

Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug



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Diocese of Connor - Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug

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	People's	Miss Marie Semple
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	People's	Mr Peter Chestnutt

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The Curate's Letter

What do all of the followings sayings have in common?

- 'By the skin of my teeth'
- 'To every thing there is a season'
- 'How the mighty have fallen'
- 'Set your house in order'
- 'The writing is on the wall'
- 'Pour out your heart'
- 'As a lamb to the slaughter'
- 'Put words in his mouth'
- 'A man after his own heart'

Have you guessed it yet? Well, they all originate in, or are heavily popularised by, the Old Testament scriptures, namely the King James Version. Why not have a look yourself for them (Job 19:20; Ecclesiastes 3:1; 2 Samuel 1:19; Isaiah 38:1; Daniel 5; Psalms 62:8; Isaiah 53:7; Exodus 4:15; 1 Samuel 13:14).

Our English language today is so firmly influenced by the scriptures. Unfortunately this does not mean that the Bible is anything near a well-read book in our society. Among genuine Christians it is, and should be, regularly read, but outside of this it is much underused. The Bible remains the best-selling book of all time around the world, and yet the level of Biblical illiteracy is staggering. I remember hearing the story of a University Chaplain who asked a student, who was helping him, to open the Bible at Genesis for him, but he did not know where to open it! In a recent survey in America they found that over 50% of high school students interviewed thought that Sodom and Gomorrah were a married couple!

Between September and Christmas, Mark and I will be preaching a series in all three churches through the Old Testament, taking us from the birth of the world in Creation up to the birth of our Saviour Jesus. It is so

important that we know the key foundations of the Christian faith. The Old Testament can so be so neglected in our Christian faith, whilst we concentrate more on the New Testament, especially the gospels. But the Old Testament was, in effect, the Bible that Jesus read, and there is a wealth of spiritual feeding and direction for the Christian. It should also help us, as our Bible Study group has found, to get a firmer grasp of the overarching big picture of the Bible.

In Ephesians chapter 6 Paul talks about the Christian putting on the full armour of God, within which he refers to the word of God as the sword of the Spirit. May we, in our Christian walk, blow the dust off our Bibles and arm ourselves with the word of God.



Jenni

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

7th OCTOBER 2018

*BALLYCLUG
10 AM
AND
ST COLUMBA'S
11.30 AM*



IRENE'S



SOUP AND COFFEE

**2 BEECHWOOD AVENUE
BALLYMENNA**

**Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th
September 2018
11.00 am – 3.00 pm**

**Proceeds in aid of
St Patrick's Parish Church
Ballymena**

ALL WELCOME





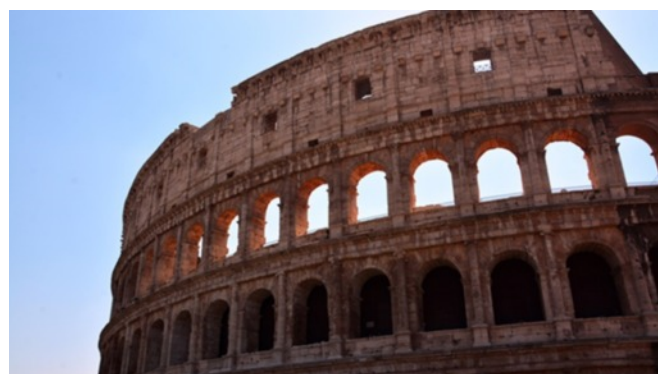
Parish News

BIBLE STUDY

From the 18th September our Tuesday night Bible Study will be taking a look at some of the famous Christian Martyrs through history who have paid the ultimate price for their testimony to Jesus Christ. From the very first Christian Martyr, St Stephen (recorded in Acts 7), to the early Church Martyrs under Roman persecution like Ignatius of Antioch and Polycarp of Smyrna, to Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor and theologian who stood up to Hitler's Nazi regime and paid the ultimate price.

Persecution of the Christian Church still takes place today throughout the world. Of course for us persecution takes on a very different form in the modern western world, but there is still a demand for the Christian to speak out about our testimony to Jesus. We will of course be studying our Bibles alongside the martyrs so please be sure to bring them along. Also if you have not attended before and are keen to

join us please do so, you will be most welcome.



ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES FAIR

Following a very successful event last year the fund raising committee is hosting another event this year, your support would be appreciated. Please see full details on page 15. All proceeds are in aid of church funds.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

It's Shoe Box time again and boxes will be available in the three churches from mid September. (Suggested donation of £1 per box for Church funds). Please read the leaflet enclosed in the shoe box regarding suitable contents and instructions in respect of the

shipping donation and gift aid if possible. Boxes should be returned to the churches by **Sunday, 21st October 2018** to allow time for us to have them transported to the appropriate drop off point by the due date. Many thanks for your support.

Jean Kennedy/Liz Hughes

ELLIE IS OFF TO 24TH WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE!



Ellie Hughes is an Explorer Scout with our 5th Ballymena (St Columba's) Scout Group who has been very fortunate in being chosen to attend the 24th World Scout Jamboree next year in West Virginia, USA.

This will be the opportunity of a lifetime for Ellie as she joins 62

other Scouts and 9 Guides along with their 8 Leaders from across Northern Ireland who have also been through the stringent selection process to win a place. These young people are now on a journey which will see them learn and develop new skills, blossom in their new found strengths and ever grow in confidence.

The participants have also been encouraged to fundraise towards the cost of their time away, so have been busy raising the required amount both individually and as a Unit.

I asked Ellie to explain some of the fundraising efforts she has been involved in over the last 10 months. As a Unit they have completed a 10 mile sponsored walk, sold hot dogs and ran a tuck shop at various Scout camps over the summer. Ellie herself has been very busy running a tuck shop for all sections of her own Scout Group three nights of the week, held a Chinese banquet night with raffle, sold fireside quizzes and helped organise and run a sponsored canoe survival camp.

She is now busy organising what promises to be a fantastic Curry Quiz night on Friday 2nd November at St Columba's Church in Ballymena. There will be a quiz,

some musical entertainment and a hot supper. So a bit of something for everyone and we would love to see as many as possible come along and join in the fun. Tickets can be purchased from Heather and Andy Clarke, Liz and Les Hughes or Helen Weir.

All in all it has been a very busy time for Ellie and she is really looking forward to attending the Jamboree next summer and wishes to express her gratitude to everyone who has supported her fundraising efforts so far.

Helen Weir

SEPTEMBER

St John 15:1 (NIV)

"I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener"

It may be September but lets THINK SPRING! Here are some ideas for the garden of your daily life.

I found this some years ago while on holiday in Ibiza in Santa Eulalia Church. I'm sure they won't mind me using it and I think I may have shared this with you a long time ago. It won't do any harm to read it again.

Adelaide

Gardening God's Way



Plant three rows of peas:

Peas of mind; Peas of heart; Peas of soul.



Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip; Squash indifference; Squash grumbling; Squash selfishness.



Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful; Lettuce be kind; Lettuce be obedient; Lettuce really love one another.



No garden without turnips:

Turnip for meetings; Turnip for service; Turnip to help one another.



Water freely with patience and cultivate with love:

There is much fruit in your garden; Because you reap what you sow.



To conclude our garden we must have thyme:

Thyme for God; Thyme for study; Thyme for prayer.

NEW LIFE

Spread the word!

Our 'New Life' service starts again on Sunday 2nd September. Join us at 10 am in St Patrick's Church for this weekly contemporary service for all the family. Our dedicated Sunday School runs from 10.30 am to 11 am in the Parish Hall. Tea, coffee and treats will be served in the Parish Hall directly after the service.

This coming season we will be taking a close look at the foundations of the Christian faith as found in the Old Testament. We will explore the Old Testament taking us from the birth of the world in Creation up to the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. We look forward to seeing you there and please be sure to invite anyone else along.

Dennis



NEW LIFE
Our New Contemporary Service
St Patrick's Church, Ballymena

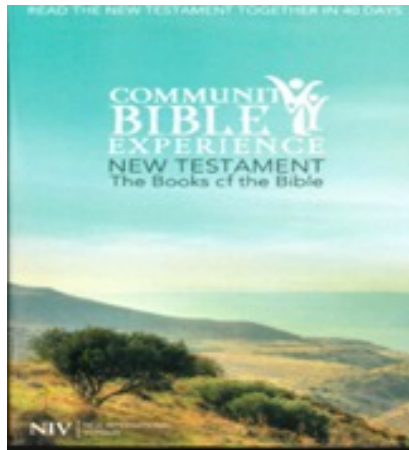
Every Sunday | 10.00am

*I have come that they
may have life, and have
it to the full*
John 10:10

NEW LIFE

- 'New Life' is our New Contemporary Church Service held at St Patrick's Church, every Sunday from 10am to 11am, from Sunday 2nd September onwards.
- It's a family service with a modern and relaxed format, designed for all, regardless of age or church background.
- 'New Life' includes a dedicated Sunday School from 10:30am to 11am in the Parish Hall.
- Tea, coffee & treats will be served in the Parish Hall directly after the service from 11am to 11:30am.

THE GOOD BOOK



BOOK CLUB

Our dates for Friday evening meetings are:

14th September 2018

28th September 2018

12th October 2018

26th October 2018

9th November 2018

23rd November 2018

7th December 2018

Venue: Choir Vestry

Time: New time of 7 pm

All welcome for tea/coffee, biscuits and conversation.



Famous Prayers - Take 6

John Calvin played a significant role in the Protestant Reformation. Born in France in 1509, Calvin initially trained as a lawyer before pursuing the priesthood. He then gave up his intention to become a priest after a vision calling him to restore the church to its original purity. During the heightened religious tensions he fled persecution to Basel and started to write his great work, the 'Institutes'. Settling in Geneva he embarked on a campaign of moral reform designed to make the city a centre of Christian living. Calvin interestingly, like the Anglican tradition, encouraged congregational psalm-singing in the church in Geneva. The main emphasis in his thinking was on the sinfulness of man, the power of God and the importance of the Bible. Calvin wrote the following famous prayer to be said before reading scripture:

O Lord, heavenly Father, in whom is the fullness of light and wisdom, enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit, and give us grace to receive your word with reverence and humility, without which no one can understand your truth. For Christ's sake, **Amen.**



Fancy Having A GO!

U don't need to
read music, **but**
U must listen to
instructions

Fancy A Go Then!!!



**Could this be U ringing to mark the end of WW1
11/11/2018 @ 11am**

Could THIS be YOUR Challenge for 2018

If so Ring Colin 07783 305 112

Children UNDER 10 years are not permitted up the Tower

A Parental Consent Form MUST be signed for U18's

A view from the pew



Memories of St Patrick's Belringers from the 1960's

Back row - Johnny Birch, David Nelson, Sam Letters, Willie Davidson and Alex Penney

Middle row - Jean Letters, Geoff Henly, Robert Black, Jamie O'Hara, Cecil Nelson, Bertie Nevin, Ivan Stacey, Ernie Ballentine, Josh Spence and Patricia Letters

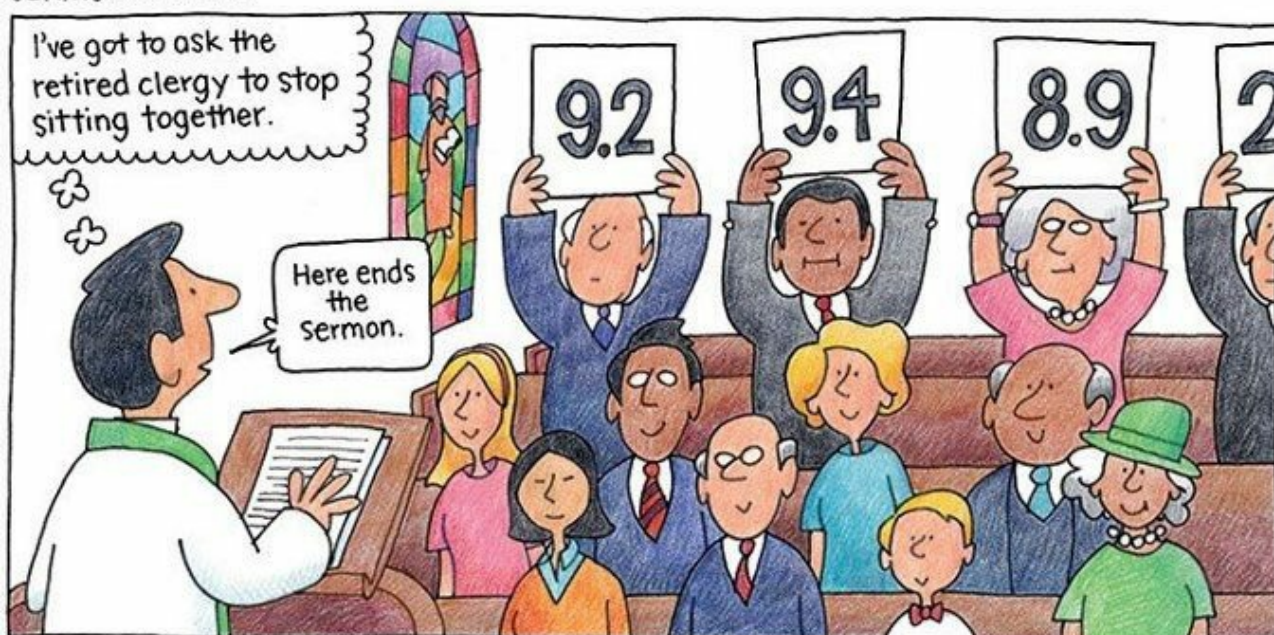
Seated - Vinney Patterson, George Stacey, Rev. John Sutton, Chancellor C H B Craig, Rev. Hugh Hopkins, Davis Perry and Kathleen Stewart



In the July/August magazine we featured members of the CRG Count Team. This month we would like to introduce some of our counters from the Renovation Team:-

Back row (left to right) - Irene Thompson, Ivan Stacey, Rosemary Stacey
 Front row (left to right) - Nina Marrs, Sandra McKay, Trevor Halliday

SERMON REVIEWS



Antiques and Collectables Fair

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



Saturday 29th September 2018
10.30 am - 4 pm



**Over 20 Quality Dealers selling China, Crystal,
Clocks, Fine Porcelain, Ceramics, Oil Lamps,
Original Paintings, Antique and Vintage Jewellery,
Stamps, Small Furniture, Linen, Silverware, Coins,
Militaria, etc.**

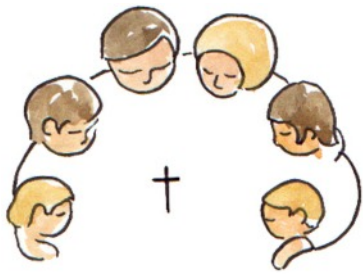


*A specialist will be on hand to provide valuations
to those who bring along their own stamps and
postcards on the day*

Admission £2
Children (accompanied) FREE

Refreshments available

Proceeds in aid of Church Funds



Prayer Ministry and Support

We have within our parish several opportunities for Prayer Ministry.

Healer Prayer Group

This group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7.15 pm. It is a small group where anyone who wishes either to attend the meeting or have prayer ministry will find it a friendly and welcoming group.

Prayer for our Parish

First Saturday of the month at 8.00 am all year round. As this is primarily for our parish and its varied groups and services, it would be lovely to see more giving up one hour each month to bring the needs of the parish before the God and Father of our Saviour Jesus Christ whom we seek to serve.

Prayer in the Prayer Space in St Patrick's

This personal prayer space is used after morning and evening service each Sunday. Anyone is welcome to come for prayer for themselves or a loved one. This may be used at any time that the Church is open.

Prayer Support Teams

1 Thessalonians 5:16 and 17. 'Be joyful always, pray continually'. James 5:15. 'The prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well, the Lord will raise him up'.

This year in our prayer teams four people have had to 'step down' due to health problems. Mary Pedlow, Jean Craig and Nell Bailie were founder members of the teams. Eileen Caldwell has been with us for a few years.

Thanks to all four for their faithful prayers. The Healer Prayer Group often remember those who are no longer able to take part and give thanks for them.

Sadly another founder member of Healer Prayer and Prayer Support Doreen Cowan, died after a long illness but kept up her place and prayers on one of the teams. We will all miss Doreen but we are left with great memories and her example of a true Christian lady.

In 2 Timothy 4:7 'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith'. This is how I will think of Doreen. Her faith never faltered.

We welcome to the teams this year, Alex McNeill, Donna McCurdy and Barbara and Ronnie Fleming. I hope you will all find it a privilege and a pleasure to serve our Lord in this way.

Stephanie Johnston, for personal reasons, feels that at the present time she is unable to serve on the teams.

Although it may seem that a lot of people are no longer on the prayer support teams, six names off but there are four new members so the teams continue to have an average of ten on each of our six teams.

I would like to pay tribute to all who have served and still serve as they are a faithful people, steadfast in their prayer for others. We have six teams who work on a rota system. The leader's name is on the notices each week. You may phone any of the leaders, the Clergy or the Church Office if you require prayer for yourself or a loved one. The designated team will then remember them in prayer over four weeks. This prayer takes place in our own homes and all prayer requests are confidential within the team.

I conclude by saying that all of these meetings are open to anyone who feels led to come along. We are not an exclusive group. We wish to be friendly and welcoming to all.

It is a privilege for me to co-ordinate the teams.

Adelaide Nimick

5TH BALLYMENA (ST COLUMBA'S)



SCOUT GROUP CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT!



FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2018 - 7.00PM



ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH

TICKETS - £10.00



THIS WILL BE A GREAT NIGHT WITH A QUIZ, RAFFLE,
MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AND CURRY!

PROCEEDS FROM TICKET SALES WILL BE SPLIT BETWEEN PARISH FUNDS AND 5TH BALLYMENA SCOUTS WHO ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR ELLIE HUGHES, WHO IS TAKING PART IN THE 24TH WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE WHICH IS BEING HELD IN WEST VIRGINIA, USA NEXT YEAR.

Around the Parish

CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

We hope you had a lovely summer break and enjoyed your holidays. It's back to school and Brigade on a Friday night.



Activities begin on **Friday 7th September**. Come along and enjoy a variety of sports and gymnastics, volley ball, basketball, dodge ball, handball, badminton and football. Our programme also includes badge work, arts and crafts, Bible study and Duke of Edinburgh.

It would be great to see some new boys and girls, so if you are aged four years and upwards come along and enjoy the fun, faith and fellowship on a Friday night in the church halls:-

Martins	4 - 7 years	7 - 8 pm
Y Team	7 - 10 years	7 - 8 pm
J Team	11 - 13 years	8 - 9.30 pm
Seniors	13 - 18 years	8 - 9.30 pm

The Brigade in Northern Ireland has reached a milestone in its history celebrating 125 years of children and youth work throughout the province. There will be a celebration parade and Church service in Armagh on **Sunday 30th September**, which we hope to attend.

Alan Ross (2589 2740)



SEWING GROUP

The Sewing Group will start again on **Thursday 6th September at 10 am** in the Minor Hall. If you sew, knit, crochet, etc please come along. It is good to work and chat. Everyone is welcome.



MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP

We are looking forward to welcoming our little people and their carers on **Tuesday 4th** for a new season of play, singing, craft, snacks and laughter. Everyone is welcome and membership of St Patrick's is not required.

Some swaps in the rota have been arranged individually for this month and are not reflected below.

Rota for September: -

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
4 th Sept	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Jean Ross and Jean Cunningham	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay	Hall Set Up
11 th Sept	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Mary Steele	Welcoming
	Ray Burbage	Hall Set Up
18 th Sept	Dorothy Hegan, (Isabel Halliday)/ Eva McCarthy, Vera Greer and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Ann Fisher	Welcoming
	David Oliver and Rodney Gourley	Hall Set Up
25 th 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

MOTHERS' UNION

Despite our name we are an inclusive organisation open to all. Started by Mary Sumner in 1876 to support families, we have grown into a worldwide movement 4 million strong with



members in 84 countries, who work tirelessly on the ground to provide relief and Christian care regardless of faith or background.

Prayer and worship is vital to all that we do. Join us in prayer and fellowship and make a difference. Locally members volunteer in Contact centres. We provide toiletries for local hostels, campaign for those affected by Gender Violence and much more.

Can you KNIT or SEW? We provide items for baby units in local hospitals. Have a look at our notice board at the back of St Patrick's.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, September - May.

COME JOIN US - New faces or those who haven't been for a while. You will be made very welcome. Our programme for the rest of 2018 is as follows:

- 11 September 'A Worldwide Vision' 7.30 pm in St Patrick's Hall
- 12 September Holy Communion (7.30 pm) in St Patrick's followed by supper in the Rectory
- 10 October Minor Hall 8.00 pm Speaker from Trading Standards.
- 14 November Minor Hall 8.00 pm - to be confirmed. Also 'Bring and Buy'.
- 12 December we attend Ballyclug Advent Service.

Any further information contact Patricia McWhirter 077 1611 0045 or Jean Kennedy 077 1498 0373.

SQUIRRELS

Squirrels will be back in St Columba's on Wednesday **19th September** 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm. We welcome both boys and girls of ages 4 and 5.

We have lots of fun things planned for our new term, games, craft and cookery.

For advance notice, our Christmas Charity Appeal will be in aid of The Lily Foundation, as this charity has been a help to Ann's cousin's young 3 year old son Alex and all the family. We have Alex's parents permission to share his story and photograph. Squirrels will be





collecting 20 pence pieces in Smartie tubes again. There will be more details at a later date.

If any 4 or 5 year olds would like to join the Squirrels please contact Ann or Paul, see our facebook page or come along on **Wednesday 19th September**. More information and enrolment forms can also be found on our facebook page.

Paul and Ann

ST COLUMBA'S BEAVERS

We hope everyone had a great summer break and we will see you all back at Beavers on **Monday 10th September!**



If any new members are interested in joining Beavers please give us a call or come along for a chat. We meet on Monday evenings from 6.30 - 7.30 pm at St Columba's for children aged between 6 - 8 years.

www.facebook.com/ballymenabeavers/

Lise, Keith and Helen 077 9001 2356



ST COLUMBA'S SCOUTS

The 5th Ballymena Scout Troop recently took part in a Sponsored Canoe Camp. They were raising money for their Scout, Ellie Hughes, who is taking part in the 24th World Scout Jamboree which is being held in West Virginia, USA next year.

On their way downstream they took part in a litter pick! Collecting rubbish as they paddled. As you can see they managed to collect quite a sizable amount and without doubt have left the water in a much better condition than they found it! Well done to them all.

A big thank you to Sainsbury's and Lidl who kindly gave us provisions for the weekend and to Crosskeys Meats who donated the sausages and burgers for the end of trip BBQ.



‘THE WAY’ YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

‘The Way’ Youth Fellowship starts again this September. Dates for the new season are shown below, meeting fortnightly on a Sunday evening (6.30 pm to 7.45 pm) in the Minor Hall at St Patrick’s. All young people of secondary school age who are keen to join us are very welcome. [Anyone in P7 getting ready for big school is also welcome to join].




Way • Truth • Life

The Way Youth Fellowship

Come and explore the big issues of our faith every other Sunday night • 1830-1945
(Minor Hall • St Patrick’s Church)

16 & 30 Sep	13 & 27 Jan
14 & 28 Oct	10 & 24 Feb
11 & 25 Nov	10 & 24 Mar
9 Dec	7 & 28 Apr
	12 & 26 May



Our Y.F. is about having fun together, playing games and having snacks, but it is also a safe environment to talk about the big issues our youth face today and to explore the Christian faith. If you haven’t been before please don’t worry and come along, and why not bring your mates (you don’t need to go to St Patrick’s to come!). If you have any questions, or need any more information, please give Rev Dennis a call (Mob. 075 0060 7448).



Also (YAWN!) please don't forget to return your completed Safeguarding Trust forms next time you're with us.

MU - A Worldwide Vision

Connor Diocese MU



invites all branch members
and friends to a Worldwide
information evening focusing
on our overseas links.

***in St Patrick's Parish Church Hall, Ballymena,
on Tuesday 11th September 2018 at 7.30pm***



Come along and bring a friend!

***Quiz, games, light refreshments,
fun & fellowship!***

Suggested donation £5.00

(all profits to Mothers' Union Worldwide Fund)

Please confirm final numbers to
Noreen Hurst on 07714 233265 or
email: noreen.hurst@btinternet.com
no later than 3rd September 2018.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Diocese of Connor

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland 101658

Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug

Start Dates

Youth Club Saturday 8th September

Juniors from 7 - 8 pm for all primary school age - cost 50 pence

Seniors from 8 - 10 pm for all secondary school age - cost £1

Sunday school Sunday 2nd September

The children come to church at 10 am and leave after 30 minutes to go to Sunday School

Junior Sunday School for children who are age 3+ to P4

Seniors P4 and above

Fusion is a group for teenagers who meet in the Youth Room

Organisations

St Patrick's

CLB Friday 7th September

Martins 6.45 pm - 4 - 7 yrs; YBC 6.45 - 8 pm 7 - 10 yrs;

JTC 6.45 - 8.30 pm 10 - 13 yrs; Seniors 8.30 - 10 pm 14 - 18 yrs

GFS Tuesday 11th September 7.15 pm 4 - 11 yrs

(Registration night for parents Tuesday 4th)

Mums and Toddlers Tuesday 4th September 10 am - 12 noon

Badminton Wednesday 5th 7.30 pm

St Patrick's Choir Thursday 6th 8 pm - Robing Room

St Columba's

Squirrels Wednesday 19th September 6.30 pm - 4 - 6 yrs

Beavers Monday 10th September 6.30 pm - 6 - 8 yrs

Cubs Thursday 13th September 6.45 pm - 8 - 10 yrs

Scouts Friday 14th September 8 pm - 10 - 14 yrs

Rainbows - Friday 14th September 6.30 pm - 4 - 7 yrs

Brownies - Tuesday 18th September 6.30 - 8 pm 7 - 10 yrs

Guides Tuesday 18th September 7.30 - 9 pm 10+ yrs

St Patrick's Kilconriola and Ballyclug Youth Workers

Lucy McLaughlin
3 The Commons
Broughshane
Ballymena
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Mobile: 077 5995 0497



Alan Ross
70 Maine Road
Shankbridge
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Mobile: 077 5991 6755

The 'Three T's'

Our special 3T's leaflet should now have been issued to all our parishioners and we have already received back a number of leaflets with details and comments filled in (thank you!). If, however, you have not yet got yours back



with us, or you would like to fill one in and haven't yet received one, or have misplaced it then please contact the Parish Office on 028 2563 0741.

As a reminder the concept of this Parish wide initiative is as follows:

1. If you are feeling that the gifts God has given you are not being put to use in the Parish
We want to hear from you
2. If you have drifted away from active membership of the Parish
We would like to know why and to encourage you back if Appropriate
3. If you are wrestling with a matter of faith or conscience
We would like to discuss this and pray with you
4. If you have ideas for the future direction of our Parish alongside our existing vision objectives
We want to hear about it
5. If you are in a position to increase your support to the Parish in terms of Time, Talent or Treasure
We would love to encourage you to make this happen

5th Ballymena Squirrel Drey Squirrel Appeal

2018/19



Following on from our previous years success, we will be carrying out a charity fund raiser for our chosen charity this year – The Lily Foundation.

The Lily Foundation is the UK's leading charity dedicated to fighting mitochondrial (mito) disease. Their mission is to support people whose lives are affected by the condition, raise awareness and fund research into its prevention, diagnosis and treatment. 10 million people in the UK suffer from diseases in which mitochondrial dysfunction is believed to be involved, and every day in the UK a baby is born that will develop mitochondrial disease. The Lily Foundation is fighting to change this, with their ultimate aim being to one day find a cure. Mitochondrial disease is a complex condition that affects people medically in a wide variety of ways.

We have chosen this charity as Ann's cousin's young 3 year old son, Alex has been diagnosed with this disease. He was born a healthy baby, but without warning he started taking epileptic seizures aged 7 months. That began his journey of endless tests, scans & appointments. After nearly 18 months from him having his 1st seizure, it was confirmed from a muscle biopsy that he had Mito. The term Mitochondrial Disease, refers not to one specific illness but to a number of diseases caused by faulty Mitochondria. Alex currently suffers from Epilepsy, Developmental Delay, Left Ventricular Hypertrophy, Bilateral Pes Planus, Joint Hypermobility & Sensory Ataxia. This is because his Mitochondria (we all have them) don't store / produce energy correctly. Without the right amount of energy, his cells cannot do their job and they stop performing. Mito is a complex disease that affects each person differently. It can occur at any age and it can affect almost any part of the body. People with MITO are immunocompromised and illness / infection can cause disease progression. There is **NO CURE** for Mitochondrial Disease and it is treated symptomatically. It can be fatal and is considered life limiting at best. It can also be inherited or be sporadic. No one is exempt.

Alex is a charismatic, happy little boy. He brings a lot of joy to those around him and he has huge determination to enjoy life to the full. We don't know what lies ahead for him, but what we do know is we need to help to find a cure. Alex's mum Hazel and dad James are currently fundraising for The Lily Foundation, and this year we have decided to help them by collecting 20 pence pieces in Smartie tubes. All proceeds will go directly to The Lily Foundation to help in their efforts to find a cure and provide other respite.

Check out www.thelilyfoundation.org.uk for more information on them.

We will be sending the tubes home in the second half of our first term.

Please help us by supporting The Lily Foundation.





SUMMER MADNESS

Summer Madness was the highlight of my summer. We had so much fun there. We went to a disco on Friday night and visited Salt Factory Sports where we got free slushies, popcorn and sweets. We enjoyed bacon baps for breakfast thanks to Helen. We were disappointed that we couldn't do slip and slide because of the hose pipe ban but we enjoyed going to the beach instead. At night we had hot chocolate and some of us went to 24/7 prayer. We went home on the Sunday. I want to stay longer next year but overall it was an amazing experience.

Ellen Mitchell

Hello,

My name is Kurtis Mitchell and I am 15 years old and this is my feedback from SM18. On the first day we went to the tents we had to walk a lot as the car park was so far away. We walked to the activities and went to Salt Factory Sports and met a man called Matt and he was dead on. He told us a lot about America where he is from and we played games. He made us feel so welcome. After that we went to the disco, it was so good thanks to the DJ. Then we went back to the tents to sleep.

In the morning we went back to the activities I signed up for the dodge ball tournament which we won and received a trophy. It was presented to us at worship that evening. The worship was amazing. Lisa Kernohan was singing and we went as a group for prayer. We went to the beach as the slip and slide wasn't on. We really enjoyed Krish Kandish who spoke - he was really amazing. I could not believe how good he was. After that they asked who wanted to go forward to become a Christian. So I decided that I wanted to go forward, I wanted to make the decision. I

enjoyed listening to the worship songs. We went to late night prayer on the way back to the tents.

On the last day we went back to say goodbye to our friends at Salt Factory Sports we told them we went forward to be Christians and they put our names on the prayer board. The whole weekend was amazing - a weekend worth remembering.

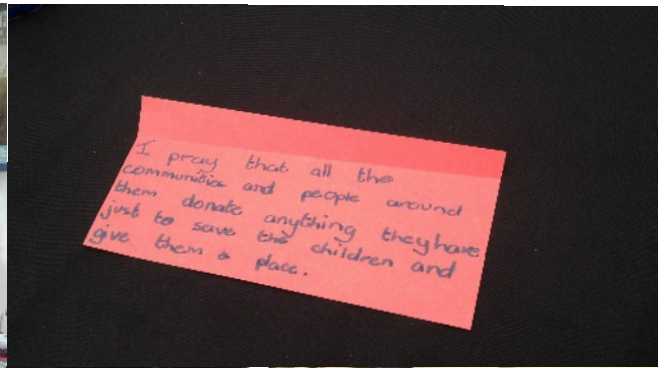
Kurtis Mitchell

Summer Madness was the highlight of my summer. We arrived on the Friday Night and had spaghetti bolognese for dinner. Then we went to a disco and went to see the Salt Factory Sport tent and then we went back to our tents to sleep. When we woke we got our breakfast and went to morning worship and back to camp for lunch. Unfortunately I was not feeling well so I stayed. Thank you to the leaders for looking after me. When I felt better I joined the group for dodge ball. We then went to the beach for a paddle and back to camp for dinner. After dinner we went to the lip sync battle and then some of us went to the 24/7 prayer tent. On Sunday morning we got our breakfast and then went to worship. Some of us went to the food vans for ice-cream and drinks and then back to the camp for lunch. We went to a hip hop workshop in the afternoon and then to the Bishop's BBQ. After that it was time to go home - I would have liked to stay longer but I had a great time.

Carragh Hamill

The young people and leaders had a great time at Summer Madness - we had great fun and fellowship together and the love of God touched all of our hearts. There was great team spirit within our group and we were delighted when our team, the 'Gorillas', won the dodge ball tournament. The trophy was then presented to the team on stage in the big top. The young people enjoyed engaging with others and listening to others encouraging them on their faith journey. I would like to say a big thank you to Josh and Robbie our young leaders who enjoyed it as much as the kids and to Helen who coordinated all the tents and did all our cooking - thank you so much I really value your help. To all the parishioners who contributed to our fundraising and prayed for us thank you so much, it is great to know our church family supported us.

SUMMER MADNESS 2018



On Thursday 19th July we went to Portrush for the day on the train. First we went to the beach and enjoyed playing in the sea. Then we had lunch, went to Barry's, crazy golf and did some shopping. We also enjoyed the amusements. A great day was had by all. On Wednesday 25th July we had a Family Night at the Jet Centre where we enjoyed a game of bowling. The following Thursday night we had a DVD and pizza night and the next Thursday the young people had a really great day at 'We are Vertigo'.

PORTRUSH



THE JET CENTRE



DVD NIGHT



‘WE ARE VERTIGO’



SUMMER SCHEME

Wow - what a week we had at Summer Scheme with 90 kids in attendance. There was so much fun with a bouncy castle, play bus, dancing, sports, arts and crafts, baking, disco, archery, talent contest, face painting, tattoos and candy floss. A big shout out to all leaders and young helpers throughout the week - you were amazing and we could not have done it without you - many thanks.



NEW HORIZONS

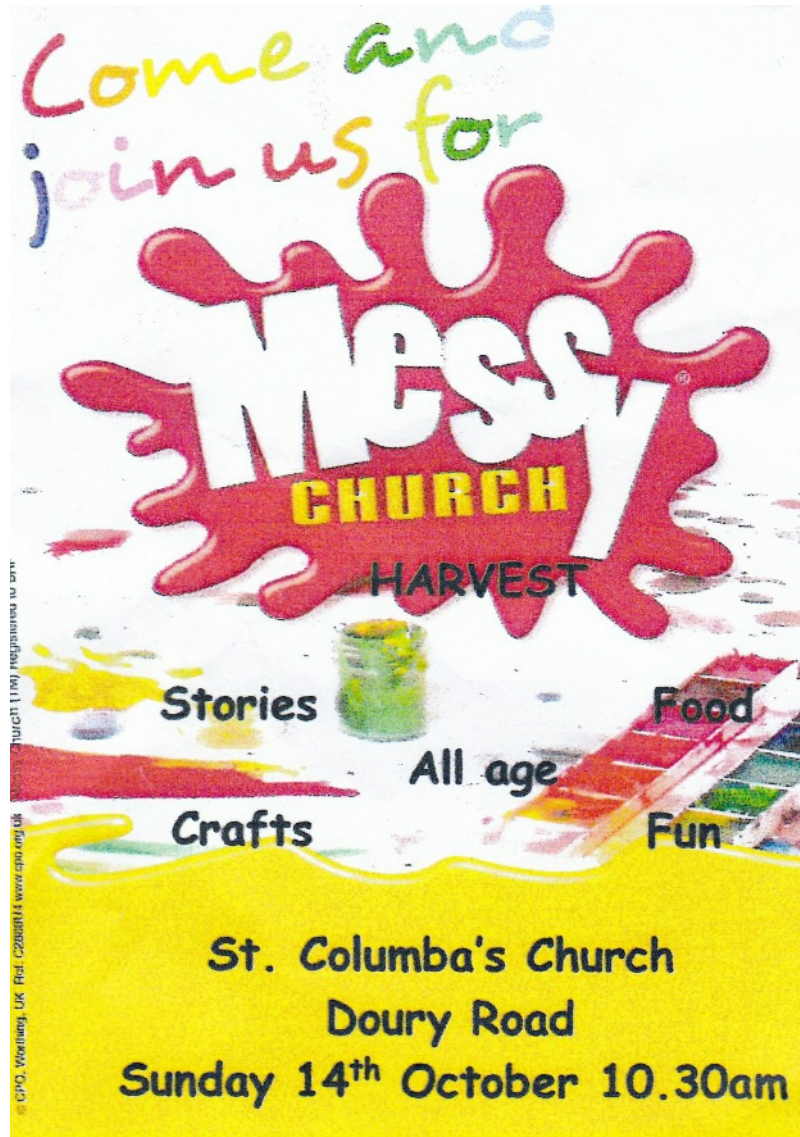
Some of us went to New Horizons in Coleraine. New Horizons is a Christian festival. It was an amazing experience with uplifting worship including Keith and Kristyn Getty and great speakers including Philip Yancey, Sam Allberry and Ken Clarke. A great celebration of 30 years of New Horizons and of God's love for us.



Youth Club starts on **Saturday 8th September**. On that night parents must sign a consent form for the whole year and it is essential we have these. If anyone would like to help at Junior or Senior Youth Club we would love you to join us. Leaders and helpers are on a rota system so you might only need to help every 6 weeks. Please speak to Lucy or Alan. This is a great experience for volunteers who want to use it as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Sunday School starts on **Sunday 2nd September**. We look forward to seeing everyone back after the summer break and would love to welcome any new starts from age 3+. When children are baptized the parents/godparents take on promises to bring the children up in the family of the church - part of this is bringing them to Sunday School.

Messy Church Harvest - Sunday 14th September will focus on harvest and thanksgiving. We will do this through singing/video clips, activities/arts and crafts and games. We will also enjoy food together. This is an all age service which is very informal and relaxed and will be held in St Columba's starting at 10.30 am. Please come along and bring your friends.



This summer has been great, filled with lots of children and youth work that has been so fruitful. We have been blessed by being able to touch the lives of many young people. It all started with our Children's Week in June with over 40 children from all over the Ballymena area and over 20 leaders, Summer Madness with 116 kids and 5 adults, Children's Church every Sunday during July and August, trips and events throughout the summer and then the Summer Scheme with 90 children from all over Ballymena and 15 leaders. These things do not just happen. There is a lot of preparation, organization and hard work that goes on behind the scenes. We are blessed to have such a great team of helpers and leaders who work tirelessly together - their level of commitment is outstanding

and we gratefully value all of them. Please remember the young people and leaders in your prayers. I would like to thank everyone for their continuous support and look forward to seeing all of you back again in September. I would like to wish all the young people well as they start back to school, especially remembering those going into P1, 1st year and university/further education.

Lucy

back2school prayer

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to
see new friends.

Open my ears to
hear my teacher.

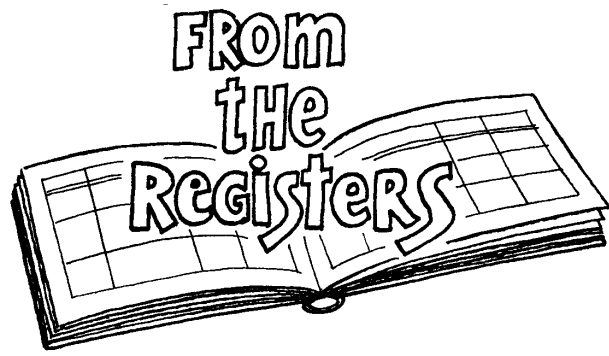
Open my mind to
learn new things.

Let my heart
remember YOU are near
when I'm afraid.

Help me to
love others like you do.

I want to
shine your light so bright in my school."
Amen.

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CHRISTIAN BURIAL



7th August

Laura Baird

72 Upper Princes Street,
Ballymena

Laura Baird

Laura was born in July 1975, to Addie and Maisie Baird in Cloughmills. Laura and her partner Martin McFall, were blessed with two children Morgan and Cole. Laura is remembered as a loving partner, mother and sister, who was always there for her close family; and a good friend to many in her community. Laura died suddenly following an unexpected illness. We pass on our prayers and sympathies to all of the family circle.





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
'The Way'	Sunday	6.30 pm	Minor Hall
Youth Fellowship	(Fortnightly)		

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

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