



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,

On a trip to the Eden Project in Cornwall some years ago, there was a plant that resides in my memory that lived in one of the horticultural domes of the project. It was not pleasant to smell as it had an odour that I can only describe as socks that had been worn for a month! This plant was conical shaped, carnivorous, and opened its foliage every few hours and then closed its very strong and thick leaves again after trapping any flies, bees or other insects it could capture. In the wild, it is believed it can even devour small mammals if one was unfortunate enough to venture into the plants open vegetation. It was as large as an adult human being and not something you wanted to play around with! However, it was very interesting in my short visit to the Eden Project to see this plant open, close and reopen again.

As church, we have been through a very strange and difficult time over these last months during the coronavirus pandemic. We have not been able to do what we normally do on a Sunday. We couldn't worship together as a collective in close proximity to each other, see family and friends in fellowship and many forms of active service for the Lord were curtailed. As we enter July, it is very hopeful within this month, that we will return and reopen church buildings for collective worship again. Reopening has been a topic on many lips for quite a while, but church life will not be the same for a time when it happens. Strict guidelines will be adhered to as we reopen, that have been advised by both governments and the Church of Ireland. Some of the things we normally do in church will look and operate a little differently but all in the cause of duty of care through health and safety at this time.

Please be encouraged; as long as the Holy Spirit is active on this earth, Christ's church will continue to be. It may look different at times, such as our online worship and outreach of late. Many people have been creative and innovative in ongoing connection and missional work in the community during these challenging days. Jesus said, '...I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it' (Matthew 16:18b). As we reopen, remember God is with us, He has been with us, and His church will continue to be, even in a different form, as He wills and as His Holy Spirit directs.

God bless you all.

Geoffrey

Online & Services - JULY

Week commencing 5th

Creggan - 9.30am MP2
Bush - (Online) 10am All Age Reflections
11.00am MP2

Week commencing 12th

Creggan - 9.30am Family Service
Heynestown - (Online) 11am All Age Service

Week commencing 19th

Creggan - 9.30am MP2
Dundalk - (Online) 10am All Age Reflections
11.00am MP2

Week commencing 26th

Craggen - 9.30am MP2
Ballmascanlan - 10.45am MP2
Bush - 12noon MP2
Heynestown - 10.00am MP2
Dundalk - 11.00am MP2

At the moment the number present at a church service in the Rep of Ireland is restricted to 50 persons

With that in mind, we will be reopening St. Nicholas' Parish Church, Dundalk on Sunday 26th July as numbers tend to be above 50 in the church for Sunday worship.

The last thing we want to do is turn people away.

We await further protocol from the House of Bishops and The Diocese concerning an increase in the number of people who can attend Church.

This would allow us to open sooner.

Watch this space.

Rector's Reflections

WEDNESDAY ONLINE 'MEETING AROUND THE SCRIPTURES' AT 11AM WILL CONTINUE AS NORMAL EACH WEEK.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- Thanking God for keeping His people strong in these days and for His church to remain alive and vibrant
- Bishop Isesomo and the Diocese of North Kivu, D R Congo. Please pray for the Compassion for Children in Distress home in the diocese and those who care for children there. Also, Bishop Suheil and the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East
- Pray for those who are bereaved and coping with loss
- Pray for the sick, hospitalized and those in nursing care
- For our schools, children, young people and teachers
- Ongoing eradication of Covid-19 and safety of workers in NHS/HSE and frontline personnel
- For safe reopening of churches
- For the homeless, unemployed and a recovery of economy

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

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

FREEWILL OFFERING

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.

Thank you all so much for your patience and consideration concerning these sensitive issues.

How to access all online services:

(copy & paste the below links)

- ⇒ Pass on the newsletter email address to join our mailing list. dundalkcoinews-letter@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/03WmMqrCfqo>
- ⇒ Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/dundalkgroupogparishes/>



Bush Old SchoolHouse

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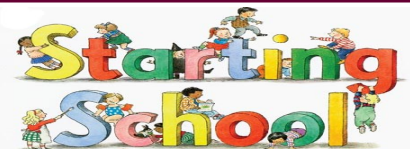
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coming September. We would love to hear from you, please contact Ms Larkin at dundealganns@gmail.com



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