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THE RECTOR WRITES



Rectory Ramblings

Looking forward to the new term starting?

In the land of children and teenagers this question will usually (maybe not always) be met by groans of the most unenthusiastic nature! Looking forward to getting back to work? In the so-called world of grown ups this question will normally be met with equal doom and gloom. I am so looking forward to everything starting up again in parish life, I'm looking forward to popping into as much as possible to watch and learn, I'm looking forward to experiencing and being a part of the busy life of a busy parish. I hope I am not in a minority.

I heard a great sermon preached not that long ago by a good friend who is about to be instituted as the rector of St Mark's Portadown. A certain phrase he used has stayed with me ever since. "Many of us work to rest when we should rest to work!" It might take a little while to get your head around that but the more I think about it the more it describes the way I and a lot of people operate and should be challenged as not really being a Biblical outlook.

If the answer to the following question is, "The Christmas Holidays." Please read on and think hard. "What are you most looking forward to in the life of our Parish, in your own personal life as September arrives?" Is work, serving and helping in the church really just something that we have to do to get to the next holiday the next break? Have we really fallen into some kind of attitude that really is a massive version of living for the weekend? Have we drifted so far away from the teaching of scripture and a true faith-led view of our lives. Many, many parts of the Bible speak into this and in this wee article I will only outline a couple.

Everything was fine before sin, work and rest in the right order reflect the creative activity of God himself (Gen 1 v 31 and Gen 2 v 1 - 3).

After 'The Fall' everything changed including our attitudes to and the blessings of work (Gen 3 v 17 - 19). So now work produces stress, anger, division and disappointment - sound familiar?

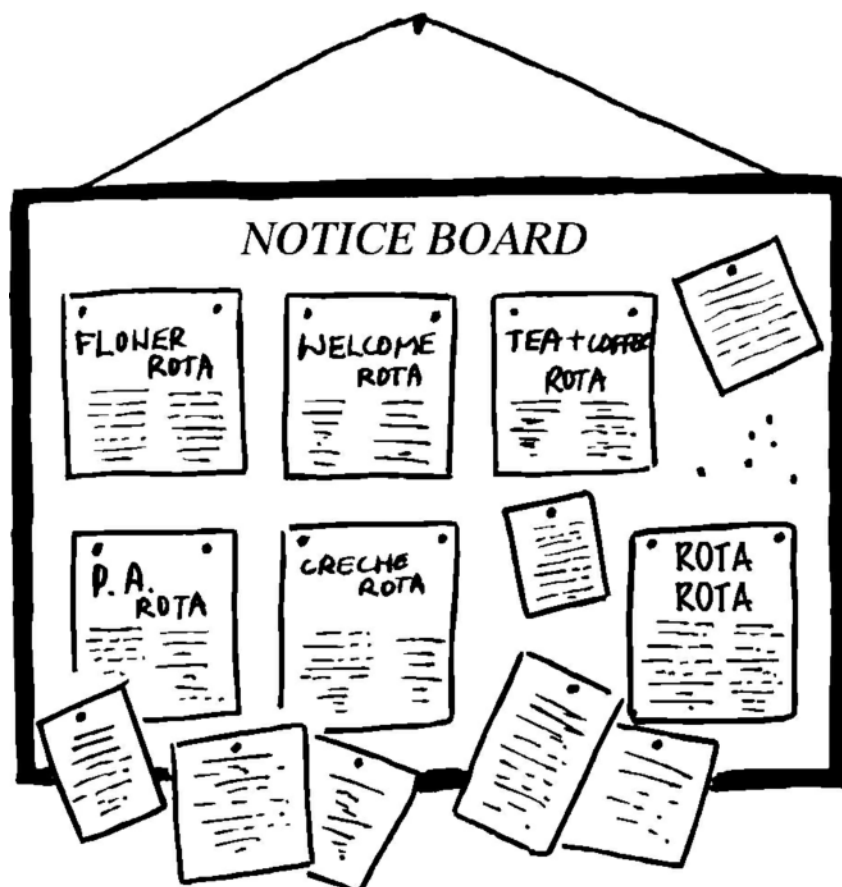
The effects of this judgement are partially improved by personal faith and restoration in Jesus (Eph 4 v 28 and John 4 v 34). As we seek to follow the example of Christ, change our lives and attitudes to work takes on a new Godly meaning.

So again I ask, do you rest properly so that you might be empowered and unburdened ready to begin again with the best of your gifts and abilities the tasks God has given you? Are you excited, champing at the bit to get going again, excited about what God might do or want! Or are you simply looking forward to the Christmas holidays. C. S. Lewis wrote the brilliant book called Mere Christianity, in which he teaches that the Christian Faith is the opposite of merely mere - dull, boring, a chore, a duty, rather a life-changing, amazing, wonderful, fulfilling, exciting, abundant faith and life.

In a phrase 'bring on the autumn' - are you ready to join me!

Yours in Christ,

R.M.N.C. M.





Parish News

DARREN RODGERS - THANKS

On behalf of myself, my wife Jacqueline and the entire Rodgers family could I sincerely thank every single person involved in the running and organising of Darren's Funeral on Saturday, 25th June 2016. To the rector, Mark McConnell for a beautiful service, to John McClure for the prayers and Iain Jamieson for the readings. Thanks also to the Church Lads' Brigade for their guard of honour and everyone involved in the catering after the service. All of this meant so much to us on what was a very difficult day, we can never thank you all enough.

Paul Rodgers

CHURCH ENVELOPES

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the church through the CRG (blue) and Renovation and Maintenance (white) envelopes. Your generosity is much appreciated. The count teams would be grateful if parishioners would write the amount on the front of each envelope as this greatly assists them in the task of counting and recording the weekly income. Please keep giving.

HARVEST ENVELOPE

We are aware that as a parish we have to spend much money on maintaining property and maintaining the life of our own parish. At the same time we cannot just live to ourselves and our Christian faith requires us to give to the needs of others. Over the last years because of heavy expenditure our giving to missions and charities has decreased. In order to further this giving the special Harvest envelope will, like last year, go towards missions and charities. Please therefore give thought to your donation as you use this envelope.

GRANTS

Small grants from the Gore Trust are available to people either entering third level education or already in it. These are yearly grants and those who have received this grant before should apply again if they are still in education. Please send a letter or email to the Parish Treasurer at the Parish Office stating your name and address, college being attended and course being followed. Closing date for grant requests - **30th September**.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2016

With the 3,666 vouchers donated, the Cub Scout Pack was able to order two Trangia stove and burner sets (comprising two saucepans, two windshields, a stove and a burner in each set), two map cases and some games equipment.

A big 'Thank You' to everybody who gave us their vouchers. It was very much appreciated.

Christie Colhoun
St Columba's Scout Group

CATERING

Following my appeal in the April magazine this year for someone to take over the role of Catering Co-ordinator I am very pleased to let you know that Mrs Vera Greer has kindly agreed to take on this role. I would like to thank all those who helped and supported me over the years. Without the support I received it would have been impossible to provide this very worthwhile service and I'm sure you will all continue to support Vera in the same way.

Liz Hughes

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Boxes will be available in the three churches from early/mid September (*suggested donation of £1 per box will go to Christmas Fair*). Please read the leaflet enclosed in the shoe box regarding contents and instructions in respect of the shipping donation. Please gift aid if possible. Boxes to be returned to the churches by **Sunday, 23rd October** to allow time for us to have them transported to the appropriate drop off point by the due date. Thanks for your support.

Jean Kennedy/Liz Hughes

PRAYER - SUNDAY 4TH SEPT.

Special prayers of commissioning for all leaders and helpers in every parish ministry and organisation will take place across the parish at all morning services. Please do make every effort to attend (in uniform if you normally wear one). We wish to pray for God's strength, wisdom, enthusiasm, love and protection as a new season in our parish life begins.

GIFTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Donation to Ballyclug Graveyard in loving memory of Agnes Cairns -
£1,000

Wedding Donation to Ballyclug Church - £250

Donation from Bowling Club to Church funds - £800

Anonymous donation to Church funds - £200

Donation from Mothers' Union - £100

Donation from Good Morning Ballymena - £100



Secretary's Notes

I hope that you all had a good summer; it seems hard to believe that it is coming to an end again already but here we are with the schools re-starting and the arrival of September. Once again we are reminded that while the life of the church seems to be changeless in fact it is always in a state of change, and while sadly we have said goodbye to Rev Jamieson and wish him every success in taking up his new parish in Drogheda we also welcome Rev Christie and his family as they join us here and look forward to getting to know them in the days to come.

We can all be heartened that after the somewhat lengthy process of getting our plans for the rectory through the RCB's planning process we eventually did receive all necessary permissions and work actually began there to turn them into reality at the beginning of August. Since the house and grounds are now a building site please don't try to visit to see what is going on, for safety's sake, though there isn't anything to see from the roadside anyway, nearly all of the work is happening inside.

On a similar thought I've heard some speculation as to what the house will be like after the work is finished and the answer is very much as it is now. What is happening is largely an upgrade to the services of the house, re-wiring, re-plumbing and replacement of doors, all of which requires extensive lifting of floor-boards and tracking of the walls but once done and the walls re-plastered it will be (God Willing) hard to tell that anything had happened. The major visible changes will be in the new kitchen units and re-decoration from top to bottom after the electricians and plumbers have finished their work. The whole process is scheduled to take around three months, so while we couldn't say that the rector and his family will be finally into their permanent home by Halloween they certainly should be by Christmas.

Otherwise we have no major works going on around the parish. As I've mentioned before budgets are tight and we need to conserve all available funds to get the rectory completed before we turn to other matters. As always though the regular work of upkeep and maintenance has been diligently carried out by the volunteer effort on which we all depend so much and for which we once again offer our sincere thanks to all concerned.

All the best until next month.

Alastair

DAY OF PRAYER **to find God's peace**

Saturday 17th September 2016
9 am - 6 pm



St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast
(Come and go as you please during the day)

- Are you carrying burdens from the past?
- Have you been hurt by the words or actions of others?
- Are there things you need to say sorry for and put to rest?

Register for free at premier.org.uk/dayofprayer



IRENE'S



SOUP AND COFFEE

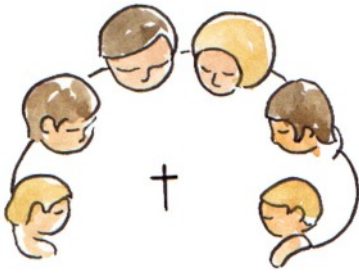
**2 BEECHWOOD AVENUE
BALLYMENA**

**Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th
September 2016
11.00 am – 3.00 pm**

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

ALL WELCOME





Prayer and Healing Ministry

The prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. James 5:15

Firstly a date for your diary: **Tuesday, 20th September at 7.30 pm in the Minor Hall.**

The speaker will be our new rector. It would be good to see as many of the prayer teams as possible attending. If you are interested in the prayer and healing ministry, we would love you to come. If you want to hear what the Revd Mark has to say to us do please come along. You will be very welcome.

Prayer Space - We now have a beautiful prayer space in St Patrick's. Anyone can use it, any day of the week, at any time for personal prayer.

Each Sunday after morning and evening prayer in St Patrick's there are two of the prayer ministry group available in the prayer space to pray with you for yourself or anyone you are concerned about.

Healer Prayer Group - Healer Prayer Group meets each Tuesday night at 7.15 pm in the Clergy Vestry. This is not a select group so if anyone would like to join this prayer time, you will be made very welcome.

Prayer Teams - We have six teams who pray at home for those who have requested prayer. The team leader's name and telephone number is on the notices each Sunday. You may contact any team leader, any of the Clergy or the Church Office if you wish to make a prayer request. All calls are confidential within the teams.

First Saturday of each month - This prayer time is at 8.00 am. It is prayer primarily for our parish. All are welcome. It is just once per month and for one hour. Do please consider coming along.

Adelaide



Around the Parish

BADMINTON

Hope everyone had a lovely summer.

Badminton resumes after the summer break on **Wednesday 7th September at 7.30 pm** for ages 11 - adult, so if you are free, wanting some fun/exercise, come along to the main hall at St Patrick's on Wednesday evenings. Hope to see you there.



Hazel Davison



SQUIRRELS

The Squirrels had a fun summer term. We spent the most of our time outdoors enjoying the warmer weather. We ended our term with a family bbq in the People's Park.

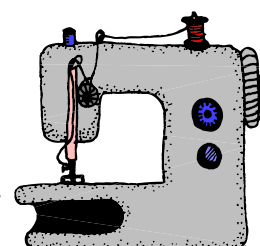
We will be returning for our new term on **Wednesday 21st September from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm**. Any 4 to 6 year old who would like to come along and join in the fun would be very welcome.

We would also welcome any adults who would like to come along and help us out with our activities. There is no upper age limit for adults. Please feel free to get in touch with Paul or Ann or come along on Wednesday evenings. We would love to see you all.

Paul, Ann, Jack and Mr Squirrel

SEWING GROUP

The Sewing Group will again begin in the Minor Hall on Thursday, **15th September** from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon. We are a self help group so come along and bring your needle and thread, have a chat and a cup of tea. All welcome.



M. Telford



MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

Hopefully you all enjoyed a pleasant summer break and are ready for the start of the new session on Tuesday 6th September. We are pleased to welcome back Kathleen Thompson and know she will be a great help with catering. Thankfully Jimmy Tuff and Jackie McMaster are well on the road to recovery and Davy Nelson is doing well. It is with sadness that we have learned of the death of Karin Agnew's husband and we send her our sincere sympathy.

Date for your diary - the annual coffee morning for our catering and car park volunteers will be held on **Monday 10th October** - invitations to follow.

Rota for September:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
06 September	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Mary Cochrane and Jean Cunningham	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay and Eddie McClelland	Car Park
13 September	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Mary Steele	Welcoming
	Oliver Reid and David Oliver	Car Park
20 September	Dorothy Hegan, Isabel Halliday, Karin Agnew and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Ann Fisher	Welcoming
	Jackie McMaster and Jimmy Tuff	Car Park
27 September	Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair, Vivien Gilmour and Kathleen Thompson	Tea
	Liz Bodel	Welcoming
	Bob Peachey	Car Park

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

5TH BALLYMENA CUBS

2016 marks the centenary of the foundation of Cub Scouts by Lord Robert Baden Powell. That's 100 years of fun, 100 years of adventure and 100 years of trying something new. So far, this year has certainly lived up to that and is set to continue for the remainder of the year and well into 2017.



A recap of 2016 so far:

Cubs packs from around Mid Antrim District kicked off the centenary year with a hike to Galboly, the hidden village, on 2nd January. Over 60 attendees braved the damp weather and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. A rerun is already in the diary for 2017.

February was a very busy month with a trip to the International Airport one week and the Belfast Water Treatment Works the following week. We rounded off the month with a special Founder's Day Service which was held in St Columba's where all Scout Sections joined with our sister organisation, the Guides, to celebrate the life and work of Lord Baden Powell. All sections contributed to the service which saw a full church.

The remainder of 2015/2016 year saw us take part in canoeing, football, camping and an amazing science experiment. We were very lucky to be chosen to grow rocket seeds which had been on the International Space Station with the British Astronaut, Tim Peak. All of this on top of our exciting weekly meetings.

Congratulations to our football team, Daniel Cairns, Robbie Hunter, Cameron Eagleson, Alfie Logan, Jack Weir, Arlo Butler and Evan Andrews who made it all the way to the Northern Ireland finals where we finished in the top 6.

As this is a special year our Cubs joined over 40 packs from across Co Antrim for a centenary camp at Shane's Castle. 600 Cubs and 200 leaders enjoyed a fun filled 2 night camp with numerous activities laid on to keep everyone entertained.

At the end of each camp we like to present a couple of awards and this year was no different:

Camp Awards

Cub of the Camp - Daniel Cairns

Most Improved Cub - Cameron Curry

Most lost property ☺ - Arlo Butler

We also have end of year awards and this year they went to:

Cub of the Year Award

Winner - Jack Weir

Runner-Up - Robbie Hunter

Third Place - Daniel Cairns

Good luck to our older Cubs as they continue their adventure in Scouts, all of whom move on having attained the Chief Scout Silver Award, the highest award available to Cubs.

Going forward into 2016/2017:-

We have already planned hikes, a trip to Tayto Park and planning for JOTI (Jamboree on the Internet) is also well under way. The year of celebrations will conclude on 16th December when Cubs across the UK will attend promise parties. We are linking up with other cub packs in the District for a big finale event. This will be a special occasion as Cubs throughout the UK will renew their promise at 19:16 hours.

Our numbers have grown dramatically in the past year and in September we expect to have over 20 Cubs. If anyone has a child aged 8 to 10 who would be interested in joining Cubs contact me on 079 8075 1721 regarding availability of places. We meet on Monday evenings in St Columba's from 7 pm to 8.30 pm and we start back on **Monday 12th September**.

You can follow all our exploits at www.facebook.com/ballymenacubs. To enable us to provide Scouting activities we have a small but dedicated team. If you would like to join the adventure as a leader or adult helper in any of the sections please contact Heather Hughes, heather_hughes28@hotmail.co.uk, 079 8071 5721.

Heather Hughes, Cub Scout Leader

MOTHERS' UNION



Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 14th September** when we will celebrate Holy Communion in the parish church at 8.00 pm with the usual supper in the hall afterwards. We are always on the look-out for new members and extend a warm welcome to any ladies who wish to join us. There is no age limit!

Jean Kennedy
Secretary



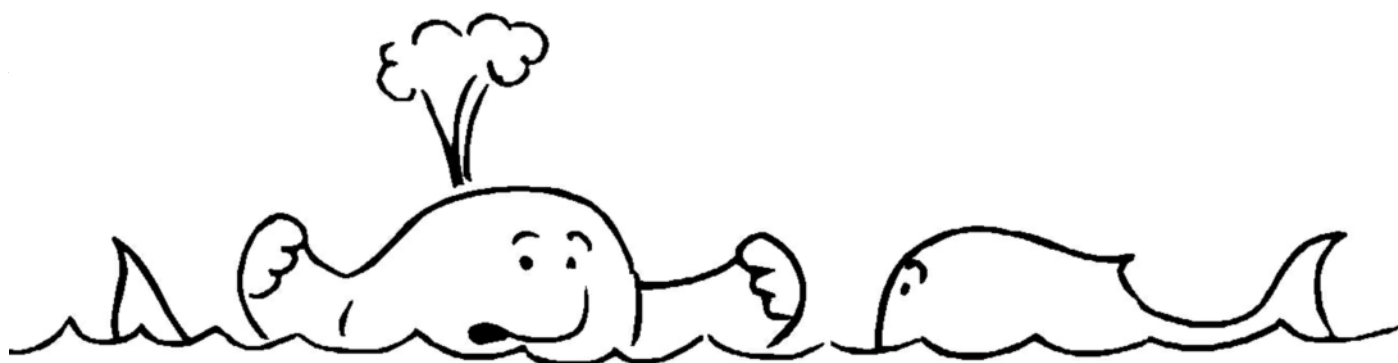
CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

We hope you had a nice summer break and enjoyed your holidays. Activities begin on **Friday, 9th September** and after all the excitement of the Olympics why not come along and try out some of those sports on a Friday night. At C.L.B. you can have a go at gymnastics, volley ball, basketball, dodge ball, handball, badminton, football and lots more games to try out. We also include Bible study, art and craft badge work and Duke of Edinburgh.

It would be great to see some new boys and girls so if you are 4 years and upwards, come along and enjoy the fun, faith and fellowship on a Friday night.

Martins	4 - 7 years	7.00 - 8.00 pm
Y Team	7 - 10 years	7.00 - 8.00 pm
J Team	11 - 13 years	8.00 - 9.30 pm
Seniors	13 - 18 years	8.00 - 9.30 pm

Alan Ross (2589 2740)



'Honest! - It was a prophet T-H-I-S big!'

Parish Auction



St Patrick's Church Hall



*Saturday, 24 September 2016 at
11.30 am*

*Items for the auction (valued at £25+
and in good condition, please) may be
left with the caretaker in the Church
Hall any weekday from Monday, 12*



Proceeds in aid of Church



SUMMER MADNESS

Summer Madness Prayer Team prayed for our Connor Diocese group and wanted to share with everyone what they heard from God. We hope it is an encouragement to all, whether you were at Summer Madness or not!

Connor Diocese

I have been coming back to the story of David when he slays Goliath. The ideals youth being viewed negatively. David was young & Goliath never expected anything of him. He overcame huge adversity in his youth with God's hand. I hope these young people know the same strength & guidance is free to them, even though are young!

1 Samuel 17:42

**And when the Philistine looked and saw David,
he disdained him, for he was but
a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance.**

On Sunday 3rd July I went to summer madness on a bus. We put on red bands so we could go in. First we went to the church service then my favourite, we got chips which were amazing. then we went to play volleyball against Broughshane group. Then we went to get a treat, Dinky Donuts. It stayed dry and then we

went to the game tent and then the dance tent. Last was the barbeque then we went home on the bus.

Euan

We went on a bus to Summer Madness in Glenarm - 18 of us went. When we arrived we went to the big top tent to take part in normal Sunday worship. After worship we went and sat on some logs and ate lunch, then we went to the sports area and stayed there for a few hours. Then we went to get some treats and went to a dance workshop. After we went to a barbeque for dinner. We then got back on the bus to come back to the church.

Abbie

On Sunday we went to Summer Madness. It was a good journey. When we got there we had a walk about and went to the play area - it was fun. We had lunch and then went to the dance room. It was the best day ever.

Caragh



Summer Madness Group 2016

STREETREACH

We participated in Streetreach during 5 - 8th July. Streetreach is a volunteering outreach programme, Church of Ireland based, specifically for the young people in Diocese of Connor. We stayed in the Derryvolgie Presbyterian Halls in Belfast for 3 nights. There were 3 areas of Belfast that we worked in - Glencairn, Woodvale and the Shankill. We were put into teams to do the volunteering work. There were 3 teams - practical, which included doing people's gardens - in particular elderly, widowed people, and people with disabilities who had no one to help them with their gardening. Another team was the kids team - the people who were a part of this team held kids clubs throughout



the day, and had activities such as dancing, singing, games, and worship for the children. The team which we were in was the detached team. Our team allowed us to interact with a variety

of people - elderly, youth and adults.

When we first arrived we were introduced to the leaders and the other young people who were taking part in Streetreach. We had a lovely meal and then we were each given the keys to our rooms. We all had individual rooms and the accommodation was very nice. In saying that, we were hardly in them as we were kept busy all day. On the first night we played some 'ice breaker' games in order to get to know each other. We then went on the

minibus to the church hall in the first area we would be visiting. There, we had some worship, sermons and prayers. Then we were put in to our teams and each team planned what they were going to do in the coming days. As we were in the detached team, we were going to be visiting care homes and day centres for the elderly. We decided that we would do a quiz with them, and then a puppet show, and then sing some hymns and have a casual chat with them. The first day at the care home went successfully. What stood out for us was that although many of the elderly in the room were sleeping or didn't talk much, almost everyone joined in when we sang the hymn 'Amazing Grace'. This was a sign of God's glory within us. During the evenings we held

free events with activities for children - a prayer trailer, nail painting, football cage, free popcorn, tea and coffee, singing and dancing and various sports. There we got chatting to



members of the public and were able to pray for them and any requests they had. Although for some of the evenings the weather was wet it was encouraging to see so many young people come along. On the final night we also had a free barbecue which attracted adults also. By doing this, the team's objective was to share God's love.

Overall Streetreach was a really fantastic opportunity which we thoroughly enjoyed, we would strongly recommend other young people who are interested in volunteering to get involved next year.

Louise and Sophie

Parentalk - The Primary Years



Being a parent is one of life's greatest joys, but it is also one of its biggest challenges. There's hardly a mum or dad on the face of the earth who, at times, is not overawed by the task of parenting. That's why we've created Parentalk, a great new parenting course for small groups. Parentalk is a ready-to-run course for all parents of children aged up to the early teenage years. In six sessions, Parentalk looks at the topics that affect just about every family. As you go through each session you will have the chance to talk to other parents in your group about the day-to-day challenges that you face, as well as share the things that are going well.



The six sessions are:

- It's not just me
- Love them and let them know
- It's good to talk
- Boundaries and battles
- Parenting with elastic
- Creating a sense of belonging

The course is DVD-based and can be used in a 'plug-and-play' format. It comes with a group leader's guide and ten copies of the parent notes which gives you everything you will need to run a complete course. Presented by Rob Parsons and Katharine Hill, and with guest contributions from Diane Louise Jordan, Mark Chester from *Who Let the Dads Out?*, author Sarah Abell, and paediatrician Dr Kunle Ayonrinde, the DVD features presenter introduction and conclusions, family interviews, street vox-pops, humorous short dramas, real-life parenting case studies, and presenter discussions.

If you are interested in attending this course please contact Lucy for further details - telephone number 077 5995 0497.

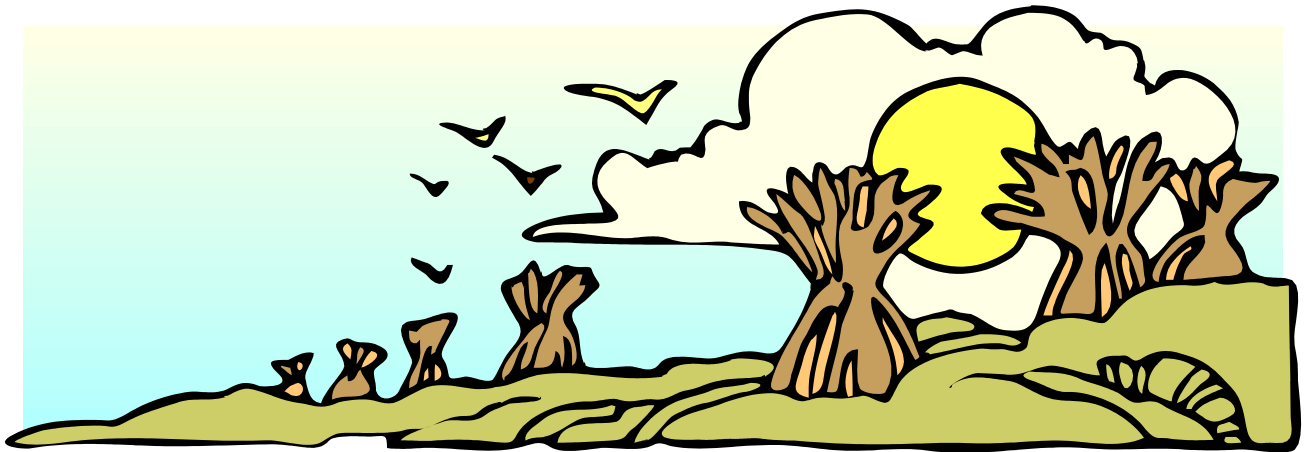
SUMMER SCHEME



We had a great week at the Summer Scheme with 30/40 children everyday. They enjoyed outdoor play, indoor games, DVD and snack, arts and crafts, baking, sports day, talent contest, face painting, glitter tattoos, fun with drums, dance and games. Thanks to Lesley, Ally and James for coming and to all the leaders who helped especially Finn and Ellie our young helpers.

Lucy

HARVEST THANKSGIVING



2nd OCTOBER 2016

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

*Preacher at both services
The Reverend Mark McConnell*

Christmas Fair



*St Patrick's Church
Hall*



*Saturday, 26 November
2016*

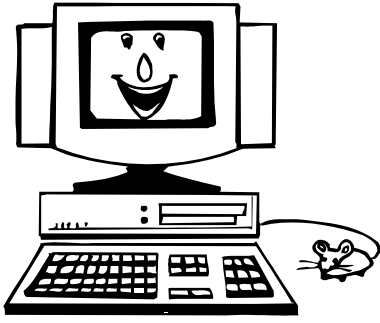
*Interested in organising an event or having a stall at
the Fair?*



*Please get in touch with a member
of the Fundraising Committee by*

*Committee members: Debbie Chestnutt, Lynda
Bell, Sandra Duke, Ronnie Fleming, Jackie Greer,
Joan Holden, Stephanie Johnston, Trevor*





The Curate's Letter

Warmest greetings in Christ to all the people in the Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug, from the Christie family!

My name is Dennis, I am married to Jen and we have three children Abby (13), David (11) and Jonathan (8). We are all really excited to be joining you in September when I will start as your curate assistant.

I am really looking forward to joining Mark and John, and getting to know and serve the people of Ballymena and Ballyclug. I don't know the area that well, apart from playing cricket there a few times many moons ago, but so many people have encouraged us in our move, saying, "You will love Ballymena, the people are great!"

Settling into a new home, a new church, new schools and a new community can be daunting, but being in God's will is the best place to be and so we trust fully in Him. We have lived in Moira for nearly 11 years now and God has blessed us so much there with a wonderful Christian family at St John's Parish. I am now eager to get started in this new ministry in Ballymena, to see what our good God has in store, and I know He will continue to guide and lead us as a family as we begin this new adventure.



God bless,
Dennis, Jennifer, Abby, David and Jonathan

Missions

St Columba's Mission Hospital

This is just a brief article to remind you to keep St Columba's Mission Hospital in India in your prayers and in your giving. As most of you are probably aware, Canon Lloyd and I travelled to India in April to visit the hospital. We took the opportunity to do some sightseeing en route, travelling to Hazaribagh by train from Delhi and stopping off along the way at Jaipur and Agra. We saw some wonderful buildings in both of these cities, not least of which being the Hawa Mahal and the Taj Mahal.



The main reason for our visit was to find out how the hospital was functioning following the retirement of Dr Pushpa Dass and Shirley Iman who had been running the hospital for the last 40 odd years.

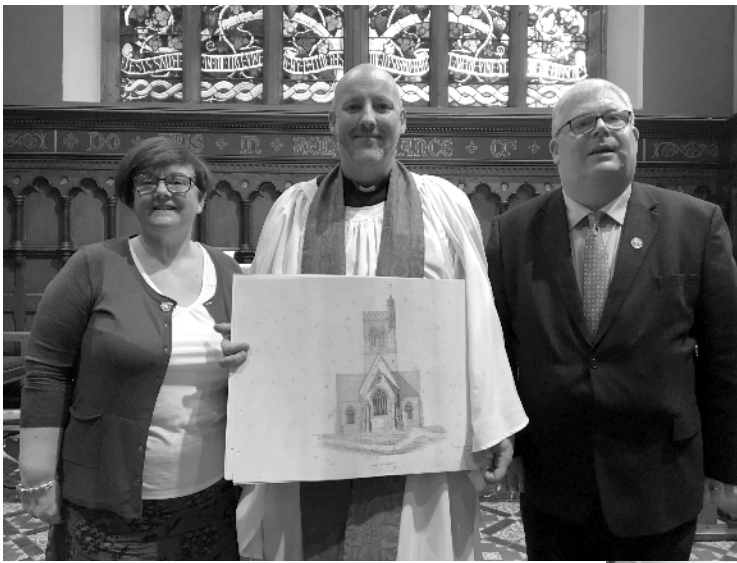
Over the last decade the activities of the hospital have been in decline - the number of doctors has shrunk as has the number of patients, the school of nursing has closed and there is ever increasing competition from government hospitals and private nursing homes. Since the retirement of Dr Dass and Shirley, the Diocese of Chotanagpur has taken a renewed interest in the hospital. A new board has been set up chaired by Bishop Baskey and a new young enthusiastic administrator, Prayadka Sangat has been appointed.

Already basic facilities have been upgraded with greatly improved water and electricity supply throughout and while we were there a refurbished operating theatre was blessed and reopened. Since we have returned home, a number of very well attended clinics have been held at weekends featuring physiotherapy and eye care. It is hoped that these will continue and there is also a step-by-step recovery plan in place. There

are undoubtedly great challenges ahead for the hospital but St Columba's has a wonderful site with great potential for expansion, it is greatly respected in the wider Hazaribagh community and there is a dedicated group of people and staff who are determined to restore it to its former state.

The feelings of these people involved in the hospital are a mixture of concern and hope and while our brothers and sisters in Christ strive to maintain and revive the life of the hospital we in turn must support them in our prayers and in our giving. Thank you.

Ian McKay



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St Patrick's Kilconriola and Ballyclug

Youth Club starts on Saturday 10th September.

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

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

Sunday School starts on Sunday 4th September. The children come to church and leave after 15 minutes to go to Sunday School. Kindergarten is for children who are age 3+ to P4 and seniors is for P4 and above. Fusion is a group for teenagers who meet in the Youth Room.

Organisations ***St Patrick's***

CLB starts Friday 9th September - Martins 7 - 8 pm, 4 - 6 years.

Y Team 7 - 8 pm, 7 - 10 years. J Team 8 - 9.30 pm, 10 - 13 years.

Seniors 8 - 9.30 pm, 13 - 18 years.

GFS starts Tuesday 6th September 7.15 - 8.15 pm, age 4+.

Mums and Toddlers starts Tuesday 6th September, 10 am - 12 noon

St Columba's

Squirrels starts Wednesday 21st September 6.30 - 7.30 pm, 4 - 6 years

Beavers starts Monday 5th September 6.30 - 7.30 pm, 6 - 8 years

Cubs starts Monday 12th September 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm, 8 - 10 years

Scouts starts Friday 9th September 7.45 pm - 9.45 pm, 10+

Rainbows starts Friday 9th September 6.30 - 7.45 pm, 4 - 7 years

Brownies starts Tuesday 13th September 6.30 - 8 pm, 7 - 10 years

Guides starts Thursday 15th September 6.30 - 8.30 pm, 10 - 14 years

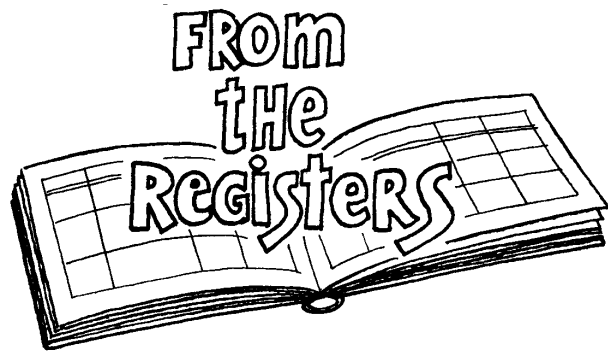
Senior Section 8 - 9.30 pm 14+

St Patrick's Kilconriola and Ballyclug **Youth Workers**

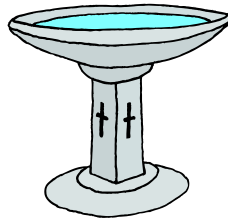
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HOLY BAPTISM



24 th July	Jessica Elizabeth Stewart	30 Millhouse Dale, Antrim
14 th August	Harry James Moore	16 Tullyglass Park, Ballymena

HOLY MATRIMONY



22 nd July	Robert Greenwood	54 Southbank, Thames Ditton, England
	Juliana Nel	54 Southbank, Thames Ditton, England

CHRISTIAN BURIAL



5 th July	Elizabeth Douglas	45 Shanowen, Ballymena
7 th July	Thomas Barr	Camphill Nursing Home, Ballymena

4 th August	Kathleen Allen	2 Homelea Terrace, Cloughmills
18 th August	Ella Grace McGrattan	7 Galgorm Hall, Ballymena
24 th August	Raymond Agnew	19 Leighinmohr Park, Ballymena

Eileen Elizabeth Douglas

Eileen was born on 27th March 1930. She had seven children, Jimmy, John, Tommy, Margaret, Alison, Joey and Scott. Eileen's family was the most important thing in her life and she was especially fond of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a machinist for most of her working life and worked in Cloughmills Shirt Factory, Magee's in Ballymena and the Mark Royal Shirt Factory. Eileen loved knitting and knitted garments for all of her family. Eileen lived in Ballymena for the past 35 years but she became ill in February 2015. She died peacefully at her home. Our prayers are with her family at this time.

Thomas (Tom) Hanley Barr

Tom was raised in Hope Street, Ballymena. He attended St Patrick's Church where he, his brothers and sisters sang in the choir for many years. He was also a member of the Church Lads Brigade which he loved. Tom enjoyed singing and was especially fond of Irish music. He met his wife Molly while playing badminton which was one of their hobbies. Their first home together was in Circular Road and then they moved to Rathlin Drive. They had four children, Colm, Sean, Jayne and Kevin. Tom started his working life as an apprentice with Shorts in Belfast and he worked there for 44 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.

Kathleen Anne Allen

A chance meeting at the Flamingo Ballroom led to 43 years of married life with Brian. Born in Ballyclug, a daughter of Hannah and Jack Bell, Kathleen spent all her childhood and adulthood in and around Ballymena. After education in Harryville Primary and Ballymena Secondary, Kathleen worked in Braidwater Spinning, S. J. McDowell's and then as a cleaner in local hospitals. The family lived for many years on the Doury Road, but Kathleen felt a special bond with her home and community in Clough-

mills. The family will know what I mean when I say that she was surrounded by angels at all times. Fiercely protective of her family they all will miss her unassuming ways. The rector conducted the service in James Henry's Funeral Parlour and our sympathies go to Brian, Lisa, John and Brian and the whole family circle.

Baby Ella Grace McGrattan

Heartfelt prayers and sympathy go to Ewan, Lisa, Rebecca, Dan and Joe and the whole family circle upon the sudden loss of baby Ella. This little one was loved and longed for and although so very tiny will leave a huge void in the hearts of all the family members. The rector conducted the service speaking on the twin themes Thomas - the ongoing adventure of faith and let the children come to me. A quotation from a poem read at the funeral, 'Though our arms are empty, our hearts know what to do, every beating of our hearts, says how much we love you'.

Raymond (Ray) Alexander Agnew

'Grant them eternal rest O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them'. These words from Verdi's Requiem began our Service of Thanksgiving for Ray, a quote from a favourite piece of classical music. Ray was a native of Newry although he has been a resident in Ballymena for many years. After spells in the Army and Police, Ray found great satisfaction in a career as a lorry driver. This suited his very private and reserved nature. His wife Karin - a native of Hamburg was a terrific help to Ray when shortly after their wedding in St Patrick's in 2009, Ray fell seriously ill and battled with health issues for the remainder of his life. The rector took the service and spoke on the theme Jesus walks beside us from Psalm 23 and Luke 24 vs 13 - 26. Sympathies to Karin, David, Ann and the whole family circle.





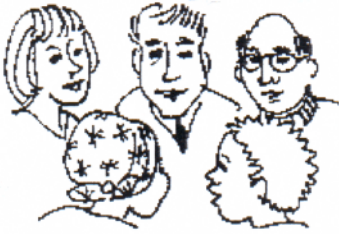
OUR ACTIVITIES

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
Junior Youth Club	Saturday	7.00 pm	Parochial Hall
Senior Youth Club	Saturday	8.00 pm	Parochial Hall
Badminton	Wednesday	7.30 pm	Parochial Hall
Sewing Group	Thursday	10.00 am	Parochial Hall

SAINT COLUMBA'S

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



OUR WORSHIP

ST PATRICK'S PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.15 am		Holy Communion
10.15 am	3rd Sunday in the month	Family Service
11.30 am		Morning Prayer
	1st Sunday in the month	Parish Communion
6.30 pm		Evening Prayer
	3rd Sunday in the month	Holy Communion
	4th Sunday in the month	Living Faith Service

EVERY WEDNESDAY

10.30 am	Holy Communion
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ST PATRICK'S, BALLYCLUG

SUNDAY SERVICES

10.00 am		Morning Prayer
	4th Sunday in the month	Holy Communion

ST COLUMBA'S, DUNCLUG

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.30 am	1st Sunday in the month	Holy Communion
11.30 am		Morning Prayer
	2nd Sunday in the month	Family Service
	3rd Sunday in the month	Family Communion

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

ST PATRICK'S

11.30 am	Church	Leaders - Mrs L McLaughlin and Mr A Ross
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ST COLUMBA'S

11.30 am	Church	Superintendent - Mrs S Foster
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HOLY BAPTISM

At Sunday services by arrangement