

# *Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug*



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	People's	Mr Jackie Greer
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	People's	Mr Billy Taylor
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### SELECT VESTRY

**Clergy, Church Wardens, Glebe Wardens and:** Mr Richard Cotter, Mrs Anne Crawford, Mrs Debbie Crawford, Mr Dessie Dunlop, Mr Ronnie Fleming, Mrs Vera Greer, Mr Les Hughes, Mr Alex McKay, Mrs Dawn McLean, Mr Jackie McMaster, Mr Alex McNeill and Mr Oliver Reid.

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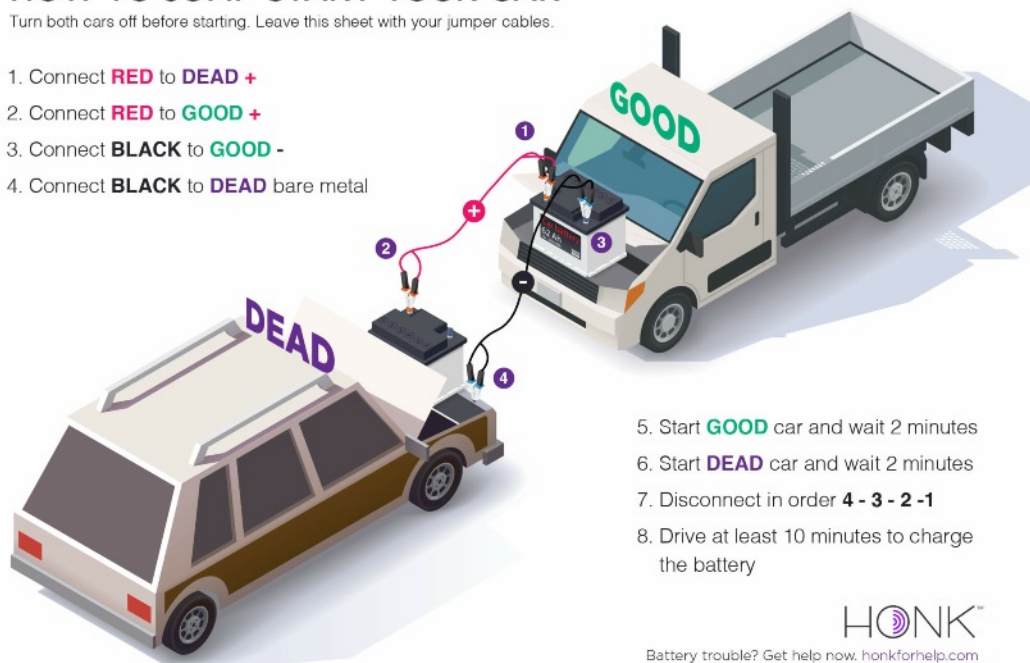


I saw something the other day which stuck in my memory - a small crowd of folk jump-starting a car! I think that used to be far more common some years ago - maybe batteries and cars have improved a lot over my life-time.

### HOW TO JUMP START YOUR CAR

Turn both cars off before starting. Leave this sheet with your jumper cables.

1. Connect **RED** to **DEAD +**
2. Connect **RED** to **GOOD +**
3. Connect **BLACK** to **GOOD -**
4. Connect **BLACK** to **DEAD** bare metal



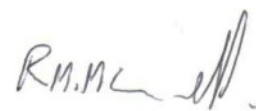
I always sense in our church/fait h life that this time of year has a jump-start feel to it - all our organisations get going again after the summer break - folk are back to school, back to work, back into routines (new and old). Examination results over the summer will jump-start new opportunities and new challenges for many of our young folk and alongside the month of January, September is the most popular month to start going to the gym and getting on those diets again. We as a church family will be given the joy and privilege of helping Emma Carson, our new curate, as she takes up post with us in early September. Please be prayerful and encouraging and well done as a parish for allowing this to happen! It's a time to jump-start spiritually too. Many of you already do many of the things I'm about to suggest - keep going and God bless you!

What about starting a new spiritual discipline that will deepen your prayer life/Bible knowledge, Christian service and witness? We have so many ways in which we can help you with that. Please let us know.

What about starting a ministry of contact and invitation - to your own family members - your friends - neighbours or work colleagues. From modern services to traditional services we have something to offer all ages and stages of folk - be persistent/be respectful/be available. Again please be in touch if I can help.

Lastly what about joining in more:- Choir / Youth Ministry / Catering Team / Men's Group / Ladies' Groups / Worship Band / Magazine Delivery CL & CGB / GFS / Scouts / Guides - the list could go on and on. If you have faith/motivation/some time we would love you to jump-start into church life this autumn. If you need a push to get you going, please let me know!

God Bless.



**HARVEST  
THANKSGIVING**

**6th OCTOBER 2019**

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





# Parish News

## LETTER OF THANKS FROM THE REV. DENNIS CHRISTIE

My family and I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the parishioners in Ballymena Parish. The gift we received as a leaving present is so much appreciated and will be of great benefit to us as we settle into our new ministry in the grouped parishes of Ahoghill and Portglenone.

Three years is of course a short time to be with a parish, but it has been a great privilege to minister alongside parishioners during some of the most difficult of circumstances as well as some of the most joyful. I am grateful of course to Mark, to all the church staff, and to the many faithful volunteers around the parish, for all the guidance and encouragement my family and I have received. I now join a very long list of Church of Ireland ministers who have been greatly enriched in their ministry by serving God as a curate in the parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug.

Thank you again for all the support and please be assured of my prayers going forward. May the kingdom of God grow and flourish in Ballymena as you hold up the name of Christ and his work on the cross in your lives.

Yours in Christ,

*Rev. Dennis Christie  
Grouped Parishes of Ahoghill  
and Portglenone*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Just to let you all know about a couple of events coming up between now and Christmas.

- Saturday 28th September, our annual Antiques Fair in the church hall, you can always be sure to find something interesting at this event.
- Saturday 7th December, our Coffee morning and Christmas Fair also in the church hall.

Your support would be appreciated as all proceeds are going to church funds.

*The Fund Raising Committee*

## SHOE BOXES - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2019

Shoe boxes will be available in the three churches from mid September. (Suggested donation of £1 per box for church funds).

There are a couple of important differences for this year's appeal. Tougher import rules are being implemented in the countries that receive UK shoe boxes. This means **toothpaste and sweets can no longer be included in shoe boxes**. Please read the leaflet carefully in respect of 'How to pack your Shoe box'.

You will notice that the leaflet suggests that the shoe boxes be dropped off between 11 - 18 November 2019. However, if you return your shoe box to church by

Sunday, 27 October 2019 we will transport them in bulk to the appropriate drop-off point by the due date. If you prefer you can deliver them to the drop-off location personally (see No 6 on the leaflet).

Many thanks for your support.

*Jean Kennedy/Liz Hughes*

## ORDINATION SERVICE

The Ordination Service of our new curate Emma Carson will take place in St Patrick's on **Sunday 8th September at 3 pm**. We would encourage all parishioners to come along and support Emma as she becomes part of the ministry team within our parish.

Please note - **NO EVENING PRAYER** in St Patrick's on that date.

### **St Patrick's Church Hall Castle Street**

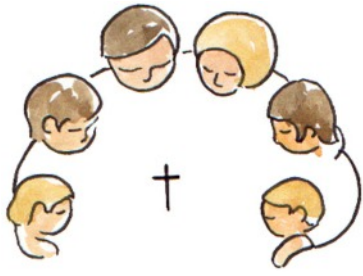
**(October - date to be confirmed)**

Come and 'Zumba' to 80's  
music in ultraviolet light  
with glow sticks

**Refreshments included**

**Admission £5 - For Youth Funds**





# Prayer Ministry and Support

Prayer ministry takes place in various ways and times within the parish.

## Prayer after Services

This takes place in the Prayer Space in St Patrick's each Sunday after morning and evening services. There will always be someone available each Sunday throughout the year.

## Healer Prayer Group

This group meets each Tuesday at 7.15 pm in the Clergy Vestry.

Members of the congregation, friends and also people outside of our parish request prayer either for themselves or a loved one. This group will pray for them on Tuesday night and also in their own private prayers at home. ***All prayer requests are treated as confidential.***

## First Saturday each month

Primarily this group was set up to pray for the parish. It meets at 8.00 am in the Jubilee Room monthly.

It is a small group and I would invite anyone who cares about our parish to join us. It might seem early but anyone who attends will tell you that it is a very special and rewarding time.

## Prayer Teams

We are very privileged to have six teams with approximately ten on each team. All prayer requests are treated as confidential within the team. The team leader's name and telephone number are on the notices each week. You may contact any of the team leaders, the clergy or the office should you require prayer.

This year we said our earthly farewell to Margaret Telford. A very faithful member of our teams for many years, Margaret was a most gracious and caring lady. We on the teams valued her input and her friendship. There is no doubt in my mind that our Lord will say to Margaret, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Rosemary Stacey has stepped down from the team. We thank Rosemary for her faithfulness in prayer. We welcome Jim and Angela Thompson as new members and pray that they will find this a rewarding and special ministry.

Team Leaders are:

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|------------------------|---------------|
| ▪ Millicent McClelland | 077 9173 6117 |
| ▪ Adelaide Nimick      | 2564 0865     |
| ▪ Alex McKay           | 2564 4698     |
| ▪ Heather Barr         | 2564 1047     |
| ▪ Eleanor Burnett      | 075 1736 5589 |
| ▪ Patricia McWhirter   | 077 1611 0045 |

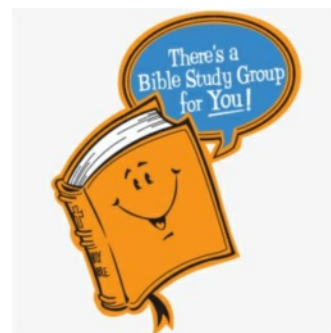
None of these groups are elite and are open to anyone who feels they would like to join in this vital ministry. You will be made most welcome.

Some words I read recently written by Dr Leighton Ford. *Jesus was born in a borrowed manger. He preached from a borrowed boat. He entered Jerusalem on a borrowed donkey. He ate the Last Supper in a borrowed Upper Room. He was buried in a borrowed tomb. Now He asks to borrow the lives of Christians to reach the rest of the World. If we do not speak, then He is dumb and silent.*

**Adelaide Nimick**  
**Team Co-ordinator**

## **BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**

**Bible Fellowship Groups within the Parish  
resume in September**



**St Patrick's on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 8 pm**  
**St Columba's on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 8 pm**



# Famous Prayers

Christina Rossetti - there's a name many of you might recognise but are not sure why! Let me put you out of your misery before you turn to Google! She was a prolific writer and poet, writing for both children and adults. One of the finest Victorian poets, born into a very gifted family of artists, writers and academics, it was her deep and passionate Christian faith which undergirded her writing and life. Famously she fell deeply in love twice and refused offers of marriage many times because the men in question did not share her Christian convictions! She gave herself to her writing, working incredible hours for many charities and the care of her elderly mother. She wrote lots of devotional poetry and prayers. Here is a short example:-

## *In Weariness*

‘O Lord, Jesus Christ,  
Who are as the shadow of a great rock in the weary land,  
Who beholdest thy weak creatures weary of labour,  
Weary of pleasure, weary of hope deferred, weary of self;  
In thine abundant compassion, and fellow feeling with us,  
And unutterable tenderness  
Bring us, we pray Thee,  
Unto Thy rest.  
Amen’.



# Around the Parish

## MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP

Our new season starts on **Tuesday 10th September**. We are looking forward to welcoming the children and their carers for another year of play, singing, crafts, snacks, fun and making new friends. Everyone is very welcome, and membership of St Patrick's Church is not required.



The annual coffee morning for our volunteers will be in October - date to be confirmed.

Rota for September:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Mary Steele	Welcoming
	Ray Burbage/Noreen McKeown	Hall Set Up
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Dorothy Hegan, (Isabel Halliday)/ Eva McCarthy, Vera Greer and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Ann Fisher	Welcoming
	David Oliver and Rodney Gourley	Hall Set Up
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair, Vivien Gilmour and Kathleen Thompson	Tea
	Liz Bodel	Welcoming
	Davy Nelson	Hall Set Up

***Dorothy (2589 2740), Anna, Catherine and Liz***

## SEWING GROUP

The Sewing Group will meet on **Thursday, 5th September** at **10.00 am** in the Minor Hall. If you can sew, knit, crochet, etc. please come along to work and chat.



## CHOIR NOTES

Practices start on **Thursday 5th September** at **8 pm** for the Ordination and Harvest Thanksgiving Services both in Ballyclug and St Patrick's Ballymena. If there is anyone out there who would like to join us for these occasions you would be most welcome!



*Adrian Poston*

## MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting is a service of Holy Communion on **Wednesday 11th September** at **7.30 pm** in St Patrick's, followed by supper.



*Patricia McWhirter*



## SQUIRRELS

This year our Squirrels will be starting back on Wednesday **25th September** in St Columba's. We meet from 6.30 - 7.30 pm and welcome both boys and girls aged 4 and 5.

We currently have some spaces so if you would like to know more please have a look at our facebook page 5th Ballymena Squirrel Scouts - St Columba's or feel free to get in touch with either Paul or Ann.

We look forward to seeing you all on 25th September.

*Paul, Ann & Mr Squirrel*

## CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

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



Activities begin on **Friday, 6th September**. Come along and enjoy a variety of games, gymnastics, volleyball, basketball, dodge ball, handball, badminton and football. Our programme also includes badge work, arts and crafts, Bible study and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

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

Martins	4 - 6 years	7.00 - 8.00 pm
Y Team	7 - 10 years	7.00 - 8.00 pm
J Team and Seniors	11 - 18 years	8.00 - 9.30 pm

Congratulations to one of our officers, Rodney Quigley, who has been elected to serve as a Councillor in Mid and East Antrim.

*Alan Ross, 2589 2740*



## ST COLUMBA'S BEAVERS/CUBS/SCOUTS

What an amazing time our Scouts, Cubs and Beavers had at our Group Summer Camp!

They set off for Cladagh Glen Camp Site in Co Fermanagh but via the Armagh Planetarium! This was to help them with their Astronomer and Astronau-





tics badges which they would work on throughout the week. They enjoyed making and launching rockets and watched a show. Then a quick lunch before heading on to camp. After arriving and setting up camp it was time for flag break, a BBQ dinner then some more space fun before bed-time. Next morning it was an early start for those on the breakfast rota, then down to the campfire circle for Scouts Own, followed by some pioneering fun making an amazing gate for the camp.

Monday was canoeing and a hike at Knockninny. Half the Scouts enjoyed a scenic paddle round the lake and the other half hiked to the half way point where they had lunch. They then swapped over for the return journey. Then back to camp for the mud run! Tuesday started with a hike to



the Marble Arch Caves

where they enjoyed a tour round the caves and a trip to the gift shop. Then back for lunch which was Aaron's amazing broth! This set them up nicely for their 'selfie' challenge in Enniskillen before a trip to the swimming pool. They then went shopping for their food for the next day as they had to plan, budget, shop and cook for

themselves on Wednesday. Dinner was at McDonalds then on to the cinema for a choice of movie.

Everyone was up nice and early and ready to cook their own breakfast. In between a hard days cooking they also had time for some tie dying. The Scouts had designed their own camp logo which had been printed onto t-shirts for them to dye. There were lots of fantastic colours and patterns. Cuilcagh boardwalk was on the schedule for Wednesday. The Scouts set off for a days hike making sure they had plenty of sun cream and water as it was a beautiful day. The hike was worth it for the amazing views.

The Cubs and Beavers set off for camp on Thursday and on arrival they got their tents ready and unpacked before heading off on a hike to the Marble Arch Caves.





On route they bumped into the Scouts who were returning from the Cuilcagh Boardwalk. They enjoyed their tour round the caves and spent some time in the gift shop before returning home for a BBQ dinner.



Later we all joined together at the campfire for some songs and stories. Next morning everyone was up bright and early for breakfast and ready to work on their Space Badge! Star constellations were drawn, and the Beavers learned about the moon landing.



After lunch everyone got packed up and set off canoeing. They canoed all the way round Enniskillen, such fun going under so many bridges. But the wet fun did not end there! A quick trip on the bus to Knockninny Marina and everyone was ready for some slip and slide fun.

Home again and it was party time. Whilst the Cubs and Beavers had been off canoeing, the Scouts had been really busy baking a cake, buns and decorating for a surprise birthday party! Then some more space related games and they even created their own Cub and Beaver solar system. The evening was rounded up with campfire reflections before everyone headed off to bed.

Saturday arrived all too quickly and it was time to strike camp and head home! Awards and badges were handed out and we bid farewell to Cladagh Glen. It was a great week! A big thank you to Robin Ferguson from Fermanagh Scouts who made us so welcome and provided us with canoes to use during our stay. The



facilities at the newly opened centre are second to none and we hope to return in the not so distant future. We hope you all had as much fun as us Leaders!

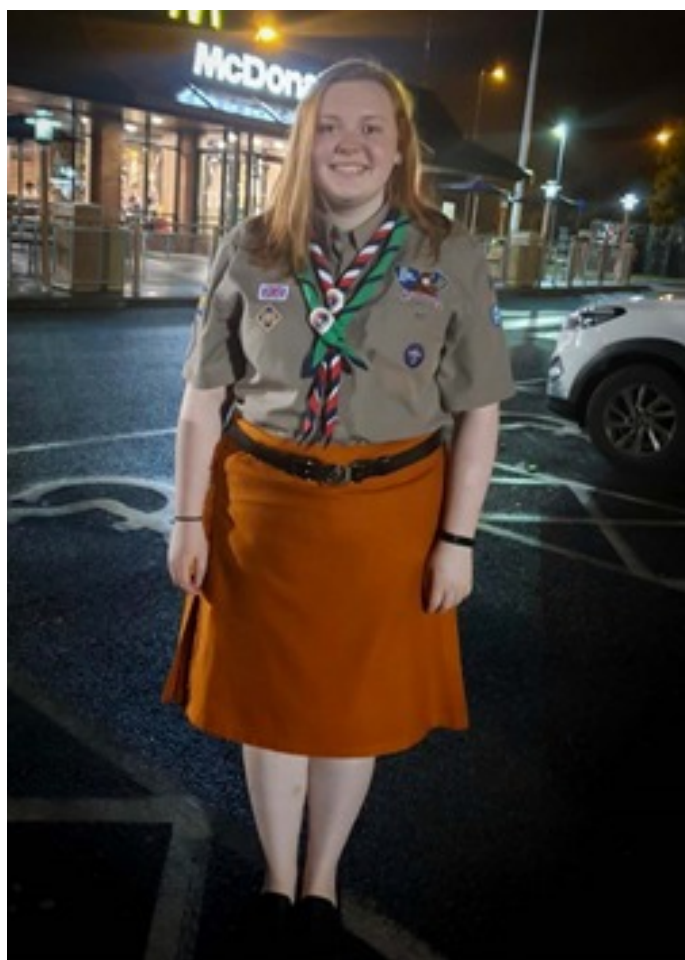
Dates for return of all sections are as follows:

- Beavers - Monday 16th September at 6.30 pm
- Cubs - Thursday 19th September at 6.45 pm
- Scouts - Friday 20th September at 7.45 pm



## ELLIE HUGHES AND THE WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

I'm home and what an amazing experience I had taking part in the 24th World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia. The trip started with 2 days sightseeing in New York before we headed on to our home for 12 days at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. The opening ceremony was breathtaking with 45,000 people from around the world taking part in the fun and festivities.



Besides the adventurous activities I enjoyed at the Summit, the theme of this Jamboree was 'Unlock a New World'. The diversity expressed through others around me and the sheer variety of cultural experiences allowed me to explore this theme fully. In return, this experience is something that I wish to share with both my Scout Group and others within the parish.

Before finishing up my trip in Canada, we stopped off in Washington and joined up with the entire 4,500 people in the UK Contingent to enjoy a Baseball Game. The final few days were spent at our Hosted Hospitality in Daveluyville, Quebec. This was a



welcomed touch of luxury after 12 nights in a tent!

I wish to thank everyone in the parish for their support in my fundraising efforts over the last 2 years. I also appreciated those who kept me in their thoughts and prayers whilst I was away. It was the trip of a lifetime and an amazing experience which I will remember for the rest of my life.



I am currently in the process of putting together a short presentation detailing my time away. I would love to hear from anyone who would be interested in seeing it. You can contact me via my email; [ellie@5thballymenascoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:ellie@5thballymenascoutgroup.org.uk).

## 5th Ballymena (St Columba's) Scout Group

### *Notice of Annual General Meeting*



**Venue: St Columba's Church, Doury Road, Ballymena**

**Date & Time: Wednesday 18th September 2019, 7:30pm**

This invitation is to anyone in the parish with an interest in what we do, or with any skills/resources that could be used to enhance the programme we offer to our young people or, importantly, anyone interested in joining the executive committee of our Scout Group.

**If you are thinking of attending, perhaps you could let us know by emailing [andy@5thballymenascoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:andy@5thballymenascoutgroup.org.uk)**

For more information please visit  
[www.5thballymenascoutgroup.org.uk/AGM](http://www.5thballymenascoutgroup.org.uk/AGM)  
**#SkillsForLife**



Bring your pet, cuddly toy animal or picture of pet  
All will receive a blessing



# Harvest Envelopes 2019

Dear Parishioners,

Our harvest envelopes are used to make donations to other charitable causes.

Your support in this over the years has been very welcomed.

We would encourage you to give generously again this October at harvest time.



Detailed below is a list of those charities that we made donations to last year. The Select Vestry would love to hear from you, the parishioner, on who you think we should make our donations to this year. Please either let the churchwardens know or email the treasurer at [rjcotter@sky.com](mailto:rjcotter@sky.com) before the end of October.

COI Queens University	£400	HOTS	£360
COI Orphans and Children's Society	£250	Radio Cracker	£100
COI Youth Department	£250	Ballymena House of Prayer	£360
Mission to Seafarers	£300	Samaritans	£100
SAMS	£450	Women's Aid	£100
Church Ministry of Healing	£450	George Sloan Centre	£250
Church Army	£500	Good Morning Ballymena	£350
Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus	£100	Bible Society	£300
Multiple Sclerosis Society	£100	RNLI	£100



# Antiques and Collectables Fair

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

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**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019**  
**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***



Our June and July 2019 figures are as follows:

### June 2019

Income: 19,612.39

Expenditure: £24,505.76

This leaves a deficit for the month of **£-4,908.37**

### July 2019

Income: £18,644.28

Expenditure: £17,668.25

This leaves a surplus of £976.03 for the month,

Our Year to Date figures are as follows:

Income: £169,193.76

Expenditure: £158,331.56

This leaves a surplus for the year to date of £10,862.20.

These figures are purely based on income and expenditure through the general CRG account.

Thank you to ...

May Hamill for the sum of £1020 which was raised through the sale of her book, Sunbeams in the Mist.

To the dedicated commitment of both the CRG and Property Fund count teams. Their faithful weekly service to the church, which often goes unnoticed, is very much appreciated by me and the Select Vestry.

***Treasurer:  
Richard J Cotter***



**Aged 4 or 5?**

**Boy or Girl?**

**Want Fun & Learning**



**Want to be part of  
Scouting?**

**Come and join  
our Squirrel  
Drey**

**@ St Columba's COI, Doury  
Road, Ballymena**

**Wednesdays 18:30-19:30**

The Northern Ireland Squirrel Association is a registered charity and is affiliated to the Northern Ireland Scout Association. All leaders are AccessNI checked and fully trained. The Squirrel Association is 26 years old.

For further information, visit our facebook page or email us on [stcolumbassquirrels@gmail.com](mailto:stcolumbassquirrels@gmail.com)





# The Good Book Club

Will return Friday 6th September at 7 pm in the Choir Vestry.

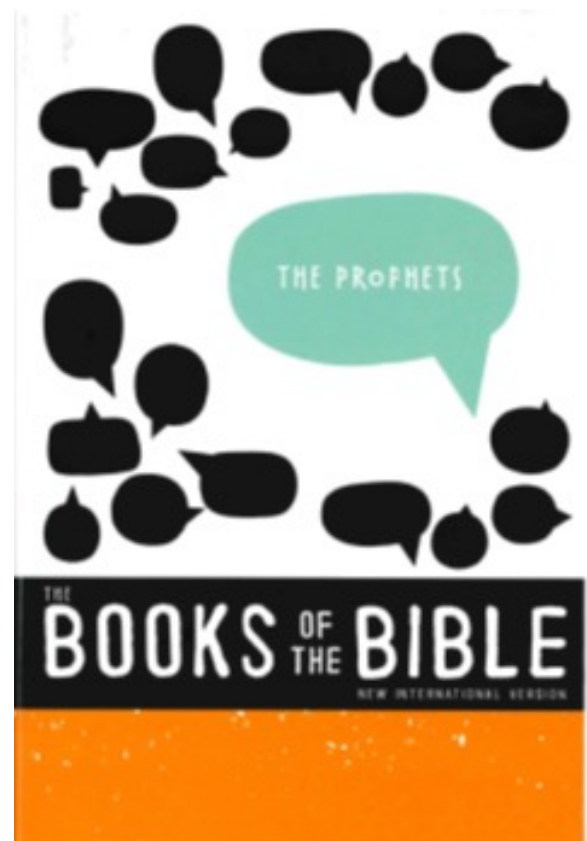
This season we return to the Bible to study The Prophets, with an introductory evening followed by 8 sessions.

*6th September 2019 -  
Introduction*

*Then fortnightly from  
27th September 2019  
for 6 sessions.*

*Christmas music night  
out 20th December 2019.*

*Then 10th January and  
24th January 2020  
final 2 sessions.*



Anyone who is interested is welcome to come along and join in any of our sessions. There's plenty of tea and fellowship and great conversation and discussion, along with some Bible study.

Should anyone wish to learn more please speak to Mr Richard Cotter or contact him by email on [rjcotter@sky.com](mailto:rjcotter@sky.com).

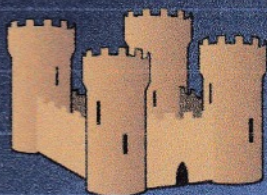
Books are not required for the introductory session, Richard will have a few books available to purchase that evening, (first come first served.)



**BRAID ARTS CENTRE**

**BALLYMENA**

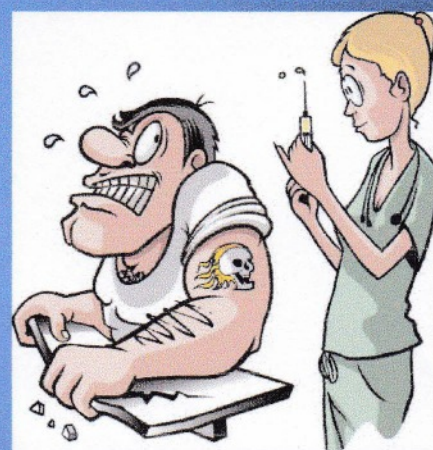
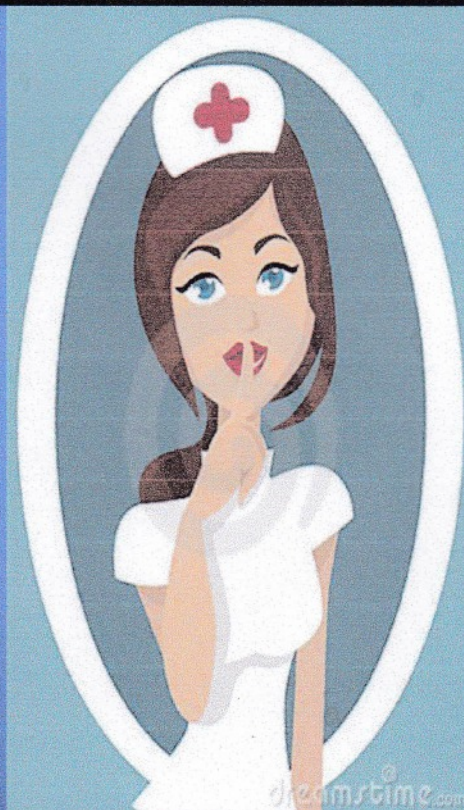
Box Office Open: Mon to Frid. 9am to 5pm (Jul & Aug) Tel: 02825635077



**Performances:**  
Friday, September 13  
Saturday, September 14  
7.30pm. Doors Open 7pm

# **THE CASTLE PLAYERS**

present



The Uproarious Farce

# **STOP IT NURSE**

Directed by **LEN HALL**

By **SAM CREE**



# A view from the pew



When a curate leaves the parish now it's all very sedate. There's tea, buns and sausage rolls with all the various clubs in the parish. Back in 1990 when the Rev. Eddie Coulter was leaving we did it somewhat differently. The big boys tossed him off the premises!



Jim's CRG Count Team are pictured out for breakfast prior to some of the members going off on their summer holidays.



## Summer Madness

*Summer Madness was a great experience yet again. I've gone to summer madness with our church for a few years now and it's been great fun. On the Friday we arrived in Glenarm and got settled into our tents. We then went to have a look around and get food from the food vans. We went to worship in the big top, it was amazing! There*



*was a UV rave and we went to it, it was brilliant! On the Saturday we woke up, had breakfast and went to morning worship. We then went back to the campsite and had lunch, after that the heavy rain started and the thunder and lightning followed so we went back into our tents. Some of us went canoeing in the sea and it was great fun! After the rain stopped we went to the evening worship,*

*it was great! On the Sunday we had breakfast and went to worship again. We came back for lunch. We were going to do the 'slip n slide' but unfortunately it was not on so we went down to Glenarm beach! After the beach we had dinner with our friends from Connor Diocese and then we headed home! Summer Madness was full of fun and it was a great experience!*

**Ellen Mitchell**



*We all had to meet up at Summer Madness campsite. When everyone had arrived we went into the main part of where the festival was. We all went into the big tent. The main stage worship had started and it was Lisa Kernoghan and the band. Just before they started singing they always ask us to come*



forward and get involved in the worship. So we went forward and had a massive blast and it was a feeling like none other. After the worship finished we went back to our seats and listened to Joshua Luke Smith preach. The main theme of his talk was that the young people are the future of the church. Then Lisa Kernoghan and the band took to the stage again. When the main stage finished we went out into the youth party and the DJ was Billy Fyffe. We then went back to the campsite for hot chocolate. After we finished our hot chocolate we played football for about an hour then we all just sat in our tents and talked through the night until about 3 am. We watched the sunrise and when the sun came up we were still not tired at all so we all got our blankets and sat and had a massive deep conversation about the faith and singers and everything and then the rest of the camp started to wake up.



The next day when everyone was up we had breakfast and all went in for morning worship. We then listened to Tray Sheppard, got food, played dodge ball and then walked about the camp for 1 hour. We then went back up to the campsite early. When everyone came back for lunch we had cheese baps and other food. After we finished eating we played football and tag with a Nerf arrow. After everyone was ready to go back into the main part we went in and went into salt factory sports tent and



played a few games and ate sweets. We also met friends and they were so nice so we talked for about half an hour. We then got something to eat and went back to worship. The topic that night was about when life gets hard Jesus never leaves us - he is always with us no matter what. During worship we were asked to come forward to the stage and think of people or a person in your life that went through a really tough time and bring them forward to pray about them. The worship was strong and powerful and made us all feel very emotional.

Later we went to the disco and came back and went to bed to get ready for the last day staying over at Summer Madness.

**Kurtis Mitchell**

We all had a great time at Summer Madness despite some random weather. The young people enjoyed going to seminars, worship, prayer, discos, sports and eating lots of food. We had great fun and fellowship together. Thanks to all the leaders who helped especially Andrea and Richard for all their support - it was really appreciated. Also thank you to all the parishioners who contributed to our fundraising and prayed for us.

During the summer our young people enjoyed a fitness night, a trip to the cinema to see 'The Lion King' and a meal in Milanos.



## Summer Scheme

We had a great week at Summer Scheme with 80 kids in attendance. Many of these were from the local community. What a great way to make connections. There was so much fun with animals, Zumba, sports, arts and crafts, baking, disco, archery, talent contest, face painting and tattoos. Thanks to all the leaders who helped throughout the week. We



really appreciate your time and dedication to the young people of our town.





## Sunday School Teachers

As Sunday School starts again we would like to thank Catherine McWhirter for all the years she gave as a Sunday School teacher and wish her all the best for her future. If anyone would like to help with Sunday School please contact Lucy, we are always looking for people to fill in on occasions. This year we will be using the new resource 'All Aboard' which has been produced by Ripple Children's Ministry Connor. Sunday School starts on **Sunday 1st September during the 11.30 am service and returns to the New Life Service at 10 am from Sunday 8th September.** We look forward to seeing everyone back after the summer break and would love to welcome any new children 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.

## Youth Club

Youth Club starts on **Saturday 7th 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.

## Messy Church Animals

Sunday **20th October** will focus on 'Animals and Pets' blessing. You are encouraged to bring a pet, cuddly toy animal or picture of your pet. All animals will receive a blessing. We will look at animals 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 Patrick's Hall at 10.00 am. Please come along and bring your friends.

We are thankful for all the youth and children's work that has gone on over the summer. We have reached out to so many young people in the community and hope we have shared friendships and made connections with these young people showing them the love of God. We are also so blessed to have so many great leaders and young leaders who gave up

their time during their summer holidays. Thank you so much for your support.

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 nursery, P1, 1st year and university/further education.

*Lucy*

# back 2 school 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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# FREE TO BE

Ballymena Wellington Presbyterian - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm

**FREE TO BE**

AN EVENT FOR CHRISTIAN WOMEN

**BALLYMENA**  
Wellington Presbyterian  
Tuesday 8 October  
7.30 pm

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*'it is for freedom that Christ set us free'*

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Care for the Family

What does freedom really look like? We try to maintain the momentum, but life keeps adding yet more challenges! With home and family pressures, workplace challenges, health and relationships - its difficult to know what's worth keeping up and what to let go. But as Christian women our identity lies in the season of our lives, not in our roles and responsibilities - but in Christ.

- What you will come away with?
- The confidence to be who you were designed to be.
- Tips on how to impact others right where you are.
- A deeper revelation of how loved you are.
- An understanding of the power of vulnerability.
- A fresh perspective of how God sees you.

This event is perfect for all woman at any stage of life if you would like a ticket please contact Lucy.

# Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug

## Start Dates

### Youth Club Saturday 7th 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 1st September (during 11.30 am service)

Then from 8th September during the New Life Service at 10 am  
Children leave the service after 15 minutes to go to Sunday School

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

Senior Sunday School is for P4 and above

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

## Organisations

### *St Patrick's*

CLB Friday 6th September

Martins 7 - 8 pm - 4 - 6 yrs; Y Team 7 - 8 pm - 7 - 10 yrs;

J Team 8 - 9.30 pm - 10 - 13 yrs; Seniors 8 - 9.30 pm - 13 - 18 yrs

GFS Tuesday 10th September 7.15 - 8.15 pm 4+ yrs

(Registration night for parents Tuesday 3rd)

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

### *St Columba's*

Squirrels Wednesday 25th September 6.30 - 7.30 pm - 4 - 6 yrs

Beavers Monday 16th September 6.30 - 7.30 pm - 6 - 8 yrs

Cubs Thursday 19th September 6.45 pm - 8.15 pm - 8 - 10 yrs

Scouts Friday 20th September 7.45 - 9.45 pm - 10+ yrs

Rainbows - Friday 13th September 6.15 - 7.30 pm - 4 - 7 yrs

Brownies - Tuesday 17th September 6.30 - 8 pm - 7 - 10 yrs

Guides Tuesday 17th September 6.30 - 8.30 pm - 10 - 14 yrs

Senior Section 8 - 9.30 pm - 14+ yrs

## St Patrick's Kilconriola and Ballyclug Youth Workers

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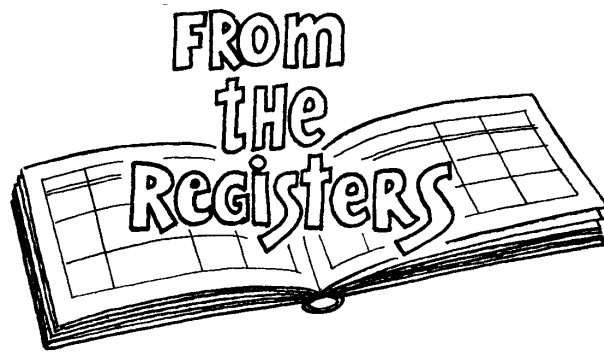
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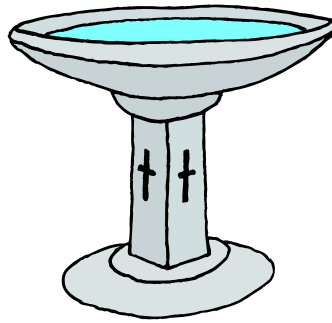
# The Beatitudes and social media

At the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends eight beautiful qualities. But what do the Beatitudes mean for social media and life online?

- > **Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven**  
*I will remember that my identity comes from being made and loved by God, not from my online profile.*
- > **Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted**  
*This world is full of grief and suffering. I will tread softly and post with gentleness and compassion.*
- > **Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth**  
*I will not boast or brag online, nor will I pull others down.*
- > **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled**  
*There are many wrongs to be righted. I will not be afraid to name them and look for justice in the world.*
- > **Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy**  
*I will not judge others but be generous online. I will be conscious of my own failings.*
- > **Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God**  
*I will be truthful and honest, and I will not pretend to be what I am not.*
- > **Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God**  
*I will seek to reconcile those of different views with imagination and good humour.*
- > **Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven**  
*I will not add to the store of hate in the world, but I will try to be courageous in standing up for what is right and true.*



## HOLY BAPTISM



25 <sup>th</sup> August	Harry Robert Patrick Fisher	5 Mill Race, Broughshane
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## HOLY MATRIMONY



29 <sup>th</sup> June	Gerard Sloan Lauren Davison	133 Rosses Lane, Ballymena 8 Sheepshill, Ballymena
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## CHRISTIAN BURIAL



8 <sup>th</sup> July	James Barr	6 Tullymore Park, Ballymena
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Noel Cuthbertson	73 Tully Road, Ballymena
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leslie Jackson	6 Ballyloughan Brow, Ballymena

10 <sup>th</sup> August	Ernie Clarke	Camphill Clinic, Ballymena
15 <sup>th</sup> August	Andrew Wills	2 Grove Heights, Ballymena
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Patricia (Pat) Moffitt	3 Academy Street, Ballymena
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	William McCroary	1 Belleville, Lettercreeve, Ballymena

### **James (Jim) Barr**

James was born on 4th November 1946 and was one nine children. He attended Harryville Primary School and Ballymena Intermediate School. After school he commenced work in Clingers and then worked in Gallahers, the Airport and St Patrick's Barracks. As a young man he was a keen football player. He was a school boy international and played for many Irish League teams. Football remained a very important part of his life and he loved talking about football and football players. He met and married Janet whom he had known from childhood and together they lived in Skye Park before moving to Tullymore Park. They had three children Kathy, Hugh and Frank. James enjoyed having his family around him and he also loved to have holidays with them. We would like to extend to his wife Janet, his daughter and sons, sister and brother and his grandson our sincere sympathy at this sad time.

### **Noel Cuthbertson**

Noel was born on 24th December 1936. He was part of a large family and life for him started in Shanmullagh, Trory, Co Fermanagh. After school he began work, which he loved, as he enjoyed being busy throughout his life. He met Maisie who was to become not just his wife but his partner in life in every sense. They moved from Enniskillen to Ipswich but he came back to work in British Enkalon in Antrim. He also worked in Delorean, MFI, McQuillans and later as a School Crossing Patrol operative. Home was established in Craigyhill before the family moved to Tully Road, Ballymena. They had two daughters, Paula and Debbie and he loved helping them in any way he could. He was always mending equipment, re-spraying cars, attending car boot sales and looking through bits and pieces in scrap



yards. Family holidays were also enjoyed by using tents and also his beloved camper van. Noel loved his family and it is to his wife, daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren, brothers and sisters that we extend our sincere sympathy at this time.

### **Robert Leslie Jackson**

Leslie was a very thoughtful and patient man. He was also a very organised person. He met and married Anne to whom he was devoted and they had two sons Andrew and Robin. He was a dedicated husband and father who took great delight in designing his own house and garden. Leslie adored his sons and his grandchildren. When he moved to Ballymena he made it his town by joining the Lions Club, Provost, Ballymena Bowls Club and the University of the Third Age. He was a great traveller and every trip that he made was organised with the utmost precision and care. Travels were made to North America, Central America, Australia, South Africa and Vietnam. Leslie will be sadly missed by his wife Anne, his sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and his friends and we extend our sincere sympathy to them at this sad time.

### **James Ernest (Ernie) Clarke**

Ernie was born on 6th May 1930. He was one of three children and life for him began in the Monaghan area. He was greatly saddened by the sudden and early death of his mother. Ernie began work in the footwear retail trade which took him from Kilkenny to Monaghan, Belfast and then to Ballymena and this became his home. Through work he met and married his beloved wife Maud. When Audrey, their daughter was born, she was very special to Ernie and Maud. Ernie loved pipe bands and also enjoyed being a member of the Probus group, the Orange and Black organisations, he loved country and western music, dancing and was a supporter of Manchester United. Ernie was a kind man who was always a great source of help throughout his life to his many friends and colleagues. When his daughter Audrey and her husband William had children Maud and Ernie were delighted. They were devoted to their grandchildren and great grandchildren and loved to be able to help them in any

way. At this sad time we extend our deepest sympathy to Ernie's daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren and his sister.

### **Andrew Wills**

Andrew was born on 31st July 1963 and was one of seven children. He attended Donaghcloney Primary School, Lurgan Junior High School and Banbridge Technical College. He qualified as a Quantity Surveyor and later became a member of the Chartered Institute of Building Surveyors. Andrew worked on various building projects in London and on many projects throughout the United Kingdom. As a young boy he was an enthusiastic cyclist and cycling became a very important part of his life. Andrew met Sharon at a dance and nine months later she became his wife. They were married six years when their first son Christopher was born and three years later their second son Stefan was born. Andrew was a member of various organisations but his family and cycling were his main interests. We would extend to his wife and sons, his sisters and brothers our sincere sympathy. Andrew's funeral service was conducted by the Revd John McClure.

### **Patricia (Pat) Moffitt**

Pat was one of four siblings born to the late Edward and Elizabeth Pepper on 22nd January 1936. She went to the Model School, Ballymena and then attended Ballymena Academy. From the Academy she progressed to Trinity College, Dublin. After graduating from Trinity, Pat began her career as a French and German teacher in Ballyclare High School. In 1973 she married Terence Moffitt and together they enjoyed many holidays in France. They both loved books and kept up to date with current affairs by reading at least five newspapers each day. She was a very enthusiastic knitter and a keen hockey player. She played for Mid Antrim Hockey Club and coached the pupils at Ballyclare High School. Pat also enjoyed amateur dramatics. When she retired she found time to organise her amazing stamp collection. Unfortunately her health deteriorated in recent years and Pat was always very grateful to her niece Alyson for all her visits. We extend to her sister and all of her family circle our sincere



sympathy at this time. The family were most grateful to the Revd John McClure who conducted the service.

### **William (Billy) McCrory**

Billy was born in 1947 and was the youngest of a large family. After primary school he attended the Boys Intermediate School. He was always a keen sports person and enjoyed playing football, darts and pool. He joined the UDR and also worked in the ACE scheme in Ballymena. He met and married Rosamund and together they shared 44 years of happy married life. Billy and Rosamund had one daughter, Amanda. Billy was very supportive of her and very fond of Nick her husband and he was totally devoted to his only grandchild Finn. Unfortunately in 1990 Billy was diagnosed with MS and had to give up work. Sadly his wife Rosamund died unexpectedly in 2015 and this was a great shock to Billy and all the family. Despite the restrictions of MS Billy never complained. He will be greatly missed by his family and it is to his daughter, son-in-law, grandson, sister and the wider family circle that we extend our sincere sympathy at this sad time. The Revd John McClure conducted the funeral service.





# OUR ACTIVITIES

## SAINT PATRICK'S

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

## SAINT COLUMBA'S

	Day	Time	Contact
<i>Beavers</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Mrs L McCullagh</i>
<i>Ladies' Circle</i>	<i>4th Monday</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Mrs L Hughes</i>
<i>Brownies</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Mrs K Black</i>
<i>Guides</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Mrs K Black</i>
<i>Senior Guides</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>8.00 pm</i>	<i>Mrs K Black</i>
<i>Squirrels</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>Mr P Houston</i>
<i>Cubs</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>6.45 pm</i>	<i>Mrs H Clarke</i>
<i>Rainbows</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>6.15 pm</i>	<i>Mrs H Strain</i>
<i>Scouts</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>7.45 pm</i>	<i>Mr K Hughes</i>





# 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 C Kernohan*

## HOLY BAPTISM

*At Sunday services by arrangement*