

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



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*Diocese of Connor - Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug*

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	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.

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Organists:	St Patrick's	Mr Adrian Poston, Mr Frank Hewitt and Dr Iris Millar
	St Columba's	Vacant

THE RECTOR WRITES



# Rectory Ramblings

It seems to be a season of anniversaries and August this year will mark the 20th anniversary of the Omagh bomb. One of those, I can remember where I was and what I was doing moments of the dark years of the troubles in our country. I remember being quietly weeping as Juliet Turner sang that powerful song 'Broken Things' at a memorial event in Omagh town centre shortly after the bombing - her voice and the lyrics were perfect - simply perfect. I am still deeply moved any time I stumble across that song. Between Ballyclug and St Columba's last Sunday morning it was on Radio Ulster and hit me hard - again. I had and was about to preach again about a very broken man Peter - post cross. Talk about a broken heart! Yet the Lord came close, forgave and restored him for courageous Christian ministry.

God uses broken people with broken hearts, broken pasts and uncertain futures. He certainly used Juliet Turner that day in Omagh to express the pain, desperation and need for hope in God, each other and a better future. I am sure I am not the only one to have been powerfully impacted in this way and by this song. You do not have a perfect rector nor a perfect curate. We are not a perfect parish - God forbid that we should ever think we are. But we can in all our brokenness still be loved by God, called by God, used by God and know something of his healing power and presence. Amen.

You can have my heart  
If you don't mind broken things  
You can have my heart  
If you don't mind these tears  
Well I heard that you make old things new  
So I give these pieces all to you  
If you want it you can have my heart

**Broken Things**



# Parish News

## **A MASSIVE THANK YOU! FROM ABBY CHRISTIE AND FROM REV. ADRIAN DORRIAN (ALBANY TRIP LEADER/CIYD)**

Thank you so much to everyone who turned up to the Fundraising Breakfast last month. It was a real encouragement to me and my family that the parish got behind us so much and were so generous in their support. Thanks also to the Men's Fellowship group for organising, to everyone who worked so hard in the kitchen and all who helped out practically on the day. I am looking forward to the trip to Albany and I will be sure to let everyone know the type of work I got up to and how it all went on my return.

*Abby Christie*

It was a great privilege for me to come along to the Parish Halls a couple of weekends ago to support Abby in her fundraising efforts for our Albany trip. I am really excited to be leading this team of brilliant, faith filled young people. I know it's going to be a great experience for us all, but more than that I really trust that God will use these weeks in July to do great things. It was really heartening to see just how much the Ballymena Parish has generously got behind this, so I'm glad to have the chance to use these few lines to say, thank you so very much!

*Rev Adrian Dorrian*





# Secretary's Notes

## Rectory Tennis Court Development

I would like to pass on some good news regarding the development of the tennis courts at the rectory. Planning permission has now been granted despite there being several objections. However, planning permission was not given for the proposed garages.

The next step is to go to the RCB in Dublin with our planned options. This process will take several months so no more news on this subject until we hear back from them.

A lot of credit has to go to our team who met with the planners and secured such a positive outcome, so a big thank you to them on behalf of the parish.

**Ronnie Fleming**  
**Honorary Secretary**

THE BISHOP ARRIVES FOR PENTECOST...



# The Young Members' Committee of Connor Diocese

presents

## LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES!

in St Patrick's Parish Church Hall, Ballymena  
on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 at 7.30pm

***Come along and bring a friend!***

***Suggested Donation £5.00***

*includes - sweetie cart, choc ices and  
other goodies*

*(all profits to Mothers' Union Projects)*



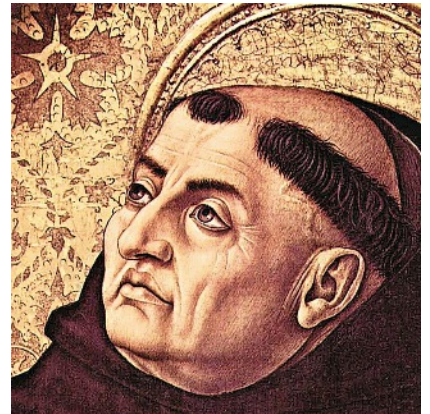
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# Famous Prayers - Take 3

Tall, well-built, tanned and bald! It was all going so well - till the last bit for Thomas Aquinas. This is how his friends described their very quiet student friend during their time at the University of Cologne.



Thomas joined the Dominican Order and even an attempted kidnapping organized by his own family failed to put him off from a life of simplicity, poverty and Christian service. He was a prolific writer and lecturer till a moment of personal Godly revelation on 6th December 1272 after which he wrote no more. His teachings and prayers are appreciated and used across the world to this day.

## A STEADFAST HEART

Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart,  
Which no unworthy affection may drag downwards;  
Give me an unconquered heart,  
Which no tribulation can wear out;  
Give me an upright heart,  
Which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.  
Bestow on me also, O Lord my God,  
Understanding to know you,  
Diligence to seek you,  
Wisdom to find you,  
And a faithfulness that may finally embrace you,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Thomas Aquinas 1225 - 1274***

# What's Next? Only God knows!

Exciting information about God's call in the lives of two members of our parish - read on.

Melanie Sloan has been undergoing various selection events within the Diocese over the past number of months. These culminated in a recent interview with Bishop Alan and the Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Canon Will Murphy, down at Church of Ireland House in Belfast. Both Canon Will and Bishop Alan confirmed that this is a clear call of God in Mel's life and they are going to be helping prepare Mel for a full selection conference to the Ordinand Church of Ireland Ministry approximately this time next year. Mel is both shocked, humbled but quietly at peace as she follows God's call upon her life. In the short term Mel will be commissioned as a Parish Reader within our parish on Sunday night, 3rd June. At this service we will be joined by Revd Kevin Graham - Diocesan Warden of Readers. Please show your love, encouragement and support by being sure to be there that night. Mel shared her very honest 'story so far ...' at the Easter Vestry and we look forward to welcoming her to our group of Parish Readers to gain valuable up front experience in the months to come.



Another faith you will start to see more and more over the weeks to come is Andrea Cotter. I am delighted to announce that Andrea has recently had a call of God continuing to serve Him in the Church of Ireland. Andrea was accepted at a recent selection conference and will begin training for ordination in the Theological College in Dublin in the autumn. We will be giving Andrea opportunities to gain more experience in leading and preaching over the next number of months. For both these ladies many ministers and

Christian friends over the years have had a lasting and wonderful impact on their faith journeys. Mel, Andrea may God bless and guide you both in the months and years to come and I would offer you a wonderful verse from Proverbs 3 verses 5 and 6. 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight'.

God bless you ladies. What next? Only God knows!



**Starts - Tuesday 5th June for 4weeks**  
**Meet - St Patrick's Church Hall,**  
**Castle Street, Ballymena**  
**@ 7 15pm**

**The Walk is followed by a light healthy snack**

# A view from the pew



**Charles Lee**  
**Organist leaving St Columba's**  
**1988**

Back row:

*Christie Colhoun, Ruth Henderson, Barry Duke, Clara Heaton, Millicent McClelland, Jean Eaton, Tommy Heaton and Dan Lorimer*

Front row:

*Jean Murdock, Katie Heaton, Charles Lee, Rev. Ronnie Nesbitt, Victoria Heaton and Heather Fulton*

# 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



# Christian Aid Week 2018

**Christian Aid** asks us to stand together this **Christian Aid Week** for dignity, for equality and for justice. 'Poverty,' they say, 'is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. But together we have the power to transform lives.'

You will remember from last month that this year **Christian Aid** are focusing on the victims of the ravages of the weather; victims like Macelin who lost everything in Hurricane Matthew and was hoping for a more substantial home than the concrete shower block he was sharing with his three daughters; victims like Vilia who having lost everything in the earthquake in 2010 had been lucky enough to have had a strong, safe and stable house built for her by **Christian Aid**'s partner, Koral - and had then been able to give shelter to more than fifty other people when Hurricane Matthew struck Haiti; as is so often the case, the help given by **Christian Aid** allowed the recipient in turn to help others.

This month I'm adding the story of Jocelyne to the mix. When Hurricane Matthew struck, Jocelyne lost her home, animals and safety. She was forced to live 'in mud', with only a tarpaulin between her and the elements. When the tarpaulin shook in the wind, it sounded like another hurricane. Even now, her new home - made of sheet metal, wood and tarpaulin - is not secure and would offer no protection in the event of another hurricane; nor could her home keep her secure from anyone wanting to hurt her.

Of the 700 houses that **Christian Aid** funded after the earthquake in 2010 only one needed repair after Hurricane Matthew. What **Christian Aid** funds really does make a difference to the lives of the recipients; helping them to overcome poverty, to help themselves and others and to regain their dignity.

Our **Christian Aid lunches** will be in St Patrick's and St Columba's on Sunday 13th May. The lunches are always well-supported and apart from allowing us to support the work of **Christian Aid** they give us a chance to catch up with fellow parishioners and enjoy a bit of banter. We will, as usual, have envelopes out in all three churches so that you will be able to contribute to the work of **Christian Aid** by putting a contribution on the plate. If you pay tax, please remember that the contribution on the plate or at the lunch will be substantially increased if you fill in the Gift Aid form on the envelope.

Ballymena is known nationally as a generous community and our parish is always very generous when it comes to standing together with other Christians to forward the work of **Christian Aid**. Part of the effort that our parish does in **Christian Aid Week** is to go out and make a door-to-door

collection in the part of the town allotted to us. This enables non-church-goers to contribute to **Christian Aid** and also acts as outreach and witness - the banter here can be quite good too! Over the last few years we have lost some of our faithful col-

lectors and to continue this valuable work we are asking for volunteers from all three churches to come forward to help. Our witness in **Christian Aid Week** is a whole parish effort so - please give me a ring on 028 2564 6701 or email me on [mer2201@ymail.com](mailto:mer2201@ymail.com) or leave a message in the Parish Office if you are able to come out and join us.

- Our parish needs **your help**,
- **Christian Aid** needs **our parish's help**
- and, very importantly, victims like Marcelin and Jocelyne need **Christian Aid's help**



Let us stand together with other Christians this May and help victims of the weather to build a more secure future and to know that, even if the media has moved on, they have not been forgotten.

**Mary Campbell,**  
**Tel. No. 2564 6701**



# The Curate's Letter

## Don't Forget to Remember



One of the most important things to do before God, and one of the easiest things to forget to do, is to remember to be THANKFUL to the Lord. As the song goes: 'Count your many blessings; name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.'

Being thankful to God, I think is a great place to start! It's a great place to start our day, it's a great place to start our prayers, it's a great place to start full stop. Life, our problems, our challenges, our suffering can gain a whole new perspective if we remember to begin with thankfulness to the Lord.

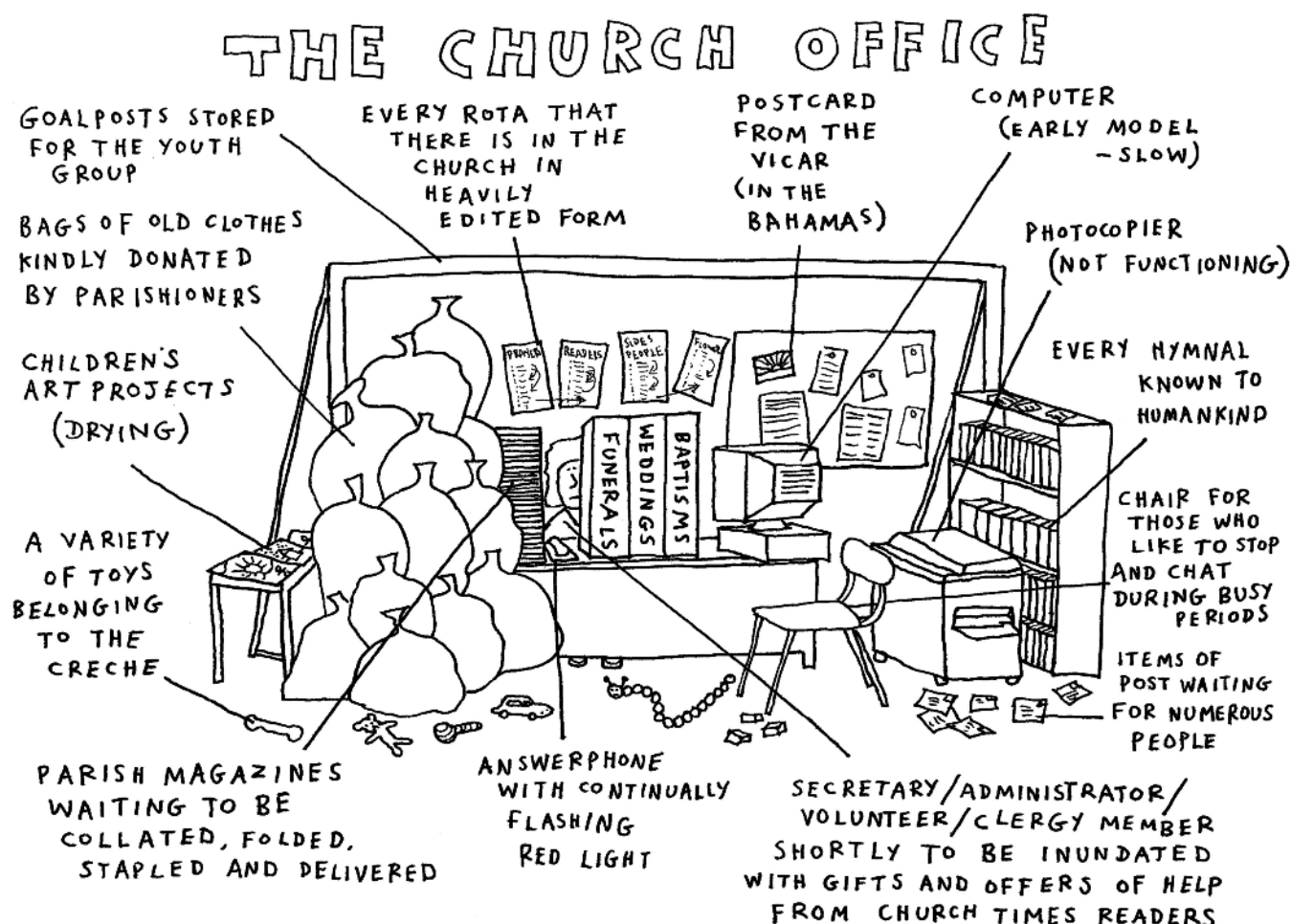
I, like all of us, can forget to remember to be thankful for so much. The family we have been blessed with, the health we have been given, our upbringing, the wealth and the comfort we enjoy. Even though all of us at some stage, if we haven't already, will have difficulties, we will lose close family members, suffer from poor health, and have times when we are less comfortable; there is always room and there is always reason to begin with thankfulness to God, and to meet our challenges in life from a place of thankfulness to Him.

Paul tells us in his letter to the Colossian church that we are to be 'overflowing with thankfulness' because we belong to Jesus (Colossians 2:6-7). Thankfulness to God is one of the key characteristics of a Christian. We can all be thankful, but Christian gratitude however recognises who God is, that God is good, that He has a perfect plan, and that He is gracious to save us who believe in him; and this is in spite of our individual circumstances in life. Not that we are to ignore, or to be grateful for, our painful times, but that through our union with Christ we can have an overflowing thankfulness to God, that can provide us with a solid basis to meet and get through any challenge we are given in life.

I invite us not to forget to remember to practice thankfulness to God in our lives. Regardless of circumstances try to start off with thankfulness to God, to remember that through Christ we have an eternal hope to look forward to, and then he is there to lean on when times are tough.

**God Bless**

*Dennis*



# Church Wardens

## ST PATRICK'S

### William (Billy) Gillespie



I am from Ballymena but now live in Cullybackey. I am married to Ann and we have two children Gillian and Andrew. Sadly Andrew died in 2013 aged 21 years. We are blessed with a grandson Jack (7) who I look forward to looking after when needed. I served my time in mechanical engineering at British Enkalon Ltd and then went on to spend almost 33 years in the engineering department of Gallaher Ltd. I have always been a parishioner at St Patrick's Church, having been baptized, went to Sunday School and was confirmed there. I have been both humbled and honoured to be asked by Rev. McConnell to be a Churchwarden and look forward to meeting new and old friends over the next year. In my spare time I look after my dog Kyra and enjoy working in my vegetable garden, and of course a couple of holidays each year.

### Gillian Gillespie

I currently live in Ballymena with my fiance Steve, son Jack, and our 2 dogs and cat. I first started work when I was 16 in Leith's Home Bakery, but I now work as a qualified dog groomer. My hobbies include baking, cooking, Irish dancing and a catch up over coffee with friends. I have been a parishioner of St Patrick's Church from a young girl. I went to Sunday School, attended GFS and was confirmed. I now help Alan on a Friday night with the CLB. To be asked to be People's Churchwarden is a great honour, I know I will enjoy it and look forward to meeting many more members.



# 2018/2019

## BALLYCLUG

### Letty Kettles

I was born in Fivemiletown, Co Tyrone and have lived in Ballymena since 1972. I have two children Mark and Lynne and thoroughly enjoy spending time with my two grandsons. Since retiring I spend a lot of time walking and visiting parishioners. I am delighted to be asked to be the Rector's Churchwarden and look forward to my fourth term in office.

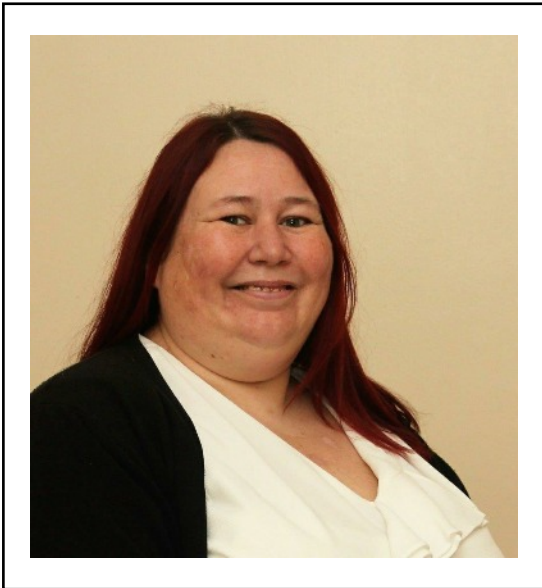


### Jackie Greer

I served my time as an engineer with the Merchant Navy and worked with several local companies since leaving the Navy. I became a member of St Patrick's when I met my wife. We have three grown up children and two grandchildren. I would like to thank the congregation of Ballyclug for choosing me once again to serve for another year and for their continued support. I thoroughly enjoy my role in the parish and the continued involvement with the various work parties in the upkeep of the church and graveyard. My hobbies are music and caravanning. Since retiring I wonder how I ever found time to work.



## ST COLUMBA'S



**Elizabeth Peachey**

I have three daughters. I was born in Germany as my father was in the Army, but grew up in Ballymena. I volunteer with Brownies and Guides and also with Good Morning Ballymena. My hobbies are arts and crafts and I would take classes from home.

**Marie Semple**

I have been married to Ian for a very long time. We have three children and eight grandchildren. I am a retired nurse and Army Reservist in which I served three deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan. I am a keen road cyclist, spinner and enjoy music and travelling. I am a standard bearer for Ballymena Royal British Legion and Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps.





# Around the Parish

## CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

Our annual parents and friends evening took place on Friday 23 March. Thanks to Mr and Mrs Alex McNeill for attending and presenting the following awards:



### Martins Section

Boyd Shield for P.E. and Games:-  
Runner Up:-

*Lewis McKay  
Alex Quigley*

Hamill Shield - Best Squad:-

*Jack Turner, Alayna Wilson,  
Petula Picken, Brooke  
Mawhinney, Vlad,  
Adam Nelson, Mya Rose Jobson*

Stinson Shield - Best New Recruit:-  
Runner Up:-

*Lexi McPeake  
Cole Mawhinney*

Scripture Competition:-  
Runner Up:-

*Emeli Turner  
Casey Parkhill*

Gillespie Cup - Best Overall:-  
Runner Up:-

*Lucy McKay  
Leighton Nicholl*

Willie Nelson Cup - Church and  
Sunday School Attendance:-  
Runner Up:-

*Jack Gillespie  
Reuben Rea*

Special Achievement Award:-

*Alex Mawhinney*

Special Attendance and  
Attitude Award:-

*Jack Turner*

All boys received their badges, attendance awards and Easter Eggs.

## **YBC Section**

Andrew Dennison Shield -  
P.E. and Games:-  
Runner Up:-

*Charlie Stewart*  
*Jamie Quigley*

Black Cup - Best Squad:-

*Dan McGrattan, Corey Black,*  
*Kayden Wilson, Josh*  
*Livingstone, Callum Abernethy,*  
*Jude Crawford*

McBride Shield Scripture Knowledge:-  
Runner Up:-

*Callum Abernethy*  
*Matthew Nelson*

Elliot Cup - Best Overall:-  
Runner Up:-

*Kayden Wilson*  
*Joe McGrattan*

Stewart Allen Shield Church  
Sunday School Attendance:-  
Runner Up:-

*Joshua Livingstone*  
*Matthew McAllister*

All boys received scripture certificates, attendance awards and Easter Eggs.

## **JTC Section**

Iris Burnett Shield P.E. and Games:-  
Runner Up:-

*Michael Leetch*  
*Harry Lamont*

McCullough Shield - Best Squad:-

*Robert Johnston, Thomas*  
*Adair, Michael Leetch*

Rodgers Cup - Scripture Knowledge:-  
Runner Up:-

*Wyatt Lorimer*  
*Harry Lamont*

McCready Cup - Best Overall:-

*Wyatt Lorimer*

All boys received scripture certificates, attendance awards and Easter Eggs.

## **CLB Section**

O'Hara Centenary Shield -  
P.E. and Games:-  
Runner Up:-

*Adam Reynolds*  
*Aaron Adair*

Perry Cup - Best Squad:-

*Callum Hamill, Adam Smith,*  
*Adam Reynolds, James*  
*McIlfatrick*

Nevin Cup - Best Overall:-  
Runner Up:-

*Adam Boyd*  
*Adam Smith*

Ann Johnston Cup -  
Scripture Knowledge:-

*Simon Bennett*

All boys received scripture certificates, attendance awards and Easter Eggs.

## **General Cups - All Sections**

Sally Ross Cup - Best Sports Person:-

*Jude Crawford*

Sittlington Cup -  
Highest Brigade Week:-  
Runner Up:-

*Jack Gillespie*  
*Casey Parkhill*

Penney Cup for Church Duty:-

*Aiden Hoey*

Barr Cup - Best Overall in Company:-

*Simon Bennett*

Five Year Service Medals:-

*Aaron Adair, Aiden Hoey,*  
*James McIlfatrick, Adam Boyd,*  
*Adam Reynolds*

The Company presented cheques for £300 to the church, £200 to the Leprosy Mission and £200 was collected at the display for Turning Point N.I. Thanks to all parents, boys and girls for a fun packed year. We will see you all back on **Friday 7 September 2018.**

It was a great honour and privilege to be invited to The Braid for a Mayor's Reception and the leaders who could make it enjoyed the Mayor's Parlour and historical tour.

*Alan Ross*



## MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP

Our group continues to thrive and Tuesday mornings are full of fun for all.

Congratulations to Jean on the birth of her first granddaughter and to Anne on the birth of her 5th granddaughter; her world is pink!!

Please note we finish on **12th June** with our customary party.

Rota for May:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Jean Ross and Jean Cunningham	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay	Hall Set Up
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Mary Steele	Welcoming
	Derek Bell	Hall Set Up
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Dorothy Hegan, (Isabel Halliday)/ Eva McCarthy, Vera Greer and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Ann Fisher	Welcoming
	David Oliver	Hall Set Up
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair, Vivien Gilmour and Kathleen Thompson	Tea
	Liz Bodel	Welcoming
	Davy Nelson	Hall Set Up
29 <sup>th</sup> May	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*

## MOTHERS' UNION



At our meeting on Wednesday, 9 May at 8 pm in the Minor Hall, we are hosting a 'Mums in May 2018 Tea Party' as part of a triennial fundraiser. The evening will include some fashion and a few surprises. We invite **YOU** to come and share an evening of fellowship - you will be made most welcome!

*Patricia McWhirter*



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our Men's Fellowship enjoyed an evening at McMillan Porsche in Antrim. George McMillan showed our group around his facilities where a variety of Porsche cars were on show from the 60's right up until modern day. George also talked about the history of Porsche and about the fascinating work he is involved in. Much drooling took place, but unsurprisingly no purchases (maybe next year). Special thanks to George for a really enjoyable and fascinating evening; and for generously sparing his time to host us.



*Dennis*



## BEAVERS

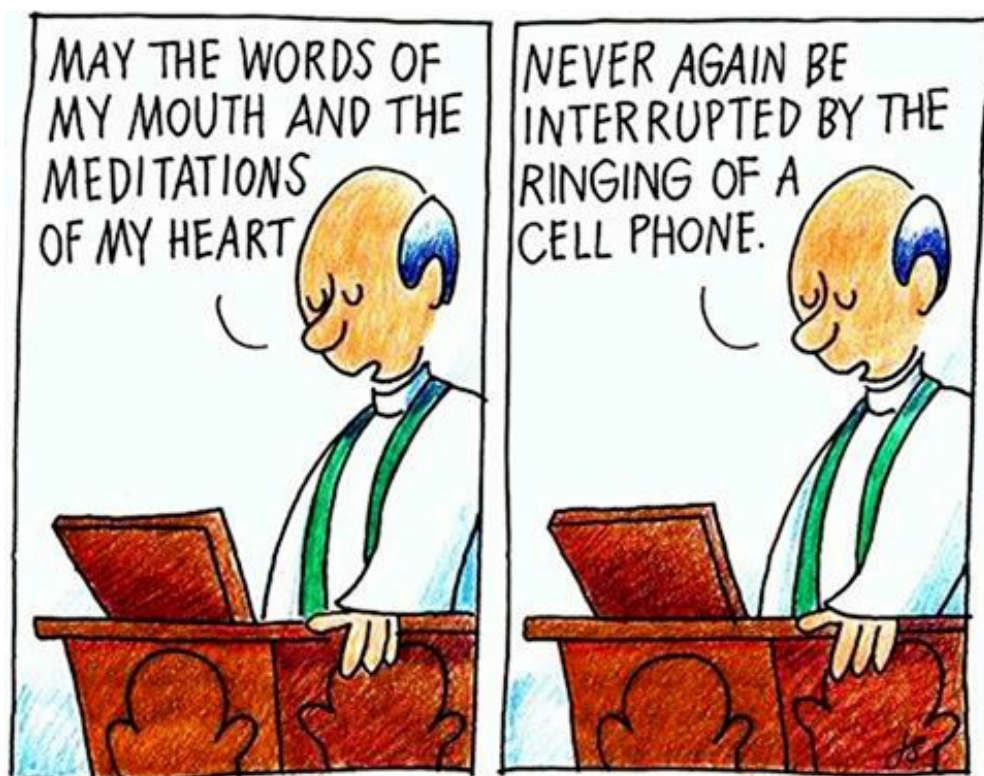
The Beavers returned from their Easter break refreshed and ready for a new term of fun. With spring just round the corner the Beavers enjoyed planting up some beautiful flowers and bulbs to take home and care for.

The following week, continuing with the spring theme, we visited a farm to learn about the journey from egg to chick! A great night was had by all.

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 & Helen 07790012356*



# The 'Three T's'

## 3 T's Project Coming to a letter-box near you soon

Specially prepared response leaflets will be delivered across our parish middle - end of May and early June. They will also be delivered across homes of those who used to attend or might have some association with our parish life.

We hope to gain vital feedback from the return section of these special leaflets to perhaps reconnect with some, discover and put to use new skills and talents and generally to encourage the whole parish to reflect upon our life and commitment as a church.

If you do not get a leaflet through your letter-box or would like extra copies to give out to folk you know, they will be available from the parish office and at the back of all three churches.

Please do take the time to participate in this parish-wide review.

*Mark*



**Time**



**Talent**



**Treasure**

# YOUTH STUFF!

‘Buns and Crosses’ was held on Good Friday after the Family Service.

We were delighted with the turnout of families. We walked through the Easter story using Emojis, listened to an Easter Story, sang, had an Easter Egg hunt, some games and crafts.



# THE EMOJI EASTER STORY



EASTER IS ABOUT JESUS COMING TO PAY FOR OUR SINS BECAUSE HE LOVES US SO MUCH! JOHN 3:16



JESUS HAD TO DIE ON THE DAY WE NOW CALL GOOD FRIDAY TO PAY FOR ALL THE TIMES WE SIN AND DISOBEY GOD. MARK 15:37-38



AFTER JESUS DIED HE WAS IN THE TOMB FOR 3 DAYS BEFORE SOMETHING AMAZING HAPPENED. MARK 15:42-47



ABOUT THE TIME SUN WAS COMING UP ON THE THIRD DAY, SOME OF JESUS' FRIENDS WENT TO THE TOMB NOT KNOWING WHAT THEY WOULD FIND. LUKE 24:1



WHEN JESUS' FRIENDS GOT TO THE TOMB THEY FOUND AN ANGEL WHO TOLD THEM JESUS WAS ALIVE! LUKE 24:2-7



ALL OF JESUS' FRIENDS WERE SURPRISED AND HAPPY WHEN THEY FOUND OUT HE WAS ALIVE AND SAW HIM FOR THE FIRST TIME! JOHN 20:14-17



SOON AFTER JESUS CAME BACK TO LIFE, HE WENT BACK TO HEAVEN AND HIS DISCIPLES WATCHED HIM GO. LUKE 24:50-53



BEFORE JESUS WENT BACK TO HEAVEN HE TOLD HIS DISCIPLES TO TELL EVERYONE THE GOOD NEWS THAT ANYONE WHO BELIEVES IN JESUS AS THEIR SAVIOR CAN LIVE WITH HIM FOREVER IN HEAVEN. MATTHEW 28:16-20

On Saturday 21st April some young people and leaders went to 'Godventure' in St Mark's Newtownards. It was a practical workshop led by Victoria Beech on family faith and bringing faith into the home. There were lots of fun and creative activities on how to share God with

families. A great day was had by all - thanks to St Mark's Newtownards for hosting and for the lunch.



Please remember to bring all filled Smartie tubes back as soon as possible.

We would like to thank everyone who came to the coffee morning and to those who donated cakes/buns. Special thanks to Monkey Business, Tullyglass, Leighmohr, Creative Gardens, Blush Beauty, Lisa McNeilly (personal trainer) and Style 'n Sport who donated prizes. Thank



you also to those who

helped with setting up. We were really encouraged by the kindness and support of parishioners throughout our time of fundraising. The total raised was £885. We were delighted with the support from the parish - thank you so much.



Preparations are well under way and we are all looking forward to Summer Madness. Winners of the fireside quiz:- 1st - Valerie Alexander and 2nd Leslie Hunter.

‘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.

*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





# 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	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

*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*