

Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug



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Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 9.30 am - 13.30 pm

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What Does a Parish Reader do?

Assists in the leading of public worship in a local Parish context.

Over the years we have (and when more normal times return) will continue to be blessed by a small team of Parish Readers and we would like to add to this team.

If you would like to know more and if you sense a call to serve the Lord in this way please contact Mark or Emma, we would love to speak with you.

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We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Frank Hewitt. Many will remember Frank in the choir and from playing the organ, and as a worshipping member of our Church family.

We will miss his incredible enthusiasm for all things musical, especially the organ and his large yet gentle presence in our midst.

Our sympathies and prayers to his family and indeed to all bereaved in recent weeks, may God steady you and bring you healing.



Brave the Shave Reminder!

Please get involved. Pledges can be made to the Church Office, if getting to church is difficult. Remember the deal is to raise £5,000.00, to go towards the Building Project at St Patrick's, and off comes all of the hair and the beard! So please join in - if we only get to half way then half of the hair goes off (but which half) - we will wait and see. A bit of fun with a bit of fundraising! So be generous and be involved!

Thank You



Mothers Union have been meeting since September, second Wednesday of each month in the afternoon @ 2.30 pm. Between 12 and 20 members enjoyed getting together for tea and catch up. Rev Emma opened with short act of worship. We thank her so much for being with us.

December meeting will join Advent Service at Ballyclug 8th December 7.30 pm.

Membership Subscription of £30 due for 2022 to Mary Galbraith by Mid-January please.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas.



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to Jackie & Vera Greer. Jackie works tirelessly for Ballyclug and this milestone needs to be acknowledged.

You know what they say 'behind every good man is a great wife' and this is certainly true about Vera.





Youth Club will meet Saturday 4th and 11th December. Christmas party will be the 11th

Hope everyone has a good Christmas and a happy new year Youth club will start back on Saturday 8th January 2022



Dates for your diary
St Patrick's Youth Club 2022

- Saturday 8 January
- Saturday 22 January
- Saturday 5 February
- Saturday 19 February
- Saturday 5 March
- Saturday 19 March
- Saturday 2 April
- Saturday 9 April

Martin's will meet Friday 10th December
Y and J Team will meet Friday 3rd and 17th December and Y and J Team will start again on Friday
7th January 2022
Happy Christmas to all the boys, girls and leaders at CL&CGB



Members of the Church Lads and Church Girls Brigade who attended the Remembrance Day parade to the Memorial Park.



Remember Children's Church takes place every Sunday at 11.30am in St. Patrick's minor hall except the last Sunday of the month which is the New Life Service



How we can help to play our part in climate change



A red poster for 'Christmas Cuddles 2021'. At the top, three puppies are peeking over a green-bordered box containing the text 'Christmas Cuddles 2021' and 'Bring your dog to meet Santa!'. The poster includes a blue Celtic cross in the top left and a green fleur-de-lis in the top right. The text on the poster reads: 'Fundraising for St Patrick's Church Renovations & 5th Ballymena Scout Group', 'Receive a present and take your own pictures of your doggie with Santa', 'Saturday 18th December 2021, 10am to 6pm', '@ Furbie's Doggy Day Care, Unit 1, 12 Crankill Road, Ballymena, BT43 5NE', and 'To book your slot and for any queries email Santa@5thballymenascoutgroup.org.uk £10 per dog'. The bottom of the poster is decorated with white starburst patterns.

The Virtual Nativity will take place in the New Life service on Sunday 19th December at 11.30am in St. Patrick's Church Hall





BAPTISM WE WELCOME GRACE ROWAN



Mark and Cherith delivering 49 Shoe Boxes to West Church, Ballymena.

Many thanks to all who contributed.

Ruth McNeill picking the names of the 3 winners from the fire side quiz organised by Ann Bacon. Ann raised over £650.00 for the repair fund for the work being carried out at St Patrick's Church.

And the winners are:

1. Myra Wilson 2. Jackie Greer 3. Geoff Bromley

Ann would like to thank everyone who participated in the fire side quiz, especially her friends and family, and to all give donations to the repair fund.



December		
5.12.2021 (Sunday)	10.00 am – Morning service 11.30 am – Morning service 11.30 am – Morning service	Ballyclug St Columba's St Patrick's
8.12.2021 (Wednesday)	10.00 am – Holy Communion Service	St Columba's
8.12.2021 (Wednesday)	7.30 pm – 3rd Advent Service	Ballyclug
12.12.2021 (Sunday)	10.00 am – Morning service 11.30 am – Morning service 11.30 am – Morning service	Ballyclug St Columba's St Patrick's
15.12.2021 (Wednesday)	10.00 am – Holy Communion Service	St Columba's
15.12.2021 (Wednesday)	7.30 pm – 4th Advent Service	Ballyclug
19.12.2021 (Sunday)	10.00 am – Carol service 11.30 am – Carol service 11.30 am – Carol/Family Service 6.30 pm – Carol Service	Ballyclug St Columba's St Patrick's St Patrick's
24.12.2021 (Christmas Eve)	No Service	
25.12.2021 (Christmas Day)	10.00 am – Morning service 11.30 am – Morning service 11.30 am – Morning service	Ballyclug St Columba's St Patrick's
26.12.2021 (Sunday)	6.30 pm – Evening Prayer	St Patrick's

- Carol Service at Ballyclug and St Columba's on 19 December. A Virtual Nativity Drama to take place in St Patrick's on 19 December. There is also a Carol Service in the evening at 6.30 pm in St Patrick's.
- There will be no services on Christmas Eve.
- Christmas Day Holy Communion Service will also be in all churches at 10.00 am
- Boxing Day (Sunday 26 December) there will be an Evensong at 3.00 pm in St Patrick's
- Watch Night Service (Friday 31 December) in St Patrick's at 11.30 pm

On Monday 20 December it is hoped to hold 'Carols for Everyone' in the grounds of St Patrick's at 7.00 pm. Reiterate to wear warm clothes! Hot chocolate will be served!

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IN MEMORY

Francis Stanfield Hewitt -26.6.1934 - 16.10.2021

Agnes Montgomery - 16.4.1941 - 25.10.2021

Sarah Jane McCartney - 5.6.1929 - 28.10.2021

Dawn Brennan - 06.1.1966 - 19.11.2021

Kathleen Marie Speirs - 29.8.1944 - 22.11.2021