

Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug



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	People's	Mr Larry Cunningham
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THE RECTOR WRITES



Rectory Ramblings

“I am an historian, I am not a believer, but I must confess as an historian that this penniless preacher from Nazareth is irrevocably the very centre of history. Jesus Christ is easily the most dominant figure in all history.”
H. G. Wells

“No-one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life.” Albert Einstein

I know men and I tell you that Jesus Christ is no mere man. Between Him and every other person in the world, there is no possible comparison. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and I have founded Empires, but on what did we rest the creation of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded His Empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men would die for Him.” Napoleon

“Christmas and Easter can be subjects for poetry, but Good Friday, like Auschwitz cannot. The reality is so horrible it is not surprising that people should have found it a stumbling block to faith.” W. H. Auden

That's what they think, what an interesting collection of people they are too, but what about you? What do you think about Easter? For me Easter is the miracle the story of Christianity. The physical, visible, bodily rising from the tomb following horrible torture and an even more horrible death. Acts 1 v 3 contains these words - ‘After His suffering, He presented Himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive’. Many convincing proofs - but are you convinced? I wonder what your Easter quote might be? I'm not sure what the protocol is regarding

quoting a Pope in a Church of Ireland magazine article but these words are great and challenging.

‘Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are The Easter People and Hallelujah is our song’.

I for one can say Amen to that - Happy Easter Everyone.

R.M.N.C. M.





Parish News

BANGOR CONVENTION **Easter 2017 - 14th - 18th April**

Speakers - Jonathan Currie, Raymond Moore, Jacques Nadeau, William McCandless, Robert Murdock and Noel Darragh

Accommodation available by visiting:

www.visitardsandnorthdown.com/where-to-stay

Tel: 028 9182 6846

Further information from The Faith Mission IHQ Office, 62 Glenavy Road, Lisburn, BT28 3UT - HQ.Ireland@faithmission.org
(028) 9262 8286

CALLING ALL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS

We will be re-commencing our weekly Tuesday Bible Studies on Tuesday, 2nd May in the Choir Vestry at the usual time of 8.00 pm.

Our next series of studies will take us through the short but very challenging Book of James.

Looking forward to seeing you all. Please pass the word around to the faithful and do invite a friend.

Mark McConnell



GOOD FRIDAY



Family Service at
10.30 am in St Patrick's

And afterwards 'BUNS AND CROSSES'

For all the family - crafts and activities for young people with refreshments

Rectory Re-dedication

Thanks to Bishop Alan Abernethy for conducting a service of re-dedication on Sunday afternoon the 5th March at the newly improved and refurbished Rectory in Ballymena Parish.

This marks the culmination of well over 12 months of hard work and planning within the Parish.

Can I as the new Rector and on behalf of my family say a huge thank you to all concerned, you have created both a wonderful home and a great place where we can share hospitality and be about God's business together?

The service began with a quotation from Psalm 127, 'Unless the Lord builds the house ...'. Can I say Amen to that and may the building work continue?

Revd Mark McConnell



The Annual Easter Vestry for the Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug

Wednesday 26th April at 7.30 pm

You are invited to attend this important Parish Business Meeting. You have Voting Rights as a **Registered** member in electing Churchwardens and Select Vestry - your vote counts!

You have the opportunity to be part of the decision making team of our Parish.

Your views will be respected, you will not be forced to do something against your will.



CHURCH MEETINGS ARE BRILLIANT

Your presence is a sign of your interest in and concern for your Church and for those elected to office.

AGENDA

- Presentation of Parish Accounts
- Election of Churchwardens (Rector's and People's)
- Election of Parochial Nominators and Diocesan Synods persons
- Election of Select Vestry

HOLY WEEK

10th - 14th April 2017

St Patrick's Church

The Cross - speaks to all



* MONDAY 10th	7.00 pm	Focus on children and youth
TUESDAY 11th	6.00 pm	Final Alpha Group evening
* WEDNESDAY 12th	10.30 am	Mid Week Holy Communion (including prayers for healing)
	7.30 pm	Focus on adults
GOOD FRIDAY 14th	10.30 am	Good Friday 'Buns and Crosses'
	12.30 pm	Walk of Witness
	7.30 pm	The Passion Story in word and song (including Holy Communion)

*** On Monday night in Holy Week we will gather all our Youth/Children's Groups – in uniform. If you wear one – if you are part of any group, involved in Youth/Children's Ministry, you should receive an invitation in the coming weeks.**

*** Wednesday night of Holy Week – calling all adults. If you lead one, are a member of any adult based ministry in the Parish, we'd love to see you at this service, again you should be receiving an invitation to this in the next week or so.**



Around the Parish

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Hacksaw Ridge - The Men's Group got along to the cinema to see Hacksaw Ridge, the new film about the true story of a Christian man, Desmond Doss, who fought

in World War 2 without carrying a gun into battle. Private Doss was a conscientious objector who received the Medal of Honour for saving the lives of 75 men, due to his courageous actions. The Men's Group followed this up with a short Bible study on the story, looking a bit deeper at his



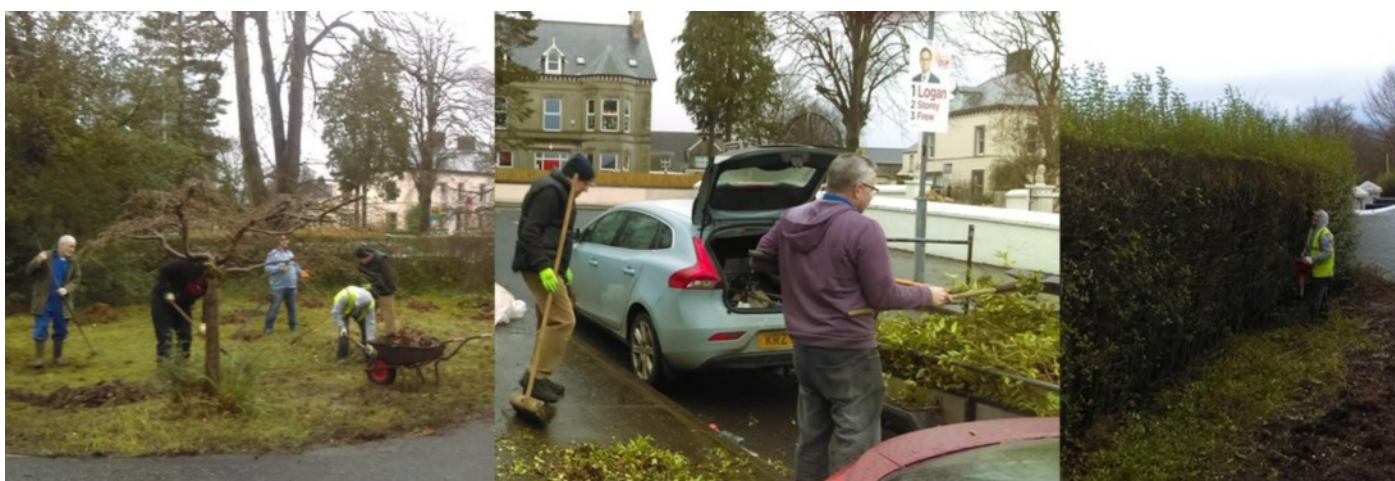
sacrifice, his courage and his devotion to the Bible and prayer. It is a great story of a man brave enough to stand up for his strong convictions to faithfully serve God and to serve his country. Greater love has no man than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. [John 15:13]

Men's Breakfast with Action Mental Health - Around 25 men gathered, including some members of Ballymena Methodist Men's Group, to enjoy an excellent cooked breakfast in the Parish Hall, before listening to a really challenging and thought provoking talk by Beth Gibb from Action Mental Health. The men learnt about the prevalence of mental health issues among men in Northern Ireland, some of the associated stigmas within our society and the ways in which such issues can be better understood and tackled. A note of thanks goes to Beth for a really

engaging talk and to all those who helped with the set up and in the kitchen (Barbara, Joan, Ann, St Clair, Ronnie and Alex).



Rectory Tidy Up - The Men's Fellowship Group now have a blossoming 'Ground Force' team who took up the challenge of tackling the gardens of the recently renovated Rectory. The motto of the day was 'many hands make light work' which proved to be the case, as hedges were trimmed, bushes removed and a general tidy up was carried out. This proved to be a timely spruce up before the visit of the Bishop. Special thanks to all the men who took part, giving up a valuable Saturday morning, and to Cherith for putting on bacon butties and tea on the day - not that we men need a cooked breakfast before we agree to do anything!



Dennis



MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP

We finish this session on 4th April with an Easter Party; we will roll eggs outside (weather permitting) and make Easter cards. Some ladies from Radio Cracker will be there to sell their craft goods for charity. The children will enjoy some activities with

a visitor from Ballymena Library at the end of the month.

Please note we will be closed on **11th** and **18th April** and will reopen on **25th April**.

Rota for April:

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
4 th April	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Mary Cochrane and Jean Cunningham	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay and Eddie McClelland	Car Park
11 th April	Easter Holiday	
18 th April	Easter Holiday	
25 th April	Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair, Vivien Gilmour and Kathleen Thompson	Tea
	Liz Bodel	Welcoming
	Bob Peachey and Davy Nelson	Car Park

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

MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th April and we will be joining the Mid Week service that starts at 7.30 pm in Church. The meeting afterwards in the Minor Hall will be the AGM followed by supper.



Visitors Night at All Saint's Antrim on Thursday 6th April 8 pm, anyone requiring a lift please contact Jean on 028 2556 7906.

Jean Kennedy

5th BALLYMENA - ST COLUMBA'S CUBS



The adventure continues at Cubs this year. So far in our packed programme we have had a visit to



Stormont and W5, a tour around the new ambulance centre, 2 hikes, a trip to Tayto Park, County Meath, and loads of activities in the hall. We rounded off the celebrations of Cubs 100 with a district event in Ballymena North in December where around 100 local Cubs had a party and renewed their Cub Promise.

Huge congratulations to Zach, Jack, Jack and Daniel. This foursome progressed through District and County competitions to the Northern Ireland Cub Quiz final, which we hosted in February. 18 teams took part and our Cubs came first and took home the fantastic trophy.



This is our favourite time of the year now. As the evenings get brighter, and hopefully a bit warmer, we like to spend as much time outdoors as we can and enjoy our local surroundings. Coming up shortly - a trip to Currell's Avenue, Broughshane, a guided tour of historic Gracehill, canoeing on the Bann and of course our annual camp.

For this year's camp we are doing something a bit different. After Easter around 10 Cubs are heading off to the Isle of Man for a 4 night stay at The Venture Centre. This is an adventure centre with loads of different activities laid on for us over the 5 days including climbing, gorge walking and sailing. It will be a trip to remember for years to come.

We are currently running over capacity with 22 Cubs in attendance every week, and with a huge intake due from Beavers in September we could do with some added assistance. Would you like to join our great adventure? A few hours on a Monday night and it's so much fun!

Contacting us: email: stcolumbascubs@gmail.com
5721 (Heather Hughes)

Tel: 079 8071

You can keep up to date with what we do on our facebook page.
[Facebook.com/ballymenacubs](https://www.facebook.com/ballymenacubs)

Heather Hughes

LADIES' EVENT

Some ladies from the parish enjoyed a night at Green Pastures for a 80's aerobic night which was a fundraiser.



A great night was had at our ladies well being night thanks to Ruth Black for coming and speaking to us about her work and the massages she provided to some ladies. Other ladies enjoyed foot spas and manicures. Thanks to those who provided a

great spread of healthy food. A great night was had by all. For anyone who wants to contact Ruth her website is <http://www.wellbeingcompanyni.co.uk>.

Lucy





Christian Aid Week 2017

Firstly, a plea not connected with 14th -20th May - please remember that Christian Aid is not just a week in May, however important that is to us as a parish and to their coffers. Christian Aid is working round the clock 24/365 to bring help to those in need, including responding immediately to natural disasters, which may happen at any time of the year. So, may I remind you of the, 'Count your blessings' sheets that many of you will have received in church at the beginning of Lent and urge you to keep referring to them and keep putting money aside to bring to church or send to Christian Aid come Easter, when we will be enjoying our many blessings with scarcely a thought for those who don't, indeed can't, share them with us.

Last month I reminded you that Christian Aid Week in May was looming large on the horizon. It is now advancing at speed towards us. You will remember that this year Christian Aid is focusing on the plight of refugees. Over the last few weeks the news media have not been bombarding us with images and reports of refugees in camps in Europe, across the Middle East and elsewhere - this does not mean that the problem has gone away; far from it. There are still hundreds of thousands of people surviving in camps and on the road; people of all ages, of many creeds and of many different nationalities; some of them have never known another life.

Christian Aid's focus on their plight this year serves to remind us of the multitude of blessings we enjoy in what many think of as the periphery of Europe. We have known trouble in our land, and many live with its consequences, but we are not currently faced with the outcome of the mass movement of people in fear for their lives; people who, like us,

have the well-being of their families at heart but, unlike most of us, are not in the position to do more than hope and pray for their survival.

We hope that as many of you as possible will join us at the Christian Aid lunches in the parish and that you will continue to support Christian Aid's work by donating generously in the envelopes provided in church during that week. It would also be great if a few more parishioners could go that extra mile and join the band of volunteers who faithfully collect door-to-door in the area of the town allotted to us. This brings in a substantial sum of money that would not otherwise be available to Christian Aid's work; work that, some may say, they do on our behalf.

If you are in the position to give a few hours of your time to come and collect with us, please leave your name and contact details at the Parish Office or contact me on 2564 6701 (the line is now working again!) as soon as possible - we do have to let Christian Aid know who is out collecting.

Mary Campbell

GIFTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Anonymous donations to defibrillator appeal - £405

Donation from NI Cub Quiz Final to St Columba's - £30

Donation to church for heat and light

from Mothers and Toddlers - £300

Donation to Action Cancer Bus

from Mothers and Toddlers - £30

Anonymous donation to Hope Breakfast - £16.60

Donation to Action Cancer Bus from St Columba's - £14

Anonymous donation to church from USA - \$100 (£77.01)

Donation to St Columba's for heat and light from

9th Ballymena Guides - £150



Ballymena Parish Alpha 2017

YOUTH ALPHA

The Youth Alpha course is designed for anyone of secondary school age and is intended to help our young people engage in conversations about life and faith. By the end of the six-week course we hope that each young person will have become more aware of the fundamentals of the Christian faith and been given the opportunity to talk openly about their relationship with God in today's world.

Youth Alpha is running over six Sunday evenings, between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm, in the Minor Hall. The sessions include food (takeaway Pizza!), a short 20 minute video and a time for discussion. The final session is on the 9th of April 2017.

ALPHA YOUTH FILM SERIES





Sunday School has been looking at the CMS project 'Growing in God'. So far we have covered disciples - people who love Jesus and follow him. Disciples grow in God as members of God's big family and as we grow in God's family we learn more about God.

We are collecting 20 pence pieces in our Smartie tubes and some children have them filled already - well done. CMS collection boxes are at the back of the church if anyone else would like to take one.

Messy Church Lent was on Sunday 19th March with 123 in attendance. We looked at the number 40 and learnt how Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the wilderness. We also looked at the 40 acts of kindness campaign.



We journeyed with Jesus in the desert and looked at how we too can be tempted and how to avoid temptation with God's help. We also looked at how we can find God in our own desert times.

Lent is also about giving up something, just like Jesus did. We looked at different ways to give things up as well as being generous to others.

This was all done through singing, spoken word, short video clips, prayer, arts, crafts, games and of course food. A great morning was had by all.

- Listen and learn
- Explore
- Notice
- Think and Thank



What things can we do in Lent

- Give Up - sweets / chocolate / money / belongings.
- Take Up - Do kind things to help others.
- LIFT Up - those that are poor / suffering sick in prayer.
- Look Up - Keeping our eyes on God not looking inwardly.
- Zip up - Listen to God as he speaks to us, slowing down and removing clutter so we can hear his voice more clearly.



What can we do during LENT?

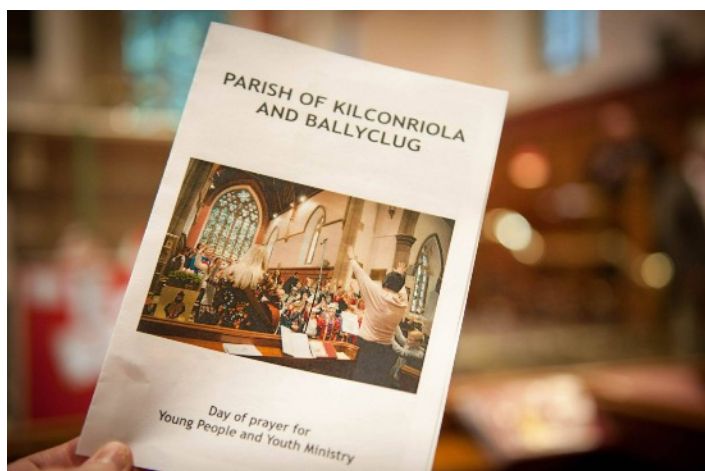
LENT CHALLENGE



- Buy an extra Easter egg and give it to the foodbank.
- Take a CMS box and collect money.
- Fill a bin liner with unwanted items and take it to a charity shop.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the fundraising for Summer Madness we are delighted with your support. The fireside quiz winners will be announced at the end of the month and we look forward to seeing you at our coffee morning on Saturday 29th April 10 - 12 pm.

On Sunday 26th February we took part in a Day of Prayer for young people and youth ministry. We looked at the model of youth ministry in our parish and how we all take an active part including parishioners who can support and encourage the young people and pray for them. We are so blessed with youth work in our parish and we thanked all the leaders within the parish of which there are about 100.



On Sunday 25th February eight of our young people took part in Connor's Big contest held by Engage in Glenavy Parish. We were very proud of our

team as they were the youngest team there and won 2 matches. Well done Team Ballymena.



YOUTH ALPHA

We are delighted and encouraged by the turnout of young people to the Youth Alpha Course. 26 young people come each Sunday night for six weeks to follow a series exploring life, faith and meaning. We follow a DVD which looks at different questions around faith and follows with discussion.



Lucy

Youth Service

For all organisations of
the Parish



Monday 10th April at 7 pm
St Patrick's

Please wear uniform if applicable



The Curate's Letter

You can be 'flat out', but don't squeeze God out!

The life of a curate can be 'flat out', sermon prep, weekly services, visiting parishioners, Alpha Courses, Youth Alpha, funerals, baptisms, Men's Fellowship, school assemblies ... the run-in to Easter is always a busy time ... BUT before I start feeling sorry for myself, I need to remember that there are many in the church who are 'flat out' in their own lives, outside of church, AND YET STILL manage to give so much of their time and resources to church life. I am also very blessed to be part of a staff team, including many volunteers, who are very busy and committed to their church.

Business and having plenty on can be healthy, it can 'keep us out of mischief' and it can be rewarding especially if channelled in the right way, but of course we need to be wary of neglecting our own spiritual health in the process.

In our Christian walk we can have aspirations to spend more time with God, to pray more or to read our Bible more, but of course this can easily go out the window when our daily life gets going. Paul says that we are to 'pray without ceasing' (1 Thessalonians 5:17) and we are to 'be constant in prayer' (Romans 12:12). This doesn't mean that we are to be on our knees in the silence of a darkened room at all times, but it does remind us that we can and should always be in prayerful contact with God. Some people don't feel the need to pray outside of church services but the Bible is clear that we are to take everything to God in prayer. So pray ... pray as you walk your dog, pray as you drive to work, stand in a queue, do your housework. Always remember that we can pray to God at any time. Let God into your life.

Finding time to read the Bible is also something many of us find hard to do, and as our lives seem to get busier, the Bible can often remain

unopened. 'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path' (Psalm 119:105). As Christians, God's word is there to guide us through life, but if it remains unopened in our daily life, then it can't do that. For many of us if we're honest, when we weigh up the time spent with an open Bible against the time in front of a television or browsing on a phone or web page it would not tell a good story. We can start by having our Bible accessible to us, within reach in our homes (not tucked away in a dusty book shelf) so that we can turn to it more readily when we have some time. Technology today allows us to have Bible Apps on our phone, where we can read or even listen to audio passages from the Bible - why not listen to the bible while you do housework? You can't beat, of course, intentionally fencing off some quiet time for yourself with the Bible. If we are to grow in our faith we must read and know God's word. Why not speak to one of the clergy about a Bible reading plan that you could work through.

If we are to grow closer to God in our lives, we can't do that if we are not willing to devote some time to knowing God better. Allow God into your life through prayer and allow him to guide you through the truth of His word.

God bless

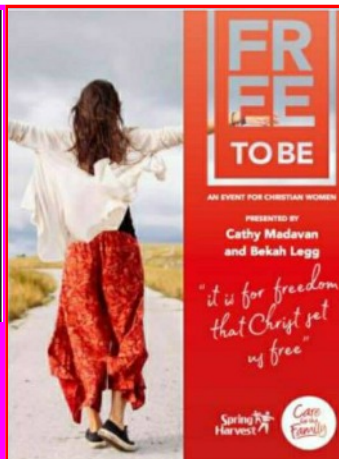


Ladies Night Cinema Trip

We are planning a trip to the IMC Cinema in Ballymena to see Beauty and the Beast on Thursday 6th April for the 7.30 pm showing.

If you are interested in joining us we will see you there on the night!

Thank you.

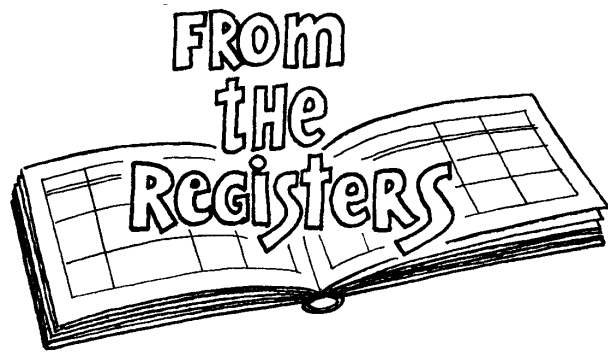


Free to Be - Ladies Event

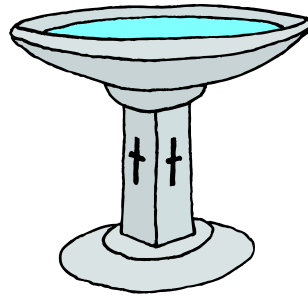
Would any of our ladies like to go to the 'Free to Be' ladies event which is coming to Glenmachan Church of God on Thursday 18th May at 7 pm?

More details can be found here:
<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/other-events/free-to-be>

Tickets are priced at £4 and if you are interested in going along please contact Lucy on 077 5995 0497.



HOLY BAPTISM



26th March

Matthew Alexander
Rachel Alexander

1 Galgorm Park, Ballymena
1 Galgorm Park, Ballymena

CHRISTIAN BURIAL



5th March

Samuel Reynolds

84 Grangegorm Drive,
Ballymena

10th March

Andrew Elliott

6 Inchkeith Road,
Ballymena

13th March

Sarah Ann Connor
Porter

58 Kilgad Road, Kells

16th March

Kristan John Millar

52 Rosses Farm, Ballymena

18th March

Miriam Millar

14d Glenshesk Drive,
Ballymena

27th March

Wilma Killen

35 Old Park Avenue,
Ballymena.

Samuel Reynolds

Sammy was born on 30th September 1932 to Hugh and Mary Reynolds. He was one of eleven children. After leaving school he worked with his father in the family scrap business. From there he went to work in GEC Larne and ended his employment as a security person in O'Kane's. The Reynolds family had a long association with St Patrick's Church, Ballymena. As a boy Sammy was an enthusiastic member of the Church Lads' Brigade and would often speak fondly of CLB Summer Camp in Carnlough and Waterfoot. Sammy was married in July 1956 in Harryville Presbyterian Church. He and Annie started their married life together in Larne and then moved to Ballykeel, Larne Street and Toome Road, Ballymena. Their last home was in Grangegorm Drive where Sammy slipped away on 2nd March. Sammy was a dedicated father - a role model to many. He was a devoted grandfather and great grandfather and a loving brother. Sammy gave his life to the Lord a few weeks before he died and while he may be gone from his earthly home he will live on in the hearts of many forever, never to be forgotten.

Andrew Elliott

Andy was born to John and Elizabeth Elliott in January 1939 and was the eldest of six children. He was brought up on Galgorm Street and lived all his life in Ballymena. He married Tia and had four children Andrew, Nigel, Gregory and Trevor. Andy was good with his hands and had a long career as a maintenance fitter before retiring from work due to the onset of Rheumatoid Arthritis. Andy is remembered as a caring and dedicated family man who always had time for his family. We pass on our sympathies and prayers to all of the family circle.

Sarah Porter

Sarah was born in Limavady in 1946 and was one of six children. She went to Eglinton Primary School, Limavady Grammar School and then to Stranmillis Teacher Training College. She returned to Eglinton Primary for her first teaching post and spent the next 30 years in Templepatrick Primary School. Sarah was a natural born teacher, who loved to help anyone who was struggling. She took great pleasure in teaching someone who was having difficulties with reading or arithmetic. She loved seeing children have their 'eureka' moment when things just clicked into place. Sarah believed that there were two gifts that she could give to children,

one was roots and the other was wings. Sarah was very good with her hands, making curtain for people, reupholstering sofas and she loved making costumes for the Nativity and outfits for other school plays. Sarah had great love and practised patience, kindness, respect and perseverance. Sarah's love for teaching children has given great value to her community. Her love for family will live on and our thoughts and prayers are with her husband David, daughter Catherine, sons David and John, her grandchildren and her wider family circle.

Kristan John Millar

Kristan was a very bright young man who sailed through school with very little effort. He went to Ballymena Academy and Cambridge House Grammar School. Although he hated having to work for exams he managed to achieve 10 GCSE's, revising for all ten subjects by using the same piece of paper! He loved skateboarding and BMX biking and would have gone to train at Bridges Skate Park in Belfast. Kristan was a very popular young person who had lots of friends. Our prayers are with his father Michael, his mother Nichola and all of the family at this time.

Miriam Millar

Miriam was born in September 1931, the eldest of three children to Hugh and Livina Esler. Brought up in Cullybackey, Miriam went on to work in retail in Ballymena at stores such as Tweedy Acheson and McKillen's Fashions. Miriam was married to James for over 43 years, and they were a devoted and caring couple who were very well thought of in the community. Miriam was an active member of the Mother's Union, and a member of the Bible Study Group. Miriam and James together regularly delivered magazines and envelopes for the church. Miriam was very fondly thought of by the church family here are St Patrick's Ballymena. She is remembered as a lovely and committed member of the congregation and our sympathies and prayers are with James and the rest of her close family circle at this difficult time.

Wilma Killen

Wilma was born outside Portglenone on 26th September 1938 to her parents Willie John and Alice Greer and she had one older sister, Hazel. After attending Aughnacleigh Primary School, Wilma went to Ballymena Academy where she won end of year prizes. However, she left the

Academy after a couple of years to work in Woolworth's and then Gallaher's, earning much needed income for her family. Around this time they moved to a new house in Mount Pleasant. Wilma met and married Billy Killen and they had three children Liam, Helene and Barbara, and remained totally devoted to each other and their family. Wilma and Billy were married over 55 years. In later years Billy experienced health problems and Wilma was always there caring for him. Their great love for each other was obvious. When Billy passed away in 2015 it left a great void in Wilma's life. However, she kept going, seeing friends, even making some new ones and attending a weekly craft class in the Church. Her strong faith was apparent throughout this time and it helped her to bravely face her recent illness. Wilma never complained and, even when things appeared to be at their lowest, she would still have a smile for you and show concern for how you were doing. Wilma is going to be greatly missed by Liam, Helene, Barbara, their partners and Wilma's grandchildren. However, they are all so proud of her and feel blessed to have had parents like Wilma and Billy.

Service of Thanksgiving

26th March - Leon Philip Samuel Marshall, 8 Skye Park, Ballymena.





OUR ACTIVITIES

SAINT PATRICK'S

	Day	Time	Venue
Bellringers	Friday	7.30 pm	Tower
Bible Fellowship	Tuesday	8.00 pm	Choir Vestry
Church Choir	Thursday	8.00 pm	Choir Vestry
Church Lads' Brigade			
YBC	Friday	7.00 pm	Parochial Hall
JTC	Friday	8.00 pm	Parochial Hall
CLB	Friday	8.00 pm	Parochial Hall
Girls' Friendly Society	Tuesday	7.15 pm	Minor Hall
Healer Prayer Group	Tuesday	7.15 pm	Church Vestry
Indoor Bowling Club	Monday	7.30 pm	Parochial Hall
	Thursday	7.30 pm	Parochial Hall
Mothers and Toddlers	Tuesday	10.00 am	Parochial Hall
Mothers' Union	2nd Wed.	8.00 pm	Minor Hall
Still Active Club	3rd Wed.	2.00 pm	Minor Hall
Men's Fellowship	1st Thursday	7.30 pm	Minor Hall
Junior Youth Club	Saturday	7.00 pm	Parochial Hall
Senior Youth Club	Saturday	8.00 pm	Parochial Hall
Badminton	Wednesday	7.30 pm	Parochial Hall
Sewing Group	Thursday	10.00 am	Parochial Hall

SAINT COLUMBA'S

	Day	Time	Contact
Beavers	Monday	6.30 pm	Mrs L McCullagh
Cubs	Monday	7.00 pm	Miss H Hughes
Ladies' Circle	4th Monday	8.00 pm	Mrs L Hughes
Brownies	Tuesday	6.30 pm	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
	Holy Communion
	4th Sunday in the month

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