

# Crossroads

*St Ignatius and St Andrew*

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## Dear Friends

"The ayes have it" . . .

. . . and so the tortuous and confusing exit from the European Union continues. For many the uncertainty of the future arrangements of our economy and relationship with the rest of this island are a cause for anxiety. For many, and judging by the national referendum they form a majority, this very uncertainty is a cause for excitement. How is it for you?

The spread of ages in our congregations is such that a significant number of us have always lived in the EEC/EU, while a large number are still not quite used to "life after 1975". The younger members of the congregation have no memory of border controls between ourselves and the Republic of Ireland, while for others coming home on the train from Dublin with a few pounds of butter in the bottom of the suitcase is still a fresh memory.

When we talk of the "status quo" we are speaking of the situation as it prevails at the time, and it is the status quo which will be changing as a result of the recent votes in Parliament. I, for one, am glad that parliament has a say in the outcome of the negotiations, but I am not entirely confident of their ability to change any agreement when it first debates it. We shall see.

What faces us in Northern Ireland is even more urgent than Brexit, for on 2nd March we have to elect local politicians to go back into Stormont to try to reform a government. The danger is that the status quo going into the election will be completely unchanged after it, and that the parties elected will continue to stand their various grounds despite the impasse that inevitably results.

The challenge facing us in a democratic society is the realisation that every one else has a democratic say, and the outcome of my vote is merely to sway the arguments in one direction or another, not to ensure that any one group's opinions are dominant. Quite the opposite in fact. In discussing temple and government taxes with his disciples, Jesus instructed Peter to pay them, even though he, Jesus, was decidedly against the policies they adopted. See Matthew 17.24-27 and Luke 19.45.

As the Tory government in London needs to take into account the large swathe of British people who did not want to leave the EU, so the governing parties here need to realise that we need to live together as a prosperous nation in this land and together with the rest of this island. The ayes may have it, but the noes need heard too.

**Stephen**

## Bookstall for Lent

Our bookstall will be back, from Sunday 5 March, with a selection of Easter cards, children's books about the Easter story and some challenging titles about the purpose of the season of Lent and the joy of Easter.

There may also be a few copies of Denis' recently published poetry collection.

Please come and browse.

## Mothers' Union

We had an entertaining and enjoyable meeting in February when Professor Dornan gave us an illustrated talk and, with good humour, put forward his views on why the journey for women, regarding their welfare, education and equality is 'far from over'. We were delighted to welcome some ladies from Killaney Parish.

On Thursday, 2nd March, Margaret Yarr will be our speaker; she is involved with the Connor Contact Centre, which provides a neutral venue where estranged families can meet.

Friday, 3rd March is Women's World Day of Prayer. The Service in this area will be held in Mary, Mother of the Church, Crossgar Road, Saintfield at 8.00pm. The order of service has been prepared by Christian women of the Philippines, and the theme is, 'Am I Being Unfair to You?'

Everyone is welcome.

This year's MU Festival Service is on 27th March in Dromore Cathedral at 8.00pm. A bus will leave Knockbreda Parish Church at 7.00 sharp and the cost will be around £5.00. Members who wish to travel by bus should give their name to Mary Hewitt.

May Outing 4th May

It is planned to go to Comber Cinema and, afterwards, to the Old Post Office for a meal. Further details will be given at our next meeting. Friends are welcome to join us on this occasion.

Recently, some of our members have been ill; we send them good wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mary Hewitt

## Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday is on 26th March this year. It is also the JC Special Sunday in Carryduff when we shall have family worship followed by refreshments.

Also, there will be a small gift for all the ladies.

We should like to encourage all our families to join us for this informal service.

J Club's party will finish at approximately 12.15pm to allow members to join other family members to celebrate Mothering Sunday. Everyone is welcome.



## Fun with Flowers

Thursday 9th March 2017 at 8.00pm

Please don't feel that because you can't arrange flowers you shouldn't come.

We want to meet and have a fun evening together, and encourage each other.

**No experience necessary!**

Contact Elizabeth Johnston or Joyce

## Flower List

Please sign your name on a week/s that you would like to have the flowers arranged to mark an occasion that is special to you.

## Gluten Free

A number of people in society today experience problems with gluten in their foods. If this affects you and you wish to be offered gluten free wafer bread at Communion, or otherwise need gluten free foods, please contact Stephen in person or by any of the usual means. Gluten free communion 'wafers' are readily available though some worshippers may wish to bring their own gluten free bread for consecration at the Table.



## **NEW Youth Worker for J Club Plus—Eric Denner**

A little about me; I grew up in Dublin and lived and worked there until the start of this year when I moved to Dromara to marry a wonderful Northern Irish woman and, of course, to start here with J-Club Plus!

I went to college to train as a software developer so enjoy talking about the latest tech and see how much I actually know! I also enjoy movies (particularly sci-fi and comic book ones), tv, gaming and all the other typical techie stuff! Of course, there is more to me than being a techie; I enjoy hiking, particularly in Glendalough Valley and the Wicklow Way. I'm looking forward to this summer and finding new places to hike for me and my pup, Alfie. The thing that no-one ever manages to guess about me is that I'm a trained gymnastics instructor and love nothing more than doing some vaulting horse and parallel bar gymnastics, and teaching others how to do that as well!

Over the years I've worked as a volunteer youthworker running youth clubs with Raheny and Coolock parish, as a Boys Brigade officer with 7th Dublin and 39th Dublin Companies, as a youth leader with CIYD, Limerick Youth Council, 3rock Youth Initiative.

About 2 years ago I decided that it was time to move from volunteering in youthwork

part-time and working full-time as a software developer to dedicating myself to youthwork full-time, and I started as the Youthwork Co-ordinator with the Dublin and Glendalough Youth Council, working with parishes to consult with and helping them set up youth clubs and other youth orienteered events and initiatives. This job gave me a great taste for working full-time in youthwork but I really missed getting to know young people and working with them every week, so this is where my excitement truly is, in getting to know everyone in J-Club Plus and seeing what exciting things we can do together.

Eric

## **NEW Youth & Children's Intern for J Club Groups - Kelly Best**

I am Kelly Best, the new youth and children's intern. So a little about me. I studied theology for 6 years at university, completing my undergraduate bachelor's, my master's and a diploma in youth ministry. I have experience of working with both young children and young adults in a variety of settings, including schools, churches and day nurseries.

For the past 2 years I have worked in administration. However, I have always had a passion for youth work but have never really had the opportunity to pursue this, due mainly to lack of experience. I am really looking forward to starting as an intern in Carryduff Parish, and to gaining invaluable experience to help me move forward and, hopefully, in the future to become a youth worker. I am so grateful to Keith Shaw and Stephen Lowry for giving me this opportunity. I look forward to meeting everyone very soon. Kelly

## Killaney Easter Vestry

Killaney is holding its Easter Vestry on a Sunday for the first time. The Select Vestry decided that they wanted everyone in the parish to be part of the process rather than the small number who normally make it out for a midweek meeting. The Select Vestry members are decided at this meeting, and the financial report is presented.

The meeting will be held on Sunday 2nd April as the response part of the 12.00 service. Detailed arrangements are being decided at the March meeting of the Select Vestry. Please keep the date free. News will be included in the April edition of Crossroads.



Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting though only those registered as members of Killaney Vestry may take part in the elections, either by voting or standing for election.

## Thanks

Thank you to a parishioner who has very kindly provided two new kettles for the kitchen.

## Invitation

An invitation has been received from Boardmills WI for the ladies to join them at their Visitors Evening on Friday 7th April at 8.00pm. The speaker will be Rev Derek Kerr who will be talking about Royalty,

## A note:

Mother - she is the bank where we deposit all our hurts and worries.

## A spiritual Wish List.

A little common sense, to take people as they are, not how to think they should be.

A little more cheerfulness, to share my happiness rather than my sorrows.

A little more humility, to do God's work when I'd rather be looking to my own comfort.

A little more perseverance, to keep doing the above.

A little more prayer, to leave space in my heart where God can speak and I can listen.

*Always accept an outstretched hand.*

*Look people in the eye.*

*Be the first to say, 'Hello'.*

*Make new friends but always cherish the old ones.*

The Good Book urges us to be a good neighbour. We'll certainly do well if we keep these rules in mind every day!



## J CLUB GROUPS

### J Club

We have had a busy month with lots of fun activities, including games, baking, balloon modelling, and an outing to Jumping Jacks, always rounding off the evening with worship in the church.

We are grateful to Mount Merrion Parish Church for letting us borrow lots of puppets for an evening event.

### Programme for March

Friday 3rd	Sports in the hall, mixing in the kitchen
Friday 10th	Surprise night
Fri day 17th	Closed ( Leaders' evening)
Sunday 26th	J Club Sunday & Mothering Sunday Party, finishing at 12.15pm.
Friday 31st	Fantastic soft play ( 6pm to 7.30pm )



### J Club Plus

We are delighted this organisation is still growing with approximately 30 young people at present. As well as group games, a movie night and an outing on JClub Sunday to the swimming pool in Lisburn, we also had a evening for Lindsay Lutton to say thank you for the fantastic job she has done leading this group during the past few years.

In addition to tasty bites, we had a presentation, and the young people also shared some lovely memories with Lindsay.

We now look forward to welcoming Eric Denner as the new youth worker to the group.

### Programme for March

Friday 3rd	Group games & football
Friday 10th	Surprise night
Friday 17th	Closed ( Leaders' evening)
Sunday 26th	J Club Sunday & Party, finishing at 12.15pm.

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Friday 31st March to Sunday 2nd April

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S WEEKEND AWAY

Venue: The Ringcladdy Barn, Portaferry.

It will be a weekend of Bible teaching, worship and outdoor activities, and lots of fun.

The weekend will be led by the new youth worker, Eric Denner.

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# MISSION MATTERS



*As we go to press news is emerging of a Famine in parts of South Sudan. Be prepared to respond to this in the weeks ahead.*

*Here is news from Bishop Justin, of Maridi Diocese, who has visited us in Carryduff and Killaney.*

Dear Friends

I write to express our thanks for the contributions we received for the construction of pastors' houses. We are glad this has strengthened the faith of many people in the recent incidents.

Two weeks ago there was an incident in between Amaki and Kozi in which a vehicle was ambushed by unknown gunmen. The following day the Army came and started burning houses, looting and destroying properties from Amaki to Kozi covering a distance of 23 miles. In all this destruction, the only houses that survived are the pastors' houses that were constructed by the partnership contributions. I have attached here the pastor's house at Amaki, which is one of those that has survived the destruction.

The people of Amaki are now all displaced at Nambia which is 2kms north of Maridi town on Rumbek road. As we are landlocked, there is no where to go and we continue in prayers that God will bring these sufferings to an end. Within Maridi town, the situation is

peaceful, but all the people from the outskirts of Maridi town are now being forced to come into the town. This has brought much suffering in all aspects. We are preparing for our seventh synod to start on the 9th of March. Pray with us for its success. Greetings to all and thank you.0

+ Justin Badi  
Bishop of Maridi



## Vote for me!

We have a huge privilege in our democratic state to place our votes at election time. Did you know that someone has already voted? **Voted for you?**

The business of deciding whom we will trust, whom we will back at election time is a tricky one. Chances are we do not agree with everything any one candidate says, but, after long consideration, we give our single transferable vote to that one candidate, knowing that if they get elected our single vote is virtually used up and only a small percentage goes on to influence any other candidate's prospects.

Imagine if we were "standing" and got the vote of someone who disagreed with us, who reckoned our destiny was disastrous, and could see that we had broken our own principles! Someone who, nevertheless, believed in us, and gave us a chance to serve! Who gave us their vote even though we did not deserve it.

Such is the reality of God's involvement in our lives: he chooses to give us the opportunity to be part of his kingdom, and he invests not merely a vote for us, but backs that up with the self giving of Christ on the Cross. He determined to make you or me his number one candidate, and he chose to demonstrate his love for us and all that we could become (with his help) by the Cross.

Many candidates will receive votes this year, and we wish them well; but one vote is guaranteed, the vote of Jesus for YOU; will you accept his vote (the analogy is shaky here: but stay with me) and relying on his support go on to serve him by serving the world in his name?

To find out more about what Jesus has done for us, visit us at church, or go online to: <http://www.crosscheck.org.uk> and click the video.

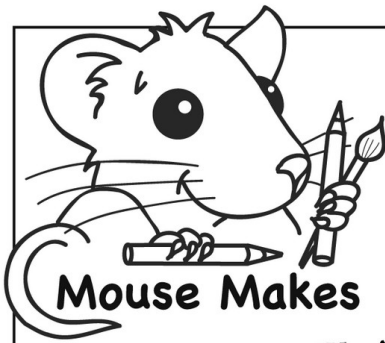
## Carryduff Easter Vestry Notice

The Easter Vestry is the annual meeting of the parish. At it Select Vestry members are nominated and elected, reports on the financial status of the church are presented to the parish, and a review of the church's year is considered. As we did last year, we are holding the Easter Vestry on a Sunday, this time on **Sunday 23rd April 2017**. Reflections on the arrangement last year by the vestry have led to a small number of changes in order and content.

- 10.30 am Morning Worship including hymns, reading, prayers and address.
- 11.05 am A short break to enable choir to disrobe and furniture to be moved.
- 11.10 am Attendance and Apologies (please inform us if you are not free to come)
- 11.15 am Finance in Pictures
- 11.20 am Questions on Financial Report and Election of Auditors
- 11.30 am Chairman's Report and Thanks
- 11.40 am Elections: Wardens, Select Vestry
- 11.55 am Light Refreshments served
- 12.10 pm Votes of thanks and results of elections, if available.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting though only those registered as members of the specific vestry may take part in the elections, either by voting or standing for election.



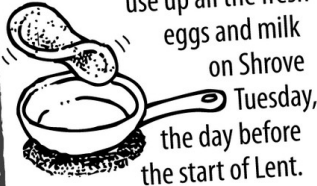


## Mouse Makes

### SHROVE TUESDAY

During **Lent** some Christians eat simple food or go without food for a while like Jesus did.

Pancakes are often made to use up all the fresh eggs and milk on Shrove Tuesday, the day before the start of Lent.



### ASH WEDNESDAY

The first day of **Lent** is called **Ash Wednesday**, it is a day for saying **sorry** to God for any wrong things you have **said or thought or done** and to ask for God's help to live in the right way.

*In bible times people would cover themselves with ashes as a sign of repentance.*

*In some churches today on Ash Wednesday the minister will draw a cross shape on our foreheads with ash.*



### WHAT IS LENT?

When Jesus was 30 years old he was baptised by John in the River Jordan. Before Jesus began to preach and teach and heal he went out into the wilderness alone.

For 40 days he did not eat but spent time praying and talking to God,

preparing himself for what God had sent him to do.

Remembering those days Jesus spent in the wilderness, the Christian Church set aside the 40 days before Easter as a time to pray, read the bible and learn more about God.



This time is called LENT



While Jesus was out in the wilderness he was tempted by the Devil *three* times.

**Look up the bible verses to see how Jesus replied.**



- 1** The devil said, "If you are God's Son order this stone to turn to bread."

**Read Jesus' reply in Luke 4: 4 and Deuteronomy 8: 3**

- 2** The devil said, "I will give you power and wealth if you worship me."

**Read Jesus' reply in Luke 4: 7 and Deuteronomy 6: 13**

- 3** The devil said, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, the Scriptures say God will take care of you."

**Read Jesus' reply in Luke 4: 12 and Deuteronomy 6: 1**



Dear Lord,  
Please forgive me for

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Amen

# CALENDAR

# March 2017

*St Ignatius and St Andrew*

*Service details*

## **Sunday 26 February**

## **The Sunday before Lent (Green)**

- 9:00 Holy Communion 2 in Carryduff  
2 Peter 1: 16-21 Matthew 17: 1-9
- 10:30 Church Family at Worship in Carryduff
- 12:00 Church Family at Worship in Killaney  
Manifesto H13: Secret of Contentment Philippians 4: 10-14
- 6:30 Evening Prayer in Carryduff  
Exodus 24: 12-18 2 Peter 1: 16-21

## **Tuesday 28 February**

- 10:00 Clergy Quiet Day in Carryduff

## **Wednesday 1 March**

## **Ash Wednesday (Purple)**

- 10:30 Midweek Communion in Carryduff  
2 Corinthians 5: 20b - 6: 10 Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21
- 7:30 Ash Wednesday Service in Carryduff  
Ruth 1: 1-9a Home Coming

## **Thursday 2 March**

- 8:00 Mothers' Union in Mitchell Room

## **Friday 3 March**

- 8:00 Women's World Day of Prayer in Saintfield R C Church

## **Sunday 5 March**

## **Lent 1 (Purple)**

- 9:00 Holy Communion 2 in Carryduff  
Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11
- 10:30 Parish Communion in Carryduff
- 12:00 Parish Communion in Killaney  
Manifesto H13: Leaning on the Lord Lessons: Psalm 118: 1-9 Hebrews 13: 5-8
- 6:30 Compline in Carryduff  
Matthew 4: 1-11

## **Monday 6 March**

- 7:30 Select Vestry in Carryduff

## **Wednesday 8 March**

- 10:30 Midweek Communion in Carryduff  
Jonah 3: 1-10 Luke 11: 29-32
- 7:30 Lenten Service in Carryduff  
Ruth 1: 9b-22 Faithfulness

## **Thursday 9 March**

- 7:00 J C Special Planning in Rectory

# Lent at 9.00 am Daily Service

*Jeremy Taylor Chapel in Lent 2017, Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri at 9.00 am*

You are very welcome to our short service of worship and prayer this morning. Try opening your Prayer books and Bibles in the few moments before the service begins so that the prayers can proceed with few interruptions. We remain seated for the psalms and will stand for the creed. Please arrange a Bible Reader among yourselves.

You may announce the pew bible page number to help others find the passage quickly.

Please take this leaflet home and bring it next time. **Thank you.**

## Morning Prayer

Greeting on *page 101*

Sentences *page 103*

Venite 1-7 *page 103 or Jubilate page 104*

Psalm of the day (*see listing overleaf*)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever.**

**Amen**

Old Testament Reading (*see listings*)

Canticle said

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>Deus Misr</i>	<i>Urbs Fort</i>	<i>Glory &amp; Honour</i>	<i>Benedictus</i>
<i>Page 134</i>	<i>Page 130</i>	<i>Page 131</i>	<i>page 91</i>

Reading from the Gospel of John (*see listings*)

Canticle said

*Jesus, Saviour of the World page 130*

Creed, Lord's Prayer, Versicles, Collect of the Week *page 112*

*Silence*

Open or conducted prayer

The Lenten Collect

The Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

The Grace

## Selected Daily Readings

These readings have been drawn from John's Gospel and the appointed psalms used by the Church of Ireland. Whether or not you are able to make it to the Daily Service - each or *any* day - you may like to follow and use them in your personal prayers.

### 2-3 March Ash Wednesday Collect

Thursday 2 March 2017

Psalm 25           Jonah 3.1-10           John 1.1-28

Friday 3 March 2017

Psalm 39           Jonah 4.1-11           John 1.29-51

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### 6-10 March 2017 Collect of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Monday 6 March 2017

Psalm 26           1 Kings 19.1-8           John 2

Tuesday 7 March 2017

Psalm 56           Genesis 4.1-16           John 3.1-21

Thursday 9 March 2017

Psalm 13           Isaiah 51.1-3           John 3.22-4.54

Friday 10 March 2017

Psalm 27           Micah 7.18-20           John 5.1-29

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### 13-17 March Collect of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Monday 13 March 2017

Psalm 58           Numbers 21.4-9           John 5.30-6.21

Tuesday 14 March 2017

Psalm 90           Isaiah 65.17-25           John 6.22-71

Thursday 16 March 2017

Psalm 95           Exodus 16.1-8           John 7.1-36

Friday 17 March 2017 *no service in church today*

Psalm 106.1-5   Isaiah 51.1-8           John 7.37-8.11

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### 20-24 March Collect of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Monday 20 March 2017

Psalm 3           Genesis 24.1-27           John 8.12-47

Tuesday 21 March 2017

Psalm 81           Genesis 29.1-14           John 8.48-10.21

Thursday 23 March 2017

Psalm 124      1 Samuel 15.10-21      John 10.22-11.27

Friday 24 March 2017

Psalm 32      1 Samuel 15.22-31      John 11.28-57

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**27 – 31 March Collect of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Monday 27 March 2017

Psalm 146      Isaiah 59.9-19      John 12.1-11

Tuesday 28 March 2017

Psalm 39      Isaiah 42.14-21      John 12.12-36

Thursday 30 March 2017

Psalm 102      Ezekiel 1.1-3, 2.8-3.3      John 12.37-13.20

Friday 31 March 2017

Psalm 56      Ezekiel 33.10-16      John 13.21-35

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**3-7 April Collect of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Monday 3 April 2017

Psalm 73      1 Kings 17.17-24      John 13.36-14.31

Tuesday 4 April 2017

Psalm 122      2 Kings 4.18-37      John 15.1-16.15

Thursday 6 April 2017

Psalms 42,43      1 Samuel 16.11-13      John 16.16-17.26

Friday 7 April 2017

Psalm 31      Job 13.13-19      John 18.1-14

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**10-14 April Collect of the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Monday 10 April 2017

Psalm 41      Lamentations 1.1-12a      John 18.15-27

Tuesday 11 April 2017

Psalm 27      Lamentations 3.1-18      John 18.28-19.16

Maundy Thursday 13 April 2017

Psalms 39      Leviticus 16.2-24      John 19.17-37

Good Friday 14 April 2017

Psalm 130      Genesis 22.1-18      John 19.38-20.18

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**Saturday**      (*no service*)      John 20.19-31

**Easter Day**      (*for information*)      John 21

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## **The Lenten Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not seek  
so much to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen**

## **The Grace**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.

**Amen**

## Sunday 12 March

Lent 2 (Purple)

- 9:00 Holy Communion 2 in Carryduff  
Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 John 3: 1-17
- 10:30 Morning Prayer in Carryduff
- 12:00 Morning Prayer in Killaney  
Manifesto H13: Remembering Lessons: Psalm 112: 1-9 Hebrews 13: 7-10,17
- 6:30 Holy Communion 1 in Carryduff  
Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 John 3: 1-17

## Tuesday 14 March

- 7:30 Select Vestry in Killaney

## Wednesday 15 March

- 10:30 Midweek Communion for St Patrick's Time in Carryduff  
2 Corinthians 4: 1-12. John 4: 31-38
- 7:30 Lenten Service in Carryduff  
Ruth 2: 1-9 Humility

## Sunday 19 March

Lent 3 (Purple)

- 9:00 Holy Communion 2 in Carryduff  
Romans 5: 1-11 John 4: 5-42
- 10:30 Morning Prayer in Carryduff  
Fund Raising Coffees etc. for Scouts Trip to Switzerland
- 12:00 Morning Prayer in Killaney  
Manifesto H13: Worthy Worship Lessons: Psalm 95 Hebrews 13: 10-16
- 6:30 Praise Time in Carryduff  
John 4: 5-42

## Wednesday 22 March

- 11:30 Midweek Communion and Lunch in Carryduff  
Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5-9 Matthew 5: 17-19
- 7:30 Lenten Service in Carryduff  
Ruth 2: 10-23 Family Ties

## Saturday 25 March

- 7:30 Living Vintage Fashions in Knockbreda Parish Hall

## Sunday 26 March

Mothering Sunday (Purple)

- 9:00 Holy Communion 2 in Carryduff
- 10:30 J C Special in Carryduff
- 12:00 Mothering Sunday Family Worship in Killaney  
Manifesto H13: Good Job! Ephesians 2: 1-10
- 6:30 Evening Prayer in Carryduff  
Exodus 2: 1-10 Colossians 3: 12-17

## Wednesday 29 March

- 10:30 Midweek Communion in Carryduff
- 7:30 Lenten Service in Carryduff  
Ruth 3 Awakening



## Explorers do Switzerland

1st Carryduff Explorer Scouts are heading off to Switzerland again!

This July 12 Explorer Scouts and 4 leaders will embark on a week of jumping, climbing, hiking, walking, rafting, swimming and probably a lot more!

To help fund this once in a lifetime trip we are holding various fundraisers – one of these will be held after the morning service in Carryduff on 19th March. We would love it if you could join us for tea or coffee!

## Living Vintage 25/3/17!

### Authentic 1940 - 1950 Vintage Fashions

Doors open 7.00 pm

Show 7.30 pm sharp in Parish Hall

Tickets £12 each, including refreshments.

For further info & tickets contact the Parish Office 028 9064 5372

## Lent Midweek Services

Each Wednesday evening in Lent we will discover some of the quality characteristics featured in the Story of Ruth from the Bible. Each half hour service will include three hymns, a Reading from Ruth, and a short reflection followed by prayer. Please drop in.

## Easter and Holy Week

We look forward at this time of year to a whole series of events in Holy Week 9 to 16 April. Details in next month's edition of Crossroads. Available online at [www.carryduff.down.anglican.org](http://www.carryduff.down.anglican.org)

## RightNow Media

We have been given a trial experience of an online video and teaching site called RightNow Media. If your children enjoy Veggie Tales or a few hundred hours of video, if you would like to watch some thought provoking movies, or would like resources to help you form a group, then it is worth a visit. Stephen can give you an email to let you gain free temporary access. You cannot be charged for this as only church leaders can actually join it! Have a look at the site and use it freely and without any personal obligation. Let Stephen know what you think! visit [www.rightnowmedia.org](http://www.rightnowmedia.org) and send Stephen an email on [stephenlowry@me.com](mailto:stephenlowry@me.com)

## African Children's Choir

### 7th April Concert

On Friday 7th April we welcome back our friends from Uganda, the 46th Children's Choir! It is at 7.30 pm

### Accommodation

A small number of volunteers are needed to host the group: in each case, one or two adults with two or more children need beds for the night in our homes.

Please do not be upset if the choir's specific needs do not fit in with what you can offer. Essentially, you need to have two bedrooms (one for the adult, one for two or more of the children) available. Breakfast and a packed lunch will compete your offer.

Please contact Keith or Stephen with your offers of help. Or contact Keith for tickets on 079 0193 5205.



## How God works

A grandmother was taking her young grandson for a walk in the park. The daffodils were in bloom, and it was a beautiful Spring day. Wanting to encourage her grandson's spiritual understanding of the world, she said: "Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God did all this?"

Her grandson replied: "Oh yes, and God did it left handed, too." In astonishment, the grandmother asked what he meant. "Well, he must have done," said her grandson, "because we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand."

## Naughty mummy

A mother asked her young son, as they waited for the bus, to tell the driver he was five years old, because then he would ride for free. As they got into the bus the driver asked him how old he was. "I am five years old," said the little boy proudly.

The driver had a son of his own that age, and smiled. "And when will you be six years old?" he asked.

"When I get off the bus," answered the boy.

## Sent away

An irritated mother complained to her friend: "When I was a kid, my parents sent me to my room without supper if I misbehaved. But my son has his own TV, telephone, computer, and every computer game and CD player in his room!"

"So how do you handle it?" her friend asked.

"I send him to MY room!"

## On the road

A teenager was always asking his parents if he could borrow the family car. Pushed to the limit one day, the father demanded of his son why he thought 'The Almighty' had given him two feet.

Without hesitation, the son replied: "That's easy, one for the clutch and one for the accelerator."

## Coming and going

Your child has started growing up when he stops asking you where he came from, and starts refusing to tell you where he's going.

## Men and women

Three men were hiking through a forest when they came upon a large raging river. Needing to get on the other side, the first man prayed, "God, please give me the strength to cross the river." Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs and he was able to swim across in about 2 hours, having almost drowned twice. After witnessing that, the second man prayed, "God, please give me strength and the tools to cross the river." Poof! God gave him a rowboat and strong arms and strong legs and he was able to row across in about an hour after almost capsizing once.

Seeing what happened to the first two men, the third man prayed, "God, please give me the strength, the tools and the intelligence to cross the river." Poof! He was turned into a woman. She checked the map, went one hundred yards up stream and walked across the bridge.

## How high?!

Winging his way to America from Ireland, Father O'Leary asked a stewardess, "How high is this plane, Miss?" The stewardess replied, "About 32,000 feet, Father." The priest's jaw dropped in amazement. "Who'd have believed it? And could ye tell me how wide it is?"



## Please Come in

I don't know what you might have thought, but I felt relieved that the evening of the Grammy Awards is now behind us. I'm not even vaguely interested in the relative merits of Adele or Beyonce and simply saw the event as a long night of noisy extravagance and self-indulgence. It had very little to do with music, at least in the sense that I understand it, but quite a lot to do with empty glitz and glamour. It was all a bit too worldly – too Babylonian - and inconsequential for my taste. There are much greater riches elsewhere.

By way of contrast I recall, from an earlier age, hearing an old Victorian ballad on the radio when I was still a small child. That was longer ago than I now feel prepared to reveal. The only things still lodged clearly in my memory are that the singer had a clear, soft baritone voice and that the opening words of his song were:

“Come in to the garden Maude,  
I am here at the gate alone.”

It could be that the reason I still recollect those words is that Maude was my mother's name. I am unsure if Maude accepted the invitation (although I hope she did) but I have no doubt that it was genuine and sincere. I am also sure that the song wouldn't have stood a chance at the Grammy Awards. It was much too good for that.

Come in to the garden. That, in poetic terms, is the invitation offered to each one of us to enter The Kingdom. We are not compelled; but we are warmly invited. We can choose, if we wish, to leave the worldly and the inconsequential behind at the garden gate and embrace the welcoming reassurance of The Kingdom.

The prophet Isaiah also had a poetic take on this crunch issue. At a time when a great many of the “chosen people” were enduring captivity in the worldly city of Babylon with all its idol gods of wood and stone he set before them a vision of the one true God – He who fashioned and made the earth. He said:

“He did not create it to be empty,  
But formed it to be inhabited.”

Then later, in the same passage, he imagines the voice of God saying:

“Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth  
For I am God, and there is no other.” (Isaiah 45 v.18 and 22).

Are we ready to do this and, even more pointedly, are we willing and able to connect with other (younger?) people in our noisy, self-seeking, Babylonian age of “unfaith”? Could we



persuade them? Would they come in to the garden with us? I imagine that very few of us feel either capable or confident about this. Our sense of freedom to do what we believe is right is violated by the toxic external pressures of the material world.

The story is taken up in the Prayer of Humble Access from the order of service for Holy Communion. It speaks for us when it states that “we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.”

The way of faith – the path into the garden – is always there. Maybe we need a bit more courage to take that path, even though we know within ourselves that it is the road from darkness to light. Like the singer imploring Maude to accept his invitation, the Son of God invites each one of us to take that path. He implores us to come in to the garden.

**Denis Carson**

### **I LIFT MINE EYES UNTO THE HILL...**

Psalm 121

I lift mine eyes unto the hill  
From whence salvation came—  
It was the hill of Calvary,  
Where Jesus bore my blame.

For He, the Lord of every hill,  
On heaven and on earth,  
Defeated death and rose again,  
And blessed me with new birth...

...A birth into the love of God,  
A life of serving Him,  
The One who showed His love for me,  
By purging all my sin.

So every hill I look upon,  
Reminds me of His story—  
My conquering King, with whom I'll live  
For evermore in glory!

*Helen Long*

# Carryduff Rotas for March

## Lesson Readers 9.00

- 5 Mary Hewitt
- 12 Raymond Scott
- 19 Ken Fletcher
- 26 Caroline Taylor

## Lesson Readers 10.30

- 5 Joyce McMeekin
- 12 Vera Lowry
- 19 Susan Creber
- 26 J Club

## Intercessions

- 5 Denis Carson
- 12 Marlene Moore
- 19 Raymond Scott
- 26 J Club

## Lay Assistants

Jacky McDowell  
Raymond Scott

## Welcome Team

- 5 Trevor & Elizabeth Rourke
- 12 John & Agnes Morrissey
- 19 Sandra & Andrew Thomas
- 26 J Club with Jennifer & Denis

## Keynote Operators

- 5 Jim
- 12 Dave
- 19 Maurice
- 26 Kameron

## Refreshments

- 5 Eileen Martin
- 12 Robin & June
- 19 Scouts Fundraising
- 26 J Club Team

## Flowers: Joyce

- 5 The McFarland Family
- 12 A Morrissey
- 19 Liz Sweetnam
- 26 Mothers' Union

# Killaney Rotas for March

## Flowers

Viona Crothers

## Cleaning

Betty Green & Eileen Earney

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Corinthians. 9, Abandon. 10, Eglon. 11, Spa. 13, Deem. 16, Hi-fi. 17, Abijah. 18, Ohad. 20, Myth. 21, Now see. 22, Knit. 23, Tide. 25, Arm. 28, Nahor. 29, All done. 30, Kind-hearted.

DOWN: 2, Of age. 3, ISDN. 4, Tens. 5, Idea. 6, Nullify. 7, Hardworking. 8, Enlightened. 12, Praise. 14, Mad. 15, Vigour. 19, Abishai. 20, Met. 24, Is one. 25, Arid. 26, Male. 27, Slur.

# Bible Bite

## A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Jn 1:29-34, Mt 3:13-17, Lk 3:21-4:13, Mk 1:9-12

People came to John to be baptised-washed  
in the river Jordan- to say sorry for what  
they had done wrong. Then Jesus came...

Please baptise me.



No, it should be the other way round.

No, this is the right way now to complete God's plan




so John baptised Jesus in the river Jordan.

The Holy Spirit filled Jesus and God spoke..

This is my precious son.



Jesus then went into the desert for 40 days.



He didn't eat or drink, and at the end was very hungry




The Devil came to test him.

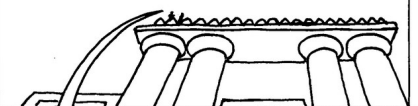
Show me you are God's Son by turning this stone into bread.



The Bible says 'You need more than bread to keep you alive.'



The Devil took him to the highest roof of the temple in Jerusalem.




Why don't you jump? God would make sure His angels would catch you

The Bible says 'Don't try to manipulate God.'



The Devil took Jesus to where he could see the whole world.



I have power over all this, and I could give it to you.

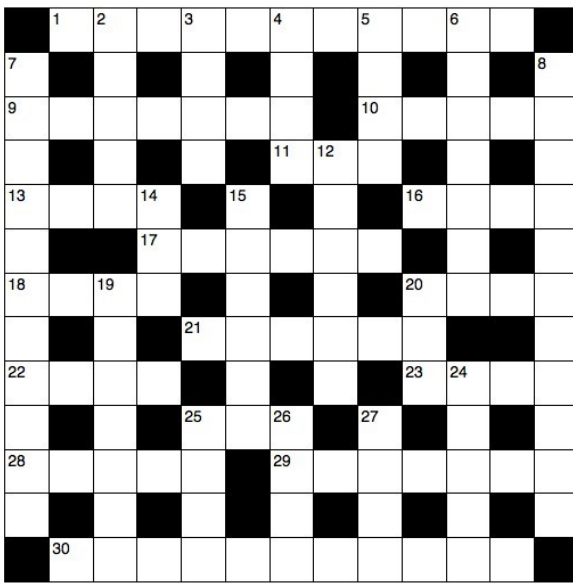
Just worship me



Go away! Only God is to be worshipped!

Then angels came to care for Jesus





Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
- 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
- 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
- 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
- 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
- 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
- 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
- 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
- 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
- 15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
- 19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
- 20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)
- 24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
- 25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
- 26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)
- 27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

Answers on page 20

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