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**Reflections for Lent from
the Gospel of John**

Dear Friends



I had a friend, many years ago, who decided to quit smoking. She actually decided that she was going to do it long before she stopped. A fag was a welcome break from the laundry where she worked.

After sorting out several aspects of her life she realised the moment had come to quit. She did something strange. She put a packet, possibly a half empty packet, into a drawer where she could easily get at it, and then closed the drawer. When, in the months that followed, she began to lose her nerve she knew she still had recourse to a smoke. It was only a few steps away. Strangely, this action helped her. She could say to herself, "No, I can have one tomorrow."

After a long time she then decided that the packet was becoming a temptation rather than a crutch, so she threw it out too.

This was part of her journey of faith: she became a Christian by grace, and then waited on God's leading and grace to help her put things right.

There are four decisions we need to make when it comes to sorting out stuff in our lives, be it to tidy an office, or re-organise a room, spring clean the pet's housing, or change a bad habit.

We need to decide to

PLAN IT OUT: if, like me, you plan to do nearly everything "tomorrow" - the day that never comes - then you need to get up off your seat, or put the tablet down, and start. There is never a right time, but a good time is today.

THROW IT OUT: if, like me, you are afraid to throw anything out - until you are really sure - try this trick:- put a box near your desk or kitchen counter and put every impersonal letter or article or magazine or promotion into the box; when it is full move it out of sight, and if you have not looked for any of those letters by the time the next box is full, then recycle the lost without opening it again. I find this a useful tack when getting mailings from noble agencies informing me of events which I know I will not attend, but which I may get asked about, and I can truly say "Yes, I have a letter about that." Most of the time though, we decide what to dispose of, and get rid of it. Fags, Sweets, Devices, Apps, Media or Whatever: how much good would DELETE do for your heart and spirit?

SORT IT OUT: if, like me, you like to stuff things into a filing cabinet without much care - then you need to start at the front and slim down the files. The process of sorting releases a lot of space too.

When we decide to begin a new habit we need to make it an easy part of our daily routine; like an end of office hours filing, or morning walking, or early praying.

STICK IT OUT! if, as happens to me, your new regime proves too complex or demanding to continue, revise the plan a little and keep going. 21 days is the magic number of repetitions which can turn a practice into a habit.

And a final word for those with slightly obsessive behaviour: when you have tidied, or sorted, know when to STOP. And when you have introduced a new habit, STOP beating yourself up and enjoy the new you.

Stephen

Parishes Retreat Day

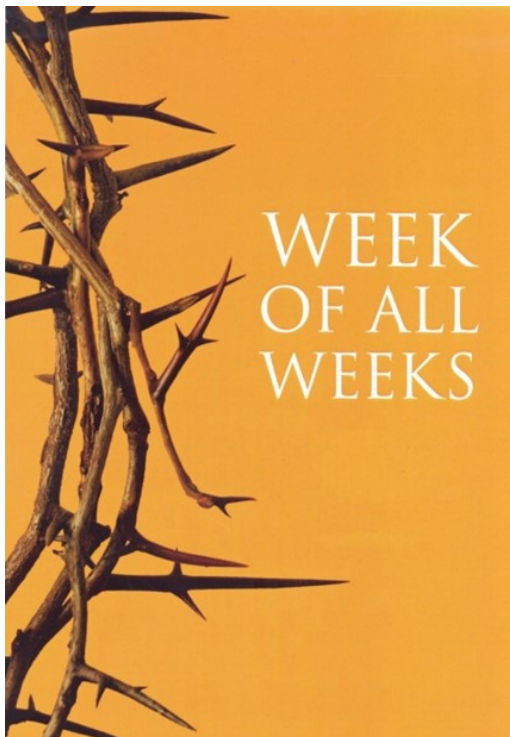
When we are tempted to skip essentials in life, like good food, adequate rest and useful activity, our experiences are diminished and our outlook limited.

We aim on our retreat day to help one another build on the essentials of the spiritual life and the importance of prayer.

Our Retreat Day is on 3rd February at St Gall's Church Crawfordsburn Road in Carnalea, Bangor, BT19 1BT. We meet at St Gall's in time to start at 10.00 am sharp, and will stay for an introduction, coffee, main session, luncheon and afternoon activities before finishing with a cuppa and departing at 4.00 pm. The precise details of the programme will depend on both the numbers and the individuals who come.

Many of you have already signed up; there is time for some more, so please sign up this Sunday and bring £12:50 with you on the day to cover expenses.

"The private devotions and secret offices of religion are like the refreshing of a garden with the distilling and petty drops of a waterpot; but addressed from the temple, they are like rain from heaven." - Jeremy Taylor



Clergy Quiet Day

Shrove Tuesday, 13th February, is the day of the Annual Clergy Quiet Day in our diocese. Clergy and full-time workers, as well as some of the retired clergy assisting in parishes, are all made welcome by the folks in Carryduff for this event. We thank the Bishop for his continued use of our facilities for this. It makes us feel at the heart of the diocese!

A number of tasks* need to be completed between Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon, and volunteers can offer an hour or two during any of these times. Keith Shaw is co-ordinating the event, so please let him know if you can help.

*Setting up the hall and tables on Monday evening, serving morning coffee, helping to serve at lunch, offering afternoon tea, and tidying up the room afterwards. Please fill in the sheets on the blue board in JTC from this Sunday.

Keith Shaw

Sunday Schools @ K & Cd

18th February - Half term holiday, no Sunday School today

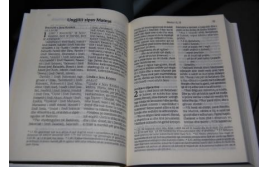
Help Wanted

It seems like a simple thing, setting out chairs once a month for a meeting. And it is. However, it is not easy for the current members of the Retirement Club, who meet in Carryduff Halls, to do so! So, we want to offer them a little help. Would you be willing and able to set out chairs once a month (on the second Monday of the month) for their meeting? If so, please get in touch with the church wardens or rector, and we will give you more details.

Thank you.

Memory Verses

In 2018 we hope to learn, by heart, some memory verses which together capture some of the basics of Christian belief.



Our faith cannot be summarised in a few key bible texts, but knowing them and understanding them can be a source of strength when going through tough times. Lent begins with a reading about Jesus' temptations. In response, he quoted memorised bible verses. If it is good enough for him, then surely it is good for us - his modern day disciples!

January: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth - Genesis 1:1

February: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength - Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Have you memorised them yet?

Friday Night Live with SAMS

One of the best mission gatherings in the year has to be SAMS' Friday Night Live! Each year a series of partners from the local scene - and from around the world - share how God is working in their situations. It is both an encouraging and informative event. In past years the doors to the Civic Centre have had to be closed early, so many people have wanted to attend! So put a date in your diary and/or visit <http://www.samsukireland.com>

SAMS Friday Night Live on Friday, 2nd February at 7.30pm in Craigavon Civic Centre

Mothers' Union

The MU would like to extend its thanks to Mary Hewitt for her dedicated service as Branch Leader over the last three years. Mary had done a sterling job and has agreed to remain on the committee as Secretary during 2018. We are also delighted that Vera Lowry has been appointed as Branch Leader. Vera was commissioned during Sunday Communion along with two new members, Joyce McMeekin and Jenny Montgomery. We wish Vera and all the members of the committee a successful 2018 .



The theme of 2018 is, "In Mary Sumner's Footsteps". Mary Sumner founded the Mothers' Union in 1876. It has grown to be a worldwide organisation with a membership of over 4 million people. In 2018 we will focus on listening to God and each other, and having the determination to take steps of faith as we journey together in response to God's call.



Thanks go to William Jeffrey, who was the guest speaker at our first meeting of 2018, and told us of the two main influences on his life – his mother and his wife, and how they extolled the very virtues that Mary Sumner held dear.



Our next meeting is in The Mitchell Room on Thursday 1st February at 8 pm. Our guest speaker will be Evelyn Briggs, who is the representative for Mothers' Union (Down & Dromore) Overseas. We look forward to an informative evening.

Jenny Montgomery



General Vestry

There are just a few more days to sign up to the General Vestry Members Lists in Carryduff and Killaney parishes. Each year the lists are updated, and those who have moved into or out of the district or have moved parishes can be appropriately accounted for.

The two General Vestries are entirely separate entities. The only connection is the chairman of the revision meetings, Stephen Lowry!

Please sign up if you are not already a member, or, if you have moved into or out of the parochial district, you wish to continue being a member. Members have a single vote at the Easter Vestry meeting, and can serve on a Select Vestry, if elected or nominated.

Closing Dates and Times

Carryduff	7.30 pm	Monday 5th February.
Killaney	7.30 pm	Tuesday 13th February.



Confirmation 2018

Thank you to the parishioners—younger and older—who have expressed interest in being confirmed. It is an important step in life, and it expresses your hope to be disciples of Christ in your daily living. We have reached decision time. In February those from this group, and any others, going forward will meet to make some further progress in our understanding of the faith we will profess. Meetings are on Mondays at 6:30 in Carryduff on 5th and 12th.

Young members should consider going to the Confirmation Activity Weekend . . .

Confirmation Youth Weekend 2018

We are delighted to announce the Confirmation Youth Weekend 2018.

It will be held in Castlewellan Castle from 9th - 11th March and the cost is £55.

This activity weekend is open to any young person who is Yr 8 - Lower 6th. It is full of activities like laser tag and canoeing, along with other outdoor adventures and the super ultra competitive 'Girls vs Boys' Saturday Night Live programme. The main aim of the weekend, however, is to explore with young people three key Christian themes of Jesus, the Bible and prayer, through teaching and praise times, along with small group discussions and activities. As such, it is used by many parishes as part of their confirmation preparation.

The £55 cost is subsidised and includes all food, activities and a welcome pack. It has often been the case though that parish vestries have subsidised this amount further to encourage attendance.

Killaney Rotas

Flowers

Lila Earney

Cleaning

Sandra Cousins

Adrian Cousins



Thanks

Thank you to all at Killaney who supported the Shoe Box Appeal. We sent 21 boxes. Thank you to Florence and Alison who decorated the Church for Christmas and to Johnny, Raymond and Terry for organising the tree.



As can be seen from the photograph, because of the continued dedication of our Sunday School teachers, the children's decorations looked beautiful. Thank you to all.

Lesson Readers

Anyone who would like to read a lesson at a Sunday Service would be very welcome to do so. Please speak to Marie Mack.

February

The February born will find
Sincerity and peace of mind;
Freedom from passion and from care,
If they the pearl will wear.

What is a Family?

"A family is people who care when you're sad,
Who love you no matter what,
Who share your triumphs,
Who don't expect you to be perfect,
Just growing with honesty
In your own direction."

If Only...

If only I was slim, Dawn cried,
Ignoring her kind heart inside,
Her lovely hair, her silky skin,
She only wished that she was thin.
These awful lines make me look old,
Another cried, whose heart was gold,
Her gentle face and blue-eyed twinkle,
Have lost their fight with many a wrinkle.
Fiona's legs were long, her figure great,
But her straight hair was her pet hate,
Though she was beautiful and fair,
She wished that she had curly hair.
Not satisfied, we want the lot,
Not grateful for the things we've got,
But none of these should cause us pride –
Real beauty is what's there inside.



Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services

The thoughtful and reflective season of Lent begins on Wednesday 14th February. We mark this with two services, one at 10:30 am and one at 7:30 pm. Somewhat simple refreshments will follow the regular midweek communion by way of a token of respect to the start of the season of self-denial.

The first of our Midweek Lenten Services begins with the official Ash Wednesday Service in the early evening.

Following this more extended service, each Wednesday after that until Easter will DV feature two services; the evening one is just over half an hour in length, and we look forward to the continuing support from our Bowling Club and all those who will attend the weekly worship.

At our services, we will hear about "The Messenger and the Message" with different sermons at each.

Ash Wednesday	14 February	
Wednesday of Lent 1	21 February	JONAH
Wednesday of Lent 2	28 February	JEREMIAH
Wednesday of Lent 3	7 March	MOSES
Wednesday of Lent 4	14 March	ISAIAH
Wednesday of Lent 5	21 March	DANIEL
Wednesday of Lent 6	28 March	JESUS and the Great Crowd of Witnesses

Word ALIVE will not meet in February but will join in the United Service on 6th February, and in the Wednesday evenings in Lent.

Smile Line : Long wait

Service in the restaurant was abysmally slow. My husband was getting very tense, so I tried to distract him with small talk. 'You know,' I said, 'our friend Christine should be having her baby anytime now.'

'Really?' my husband snapped. 'She wasn't even pregnant when we walked in here.'

Prayers in the 21st Century

My 10 year-old niece says her prayers every night, but instead of 'amen', she says 'click, send.'

J Club

J-Club returned on Friday 12th January 2018 after the Christmas holidays, with around forty children attending. We would like to thank Katie for writing our first ever J-Club Nativity Play, and for the children who took part. We hope everyone enjoyed the Nativity Sunday in December. It is wonderful for us to see some parents, grand-parents and parishioners returning every month for our family-friendly service.



Our first night back was a special one as we had 'Class Kids' from Crown Jesus Ministries, who took the programme for the night. The children were taught about the story of Moses. They were told how Moses had a mission, Jesus had a mission and how we have a mission to spread God's love to other people. We also danced, screamed, sang and watched a puppet show; a very enjoyable night was had by all.

On 19th January we had a "bring-a-friend-night" for games, football, craft and food.

J-Club's Sunday Special was scheduled for 28th January, with our children, young people and Sunday School members taking part. After the service, we plan to enjoy refreshments before the children will travel to the cinema at Dundonald for a movie and popcorn.

The team is looking forward to seeing everyone for another exciting term.

During the month of February we have planned a programme based on the theme of love.

If you have a child/children in P1-P6 why not send them along on Friday night from 6:30pm-8:00pm for fun, fellowship and worship?

If you have any queries please contact me, Liz Maginn, on 07745581602.





The Leprosy Mission

A quick visit to their website at <https://www.tlm-ni.org> will tell you lots about the Leprosy Mission in Northern Ireland. Led here by Joanne Briggs, the organisation works internationally to bring an end to the experience of Leprosy worldwide.

For years their call has been to reduce the incidence of the disease; more recently they have dreamed of the ending of the disease altogether. But it is not just a disease. It is a disease which affects individual people.

Joanne:

Joanne was appointed as National Director in 2014 having worked for over 15 years in the voluntary, community and charitable sector prior to that. Joanne is committed to advocating on behalf of those who are marginalised and serving those who are most in need. She is passionate about putting faith into action and empowering others to be agents of change in our world.

Origin in Ireland:

The Leprosy Mission was founded by an Irishman 143 years ago. It has a deep connection to our island and the legacy continues today.

In 1869, Wellesley Bailey, a young Irishman, set sail for India. He originally intended to join the police force but, after lodging with a German Lutheran missionary and learning the local language, he felt that God was calling him to missionary work.

He applied to work with the American Presbyterian Mission and was sent to teach in one of their schools in Ambala, in the Punjab area of North India. It was during his training that he saw, for the first time, the devastating effects of leprosy.

In 1873, Wellesley and his wife Alice (his childhood girlfriend whom he married in Bombay Cathedral in 1870) returned to Ireland. They were both burdened with the suffering of the leprosy-affected people they saw in India, who were severely disabled, rejected and living without any support. Help for people affected by leprosy was unheard of at the time and Wellesley and Alice took it upon themselves to raise awareness of the disease and its devastating consequences. They began a speaking ministry, telling people about the needs of the leprosy patients they had met.

The 'Mission to Lepers' was born in 1874 and, in response to the talks given by the Baileys, people began giving money and praying for the work. By the late 1870s the Mission was raising £900 a year and caring for 100 leprosy-affected people in North India.

The Mission's first hospital, Purulia Leprosy Hospital in West Bengal, opened in 1888.

Homes for leprosy-affected people were opened in South India and then further afield.

In a tour in 1906 Wellesley gave more than 150 talks, met with many government officials and visited leprosy homes, and toured the Far East. By the time Wellesley retired in 1917, the Mission was running 87 programmes in 12 countries funded by support offices in eight countries.

One of Wellesley Bailey's greatest legacies to the Mission was his focus on prayer – he knew that nothing of significance could be achieved without it. Prayer remains the foundation on which all their work is built.

In one of his last speeches before retirement Wellesley Bailey said:

“The Mission has been born and cradled in prayer. It has been brought up on prayer; it has been nourished on prayer; and prayer has been at the bottom of its success since the first moments of its life.”

World Leprosy Day Service

Sunday 28th January 2018 Lisburn Cathedral, at 3.30pm

Come and join us as we welcome Mr Brent Morgan, TLM International Director, who will bring an update about the work of The Leprosy Mission across the globe, and present an inspiring vision for the future of leprosy work. This is a wonderful opportunity to join together and give thanks for the work and witness of The Leprosy Mission.

The service will be followed by tea, coffee and refreshments.

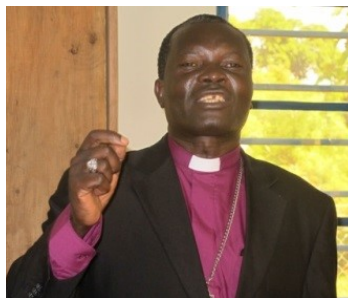
New Archbishop: Please continue to pray for South Sudan

We are familiar with Bishop Justin, diocesan bishop of Maridi Diocese in South Sudan. He spent time with us in the parish a few years ago, and was the preacher at Stephen's Institution a few years before that.

His first visit to Northern Ireland revealed an intelligent, able and godly young visionary. At that time, the young clergyman was accompanying Bishop Joseph Marona on a tour to meet friends and supporters of CMSI's work in Maridi.

When Bishop Joseph was made archbishop, Justin was consecrated bishop. Now, as the recent archbishop, Daniel Deng, has stepped down as Archbishop of the Anglican church in South Sudan, Justin has been elected to take his place.

We, his friends in Killaney and Carryduff, wish the new archbishop well.



CALENDAR

February 2018

St Ignatius and St Andrew

including service details

Sunday 28 January

9:00 Holy Communion
1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28
10:30 & 12 Sunday Specials
Mark 1:21-28
3:30 World Leprosy Day Service
2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 Mark 6:1-6a

The 4th Sunday after the Epiphany (White)

in Carryduff

in Carryduff and in Killaney

in Lisburn Cathedral

Tuesday 30 January

8:00 Word ALIVE!
1 Corinthians 14:26-40 Silent in Church?

in Rectory

Wednesday 31 January

11:30 Midweek Communion plus Lunch
2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 Mark 6:1-6a

in Carryduff

Thursday 1 February

8:00 Mothers' Union
Speaker Evelyn Briggs: The MU Overseas

in Mitchell Room

Friday 2 February

7:30 Friday Night Live SAMS

The Presentation of Christ

in Craigavon Civic Centre

Saturday 3 February

10:00 Parishes' Retreat Day until 4:00 pm
7:30 Saturday-Night-Live

in St Gall's Church, Carnalea

in St. Donard's Parish Church

Sunday 4 February

9:00 Holy Communion
Hosea 2:14-20 Mark 2:13-22
10:30 Parish Communion
12:00 Parish Communion
2 Corinthians 3:1-6 Mark 2:13-22
3:30 Installation of Dean of Belfast
6:30 Praise Mix
Psalm 103:1-13, 22 & 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

The 2nd Sunday before Lent (Green)

in Carryduff

in Carryduff

in Killaney

in St Anne's Cathedral

in Carryduff

Monday 5 February

6:30 Confirmation Group
7:30 Select Vestry
Closing of Revision of General Vestry List for Carryduff

in Carryduff

in Quin Room

Tuesday 6 February

8:00 Christian Unity Service

in Knockbreda Parish Church

Wednesday 7 February

10:30 Midweek Fellowship Communion
1 Kings 10:1-10 Mark 7:14-23
followed by refreshments

in Carryduff

Thursday 8 February

7:00 Sunday Special preparation meeting

in The Rectory

Sunday 11 February

- 9:00 Holy Communion
2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9
- 10:30 Service of the Word
- 12:00 Service of the Word
2 Kings 2:1-12 Mark 9:2-9
- 6:30 The Lord's Supper
2 Peter 1:16-21 Mark 9:9-13

The Sunday before Lent (White)

- in Carryduff
- in Carryduff
- in Killaney

Monday 12 February

- 6:30 Confirmation Group

in Carryduff

Tuesday 13 February

- 10:00 Diocesan Clergy Quiet Day
- 7:30 Select Vestry
Closing of Revision of General Vestry List for Killaney

in Carryduff

in Killaney

Wednesday 14 February

- 10:30 Midweek Fellowship Communion
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
followed by light refreshments
- 7:30 Ash Wednesday Service
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Ash Wednesday (Purple)

in Carryduff

in Carryduff

Sunday 18 February

- 9:00 Holy Communion
1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15
- 10:30 Morning Prayer
- 12:00 Morning Prayer
Genesis 9:8-17 Mark 1:9-15
- 6:30 Compline
From Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-9, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

1st Sunday in Lent (Purple)

in Carryduff

in Carryduff

in Killaney

Tuesday 20 February

- 10:30 ICS Prayer meeting

in Seaforde

Wednesday 21 February

- 10:30 Midweek Fellowship Communion
Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32
followed by refreshments
- 7:30 Lenten Midweek Worship
Jonah 3:1-10

in Carryduff

in Carryduff

Sunday 25 February

- 9:00 Holy Communion
Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38
- 10:30 Sunday Special
- 12:00 Sunday Special
Mark 8:31-38
- 6:30 Evening Prayer
Genesis 17:1-7,15-16 Romans 4:13-25

2nd Sunday in Lent (Purple)

in Carryduff

in Carryduff

in Killaney

in Carryduff

Wednesday 28 February

- 11:30 Midweek Communion plus Lunch
Jeremiah 18:18-20 Matthew 20:17-28
- 7:30 Lenten Midweek Worship
Jeremiah 1:1-10

in Carryduff

in Carryduff



Light in the darkness

It was good, even uplifting, to hear the five minute New Year message from the Archbishop of Canterbury. At a time when so many alarming things have happened in the world around us the Archbishop drew pertinent attention to much that is unseen, that rarely attracts media coverage, but that gives us a sense of hope, of uplift, when the darkness is all around.

In his televised broadcast (wow, he even got on television) he chose to build his theme around a great insight from the gospel record of John. The New International Version gives the text as: “The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it (John 1 v.5).” There is, however, a slightly different emphasis to the wording in the New Revised Standard Version, which states that “.....the darkness did not overcome it.” On balance I rather prefer that version.

There has been a deluge of grim news stories over the past year. In the UK there were terrorist outrages in Manchester and London, and the dreadful fire at Grenfell Tower. Further afield we have heard of seemingly endless civil conflicts in the Middle East and the horn of Africa – and arising from this there are ever expanding refugee camps in, for example, Syria, Yemen and, most recently, in Bangladesh – striving to offer basic shelter to the thousands fleeing from ethnically influenced brutality in Myanmar. And what about beleaguered, frightened Christian communities in North Korea?

We have, from the comfort of an armchair, witnessed a great deal of horror and devastation. Beyond that we know only too well that there are lots of people – some almost on our doorstep – who are struggling to find work and relying on food banks. This is the sort of everyday issue that never makes it to the national headlines.

The Archbishop reminded viewers that a great deal of this is happening under the indifferent eye of “deceitful populist leaders.” Yet there is light in the darkness.

There are some marvellous people who recognise that it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness. In that context the Archbishop drew attention to some heartening community reactions to terrorism and tragedy. The spontaneous public response to the atrocity in Manchester lifted many spirits; and the close knit community in north Kensington rallied behind the survivors of the Grenfell fire. As the Archbishop said, “light shone from the faces of hundreds of Grenfell volunteers.”

It is our Christian hope that light will always shine in the dark places of our world, and that the gentle heroes who volunteer in refugee camps the world over and on our doorstep will always make a difference for good.

Furthermore, it is our Christian duty and calling to forgive the perpetrators of violence and those who may have been guilty of a lack of care for public safety. Did not Jesus, in His own suffering on the cross, pray “Father forgive them, for they know not what they do (Luke 23 v.34).”

The Archbishop may not have said so directly, but I think he did imply that the passion of Jesus Christ is the most important event in our history and, clearly, the most crucial political and personal issue of our own time. It is He who encourages us to shine a light in the darkness.

Denis Carson

Sunday Special All Age Services at Killaney and Carryduff

Our monthly all-age service will be on Sunday 25th February. This is at 10.30 am in Carryduff and 12.00 noon in Killaney.

We encourage all our families and parishioners to come along to enjoy more informal worship. We look forward to seeing children and young people, and leaders taking part in the services. Afterwards, in both parishes, we will have special refreshments for everyone to enjoy.

Note: In Carryduff the J Club Groups will head off on a trip before returning back to Carryduff at 2pm for home.

So we encourage you to bring your families! Grandparents and grandchildren are very welcome too.

Featured Book

Thank you to everyone who supported our bookstall during Advent. It was very heartening to achieve total sales of £171.92 over a three week period.

The Bookstall will be with us again during Lent, featuring the very special book noted here: Don't miss it.



The Glory of the Cross

Our Lent Book this year is ‘The Glory of the Cross’ by Tim Chester.

Tim has written a number of successful ‘daily devotionals’ like this. We are selling the book at a reduced price (reduced from £6.99 to £6.00). 15 of our 50 copies are already sold, so please act quickly to obtain a copy for your household. More can be ordered.

We hope to have in place an online forum to discuss together how we are getting on with the experience this Lent.

Visit the church website or ‘like’ us on Facebook to get connected with this.

Comic Relief

Red Noses? No Laughing Matter

Thirty years ago this month, on 5th February 1988, Britain experienced its first Red Nose Day. 'Comic Relief', an American idea, had crossed the Atlantic in a uniquely British form. So suddenly red noses were everywhere. Lenny Henry and comedy script-writer Richard Curtis were its first pioneers, movingly expounding its simple basic principle: poverty, exploitation and famine are not funny, but well-known funny people could help those who were their victims. The first Comic Relief drew an audience of 13 million and raised five million pounds. Over succeeding years, the audience has never again been quite so large, but the amounts raised for the relief of poverty world-wide have hugely increased.



Getting a big TV audience is simply the first requirement of a telethon – a marathon televised charity project. Once Comic Relief achieved that audience, some of the most effective comedians in the UK did their stuff, sometimes live and sometimes recorded. Over Comic Relief's 30 years just about every well-known comedy performer in Britain', has contributed to the event. For several years a regular feature was an hilarious parody by Ian Hislop. The same comic stars also introduce films and interviews to remind viewers that this really is comedy with a purpose.

Once again, this month the red noses will appear – at school, at work, in shops and on the streets: a visible, bizarre reminder that all the world is not happy, but our laughter is that of sympathy, not ridicule. Next year the total raised by Comic Relief should pass a hundred million pounds, and that's no laughing matter.

David Winter

Romance is in the air:

Love

'Love is when a little old woman and a little old man are still friends, even after they've been married forever.'

Tommy - age 6

Honeymooners

For our honeymoon, my fiancée and I chose a fashionable hotel known for its luxurious suites. When I called to make reservations, the desk clerk inquired, 'Is this for a special occasion?'

'Yes,' I replied. 'It's our honeymoon.'

'And how many adults will there be?' she asked.

Know your spouse

While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife Grace were told by the instructor that it was essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other. He addressed Tom. 'For instance, can you name your wife's favourite flower?'

Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, 'It's self-raising, isn't it?' The rest of the story gets rather ugly, so I'll stop right here.

December & January Notes

The much vaunted Connect Carol Service was another great success with the Lough Moss Centre main gym well filled, and the traditional carols well sung, under the leadership of musicians from local churches.

Choirs from the local schools had been invited, and those present were delighted with the music which Carr, Carryduff and Millennium Schools provided. Derek, from Carryduff Baptist, concluded the service with a visual address and afterwards, the Mayor of Lisburn and Castlereagh, Mr Tim Morrow, brought greetings to the community.

The heavy snowfall which took place on 8th December necessitated a rare cancellation of the J Club that evening. Boardmills Presbyterian had planned a Community Lunch that day and almost cancelled it, but the doughty diners refused to stay away, and the meal went ahead with a virtually full attendance.

While numbers were a little down on Sunday morning 10th, because of the weather, most parishioners refused to let a little snow prevent their worship of the Almighty.

The same was true for those who met at St. Andrew's, Killaney for the Carol Service, led by NI Brass Ensemble under the capable guidance of Miss Laura Salt. We thank the readers who read the Bible message during this lovely event, and those who provided the splendid tea afterwards.

Later that day the Scouts held their Annual Carol Service in St. Ignatius', Carryduff, as usual, and provided their guests with a welcome cuppa afterwards. We appreciated the efforts parents and friends made to attend, and all those who made significant preparations for the service itself.

With Christingle, and Carols by Candlelight the following Sunday, and more services on Christmas Eve morning and night, the people of the parishes placed the worship of the Christ-child top of their Christmas List this year. We hope you all enjoyed being part of the variety of services taking place.

In January both churches were looking forward to both the Carryduff Parish Dinner, on Burns Night, and the Parishes' Retreat Day, which is still to come. Reports should appear in next month's Crossroads.

In mid December, Liz Johnston and Joyce McMeekin, along with willing helpers, held two sessions, demonstrating how to make a Christmas Wreath. The 35 ladies who attended enjoyed learning a new skill which resulted in creating beautiful decorative wreaths, which were placed in our homes around the parish and beyond. Everyone present had a stimulating and enjoyable time and enjoyed the delicious refreshments. With the £540 that was raised two trolleys were bought for the church kitchen, and any remaining money was put in the church flower fund. Joyce says 'Thank you' to everyone involved in the day!

St Valentine?

There are one or two confusing things about this day of romance and anonymous love-cards strewn with lace, cupids and ribbon. First, there were two different Valentines! : one was a priest martyred under the emperor Claudius, the other a bishop of Terni martyred at Rome.

According to one legend, the Roman Emperor Claudius II needed soldiers. He suspected that marriage made men want to stay at home with their wives, instead of fighting wars, so he outlawed marriage.

A kind-hearted young priest named Valentine felt sorry for all the couples who wanted to marry, but couldn't. So secretly, he married as many couples as he could - until the Emperor found out and condemned him to death. While he was in prison awaiting execution, Valentine showed love and compassion to everyone around him, including his jailer. The jailer had a young daughter who was blind, but through Valentine's prayers, she was healed. Just before his death in Rome on 14 February, he wrote her a farewell message signed 'From your Valentine.'

So the very first Valentine card was not between lovers, but between a priest about to die, and a little girl, healed through his prayers.

So that perhaps explains why Valentine became the patron saint of romantic love!

By Chaucer's time the link was assumed to be that because on the saint's day -14 February - the birds are supposed to pair. Or perhaps the custom of seeking a partner on St Valentine's Day is a surviving scrap of the old Roman Lupercalia festival, which took place in the middle of February. One of the Roman gods, honoured during this Festival, was Pan, the god of nature. Another was Juno, the goddess of women and marriage. During the Lupercalia, it was a popular custom for young men to draw the name of a young unmarried woman from a name-box. The two would then be partners or 'sweethearts' during the time of the celebrations. Even modern Valentine decorations bear an ancient symbol of love - Roman cupids with their bows and love-arrows.

The first recorded association of Valentine's Day with romantic love (1382) is from Geoffrey Chaucer. He wrote, 'For this was Saint Valentine's Day, when every bird cometh there to choose his mate.' This poem was in honour of the first anniversary of the engagement of King Richard II of England to Anne of Bohemia. Valentine's Day is referred to by Ophelia in Hamlet (1600-1601).

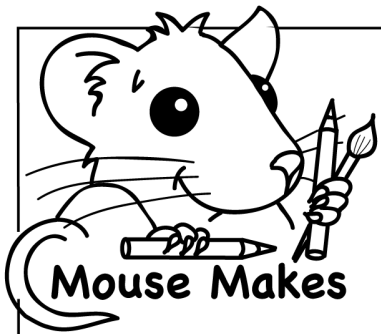
To-morrow is St Valentine's day
All in the morning betime
And I a maid at your window
To be your Valentine.



The modern mention of Valentine's Day can be found in a collection of English nursery rhymes (1784):

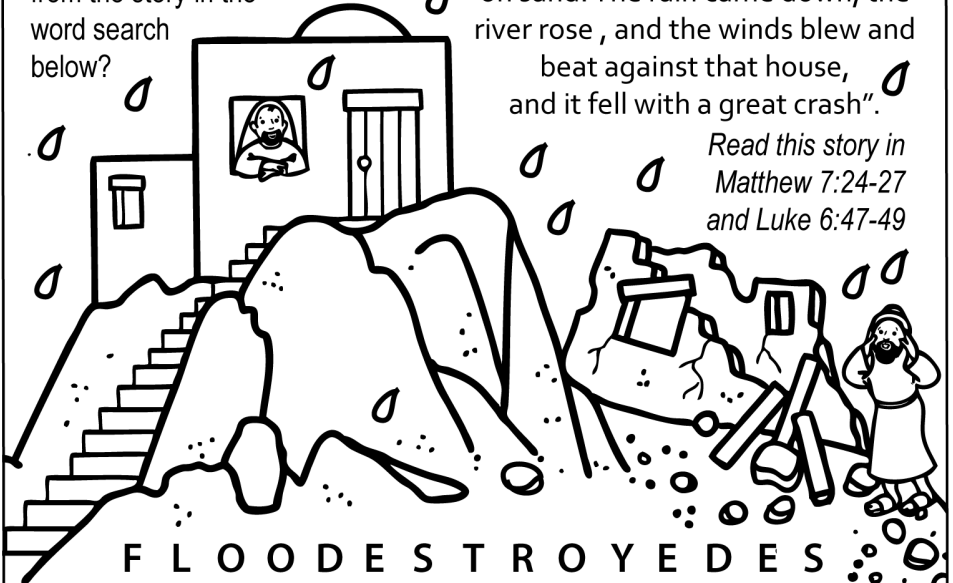
The rose is red, the violet's blue
The honey's sweet, and so are you.
Thou art my love and I am thine
I drew thee to my Valentine.

We hope your love lasts longer than a bunch of flowers or a greeting card, and that she/he loves you back!



Mouse Makes

Can you find the words from the story in the word search below?



Jesus taught his disciples...
 "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds his house on solid rock. Though the rain came down, the river rose and the winds blew and beat against the house it did not fall. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the river rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash".

*Read this story in
 Matthew 7:24-27
 and Luke 6:47-49*

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 SAND • GROUND • COLLAPSED • FELL • DESTROYED • RUIN

PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

26 November Wynona Rourke, Lisdoonan Road
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord

Christian Funeral

8 January Olive Maginess, Pennington Park
"At Rest"

Remembered

The funeral took place in St. Ignatius', Carryduff on Monday 8th January, of Mrs Olive Maginess of Pennington Park at Cairnshill.

The church was filled with mourners representing the various aspects of her and her husband Tony's life. They met in the late 1950's at Plessey's in Ballynahinch, and, after a brief courtship, were married in Knockbreda Parish Church. This remained their spiritual home until the family moved to Saintfield. Olive was involved, as a member of Saintfield Parish Church in their weekly worship, in the Badminton Club, and through playing hockey for Saintfield Ladies. She also enjoyed golf at Belvoir Park Golf Club.

She is fondly remembered by the rest of the Price family in the Boardmills area, and it was fitting that her burial took place at St. Andrew's, Killaney, after the service at Carryduff. An excellent tea was served at Temple Golf and Country Club afterwards.

We extend our sympathy to Olive's surviving brothers and sisters, to her husband Tony, and daughters Amanda and Laura, her sons-in-law and grandsons, and the wider family circle.

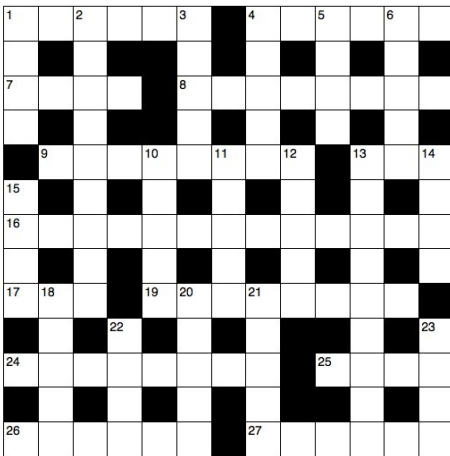
Just Thinkng . . .

Lord, enfold me in the depths of your heart; and there hold me, refine and set me on fire....
- Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. -
St Augustine of Hippo

In a civilisation like ours, I feel that everyone has to come to terms with the claims of Jesus Christ upon his life, or else be guilty of inattention or of evading the question.
C S Lewis

**Give Satan an inch and he'll be a ruler.
Be patient – God hasn't finished with me yet.
It's easy to be an angel when no one ruffles your feathers.
A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
Exercise daily - walk with the Lord.**



DOWN

1 'Before the — crows, you will disown me three times' (Matthew 26:75) (4)

2 Relating to the books of the Bible between Acts and Revelation (9)

3 'They have — the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' (John 20:2) (5)

4 Belief (5)

5 'Take the following fine spices: ... 250 shekels of fragrant — ' (Exodus 30:23) (4)

6 'Do not — Jerusalem, but wait for the gift' (Acts 1:4) (5)

10 A seer (anag.) (5)

11 'Even there your hand will — me' (Psalm 139:10) (5)

12 The wild variety was part of John the Baptist's diet (Mark 1:6) (5)

13 A non-Greek speaker who was looked down on by civilized people (Colossians 3:11) (9)

14 Famous 1950s musical whose characters included members of

16 Across, — and Dolls (4)

15 The province from which Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 16:19) (4)

18 'He was standing in the gateway with a linen cord and a measuring — — his hand' (Ezekiel 40:3) (3,2)

20 'Today, if you hear his — , do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion' (Hebrews 3:15) (5)

21 The Jericho prostitute who hid two Israelite spies on the roof of her house (Hebrews 11:31) (5)

22 'And now these three remain: faith, — and love. But the greatest of these is love' (1 Corinthians 13:13) (4)

23 'God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end' (Daniel 5:26) (4)

ACROSS

1 'If you love those who love you, what — is that to you?' (Luke 6:32) (6)

4 'They threw the ship's — overboard' (Acts 27:19) (6)

7 The first murderer (Genesis 4:8) (4)

8 He was the head Levite in charge of the singing when the ark of God was brought back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:22) (8)

9 Samson was noted for this (Judges 16:6) (8)

13 Solicit money or food from passers by (Acts 3:2) (3)

16 What William Booth's Christian Mission became in 1878 (9,4)

17 Alliance of Religions and Conservation (1,1,1)

19 'I will praise your name for ever and ever. — — I will praise you' (Psalm 145:1-2) (5,3)

24 Simon had (anag.) (8)

25 Desperate (Deuteronomy 28:48) (4)

26 Elisha witnessed the boy he was seeking to resuscitate do this seven times before opening his eyes (2 Kings 4:35) (6)

27 The belly and thighs of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream were made of this (Daniel 2:32) (6)

Answers on page 22

Carryduff Rotas for February

Lesson Readers 9.00

- 4 David
- 11 Caroline
- 18 Raymond
- 25 Mary

Lesson Readers 10.30

- 4 Fiona Ellis
- 11 Denis Carson
- 18 Joyce McMeekin
- 25 J Club/Sunday School

Intercessions

- 4 Keith
- 11 Marlene
- 18 William
- 25 J Club

Welcome Team

- 4 John & Jackie
- 11 Trevor & Marion
- 18 John & Agnes
- 25 J Club with Jennifer & Denis

Flower Donors and Arrangers

- 4 Ken Ellis *by Joyce*
- 11 Ann Stewart *by Ann Stewart*
- 18 Guide Association *by Joyce*
- 25 Agnes Morrissey *to be arranged*

Keynote Operators

- 4 Dave
- 11 Raymond
- 18 Maurice
- 25 Kameron

Lay Assistants

Denis and Susan

Refreshments

Thanks to those who have offered and agreed to do refreshments . Keith Shaw will be arranging the rota for February.

Details will be published on a Notice Board in the Jeremy Taylor Chapel.

School play

A little boy got a part in the school play and went home to tell his father. 'I'm going to play a man who has been married for 25 years.'

'Well done, that's great,' replied his father. 'And maybe next time, you'll get a speaking role!'

Express

I was in the express lane at the supermarket, quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the checkout line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the cart and asked sweetly, 'So which six items would you like to buy?'

Cold? Tonight I'll put anti-freeze in my hot water bottle.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Credit 4, Tackle 7, Cain 8, Kenaniah 9, Strength 13, Beg 16, Salvation Army 17, ARC 19, Every day 24, Admonish 25, Dire 26, Sneeze 27, Bronze
DOWN: 1, Cock 2, Epistolic 3, Taken 4, Tenet 5, Cane 6, Leave 10, Erase 11, Guide 12, Honey 13, Barbarian 14, Guys 15, Asia 18, Rod in 20, Voice 21, Rahab 22, Hope 23, Mene



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Make up Team Friday 23 February at 11.00 am

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