring and Buy' sale.

Many people gave willingly of their time to help in a number of other ways including the setting up and tidying of the hall, making the beautiful floral arrangements for the tables and collecting and counting money. Thanks, also, to the staff of the church office for publicising the event in the parish magazine and, as always, to Helen Weir who does such a wonderful job for us on Facebook. Of course, no Christmas Coffee Morning would be complete without Santa. Thank you, Santa, for taking time out of your busy schedule to pay a visit to us in St Patrick's!

In particular, our sincere thanks to all of you who attended the event which, to date, has raised £1,510 with some donations still coming in. This will go towards Church Funds. Thanks also to those who were unable to attend but gave generous donations.

***The Fundraising Committee***





# Around the Parish

## CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

Thanks to all the parents and friends for their support at our very special enrolment service. In November 1897 the first enrolment of St Patrick's CLB took place and 120 years later it is great to see young boys and girls still being enrolled.



Any boys or girls who would be interested in competing for bronze, silver or gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards please contact Alan Ross. This is open to any young people in the parish - you do not have to belong to CLCGB.

**Friday 15th December** is the Brigade Christmas Party Night - usual times and wear your Christmas jumper.

Our annual Jumble Sale will be held on **Friday, 3rd March**. We hope this will give everyone a chance for a good spring clear out around the house and garage. More details in February magazine.

All the leaders would like to thank you for your continued support and wish all your families a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Brigade will recommence on **Friday 6th January 2018**.

*Alan Ross (2589 2740)*



## MOTHERS' UNION

Our branch meeting is on **Wednesday 13th December at 8 pm**. As usual we will be attending the Advent service in Ballyclug.

On **Wednesday, 10th January**, we are going to Tullyglass House Hotel. Time 7 pm for 7.30 pm. Please return your menu choice plus payment to



Liz Bodel (tel. 2564 5914) to our December meeting or give to churchwardens in envelope FAO Liz. Contact Liz, Jean or myself if you require a copy of the menu.

Many thanks to those who attended our November meeting. You can follow the fantastic work of Mercy Ships on Facebook or [www.mercyships.org.uk](http://www.mercyships.org.uk).

A big thank you for toiletries donated - these will be distributed to local hostels.

*Patricia McWhirter*

## SQUIRRELS

The Squirrels are busy collecting their 20 pence pieces for the Children's Cancer Unit Charity. We hope to give our donation just before our Christmas break, and we will let you know our total in the February magazine. In the meantime, can I please thank everyone for their support, in particular the anonymous donation from a resident in Mooreland Close. Thank you so much, it is very much appreciated.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Squirrels, family and friends a very Happy Christmas and we will see you all again in the New Year.

*Paul, Ann, Jack and Mr Squirrel*

## MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP



'Do you want to build a snowman?' Our little ones certainly did last month and, with the help of Julie Ann from Sure Start, they produced some very cute snowmen.

We finish off 2017 on **12th December** with our traditional short carol service in the church followed by the Christmas party; Santa Claus has promised to pay us a visit!

We will host a lunch for our volunteers in January - date to be confirmed.

Please note that we resume in the New Year on **9th January**.

Rota for December and January:-

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>FUNCTION</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay and Jean Cunningham	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay and Eddie McClelland	Car Park
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Mary Steele	Welcoming
	Derek Bell and David Oliver	Car Park
9 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay and Jean Cunningham	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay and Eddie McClelland	Car Park
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Mary Steele	Welcoming
	David Bell and David Oliver	Car Park
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan.	Dorothy Hegan, Isabel Halliday/ Eva McCarthy, Karin Agnew and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Ann Fisher	Welcoming
	Jackie McMaster and Jimmy Tuff	Car Park
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair, Vivien Gilmour and Kathleen Thompson	Tea
	Liz Bodel	Welcoming
	Bob Peachey and Davy Nelson	Car Park

***Dorothy (2589 2740), Anna, Anne, Catherine, June***

## LADIES' NIGHT

Ladies' Night enjoying a recent visit to Creative Gardens Garden Centre.



Our next evening out will be a visit to the Christmas Market.



## GIFTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In lieu of flowers for Sam Letters - £600

In lieu of flowers for Alexander Wallace - £142.50

In lieu of flowers for Dave Bodel - £500

In lieu of flowers for Anna Ross - £400

Donation from St Patrick's LOL 1123 - £50

Anonymous Donation - £500

Donation from Royal British Legion Women's Section - £150

Thanks to all who contributed to the round pound campaign -  
a total of £279 was raised



# Secretary's Notes

This month I'd like to begin by reminding you that as well as being members of the Church of Ireland, you have also by default since June 2015 been members of the charity which this parish became at that time. As you may or may not be aware Charity legislation changed, following a European Directive, requiring all organisations claiming to have a public benefit to register as charities, and the Church of Ireland chose to do this on a parish by parish basis both north and south of the border. By the end of October 2017 this parish had to provide certain information and reports about the calendar year 2016 to the Northern Ireland Charity Commission, and these are now available for any member of the public to see on the N.I.C.C. web-site. If you want to look at this search for Kilconriola, if you look for St Patrick's Ballymena you'll get Connor's information.

Around the parish the action is currently centred on the parish halls where there has been some electrical upgrading going on, with new distribution boards now in place to meet current (no pun intended) regulations. Similar work is now happening in St Patrick's, and not before time as Sunday 19th November saw us without the sound system for most of the 11.30 am service due to blown fuses. Similar upgrading is planned for Ballyclug too in the near future.

The halls are also having additional cabling installed to extend and improve the wi-fi coverage, and in the not too distant future we shall have a proper motorised screen and projector system installed on the stage which will be of benefit to several groups and increase the range of possibilities in using the hall. A new extraction system has been put into the kitchen too so that safe levels of ventilation are available to those using it without having to resort to opening all the windows and causing a freezing gale to sweep the whole place.



Finally for now at the halls you will also soon see the replacement of the glazing around the court yard with new PVC units. There have been some concerns for several years about the state of the frames and wooden panels beneath these windows which this work will finally resolve. At the same time new external doors will be fitted to the Minor Hall.

As ever don't hesitate to let any member of the Select Vestry know if you have spotted anything else which needs attention, and in the same way if you can help with anything don't be shy about offering, many hands make light work.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Alastair*



***Girls Friendly Society  
The Candidates, Members and Leaders are pictured following the  
Annual Enrolment Service***

# **CHRISTMAS**

## **St Patrick's, Ballymena**

### **Sunday 17th December 2017**

8.15 am Holy Communion 1

11.30 am Sunday School  
Nativity Service

6.30 pm Festival of Nine  
Lessons and Carols  
by Candlelight

### **24th December - Christmas Eve**

8.15 am Holy Communion 1

11.30 am Morning Prayer 2

11.30 pm The First Communion  
of Christmas 1

### **Christmas Day**

8.15 am Holy Communion 1

10.30 am Christmas Family  
Communion 2

### **31st December 2017**

8.15 am Holy Communion 1

11.30 am Morning Prayer 2

11.15 pm Watchnight Service



# **SERVICES**

## **St Columba's, Dunclog**

**Sunday 17th December 2017**

11.30 am Holy Communion 2

7.00 pm Service of Nine  
Lessons and Carols  
by Candlelight  
followed  
by refreshments

**Sunday 24th December 2017**

11.30 am Morning Prayer 2

**Christmas Day**

10.30 am Christmas Family  
Communion 2

**31st December 2017**

11.30 am Morning Prayer 2

## **St Patrick's, Ballyclug**

**Sunday 17th December 2017**

10.00 am Service of Lessons  
and Carols

**Sunday 24th December 2017**

10.00 am Morning Prayer 1

**Christmas Day**

9.30 am Holy Communion 1

**31st December 2017**

10.00 am Morning Prayer 1





Come and  
join us for

# Messy CHURCH

Stories

Food

All age

Crafts

Fun

**St Patrick's Church Hall  
Castle Street  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018  
10.15 am**



Christmas Tree Presents - Please bring presents unwrapped for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal asap.



Youth leaders recently attended a Social Media/Internet Safety evening.



Youth Club will finish on **Saturday 9th December** and start again on **Saturday 6th January 2018**.

Our Sunday School Carol Service will be held on **Sunday 17th December** at **11.30 am**. Children should meet in church at 11.10 am. They will

perform a nativity play during the service and there will be mince pies and tea/coffee served in the hall after the service.

## Christian Aid Family Appeal

Sunday School teachers and children will receive envelopes in which they can give a donation towards the Family Appeal instead of the giving and receiving of presents. These envelopes will be given with the collection at the Carol Service.



Sunday School will start again on **Sunday 7th January 2018**.

On **Sunday 21st January** we will have Messy Church in the hall at 10.15 am - the theme will be Christingle - Jesus the light of the world.

Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year for 2018 to all our young people and leaders.

*Lucy and Alan*



The Ringers would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. If anyone would like to join them to learn to ring please give Colin a call - mobile 07783 305 112.





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For further information contact:

CHARIS Cancer Care Ltd, 163 Lough Fea Road, Ballybriest, Cookstown, BT80 9TU - telephone: 028 8676 9217; fax: 028 8676 4079; email: [info@chariscancercare.org](mailto:info@chariscancercare.org); web address: [www.chariscancercare.org](http://www.chariscancercare.org); facebook: CharisCancerCare.

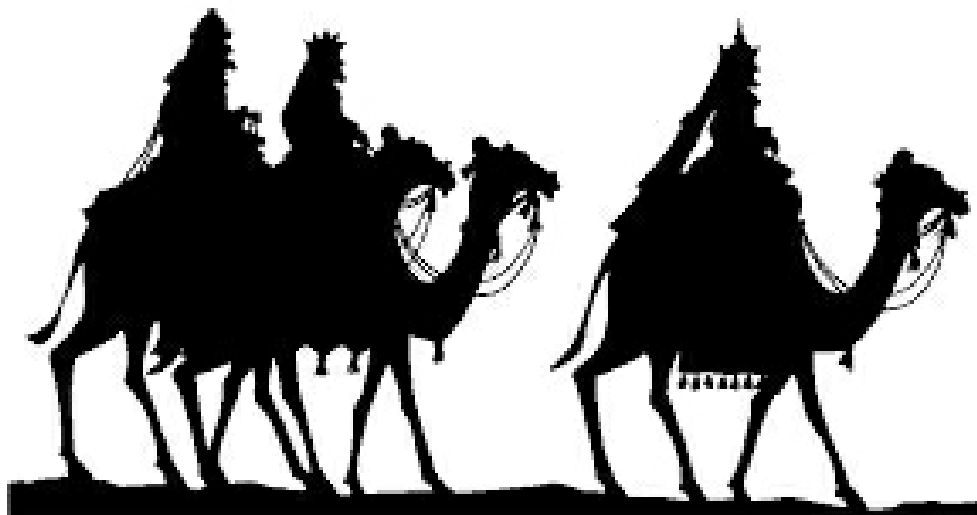
# A view from the pew

If you were to arrive at Church on Wednesday 13th December, for Holy Communion this year, what would you think if you saw the Fire Brigade and Police with a cordon around the church? On that day in 1879 that's exactly what you might have seen.

That day a severe fire had taken hold and there was quite a bit of destruction to the building, mainly caused by a poor lack of water pressure. The following day a meeting took place and watchmen were appointed to protect the contents that were still left in the building. The original builder was contacted along with the insurance company to get the claim underway. As a hand of friendship First Ballymena and West Church offered us the use of their premises for our services. After the work was completed following the fire in March 1881 the present building was opened once again, and on the 24th of March the Church was consecrated once again. For their help and kindness in our hour of need a set of 'collection plates' was presented to West Church.

It is ironic however, that about fifty years later the same thing happened to West Church and we were able to make our church and halls available for their services.

**L.W.**





# The Curate's Letter

## Watch Where You're Going!

I saw a teenage girl walking into school one wet morning with one hand holding a lever arch file over her face to keep the rain off, and in her other hand she was holding her smart phone. Not only could she not see directly in front of her, because of the file in front of her face, but she was looking down at her smart phone as she walked along. I presume that she made it to school in one piece, but I would not be surprised if she had bumped into the occasional lamppost along the way.



We all know in life that if we do not watch where we are going, it can very quickly end in tears. The amount of distractions we have in our modern world are many. Christmas for a lot of us can be one big massive distraction. Busyness, people to see, presents to buy, to-do lists. We can so easily take our eyes off the ball when we allow the pressures of Christmas life to take over.

Careful walking in the Lord, is the role of every Christian. In Ephesians 5:15-16, Paul tells us, 'Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.' Paul reminds us that we need to be careful to walk in the ways of the Lord, to seek His will in our life, to be prioritising the work of the



Kingdom, as opposed to our own wants and needs. The Christmas furore can take us over and completely cloud not only the remembrance of what the season is all about, but also our Christian behaviour and values. Walking closely with the Lord is what we as Christians need to do all year round and even though we know what Christmas should be about, we can get so caught up in all the Christmas festivities and busyness, that our walk with the Lord is virtually non-existent. So look carefully how you walk this Christmas, avoid those lampposts, stay close to the Lord as you remember what He has done in your life, and don't allow the chaos of Christmas to take your eyes off the Christian path.

Merry Christmas and God Bless.



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# St Patrick's Church Hall



Castle Street, Ballymena

## Table Quiz

Wednesday, 31 January 2018  
7.30 pm



Teams of up to 6 people

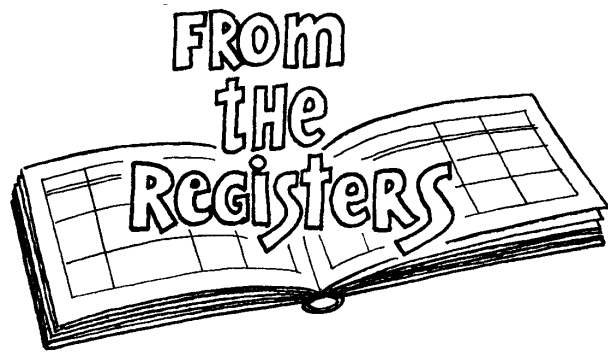


*Refreshments provided*

*Admission £3  
Payable at the door*



*Proceeds in aid of  
Church Funds*



## CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

26th November

Phoebe Sinclair

3a Millfields, Kells



*Baby Phoebe Sinclair*

## HOLY MATRIMONY

30th September

Alex McNeill

54 Brigadie Gardens,  
Ballymena

10th November

Ruth Dixon

Philip Gordon

6 Park Manor, Ballymena

3 Inchkeith Road,  
Ballymena

Tiffany Cunningham

9 Shona Green, Ballymena



*Philip and Tiffany Gordon*

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL



27th October	Dora Campbell	Rose Martha Nursing Home, Ballymena
6th November	Gerald Atchison	66 Rathmore Heights, Ballymena
8th November	Doris Francis	11 Ballyloughan Brow, Ballymena
24th November	Samuel Spiers	15 Knockeen Crescent, Ballymena
27th November	Eric Willoughby	19 Shona Green, Ballymena
27th November	Robert Lowry	60 Kintyre Park, Ballymena

### **Dora Campbell**

Dora was born in April 1933, to Robert and Mary Millar, in Broughshane. Dora married David Campbell, from Ballymena, and they were blessed with six children David, Jim, Doreen, Gregory, Millar and Cathy. The door of Dora and David's family home was always open to family and close friends. Dora is remembered by her close family as a loving and joyful woman who cared deeply for her children and grandchildren. We pass on our prayers and sympathies to all of the family circle.

### **Doris Francis**

Doris was born in Norfolk and was one of a family of three girls. Her mother died when she was only four years old and Doris' quiet faith and inner strength may have been formed during this sad time. Doris was a true scholar and loved learning. She worked in Norfolk Public Library and this was where she met her future husband Jim, who also worked in the library. They had one child, Maureen and after living in Essex and Cheshire they eventually moved to Ballymena where her husband Jim was to become the Chief Librarian of the North Eastern Education and Library

Board. Doris herself worked for many years in the Medical Records Department of the Waveney Hospital. Doris had three grandchildren Mark, Michael and Marianne and one great grandson Gage. We extend to her husband Jim, her daughter Maureen, her son-in-law Kevin, her sister Betty and all her grandchildren and her great grandson our sincere sympathy at this sad time.

### **Samuel Spiers**

Samuel was born in February 1934. He was one of 13 children born to Willy and Mary Spiers in Ballymena. Samuel married Vera Bradley and they lived together in Ballymena for many years. He was an employee of the Electricity Board for over 40 years. Samuel was a member of the church here at St Patrick's and a faithful 'attender'. Samuel will be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather by his close family. We pass on our prayers and sympathies to all of the family circle.

### **Eric Willoughby**

Eric was born in July 1933. He was one of 3 children born to Charles and Mary Ellen Willoughby in Dublin. Eric moved to Belfast at the age of 18 so that he could join the RAF in which he served for 22 years. Eric married Mary Carey, from Ballycastle, and they were blessed with three children, Audrey, Sandra and Colin. Eric joined the RUC in 1974 and served with them also for 22 years. During his time in the RUC he received a commendation for bravery. Eric will be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather by his close family. We pass on our prayers and sympathies to all of the family circle.

### **Robert Lowry**

Robert (Bobby) Lowry started life in Hope Street, Ballymena. A Ballymena man through and through Bobby attended Guy's School, worked in Britton's Shoe Factory, the Waveney Hospital and Gallahers. He met his wife to be 'Nan' in the Flamingo Dance Hall and set up home and raised a family in the Ballykeel area of the town. Bobby was a keen golfer and bowler and will be very sadly missed by all his friends. Our sympathies and prayers go to his wife Nan, son Stephen, daughter Hazel and the whole family circle. Bobby's thanksgiving service was held in Henry's Funeral Parlour and the burial took place in the Ballymena Cemetery.



# 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	8.00 pm	Choir Vestry
Church Lads' Brigade			
YBC	Friday	7.00 pm	Parochial Hall
JTC	Friday	8.00 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
Men's Fellowship	1st Thursday	7.30 pm	Minor Hall
Junior Youth Club	Saturday	7.00 pm	Parochial Hall
Senior Youth Club	Saturday	8.00 pm	Parochial Hall
Badminton	Wednesday	7.30 pm	Parochial Hall
Sewing Group	Thursday	10.00 am	Parochial Hall

## SAINT COLUMBA'S

	Day	Time	Contact
Beavers	Monday	6.30 pm	Mrs L McCullagh
Cubs	Monday	7.00 pm	Miss H Hughes
Ladies' Circle	4th Monday	8.00 pm	Mrs L Hughes
Brownies	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Vacant
Squirrels	Wednesday	6.30 pm	Mr P Houston
Guides	Thursday	6.30 pm	Mrs K Black
Senior Guides	Thursday	8.00 pm	Mrs K Black
Rainbows	Friday	6.30 pm	Mrs H Strain
Scouts	Friday	7.45 pm	Mr K Hughes



# OUR WORSHIP

## ST PATRICK'S PARISH CHURCH

### SUNDAY SERVICES

8.15 am

10.00 am

11.30 am

*1st Sunday in the month*

6.30 pm

*3rd Sunday in the month*

*4th Sunday in the month*

*Holy Communion*

*New Life Service*

*Morning Prayer*

*Parish Communion*

*Evening Prayer*

*Holy Communion*

*Living Faith Service*

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

10.30 am

*Holy Communion*

## ST PATRICK'S, BALLYCLUG

### SUNDAY SERVICES

10.00 am

*4th Sunday in the month*

*Morning Prayer*

*Holy Communion*

## ST COLUMBA'S, DUNCLUG

### SUNDAY SERVICES

8.30 am

*1st Sunday in the month*

11.30 am

*2nd Sunday in the month*

*3rd Sunday in the month*

*Holy Communion*

*Morning Prayer*

*Family Service*

*Family Communion*

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS

### ST PATRICK'S

10.00 am

*Church*

*Leaders - Mrs L McLaughlin and Mr A Ross*

### ST COLUMBA'S

11.30 am

*Church*

*Superintendent - Mrs S Foster*

## HOLY BAPTISM

*At Sunday services by arrangement*