



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

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2020

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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.sq.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,

Some years ago, when I was on holiday in Lanzarote, I experienced the famous black sand that the island can boast. It is, of course, volcanic sand that is a by-product of many years' volcanic activity. I decided to take off my sandals one day (with some noses pinched!) and feel if this sand felt any different from others. There wasn't a stark difference in feeling as I trudged through it, but it certainly felt finer than other sands I had walked over before.

New experiences can surface a plethora of different emotions, senses and feelings. Some will be positive, others a little more negative. This month, it is traditional in the Irish isle to celebrate the life and ministry of St Patrick. Here is someone who tread new ground for the Gospel. St Patrick was willing to step out and reach into new territory with the love of Christ. It was a fresh experience for him and those who listened to Christ's message of love, hope and salvation through him. St Patrick spoke into the darkness with the light of Christ and many converts to Christianity were assured and the building of many churches by the Holy Spirit.

The challenge to us all is to tread new ground for Christ. This can be daunting and many of us may be happy to stick with the status quo but, with that, there may be the fear of becoming complacent in our faith. This new ground can mean different things to different people. It could be that we could share Jesus, through word or deed, with a family member or friend who doesn't know His love yet. It could be getting involved with a ministry in the church that you haven't experienced before. It could be an outreach that is breaking different ground for your context completely and the others it intends to reach with the love of Jesus. New ground initiatives for Christ don't necessarily mean that they have to be all 'fireworks and bright lights' but a resolve to follow Jesus in God's call, His will and His empowering in whatever new ground He may lead us into for the sake of the Gospel.

GOD BLESS YOU

Geoffrey

Services - MARCH

Week commencing 1st

Creggan -	9.30am HC2
Ballymascanlan -	10.45am HC2
Bush -	12 noon HC2
Heynestown -	10.00am HC2
Dundalk -	11.00am HC2

Week commencing 8th

Creggan -	9.30am Family Service
Ballymascanlan -	10.45am MP2
Bush -	12 noon Family Service
Heynestown -	10.00am MP2
Dundalk -	11.00am MP2

Week commencing 15th

Creggan -	9.30am MP2
Ballymascanlan -	10.45am MP2
Bush -	12 noon MP2
Heynestown -	10.00am MP1
Dundalk -	11.00am Family Service

Week commencing 22nd

Creggan -	9.30am HC2
Ballymascanlan -	10.45am HC2
Bush -	12noon HC2
Heynestown -	10.00am HC2
Dundalk -	11.00am HC2

Week commencing 29th

Creggan -	9.30am NO SERVICE
Ballymascanlan -	10.45am NO SERVICE
Bush -	12noon NO SERVICE
Heynestown -	10.00am NO SERVICE
Dundalk -	11.00am Combined Service

The joint group of parishes service in St Nicholas, Dundalk on 29th March at 11am will be a special service of praise centered on the historical accounts of the 12 disciples and what became of them after Jesus' ascension. We hear little or nothing of most of them after the first few chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. What became of these men and how did they spread the Gospel to the known world of their day? Do come along to this special service on the 29th March in St Nicholas' church.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 26TH FEB

7.30PM IN ST NICHOLAS, DUNDALK

CREGGAN WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH 7.30PM

THEME 'The character of Faith'

ST ANDREWS, BUSH WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH 7.30PM

THEME 'The character of Hope'

ST PAULS, HEYNESTOWN WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH 7.30PM

THEME 'The character of Love'

ST MARYS, CASTLEBELLINGHAM WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH

7.30PM - Teaching evening on the Ministry of Healing (Deanery evening for Dundalk and Drogheda groups of Parishes)

ST NICHOLAS, DUNDALK WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL 7.30PM-

Service of the laying on of hands for healing- Speaker Rev Canon Jim Campbell

On the **evening of Ash Wednesday**, at the end of the service, the prayers tagged to the Remembrance Tree in St Nicholas, Dundalk will be symbolically burned as we offer them collectively to God.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

CREGGAN MONDAY 6TH APRIL AT 7.30PM



HOLY WEEK

BUSH TUESDAY 7TH APRIL AT 7.30PM

HEYNESTOWN WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL AT 7.30PM

BALLYMASCANLAN MAUNDY THURSDAY 9TH APRIL AT 7.30PM
(Service of Holy Communion and washing of feet)

DUNDALK GOOD FRIDAY 10TH APRIL AT 7.30PM

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- Giving thanks for the Cross and Christ's death and resurrection
- Bishop Isesomo and the Diocese of North Kivu, D R Congo. Please pray against the current measles outbreak and curbing of the ongoing threat of civil war. Also Bishop Suheil and the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East.
- Prayer for many to meet with the Lord over the Lenten and Easter seasons
- Giving thanks for outgoing select vestries and prayer for the new select vestries
- Pray for the homeless, unemployed and destitute
- Pray for our children and young people, their education and future
- The hospitalized, those cared for at home and those in nursing care
- Those suffering from Coronavirus and the cessation of its spreading

FROM THE REGISTER:

- ◆ Lauren Grace Clarke was baptized in St Nicholas, Dundalk on 16th February
- ◆ The funeral of Marjorie Campbell was held in St Marys, Ballymascanlan on 20th February

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Annual Lady's Day service
in St Richards side chapel, Dundalk
Monday 23rd March at 8pm.
All ladies are very welcome whether you are a member or not.

ST PATRICKS DAY there will be a service of Holy Communion on Tuesday 17th March at 11am in St Nicholas, Dundalk. All welcome

WELLINGTON HALL DUNDALK

For bookings and up to date news please visit the website.
Alternatively you can call Colin 086 6085662

www.wellingtonhalldundalk.com


Come and Experience the Living Word

Bible Study

Bible study will be held on **Thursday 12th and Thursday 26th March at 7.30pm** in St Richards side chapel, Dundalk.
All very welcome

DUNDALK HOMELESS SUPPORT GROUP:

Thank you everyone for your continued support to the trolley ministry in St Nicholas, Dundalk for the local homeless. There has been such generosity and it is very much appreciated by all service users in our communities. Please continue to donate non-perishable items as you are able for this invaluable ministry.



SELECT VESTRY MEETING

Dundalk in St Richards side chapel at 7.30pm on Monday 9th March.

Ballymascanlan/Bush in Ballymascanlan church hall on Monday 23rd March at 7.30pm

EASTER GENERAL VESTRY MEETING

The Easter general vestry meeting for Creggan will be held in Creggan church hall on Tuesday 24th March at 7.30pm

REGISTER OF VESTRYPERSONS

Each church within the group of parishes will have their register of vestrypersons open until the 1st March. If you would like a vote at the Easter general vestry meetings of any of the respective parishes that you would affiliate to, then you must sign the register. You must be over 18 years of age. If you have signed the register in the past, you do not need to sign again.

Shoppers service:

The next shoppers service will be held on Thursday 26th March at 12 noon in St Nicholas, Dundalk. The church will be open from 11am to 1pm. Everyone very welcome



BALLYMASCANLAN VIGIL SERVICE AND EASTER EGG HUNT



The annual vigil service and Easter egg hunt will be held on **Saturday 4th April at 3pm** in the grounds of St Marys, Ballymascanlan. Everyone very welcome particularly young families. The family service will begin at 3pm for about fifteen minutes and then the children will be 'released' to find the goodies in the grounds around the church! Supervision will be on hand, of course. Please pray for good weather.



Notice from the Principal

The Board of Governors would like it communicated that they have appointed a new Chairperson.

The Board of Governors of Dundalk Grammar School CLG is pleased to announce that from 1st January 2020 Mr. Graeme B. Treadwell BSc., MBA., shall become the new Chairperson.

A past student of Dundalk Grammar School, Graeme has worked in the FMCG industry for the past 20 years.

In more recent times his special emphasis has been in the development of global-supply networks for leading vendors into world-wide retailers.

A native of County Louth he continues to live in the county and is married to Amanda. They have two young children.

Graeme has said : "As a past pupil I know the school campus very well, though the school and its facilities have grown tremendously in the last couple of decades. In school planning nothing ever stands still and I look forward to leading the Governors along new roads that will enhance this school's paramount position in secondary education."

Outgoing Chairperson, Alison Bothwell recently indicated her wish to step down after five years at the helm and commented : "The Governors wish Graeme every success in this key role, and look forward to supporting him as the school continues to grow."