# 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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Who, or, what will you remember when we gather later this month in churches and at cenotaphs?

Who, or, what will you be remembering when you buy and wear your poppy?

As the years roll on from the two Great Wars and wars since, specific memories become harder but not, for some, impossible.

If as many great thinkers and philosophers tell us memory shapes individuals and society - then this is a very important season for us. As Christians, alongside the repeated too often great sacrifices of many in the time of war, we should be drawn to the greatest sacrifice of the first Good Friday. The one who commanded us to use our memories who was to become that Greatest Sacrifice, must play a part in the 'Who', or the 'What', of our remembering.

The world we live in would be a very different place if not for the sacrifice of many - for which we are thankful. The world may not even be a place if not for the greatest sacrifice of the one who can redeem us and bring us back to our true Heavenly Father.

I came across this powerful poem for Remembrance Sunday by Malcolm Guite which is powerful and direct.

November pierces with its bleak remembrance Of all the bitterness and waste of war. Our silence tries but fails to make a semblance Of that lost peace they thought worth fighting for. Our silence seethes instead with wraiths and whispers,



And all the restless rumour of new wars, The shells are singing as we sing our vespers, No moment is unscarred, there is no pause, In every instant bloodied innocence Falls to the weary earth, and whilst we stand Quiescence ends again in acquiescence, And Abel's blood still cries in every land One silence only might redeem that blood Only the silence of a dying God.



## **10th November**

Act of Remembrance at morning services in all three churches





Christmas Fair

<u>&</u>

Coffee Morning

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December St Patrick's Church Halls





(In aid of church funds)





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### ANTIQUES FAIR AND COFFEE MORNING

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone who helped, donated tray bakes and supported the Antiques Fair and Coffee Morning held on the 28th September. The sum of £870 was raised for church funds.

### BALLYCLUG CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone in the parish for all the help, support and donations to Ballyclug Christmas Tree Festival. We hope you will continue to support the 175th Birthday of Ballyclug. A copy of the Festival Programme is included in this magazine.

We would appreciate help with decorating the church on Tuesday **26th November at 10 am** in preparation for the Grand Opening on Thursday **28th November at 2 pm**.

Everyone welcome.

Jackie Greer

### BALLYMENA CHURCH MEMBERS FORUM - Arts Trail Care for Creation

Nine churches, some local community groups and schools will be involved in this project which will attempt to illuminate the crisis in our world today as climate change and pollution are threatening our very survival.

Workshops will be held in November and January when the groups involved will work together to create posters illustrating these issues. Some will be through paintings others through poetry or photography.

Assistance will be given by local artists supplied by the Braid Arts Centre.

Next spring some of the artworks will be displayed in the town's bus shelters where space has been reserved and all other work will be shown in an exhibition in the Braid. If you feel you would like to be involved in this exciting project please phone/text Barbara 077 1118 3180.

### ADVENT

During Advent we will be having our mid week evening service in Ballyclug. This will take place on the first 3 Wednesdays of December -4th, 11th and 18th at 7.30 pm.

Also during Advent, as in the past, the Ballymena Church Members Forum is hosting a series of Advent Reflections in 4 of the local churches. Each lasts about 30 minutes starting at 12.30 pm.

The details are:- 28th Nov. - All Saints' Church; 5th Dec. - West Church; 12th Dec. - St Patrick's Church and 19th Dec. - Ballymena Methodist Church.

### AN EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT

### Times of Refreshing -A winter devotional by Ruth Gregg

Ruth is a Director of a Bible College, a Theologian, a Christian Speaker with a special current interest in Revival Studies but much much more important she is the wife of my plumber/handyman who has done many wee jobs round the Rectory! This Daily Devotional takes us on a journey through the Book of Ruth and would make a perfect gift to enrich your quiet time. There is a small stock in the Church Office and they are priced at £9.99 - first come first served -I hope you enjoy and find inspiration for your walk with God through the winter months.

Mark

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY

Youth in Uniform Special Evening Service 6.30 pm St Patrick's

Calling all CLB/CGB, Scouts, Guides, GFS, Youth Club, 'The Way', Confirmation Class, Sunday School members and parents etc. etc.

If you belong to a Youth Organisation and they have a uniform, wear it and come along to this special annual Remembrance and Celebration Service. Bring your folks and grandparents too.

We remember quietly and prayerfully at our morning services on this special Sunday. We also gather with grateful hearts to thank God for our freedom at this evening service.

Look forward to seeing you there. Mark and Emma

# **Black Monday**

Monday 21st October was a big day for Northern Ireland! Did you celebrate or weep? For many it happened 'under the radar' and only in the days after are some waking up to the reality that the legal landscape in Northern Ireland will now change to permit same-sex marriages and the legal availability of abortion in more cases.

The Christian community has rightly condemned this legislation without proper debate or the consent of the



people. We recognise the changing values of the society around us but now fear for what medical professionals and Christian Ministers will be asked to participate in as a result of this coming legislation.

As a frequent visitor to many local primary schools I am aware of the regular and respectful withdrawal of some children from Assembles which are still for the most part conducted in a Christian context.

The days may not be too far away for Christian parents and children to respectfully withdraw from aspects of school life should they follow the expected course as a result of the legal changes coming our way.

Society might be changing its mind but the Bible stays the same and nearly all would unite in condemning laws made in this way - Northern Ireland deserves better. I would ask you in the words of Ulster's greatest modern exports, Keith and Kristyn Getty (hymn writers and composers) 'to pray for Leaders and Christians in Northern Ireland for compassion, innovation, courage and boldness in conviction. Please be aware and please pray.



# Confirmation Preparation

It is wonderful to have lots of young people coming along to Confirmation

Preparation on Monday nights in the Rectory. We have been using a fabulous resource from the Church of Ireland Youth Department called 'I Believe'. This resource is based round the Confirmation Service itself. Some of these sessions include topics like 'Who is God?', 'Why we need a Saviour' and 'Serving God/Serving others'. These evening sessions are about learning about faith, God and the Bible with a bit of fun and friendship. It's a great opportunity for our young people to get to know each other better and to learn with and from one another.



It is also wonderful to have some adults preparing for Confirmation - how exciting! I am looking forward to seeing our adults and young people stand and affirm their faith in Jesus Christ with their own mouths and from their own hearts. Confirmation is also a wonderful opportunity for us as a church community to stand alongside our adults and young people to support them in their faith journey. Attending a Confirmation Service can also be a great reminder and a renewal of our own professions of faith made at our own Confirmations. Please do plan to come along to the service in the New Year!

Emma

### All Confirmation Candidates - Please Note

Due to the Consecration of the new Bishop of Derry and Raphoe the Confirmation Service on 8th December is being postponed. A new date will follow in due course.

# CONNOR'S BIG FAMILY FIESTA

# With BOB HARTMAN

An exciting afternoon of drama, music & storytelling aimed at primary aged children and their families

## ~ SAT 16TH NOVEMBER 2019 ~ St Patrick's Church of Ireland, Ballymena

# ~AT 2PM-4PM ~

Cost £5 per child, £10 maximum charge per family. \*adults go free!

Our other special guests include; "PLAY IT BY EAR" drama group and the "INSPIRE" Worship Band <u>This event is funded by</u> Lisburn Cathedral Chapter C of I Orphans & Children's Society C of I Board of Education

# **Famous Prayers**

With materials smuggled into the family home in the case of a grandfather clock - the hiding place was built! As an expression of Christian love Casper Ten Boom began using the hiding place to shelter Jews in their Amsterdam House. They were discovered and the family arrested. The two girls Betsie and Corrie Ten Boom found themselves in Ravensbruck Concentration Camp. As they watched a guard beating a prisoner (sadly a routine experience), Corrie cried out, "Oh that poor woman." Referring to the prisoner - her sister cried out beside her, "Yes, may God forgive," referring





to the guard. Already a Christian this very short prayer would shape the rest of Corrie Ten Boom's life. Betsie died in the Concentration Camp but Corrie survived to return home to begin her reconciliation work for which alongside her faith and wartime adventures has rightly brought her global acclaim.

It would seem fitting to use some short quotations from Corrie Ten Boom in this edition of the magazine where Remembrance Day looms large.

"Prayer is the key for the day; the lock for the night."

"The blacker the night around us grew, the brighter and truer and more beautiful burns the word of God."

(My personal favourite)

"Do you know what hurts so very much? It's love. Love is the strongest force in the world, and when it is blocked that means pain. There are two things we can do when this happens. We can kill love so it stops hurting but then of course a bit of us dies too. Or, we can ask God to open up another route for that love to travel. Whenever we cannot love in the old human way, God can give us the perfect way." Amen.

And finally:-

"When the train goes through a dark tunnel you don't tear up your ticket and jump off. You trust the Driver!" Amen.

Mark





# **The Curate Writes**

### Who is my neighbour, Lord?

During one session of our Wednesday night Bible study we were considering what it might mean to 'minister with love and grace'. As part of this study we looked at Luke 10:24-37 - the Parable of the Good Samartian. I'm sure we all know this parable inside out but let me give a wee recap!



In this beautiful and challenging passage of the Bible, Jesus is asked by a man of the law - 'Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus answers by asking the man what it says in the Law. The lawyer answers, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." The lawyer asks Jesus another question, "Who is my neighbour Lord?" Jesus answers the question with His Parable of The Good Samaritan. A traveller is set upon by robbers who leave him naked, bruised, bloodied and half dead at the side of the road. Three men pass by him - a priest, a Levite and a Samaritan. Only one stops to help. The Samaritan is so moved with pity that he cares for the man's wounds; he puts him on his donkey and brings him to the nearest inn where he pays the innkeeper to continue caring for the injured man. So, when Jesus asks, "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" - the answer is the one who had mercy.

There are a few things that always stike me here in Luke 10. One thing is the challenge laid down by Jesus. The lawyer knows the Lord's instruction in Deuteronomy 6:4-7 - 'You shall love the Lord your God with

all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'. He also knows the instruction to, 'love your neighbour as yourself' from Leviticus 19:9-18. Yet, he seems to be missing something. He is challenged by Jesus, who says, "Do this, and you will live." The lawyer doesn't seem to understand that loving God with all his heart, soul, strength and mind should also compel him to love others. Jesus is telling him - go, do; love as you have been loved; love as you love the Father; love others; love your neighbour. The lawyer still doesn't seem to get it. He asks, "And who is my neighbour?" The story Jesus tells in reply shows that the man's neighbour is the person close to him who needs to be shown love and grace.

This question, "Who is my neighbour?" - is still relevant to us today. Our neighbour is not necessarily the person or the people who live next door to us. Many of us might not even have a 'next-door' neighbour. Our neighbour might be half a mile down the road! This is another thing that strikes me in the passage. Jesus is prompting us to consider our neighbour to be those who we happen upon. Our neighbour is the person we see who needs help, who needs to hear a kind word, who needs to be prayed for. Our neighbour is the person we work with, the person who sits down beside us on the bus, the person who we happen to speak to when we're out shopping. Jesus prompts us to ask who is it He wants us to show love and grace to today.



I encourage you to ask the Lord for opportunities to show His love and grace to someone this week. It might be popping in to say, "Hello," to someone we know is feeling lonely or a little low. It might be offering to help someone out with childcare for an afternoon or buying a cup of coffee for the person in our

workplace who is having a particularly bad day.

This passage inspires us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul strength and mind, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. Let's be people who live this out in a practical and loving way. Let's be people who seek to show love and grace to those around us today and every day.

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## Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug

# Ballyclug Parish Church

In Celebration of it's 175th Anniversary

Presents





Crees

"Christmas Carols"

### 28th Nov - 1st Dec 2019

Proceeds in aid of Church Funds

Festival Programme

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019

12.00 noon – 9.00pm Joint Opening Ceremony 2.00pm By Canon Ruddock and Deputy Mayor Beth Adger M.B.E.



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019 12.00 noon – 9.00pm



Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 12.00 noon to 6.00pm



For further information, or to make a booking, please contact Jackie Greer 07710618196 or william.greer0404@gmail.com

Early booking is advisable, Group bookings essential – coach parties welcome



### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019

Morning and Evening Carol Service At 10.00am and 6.30pm

All welcome



Light refreshments available throughout the day.





### **'Festive Tea'** Selection of Scones, served with Jam and Cream Traditional Fruit Loaf Traybakes Mince Pies Tea or Coffee



\*An additional Menu is available for pre-booked groups of 10 or more people\* Please contact Vera at 07515396369 for further details



Please see overleaf for points of interest

about the church

# LISBURN CATHEDRAL CHAPTER PRESENTS: SNAPSHOT SUNDAY

# with BOB HARTMAN

Informal training workshops which give us '**snapshot**' views of how to communicate creatively with children and young people. Led by experts in storytelling, worship and drama.

### ~ 17 NOVEMBER 2019 ~ St Patrick's Church of Ireland, Ballymena

3:00-5:30PM | Snapshot Sunday 6:30PM | All Age Service

Cost: £5

## TO BOOK...

Please book your places in advance to help us get an idea of numbers for seating and catering purposes. Book online via https:/connor.anglican.org/children-youth/or via the Engage Connor Youth Facebook page. Fill in the short form and submit. You will receive email confirmation of your booking. Or send an email to: christinabaillie@connordiocese.org and we will be in touch with more details.

Payment will be received on the day as you enter the venue. If you have booked, please do arrive at least 10 minutes early to ensure your seats are not re-allocated. Those who come along on the day without booking will be admitted on a first come first served basis. *Thank you*.

# Around the Parish

### **MOTHERS' UNION**

ing on 13th November at 8.00 pm in the Minor Hall is our curate,



Emma Carson. We look forward to Emma joining us. We also have a BRING AND BUY. You are very welcome to join us.

Patricia McWhirter



### CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

Everyone enjoyed the Bright Light Fancy Dress Hallowe'en Party. Plenty of fun and games. A great resource from the Scripture Union.

The CLCGB will be on parade at this year's Remembrance Day on 10th November and will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph.

The Enrolment Service for all boys and girls will take place in St Patrick's Church on Friday, 15th November at 7.00 pm.

Alan Ross, 2589 2740

### MOTHERS AND TODDLERS

The volunteers enjoyed the coffee morning last month at which Anna presented a statement of our accounts. Dorothy thanked the welcoming, catering and set up volunteers for their continued support and emphasised how important they are to the Mothers and Toddlers team.



We had a great party for Hallowe'en and the children enjoyed dipping apples into white chocolate. Dorothy carved a pumpkin and read the Pumpkin Carving Prayer which reminded everyone that God's light shines on everything we do.

In November we will be thinking about Remembrance Day with some craft activities.

Rota for November:-

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Jean Cunningham and Jean Ross	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay	Hall Set Up
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Mary Steele	Welcoming
	Ray Burbage/Noreen McKeown	Hall Set Up
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ann Fisher, Isabel Halliday, Eva McCarthy, Vera Greer and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Dorothy Hegan	Welcoming
	David Oliver and Rodney Gourley	Hall Set Up
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	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



We started the month by investing four new Beavers into the colony at our Investiture Ceremony. We are also delighted to welcome our new Assistant Leader Janette O'Boyle following her Investiture. There was lots of fun, excitement and mess as we worked through our Experiment badge! We made lava lamps, Oobleck and cola rockets! They finished up with a trip to Rosepark Farm near Ballymoney with the Northern Ireland Beavers.



Cubs also had a busy time. They welcomed eight new Cubs into the Pack and a new Assistant Leader Nic Dallatt. There was fun making kites, earning their emergency aid badges, taking part in the District Unihoc Competition and the County Colour Run in Glenavy.



Scouts have had a very energetic month. Besides working on story stones and looking

at diet and fitness they took part in the District Football competition at Muckamore, Mud Run at Parkanaur and Colour Run at Glenavy!



Don't forget to support us in our fundraising efforts! Whenever you purchase a bottle of Deep River Rock Water take a note of the code and enter it on the link below. The Scout Group will receive 10p for every code entered! <u>https://thirstforbetter.ie/5th-ballymena-scout-group</u>

Our four Eurojam participants took part in another training weekend and enjoyed getting to know the members of their unit better. We are still fundraising for their trip and the annual fundraising Chinese banquet is happening on Wednesday 13th November in the Go Sun Chinese Restaurant. Doors open at 19:45 with a ticket price of £20pp. Payments can be made in cash to either our scout leaders/our jamboree participants or via our group PayPal link found below (please add your name in the payment description).

### https://www.paypal.me/5thballymena cubs

We were delighted to be invited to the official opening of the Cladagh Glen Scout Centre where we held our summer camp. It was great to see the brick which we sponsored in place and to catch up with the team in Fermanagh.







We had a wonderful turn out of animals at Messy Church. It was great to see such a variety. We joined together to celebrate and asked God's blessing on each animal. Every animal received a pet blessing card and rosette for attending Messy Church. We sang songs, watched video clips, listened to poems and prayers and remembered our animals who had died. We enjoyed playing with animal cuddly toys, puzzles, colouring, play dough, sensory play, crafts and games - we also enjoyed food together. Thanks to Tori and her dog Vivvy from Guide Dogs for the Blind for coming to talk to us and to everyone who joined with us and helped in anyway to make it a great success.

### 'Zumba'

We had a great night at Zumba Glow. Thanks to all who supported the evening for the youth. Thanks to Lesley for keeping us moving and getting our glow on and to Andrea for the refreshments.



### **Connor's Big Family Fiesta**

An afternoon not to be missed. Come and join us for Bible storytelling by Bob Hartman, drama from Play it by Ear and live music by the children's praise band Inspire. The theme of the afternoon is about celebrating being part of God's kingdom, its for all primary school aged children and their families. Cost £5 per child, refreshments included, adults free. Please let Lucy know if you would like to book places.

### Snapshot Sunday

An afternoon of workshops for leaders to learn from the experts. The workshops will include sharing ideas, resources on how to communicate faith, how to teach the Bible to children and young people in an engaging and relevant way through storytelling, music, drama and sharing faith stories. Cost £5 each, refreshments included. Following the workshops there will be a praise service which will include the commissioning of all leaders who attended the training. Please book your attendance with Lucy.

Two great events happening in our own church - please try and attend as they will be very worthwhile.

On Saturday 12th October we had a 'Hello Yellow' night at Youth Club to support young minds as the 10th of October was world mental health day. We made yellow giraffes, talked about different feelings with the juniors and the seniors, watched a video clip and talked about how to always ask someone if they are ok, to tell them they are never alone and there's always someone to talk to.



The Youth Club and Sunday School collected food for Ballyloughan Food Bank to celebrate the harvest. Thanks to all who contributed.



Sunday School children have been busy learning through the new interactive resource 'All Aboard'. We will also be looking at the Catechism, especially the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed. Fusion are enjoying learning from their new resource 'I Believe' which covers a lot of Church of Ireland content and is helpful for those going forward for Confirmation.



On Sunday 24th November we will be having a Youth Service in the Minor Hall from 7 - 8.30 pm. We will be following the resource 'The Journey' and our guest speaker will be Christina Baillie. We hope that all secondary school age young people will join us. The evening will finish with food and fellowship.

Sixteen ladies from the Parish attended the 'Free to Be' event at Wellington Church on Tuesday 8th October. We looked at what freedom means and how to maintain the momentum as life keeps adding more challenges. We were reminded of the verse, 'It is for freedom that Christ has set us free'. It was a very informative evening with Cathy Madavan, Rebekah Legg and the Care for the Family Team.



The OCN level in youth work practise is well under way with 11 young people taking part. Rick from Youth Link is taking the course and so far the young people have covered Leadership in Youth Work, Identity/Qualities in Leadership and an Effective Leader.



# Anímals Messy Church - October 2019





# A view from the pew

# St Patríck's Church Lads' Brígade Centenary Servíce November 1997



Pictured following their Centenary Service in November 1997 is the Young Boys' Corp. Of the Church Lads' Brigade - they are all so young.

Back Row - Stephen Nevin; Richard Quigley; Jonathan Scott; Glen Ross, Simon Moore; David Gault; Christopher Perry; Mark Wilson; David Barr and Sam Gault

Middle Row - Shaun Pedlow; Andrew Gillespie; Ryan Gillespie; David McKay; Jason Mitchell; Neil McBride; Jordan Barr, Darren McGall; Stefan Gault and Jake Burnside

Seated - Alan Ross; Rector The Rev. Canon Stuart Lloyd and Rodney Quigley

Front Row - Stephen Quigley; Conor Ross; Andrew Clail; Matthew Nevin and Jonathan Nevin



HOLY MATRIMONY



11<sup>th</sup> October

Tim McCollum Catherine McWhirter

7 Boghill Road, Coleraine 3 Ballylummin Park, Ahoghill

CHRISTIAN BURIAL



23<sup>rd</sup> October

Wilhelmina Nicholl

39 Longcommon, Ballymena

### Wilhelmina (Billie) Thomas Adams Nicholl

Billie was born on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1935 and was the eldest child of Jack and Joy Millar and the sister of Noel. Billie and Noel had a very happy childhood and enjoyed family life together. Billy attended Ballymena Primary School and Ballymena Academy. After leaving school she worked as a Clerical Officer in the Braidwater Spinning Mill. She married Bertie and they had one son John to whom she was a devoted mother. Billie helped out in the family shop in Salisbury Square and later took over the running of the business. She was a very private person but she was also very positive and caring. Billie loved to be involved behind the scenes in the bowling world of her family. She gave strong support to her husband and to her son John who were both very keen bowlers. Billie loved to travel and went on many bus tours to Europe. She was especially fond of the Amalfi Coast in Italy. She had a strong Christian faith and was most supportof her Church family. ive Unfortunately her health de-



clined during the last few years of her life. We would like to convey to her son John, her brother Noel and sister-in-Law Margaret, her nephew Eric and niece Elaine and to all of her family circle our sincere sympathy at this sad time.

YOU SAY	GOD SAYS
I'm too tired	I will give you rest
No one loves me	I love you
It's not worth it	It will be worth it
I'm not able	l am able
I feel alone	I will not leave you

PUKE**FLIX**ā



# **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 H Weir
Ladies' Circle	4th Monday	8.00 pm	Mrs L Hughes
Brownies	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Mrs K Black
Guides	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Mrs K Black
Senior Guides	Tuesday	8.00 pm	Mrs K Black
Squirrels	Wednesday	6.30 pm	Mr P Houston
Cubs	Thursday	6.45 pm	Mrs H Clarke
Rainbows	Friday	6.15 pm	Mrs H Strain
Scouts	Friday	7.45 pm	Mr A Coates



**OUR WORSHIP** 

### ST PATRICK'S PARISH CHURCH

### SUNDAY SERVICES

8.15 am 10.00 am 11.30 am

6.30 pm

1st Sunday in the month

3rd Sunday in the month 4th Sunday in the month

**EVERY WEDNESDAY** 

10.30 am

Holy Communion

Holy Communion New Life Service

Morning Prayer

**Evening Prayer** 

Holy Communion

Living Faith Service

Parish 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