

# *Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug*



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*Diocese of Connor - Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug*

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## FAMOUS COUNTDOWNS

By the time you are reading this wee article the most famous countdown in history will already have begun! The period of Lent will have begun, the six week/40 day countdown to Easter. Sure, there have been other great countdowns in history - many childhoods have the famous theme tune from Thunderbirds etched into the memory. The countdown to the moon landing is another. Many will clearly remember the countdown to the new millennium when with relief a new year started and the earth didn't end - as many had been predicting! Many world records in sport are set - against the click. The list could go on.



For me the most famous and most wonderful countdown of them all is the one that begins on Ash Wednesday and reaches its climax on Easter Day.

Provoked by a number of conversations recently I feel compelled to share this spiritual challenge. How is it we find it so easy in life to talk about almost any subject, to almost any person, with the exception it would seem, of our God and our Jesus and our faith. I find this both commonplace and extraordinary - is there anything more important or interesting or urgent? If this famous countdown does anything it brings the Cross of Christ into view. Firstly at a distance, then we journey closer and closer as the celebrations and prayers of Holy Week and Easter approach. I wonder with this great countdown in mind whether we might try to pray every day and/or talk to someone everyday through Lent about our faith

and our Jesus and our hope. Members of our own families, good neighbours, work colleagues, friends - there are plenty of people and there is a lot to talk about! I wonder if this will be a life changing countdown to Easter for you, or, someone you might talk with.

Please take time to talk, please take time to share, please take time to use this Holy Countdown to refresh your soul and refocus on the Cross. Don't hang about - the countdown has already begun 40 - 39 - 38 - 37 .... Holy Lent and Happy Easter everyone.



1 Peter 3:15 - 'Always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have and do this with gentleness and respect'.

*R.M.N.C.*

## Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade Grand Spring



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020



# Parish News

## MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION

Yes, its that time of year again when we encourage all who receive the magazine to make their annual subscription. You should find a subscription envelope in this month's magazine and this should, when filled, be returned to church.

We are keeping the subscription rate at the same level and thus would like people to give at least £8. We do appreciate all who do return their envelopes - unfortunately many manage to avoid payment! Please try to do your best.

## HORRIBLE NEWS

Please pray for the Ministry Team at All Saints following the attack on a staff member recently at the Parochial House on the Broughshane Road. If you know a member of that congregation or can find another practical way of showing care and support please do so.

Although difficult, please pray also for the person who carried out this assault, that they are brought to justice and receive the help they need.

**Journey**  
Youth Resource

*Experience*

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
7.00-8.00pm  
Speaker Rick Scott



Tuesday 17th March 2020  
at 7.30 pm  
St Patrick's Parish Hall

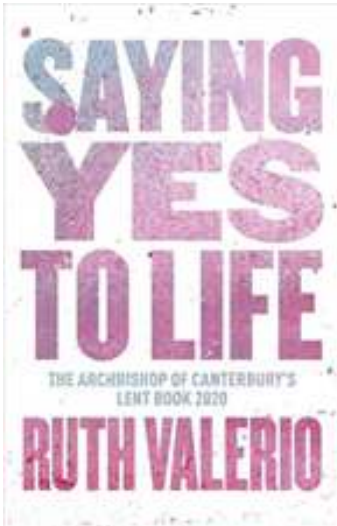
£3.00 per person - max 6 per team

Refreshments will be served

Do come along and join in the fun!

All proceeds in aid of Parish Funds.

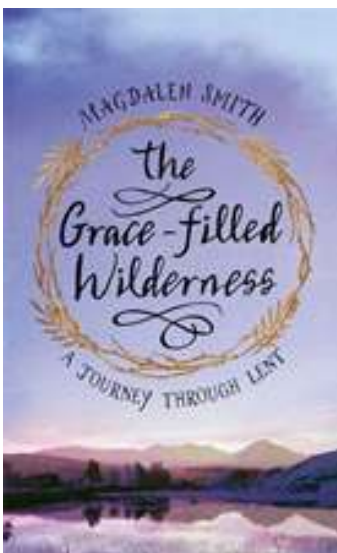
# Lent Reading Recommendations



**Saying Yes to Life by Ruth Valerio (The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2020)**

“Saying Yes to Life lifts our focus from natural, everyday concerns to issues that are having an impact on millions of lives around the world. As people made in the image of God, we are entrusted to look after what he has created: to share in God’s joy and ingenuity in making a difference for good. Ruth Valerio imaginatively draws on the Days of Creation (Genesis 1) as she relates themes of light, water, land, the seasons, other creatures, humankind, Sabbath rest and resurrection hope to matters of environmental, ethical and social concern.

Foundational to Saying Yes to Life is what it means to be human and, in particular, to be a follower of Jesus. Voices from around the world are heard throughout, and each chapter ends with discussion questions and a prayer to aid action and contemplation.” [Source - SPCK website]



**The Grace-filled Wilderness: A Journey Through Lent by Magdalen Smith**

“The Grace-filled Wilderness connects contemporary encounters of wilderness with the traditional themes of Lent and Jesus’ journey to the cross. Magdalen Smith invites us to consider a series of subjects that are double-edged - they can bring us life or, if we handle them in the wrong way, drain life from us.

Our appetites, our identity, our work, our sense of freedom and our struggles with anxiety and pain are explored in connection with what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Six full weeks of readings help us to move gradually from wilderness to grace, until, finally, we encounter the miracle, hope and joy of Easter.”  
 [Source - SPCK website]



### Fuel: Get to Know More About God from CIYD

Fuel is the Church of Ireland Youth Department’s Lent resource to help young people engage with the Bible - to understand what they are reading, and to think about what the Bible is saying and teaching. Space is also provided for writing down notes, prayers and thoughts. The booklet includes a reading plan for John’s Gospel and a 50-page journal. Fuel is free and you can get a copy from the church.

*Emma*

 <p><b>0808 808 8000</b></p> <p>24/7 phone support for those in crisis</p>	 <p>Freephone 116 123</p> <p>24/7 listening ear to those in distress</p>
 <p><b>028 9074 4447</b> (in North and West Belfast)  <b>028 9079 6220</b> (in South and East Belfast)</p> <p>The GP Out of Hours service provides care for urgent problems when your own GP is closed.</p>	 <p>028 9080 5850          Freephone 0800 088 6042</p> <p>Offers a 'no appointment' service for anyone in crisis</p>
 <p>028 9075 5070</p> <p>Provides accessible support services to people who are directly affected by suicide and self-harm</p>	 <p>McSweeney Clinic          028 9543 8707 or          Ashton Clinic          028 9022 1022.</p> <p>Offers a range of services to support people experiencing stress, trauma or anxiety.</p>
 <p>CHANGING LIVES EVERY DAY</p> <p>0845 2590520</p> <p>Extern Crisis Response Team          Offering One to One Support</p>	 <p>028 9039 1630</p> <p>Offers a counselling service</p>



# Famous Prayers

The now famous Taizé Community was quietly founded amidst the devastation of World War II. From very small and humble beginnings it now hosts retreats and conferences for adults and young people from all over the world. It is also famous now for providing worship and prayer resources which are in constant use by many denominations and faith groups. Prayer and silence are at the heart of Taizé, all are encouraged to live out the Gospel in a spirit of joy, simplicity and reconciliation.

Here are two short Taizé prayers:



## Simplicity and Joy

O Lord Christ, help us to maintain ourselves in simplicity and in joy, the joy of the merciful, the joy of brotherly love. Grant that, renouncing henceforth all thought of looking back, and joyful with infinite gratitude, we may never fear to precede the dawn, to praise and bless and sing to Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## For Reconciliation

O God the Father of all, you ask every one of us to spread love where the poor are humiliated, joy where the Church is brought low and reconciliation when people are divided, father against son, mother against daughter, husband against wife, believers against those who cannot believe.

Christians against their unloved Fellow Christians. You open the way for us, so that the wounded body of Jesus Christ, your Church, may be the leaven of communion for the poor of the earth and the whole human family. **Amen.**





# The Curate Writes

## Take up your Cross and Follow Me

As we enter into Lent and look towards Easter, I'm drawn towards the Gospel accounts of Jesus and the disciples as Jesus began to explain to them His coming death and resurrection. In Matthew 16:24-26 Jesus tells the disciples that He is going to Jerusalem where he would be killed and then raised again after three days. The disciples are understandably upset and Peter goes as far as to take Jesus aside and rebuke Him for even suggesting that such horrible events could happen. His disciples are confused and uncertain. What does Jesus do? He says this to them:



*“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?”*

Jesus gives them a model of discipleship; He tells them how they can continue to follow Him; He tells them how they are to carry on in His absence. His model for discipleship for the disciples is to take up their cross and follow. In the words of Jesus, to take up your cross is to follow - to do as Jesus did. To live and walk as He did in our everyday lives.

There's a hymn I love called, 'Will You Come and Follow Me,' that I believe speaks into this question. It always reminds me of this passage (Matthew 16:24-26):

*1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown?  
Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

*2. Will you leave your self behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?*

*3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
And do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me.*

*4. Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
To reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me.*

*5. Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name  
let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
Where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

So, what does it mean to take up your cross and follow Jesus in your everyday life? This lovely hymn helps us frame some of this daily following by asking us questions that Jesus Himself might ask of us. These many questions challenge us as we seek to follow Jesus. Here are a few to consider:

***Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?*** This question challenges us as to whether we are willing to go wherever Jesus would send us. Are we willing to go where He calls - to the place or people we don't particularly enjoy (like Jonah) or to step into something that might make us slightly nervous but will ultimately be fulfilling and

God-given. And are we willing to allow our walk with Jesus to change us and shape us into a more Christ-like person?

***Will you let my love be shown?*** This question prompts us to consider whether our lives reflect the love of God for the world and for His people. Are our words and actions loving and kind like those of Jesus Himself? Do we go out of our way to care for people and love them as Jesus would?

***Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*** What does this mean? I think this asks us to consider *why* we do certain things for others. What are our true motives? Are we caring for others, giving, helping out because we want to be recognized and acknowledged or do we do it because it is what God asks of us? Would we be doing all the same things if no one else knew we were doing them?

***Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?*** This challenges us to consider whether we, as people of faith, have a positive impact in the circumstances and place we find ourselves. Are we a Godly presence in our workplaces, families, school and communities? Will we allow Christ to be in our looking, speaking and in our actions?

***In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show; thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*** Finally we have this assurance that Jesus Christ will go with us wherever we go. He will move and grow with us on our life journey and mature our Christian faith.

These are things to reflect upon during this period of Lent. I challenge you to consider what it means for you to take up your cross and follow Jesus.



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# Welcome Bishop George

I am delighted to announce that the Diocese of Connor has a new Bishop. The Venerable George Davison, Archdeacon of Belfast and currently rector of St Nicholas Parish, Carrickfergus, was recently appointed to this new role and challenge.

George is married to Nadine and has two children Erin and James. George was ordained in 1992, served as a curate in St Mark's, Portadown. He then served as rector of Kinawley in Kilmore Diocese before his appointment as rector in Carrickfergus.

Please pray for both George and his family, the good folk of Carrickfergus as they seek a new rector and the Diocese of Connor as we support and encourage Bishop George in his new role as chief teacher and shepherd in our midst.

*Mark*



# Worship, Bible teaching and ministry for women



## Worship, Bible Teaching and Ministry for Women

This is a wonderful conference which gives women from around Northern Ireland the opportunity to experience teaching, worship and fellowship together.

The teaching will be led by two excellent speakers. Becky Harcourt leads a church outside Lon-

don with her husband Paul and has a particular interest in prayer ministry and inner healing. Susan Heaney is part of the leadership team in Redcross Church, Co. Wicklow. Her passion is to equip and to release others in the gifts of the Holy Spirit and to encourage them to live it out practically.

I have been attending this conference for many years and love it. It's a busy but easy going conference with great coffee and snacks! It's always a 'great day out'. If you would be interested in hearing more, chat to me.

If you are interested in going, go online and book yourself a ticket! You can choose to attend either the morning or afternoon conference - 9:00 am - 12:30 pm or 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm (it is the same conference in the morning and afternoon). This event books up very quickly so consider booking soon (Tickets: £12).

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# Around the Parish



## MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP

Numbers continue to grow on Tuesday mornings and it's lovely to welcome new children and their carers. February was a busy month; there was lots of colouring and sticking when making Valentine cards for mums, dads, grannies and grandas and everyone enjoyed decorating and eating their pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. This month looks to be just as busy as we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day and Sure Start will be with us to help with Mother's Day craft.

**PLEASE NOTE - THERE WILL BE NO MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP ON 7th AND 14th APRIL.**

Rota for March: -

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Jean Cunningham and Jean Ross	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay	Hall Set Up
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Evonne Stinson, Eleanor Burnett, Vera Owens and Marlene Gray	Tea
	Ann Fisher	Welcoming
	Ray Burbage and Noreen McKeown	Hall Set Up
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Isabel Halliday, Eva McCarthy, Vera Greer and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Ann Fisher	Welcoming
	David Oliver and Rodney Gourley	Hall Set Up



DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair, Vivien Gilmour and Kathleen Thompson	Tea
	Liz Bodel	Welcoming
	Davy Nelson	Hall Set Up
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Rosemary Stacey, Sandra McKay, Jean Cunningham and Jean Ross	Tea
	Bee Robinson	Welcoming
	Alex McKay	Hall Set Up

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

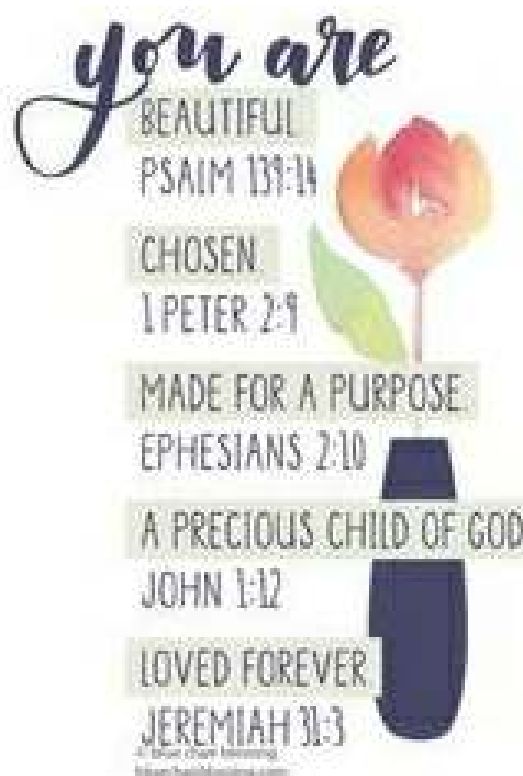
## CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

A big thank you to everyone who helped and donated items to our Jumble Sale. The support from the Parish is really appreciated.



- Friday 3rd April - Annual Parents and Friends Evening.
- Saturday 4th April - 5-a-side football, Lisburn.
- Saturday 25th April - trip to Portrush.

*Alan Ross, 077 5991 6755*



# Christian Aid Week

May 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>



As we look towards **Christian Aid Week 2020** there are several areas of the UK that have been devastated by floods - some of them not for the first time in the last decade. It may seem ironic in these circumstances that **Christian Aid** is seeking to help

people who are desperately short of water. However, as climate change hits the human population globally, that is precisely what is happening.

In some parts of Africa increasing areas of drought over prolonged lengths of time are causing extreme hardship. As **Christian Aid** says, 'The drought is starving people of food, water and the chance to earn a living'.

With its faith partners, **Christian Aid** has already helped some communities to build earth dams to capture rain water; these have allowed the growing, and even selling, of crops - a far cry from other areas where it may mean a gruelling six-hour trek to collect water.

In the special week in May **Christian Aid** will be concentrating on collecting money to help more communities to help themselves by giving them the training and materials to build more earth dams and to plant crops suitable for drought areas.

**Christian Aid** is seeking to **Assist Individuals to Develop** and help themselves. We would encourage everyone to join in our parish's activities in **Christian Aid Week**. In particular it would be good to find a few more volunteers to join us in the door-to-door collection. We are asking for a couple of hours of your time this year - so that people like 67-year-old Rose don't have to make a six hour trek every day of every year to collect water!

*Mary Campbell*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020



Praying with Zimbabwe

**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**



BALLYMENA AREA

SERVICE

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

8.15. P.M.

A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE

**Rise!** Take Your  
Mat and Walk

[www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)

Registered Charity Number 233242

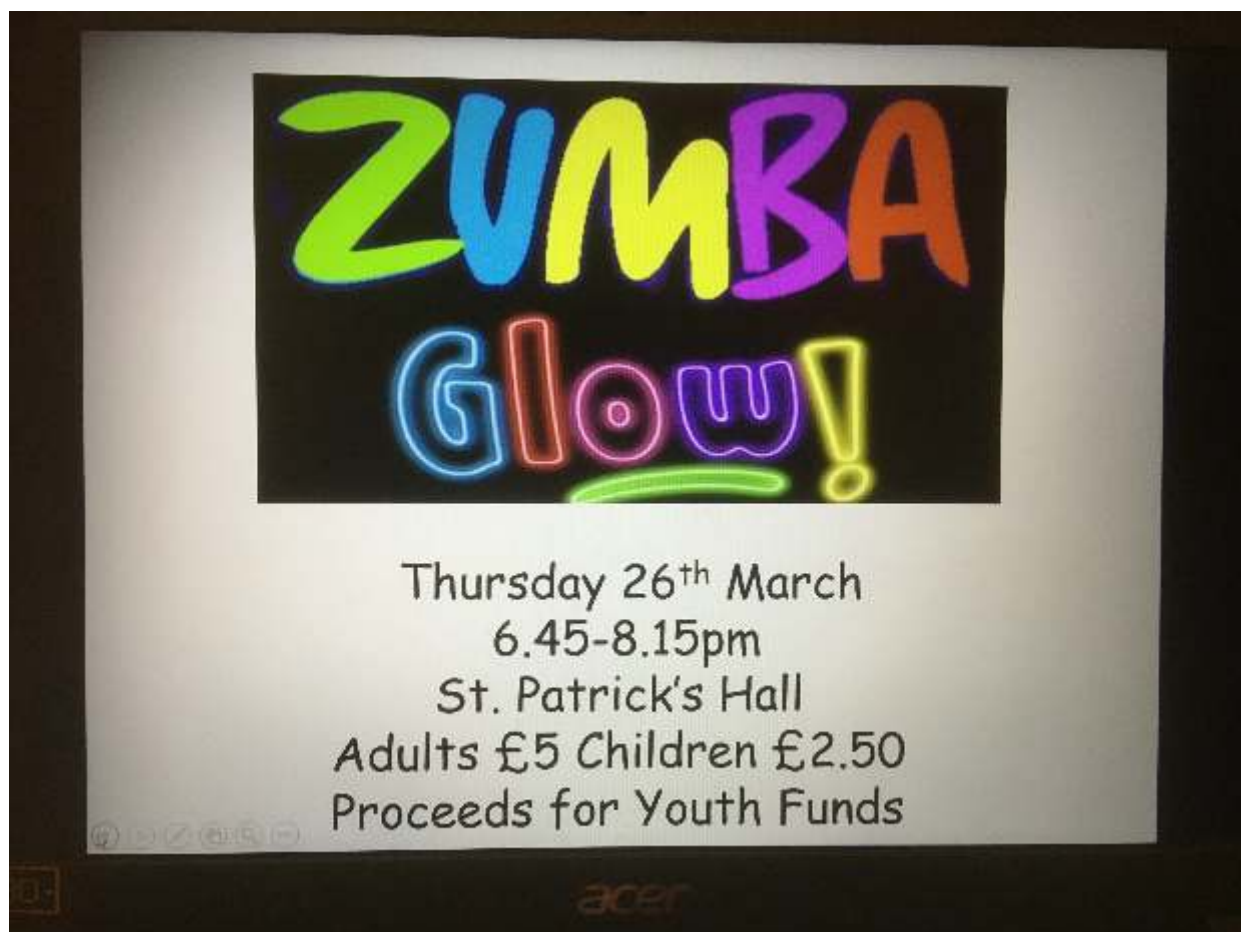
# YOUTH STUFF!

**Messy Church Love** - We had a great morning at Messy Church with over 110 in attendance. We celebrated Valentine's weekend and God's love for us through song, video, word, craft and food. The Sunday School children have been learning the Ten Commandments and we looked at how the greatest of these is 'Love God' and 'Love one another'. We looked at the Bible verse from John 3:16 and learned that God is the best Valentine ever and how it is important to share God's love with others. Our retiring collection was for Chest Heart and Stroke NI.





We took part in the day of prayer for young people on Sunday 23rd February. It marked the sixth day of prayer across the Church of Ireland. Each church received prayer leaflets which have pictures of all the Youth Ministry that happens during the year and prayers for the young people. The congregation at the end of the service we were encouraged to take a sweet and while sucking it to pray for the young people. We are so blessed in our parish with so much Youth and Children's Work. We give thanks for the work of Lucy and Alan our Youth and Children's workers and to all our leaders who work tirelessly throughout the year.



# A view from the pew



Several years ago I was given the loan of this photograph to copy and use sometime in the magazine. I thought it would be very appropriate for this month. The source of the photograph is unknown as it was in an old album. It is of a pageant which was held in the Town Hall as part of the centenary celebrations. It would be very helpful if we could name all those in this photograph. If one of your relatives is in it, why not write your name on a piece of paper along with your telephone number and give it to the Churchwardens and we'll get in touch with you.



The Lord opened  
the understanding of  
my unbelieving heart,  
so that I should  
recall my sins.

Saint Patrick



## CHRISTIAN BURIAL



5th December	Mary Willoughby	19 Shona Green, Ballymena
17th December	Mildred Hill	67 Carniny Road, Ballymena
31st January	Thomas Douglas	Flat 1b Lawrence Street, Belfast
2nd February	Francis Gordon	22 Richmond Park, Ballymena
6th February	John McDowell	Wilson Crescent, Ballymena
7th February	Julieanne McVeigh	20 Waveney Avenue, Ballymena
10th February	Nora Marks	2 Princes Street, Ballymena
14th February	Carolyn Barton	10 Waveney Fold, Ballymena
19th February	Sadie Poston	204 Cullybackey Road, Ballymena

### Mary Willoughby

Mary came from Ballycastle and was very fond of the area around the North Coast. She worked in the local Post Office and it was here that she

met her future husband Eric whom she married in 1958. Eric was a member of the RAF and she had lots of keepsakes from across the world as well as paintings of the North Coast in her home. Mary and Eric had three children Sandra, Audrey and Colin. Her family brought her great joy and they would travel together to different parts of the world. Her grandchildren's achievements were special to her and their graduation photographs dominated a wall of her living room. Mary was a very gracious person and we extend to her daughters Sandra and Audrey and her son Colin, her grandchildren and friends our sincere sympathy.

### **Mildred (Millie) Hill**

Mildred Hill was born in 1938, at home in Upper Prince's Street Ballymena to James and Florence Murray. One of ten children, Millie grew up surrounded by a warm and welcoming family. Millie spent six years nursing in Forster Green, Massereene and Whiteabbey. She later taught drama to children and adults with special needs and worked with patients in Holywell Hospital. She also studied and earned a bachelor's degree in the early 90's despite suffering from Crohn's Disease. Millie was an incredibly creative and artistic lady. She was a skilled artist and her beautiful floral paintings and landscapes hang in public buildings in Belfast and in homes around the world. She loved music, writing and illustrating children's books and especially enjoyed DIY. Millie achieved many things during her life. One especially important achievement was the playgroup she set up with her friend Avril in Mossley during 'The Troubles'. Millie married her husband Bonar on Easter Monday in 1962 in St Patrick's Church. She left nursing, ending her career as a staff nurse, to raise her family, with Richard coming along in 1965 and Giles in 1969. Millie was also a loving mother-in-law to Joanna and grandmother to Darcy, Georgia, Tamarin, Olivia and Max. She was devoted to her family and friends. Millie will be sadly missed by her family and friends from all walks of life.

### **Thomas (Tommy) Douglas**

Thomas was born on 22nd December 1953. Thomas and his wife Margaret had two sons, Paul and Aaron and we extend to his family and his extended family circle our sincere sympathy.



## **Francis Hubert Gordon**

Hubert was one of four children born on 9th August 1938 to Annie and Jimmy Gordon. He lived with his two brothers and sister in Castle Street, Ballymena. Hubert began his working life in Kerr's Bakery before moving to work in Michelin. He later worked in his son's business as a painter and decorator. In 1963 he met his future wife Patricia at a dance in the Flamingo Ballroom. After marriage, Hubert and Patricia set up home in Richmond Park and together they had six children, Ann-Marie, Alastair, Stephen, Angela, James and Janette. Hubert was a true family man and he enjoyed having his family around him. He particularly loved to see all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Hubert enjoyed sport and was a huge fan of Liverpool Football Club. He had a great sense of humour and enjoyed joking with friends and family. Hubert will be missed by his wife Patricia and all of his family and friends. It is to them that we extend our sincere sympathy at this time.

## **John (Jackie) McDowell**

Jackie was one of a large family born to Margaret and William McDowell on 22nd February 1947. He enjoyed his school days in Harryville Primary and Ballymena Boys' Secondary School. After leaving school he worked in the Braidwater Spinning Mill and then in Cameron's Warehouse. He was a keen supporter of Rangers Football Club and he loved sport especially football and darts. Unfortunately in later life he had some major health issues. He loved being at the centre of family life and is survived by his brothers Tommy and Trevor and his sister Etta. He was also a very kind and generous neighbour. We would extend to all of the family circle our sincere sympathy.

## **Julieanne McVeigh**

Julieanne was born in Ballymena's Cottage Hospital on 13th December 1975. She lived in England for some time but returned to Ballymena many years ago. Ballymena was home for Julieanne - a place she knew well and where she was well-known and well-loved. Julieanne was a chatter-box - she would chat away to anyone and everyone, whether they wanted her to or not! She had many friends in Ballymena Gateway Club and at

her work in the Braid Valley Hospital. Julieanne was close to her family - to her grandfather, her brother David and the rest of the family. Julieanne took her own health issues in her stride. She had a full and happy life. She loved gardening, going to the boat club, the two dogs she shared with her grandad (Katie and Jinne), TV and films especially Harry Potter. It is to her family and friends we extend our sincere sympathy.

### **Nora Marks**

Nora was born on 9th October 1945. She lived in Clarence Street, Ballymena with her mother and her sister Moira. After attending Guy's Primary School and the Intermediate School Nora worked in Gallaher's Factory. She met Frank who was to become her husband of 57 years in the local Snack Bar in Mill Street and together they set up their family home in Princes Street. Nora and Frank had two children, Sharon and Martin. She was a very caring and loving mother. Nora stopped working to look after her family and her mother whose health had started to deteriorate. In later life when her family had grown up she went back to work for Stevenson and Wilson. Nora loved knitting and music. Unfortunately her own health started to decline and when she lost her husband Frankie this brought changes to her life. Nora was part of a close family and it is to her daughter Sharon, her son Martin and her sister Moira, and all of her family circle, friends and neighbours that we extend our sincere sympathy at this time.

### **Carolyn Barton**

Carolyn was one of a family of two girls and three boys born to Muriel and Eric Barton. The family lived on the Antrim Road, Belfast, where they had a wonderful childhood and an excellent education. Later, however, they moved to Ballymena and set up home in Drumtara. After attending University Carolyn worked as a medical secretary in both the Waveney and Braid Valley Hospitals. She was a very quiet person and a regular attendee at Ballyclug Church where she will be sadly missed by our congregation. Unfortunately over the years she had some mental health issues but was most fortunate to have her family, friends and neighbours to care for her. Carolyn was particularly fond of Portrush and enjoyed her visits to this area. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends and it is to them that we extend our sympathy at this time.





# 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 H Weir</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 A Coates</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*