



THE DUNDALK GROUP OF PARISHES

Dundalk: St Nicholas' Dundalk; St Paul's Heynestown.

Ballymascanlan & Carlingford: St Mary's Ballymascanlan; St Andrew's Rathcor (Bush)

Crossmaglen: Creggan Parish Church

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Safeguarding Trust is the Church of Ireland's policy to safeguard all children sharing in its ministry from all forms of harm and abuse (see www.sg.ireland.anglican.org). Each parish has a panel whose task it is to oversee the implementation of Safeguarding Trust. The panel members in the Dundalk Group of Parishes are Rev Geoffrey Walmsley, Ken Donald (Ballymascanlan), Muriel Grills (Bush), Debbie Donaldson (Creggan), Trevor Patterson (Dundalk), and Alvin Coyle (Heynestown). If you experience, or are aware of, any form of child abuse through involvement in parish activities, please contact a member of the panel. *Contact details are posted in all churches.*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At the height of the 'lockdown' you may have experienced an unprecedented quietness in the surrounding communities you live in. Quieter roads with less traffic, quieter pavements with less pedestrians, quieter skies with less air traffic, quieter rail lines with less trains, quieter commerce with less shops/businesses open etc. What we normally experience anytime as hectic days of human movement, the quietness was almost tangible yet strange.

I remember one afternoon, recently, standing in the garden at the back of the rectory listening to all the birdsong that was filling the air with glorious sound. The notes of our avian friends were all I could hear and it was blissful. This would not usually be the case as the everyday noise of other hubbub tends to drown out the sounds of nature and we lose our focus through other distracting melee, unless we find ourselves in the solitude of parts of the countryside.

1 Kings 19:11ff reveals God speaking to Elijah in the silence. The text speaks of a great wind, splitting mountains, breaking rocks, an earthquake and a fire. Lots of noise but God is not present in it or cannot be heard in it. Elijah has been living in a time of extreme drought and things are not good for him. He has a contract out on his life, he has been starving and is on the run. Yet, in the stillness at mount Horeb he hears God's voice.

We all have been through very difficult times of late and, amazingly, there have been many opportunities for positive spiritual developments in the midst of hardship. I hope and pray that many of us have had more space to spend time with God during the 'quietness' of these last few months. It is often in such periods that we hear His still small voice, whereas in the hurried normality of life God's voice can simply become a noise that is lost amongst many other voices hoping for our attention.

May God bless you, keep you safe and may you continue to find Him in these trying times.

Geoffrey

FROM THE REGISTER:

- ◆ Mrs Valerie Anderson was cremated in Cavan on 13th April 2020
- ◆ Mrs Ethel McDowell was buried in St Mary's Church, Ballymascanlan on 6th May 2020

Online Services - JUNE

Week commencing 7th

Dundalk - 10am All Age Reflections
11.00am HC2

Week commencing 14th

Heynestown - 10am All Age Reflections
11.00am MP2

Week commencing 21st

Ballymascanlan - 11.00am Family Service

Week commencing 28th

Creggan - 10am All Age Reflections
11.00am MP2

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- Bishop Ilesomo and the diocese of North Kivu, DR Congo. Pray against another possible outbreak of Ebola.
- Remember those who have suffered from Covid-19 and are continuing to do so. Pray for those who have lost loved ones throughout the pandemic.
- Pray for the ongoing work of HSE/NHS and those in frontline and essential services.
- Pray for the vulnerable and those who may easily suffer
- Remember the homeless and those unemployed at this time
- Pray for those who are not well in other ways and the difficulty of family not being able to see them, particularly in hospitals and care facilities
- Pray for our schools, our children, young people and teachers and preparation for return to school. Also, for the ongoing work that teachers have been doing to assist and continually educate our children and young people, both in materials and virtually
- Pray for Archbishop John in his new role as Primate and Archbishop of Armagh and for his moving eventually into See House in Armagh with his family
- Remembering our church families and that church fellowship can resume as before when the time is right
- Give God our thanks for being with us and that His will be done as we seek to move forward with Him

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their very kind thoughts, prayers, phone calls, texts, cards and every support of sympathy on the passing of my father on 23rd April.

Thank you

Geoffrey.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

All future meetings are postponed until further notice, due to the COVID-19 health concerns.



As a response to people enquiring about donations to churches at this difficult time, you may feel, if you are in a position to and would like to, donate to the following bank detail.

The account details of St Nicholas' Parish Church.

account name: **Dundalk Select Vestry**

IBAN: IE30 BOFI 9033 6516 1383 46

BIC: BOFIE2D

The account details of St Marys, Ballymascanlan and St Andrews, Bush.

The account name is **Ballymascanlan Rathcor union,**

IBAN: IE95 AIBK 9324 5023 4780 63

BIC: AIBKIE2D

This can be done online if you have online banking or by visiting the bank. Alternatively, you may like to hold on to Free Will Offering envelopes if you have them and donate at an opportune time.

If you would like to donate to another parish within Dundalk Group of Parishes, please contact the respective Treasurer or contact Rev Geoffrey (0429321402) who will help to guide you in the right direction. Thank you all so much for your patience and consideration concerning these sensitive issues.

Following government recommendations, the churches will be temporarily closed for visitors and worshippers until further notice.

During this time services will be live streamed on our Facebook page and St. Nicholas' Parish Church website

Streamed service time 11am Sunday Reflection on Wednesday 11am

How to access all online services:



Pass on the newsletter email address to join our mailing list. dundalkcoinewsletter@gmail.com



Visit the St. Nicholas' Parish Church website <https://stnicholas-greenchurchdundalk.com/recorded-service-at-11am>



SUBSCRIBE to our **youtube** channel <https://youtu.be/03WmMqrCfqq>



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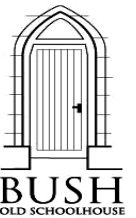
Rector's Reflections

**'Meeting around the scriptures'
at 11am every Wednesday.**

Bush Old SchoolHouse

CLOSED due to the COVID-19 health concerns

www.busholdschoolhouse.com



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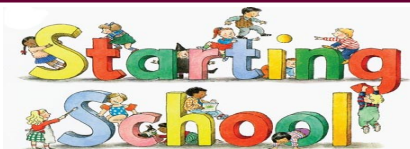
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coming September. We would love to hear from you, please contact Ms Larkin at dundealganns@gmail.com



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