

Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug



SPRING NEWS 2022



Diocese of Connor - Parish of Kilconriola and Ballyclug

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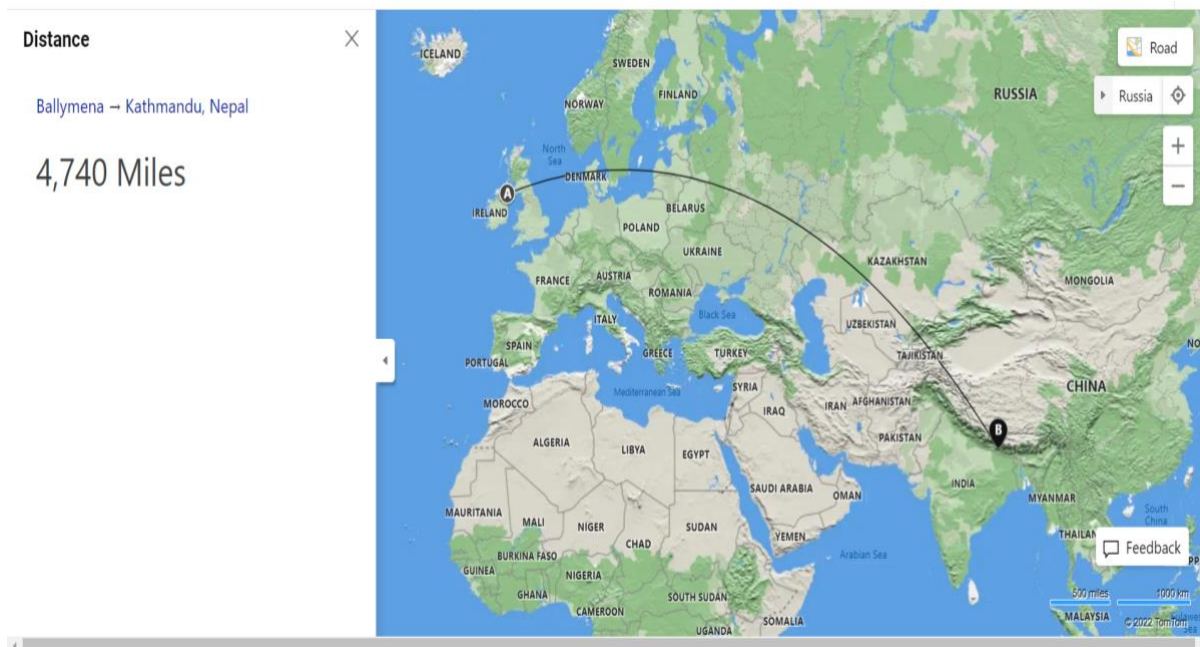
Office Opening Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and
Wednesday 9.30 am - 13.30 pm

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Mrs Ruth McNeill

Please contact the office either by phone or email if
you wish to book the use of the Church Hall

FUNDRAISING

A stroll to Kathmandu in aid of mission work in Nepal (through our link
with CMSI) & our own Renovation Fund.



Suggested Dates: Wednesdays after Holy Communion

12.30 pm

Meeting Point: Car park at the main ECOS building

Route Details: Red route (woodland walk approximately
2 km [1½ miles]) - Should be finished in
an hour. Mostly flat ground, but do wear sturdy
shoes!

- The total distance from Ballymena to Kathmandu is 4740 miles!
- Come as often as you can to do one or two loops per session. Ruth can arrange to let you have sponsorship forms. Suggested amount per mile £0.10.
- When you have completed your loop(s) please send your mileage to Ruth in the office at the end of each month in order that we can trace our progress.
- We suggest that this walk is done together in small groups. If the times arranged do not suit you can arrange an alternative time.
PLEASE DO NOT WALK ALONE PLEASE BRING A FRIEND.



You may recall this particular article raised in our previous magazine:

“COIN-STAR

Become a ‘coin-star’. Those machines you find in nearly every major supermarket - gather up your loose change week in week

out but bring it to the Church Coin-star aka Ruthie in the Church Office. You know the old saying ‘Look after the pennies.....’

One person who contributed this way said that the coins donated were to have been used for her ‘shoe collection’!

We are very blessed to have received a donation and letter from Monday Life Club Movilla Abbey Church of Ireland Newtownards....

“Reverend Mark McConnell

Thank you to you and your congregation of St Patrick’s Church for your hospitality and warm welcome we received when attending your church service in October 2021, when we spent our ‘Life Group’ annual weekend away together.

We [Monday Life Group] have since then had a Christmas sale, selling bath bombs, shortbread, candles, and with the support from our congregation, family and friends, we raised a sum of £250.00.

We have enclosed a cheque for £250.00 to help towards the church restoration work.

Thank you once again for your warm welcome and lovely service, and may God bless you all for the New Year ahead.”

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Prayer Teams

We are very privileged to have six teams. All prayer requests are treated as confidential within the team. You may contact any of the

team leaders, the clergy or the office should you require prayer.

Team Leaders are:

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| ▪ Millicent McClelland | 077 9173 6117 |
| ▪ Adelaide Nimick | 2564 0865 |
| ▪ Alex McKay | 2564 4698 |
| ▪ Ruth McNeill | 075 3122 8050 |
| ▪ Andrew Speers | 075 9227 2260 |
| ▪ 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.

Mothers’ Union

There is no Mothers’ Union this week 13th April 2022. Meet again on Wednesday 11th May 2022 in St Patrick’s Church Hall.

Mothers and Toddlers

Great News, we are back. After 2 years Mothers and Toddlers will open the doors on **Tuesday 26th April 10am -12 noon.**



We had a meeting with our volunteers in March and everyone is looking forward to restarting the group.

Bee Robinson and Davy Nelson have decided to step away from the team. We thank them for their years of faithful service to Mothers and Toddlers; we will miss you and wish you well. A few other volunteers are having a break for the time being.

Congratulations to Liz Bodel on the birth of her grandson and to Dorothy Hegan who has another great grandchild, also Ronnie & Barbara Fleming on the birth of their grandson.

It's with great delight that we welcome new faces to the team - Sandra Thompson, Margaret Soutar, Anne Ecclestone, Cherith McConnell, Barbara Fleming, Jim Ross and Ronnie Fleming. Thank

you for stepping up to help with catering, welcoming and the setting up of the hall. Jean Ross, Margaret Douglas and Margaret Spiers have kindly volunteered to help as leaders and will be with us each week. Everyone's help is very much appreciated, it is a team effort.

As a group, we are looking forward to meeting children and their carers to have some fun and make new friends.

We would ask that adults wear face coverings when entering the building and when moving around the hall and use the sanitation stations.

Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell or displaying any Covid symptoms. Thank you.

Dorothy (07759938126), Anna and Liz

Rota for April / May 2022

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
26 th April	Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair, Vivien Gilmour, and Kathleen Thompson	Tea
	Liz Bodel	Welcoming
	Jim Ross	Hall Set Up
3 rd May	Margaret Douglas, Noreen McKeown, Jean Cunningham, and Sandra Thompson	Tea
	Sandra McKay	Welcoming
	Alex McKay	Hall Set Up
10 th May	Ronnie Fleming, Margaret Soutar, Anne Eccleston and Cherith McConnell	Tea
	Barbara Fleming	Welcoming
	Ray Burbage	Hall Set Up
17 th May	Isabel Halliday, Eva McCarthy, Vera Greer and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Ann Fisher and Dorothy Hegan	Welcoming
	David Oliver and Rodney Gourley	Hall Set Up
24 th and 31 st May	Ruth Murray, Isabell Adair, Vivien Gilmour, and Kathleen Thompson	Tea
	Liz Bodel	Welcoming
	Jim Ross	Hall Set Up

Rota for June 2022

DATE	NAME	FUNCTION
7 th June	Margaret Douglas, Noreen McKeown, Jean Cunningham, and Sandra Thompson	Tea
	Sandra McKay	Welcoming
	Alex McKay	Hall Set Up
14 th June	Ronnie Fleming, Margaret Soutar, Anne Eccleston and Cherith McConnell	Tea
	Barbara Fleming	Welcoming
	Ray Burbage	Hall Set Up
21 st June	Isabel Halliday, Eva McCarthy, Vera Greer and Sandra Duke	Tea
	Ann Fisher and Dorothy Hegan	Welcoming
	David Oliver and Rodney Gourley	Hall Set Up

World Scout Jamboree 2023 - South Korea



5th Ballymena Scout Group are delighted to announce that seven of our members have been selected to attend the WSJ in South Korea next summer. Emma Weir, Jack Weir, Daniel Holden & Rory MacDonald have

been selected to attend as participants and Aaron Coates, Ellie Hughes and Ben Millar as part of the International Service Team.



Daniel Holden, Jack Weir, Emma Weir and Rory MacDonald



Left to right - Aaron Coates, Ellie Hughes and Ben Millar

This really is the opportunity of a lifetime for them and as a group we are very proud of this achievement. They will gain so much for this trip and their journey has already started! Keep up with their adventures through our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/5th-Ballymena-St-Columbas-Scouts-337875999683115>

We hope the Parish will support them every step of the way and help them with their fundraising endeavours wherever possible. They have already organised a Go-Karting event and many have been busy crafting items to sell and will be having a stall in Midtown Makers.



Wednesday 27th April 2022 at St Patrick's Parish Hall
at 7.30 pm.

Please telephone Ruth at the church office
to book your seat
028 2563 0741

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Church Elections

Some Explanations

It's always good to remind ourselves of some of these positions and their key responsibilities.

Church Wardens (Yearly Election)

One elected by the Rector and one by the People - key duties include preparation before the service and tidying up after the service.

Select Vestry (Yearly Election)

There are normally two Church Wardens per active worship centre - day to day management group for a Parish including the

finances, fabric and furnishings and ever evolving compliance issues that every church, now a charity, faces.

Glebe Wardens (Yearly election)

The particular role of these folk (normally two per Parish) is to oversee the maintenance and upkeep of the Rectory and any other land owned and managed by the Parish. Our Glebe Wardens are part and parcel of our Select Vestry.

Please pray now if God is calling you to get involved, or nudging you to ask someone you know with faith and gifts that God could use in any of these positions. Mark and Emma will always be glad to chat more. Hope this helps.

Letter received from John Kee (Director of Summer Madness). If you are in a position to help, please contact the Church Office.

“Hi all

As we at SM attempt to get back on the horse after a 3 year gap, I'm a little bit anxious that we have not picked the best year to tackle an absolutely new 'green field' site. (No we didn't get to 'pick') We're all aware of the volunteer drop off and inertia since the height of the pandemic and we are planning to take on the Portglenone site from scratch - in June.

I am planning to put the Big Top up on June 18th and thereafter run 2 x week long work camps on site. Fortunately we do have access to the Retreat House in the Monastery and can accommodate and feed the work party throughout.

Really what I'm after is a team of about 10-12 people each week to make sure we get the site up and running for Thursday 30th June. So I've put a link [on the App](#) to allow anyone to sign up for the build-up weeks - offering a day, a

session or a whole week, whatever.

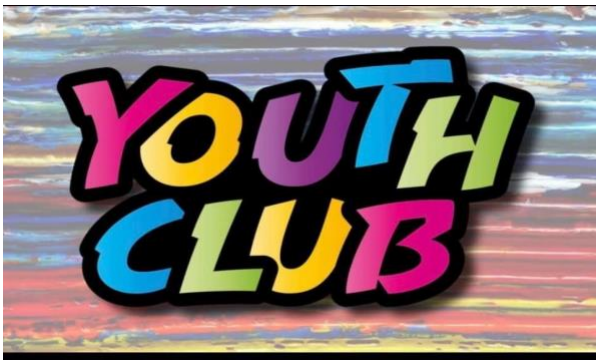
It would be fantastic to get folk who have some skills, maybe some tools, some transport (or don't mind driving a van). joinery, plumbing, first-fix electrics, farming, scouting...any experience will be welcome and those with just a willing heart and a sense of humour should also be encouraged to apply!

Could you have a [look at this link](#) and check it out. It may not be something that suits you or your immediate team/s but if you know of those that might be interested or might know someone who could be... all it takes is 6 steps to find the right person!

THANK YOU FOR READING THIS FAR!

Shalom!

JK”



Youth Club will finish for Easter on Saturday 9th April and resume again on Saturday 30th April 2022.

Youth Club Dates

Saturday 2nd April - Youth Club

Saturday 7th May - No Youth Club

Saturday 9th April - Youth Club

Saturday 14th May - Youth Club

Saturday 16th April - Off Easter

Saturday 21st May Youth Club

Saturday 23rd April - Off Easter

Saturday 28th May - No Youth Club

Saturday 30th April - Youth Club

Saturday 4th June - Youth Club

Saturday 11th June - Youth Club

Saturday 18th June - Fun Night

Church of Ireland



Priorities Fund

The Youth of the parish are delighted to have received a grant from the Church Of Ireland Priorities Fund to help them with their restart programme under

the theme of Mental Health and Wellbeing really appreciate this grant, as it will be very beneficial to our young people.

Come and join us on Good Friday for our service at 10.30 am with activities for the kids followed by refreshments.



Come and join us as we celebrate Easter Day at 11.30 am with family communion and activities for the children.

Family Holy Communion



What a great night with Chris and Ross from Play It By Ear. With over 50 in attendance the guys took us on an interactive and engaging journey of St. Patrick. We also had lots of table activities and refreshments. Thanks to everyone who came and made it a great evening





Introducing CMSI

The Church Mission Society Ireland (CMSI) is a Christian mission organisation that exists to help God's people engage in God's mission. We make connections between different parts of God's global family and we equip churches and individuals as they work together to share God's transforming love.

The **Children's Resource** is just one of the ways in which we resource the Church in Ireland and encourage parishes to support and be inspired by churches in other parts of the world.



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Our Global Partners

CMSI has developed strong, fruitful relationships with a number of Anglican Dioceses, local churches and Christian organisations in Africa and South Asia. Our relationships with these **Global Partners** provide the context for all we do.

Kingdom Kids shares stories from some of these Global Partners.

Our Annual Theme



Every September CMSI picks an annual theme to help us shape and share our work over the next twelve months. This theme is reflected in our Children's Resource, as well as our magazines and events.

The theme for 2021-2022 is *Kingdom Come*. It's all about sharing stories of heaven in our midst as God's people reflect, share and help extend His kingdom on earth, as in heaven.



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Donate

Every year, many of the churches and Sunday school groups that use the Children's Resource engage in some fundraising activities to support CMSI's Global Partners. Fundraising is a great way to help your children engage actively in supporting global mission. These funds make a huge difference to our partners - who are always thrilled to learn that the money has been raised by children.

Money raised through this year's resource will go to a special **Kingom Kids fund** to support our Global Partners as they work with children and teenagers in some challenging contexts. Your donations will help the global Church share God's love and hope with many young lives. Please encourage your children to get raising!

CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE

The 'BIG SPRING JUMBLE SALE' is back and will be held on Friday 6th May 2022 at 7.00 pm at St Patrick's Church Hall. It is a great chance to clear out the garage and the attic. Donations of bric-a-brac, clothes, furniture, books, toys, unused gifts, groceries and cakes will be greatly appreciated.

This year all proceeds will be going towards the Church Renovation Fund, so I would appeal for the support of the whole parish for our sale.

Contact Alan Ross (028 2589 2740) for details of collections.

CHURCH LADS' AND CHURCH GIRLS' BRIGADE Grand Spring



Friday 6th May - 7 pm
St Patrick's Church Hall
Castle Street
Ballymena



HOLY WEEK

Monday 11th April 2022

Youth Worship Night at St Patrick's Church Hall 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Maundy Thursday 14th April 2022

St Patrick's Church Hall at 6.30 pm an evening with Open Doors Ministry. Please book your place as food is being served and we need to know the number of attendees for catering purposes.

Good Friday 15th April 2022

All-age Service at 10.30 am in St Patrick's Church Hall.

Good Friday Service at 7.30 pm in Ballyclug



IN MEMORY

Thomas Wright Lorimer 28th October 1928 - 16th February 2022

Iris Georgina Murray 2nd August 1940 - 25th February 2022

David Young 30th March 1937 - 13th March 2022

David Curry 22nd June 1943 - 13th March 2022

James Leetch Tuff 14th June 1943 - 14th March 2022

Sarah (Sadie) Taylor 6th April 1928 - 18th March 2022

Doris Scullion 3rd January 1940 - 22nd March 2022