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Parishes of Killanney and Carryduff

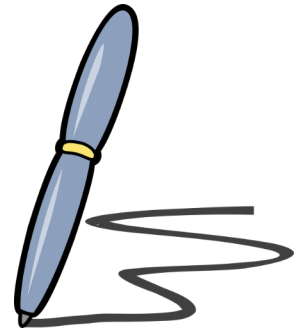


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Sarah Writes

I heard this funny story of a lonely man who decided that life would be more fun if he had a pet. So, he went to the pet shop and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet. After some discussion, he decided a centipede would be the right pet for him. He brought his centipede, whom he'd named Colin, home in a little white box to use as its house. He found a good location for the box, and then decided he would start off by taking his new pet to a



restaurant to have dinner. So, he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go out with me to have dinner?" But there was no answer. This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked him again, "How about going out for a meal with me?" But again, there was no answer from his new friend. So, he waited a few more minutes, thinking about the situation. He decided to ask him one more time; this time putting his face against the centipede's house and shouting, "Hey, in there! Would you like to go with me to have dinner?" A little voice came out of the box from the centipede: "Patience man! I heard you the first time! I'm putting on my shoes!"

Patience is something that many of us have trouble with - me included! From driving in a long line of traffic, and knowing you're going to be late, to arriving at a long queue at the check-out. We become annoyed and irritated at little delays like this. We get worked up and can become very impatient.

Someone once defined patience as the ability "to let your light shine after your fuse has blown". As the old saying goes, 'Patience is a virtue'. It's a quality we may admire in others. Patience is difficult because our pride, selfishness, and anger stand between us and patience. Many of us would have to admit that we find it difficult to be patient - I certainly do!

Scripture, however, stresses that it is important to be patient. Why are we commanded to be a patient people? Because God is patient with us, we are called to be patient with others, but it is easier said than done!

What patience teaches us most of all is that God is still at work. He hasn't finished with us yet. He is working in our world and he is working in our lives. Sometimes that's tough to see. Sometimes it's hard to believe. We've waited and waited and hoped and prayed, and things are still the same. The new job hasn't come through; our loved one hasn't got well; the situation is still the same. But patience teaches us that God is still at work, and as hard as that may sometimes be to learn, it is the most important lesson of all.

The story is told about the great 19th century New England preacher Phillips Brooks, who wrote "O Little Town of Bethlehem". He was normally very calm but this day, he was irritated, and when a close friend asked him about it, Brooks said, "Well, I'll tell you. I'm in a hurry; but God isn't." Peter tells us in the New Testament that 1,000 years are like a day for God. Sometimes we want God to act and to act right now.

Patience teaches us to wait, to remember that God is still in charge. As we mature in our Christian faith, as we learn to trust more that God really is in charge of this world and our lives, then patience is the fruit that will grow as the result of our relationship with God. Galatians 5:22 says, 'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **PATIENCE**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness', and He grows that fruit as we grow in him and learn to rely upon him.

I think the most important step we can take to develop patience is to *give God* control of our life. "I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry," says Psalm 40:1. Think of it this way: every time you and I lose our patience we're saying in effect, *I am in control and God is not!* We're taking God out of the driver's seat and putting ourselves in it.

So let's challenge ourselves - me included - to be patient people, trusting the One who is in complete control.

General (Easter) Vestry Meeting- 19th April

The Annual Easter Vestry will take place on Sunday 19th April in Carryduff at 10:00 am and at Killaney at 12 noon, after a short act of worship.

The Select Vestry is a committee of appointed representatives of our Parish who are responsible for managing our Parish finances and maintaining or improving our Parish properties. Nominations to the Select Vestry are received at our General Vestry Meeting (or Easter Vestry Meeting).

You may be wondering why you should attend?

The General or Easter Vestry meeting is effectively an AGM and is therefore a public meeting which anyone can attend. It is an opportunity to see the journey we have been on during the past 12 months and with expectation envisage where we would like to be in the next 12 months. So please do consider attending and place the life of our parishes in our Creator's hands and pray afresh, 'Lord, let your kingdom come'.

Easter Pastoral Visits and Home Communion

In the approach to Holy Week and during Easter, Sarah will be visiting the homes of Parishioners who may be unable to attend church for health reasons.

If you, or someone that you know would like to be added to our visiting list for before Christmas and Easter, please do feel free to get in touch (07974252013).

Holy Communion will also be available in the homes of people unable to attend services. Again, if you or someone you know, would value Holy Communion at home, please do let us know.

KILLANEY & CARRYDUFF CHURCH OF IRELAND

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH (PALM SUNDAY)

All age Service 10am (C'Duff) with a special visitor 
All age Service 12 Noon (Killaney) with a special visitor

MONDAY 30TH MARCH

Community Prayer Walk 7:30pm meeting in C'Duff Church car park
(Followed by Tea, Coffee & Treats)

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH

Hymns of Holy Week Service 7:30pm (Killaney)
(A reflective service of hymns, prayers and readings as we journey through the week of all weeks)

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL

Midweek Holy Communion 10am (C'Duff)

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL

Maundy Thursday Service & Meal 6:30pm (C'Duff)

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL (GOOD FRIDAY)

Community Easter Trail 10am- 12 Noon(C'Duff)
(See separate advertisement for details)

Good Friday Service 7:30pm (C'Duff)

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL (EASTER SUNDAY)

Holy Communion 8:30am (C'duff)
Family Communion 10 am (C'duff)
Family Communion 12 Noon



KandCd at the Crossroads



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St Andrew's Killaney 2 Carricknaveagh Road BT27 6TT
St Ignatius Carryduff 700 Saintfield Road Bt8 8BU



Killaney Notes

Flowers: Florence Coulter

Cleaning: Marie Mack

Foodbank

Thank you all who support the food-bank.
Please remember people who are on a
gluten-free diet and also the pets who like their treats!



Easter

May the Blessings of Easter fill
your heart with hope and happiness.

I hope you have a lovely Easter
and enjoy all the delicious Easter Eggs.

**Struggling to hear
on a Sunday
morning?**

**Please set your
hearing aid to 'T'.
Hopefully this will
help with volume
issues.**



Do you remember.....

Wooden desks with lift up lids, china inkwells and blotting paper
Writing was practised by copying copperplate examples
Homework was written in a lined or squared exercise book
The crate of miniature milk bottles, with a straw in each one
Teachers who used chalk, talk and dusters
Games were played in the playground, not on mobile phones
If you remember these, then you can confidently say you are "Old School".

Do you remember.....

When the National Anthem was played at the end of the last film
Listening to the wireless and not the radio
Putting things on line meant hanging out the washing
When pizzas were not delivered but milk was
You had to get off the sofa to change TV channels
Petrol stations where attendants put petrol in your car, took your money and
brought back the change
If you remember these, then you are a very mature person.

Things to remember.....

The older you get there is less peer pressure
You are never too old to become younger
Wrinkles only indicate where smiles have been
Calculate your age geologically to prove you are really young
You can enjoy repeats on TV, because you don't remember seeing them before
Remember the good times, count your blessings, not your birthdays.
Age is really mind over matter, if you don't mind, it doesn't matter!

MOTHERS' UNION & Friends



Many thanks to Helen's sister Dorothy McMillan for joining us at our February meeting. Dorothy came along to talk to us about patchwork and its presence in the Bible.

As Dorothy said, "patchwork is basically cutting things up and sewing them back together again". Patchwork has a long history across many cultures and evolved both for practical necessity and artistic expression.

Patchwork likely began as a practical solution to reuse fabric scraps and because fabric was expensive, people reused every piece they could. The Industrial Revolution changed patchwork dramatically, fabric became cheaper and was mass-produced and patchwork shifted from a necessity to a decorative craft.

The earliest mention of sewing in the Bible appears in the Book of Genesis. After Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, they realized they were naked and tried to cover themselves. "They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves." Genesis 3:7.

There was also mention of Joseph wearing a multicoloured coat which was most likely animal skins dyed and stitched together.

Many women in the Bible are described as working with fabrics, weaving, sewing, embroidery, and cloth trading. Textile work was one of the most important skills for women in ancient societies.

There was the "Virtuous Woman in Proverbs who was praised for her textile work and the skilled women of the tabernacle in Exodus who helped produce fine linen, blue, purple and scarlet yarn and curtains and covering for worship.

A well-known woman connected with fabric is Dorcas, also called Tabitha, whose story appears in the Acts of the Apostles. She was known for making garments for the poor, acts of charity and kindness.

When she died, the widows showed the clothing she had made before Saint Peter raised her from the dead (Acts 9).

There was Lydia - who also appears in Acts. She was a merchant of purple cloth and one of the first converts to Christianity in Philippi.

Our April meeting coincides with the Maundy Thursday "Agape" Meal planned for 2nd April. We hope that you will all come along to what promises to be a very enjoyable and moving evening.

Then on **Thursday 7th May** we have our yearly outing. This year we plan to go on a tour of the Parliament buildings at Stormont followed by lunch in the Members Dining Room.

Mothers' Union Festival Service

This year's Festival Service was held in Seagoe Parish and three of our members travelled on the bus which was shared with four other branches. The rector, Canon Terence Cadden, preached from John chapter 1 where we read of the calling of the disciples, and incorporated into it the current MU theme, "Join Us, Join In!" After the service, we enjoyed refreshments in the beautiful Rotunda parish centre.

Mothers' Union is 150 years old this year. Mary Sumner, our founder, was the wife of the rector of Old Alresford in Hampshire when she decided to summon the mothers of the parish to a meeting in the rectory. This was the start of regular meetings. We do not know what happened during them, except that they were a mixture of practical advice and spiritual support.

As history shows, Mothers' Union was born and became the global movement it is today.

Marlene Moore



Sunday Refreshments at Carryduff

Every Sunday we gather together for worship and for fellowship with God and each other; we sing hymns and songs, we pray and listen to God's Word, and we gather around the Lord's Table to share the Holy Communion. Fellowship continues after the service ends when we meet in the hall for tea or coffee and a few treats. It is often during that time that friendships are formed or strengthened.

As we approach the Easter Vestry, we wish to express our thanks and appreciation to those parishioners who have willingly served on the rota to provide the refreshments we all enjoy. If anyone reading this would like to help in the future, please speak to Keith and he will soon have you signed up! If you are unable to offer help in this way, please would you consider providing packets of wrapped biscuits occasionally. This would help the J Club funds to stay afloat!

Thank you,

Keith

Surprise! Surprise!

At the end of the service on 8th March, Sarah summoned the two of us to the front and presented us with a gift from the parish to say 'Thank you' for helping during the vacancy. It really was a surprise! For both of us it was a privilege to give some pastoral care and lead worship at Sunday services. Others, too, willingly gave of their time and talents. All of us worked as a team. With our grateful thanks to everyone,



Keith and Marlene

Multan Diocese, Pakistan

The zoom call with Multan Diocese was a blessing to everyone who took part. Although separated by distance and culture, the sense of the Holy Spirit's presence was real and, as we prayed together, we were aware of our being brothers and sisters in Christ. After the opening prayer, Bishop Leo explained a little about the political tensions and potential for war in the country. The Taliban have infiltrated Pakistan and caused trouble. Because of Pakistan's relations with Israel and USA, there have been suicide bombings in public places, causing conflict and fear; this could lead to a full scale war with Afghanistan.

The following are a few points for prayer

- Pray for peace between Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- Young people - that they will mature in their faith and have a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Children - that Sunday Schools and youth programmes will lay solid biblical foundations.
- Church Leaders - that they will have wisdom and a deeper sense of God's guidance.
- Believers - for protection against false teaching and accusations, and courage when facing opposition.
- New church plants - that they will grow and become established places of Christian worship.
- Women - that they will be given encouragement and opportunities to use their God-given gifts to serve and lead.
- Harmony - that communities will have mutual respect amongst different religious and social groups.

CMSI

CMS Ireland have appointed Linda Abwa as their new Mission Director. Linda has been a Partnership Co-ordinator with CMS Ireland for 11 years, focussed on the Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, and South Sudan. She joined CMS Ireland after a period of mission partner service in Nigeria with Mission Africa. She is married to the Revd Billy Abwa who was recently ordained and installed as the minister of Dunmurry Presbyterian Church. They have two children.



Pastoral Notice

As a church family we want to be there for one another, both in life's joys and its challenges.

If you or someone you know within our Parishes is in need of pastoral care whether at home or in hospital, please get in contact with the Rector on 07974252013

Calendar for April

Sunday 29 March Palm Sunday

8:30 Holy Communion
10:00 All Age Worship
12:00 All Age Worship

(Purple)
in Carryduff
in Carryduff
in Killaney

Monday 30 March

7:30 Community Prayer Walk

Tuesday 31 March

7:30 Hymns of Holy Week Service

in Killaney

Wednesday 1 April

10:00 Midweek Fellowship
Isaiah 50:4-9, John 13:21-32

in Carryduff

Thursday 2 April

6:30 Maundy Thursday Service and Meal

in Carryduff

Friday 3 April

10:00 Community Easter Trail
7:30 Good Friday Service

in Carryduff
in Carryduff

Sunday 5 April Easter Day

8:30 Holy Communion
10:00 Parish Communion
12:00 Parish Communion

(White)
in Carryduff
in Carryduff
in Killaney

Sunday 12 April The Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 Sunday Worship
12:00 Sunday Worship

(White)
in Carryduff
in Killaney

Wednesday 15 April

10:00 Midweek Fellowship with refreshments
Acts 5:17-26, John 3:16-21

in Carryduff

Sunday 19 April The Third Sunday of Easter

08:30 Holy Communion
10:00 Sunday Worship
12:00 Sunday Worship

(White)
in Carryduff
in Carryduff
in Killaney

Wednesday 22 April

11:30 Midweek Fellowship and Lunch
Acts 8:1-8, John 6:35-40

in Carryduff

Sunday 26 April The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 All Age Worship
12:00 All Age Worship

(White)
in Carryduff
in Killaney

Wednesday 29 April

10:00 Midweek Fellowship with refreshments
Acts 12:24-13:5, John 12:44-50

in Killaney

Parish Accounts 2025

Carryduff Parish Church Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

		UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	ENDOWMENT		
		FUNDS	FUNDS	FUNDS	TOTAL	TOTAL
	NOTE	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024
RECEIPTS		£	£	£	£	£
FWO/Plate		64159.93			64159.93	67616.51
Mission			8563		8563.00	9968.00
Gift Aid		13670.84			13670.84	24721.25
Fund Raising	See Note 1	2273.50			2273.50	7930.80
Use of Hall	See Note 2	8490.00			8490.00	8147.00
Special Collections	See Note 3		2775		2775.00	3431.00
Gifts & Subs	See Note 4	6350.00			6350.00	15881.00
Killaney contribution	See Note 5	9744.38			9744.38	9159.24
P News/BRN/Gazet		338.75			338.75	393.00
Bank Interest		1578.35			1578.35	949.68
Sundries	See Note 6	4484.57			4484.57	5696.67
Fabric Fund			3590		3590.00	6379.00
Parish Organisations Receipts	See Note 7				14094.70	15677.29
Total Receipts		111090.32	14928.00		140113.02	175950.44

Note 1 Fund Raising

Concert £1755 Wreath making £470.00 Christingle Tea £48.50 **Total 2273.50**

Note 2 – Use of Hall

Belvoir Group £660 Cadenza Choir £600 Baby Sensory £1740 Retirement Group £352 Bowling Club £410 Bloom Baby £1942 Scouts £1100 Mums & Tots £200 Repair Café £216 Brownies £300 Killynure Community Ass £140 Birthday/Family parties £440 Down & Dromore Diocese £100 Mothers Union Diocese £50 Red Panther £240 **Total £8490**

Note 3 – Special Collections

Harvest Appeal £2775

Note 4 – Gifts & Subs

Funeral donations £3680 Private Swims £2000 General donations £670 **Total £6350**

Note 5 – Killaney Contribution

Rectors Salary/NIC/PAYE £4744.38 Donation Rectory repairs £5000 **Total £9744.38**

Note 6 – Sundries

NIE wayleave £5.56 Teas Olo/Pakistan £1880.41 Retirement collection £1870 VE Day Grant £700 Easyfundraising £28.60 **Total £4484.57**

Note 7 – Parish Organisations Receipts

The organisations and income they generate are as follows:-

1 J Club	£ 5258.71
2 Golf Society	£ 6651.54
Babies & Toddlers	£ 557.05
4 Wednesday Fellowship	£ 610.40
5 Bowling Club	£ 225.00
6 Mothers Union	£ 792.00
Total	£14094.70

		UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	ENDOWMENT		
		FUNDS	FUNDS	FUNDS	TOTAL	TOTAL
	NOTE	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024
PAYMENTS		£	£	£	£	£
Salaries	See Note 1	28003.99			28003.99	44707.40
Diocesan Exps		9361.82			9361.82	11623.10
Church Running Costs	See Note 2	16711.72			16711.72	18316.17
Church Maintenance & Repairs	See Note 3	5062.82			5062.82	4408.96
Rectory Costs	See Note 4	1679.96			1679.96	1643.78
Charitable Donations	See Note 5		13510.21		13510.21	24245.63
Admin Costs	See Note 6	4582.87			4582.87	3074.36
Sundries	See Note 7	14039.40			14039.40	7470.66
Parish Organisations Payments	See Note 8				13951.41	16338.12
Total Payments		79442.58	13510.21		106904.20	131828.18

Note 1 – Salaries

Rectors salary/Locomotory expenses/NIC/PAYE - £23123.94 Other salaries £3045.72 Temporary Duty Expenses - £1834.33

Total £28003.99

Note 2 – Church Running Costs

Oil £5582.72 Cleaner Costs £3128.25 Electric £3335 Insurance £3706.56 Vestry phone £451.79 Water rates £87.40 KM

Hygiene £420.00 **Total £16711.72**

Note 3 – Maintenance & Repairs

Alarm £475.52 Building repairs £702 Ground Maintenance £1270 PAT Testing £1166.40 EICR £130 Tree Removal £1000 Fire Extinguisher service £318.90 **Total £5062.82**

Note 4 – Rectory costs

Rates £851.58 Rectory repairs £828.38 **Total £1679.96**

Note 5 – Charitable donations

CMSI Olo £2868.70 SAMS £1172.50 ICS £1172.50 Bible Society NI £898.50 HFHNI £898.50 IJM £715.50 Scripture Union NI £415 Scripture Union St Petersburg £415 The Larder £300 Friend of the Cancer Centre £300 Love for Life £300 Music for Life £360 Earl Haig Fund £220 Pakistan Multan £1274.01 Barnabas Aid £1485 Dementia NI £300 Suitcase Project £415 **Total £13510.21**

Note 6 – Administration Costs

Office supplies £847.45 CCLI £735.69 Gazette/BRN £376.75 Data Developments £415 Bank Fees £254.58 Licences £80.75 Software £432.65 Accountant Fees £1440 **Total £4582.87**

Note 7 – Sundries

RBL wreath £22 stamps £111.94 Funeral Catering £273.22 Donation envelopes £320 Kitchen Equipment £204.96 Wine £90.60 TV Licence £174.50 Kitchen Supplies £239.89 Health & Safety Training £540 First Aid Equipment £18.30 Susan Rafferty Architect £8280.00 Concert expenses £205 VE Day expense £808.38 Retirement gifts £1869.88 Retirement celebration expenses £163.49 Removal costs £212 Candles £72.49 Window blinds £120 Keys £54 Gift £150 Misc £108.75

Total £14039.40

Note 8 - Parish Organisations Payments

1 J Club £ 5118.37

2 Golf Society £ 6634.05

3 Babies & Toddlers £ 420.86

4 Wednesday Fellowship £ 572.05

5 Bowling Club £ 210.00

6 Mothers Union £ 996.08

Total £13951.41

J Club J Club Plus

J Club - April

Friday 5 th	Good Friday - Family Community Event <small>(Check Facebook for information)</small>
Friday 10 th	Closed (Easter holidays)
Friday 17 th	J Club Kitchen (Cookery school)
Sunday 26 th <i>J-Club Sunday</i>	All Age Worship: treats & special children's activity!

J Club + April

Friday 5 th	Good Friday - Family Community Event <small>(Check Facebook for information)</small>
Friday 10 th	Closed (Easter holidays)
Friday 17 th	Outside Treasure Hunt
Sunday 26 th <i>J-Club Sunday</i>	All Age Worship: treats & special children's activity!

Where?	St. Ignatius' Parish Church, Carryduff
When?	Friday evenings: 7pm - 8.15pm Monthly J Club Sundays: 9.45am to 12noon
Who?	Ages: P1 to P5 / + Ages: P6 and up
Contact?	J Club: 07901935205 / J Club +07745 581602

Smile Lines

When you mix children and religion...

You get some unexpected gems. The following are extracts from religious exam papers...

In the first book of the Bible, Guinesses, God got tired of creating the world, so He took the Sabbath off.

Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark because Noah built an ark. The animals came on in pears.

The Jews are a proud people and throughout history they've had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.

Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.

The Seventh Commandment is: Thou shalt not admit adultery.

Moses died before he ever reached Canada.

Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.

It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.

The people who followed the Lord were called the twelve decibels.

St Paul cavorted to Christianity down the Damascus Road. There he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.

PINS & NEEDLES

TUESDAY'S
10AM-11:30AM

BRING WHAT YOU ARE MAKING, SHARE WHAT YOU KNOW & LEARN WHAT YOU DON'T

Carryduff Church of Ireland

Everyone Welcome



A Sestina for Easter

Shepherds come in the night and find a **stable** near an inn. They kneel in honour of this **Son** of Mary. And wealthy eastern sages **cross** deserts, pursuing in the heavens the **rise** of a strangely bright, transforming natal **star** that foretells a king, perhaps a Paschal **lamb**.

Then, after sanctuary in Egypt, the **lamb** comes home to Nazareth and childhood in a **stable** family, unaware of the import of the **star** that marked his destiny as a carpenter's **son** soon to be baptised, and from Jordan's waters **rise** to a high priesthood and the agony of a **cross**.

Tested, by temptations in the wilderness, to **cross** the divide that separates the unblemished **lamb** from the wolves and the heady enticements that **rise** from worldly power and influence. Others, less **stable** in their resolve, stumble and fall. Yet this **Son** of God remains obedient, refusing the **star**

billing offered by the tempter, declining the **star** status before the crowd. He overcomes this **cross** examination and begins a ministry that confirms **son-**ship with the Father. Crowds flock to this humble **lamb** of God. Disciples, trusting him, become **stable** companions, transfixed by miracles that give **rise**

to speculation that the gentle Nazarene might **rise** to liberate the Jewish nation; like a **star** destined to lead rebellion. Yet a donkey from a **stable** bears him to Jerusalem, betrayal, arrest and **cross** questioning by priests and Pharisees. Thus the **lamb**, despised, rejected, soon to be flogged, becomes the **Son**

of man, the all sufficient sacrifice of the **Son** of God. Pierced with nails, crucified; then to **rise** from the tomb as Lord of all, the Paschal **lamb** who redeems, restores, forgives; who shines like the **star** of Bethlehem that foretold his kingship, passion and **cross**, and led the first believers to the manger in a **stable**.

Thus the sacrificed Paschal **lamb** honours his natal **star** as God's only begotten **Son**, the saviour born to **rise** from death on a **cross**; the infant king born in a **stable**.

Denis Carson,

St Patrick's Day Festival Service

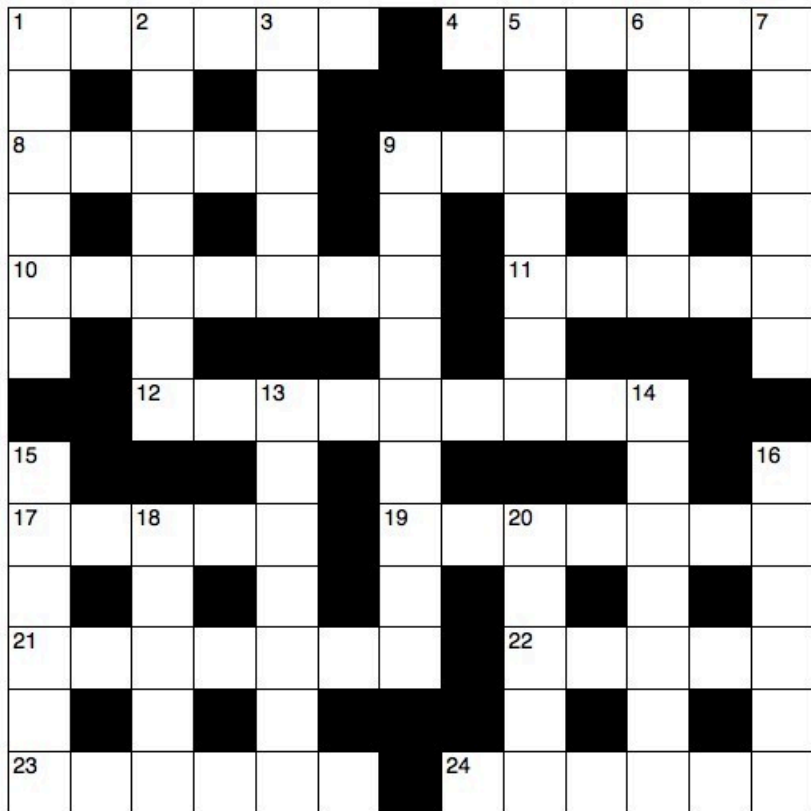
Down Cathedral was packed to capacity for the annual Festival Service. Irish dancing and a beautiful harp solo reminded us of our Celtic roots. The guest speaker was Dr Paivi Räsänen who has become known worldwide for her stance on free speech. She was a member of the Finnish Parliament and served as Minister of the Interior in the Finnish Cabinet for four years. In 2021 Paivi was arrested and questioned a number of times by the police because of her views on same sex marriage and sexuality. She had put a post on Twitter along with a photo of a biblical text supporting what she believed. She was charged with engaging in hate speech. Twice she was brought to court, and twice she was acquitted, but in October 2025 she was charged again and she is awaiting the final ruling of the Supreme Court this year.

Dr Paivi is a courageous, inspirational woman, unafraid to express her Christian beliefs and to face prosecution. The Supreme Court's ruling will determine the future for free speech not only in Finland, but also across Europe.

In the 1800's Edmund Burke, the Irish philosopher, wrote, 'The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.'

Marlene Moore





Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 5:36) (6)

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

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Christian Funerals

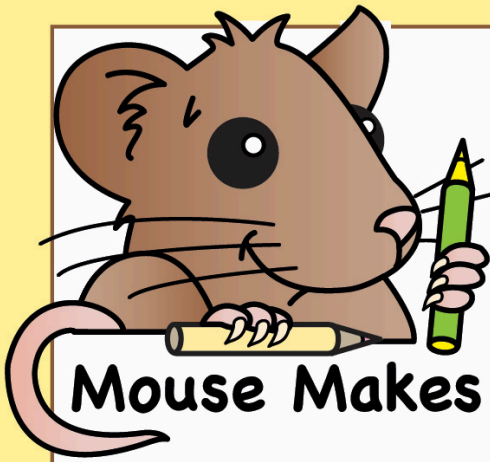
"I am the Resurrection and the Life", says the Lord

28 February	Margaret Aline Topping, Glennor Crescent, Carryduff
14 March	Johnston Errol Blakeley, Muskett Crescent, Carryduff

Remembering

Margaret Aline Topping was a much loved member of St Ignatius' Parish Church. Aline was born in 1943 and grew up in the Donegall Pass area of Belfast. Due to her parents' heavy work schedules she was raised by her Aunt Kitty and Aunt Madeline. After finishing school, Aline began working in the Belfast Banking Company, and it was here that she met Peter. After passing the approval of her two aunts, the pair were married in October 1966 in St Jude's Church, Belfast. The newlyweds began life living in Stranmillis and welcomed daughter Carol in 1968, followed by Tracey in 1971. In 1979 they moved to Carryduff to set up home where they have lived for the past 47 years. Aline was family orientated and that only increased with the arrival of her grandsons, Sam and Scott, and, more recently, great-grandsons, Hunter and Oakley. During her spare time, Aline loved playing golf and regularly opened up her home to friends and visitors. At St Ignatius' she was a regular attender and was involved in Mother's Union. We continue to uphold Aline's husband Peter, in prayer, along with her daughters, Tracey and Carol, and their husbands, Jimmy and Olav.

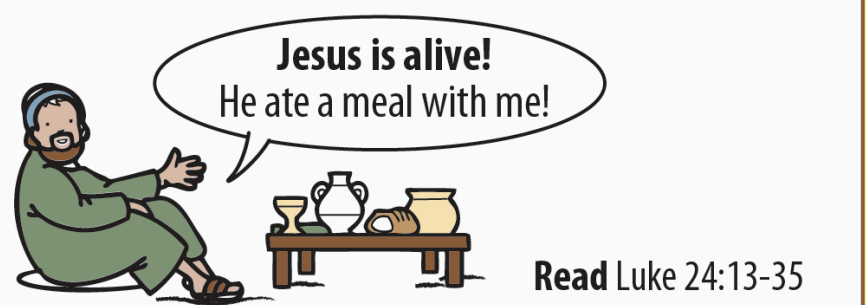
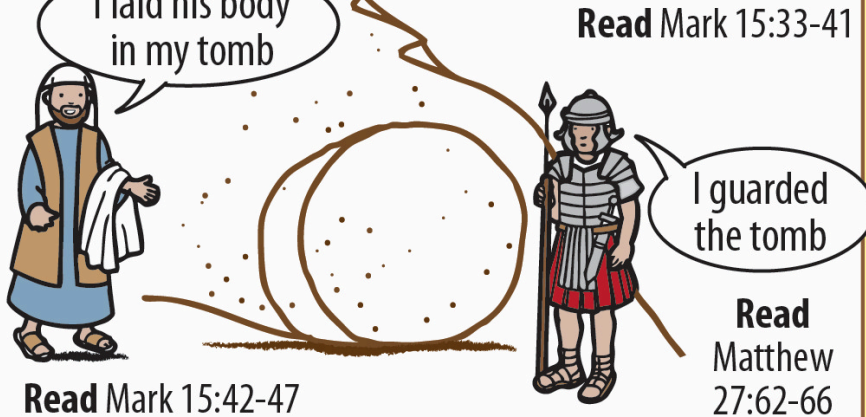
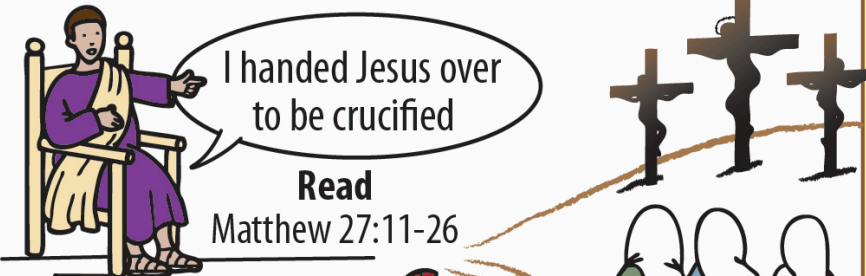
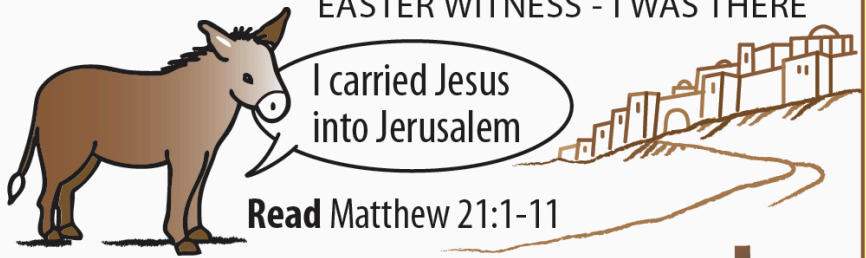
As a parish family we were saddened to hear of the death of **Johnston Errol (Earl) Blakely**. Earl was born in 1944 in Ballykeel, Lough Erne. Growing up, Earl didn't like school and is known to have hidden in the hedges to avoid attending. Earl and his family moved to Boardmills and lived in a house beside his brother Jim. He worked on a farm and then completed his apprenticeship with Martin Electricals. Earl met Eunice through a friend and it must have been love for Earl is known to have cycled from Boardmills to Dunmurry in order to see Eunice. The young couple married on 11th March 1967 in St Colman's Dunmurry. The pair began life together living in Milltown and then in Killynure. Earl was proud to be able to purchase their forever family home in Muskett and is known to have always been working away on it, with trips to Screwfix and B&Q on a weekly basis. Earl and Eunice were blessed with 4 daughters, Linda, Angela, Ruth and Heather. Until recently, Earl lived a healthy life; he was the type of man who never went to see the GP or would never take Paracetamol. But, when his illness was diagnosed, he accepted it and always said "I've lived my life". Earl suffered quietly and put on a brave face, and amidst all the challenges he stayed positive. It was on 11th March, his 59th wedding anniversary, that he passed away peacefully in hospital with his family by his side. We continue to pray for Earl's wife Eunice and his daughters Linda, Angela, Ruth and Heather, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren in their loss.



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EASTER WITNESS - I WAS THERE



Rosters for April

Readers	8:30 am Epistle	10:00 am Lessons	12:00 pm Lessons
5	Ken Fletcher	Marlene Moore	Thomas Cousins
12	-	Trevor Dunlop	Adrian Cousins
19	Jonathan Wright	Jenny Montgomery	Amanda Cousins
26	-	J Club	Regis Callard

	Flowers	Refreshments	Screens
5	Easter Lillies	Deirdre & Liz	Andrew
12		Norah & Helen	Maureen
19	Pamela Trotter	Fiona & Jenny	Jenny
26		Joan & Geraldine	Fiona

CALLING ALL PET OWNERS

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE OF CROSSROADS WE'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE A PET PAGE FEATURING PHOTOGRAPHS OF PARISHIONERS PETS

Please send your pet photo, pet name & your name to Sarah on 07974252013 by 24th April to be featured in next month's issue

Winner will receive a bag of treats!

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Saturday 16th May
7:30 pm

St Ignatius' Parish Church, Carryduff

£10 per ticket (including refreshments)

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DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.



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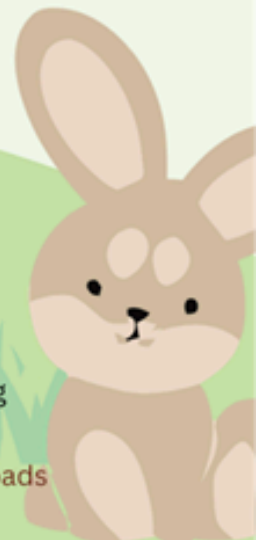
Friday 3rd April 10am–12noon

Meeting at Carryduff Church of Ireland
(700 Saintfield Road, Bt8 8BU)

Join us for an Easter trail around Carryduff followed by refreshments in the church hall. Sign up via the QR code or simply turn up on the day!



Happy
Easter



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