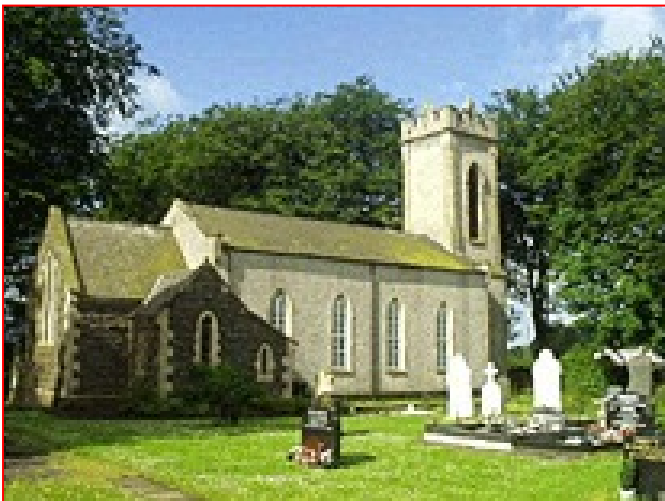


# ***Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug***



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*Diocese of Connor - Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug*

## WHO'S WHO IN OUR PARISH



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### CHURCHWARDENS

St Patrick's	Rector's	Mr William Gillespie
	People's	Miss Gillian Gillespie
Ballyclug	Rector's	Mrs Letty Kettles
	People's	Mr Jackie Greer
St Columba's	Rector's	Miss Elizabeth Peachey
	People's	Miss Marie Semple
Glebe Wardens	Rector's	Mr Kenneth Hughes
	People's	Mr Peter Chestnutt

### SELECT VESTRY

**Clergy, Church Wardens, Glebe Wardens and:** Mr Alan Adair, Mr William Burnett, Mr Richard Cotter, Mrs Anne Crawford, Mrs Debbie Crawford, Mr Ronnie Fleming, Mrs Mary Galbraith, Mr Les Hughes, Mr Alex McKay, Mr Alex McNeill, Mr Richard Todd and Mrs Helen Weir.

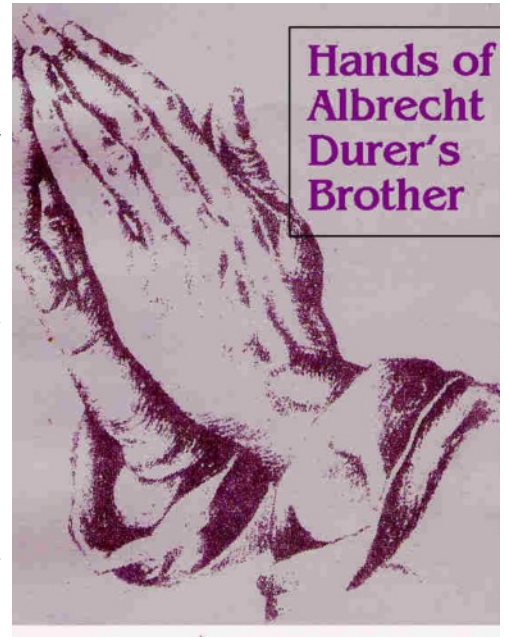
Honorary Secretary:	Mr R Fleming	44 Meadowvale, Ballymena
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Sextons:	St Patrick's	Mr John Linton
	St Columba's	Vacant
Organists:	St Patrick's	Mr Adrian Poston, Mr Frank Hewitt and Dr Iris Millar
	St Columba's	Vacant

THE RECTOR WRITES



# Rectory Ramblings

I recently came across the amazing story of the very famous sketch by Albrecht Dürer called Praying Hands. Albrecht was one of a family of 18! As you can imagine it was a struggle to even put food on the table. Both Albert and Albrecht showed talent in art from an early age. Knowing that there was no way that the family could afford any formal art training, they came up with a plan - one would study and the other brother would work in the mines for a period of 4 years, then they would swap - each training while the other paid for the tuition costs. Who went first was decided by the toss of a coin. Albrecht went to college, his brother Albert to the mines. Albrecht shone in college and at the end of his four years had already become a sought after artist - but he returned home to honour his deal with his brother Albert. He was prepared to work any jobs to finance his brother's four years of art tuition. However, four years rough labour had all but ruined Albert's hands and the sensitive control of brush or pencil was now well beyond him. To pay homage to his brother and his amazing sacrifice Albrecht painted Albert's hands. It is an amazing sketch, with an even more amazing story behind it. I wonder who has sacrificed to allow us the life and abilities we now enjoy - and how much we appreciate that sacrifice.



Reading some of the responses coming out of the recent General Synod meeting of the Church of Ireland, I noticed that in 2019 we as a Church



will both celebrate and contemplate our 150th Birthday as a Disestablished Church (1869). We might reflect exactly what our Church, our Lord and our Faith means to each of us and that 'supreme sacrifice' that sets the soul free. Hope you enjoy the sketch and the story behind it.

R.M.N.C. *[Signature]*





# Parish News

## CHURCH OF IRELAND PRAYER BOOK ETHICS - THE SMARTPHONE ERA

The Daily Worship App launched at General Synod in Armagh. If the words 'App' and 'Smartphone' don't mean anything to you then neither will the rest of this article. However, this initiative from the Church's Central Communications Board allows any Smartphone user to download the application from either the Apple or Google Stores for the sum of 99 pence! For this you get the full range of Prayer Book services plus a daily selection of readings and prayers for every day of the year.

Perhaps this App would be a great devotional present for someone you know, or, an extra resource to help with your own quiet times with the Lord.

Why not check it out? L.O.L.



**Mark**

## THE GOOD BOOK CLUB - AN EXPLANATION

Coming from the wishes of those attending both the Alpha and Alpha Plus Groups, the Good Book Club is an innovative way of studying scripture. The New Testament has been re-organised into chronological rath-

er than a traditional order and all chapter and verse headings stripped away leaving a New Testament that looks much more like a novel using a friendly 'Book Club' style approach. The initial dates in June and July will allow us to work through Luke and Acts launching out into more of the New Testament come the autumn. So why not come along and join the Good Book Club. If you love books especially The Good Book, this is for you (see page 16).



**You are invited to**

**'The Leaders Night Out'**

**On  
Thursday 20th June  
At 7 pm**

**At Rococo**

**R.S.V.P. Lucy 077 5995 0497  
Before 8th June**

# CHILDREN'S DAY



**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 11.30 AM**  
**ST PATRICK'S**

**SPEAKER - Gillian Millar**

**Sunday School Prize Giving and Awards**  
**Finale of 'Superheroes'**  
**CMS Presentation**

**Refreshments served in hall afterwards**  
***Children to meet in hall at 11 am***



# Secretary's Notes

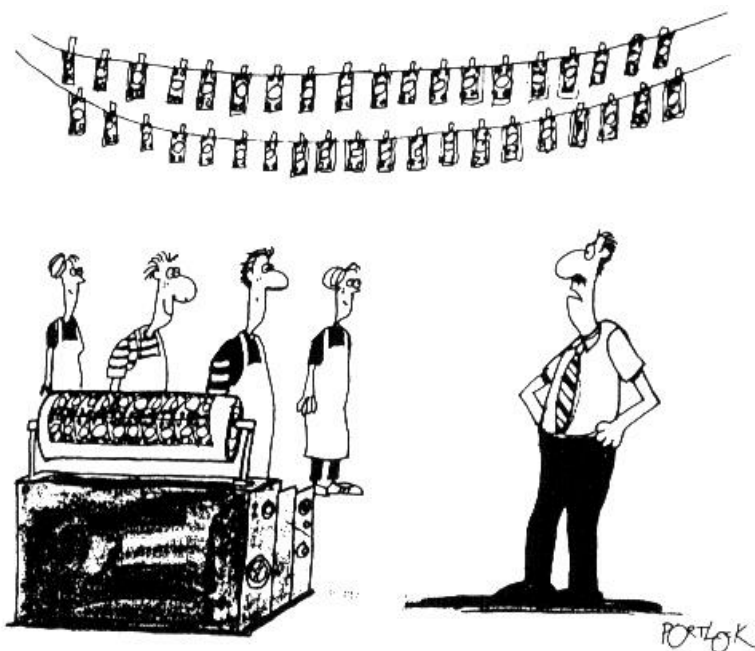
## Rectory Tennis Court Development

Just to update you all with the latest developments regarding the Rectory Tennis Courts Project. I had reported last month that we had received planning permission for two houses; this was based on correspondence received from the Planning Department that our application had been accepted, as all the criteria had been met, and would be going forward for approval at the next Council meeting.

Unfortunately at the eleventh hour they had a change of heart and informed us that our application would be presented as a refusal. Our team attended the meeting to present our case; as a result the decision has been deferred until the next meeting in June. We will be represented at this meeting in order to put forward our case again.

I will keep you all informed of any further developments.

*Ronnie Fleming*  
*Hon. Secretary*



**"This isn't what I had in mind when I suggested that we make some money for the youth group."**





**For primary school children**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

**3 - 6 pm**

**St Patrick's Church, Castle Street**

**£1.50 per child**

**Games, arts and crafts, computers,  
cooking, sports, DVD, snacks, tuck shop**

**Contact Lucy 077 5995 0497**

**to book a place**



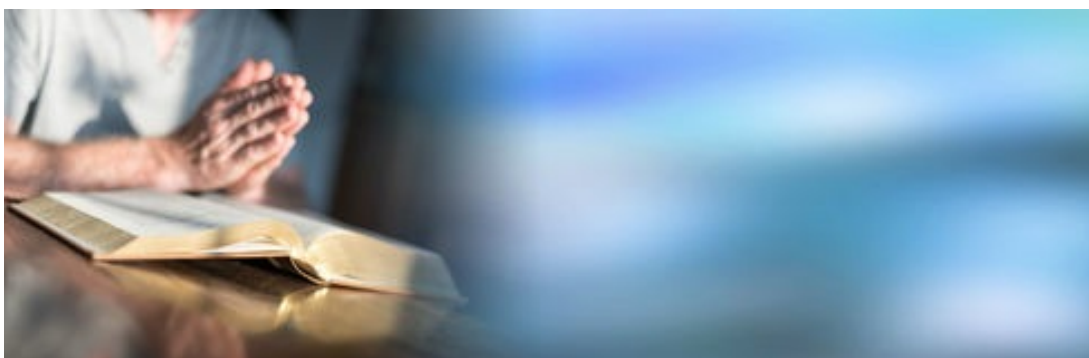


# Famous Prayers - Take 4

Caught up in the large scale religious and spiritual renewal movement which was happening throughout Europe, was one Thomas Hemerken. Upon entering monastic life in 1406 Thomas à Kempis as he was later to be known began a life of writing, prayer and copying of many ancient manuscripts. He was to pen 'The Imitation of Christ' one of the most widely read Christian books ever written. In our famous prayers series of articles I include one of his many published prayers:-

## For Discernment

Grant me, O Lord, to know what is worth knowing  
To love what is worth loving  
To praise what delights you most,  
To value what is precious in your sight,  
To hate what is offensive to you.  
Do not let me judge by what I see,  
Nor pass sentence according to what I hear,  
But to judge rightly between things that differ,  
And above all to search out and to do what pleases you.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





# Missions

## *Letter from Mark Zimmerman in Nepal.*

I was reminded of all of you a couple of weeks ago when Dr Roshan, formerly of Jiri Hospital, wrote in remembrance of all of you in the anniversary of the 2015 earthquake. Jiri has become one of the numerous Ballymena ‘haunts’ around Nepal.

We’re coming up on the middle of this term in Nepal. Our plan is to bookend these four years with our boys’ schooling, 2020 being the year that Zach is due to go off to university - maybe in Ireland or maybe in the U.S. He’s stuck into his exams right now, something he seems to take in his stride. Yesterday it was 16 years since he was born in Patan Hospital.

Benjamin also excels at school, though his passion lies in sports. He does his best to work on his basketball skills and even fits in some baseball, all the while wondering if he wouldn’t be a lot better at these if he lived in America.

Deirdre holds all of us together. Yesterday was a good example: She arranged for guests to come for Zach’s home birthday party (a bigger one later for his friends), cooked the meal, went to the women’s fellowship at our church, attended the end of training at the NPCS nutrition program, and tried to sell off a bicycle. In addition, she’s deep into developing the embryonic dietetics department at Patan Hospital.

Patan Hospital is where I work. I’m a full time internist (physician) and teacher at the medical school. I continue to enjoy being free of any administration responsibility to simply treat and teach. My visa is coming up for renewal later this month, which is an annual passage that we sweat and pray our way through.

As always, we look forward to your next visit here and ours to your green shores.

Love from us all,

***Mark, Deirdre, Zachary and Benjamin***

## Our Partners in Nepal



### **Deirdre, Mark, Zachary & Benjamin Zimmerman - Mission Associates**

Mark (medical doctor) & Deirdre (nutritionist) both work in Patan Hospital, Kathmandu. Deirdre is also an advisor for Nutrition Promotion Consultancy Services (NPCS) which focuses on the capacity building of personnel and organisations, as well as target communities, in nutrition. (see [www.npcs.org.np](http://www.npcs.org.np))



### **Sundar Dhoka (= “Beautiful Gate”) Church (SD Church) - Global Partner**

A church for people with disabilities (including leprosy) run by Kosh Bilash (Babukaji) & Goma Adhikari, and their son Bikash. The church runs an NGO called Sundar Dhoka Saathi Sewa (SDSS) which serves people with disabilities, the sick and marginalised.



### **Human Development and Community Services (HDCS) - Global Partner**

HDCS is a Christian NGO with a vision to be a living witness of God's love and to transform communities. They work with government, non-government, and other partners in three primary sectors: health, education, and community development. Currently, HDCS manages hospitals, community health interventions, schools, centres for children with disabilities and learning difficulties, and radio stations. (see [www.hdcsnepal.org](http://www.hdcsnepal.org))

For more info contact: Roger Thompson (Partnership Co-ordinator for Nepal ) 028 90 77 50 20 email. [rogerthompson@cmsireland.org](mailto:rogerthompson@cmsireland.org)  
web <http://www.cmsireland.org>



# A view from the pew



**First Prize - A bag of Wine Gums for the first person who can fill in the missing names**

**Back Row:** ? Sharon Letters, ? Lorimer, Gareth Peden, Ashley Olphert, ?

**2nd row:** Catherine Barr, Jackie McClenaghan, Audrey Foster, ?, Liza Peden, Darren Miller, David Halliday, Eleanor Hudson, ?, Nigel Owens, Ian Duddy, William McIlroy, ?

**1st row:** Trevor Donaghy, Pamela Barr, Richard Stinson, Ivan Penney, Hazel Coulter, Rev Eddie Coulter, Jason McAuley, Eleanor Stacey, Ryan Miller and M Campbell

**Sitting:** Lucy Lloyd, Andrea Murray, Sophie Lloyd, Sammy Wilson, Sarah Lloyd, Katherine Halliday, Gail Murray, Clare McKee and Nick Watt





## Christian Aid Week - Update

At the time of writing we can tell you that so far we have counted £1788.52 to go off to Christian Aid. As quite a lot of the money on the church plate and from the lunches was gift aided this will be a good boost to the funds which Christian Aid want to channel towards helping those who are affected by violent weather conditions; sustainable housing will be able to be provided for yet more people - hopefully Marceline and Joyceline among them.

As always, our parishioners have stepped up and contributed generously at the lunches and on the plate at services. Unfortunately there were not a milling horde of us to step out and collect door-to-door as well. The faithful few, well those who are still able, were all out plus one new recruit - but we are a dwindling number. This is a pity because this is the collection that reaches people who wouldn't otherwise contribute to the week. It is the one time when Christians throughout Ballymena, and indeed throughout the UK and the Republic of Ireland, are seen to be working and witnessing in concert to deliver assistance to our fellow humans who are in desperate need; aid which then allows them in turn to develop sustainable jobs and to lend assistance to their own communities.

I would like to thank all those who played a part in our effort this year; those who made soup and helped in other ways with the lunches, those who helped with the collections, the wardens who kept the supply of envelopes before the eyes of the congregations and those who helped with the counting.

When we have the final total for our efforts during Christian Aid Week this year we will let you know. Meanwhile, if you haven't brought back your envelope yet, please bring it back as soon as possible - and, if you missed out because you weren't able to get to church during that week, the wardens will still be able to give you an envelope to put on the plate!

*Mary Campbell*



# The Curate's Letter



The butterfly, scientists tell us, has the widest visual range in all of wildlife. They can see a whole range of colours far beyond that which we can see. Bees can also see colours that we cannot detect. Apparently there are ultraviolet colours in many flowers, which we can't see, that help draw butterflies and bees into the flower for more nectar.

Are we aware that there is SO MUCH that we do not know, and that we cannot see? Human beings have a tendency to trust only in what they can see. The earthly things around us are so tangible that they can become what we always focus on and what we live for. The Bible, however, encourages us to focus on, and even live for, what we cannot see. We are to set both our hearts and our minds on things above, the Bible tells us, not on earthly things (Col. 3:1-2). Trusting in what we cannot see is obviously something that can be hard. In our Christian walk we can sometimes feel like God is distant or even silent; but faith, as we are reminded in Hebrews, is 'being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see'. (Heb. 11:1)

Our faith falters when we are tempted to assume that everything we can see is all that there is. But even the butterfly shows us that assuming only what we can see is all that there is, is total nonsense. The real business of Christianity is to please our Father in heaven, and that is often unseen business. The good we do in the name of Jesus is often unseen and unrewarded on this earth, but it is noted and it means something in the spiritual realm. Keep your hearts and minds on things above, have faith in what you do not see.

*God bless*

*Jenni*



Praying for our  
**YOUNG PEOPLE**  
during the pressures  
of their **EXAMS**

**DON'T WORRY**

about anything;

instead, **PRAY**

about everything.

Tell God what you need

and **THANK** Him  
for all He has done.

Then you will experience

God's **PEACE**

Philippians 4:6-7







## *The Good Book Club*

**Commencing Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June  
At 7.30 pm  
In Choir Vestry**

The Good Book Club will take  
place fortnightly.  
Come and experience a new way  
to read the Bible.

We are starting with 3 sessions before the summer  
break and continuing in September.

Come along for coffee/tea, fellowship and chat.



For further information please contact  
Mr Richard Cotter email: [rjcotter@sky.com](mailto:rjcotter@sky.com)





# Around the Parish

## MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

Many thanks to everyone who supported our group throughout the year; the mums, dads, grannies, grandas and child minders. A special word of thanks for all the volunteer helpers; we really couldn't run the group without you.

We're delighted to welcome Ray Burbage to the team in September.

The Mothers and Toddlers Group finishes on **12th June** and resumes on **4th September**.

Have a great summer break!

Rota for June:-



DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Jean Ross and Jean Cunningham	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay	Hall Set Up
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Mary Steele	Welcoming
	Derek Bell	Hall Set Up

## Rota for September:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Jean Ross and Jean Cunningham	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay	Hall Set Up
11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Mary Steele	Welcoming
	Ray Burbage	Hall Set Up
18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Dorothy Hegan, (Isabel Halliday)/ Eva McCarthy, Vera Greer and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Ann Fisher	Welcoming
	David Oliver	Hall Set Up
25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair, Vivien Gilmour and Kathleen Thompson	Tea
	Liz Bodel	Welcoming
	Davy Nelson	Hall Set Up

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

## BEAVERS



The Beavers have had a great few weeks making the most of the beautiful weather. One evening they pitched their tent and had a sausage sizzle and s'mores over the fire. They also had an evening of teamwork challenges which was rounded up by making their own artistic Jackson Pollock creation!

Then on Saturday 19th May we went to the NI Beaver Rally in Crawfordsburn where we met up with other Beavers from across the province and had great fun playing carnival games, craft making and a drum workshop!



If anyone is interested in joining Beavers please give us a call! We meet on Monday evenings from 6.30 - 7.30 pm at St Columba's for children aged between 6-8. More information can be found on our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/ballymenabeavers/>.

**Lise, Keith and Helen 077 9001 2356**







**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

**7 - 9 pm**

**St Patrick's Church, Castle Street**

**For all young people of all organisations,  
Sunday School, Youth Club and families**

**BBQ, Bannside Search and Rescue, Bouncy  
Castles, Chocolate Fountain, Face Painting,  
Balloons +++**

**No parking in church grounds  
Parents are responsible for their children  
at all times**







On Saturday 4th May some leaders and young people from the Youth Club took part in the Darkness to Light 5k walk around the Ecos Centre to raise money and awareness for suicide and self harm. We had an early start meeting at 4 am but enjoyed the walk with 600 others to support this worthy cause. It's great that our young people can get behind this movement and support it and also in remembrance of those from the parish who have died as a result of suicide. Altogether we raised £400. Youth Club will finish on **Saturday 16th June** and start again on **Saturday 8th September**.



In Sunday School we have been busy learning about Jesus the Good Shepherd, Jesus the True Vine and Pentecost.



Any remaining Smartie tubes to be brought in as soon as possible - so far we have raised over £200. Sunday School will finish on **Sunday 10th June** and the following Sunday will be Children's Day. Children to meet in hall at 11.00 am. During the summer months we will have Children's Church for any children who wish to attend. Sunday School will start back again on **Sunday, 2nd September**.



**‘Superheroes’ Children’s Week:-** Monday 11th - Friday 15th June, 7 - 8.15 pm for primary school children. Come on our Superhero adventure where we will hear about Jesus' life and find out that Jesus is the ultimate superhero and unlike every other superhero he is real and can save us. We will learn this through craft, song, stories, DVD and games. Anyone willing to help please contact Lucy.

**Summer Scheme 13th August - 17th August.** If you are free any day to assist at the Summer Scheme we would greatly appreciate your help.

## Summer Madness

The young people had a ‘sleepover’ on Saturday 25th May by way of preparation for Summer Madness. It was good to get everyone together for fun and fellowship before we go away.



We would like to thank the parish for all their fundraising support and ask for your prayers for our young people and leaders as they prepare for their weekend.

*Lucy*

# CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!



## Holiday Bible Club



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> -  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June

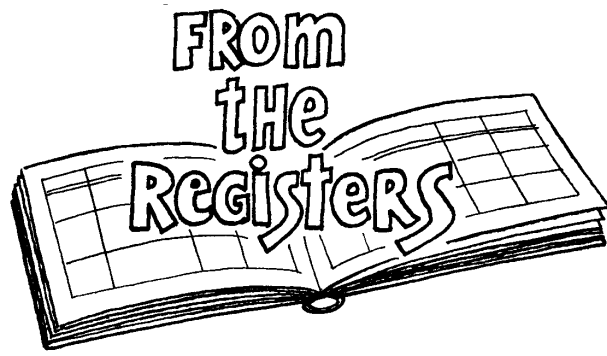
St Patrick's  
Church Hall  
Castle Street

From 7 - 8.15 pm

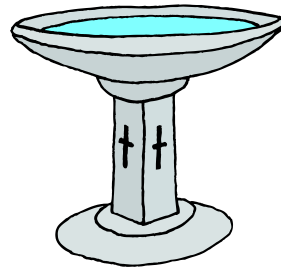
For all primary school children







## HOLY BAPTISM



6<sup>th</sup> May

Archie James  
Cameron

50 Avenue Gardens, Horley,  
Surrey

## SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

20<sup>th</sup> May

Theodore James  
Kernohan

28 The Nursery,  
Ballymena

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL



30<sup>th</sup> April

Mary Watson

8 Glendun Drive,  
Ballymena

### Mary Watson

Mary was born on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1929. When she finished school she helped her Mother in the family home in Hill Street. She was married to Sam and

together they had five children. When her family had grown up Mary worked in Woolworth's. She was a very outgoing person and she loved working in the shop where she met lots of people. Mary was a great county and western fan and she also loved Irish dancing. Her family and especially her grandchildren were really a great joy to her. She loved watching them when they took part in the Irish dancing at the local Feis. Our sympathy and prayers are with all the family circle at this sad time.

# A Night To Remember

A Charity Night in association  
with TURNING POINT NI  
suicide awareness, guidance and prevention

**WHEN: Friday 29th June**

**WHERE: The Spinning Mill, Ballymena**

**TIME: 6pm to LATE**

Live Music, Buffet, Guest Speaker and Raffles

## TICKETS £5

This will be a ticket only event, to purchase a ticket call  
**Kimberley: 07960316478 OR Mark: 07788201797**

Tickets will also be available to purchase at the door on the night



# 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	Thursday	6.45 pm	Mrs H Clarke
Ladies' Circle	4th Monday	8.00 pm	Mrs L Hughes
Brownies	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Mrs K Black
Guides	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Mrs K Black
Squirrels	Wednesday	6.30 pm	Mr P Houston
Senior Guides	Tuesday	6.30 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  
11.30 am

*1st Sunday in the month*

*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*